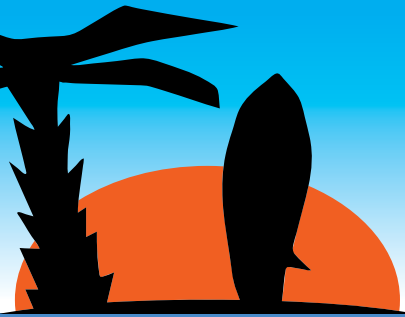


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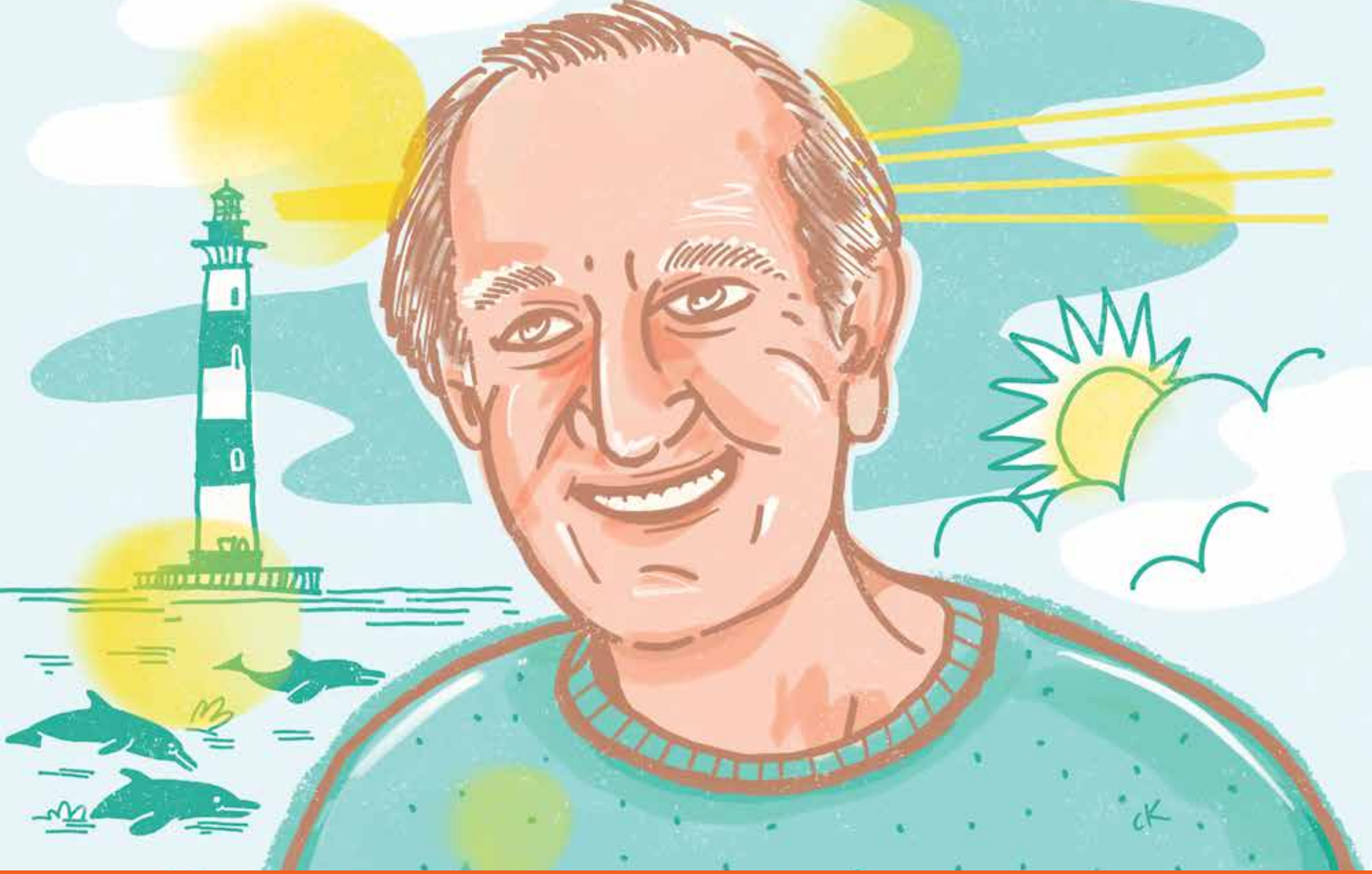
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Stormwater Project Continues Along Center Street

from Staff Reports

Much to the dismay of local business owners, residents, and visitors, construction crews continue their work on the City of Folly Beach's Center Street Storm Water Improvement Project, even as beach season gets into full-swing. While crews continue to make progress, work is still scheduled in several areas of the downtown corridor over the next several weeks.

On the east side of Center Street, storm drain installation is taking place between East Erie and East Cooper avenues through May

30 before shifting to the section between East Cooper and East Ashley avenues during the first week of June. Crews are also scheduled to begin concrete flatwork between East Erie and East Cooper during that same period. Installation of Powerblock pavers and bioretention features will continue throughout the area into late June.

On the west side of Center Street, storm drain installation is expected between West Huron and West Hudson avenues during the week of June 1-5. Additional drainage work

west of Hudson Avenue is anticipated to begin shortly afterward. Streetscape improvements, including paver installation and bioretention infrastructure, also remain underway.

Business owners and visitors should expect periodic lane shifts, temporary changes to access routes, and increased construction activity during daytime hours. City officials say contractors will continue working to maintain pedestrian access and accommodate deliveries whenever possible, though short-term disruptions may occur as underground

drainage infrastructure is installed and streetscape elements are completed.

The project is part of a larger effort to improve stormwater management, flood resiliency, and pedestrian infrastructure along Folly Beach's main commercial corridor. As work progresses toward completion, the improvements are expected to enhance both the functionality and appearance of downtown Center Street while helping address longstanding drainage concerns.



THOMAS

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Folly Begins Review of STR Cap

City seeking public input before hiring outside consultant to study possible changes

by Lorne Chambers | Editor

Three years after Folly Beach voters narrowly approved a referendum capping the number of short-term rental (STR) licenses at 800, city leaders have begun a new review to determine whether the ordinance could be improved.

Newly elected mayor Chris Bizzell says Folly Beach City Council will host four meetings to create a list of concerns to present to an outside agency for an independent, unbiased review of the existing ordinance and assessment of its long-term impacts. Which independent, unbiased agency remains to be seen, but Bizzell says the council has earmarked \$25,000 for the project and will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) once the study's parameters are defined.

"I want this to be as unbiased as possible. We're not making any judgments or editorial comments. We're not saying this is a good idea or a bad idea," said Bizzell of the public comment process leading up to the RFP request.

"If we have these metrics in place, then we can quantify what the results are," said Bizzell.

While the wheels of government often turn slowly, Bizzell says council intends to move fast with this in order to have it in place by next year. Two of the scheduled four public meetings have already taken place.

"This is something that was cited by the council as a strategic planning priority," said Bizzell. "We're hoping to have all of this in front of council by fall."

The city plans to hold four public input meetings in total, with two already completed. According to Bizzell, comments gathered during the sessions will help shape the questions and issues presented to whichever outside firm is ultimately selected to conduct the review.

"We want to be forward-looking. We also want to involve a neutral third party that is objective and not tied to either the island or the industry, said Bizzell. "If they return and say something would be beneficial or detrimental to the community, then we can examine and amend the proposal accordingly."

The first of four meetings was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 14. Bizzell says the second meeting was moved to the evening so more people could attend and offer comments.

The second meeting, which was held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, proved that opinions remained deeply divided on the issue. Residents have sharply differing views on the ordinance's success or lack of success or what success even looks like.

At the beginning of the meeting, both Bizzell and city administrator Aaron Pope stressed that the objective was to identify areas that warrant further analysis and not to continue to rehash old battles and points of contention that have already been identified. But that didn't stop residents from voicing



Save Folly Future's John McFarland spoke at the second of four public meetings about how to improve the existing short-term rental cap

their overall approval or displeasure of the way things have gone since the ordinance's implementation three years ago.

The first speaker of the night was property owner John McFarland, who spoke on behalf of Save Folly's Future, the grassroots organization that spearheaded the referendum effort. McFarland argued that the ordinance has already produced positive results.

"Long-term rentals are increasing, albeit very slowly. Today's new builds are family-sized homes, not mini hotels. We have more accountability and better enforcement of STRs than we've ever had before. Quality of life has improved over the last few years," McFarland said.

He urged council to focus on long-term impacts when considering any modifications.

"Preserving Folly's residential community should be the highest priority during this process," he said.

Others challenged the notion that the cap has delivered measurable benefits.

Local attorney Larry Powers, who said he purchased a home on Folly Beach in 2020 before eventually relocating to the island full-time, argued that city enforcement records do not support claims that short-term rentals are a major source of neighborhood problems.

"If there was a real major problem, licenses should be dropping like flies, and it's not happening," Powers said.

Calling the ordinance "a solution in search of a problem," Powers criticized efforts to revise what he described as a fundamentally flawed piece of legislation.

"You know they say a camel is a horse designed by a committee," he said. "I think our STR ordinance is a very old camel, and I don't think you should be asking professionals

to put lipstick on it for you."

Fellow resident Regina Anderson, chair of the Folly Beach History Museum, used history to remind council that the cap originated through the same citizen referendum process that residents used decades ago to influence growth and development decisions on the island.

According to Anderson, nobody wanted to move to Folly in the 1980s because there was virtually no beach at high tide. She said that at that time, there were two camps among the residents: One was a group that wanted to bring significant development to Folly Beach. The other wanted to preserve the island's character and ecology and work to combat erosion.

"Luckily, 40 years later, the will of the residents actually prevailed, and we do not have condos everywhere," said Anderson. "What the residents did was they had a referendum. Sound familiar? Many years later, the same resident-driven referendum process was used for the cap."

Others focused on the financial consequences of the ordinance.

Local resident Kate Peabody argued that the cap has limited opportunities for homeowners while doing little to address many of the quality-of-life concerns often attributed to short-term rentals.

"I'm a CPA by trade. So my very first concern when I heard about this was, 'Man, this is going to hurt families. This is going to eliminate people's financial safety net.' And it did," said Peabody.

She argued that most public nuisances and quality-of-life issues do not stem from STR renters vacationing on the island, but rather from day trippers, whom the STR cap does not

directly address.

"Any issues that we have about livability on this island are coming from the day trippers, which we love. That's why we love Folly. It's for all," said Peabody. "We are not a private island. We are a public island. So we got to figure this out. Work with the day trippers. There's nothing that renters are adding or contributing that's negatively affecting the quality of life on this island."

Toward the end of the meeting, local realtor and Folly Association of Business President Vince Perna encouraged council to ensure that any review considers the broader community, including local businesses, workers, second homeowners, and visitors.

"Our community is made up not only of residents but also of local vendors, workers, second homeowners and visitors," Perna said. "It's unfair to dismiss these voices."

There are two more public meetings to be held before the RFP seeking an outside consultant is finalized and issued for bid. According to Bizzell, council intends to incorporate the feedback from these meetings and from emails into the RFP. He says the resulting study is expected to examine the ordinance's effectiveness, unintended consequences, and potential areas for refinement before the council considers any future amendments.

Bizzell, who was an outspoken proponent of the cap, and ran for council and mayor, largely riding that wave, says he is sincere in his efforts to improve the existing law to make it better for everyone.

"I'm not Pollyanna about it, but I hope that most people on the island think that we really looked at this and gave it a fair shake," says Bizzell. "I don't want to keep litigating this



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The Keeper of the Light

Former Mayor Richard Beck's legacy shines on in Folly Beach's protected shoreline, preserved history and beloved lighthouse

by Regina Anderson | Special to The Current

God knows I tried ... those were the words at the bottom of Richard Beck's instructions for his funeral (of course, he had a file. He always had a file). We don't know about the Almighty but Folly Beach certainly knows he tried, and succeeded, in so many ways.

Dr. Richard Leander Beck was born in 1946 in Charleston and grew up a James Island boy, delivering the *Evening Post* and spending time in the water with his brothers and friends. After Erskine College he got his DMD from the Medical University of South Carolina and spent a long and fulfilling career in his James Island dental practice. He also served as Dental Director of Appalachia I and II and worked with Sea Island Comprehensive Healthcare in the 1970s. A gifted musician, Beck played in bands around South Carolina in his early years and after retirement, and played guitar with friends every week.

Beck always loved Folly Beach, putting that love into action full force in the 1980s. He served on Folly Beach City Council from 1978 to 1982 and was elected Mayor in 1982.

This was a time of immense change and pressure on the island, including pressure to overdevelop a fragile barrier island that was eroding. By the 1980s there was barely any beach at high tide and the Atlantic Ocean was often swirling under houses.

"Things were really grim, you could hardly sell a house on Folly" according to former City Attorney Ben Peebles. "But Richard was one of the most tenacious and determined people I've ever met and he fought very difficult uphill battles, with good humor, to support this city."

Building on the work of others concerned with beach erosion on the South Coast, it was Beck who was essential to convincing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of its responsibility for the erosion from the jetties and to renourish the beach periodically. He successfully brought

together federal, state, and local governments to save this precious resource, vital not only for those lucky enough to live or visit here, but also for the state's economy.

If not for Beck, and those who rallied with him, the west end of Folly could have been a development of 540 pre-fab condos, a tennis court, and a private beach, not the accessible County Park it is today. He took the long-term view in his vision for the island he loved in opposition to the short term, always. And he always thought the residents should have the loudest voice in determining the direction of their city.

Beck's time in public service was not without controversy, often heated. Disagreements over erosion, development, priorities, and the city government's efficiency some-times boiled over. One such situation led to then-mayor Regas Kennedy resigning and almost the entire staff running the city resigning as well, including the police and fire departments.

"When that happened, Richard and I and others joined the fire and police departments and staffed city hall to keep it going until people could be hired to run the city" says former Council member John Manzi. "This was a time of great agitation on the island and residents were very concerned about development. City Council meetings went from being barely attended to full house events."

On Council Beck's efforts to pass a height limit restriction ordinance in 1981 failed. The nine-story Holiday Inn, now the Tides, went up shortly after although the original approval was for 2 five-story buildings. Similar efforts to slow high density development also failed.

Still Beck never stopped battling against what he feared might have been, a mini Myrtle Beach. It wasn't easy. In a year long effort to change the zoning of what was known as the Seabrook Property to single family density, Beck and his allies lost almost every battle, in and outside the courtroom.

The original plan called for a 440 unit complex. But with perseverance and tenacity, and some clever parliamentary moves (think

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filibusters), the will of the residents, and a minority on Council, prevailed. Key to the limitation of high density development was the 1983 binding referendum that allowed a sewer system to the commercial district but in order never to expand it, another binding referendum would have to be voted upon by the residents.

Among other efforts to stem overdevelopment in the mid-1980s, the city eventually succeeded in stopping a six-story condominium building where the fishing pier now stands, a 10-story condo development on the Sandbar property and three 12-story towers with an offshore swimming pool where the Oceanfront Villas now stands.

"Richard once came back from a meeting and said, 'We need an Island plan.' Two words that nobody here had put together!" remembers Peeples. "He asked us where we wanted Folly to be in 5 years, 10 years. I'd say 95 percent of his discretionary time was devoted to making Folly a better place for all of us."

Worried that so much is often easily left out of recorded history, Beck chronicled the unique and pivotal machinations that formed the Folly we know today. Stories and images of his visions, and his battles, can be found in his book, *Remaining Folly: A Sea Island's Journey*. He called the effort "a love letter to Folly Beach".

And then there's the lighthouse.

In 1999 the Charleston Light, what we now call the Morris Island Lighthouse, was being foreclosed upon. Beck and other like-minded folks got together to form Save the Light

(STL), which has been working to save and shore up the lighthouse ever since. It was Beck who thought the State should own the lighthouse and STL was able to work out a deal where the State owned the lighthouse, and it's 20 acres of sand and water, while the non-profit STL would lease it for 99 years and take care of the ongoing efforts to save it.

"Richard knew, from his time as Mayor working with the Corps of Engineers, that the jetties were the cause of the erosion on Morris Island" says Al Hitchcock, a founding member of STL. "So he was key in getting the first \$3 million from the Corps to start saving the lighthouse."

That deal was signed on Dec. 13, 2000, proclaiming it Morris Island Lighthouse Day by then Gov. Jim Hodges.

Beck was the longest serving Founding Member of STL and he loved to take visitors to view the lighthouse with his Creekdweller tours.

Some of Beck's most recent contributions are with the Folly Beach Historical Society as a Board Member and as a co-curator of its first exhibit, "Surfing on the Edge." He was also working on the next exhibit, "War Comes to Folly," opening in early Fall. Beck left many of his papers to the Historical Society, which will catalog and archive them for future generations.

In the past few years Beck loved to travel with his wife, Karen Lovelace, and loved to take photographs of everything, especially the flora and fauna around Folly and, of course, his beloved lighthouse.

He had recently completed his second walk on the "Camino de Santiago," an ancient,



transformative pilgrimage across Europe to the shrine of St. James in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Beck's first walk was in Portugal and just this past April in Spain.

He never tired of sharing his love of dolphins and loved to show them off on his tours, infecting his visitors with a respect for and awe of our local habitat.

Working with the Historical Society he was constantly excited by new discoveries about Folly and new stories from strangers and from people he'd known for decades.

His curiosity was insatiable; his friendships deep and wide.

With all that he accomplished, however, his most treasured and deepest love was his "bride," Karen, his daughter and stepchildren, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. The well-known twinkle in his eye was never so bright as when he was talking about them or his brothers. That twinkle, and Beck's tireless efforts for the island he loved, will be sorely missed but will continue on in Folly's heart and soul.

A Great Day to Take a Kid Fishing

Jerry Pierce Memorial Fishing Tournament celebrates 15 years of youth fishing fun

by Liv Dennis | Contributing Writer

One of the community's most beloved traditions will return on Saturday, June 6, when the Jerry Pierce Memorial Fishing Tournament celebrates its 15th official year at the Edwin S. Taylor Folly Beach Fishing Pier.

Hosted by the Folly Beach Anglers, the free Take a Kid Fishing Day event welcomes children ages 4 to 16 for a morning centered on fishing, family and fun. No preregistration is required, and organizers expect hundreds to gather on the pier from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the annual tournament.

Laurie Hull, vice president of the Charleston Anglers, said the event has become much more than a fishing competition over the years.

"It's really about gaining an initial interest in being an angler and learning how to fish and continuing the support and love of fishing," Hull said.

Hull has helped organize the tournament for several years as part of a committee within the Charleston Anglers. She said the event continues to draw strong community support, with approximately 43 volunteers helping last year alone.

While participation slowed during the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers have steadily rebuilt the event and hope to welcome around 300 children this year.

"It stays pretty steady at around 250 kids," Hull said. "Then you bring a parent with them, and you get 500 people on the pier that day."

For many participants, the tournament is their first experience fishing. Hull said organizers work to make the day welcoming and accessible for beginners by providing fishing rods, bait, buckets, T-shirts and water free of charge while supplies last.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., followed by the tournament at 9 a.m. Throughout the morning, children fish alongside parents, grandparents and volunteers before bringing their catches to the weigh-in station. At the end of the event, awards are presented to the top three boys and girls in each age division, with trophies, medals and prizes handed out during a closing ceremony.

Beyond the competition, Hull said some of the most memorable moments come from seeing children catch a fish for the very first time.

"I think what it boils down to is the

excitement these kids feel when they catch a fish for the first time," she said. "Being with their families when it happens and being part of the action and activity of a tournament — it's just a lot of fun."

All eligible fish are released after weigh-in in accordance with South Carolina Department of Natural Resources guidelines, helping teach young anglers about conservation and respect for local ecosystems.

Hull noted that the first Saturday of June is recognized as an official day of fishing by the City of Folly Beach and that similar youth fishing traditions take place across the country. Even so, she believes the Folly Beach tournament has become a special Lowcountry tradition all its own.



The 15th annual Jerry Pierce Memorial Fishing Tournament will be held Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Edwin S. Taylor Folly Beach Fishing Pier. For more information, visit www.visitfolly.com/jerry-pierce-memorial-fishing-tournament or find the Folly Anglers on Facebook.

Turning the Tide on Ocean Pollution

Folly Beach celebrates World Oceans Day with cleanup event on June 8

by Hanalei Potempa | Contributing Writer

A clean, litter-free beach makes for not just a beautiful coastline, but a healthier one too. Folly Beach, like many coastal communities, plays an important role in the larger health of the ocean ecosystem. The ocean, which produces roughly half of the Earth's oxygen, faces increasing pollution that threatens marine life, ecosystems, and even human health.

To recognize the importance of ocean conservation, the United Nations established World Oceans Day in 2008 as an annual global event encouraging coastal communities around the world to protect and restore ocean environments.

As part of that effort, Toby and Friends, in partnership with the South Carolina Aquarium, will host a Protect the Edge of America Toby & Friends World Oceans Day 2026 Beach Sweep on Monday, June 8. Volunteers will walk the beach and surrounding community collecting trash and pollutants that can ultimately make their way into local waterways and the ocean.

According to Vanessa Oltmann, FAB Litter Committee Chair and South Carolina Aquarium Conservation Assistant Lead Volunteer, pollution is far more interconnected than many people realize.

"When you put debris on the ground, even if you're in the mountains, everything goes into the water," Oltmann said. "Whether it goes through a storm drain or a spring, it eventually trickles down into creeks, rivers, and ultimately the ocean. Everything is connected."

That connection also impacts humans directly. Marine animals often ingest plastics and other debris, which can eventually enter the human food chain.

"They're finding that fish and other marine creatures are actually consuming plastics," Oltmann said. "When we catch seafood, we as humans are unfortunately consuming some of that too. We're also finding microplastics in



Protect the Edge of America Toby & Friends World Oceans Day 2026 Beach Sweep will take place Monday, June 8, from 4-6 p.m. with opening remarks at Tides Beachside. Volunteers can sign up online at www.visitfolly.com/litter-committee

our water. Keeping a healthy ocean helps keep us healthy as well."

The South Carolina Aquarium will provide cleanup supplies for volunteers while emphasizing the sustainability message by utilizing reusable equipment as much as possible. The organization will also conduct litter data collection during the event, documenting the types and amounts of debris collected.

Linda Rowe, Lead Coordinator of Conservation at the South Carolina Aquarium, explained that the information gathered contributes to the Aquarium's "Litter Journal," an open-source dataset available through the South Carolina Aquarium Citizen Science app.

"We want people to understand how important it is to document litter, and, it

really does help with solutions, because communities can't make informed decisions if they don't have the information about what is littering their communities," Rowe says.

The data also aids conservation organizations in securing grants and funding for future initiatives.

Because of its location and ecosystem, Folly Beach serves as an especially important coastal environment. Local waterways flow directly into the ocean, creating critical habitats for marine life while also making the area vulnerable to pollution.

"It's also a really critical area for sea turtle nesting and for shorebird nesting, so it's an important location for wildlife and salt marsh animals and the ecology," Rowe says. "It's a really critical ecosystem, and it's also a very popular place for the public

beach and for the residents who live there, so it's a spot where it's really important that we are careful about how we impact the environment."

Sea turtles are among the marine animals most affected by ocean debris, often becoming entangled in plastic or ingesting litter found in coastal waters.

Beyond the cleanup itself, organizers hope the event also serves as an educational opportunity. Conservation groups and local organizations will host informational tables throughout the event to encourage community involvement and awareness.

"Volunteers can learn about different organizations and what they're doing to help with conservation," Oltmann said. "I want everybody to see that we all work together."

Organizations participating in the event include the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Folly Beach Turtle Watch Program, the Folly Beach Wahines, and several additional local conservation groups focusing on conservation in different areas.

"Our goal is not only prevention, but raising awareness and eventually creating behavior change," Rowe said. "We want to help people understand the connection between what we do in our daily lives and how it impacts our coastal ecosystems."

Oltmann emphasizes that conservation begins with small everyday actions.

"We have one earth, this is it," Oltmann says. "All of these organizations come together to help make the world a better place and to teach people all about conservation in different areas."

She encouraged community members to remember that even small efforts matter.

"If everybody picks up one piece of trash, that makes a difference," Oltmann said. "You as a person can make a difference. Everybody should be a steward of the Earth. We just need to learn to do better."

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she allegedly had no permission to be. The property manager said she walked in to find the woman preparing to take a bath. The woman left voluntarily before police arrived, but officers later discovered she was wanted by another agency. She was taken into custody and the business requested a trespass notice to prevent future visits.

**APRIL 30
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES**

Officers investigating a pickup truck with its driver's door hanging open discovered a loaded firearm, a wad of cash and a rifle case inside the vehicle. Concerned someone might be nearby, officers searched the property and encountered a man stumbling around a nearby porch with his hand in his pocket. The situation quickly de-escalated when a woman emerged from the residence and explained that the man was her fiancé and belonged there after all.

**MAY 2
TRAFFIC VIOLATION**

A modified SUV attracted police attention after officers heard the driver repeatedly revving the engine through town. Suspecting the vehicle was illegally "squatted," officers broke out a tape measure and began taking precise measurements. The inspection revealed multiple violations, including license restrictions involving underage passengers. The vehicle was ultimately towed.

**MAY 5
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION**

A traffic stop quickly unraveled after a driver admitted the license plate on her vehicle belonged to a friend and that her own license was suspended. Records revealed multiple suspensions and prior driving-under-suspension convictions. During an inventory search, officers also located suspected narcotics. The borrowed tag was seized, and the driver was transported to jail.

**APRIL 29
WORKPLACE ASSAULT**

A disagreement over a food order at a local restaurant allegedly escalated beyond customer service. According to a complaint filed with police, a worker asked a coworker to correct an order and was rewarded with

a metal tray to the back of the head. The complainant also alleged he was grabbed and struck in the chest. A bruise observed by officers supported at least part of the story. Investigators planned to review kitchen surveillance footage.

**MAY 10
ASSAULT**

An argument that reportedly began over a comment about a dog spilled from a Center Street bar into the street and eventually into the county jail. Officers responding to an open 911 line found two women accusing each other of assault. One woman's mother then joined the fray, repeatedly shouting at officers and pedestrians while insisting everyone involved deserved special treatment because of their professional accomplishments. By night's end, all three women were arrested and transported to jail.

**MAY 10
PUBLIC DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Police responding to a disturbance found a man attempting to back out of a driveway while actively drinking a bottle of Smirnoff Ice. Family members told officers the man had spent the morning driving around Folly Beach searching for relatives attending a wedding celebration after being repeatedly told not to come. He was arrested on multiple charges, including driving under suspension and open container violations.

**MAY 13
DUI**

A driver stopped for speeding told officers he had consumed two beers after leaving the beach. Police noted an open six-pack in the passenger seat with three beers missing and several additional open containers scattered throughout the vehicle. During the investigation, the driver reportedly explained, "Just drank the beers because I was thirsty." Later, while deciding whether to take a breath test, he allegedly remarked, "I think I'm close." His dog spent the remainder of the incident lodged in a kennel at police headquarters.

**MAY 15
PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Residents called police after discovering

an intoxicated man inside their home who appeared confused about where he was. Officers said the man was unable to identify his location and repeatedly responded to questions about where he was staying with a two-word phrase beginning with "F." Despite the unexpected houseguest, the homeowners declined to press charges, telling officers they understood he was intoxicated and simply wanted him to get help.

**MAY 16
PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Officers found a heavily intoxicated man asleep in the dirt beside a sidewalk outside a Center Street bar. After several unsuccessful attempts to help him arrange a ride home, officers helped him to his feet. He immediately fell backward, striking his head on the concrete and earning himself a trip to the hospital instead of a ride home. He was later cited for public intoxication.

**MAY 16
WEAPONS VIOLATION**

A driver caught officers' attention when he repeatedly checked them in his mirror while driving through town. During the traffic stop, the driver calmly informed police that he was carrying a handgun in his waistband. A records check revealed the firearm had been reported stolen. The driver first said the gun came from his grandfather, then later said he had traded someone for it and did not know it was stolen. Officers also discovered his driver's license was suspended.

**MAY 21
FAILURE TO STOP**

A driver attempting to leave the island in a hurry ignored an officer's blue lights and siren after passing another vehicle on the bridge near Crosby's. The pursuit ended when the officer pulled in front of the vehicle and forced it to slow down. After the driver continued moving around inside the vehicle following the stop, the officer briefly drew his firearm. The driver immediately raised his hands, apologized, and complied with commands. He was issued a citation and released.

**APRIL 26
SHOPLIFTING**

A woman allegedly employed a creative shopping strategy at multiple Center Street businesses. According to store employees, she would select merchandise, bring it to the register, and tell cashiers, "My husband will be in soon to pay for this," before leaving. At least two stores reported missing merchandise shortly afterward, including flip-flops, hats, and bracelets. Investigators later connected the incidents and identified a suspect already wanted elsewhere. The investigation remains ongoing.

**APRIL 26
PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

Officers responding to a report of a stolen cellphone found the missing phone lying on the floorboard behind the driver's seat of a woman's vehicle. After the phone was returned to its owner, the woman allegedly became increasingly argumentative, repeatedly claimed she was in a "manic state," alternated between requesting and refusing medical assistance, and at one point intentionally slipped out of her handcuffs. She was arrested for public intoxication and later charged with resisting arrest after allegedly dragging her feet and refusing to walk to a patrol car.

**APRIL 27
BURGLARY**

A former employee was discovered inside a room at a local business where



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Folly Surfers Find Community at Mexi Log Fest

Kate Barratini, Justin Morris, and Madison Jung make the pilgrimage to Mazatlán

by Liz Wolfe | Contributing Writer

In the coastal Mexican city of Mazatlán, surfers from around the world gathered last month for one of longboarding's most beloved international festivals: Mexi Log Fest.

Among the foreign crowd were three friends who call Folly Beach home. Local surfer, artist, and Drop-In Bar & Grill bartender Kate Barratini, joined forces with fellow creatives and surf lovers Justin Morris and Madison Jung to experience the magic of this year's competition.

"Imagine a beach day where there's lots of snacks and beers and there just happens to be a surfing contest that everyone's a part of. That's Mexi Log Fest," says Barratini, who has competed in five of the 11 years that the event has existed.

Barratini said the city of Mazatlán—vibrant, accessible, and full of delicious seafood—along with the wave, a short point break at Playa Los Pinos, and a competition schedule that wrapped by noon each day, made the 2026 event stand out from years past.

"Everyone had time to free surf or relax and be in the city," she said. "It was perfect."

Morris, who often goes by the moniker Follyhood, was in his element shooting Mexi Log Fest for the fourth time as a professional surf photographer.

"I am always most excited to shoot the free surfs," he said, referring to the non-competitive surfing that happens outside of the contest zone. "I always try to nail shots with people I have connected with before or surfers who I really enjoy watching surf."

But it's not just the free surfers who Morris enjoys capturing on film.

"The views in Mexico can range from cities to mountains to jungles and everything in between," he said. "It is a dream to shoot with more [landscape] opportunities than we have here on Folly."

Fellow photographer Jung may have been the novice of the group, having attended Mexi Log Fest just once before as a spectator, but she was the only member of the trio to both compete in and photograph the event.

She initially planned only to shoot the competition, but after meeting a judge in Sayulita who mentioned there were still openings, she decided to flip a coin to see what fate had to say.

"It landed heads, so I took that as my sign to enter," said Jung. "Plus, I love to do things outside my comfort zone."

And, despite a nerve-wracking first heat, Jung says she was eventually able to take a page out of Barratini's book, relax, and have a good time.

"My goal going into this event was about



Photo by Madison Jung

expressing fun," said Barratini. "I wasn't trying to network or make a name for myself. I just wanted to enjoy the moment."

Jung went on to describe her first heat as a rodeo where everyone was catching everything, cheering each other on, and laughing their heads off.

"I kept being like, 'How in the heck did you put me in a heat with the most amazing women?'" she said.

Jung, who recently moved from Charleston to O'ahu's North Shore, described a very similar experience.

"Getting to surf alongside all these incredible women was so inspiring," she said, comparing the experience to seeing other artists' different styles. "It makes you excited and creatively inspired all over again."

Mexi Log Fest attracts some of the biggest names in longboarding and surf photography. When asked who she was most excited to surf and shoot with, Jung looked to her Folly family.

"I was really stoked to shoot alongside Justin and surf with Kate," she said. "I haven't spent too much time around Folly lately, and they're two people I really admire, both in the water and behind the lens."

She said watching how Morris saw and captured the same moments she experienced



Photo by Madison Jung

so differently really pushed her creatively.

"And there's that saying that you are who you spend the most time with, and I think the same can be said for surf style, so I was really excited to spend time in the water with Kate," said Jung.

Ever the artist, Barratini said one of her favorite memories from the event had little to do with the competition and everything to do with watching the sunsets with

Morris and Jung, describing them in bursts of color "fading from a crazy orange and brownish-purple to a deep amethyst and twilight blue."

And while the sun may have officially set on the 2026 Mexi Log Fest, the trip left these three Folly creatives with a newfound sense of joy, inspiration, and appreciation for the surf community they've found both at home and abroad.



Marilyn Dead Finds Life

Pop artist Steven Howard's homage to Hollywood icon on display on Folly

by Miranda Steadman | Contributing Writer

and spent most of his days searching for them.

"This was a very long process," Howard said about creating Marilyn Dead. Because newspapers are inherently acidic and disintegrate over time, Howard had to visit a paper conservator in Manhattan to consult them on how to preserve the clippings. However, he didn't start the gilding process of Marilyn Dead until he was on James Island.

Standing five feet tall and more than six feet wide, Marilyn's Dead took 13 years to come to full fruition.

With inspiration drawn from the famous pop artist Andy Warhol, Howard has found his own style of Contemporary Art, pleasing the eye with varying textures of sentimental items that make the viewer think. According to Howard, the piece represents the life of Marilyn Monroe, from Norma Jean's childhood in foster care to her sometimes tragic, often-scandalous time as a one of America's most enduring celebrities.

"This was a vision that came to me in New York about 17 years ago," Howard said. "New York is like a melting pot for the creative world and creative minds."

Howard meticulously added gloves over the news articles. He says this symbolizes Monroe's troubled childhood in a foster home, something that resonates with him personally because he also spent time in foster care when he was five years old.

"I don't want people to just see my work as being dark ... I want people to see the silver lining in terms of Marilyn and her life," Howard said. "I'm excited to exhibit her down here because at some point she's going to be going back up to New York. I'd love for [Folly] locals to come and spend some time with her ... Let's have a good conversation about light and art. Those transcend everything."

Marilyn Dead was first featured in an exhibit on Folly Beach at Folly Fossils on Saturday, May 23 and will be on display at Folly Fossils on Center Street until June 6.

"I really love Folly Beach," says Howard. "Folly is like another home for me. My brother has lived here for over thirty years."

Marilyn Dead will be on display through Saturday, June 6 at Folly Fossils N Art, located at 31 Center St # B.

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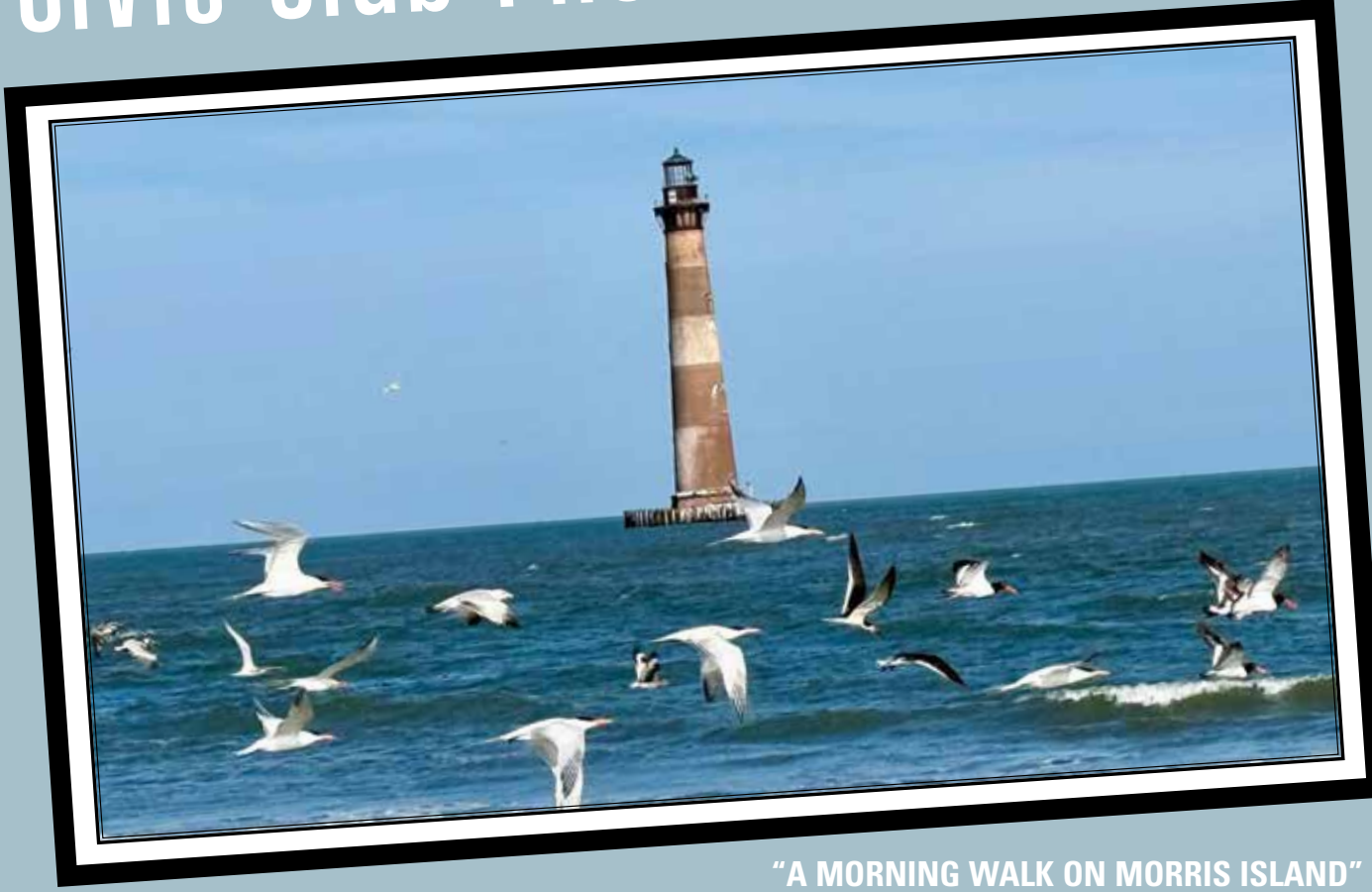


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Plenty of 'Parts Work' on New Album

Local musician Joel Hamilton's record teleports listeners to a happy place

by Miranda Steadman | Contributing Writer

Immediately returning home from touring alongside American folk duo Shovels and Rope, local musician Joel Hamilton of Mechanical River is flying off to Kauai to tour with his friend and fellow musician Jeff Caldwell, who lived in Hawaii for nine years, and has lined up gigs awaiting them there.

Native to the Holy City, Hamilton grew up surrounded by Christian music. His parents played music both at home and in their church. Hamilton's mother was a pianist, while his father played guitar. The first instrument Hamilton learned to play was percussion, which he played for his audition to be accepted into Charleston School of the Arts in 6th grade. Eventually, he learned to play the saxophone and even played guitar in the jazz band. But Hamilton found himself drawn to Christian Punk music.

"Those were my earliest memories of being really excited about music as a kid," says Hamilton, recalling the music label Tooth & Nail Records, which was big in the early '90s punk and hardcore music scene. In high school, he performed with punk rock bands and played saxophone in a Ska band. According to Hamilton, the Charleston band Jump, Little Children, influenced him greatly with its unique sound, which unexpectedly featured the cello.

The Working Title was an early band from Hamilton that achieved some regional success and even toured with Counting Crows, Our Lady Peace, and the Goo Goo Dolls.

Later on, while touring in Europe, Hamilton found himself hopping trains and busking in Germany, Italy, Spain, and the Netherlands with a cigar box guitar. His travels served as great inspiration and he wrote the Mechanical River song "Pomelos" after carrying a large citrus fruit that he believed was an orange in his backpack while hiking in Spain. During a tranquil rest on the trail, Joel bit into the bitter fruit and regretted his mistake.

"My face turned inside out," he says with a chuckle.

An avid nature lover, Hamilton also recalls the time when he was chased by a bear with his Baratto while visiting local musician and promoter Eddie White's swamp house on the Echaw Creek in Berkeley County.

Hamilton has traveled around the world



with that cigar box guitar, which was made by famed guitar maker Matty Baratto, whose instruments are owned and played by former Beatle Paul McCartney and actor Johnny Depp, among others.

When not traveling or playing music, Hamilton is probably out in nature or writing.

"Writing is therapeutic and cathartic in similar ways that playing music is," Hamilton says. "It is an outlet for whatever I'm feeling at that time," says Hamilton, whose latest album *Parts Work* teleports the listener to a happy place with an ethereal sound and lyrics that allude to Hamilton's travels.

Vinyl copies of Parts Work are available at Jack Of Cups Trading Post, located at 915 Folly Road. Also, Hamilton will perform live on Sunday, June 21, at Chico Feo, along with local drummer Stratton Moore.

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 Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
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 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Liam Murphy
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am TBD
 Rita's: 6-9pm Sun Dogs
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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
 Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk; 10m-1am Karaoke
 Pinky's: 6-9pm Eric Vaughn
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Karaoke
 LowLife Bar: 8-10pm Weigh Station
 Rita's: 6-9pm Super Reggae Man
 The Washout: 7-10pm Dan's Tramp Stamp Duo

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

The Bounty Bar: 10pm Tom Crowley & The Speakers
 Coconut Joe's: 5:30-8:30pm Liam Murphy
 The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
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 Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark; 9-11pm DJ Lotis
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SUNDAY, JUNE 7

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 Planet Follywood: 8-11pm Hope
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 The Washout: 6-9pm Reggae

MONDAY, JUNE 8

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
 Chico Feo: 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
 The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Donnie Polk
 Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
 Rita's: 6-9pm Sufferin' Moses

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
 Drop In Deli: 7pm-12am Honky Tonk Tuesday
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Kyle Herring
 LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy
 Rita's: 6-9pm Krystal

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
 The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Shane Clark
 Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Liam Murphy
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am John Knuckles
 Rita's: 6-9pm Skye Paige
 The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
 Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk; 10pm-1am Karaoke
 Lowlife Bar: 8-10pm Weigh Station
 Pinky's: 6-9pm Molly D.
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Karaoke
 Rita's: 6-9pm Super Reggae Man
 The Washout: 7-10pm Dan's Tramp Stamp Duo

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

The Bounty Bar: 10pm The Ben Whitney Band
 Coconut Joe's: 5:30-8:30pm Anna Barfield
 The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
 Koko's: 6-9pm Eric Vaughn
 Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark; 9-11pm DJ Lotis
 Pinky's: 6-9pm Danny May
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Travelin' Kine
 Rita's: 6-9pm Gracie
 Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Casual Suspects
 Taco Boy: 7-11pm Drop the Mike Productions
 The Washout: 8-11pm Dan's Tramp Stamp & The Money Bags

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

The Bounty Bar: 10pm Big Stoner Creek
 Coconut Joe's: 5:30-8:30pm Sean Ryan Smith
 The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Live Music
 Koko's: 2-5pm Nathan Calhoun Duo; 6-9pm Bender Funk Duo
 Loggerhead's: 2-5pm Sean Ryan Smith; 7-10pm Shane Clark
 LowLife Bar: 8-11pm Wild Current
 Pinky's: 1-4pm Super Reggae Man; 5-8pm Krystal Duo; 8:30-11:30pm Clark on the Sax
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Louie D.
 Rita's: 6-9pm Hollifield
 Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Casual Suspects
 Taco Boy: 7-11pm Drop the Mike Productions
 The Washout: 8-11pm Live Music

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
 Coconut Joe's: 1-4pm Shane Clark
 The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
 Koko's: 2-5pm Seitu; 6-9pm Gator Food Solo
 Loggerhead's: 3-6pm DJ Lotis; 7-10pm Spud Fischer
 LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy Trio
 Pinky's: 1-4pm Liam Murphy; 6-9pm Robert C.
 Planet Follywood: 8-11pm Piano D
 Rita's: 6-9pm David Sink
 The Washout: 6-9pm Reggae

MONDAY, JUNE 15

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
 Chico Feo: 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
 The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Jaykob Kendrick
 Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
 Rita's: 6-9pm Sufferin' Moses

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
 Drop In Deli: 7pm-12am Honky Tonk Tuesday
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Kyle Herring
 LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy
 Rita's: 6-9pm Weigh Station

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
 Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Liam Murphy
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am TBA
 Rita's: 6-9pm Johnny Knuckles
 The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
 Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
 Folly River Park: 6-8pm Spring Concert Series with Southbound 17
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk; 10pm-1am Karaoke
 LowLife Bar: 8-10pm Weigh Station
 Pinky's: 6-9pm Dakota Solo
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Karaoke
 Rita's: 6-9pm Kenley Young
 The Washout: 7-10pm Live Music

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

The Bounty Bar: 10pm Slim S.O.U.L. & Friends
 Coconut Joe's: 5:30-8:30pm Sean Ryan Smith
 The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
 Koko's: 6-9pm Tom Crowley
 Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
 Pinky's: 6-9pm Michael Duff
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Shakin' Martini's
 Rita's: 6-9pm SC Girls
 Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am TBA
 Taco Boy: 7-11pm Drop the Mike Productions
 The Washout: 8-11pm Live Music

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

The Bounty Bar: 10pm Johnny Holliday & The Silver Lining
 Coconut Joe's: 5:30-8:30pm Liam Murphy
 The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Live Music
 Koko's: 2-5pm Molly D.; 6-9pm Liam Murphy
 Loggerhead's: 2-5pm Dakota Muckey; 7-10pm Shane Clark
 LowLife Bar: 8-11pm TBD
 Pinky's: 1-4pm Tom Crowley Trio; 5-8pm The Bozswells; 8-11pm DJ Ede
 Planet Follywood: 8pm-12am Macelyn Batten
 Rita's: 6-9pm Thomas Champagne
 Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am TBA
 Taco Boy: 7-11pm Drop the Mike Productions
 The Washout: 8-11pm Shakin' Martini's

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
 Coconut Joe's: 1-4pm Shane Clark
 The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
 Koko's: 2-5pm Seitu; 6-9pm The Bozswells
 Loggerhead's: 3-6pm DJ Lotis; 7-10pm Spud Fischer
 LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy Trio
 Pinky's: 1-4pm Liam Murphy; 6-9pm Robert C.
 Planet Follywood: 8pm-12am Hope
 Rita's: 6-9pm Lola Grace
 The Washout: 6-9pm Reggae

MONDAY, JUNE 22

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
 Chico Feo: 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
 Coconut Joe's: 2-5pm Sean Ryan Smith
 The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Donnie Polk
 Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
 Rita's: 6-9pm Sufferin' Moses

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
 Drop In Deli: 7pm-12am Honky Tonk Tuesday
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Kyle Herring
 LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy
 Rita's: 6-9pm Easy Honey

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
 The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Shane Clark
 Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Liam Murphy

Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Johnny Knuckles
 Rita's: 6-9pm Eugene Butler
 The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
 Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
 Folly River Park: 6-8pm Spring Concert Series: Pop Rock Cult
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk; 10pm-1am Karaoke
 LowLife Bar: 8-10pm Weigh Station
 Pinky's: 6-9pm Dakota Solo
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Karaoke
 Rita's: 6-9pm Super Reggae Man
 The Washout: 7-10pm Dan's Tramp Stamp

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

The Bounty Bar: 10pm What's Up Chuck
 Coconut Joe's: 5:30-8:30pm Anna Barfield
 The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
 Koko's: 6-9pm Matt Mackelcan
 Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
 Pinky's: 6-9pm Danny May
 Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Laura G.
 Rita's: 5-8pm Ben Somerville
 Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Pluff Mudd
 Taco Boy: 7-11pm Drop the Mike Productions; Live Music
 The Washout: 8-11pm River Mason Band

Saturday, June 27

The Bounty Bar: 10pm Macelyn Batten
 Coconut Joe's: 5:30-8:30pm Sean Ryan Smith
 The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Live Music
 Koko's: 2-5pm Liam Murphy; 6-9pm Eric Vaughn
 Loggerhead's: 2-5pm Dakota Muckey; 7-10pm Shane Clark
 LowLife Bar: 8-11pm TBD
 Pinky's: 1-4pm Bubba Trio; 5-8pm Super Reggae Man; 9pm-12am Seth G.
 Planet Follywood: 8-11pm Longshot Gamble
 Rita's: 6-9pm Dereck Cribb
 Sand Dollar: 9:30pm-1am Pluff Mudd
 Taco Boy: 7-11pm Drop the Mike Productions; Live Music
 The Washout: 8-11pm Dan's Tramp Stamp & The Money Bags

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
 Coconut Joe's: 1-4pm Shane Clark
 The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
 Koko's: 2-5pm Seitu; 6-9pm Return of the Mac
 Loggerhead's: 3-6pm DJ Lotis; 7-10pm Spud Fischer
 LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy Trio
 Pinky's: 1-4pm Robert C.; 6-9pm Tom Crowley
 Planet Follywood: 8pm-12am Piano D
 Rita's: 6-9pm Krystal
 The Washout: 6-9pm Reggae

MONDAY, June 29

The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
 Chico Feo: 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
 Coconut Joe's: 2-5pm Sean Ryan Smith
 The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
 Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Jaykob Kendrick
 Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
 Rita's: 6-9pm Skye Paige

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
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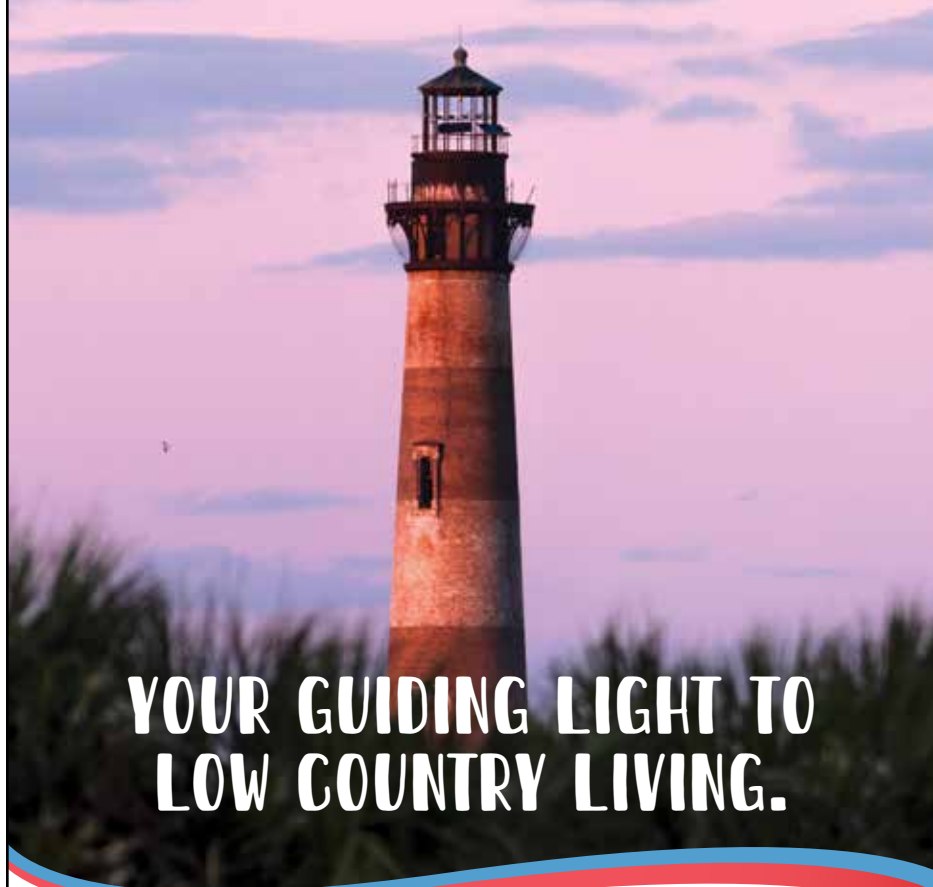
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INTERVIEWS BY PAT "WIGGY" HIBAN

Beach Walks and Bottle Caps

Folly artist Molly Right creates treasures from trash

Artist Molly Right has spent decades around Charleston, but it was Folly Beach that ultimately felt most like home. Since moving to the island full-time in 2017, Right has built a life centered around art, community, and the outdoors, creating distinctive portraits and wildlife pieces from thousands of bottle caps in a studio beneath her home. We had a chance to catch up with Molly and chat with her about her life on Folly.

FOLLY CURRENT: Where were you born and how long have you been connected to Folly?

MOLLY RIGHT: I was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, and my family moved to Charleston in the late '60s. Growing up, we lived on the Peninsula and then East Cooper.

As an adult, I moved back to downtown Charleston, and that's where I raised my children. When they were young, we spent a lot of time at the beach at Folly, and the kids were so happy there that my partner at the time and I decided to build a home on Folly. For the first 10 years my home was a short-term rental, but we often used it for family and friends when it wasn't rented. In 2017, I moved here full-time.

I had my art studio in downtown Charleston for over 20 years, but the building sold in 2023, which is when I decided to convert the parking area under my home into a studio. I was upset at first about losing my foothold downtown, but having the studio here on Folly turned out to be the best decision I could have made.

FC: What is your favorite thing about Folly Beach?

MR: I love being able to work from home and stay on the island. I'm able to walk the beach at least once a day and when the weather cooperates, get out on the river with my Sunfish. I'm a fairly insular person by nature, so I'm well suited to living and working this way. That said, the small

interactions I have in my daily life are an important part of my day. Whether it's saying hello to Amanda at the post office, who has the amazing ability to remember most people's box number, or chatting with Andi at Bert's or Earl from the City of Folly Beach, it's a feeling of belonging I haven't found in any other community I've lived in around Charleston.

Most mornings, on the way to the beach, my dog Albert and I stop by Bert's for a biscuit for him and a coffee for me. After the beach walk we often pop by a neighbor's yard that has become an informal dog playgroup. After that, my work in the studio begins. I mostly do commissioned portraits, but also animals: dogs, fish, and birds. As you can see in the photo above, a portrait of Bobby Weir, my art is made entirely of bottle caps, both vintage and new.

FC: Tell me a story you're fond of about Folly Beach.

MR: When I first started coming to Folly Beach in the 1980s, it was more sparsely populated and had a definite bohemian, blue-collar vibe. We've gotten a bit fancier since then.

Anyway, back in those days there was a diner on Center Street called The Sanitary—it was anything but, and in fact some people called it the "Unsanitary." Early one Saturday morning I wound up there with some friends after a long night of partying that had turned into watching the sunrise over the ocean. Picture Mama Flo behind the counter, cigarette hanging out of her mouth, working the grill flipping bacon and pancakes. The waitress came over to take our order. Were we still a little intoxicated? Possibly. When she got to the table, she took a step back and announced loudly enough for the whole room to hear, "Don't anyone light a match around this bunch or they might combust." We didn't combust but the other patrons did ... with laughter.

FC: In your opinion, what's the most pressing issue facing our community today, and if you were in charge, how would you address it?

MR: I would like to see more solutions to the problem of speeding on the island. I've been told speed bumps are a DOT issue, but other areas around Charleston have managed to get them and I hope we can find a way to as well.

A less pressing concern, but still important to me, is more outdoor showers at the beach access parking lots. I was told by someone at the city that a shower costs \$10,000 to install. Digging a trench from the water line across an unpaved parking lot and putting in a rudimentary shower shouldn't cost that much, and I think that number needs to be re-evaluated.

I also believe there should be more public bathrooms in closer proximity to the beach so visitors can easily find them. There are bathrooms at the playgrounds, which is great, but they're too far from the beach and not everyone knows they're there.



Pat "Wiggy" Hiban interviews a different "Face of Folly" for this column each month. If you have an idea of someone you think Pat should chat with, please send suggestions to editor@follycurrent.com.


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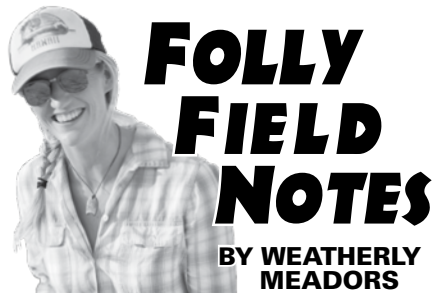
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Let's go Tidepooling

Hidden worlds lie in the shallow tidal pools along the Folly shoreline



FOLLY FIELD NOTES

BY WEATHERLY MEADORS

There are a number of activities to do on the beach, but one of my all-time favorites is tidepooling. As the tide recedes, water runs across the beach and forms gullies, valleys, sandbars, and deep holes near rocks or jetties. Catch it on the right day and critters and treasures abound in these small, briefly lived tidepools.

Not all tidepools look like the rocky pools you see in nature documentaries. Along our beaches, even a shallow gully can become a temporary home for surprising creatures. A gully is a lower point on the beach that holds water and funnels it along the beach to meet the ocean. Small minnows are often trapped there and it's relatively easy to catch them.

A small dipnet is the preferred method of fishing, but not to worry if you don't have one handy; using your feet to push fish out of the water is a highly underrated skill! These are usually mummichogs or other juvenile fish. They are hardy little guys, but do keep in mind that being removed from their habitat by an alien is unpleasant, and they appreciate being quickly put in a bucket or released immediately.

**Pro tip: If your shadow goes over a school of fish it will spook them, watch the sun angle.*

Deeper tidepools, sometimes a foot or two deep, can be found at the end of rock jetties. Occasionally, larger animals like sea stars, sand dollars, and crabs can be found there. Hermit crabs are also easy to spot in the shallow water, and it's fun to watch them scurry along. If you're lucky, you may even get to watch them trade shells!

**Pro tip: Get a few folks to each choose a hermit crab. Draw a circle in the sand and*

put the crabs in the middle. First crab to cross the line wins. Be patient, it's a slow race :)

Don't forget to look at the rocks themselves! Many marine invertebrates live on a hard surface. Barnacles are usually found highest up on the rocks and the community transitions to oysters towards the bottom. Algae and seaweed may also be hanging around! Rocks are a look-but-don't-touch kind of tidepooling. Barnacles and oysters seem to be looking for a reason to cut an unsuspecting foot and come with a side of bacteria. If you do get a cut, be sure to wash it out well!

Tidepools are also a great place for small children to play. No waves to knock them over and no need to worry about the current.

**Pro tip: Checking for crabs before plopping down in a tidepool is always a good idea.*



Next time you're out walking the beach at a lower tide, take a few minutes to stop at a gully or tidepool. You never know what may be waiting just under the surface.

Found something and want to know more about it? Send a photo to saltmarshadventure@gmail.com for help identifying and a chance to be in the next Creature Feature!

Hey Ladies!

In addition to redfish, flounder, and trout, the lively ladyfish have entered the fray



Great fishing conditions have arrived, as weeks of warm temperatures and consistent sunshine have brought the fishery to life. With bait prevalent across the water, predatory fish are eagerly on the chase. Anglers now have a full host of options as seasonal species arrive to complement our traditional staples of redfish and trout.

Fishing for redfish remains highly productive, and using blue crab on the bottom is proving to be a standout technique. To prepare the bait, remove the shell and legs, then cut the body in half. You should

thread a size 3/0 circle hook through the hole where the flipper fin used to be, ensuring the hook point is fully exposed. There is no need to keep the rod in your hands, as it is often more effective to leave it in a rod holder. Once the rod begins to bend, resist the urge to pick it up until the drag starts screaming.

We are also finding consistent trout action on artificial lures, which offers an excellent alternative to traditional popping corks. Small plastics that mimic baitfish are getting crushed, with the Z-Man 3 3/4-inch StreakZ in Smoky Shad being an exceptional choice. When paired with a 1/8-ounce jighead, these lures work best when moved slowly through the water column. Anglers should note that trout will usually strike when the lure is lifted in a steady jiggling motion.

The flounder bite is picking up momentum as well. While we have been catching many fish using mud minnows under a popping cork, the traditional method of fishing finger mullet along the bottom near structure remains a prime technique. It is important to move the bait slowly and wait a few seconds after feeling a bite before setting the hook.

Finally, ladyfish are becoming increasingly



present as the water temperatures rise. These lively fish are incredibly entertaining due to their hard runs and acrobatic jumps. They will readily strike bait under a popping cork and are often found in the same spots as trout. One of my favorite summertime species.

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Vince Perna, FAB President, Nancy Hussey of Surfers Healing, Carol Linville of Pet Helpers, and Sara Wetmore of Waves 4 Women

Be sure to **save the date and celebrate America's 250th with Folly Beach's annual Fourth of July Fireworks celebration on Saturday, July 4, at 9pm.** The fireworks will shoot from the West side of the island, a few blocks from the pier. We also need your help keeping Folly beautiful after the festivities. Please do your part by picking up trash and encouraging others to leave the beach cleaner than they found it. If you are interested in helping with post-fireworks cleanup, email **Kelly Travers at FAB29439@gmail.com.**

As a reminder, FAB will be taking a summer break, with **our next meeting returning in September.** We look forward to reconnecting with everyone after a busy and exciting summer season.



FOLLY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS

FOLLY BEACH, SC

Interested in becoming part of the Folly business community? Learn more at **JoinFAB.org** or email with any questions to **secretary4fab@gmail.com.**

FOLLY ASSOCIATION of BUSINESS MEMBER DIRECTORY

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Beachside Bed & Breakfast
- Carolina One - Vacation Rentals
- Dunes Properties - Vacation Rentals
- Folly Vacations
- Tides Hotel
- Water's Edge Inn

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Chico Feo
- Drop In Bar & Deli
- Loggerhead's Beach Grill
- Planet Follywood
- Revelry Brewing
- Rita's Seaside Grille
- Taco Boy
- The Washout
- Woody's Pizza

NON-PROFIT

- Coastal Family Foundation
- Pet Helpers

SHOP & PLAY

- Blue Ridge Woodcrafters
- Head Homey Vibes
- iSMASH
- The Raine & Grace Co.
- Shop the Lowcountry.com

MEDIA/ MARKETING

- Folly Current
- Little Dog Agency

REAL ESTATE/ INSURANCE/ ACCOUNTING/ LAW

- Carolina One – Alex Hunter
- Dunes Properties
- Elton Culpepper Realtor
- Insurance Solutions
- Law Office of Nick Thomas
- Pat Hiban Real Estate

SERVICES

- 3 Mouse Pals
- Access Portable Toilets
- Access Temporary Fence
- Alto Designs
- Charlestown Express
- CDI Homes
- Coastal Roofing Co. Inc.
- C.T. Services
- Elko Coastal Consulting
- Events on the Edge
- Faloha
- Folly Beach Dentistry
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The Exchange Club of Folly Beach had its annual membership drive on Thursday, May 21st at 6pm. The bingo event was a huge success. Several people decided to give their Service to the Community. **It's not too late, you too can join!**

Our June meeting will be Thursday, June 18th at 206 West Indian Ave at 7pm. Come join the fun and be a part of giving back. We will be nominating and picking officers for our next year.



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We are grateful for your support of The Exchange Club, America's Service Club empowering individual impact since 1911.



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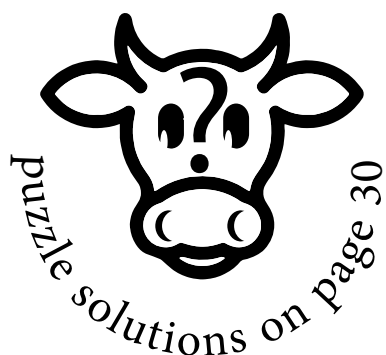
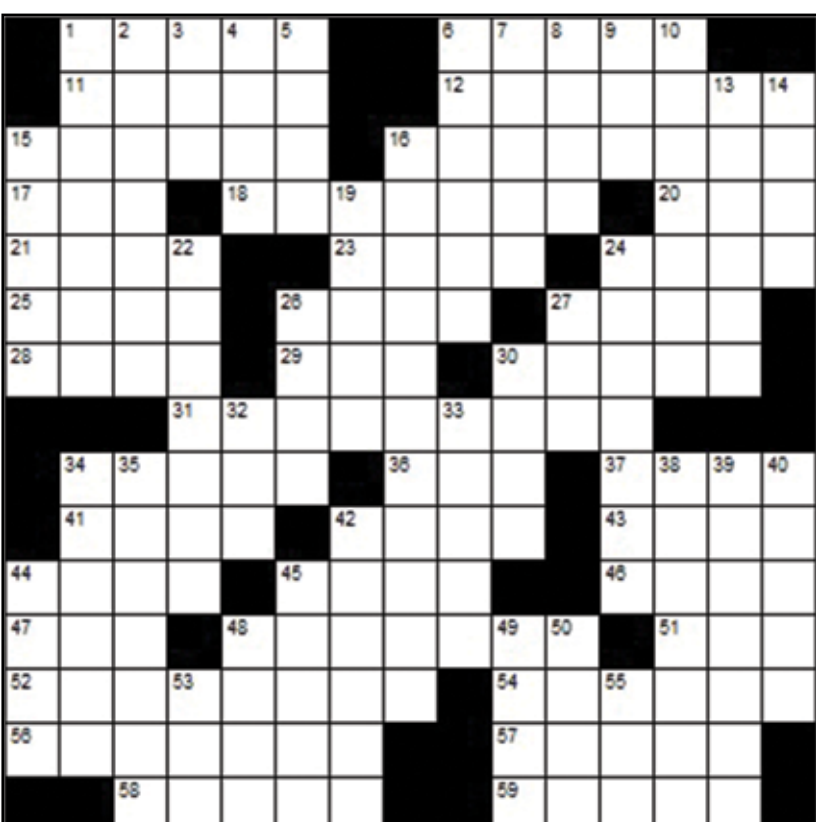
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TRIVIA

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- 6. Manila hemp
- 11. Metric unit of capacity
- 12. Pours
- 15. Countenance
- 16. Eternally
- 17. Evil spirit
- 18. To provide maintenance
- 20. Black bird
- 21. See the sights
- 23. Apiece
- 24. Assists
- 25. Initial wager
- 26. Skin disease
- 27. Carpenter's tool
- 28. Strong cleaners
- 29. Dog with a wrinkly face
- 30. Not younger
- 31. Too keen
- 34. Team
- 36. Falsehood
- 37. Ages
- 41. Kick
- 42. Digestive juice
- 43. Kitchen or bathroom _____
- 44. Electrical distribution

system

- 45. Labyrinth
- 46. Fizzy drink
- 47. Petroleum
- 48. In an exposed manner
- 51. Make lace
- 52. Woven together
- 54. First-aid item
- 56. Robber
- 57. Go-between
- 58. Clothe
- 59. Scope

DOWN

- 1. Payment to an ex
- 2. Argument
- 3. Greek letter
- 4. Clothespins
- 5. Tall woody plant
- 6. Consultant's offering
- 7. Kind of nut
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- 13. Dealer
- 14. Stitches
- 15. Critical

- 16. Converted to Christianity
- 19. Happen again
- 22. Echo
- 24. House location
- 26. Mimicked
- 27. Beer
- 30. Curved molding
- 32. Tank
- 33. Was laid up
- 34. Run very fast
- 35. Worked patchwork
- 38. Carousing
- 39. Moderate in tempo
- 40. Glide over ice
- 42. Bread makers
- 44. Leaves
- 45. Flowing tresses
- 48. Egyptian river
- 49. Teller of untruths
- 50. Eastern discipline
- 53. Armed conflict
- 55. Lair

1. LATE NIGHT

What media mogul is the host of Comic's Unleashed, the new show CBS is airing in Stephen Colbert's former late-night spot?

2. POLITICS

What former star of reality show The Hills is running for mayor of Los Angeles?

3. MUSIC

Who became the first artist to hold all three top spots on the Billboard 200?

4. POLITICS

What long-time Kentucky senator lost his primary bid last month after clashing with President Trump?

5. SPORTS

What MMA legend ended a nine-and-a-half-year absence last month by submitting her opponent with her signature armbar in just 17 seconds?

6. BEER

What legendary beer brand is being discontinued after 177 years?

7. TELEVISION

What's the new AMC vampire show that features Ann Rice's classic blood-sucking character as a modern rock star?

8. MOVIES

What small-budget horror film, directed by 26-year-old Curry Barker, has grossed over \$100 million despite costing less than \$1 million to make?



CLUBS, CLASSES, SUPPORT GROUPS, & WORKSHOPS

City of Folly Beach

Free Exercise Classes at the Community Center
 • **Wednesdays: Movement & Mobility** (9–9:45 a.m.), Cardio Circuit (10–11 a.m.)
 • **Select Wednesdays: Restorative Yoga Meditation** (1:30–2:30 p.m.)
 • **Thursdays: Sip & Soles Walking Group** (8:30–9:45 a.m.), Seated Yoga (1:30–2:30 p.m.)

Family Fun Night – June 4, 5-7pm

• 4 tickets per Folly household
 • Must RSVP hodonnell@follybeach.gov by June 4, pick up tickets at City Hall w/ ID by June 5

Water Color Workshop – June 18

(basic techniques) & 25 (landscape)
 • Must RSVP hodonnell@cityoffollybeach.org
 RSVP to hodonnell@cityoffollybeach.org required for most programs. Visit www.cityoffollybeach.com for more info.

Civic Club

3rd Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
 Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St.

Design Review Board

3rd Monday of each month, 6 p.m.
 City Hall, 21 Center St.

Exchange Club

3rd Thursday of each month, 7pm. For more information, visit www.follybeachexchangeclub.com
 The Hut, 206 W. Indian Ave.

Folly Association of Business (FAB)

FAB meetings are on a break for the summer. Enjoy the 4th of July Fireworks Show at 9pm and celebrate America's 250th year!

Home & Garden Club

4th Wednesday of each month (September–May), noon.
 Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St.
 The club is currently accepting jewelry donations for fundraising efforts that support community gardens and beautification projects.

Mahjong at the Library

Fridays, 10 a.m.–Noon. Open play for all skill levels.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St., (843) 588-2001

Planning Commission

1st Monday of each month, 7 p.m.
 City Hall, 97 Center St. Visit www.cityoffollybeach.com for more information.

Senior Citizens Club

For adults 55 and older.
 1st Thursday of each month, 11 a.m.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Cast Off Fishing Tournament
 June 20, 6 a.m.–2 p.m. \$12, ages 13+
 Folly Beach Pier, 101 E. Arctic Ave.
 For more information, visit www.ccprc.com

Stomp, Chomp, and Read: A Jurassic Balloon Magic Adventure with Jungle Jim June 2, 3-3:45pm, ages 3-11, Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St. (843) 588-2001

All Smiles with Charleston Stage
 June 30, 3-3:30pm, ages early years to 2nd grade. Free for ages 4–16.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St., (843) 588-2001

Take A Kid Fishing Day – 15th Annual Jerry Pierce Memorial Fishing Tournament June 6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Free

for ages 4–16. Folly Beach Fishing Pier, 101 E. Arctic Ave.

Family Movie Night
 4th Sunday of each month, 5 p.m.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church.

Folly Art Village

Wednesdays, 5–9 p.m.
 The Washout, 41 Center St.

Folly Family Storytime

Mondays, 10:30–11 a.m., ages 0–5.
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St., (843) 588-2001

The Ladysticks Show

June 9, 3-4pm
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St., (843) 588-2001

SCDNR Marine Education Summer Library Program

June 16, 10:30-11:30am
 Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St., (843) 588-2001

Captain Curiosity: Battle of the Body

June 23, 3-4pm, Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St., (843) 588-2001

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Beach Yoga

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

Folly Beach Recreation Pickleball

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 8–10 a.m.
 - Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 2–4 p.m.
 - Pirates Cove, 510 E. Erie Ave.
 - Tuesday & Thursday: 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday & Friday: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 - Registration required.
- Soccer**
- Saturdays, 9 a.m.–Noon.
 - Registration required.
 - Folly River Park.

Folly Beach Community Yoga

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10–11 a.m., donation-based class. Bring your own mat. Folly River Park, 83 Center St.

Open Water Swimming Meet-Up

Sundays, 9 a.m.
 Meet at the Folly Beach Pier.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Folly Beach Fireworks
 July 4, 9pm. Shot from 3rd block West.

Folly Beach Run Club

Saturdays, 10 a.m. Meet at 2nd East Beach Access. All runners and dogs welcome.

Folly Beach Community Garden

Garden plots available for residents, businesses, and restaurants.
 24 Michigan Ave.

Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk

June 12, 8:30–10:30 a.m. \$12, ages 12+
 Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve.
 For more information, visit www.ccprc.com

Lowcountry Street Grocery – Nell Bus

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St.

Music on the Pier – Moonlight Mixers

Music begins at 7 p.m.
 • June 5 – Dave Landeo Band
 • July 31 – DJ Bill Shelton
 • August 21 – Calhoun's Calling
 • September 18 – DJ Bill Shelton
 For more information, visit www.ccprc.com.

Decoding Dolphin Behavior

June 25, 8:30–10:30 a.m., \$12, ages 9+
 Folly Beach County Park, 1100 W. Ashley Ave. For more information, visit www.ccprc.com

RELIGIOUS SERVICES & STUDY GROUPS

Christian Meditation Group
 Mondays, 8:30 a.m.
 Father Kelly Hall.

Faith Formation

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Folly Beach Methodist Church

Sunday School: 9 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10 a.m.

Girlfriends Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church.

Mary's Rosary Guild

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10 a.m.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Men's Bible Study

Mondays, 7 p.m.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church.

Pray at the Pier

2nd Thursday of each month, 6 p.m.
 Presented by Folly Beach Baptist Church.

Recovery in Christ

Thursdays, 6 p.m.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church.

Revelation Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
 Folly Beach Methodist Church.

Soup Ministry

Mondays, Noon.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 Folly Beach Baptist Church.

Women's Guild

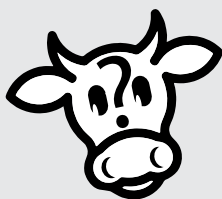
1st Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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

**If you have an idea for programming by the City of Folly Beach, please contact City of Folly Beach Community Coordinator Heather O'Donnell at hodonnell@follybeach.org.*

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Byron Allen
2. Spencer Pratt
3. Drake
4. Thomas Massie
5. Ronda Rousey
6. Schlitz
7. The Vampire Lestat
8. Obsession

Folly Association of Business's Litter Buster of the Month

On the Edge of America Toby & Friends
World Oceans Day 2026 Ocean & Earth Warriors

Arround 150 comb the Beach and streets to keep Folly Clean for all humans, wild and marine life.

This day, Folly Beach is recognized as one of the international coastal communities who participates in sweeps and also in education of how to keep our ocean healthy.

Thank you to everyone, who keeps coming out and sweeping and keeping Folly clean! Toby is so stoked at the more than 800 volunteers who come out every year to celebrate World Oceans Day in joining in this sweep!



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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