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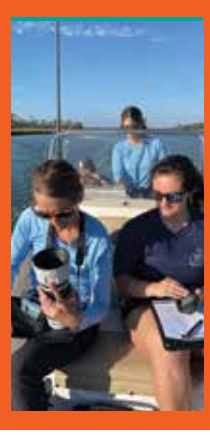

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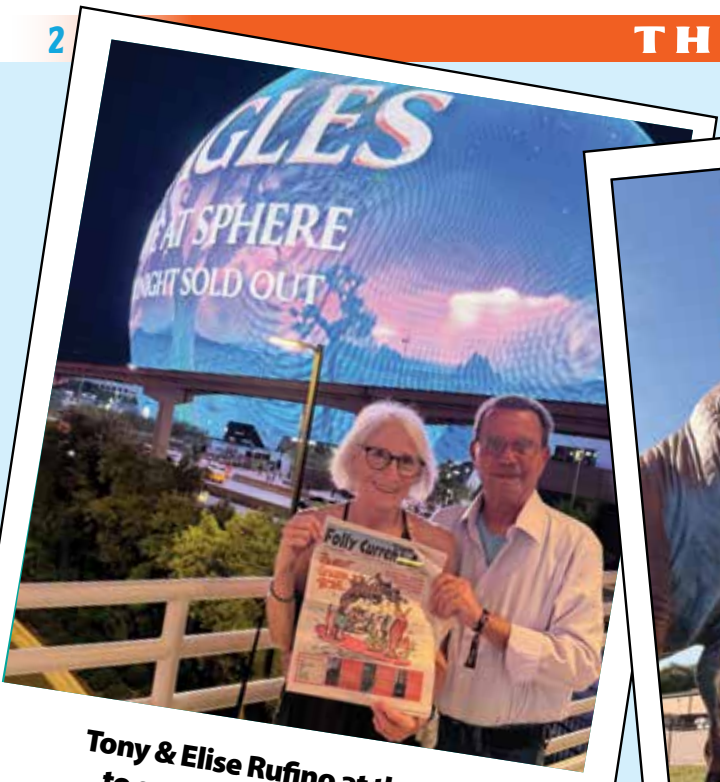
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2pm Charlie Stonecypher

3pm Sludge Pony

4pm Curt Watt

# Faith Under Fire

## Army chaplain with three decades of military service to speak at Folly Beach Methodist Church Nov. 8

from Staff Reports

For Army Col. S. Pinkie Fischer, a calling to ministry became a career that has taken her far from her native Brooklyn. Through seven deployments spanning Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, and missions supporting NATO allies during the Russia-Ukraine crisis, she has helped soldiers navigate the spiritual and emotional demands of military service.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the U.S. Army Central command chaplain will speak at Folly Beach Methodist Church ahead of Veterans Day. The service will be followed by special recognition of military personnel and veterans.

Based at Shaw Air Force Base, Fischer leads religious support for U.S. Army Central, the Army component of U.S. Central Command. Her career began in June 1996, when she enlisted in the Army Signal Corps, serving four years in the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

In 2000, she received a direct commission as a second lieutenant, becoming the first African American female chaplain in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. She entered active duty in 2005, beginning her ministry with the 82nd Airborne Division.

In June 2021, Fischer returned as the first woman and first African American to serve as its division chaplain.

Within months, she was ministering to troops during the withdrawal from Afghanistan. Interviewed by PBS NewsHour at Kabul's airport, Fischer described soldiers seeking her out as they struggled with the suffering around them, particularly that of children.

Her deployments included Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom II in Iraq. She has served in support, airborne, and special operations units, with assignments at the Pentagon's Office of the Chief of Chaplains, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, and the Eighth Theater Sustainment Command in Hawaii.

Fischer holds Airborne Jumpmaster and Pathfinder qualifications, involving oversight of military parachute operations and the establishment and control of landing and drop zones.

She holds a teaching diploma from Rhema Bible Training Center, a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from Oral Roberts University, a doctorate in ministry, and a master's degree in security studies. She also graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

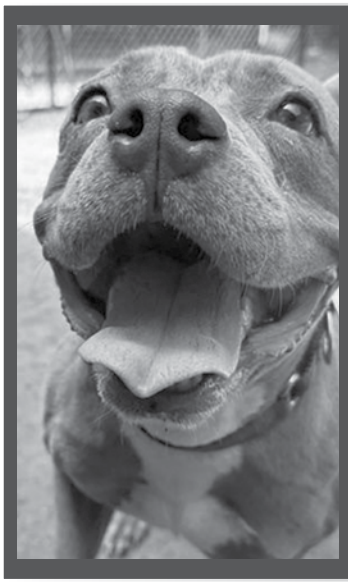
Her decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and Combat Action Badge, along with international honors from Germany and Chile.

Fischer serves in a tradition dating to 1775, when the Continental Congress established Army chaplains. Today, the Chaplain Corps supports soldiers' religious freedom, moral development, and spiritual well-being across many faith traditions. Its mission is to nurture the living, care for the wounded, and honor the fallen.

***Army Col. S. Pinkie Fischer will be the guest speaker on Sunday, Nov. 8 at Folly Beach Methodist Church, located at 118 W. Indian Ave. For more information, visit follybeachmethodistchurch.com or call (843) 588-9174.***

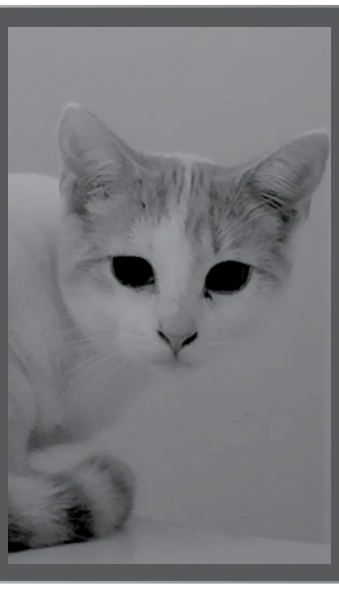






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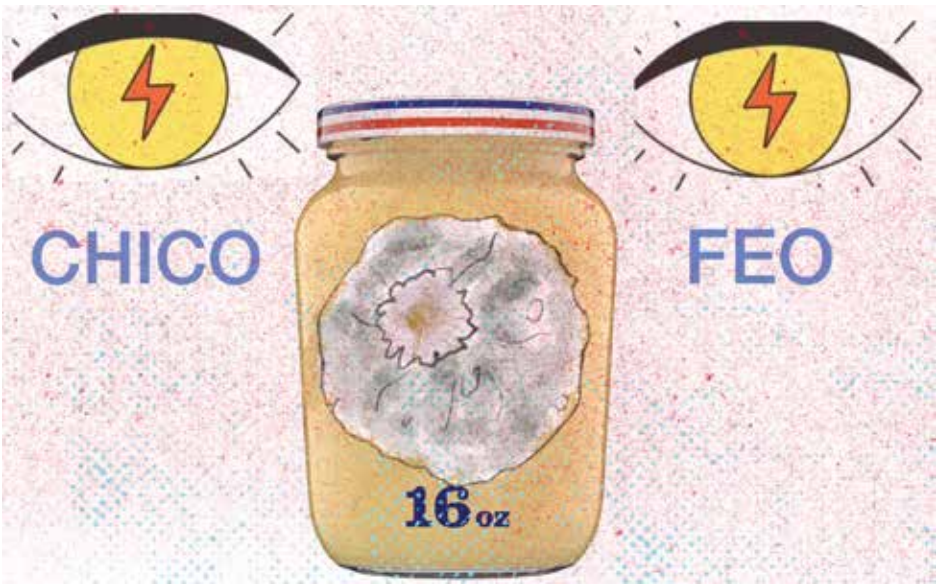
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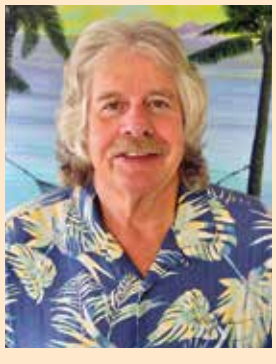


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# Looking Out for Our Locals

## LMMN works to protect Lowcountry dolphins, hosts fundraiser Nov. 22

by Liv Dennis | Contributing Writer

Along the waters surrounding Folly Beach, dolphins are more than a familiar sight. The local rivers and tidal creeks are home to resident dolphins that raise their young, build social bonds, and pass down hunting techniques, making the Lowcountry one of the few places in the world where a remarkable behavior known as strand feeding can be seen.

Helping protect these animals and the waters they depend on is the work of the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network (LMMN), and it will host its fourth annual Fins and Flippers Fall Fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 22 at Bowens Island Dockhouse.

The fundraiser, scheduled for 1- 4 p.m., will feature a traditional Lowcountry boil, steamed oysters, live music by Dallas Baker & Friends, beverages, and raffle prizes from local businesses. Proceeds will support the nonprofit's marine mammal response, research, and education programs throughout coastal South Carolina.

For Lauren Rust, LMMN's founder and executive director, protecting local dolphins starts with understanding how they live and the role they play in the Lowcountry's coastal environment.

"What makes the dolphins around Folly Beach so special is how closely connected they are to the area's coastal ecosystem," Rust said. "From the Folly River and surrounding tidal creeks to the waters just off the beach, these dolphins are part of the fabric of the local environment."

The dolphins found around Folly Beach are Tamanend's bottlenose dolphins, a coastal species that inhabits the region year-round. Some have spent decades navigating the same waterways and have developed familiar routines and social bonds.

"What often surprises people is that dolphins have distinct personalities, complex social relationships and learned behaviors," Rust said. "Residents and visitors may even encounter the same individual dolphins time and again without realizing it."



***Klaus, an adult male Tamanend's bottlenose dolphin, was rescued after stranding in May 2026. Responders used a specialized sling to return him to deeper water. (Photo courtesy of Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network | NOAA Fisheries Research Permit #28781)***

One of the most unusual behaviors these dolphins display is strand feeding, a hunting technique seen in only a handful of places around the world.

"Strand feeding is a remarkable hunting technique where dolphins work together to herd fish toward the shoreline, creating a wave that pushes the fish onto exposed mudbanks," Rust said.

The dolphins temporarily beach themselves on their right sides to catch the fish out of the water before sliding back into the estuary.

"It is a unique behavior, passed down from mother to calf, that requires precision, coordination and experience," Rust said. "Not all dolphins strand feed, which makes observing this behavior in the local population especially fascinating." LMMN has observed resident dolphins and their offspring feeding together, offering a glimpse into how the technique passes between generations.

The behavior also means dolphins can come remarkably close to shore, giving beachgoers an unusual opportunity to observe them. But that proximity makes it especially important for people to give the animals space.

"We are incredibly fortunate to live in a place where we can experience dolphins in their natural environment. But that privilege comes with responsibility," Rust said.

Approaching, touching, chasing or feeding wild dolphins can disrupt their natural behavior and may violate the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. LMMN encourages people to stay at least 50 yards from dolphins and avoid interfering while they feed.

With support from grants provided by the towns of Kiawah and Seabrook islands, the organization continues an outreach program that educates beach visitors about strand feeding and responsible wildlife viewing.

The nonprofit also studies individual dolphins through photo-identification research. Researchers use the unique markings, notches, and scars on dolphins' dorsal fins to recognize animals over time and learn more about their movements, relationships, and health.

In 2024, LMMN received authorization from the National Marine Fisheries Service to conduct photo-identification work in the Charleston area. Weekly surveys in the Kiawah River help researchers better understand the local dolphin population.

Some of the dolphins have become familiar to researchers. Step, named for her distinctive, step-shaped dorsal fin, is the mother of at least five calves and is often spotted feeding alongside her offspring. The fin bears the effects of an old injury, allowing researchers to identify Step and track her over time. Rust described her as "a devoted mom and babysitter extraordinaire."

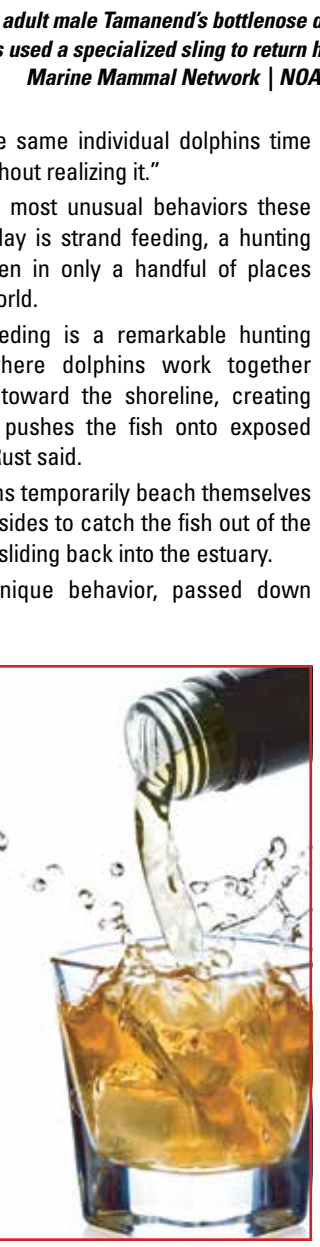
Another dolphin, Koa, has drawn attention for a different reason. First observed in March 2025 without its tail flukes, Koa offers researchers a rare opportunity to learn how a wild dolphin navigates life with such a significant physical difference. Continued observations help LMMN document Koa's movements and behavior while contributing to a broader understanding of the dolphins that

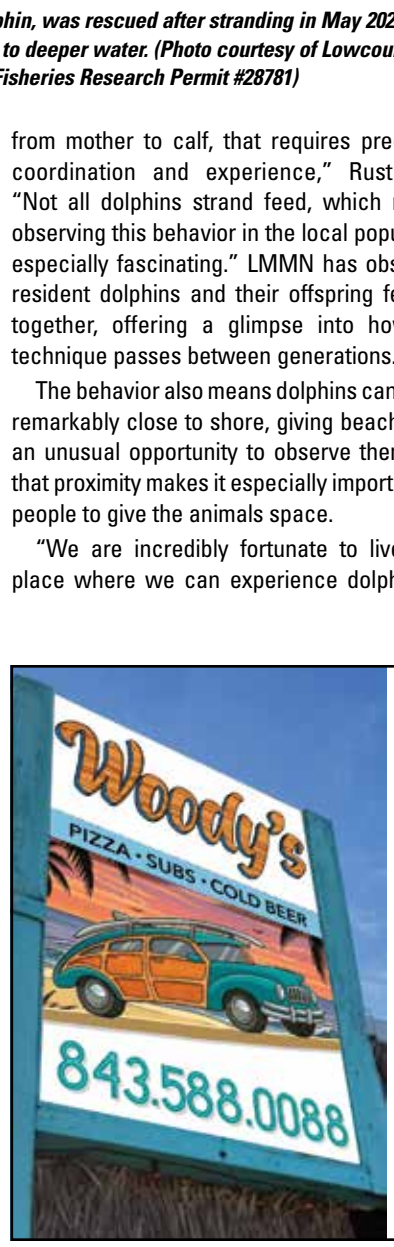
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inhabit local waters.

The organization's work extends beyond research. LMMN leads the South Carolina Marine Mammal Stranding Network in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, responding to marine mammals that become stranded or distressed along the coast.

South Carolina typically sees about 50 to 75 marine mammal strandings each year, according to LMMN. The organization responds to both live and deceased animals, working with trained partners to assess conditions, conduct rescues when possible, and gather information that can help researchers understand marine mammal health and the coastal environment. One rescue this year involved Klaus, an adult male Tamanend's bottlenose dolphin nearly 8 feet long that became stranded near Hilton Head Island in May as tidal conditions changed.

Responders kept Klaus shaded and comfortable while assessing his condition, then used a specialized rescue sling to return him to deeper water. Researchers at the University of South Carolina Beaufort later identified him by his distinctive dorsal fin.

LMMN had responded to 26 marine mammal strandings as of Rust's interview, including two successful dolphin rescues. Each response provides an opportunity to help an animal when possible and learn more about the challenges marine mammals face.

The work relies on trained responders, partnerships and timely reports from the public. Anyone who encounters a marine mammal that appears stranded or in distress should call the South Carolina Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline at 800-922-5431 rather than attempting to approach or rescue the animal.

Education is another important part of LMMN's mission. Through school programs, community events and its annual Dolphin Count, the organization gives residents opportunities to learn about local marine mammals and take part in conservation efforts. The Dolphin Count invites members of the public to observe and document dolphins from designated land-based locations, including a site on Folly Beach.

As LMMN approaches its 10th anniversary in 2027, Rust said community involvement remains essential to keeping its response, research and education programs going. The annual fundraiser helps provide resources for that work as funding becomes increasingly challenging to secure.

At the Nov. 22 event, attendees can enjoy an afternoon at Bowens Island while learning more about the animals that share the surrounding waters and supporting the people working to protect them.

For Rust, protecting dolphins means more than responding when an animal is in trouble. It also means helping people recognize the importance of the local waters these animals call home.

"These animals are not simply passing through Folly waters, this is their home and we are fortunate to share it with them," Rust said.

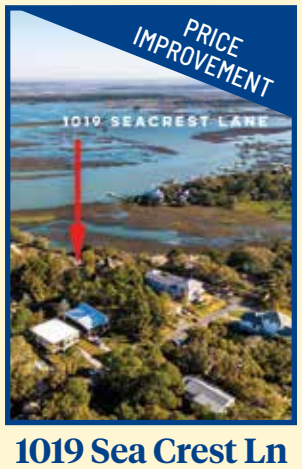
***For more information about LMMN's work and the Fins and Flippers Fall Fundraiser, visit lowcountrymarinemammalnetwork.org.***







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## To Our Folly Beach Family,

Our mom, Jean Marie Kronenberger, passed away on October 18, 2026, at the age of 81. As we celebrate her life, we thank the people of Folly Beach. You were Jean's beloved community, her friends, and the people who made this special place her home.

Jean was born Jean Marie Rady on April 28, 1945, in Columbus, Ohio, to Elizabeth and James Rady. Her father's military service gave her opportunities to travel and live in Germany. She attended Ohio Dominican University and married Stephen Kronenberger on July 15, 1967.

Her family includes her husband, Stephen; four children, Marie West (Blaine) of James Island, SC; Paul Kronenberger (Amber) of Columbus, OH; Craig Kronenberger (Liz) of Atlanta, GA; and Karl Kronenberger (Cat) of San Francisco, CA; six grandchildren, Ruby and Leo West, Kaden, Audrey, Rady, and Keegan Kronenberger; her sister, Cathy Fisher; and many nieces and nephews.

Jean was an artist, food designer, chef, teacher, business owner, gardener, author, and even Mrs. Claus. Above all, she was creative in everything she made, imagined, and saw in others. From her earrings to her shoes, her creativity knew no bounds, and she was never shy about complimenting someone else's funky style.

She loved the uniqueness in everything, always seeing something special in others and bringing love to those around her. Even when life was hard, she found ways to make it uniquely hers.

In so many ways, Folly Beach was the perfect place for Mom. Creative. Unique. Full of personality. A place where people have room to be themselves. In the last place she called home, she found a community whose spirit matched her own.

When Mom's memory started to fail, this community did not shy away. You embraced her. You knew her favorite foods, what she liked to drink, and the little things that made her feel at home. Having her cranberry juice waiting at a restaurant was a small sign of something much bigger: you knew Jean, and you were glad to see her.

From trivia at the Drop In and Turtle Watch to teaching Sunday school at Our Lady of Good Counsel and frequent visits to Rita's, Loggerheads, Woody's, and LowLife, Mom was part of Folly.

Around town, you stopped to talk with her, hugged her, and looked out for her. As life became harder, you kept including her in yours. She was your neighbor, your friend, and part of this community.

Those gestures may have felt ordinary to you, but to our family, they meant everything. Knowing someone you love is cared for by the people around them brings immeasurable comfort. You gave that to Mom, and you gave it to us.

Mom always saw the special in people. Thank you for seeing the special in her.

As we remember Jean, we will also remember the Folly friends who embraced her. Thank you for your kindness, friendship, and for making sure she always felt she belonged.

We would also like to honor our dad for his unwavering love and dedication in caring for Mom over so many years.

Folly Beach will always be part of her story, and part of ours.

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# City Chooses Texas Company for STR Study

## Smart City Policy Group will examine the economic and community impacts of STRs, with findings expected

from Staff Reports



*Matt Curtis (standing), is fhe founder & principal of Smart City Policy Group*

Folly Beach City Council has selected Smart City Policy Group out of Austin to conduct an independent study of the island's short-term rental (STR) regulations, moving forward with an effort to bring more data into the contentious debate that has split Folly residents nearly down the middle.

At its Tuesday, Oct. 13 meeting, Council considered four qualified proposals before unanimously selecting Smart City Policy Group, which emerged as the frontrunner. The firm received six of 10 first-place rankings, finishing ahead of BAE Urban Economics, RRC Associates, and a university-affiliated proposal.

The city previously allocated $50,000 for the independent study, which is intended to provide Council with a clearer understanding of the potential benefits and drawbacks of various regulatory options.

"Our goal from the beginning has been to take an objective, fact-based look at short-term rentals and their impact on Folly Beach," said Mayor Chris Bizzell. "Smart City's proposal offered a comprehensive approach that examines housing, property values, our local economy, community, and quality of life. We want the data to guide our decisions, not the other way around."

The study will examine how existing and proposed STR regulations affect Folly Beach's housing market, property values, local businesses, city finances, and overall quality of life. The findings could help shape the city's approach to regulating vacation rentals in the years ahead.

The consultant will also compare Folly's policies with those of similar coastal communities and evaluate the potential consequences of different regulatory approaches, including changes to the number of allowable STR licenses and possible exemptions or exceptions.

"One of the things I particularly liked about their approach is that it evaluates a wide range of potential scenarios rather than starting with a predetermined outcome," Bizzell said. "We're asking the consultants to identify the data needed, evaluate the tradeoffs, and provide Council with reliable information to make decisions that serve the long-term interests of our community."

The selection comes amid continuing legal uncertainty surrounding Folly's STR regulations. In August, Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Rode ruled that the voter-approved cap of 800 STR licenses was unlawful. The city appealed the ruling and subsequently moved to establish the same 800-license limit through a City Council ordinance rather than a referendum.

According to Bizzell, Smart City's proposed schedule calls for a final report by Feb. 12, 2027, followed by a presentation to City Council by Feb. 26. Both dates are contingent on the study progressing as planned.

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### A BREAK-IN ON THE WEST SIDE
**SEPT. 23–24 | BURGLARY**

A West Side property became the subject of a burglary investigation after an incident reportedly occurred sometime between 8 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, and 4 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Folly Beach Public Safety classified the case as second-degree burglary, nonviolent, and reported an arrest on Sept. 24. The incident summary doesn't specify what was taken, how entry was made, or whether the property was occupied at the time. Whatever happened during that roughly 20-hour window, police determined that the circumstances warranted a burglary charge.

### JOGGING HIS MEMORY
**SEPT. 25 | OUTSTANDING WARRANT**

According to the incident report, a jogger in purple shorts stopped beside the patrol vehicle and jokingly asked whether the officers had paid for parking before demanding their license and registration. Unfortunately for the would-be-comedian, the officers recognized him from previous encounters, including an earlier arrest. As he attempted to continue his afternoon run, an officer called him back and informed him that he had an outstanding arrest warrant from Greenville County. The man was handcuffed and transported to the Charleston County detention center without incident.

### LAST CALL, LONG RUN
**SEPT. 26 | DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

A late-night disturbance at a Center Street bar turned into an impromptu footrace shortly after midnight Saturday, Sept. 26. Folly Beach police responded to a report of a fight in progress around 12:40 a.m. While officers attempted to locate those involved, employees alerted them to another individual who had reportedly run from the staff after attempting to steal liquor from behind the bar. Officers pursued the fleeing suspect on foot, eventually locating and apprehending the individual on the beach beneath the Charleston County Park pier. The suspect was arrested and transported without further incident.

### SLEEPING IT OFF? NOT SO FAST
**SEPT. 26 | DRUG OFFENSE**

Two people apparently decided their vehicle was as good a place as any for an early-morning nap. Unfortunately, their choice of sleeping quarters attracted police attention. Around 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Folly Beach officers encountered a man and woman sleeping inside a vehicle along East Ashley Avenue. During the investigation, officers discovered suspected narcotics in the center console. Both occupants were taken to a hospital for medical clearance before being transported to jail. The incident was classified as a drug offense, and the report lists an arrest as its disposition.

### PARKING PROBLEMS AND PARTY FAVORS
**SEPT. 27 | TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

A vehicle parked improperly in the roadway on East Arctic Avenue caught the attention of Folly Beach police around 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. The vehicle was occupied, and when officers approached, they reportedly noticed the smell of marijuana and contraband in plain view. That prompted a search of the vehicle, although the incident summary doesn't detail everything officers found. The driver received a parking citation, while two occupants were cited for possession of alcohol by persons under 21.

### A TAG, A LICENSE, AND SOME PILLS
**SEPT. 28 | DRUG OFFENSe**

What began as an ordinary traffic stop on East Arctic Avenue Monday afternoon, Sept. 28, turned into a drug investigation. Around 2 p.m., a Folly Beach officer stopped a vehicle displaying a suspended registration tag. Further investigation revealed that the driver also had a suspended license. An inventory search of the vehicle subsequently uncovered assorted pills and suspected methamphetamine. The incident was classified as a drug offense, and police reported an arrest.

### DOUBLE TROUBLE ON FOLLY ROAD
**SEPT. 28–29 | DUI**

A late-night traffic stop near the intersection of Folly Road and Peas Island Road resulted in a DUI arrest during the early morning hours of Tuesday, Sept. 29. Police initiated the stop shortly before midnight Monday after observing traffic violations. The ensuing investigation included standardized field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

### THE SHORTS AND THE SHORT OF IT
**OCT. 1 | LARCENY**

A mannequin outside a Center Street business found itself unexpectedly underdressed Thursday evening. According to Folly Beach police, a man approached the display outside a store around 9 p.m., removed a pair of shorts from the mannequin, and left the area with the merchandise. The incident was reported as larceny, and the police report lists an arrest as its disposition.

### OPEN CONTAINERS, CLOSED CASE
**OCT. 1 | TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

A traffic stop near the intersection of Folly Road and Oak Island Drive Thursday night, Oct. 1, resulted in a citation for alcohol-related violations. Police stopped a vehicle around 9:50 p.m. after observing a moving violation. During the encounter, officers discovered open containers of alcohol inside the vehicle. The driver was cited for the open-container violation and released.

### FAST TIMES ON EAST ASHLEY
**OCT. 4 | RECKLESS DRIVING**

Around 6:35 a.m., a vehicle passed a Folly Beach officer conducting stationary traffic enforcement at a reported 63 mph in a posted 25-mph zone. That's 38 mph over the speed limit, or more than two and a half times the posted speed. The driver was stopped and arrested for reckless driving. Police also reported a charge involving possession of tobacco products by a minor. Whatever the reason for the hurry, the morning commute came to an abrupt end.

### A WRONG TURN TOWARD JAIL
**OCT. 8 | DUI**

A driver traveling near Folly Road and Terns Nest Road attracted police attention after officers observed lane violations. The traffic stop, initiated around 7:40 p.m., led to a DUI investigation and standardized field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence, and the vehicle was towed. A breath test reportedly registered a blood alcohol concentration of 0.19%, more than twice the legal limit. The investigation continued until approximately 10:35 p.m., turning an evening drive into a much longer encounter with law enforcement.

### SPEEDING INTO AN OLD PROBLEM
**OCT. 10 | OUTSTANDING WARRAnt**

Police initiated the stop around 8 p.m. During the investigation, officers learned that the driver had an outstanding warrant from Berkeley County. The individual was taken into custody and transferred to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. In this case, the speeding violation wasn't necessarily the driver's biggest concern. It was simply what brought the driver to the attention of police.

### A LITTLE GRASS ON FOLLY ROAD
**OCT. 17 | DRUG OFFENSE**

A traffic stop along Folly Road shortly after midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, resulted in a marijuana possession charge. According to Folly Beach Public Safety, officers stopped a vehicle around 12:50 a.m. and subsequently discovered marijuana. The incident was classified as a drug offense, and the individual was charged with simple possession of marijuana.

### RED MEANS STOP
**OCT. 20 | DUI**

A motorist who allegedly ran a red light at the intersection of Center Street and East Indian Avenue Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, soon found themselves facing a more serious charge. Folly Beach police initiated a traffic stop around 9:10 p.m. after observing the violation. During the encounter, officers developed grounds for a DUI investigation, which ultimately resulted in the driver's arrest on suspicion of driving under the influence.





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# Good Neighbors, Great Music

## Folly Porchfest returns for its 13th year with 30 musical acts

by Miranda Steadman | Contributing Writer



*Porches and backyards become makeshift concert venues at the annual Folly Porchfest*

Hey kids, our music-loving Uncle Roger is planning one helluva hootenanny for Saturday, Nov. 7th. With 30 musical acts, Porchfest 2026 has plenty of live, local music to keep attendees happy. The five stages spread throughout Folly Island are located within walking distance, and the event is completely free.

Porchfest first started 13 years ago by former Folly songbird Teresa "Sweet T" Nelson and singer/songwriter Eddy "Boston" Sullivan. Six years ago, when Sweet T bought a campground with her husband and moved upstate, and Sullivan's wife became pregnant, the two musicians approached local emcee extraordinaire and local music champion, Roger Rutledge, asking him to continue the annual Folly tradition.

"No one from the last two groups has taken any salary or pay from the event, and to top it off, you have roughly 30 musicians who play a 45-minute set for absolutely nothing. For the last few years, we've had five stages, and it's just a great little time," says Rutledge. "People call it the best little festival on Folly and it's reached the point over the years where people actually schedule their vacations to come to Folly for Porchfest.

With three stages on the East side of Folly and two on the West side of the island, attendees cross Center Street, where they're likely to support local businesses by enjoying local food, drinks, and merchandise.

Porchfest also raises funds for Waves for Women, a local nonprofit that empowers women to navigate life's challenges and strengthen personal well-being through surf therapy, connection to the ocean, and a supportive community. Merchandise will be sold at every stage, and the Waves for Women lot, located at 111 East Cooper, will sell its own merch, plus the official 2026 PorchFest T-shirt, featuring a hand-drawn scene sketched live in Rutledge's backyard during a past PorchFest performance.

"Porchfest is special to me because Waves for Women will have vendors in their lot selling shirts and hats, with the proceeds of sales going to surfboards, life jackets, first aid kits, etc. Last year, they raised close to $8,000," says Rutledge.



*More than 30 musical acts will play across five stages at this year's Porchfest*

At high noon, musicians Joe Wheaton and Josh Rowe take the Waves for Women stage at 111 East Cooper Ave., followed by Shagg Level Cider at 1 p.m. Local guitarist and ukulele player Charlie Stonecypher plays at two o'clock. New to the Folly music scene is duo Sludge Pony, who perform at 3 p.m.

"They are just off the hook," says Rutledge.

Curt Watt closes down the Waves for Women stage at 4 p.m.

"This year, we're going to bring a stage back to Chico Feo," Rutledge said.

Tom Crowley kicks off music at the Chico Feo stage at noon, with local jam band Gator Food at 1 p.m. Singer-songwriter Thomas Champagne performs at 2 p.m., followed by Blues rocker Johnny Holliday at 3 p.m. Asheville jam band Pleasure Chest rocks the Chico stage at 4 p.m.

"We're going to close off the street between East Cooper and East Ashley on that little, short strip of road because two years ago, there were probably a 100 people standing in the road," Rutledge explained.

The stage at 120 East Huron Ave. will

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feature Hunter Feick and the Hightides at noon, followed by Burnt Ends at 1 p.m. Soapbox master George Fox will play with longtime friend Jesse Prichard as the Edge of Americans at 2 p.m. The Folly Lama will jam at 3 p.m., and The Out of Towners perform at 4 p.m.

On the West side, Terry Hayes kicks things off at noon at the 120 West Erie stage. Local icon, folk singer-songwriter Danielle Howle, graces the same stage at 1 p.m. Local musician Cosmo Kinsey of The Folly Pirates Over Forty strums and sings at 2 p.m., followed by Captain Phil at 3 p.m. Dr. T and The Side Effects close out the 120 West Erie stage at 4 p.m.

The stage at 206 West Cooper Ave. starts off with Ron Cook at 1 p.m., followed by Dan Marsh & The Cosmic Sailors at 2 p.m. High Water Honky kicks up dust at 3 p.m. with his band featuring bassist Matty Thompson and percussionist Jon Peace. Dan Lotti of the Folly-based, nationally touring band Dangermuffin plays at 4 p.m., followed by local country musician Macelyn Batten, who shuts down the party at 5 p.m.

"Porchfest is one of my favorite events of the year," said Porchfest regular High Water Honky. "I love how Roger has created such a grassroots atmosphere around the festival and grown it to the level it's at today. The event is a local favorite among Charleston musicians and a helluva time for anyone lucky enough to attend."

For Rutledge, it's a love of music and community that drives him to keep the Porchfest light on. But it's also an appreciation for the local musicians, who play the Folly restaurant and bars year-round.

"These people who play out here a lot of times for nothing during the week because there's no cover charge. They perform because they love music, and I bring those people back. There's just so many excellent entertainers," says Rutledge. "Also, a very special thanks to Access Events for the barricades and the port-a-johns"

Another Porchfest tradition returning this year: cheese balls. Tubs of the fluorescent orange orbs are to Porchfest what mint juleps are to the Kentucky Derby, pimento cheese sandwiches to the Masters, and milk is to the Indianapolis 500.

"We bought like ten tubs of cheese puffs and put them at every stage. People aren't allowed to stick their hands in, so we walk around and dump cheese puffs on them," says Rutledge. "The little kids adore it! They walk around with orange faces and orange hands. Cheese puffs are back!"

This year, security will be at each stage to ensure that festival attendees don't stand in the street or walk between stages with open containers. This safety measure was put in place so Porchfest can continue, according to Rutledge. So, please do not stand in the roadway and no open containers on the street.

"What is unique about Porchfest is it's family oriented. There will be kids from 2 years old to 92 years old dancing in yards, people laughing, people smiling, everybody gets together, there's no religion, there's no politics, people are just enjoying the musi. And it is like that every single year," said Rutledge.




***Porchfest organizer Roger Rutlege keeps the tunes and cheese balls flowing***

With 30 acts stretching across five stages this year's Porchfest is poised to be another classic. So come out, support live music on Folly, support a great local charity, and spend some time with your neighbors. From its humble beginnings, Porchfest has grown into a well-loved tradition here on Folly ... I'm just saying.

***The 13th annual Folly Beach Porchfest will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, starting at noon. It's free and open to the public with proceeds from merchandise sales benefitting Waves4Women.***

***CHECK OUT THE FULL SCHEDULE IN THE PORCHFEST AD ON PAGE 3.***

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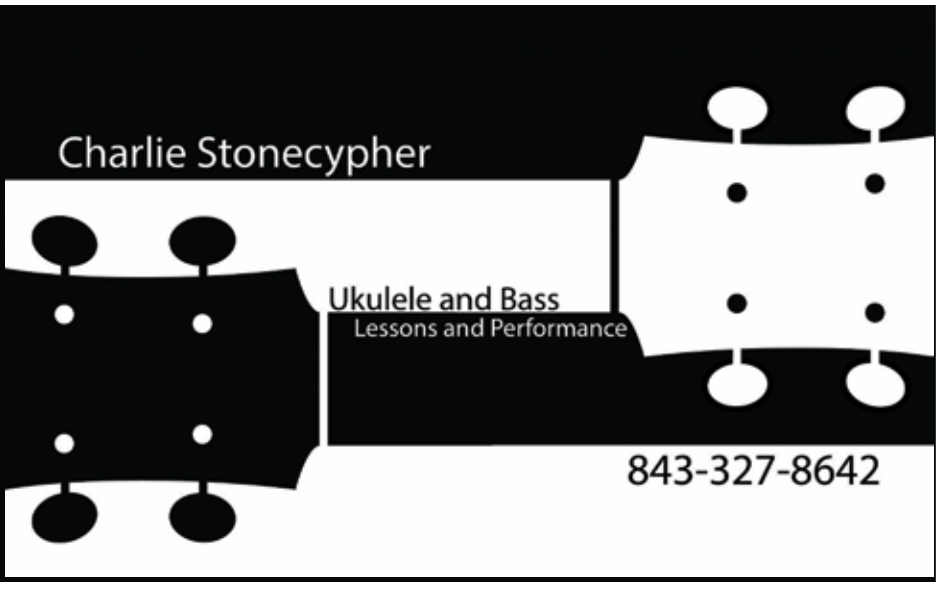


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Pinky's: 1-4pm Bubba Bryant
Rita's: 6-9pm Lola Grace

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**
The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo: 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
Drop In Deli: 7pm-12am Honky Tonk Tuesday
LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**
Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Johnny Knuckles
The Washout: 5-9pm Folly Art Village; 6-9pm Live Music

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
LowLife Bar: 8-10pm Weigh Station
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Karaoke

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**
The Bounty Bar: 10pm The Jim Rubush Trio
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Thomas Champagne Band
Rita's: 6-9pm TBD
Taco Boy: 7pm-close DJ
The Washout: 8-11pm Malin Wagnon Trio

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Planet Follywood: 8pm-12am Matt Mackelcan
Rita's: 6-9pm Weigh Station
Taco Boy: 7pm-close DJ
The Washout: 8-11pm Live Music

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**
Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
LowLife Bar: 4-7pm Danny May & Friends
Pinky's: 1-4pm Robert C.
Rita's: 6-9pm Liam Murphy

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**
The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo: 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
Drop In Deli: 7pm-12am Honky Tonk Tuesday
LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**
The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
The Washout: 5-9pm Folly Art Village; 6-9pm Live Music

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
LowLife Bar: 8-10pm Weigh Station
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Karaoke

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**
The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm DJ MIke Tech
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Longshot Gamble
Rita's: 6-9pm Derick Cribb
Taco Boy: 7pm-close DJ
The Washout: 8-11pm Live Music

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**
The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm Moondog
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Live Music
Pinky's: 1-4pm Relay Relay; 5-8pm Michael Duff
Planet Follywood: 8-11pm Riley Hills
Rita's: 6-9pm Krystal & Friends
Taco Boy: 7pm-close DJ
The Washout: 8-11pm Dan's Tramp Stamp & the Money Bags

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**
The Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
LowLife Bar: 4-7pm Danny May & Friends
Pinky's: 1-4pm Liam Murphy
Rita's: 6-9pm Jack Triebold

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**
The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo: 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
Drop In Deli: 7pm-12am Honky Tonk Tuesday
LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**
The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
The Washout: 5-9pm Folly Art Village; 6-9pm Live Music

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
LowLife Bar: 8-10pm Weigh Station
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Karaoke

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**
The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm River Mason
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Dan Marsh
Rita's: 6-9pm Gracie
Taco Boy: 7pm-close DJ
The Washout: 8-11pm Live Music

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**
The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm Tom Crowley & The Speakers
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Live Music
Pinky's: 1-4pm Michael Duff; 5-8pm Tom Crowley
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am George Fox and the Edge of Americans
Rita's: 6-9pm Thomas Champagne
Taco Boy: 7pm-close DJ
The Washout: 8-11pm Dan's Tramp Stamp & the Money Bags

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**
The Bounty Bar: 9pm The Sunday Sessions
The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
LowLife Bar: 4-7pm Danny May & Friends
Pinky's: 1-4pm Justin Suede
Rita's: 6-9pm Lady Jane

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**
The Bounty Bar: 7-9pm Trivia AF
Chico Feo: 6-10pm Songwriters Soapbox
The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
Rita's: 6-9pm Easy Honey

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Sam Rae
Drop In Deli: 7pm-12am Honky Tonk Tuesday
LowLife Bar: 6-9pm Liam Murphy
Rita's: 6-9pm David Sink

**WEDNESDAY**, November 25
The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Drop In Deli: 7:30-9:30pm Trivia
Rita's: 6-9pm Sufferin' Moses
The Washout: 5-9pm Folly Art Village; 6-9pm Live Music

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10pm-1am Stratton + Friends
Folly River Park: 6-8pm Family Fun Movie Night: "ET"
LowLife Bar: 8-10pm Weigh Station
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Karaoke

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**
The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm Johnny Holliday & The Silver Lining
The Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark
Planet Follywood: 9pm-12am Louis D
Rita's: 6-9pm Derick Cribb
Taco Boy: 7pm-close DJ
The Washout: 8-11pm Carolina Kingsnakes

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**
The Bounty Bar: 9:30pm Forty Mile Detour
The Crab Shack: 7-10pm Live Music
Pinky's: 1-4pm Super Reggae Man; 5-8pm Liam Murphy
Planet Follywood: 9pm-1am Longshot Gamble
Rita's: 6-9pm Eugene Butler
Taco Boy: 7pm-close DJ
The Washout: 8-11pm Shakin' Martini's

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The Crab Shack: 1-3pm Dave Grunstra
LowLife Bar: 4-7pm Danny May & Friends
Pinky's: 1-4pm Eric Vaughn
Rita's: 6-9pm Liam Murphy

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The Crab Shack: 6-9pm Jeff Houts
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo

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# Benket Drive and a Road Lost to the Sea

## Streets drawn on a map are not permanent on a barrier island

by Dave Miller | Contributing Writer

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The northeastern end of Folly offers one of the clearest examples of what shoreline retreat can do to streets, lots, and property lines. Historic plans show Benket Drive running parallel to and seaward of East Ashley Avenue, serving another row of oceanfront property.

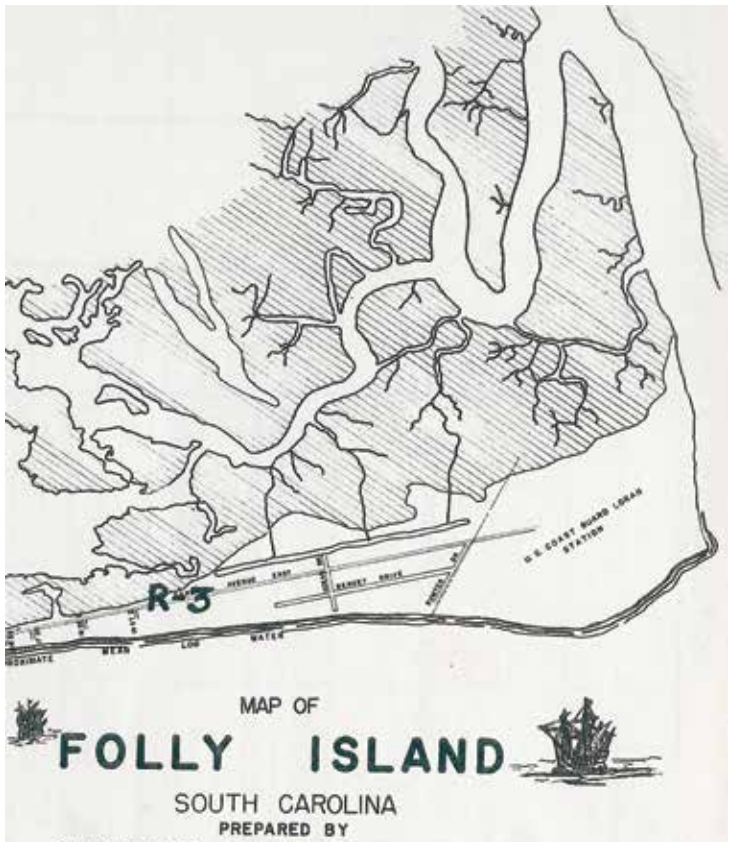
But streets drawn on a map are not permanent on a barrier island. By about 1972, severe erosion had carried Benket Drive and much of the surrounding land into the Atlantic. The road disappeared, but its former route and the adjoining property boundaries remained in plats and legal records. According to local accounts, owners continued to hold—and pay taxes on—parcels that had become wet beach or submerged ground.

A street could therefore remain legally recognizable after the ocean had removed its pavement. Property lines could survive on paper after the corresponding dry land had disappeared.

Around 1986, shifting sands returned dry beach to portions of the area. The reappearance of sand did not immediately resolve what could be done with the former oceanfront parcels. It did, however, set the stage for a much larger change after the first federal renourishment.

Benket Drive became part of the island's memory: a reminder that today's oceanfront was not necessarily yesterday's front row—and that land lost to the ocean could sometimes return.

***Beginning Nov. 2, visit the Folly Beach History Museum at 55 Center St. to experience "Shifting Sands," a new exhibit that traces the island's ever-changing shoreline from the pre-Jetties 1800s to today. The museum is open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.***




***Benket Drive on the map, 1966. This Charleston County Planning Board map shows Benket Drive running along the ocean side of East Ashley Avenue at Folly's northeastern end. Within several years, severe erosion had carried the road and much of the adjoining land into the Atlantic. The map also shows Sumter Drive, approximately along the alignment of today's Summer Place Lane, connecting East Ashley Avenue with Benket Drive.***

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## Faces of Folly

INTERVIEWS BY
PAT "WIGGY" HIBAN

# A Place to Belong

## After a career supporting the military around the world, Deana Dockery found a home and a new purpose on Folly Beach

My wife, Kim, met Deana Dockery at Yappy Hour, the unofficial daily 5:30 p.m. gathering at the dog park on Fifth Block East. It's a wonderful way for dog lovers to meet their neighbors. One evening, a few regulars headed to the Pour House to see Folly's own Shelby Means and Joel Timmons perform. So, Kim and I joined them. That was where I met Deana. She happily volunteered to be a Face of Folly, and I was glad she did.

**FOLLY CURRENT: Where were you born and how long have you been tied to Folly Beach?**

**DEANA DOCKERY:** I was born and raised in Sumter County, about 100 miles from Folly. I grew up in the country, surrounded by farmland, family, and neighbors who felt like family. It was the kind of place where word traveled fast, doors stayed unlocked, and visiting someone meant simply showing up.

**FC: What is an experience that has had a lasting impact on who you are today?**

**DD:** In 1986, *Top Gun* planted the seed for a career working as a civilian contractor for the Department of Defense. By 1992, *A Few Good Men* had strengthened that desire to serve without wearing a uniform. Less than two years later, at 22, I began my Department of Defense career at U.S. Naval Air Station Guantanamo Bay. I even shipped down a 1973 Karmann Ghia because its style reminded me of Charlie's 1958 Porsche Speedster in *Top Gun*.

My work with the Department of Defense, and later as a contractor, allowed me to serve alongside those who protect our freedom and to experience the dangerous, depressing, and delightful parts of the world. The project-management skills I gained helped Bobby and me establish the Coastal Family Vacation Foundation five years ago. Through the CFVF South Carolina Cancer Respite Program, we bring families undergoing late-stage cancer treatment to Folly for a week away from medical routines, daily trauma, and financial stress. They can disconnect from cancer and reconnect with one another. To date, we have hosted 43 families.

**FC: How did you end up in Folly Beach?**

**DD:** Having grown up nearby, I had always known about Folly and visited often before Bobby and I bought our home here in 2012. We looked at coastal towns from Beaufort, North Carolina, to Tybee Island, Georgia, but nothing compared to Folly. After living on Oahu's North Shore, Folly immediately reminded me of Haleiwa Town. The surfers, turtles, music, and casual vibe all drew me in and made Folly Beach feel like home.

**FC: What's your favorite thing about Folly Beach?**

**DD:** Folly's beauty and wildlife are extraordinary, but its people make it home. When a neighbor faces a challenge, this community rallies with remarkable generosity.

**FC: In your opinion, what's the most important issue facing Folly Beach today?**

**DD:** Maintaining Folly's understated, relaxed identity is the greatest challenge. Many of the island's smaller bungalows are gone, few natives can afford to live here, and regional growth has changed both the pace and character of the area. Change is inevitable, but when local residents are displaced, a community can lose the qualities that made it special in the first place. I see that happening in towns around the world.

**FC: If you were in charge, how would you fix it?**



**DD: T**here is no magical solution. Change is one of life's constants. But perhaps we should all write down what we love about Folly's culture—its customs, traditions, pace, and sense of community—and then actively support the people, businesses, and efforts that honor those values. We can welcome newcomers into Folly's ways, teach them to our children, and make thoughtful choices that help preserve the character that brought us here.

***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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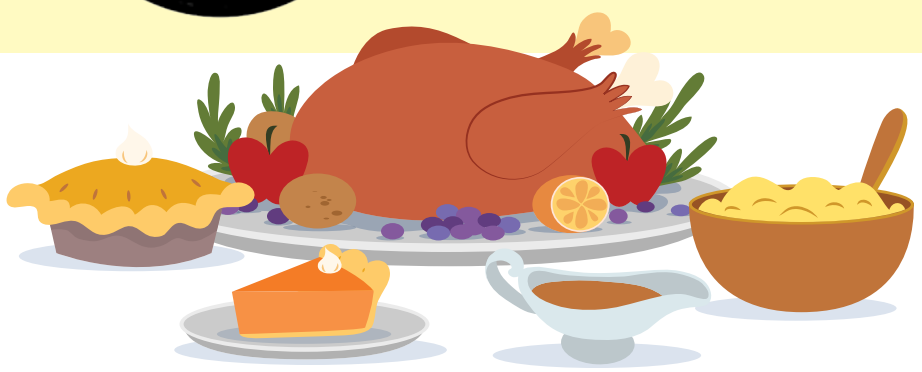
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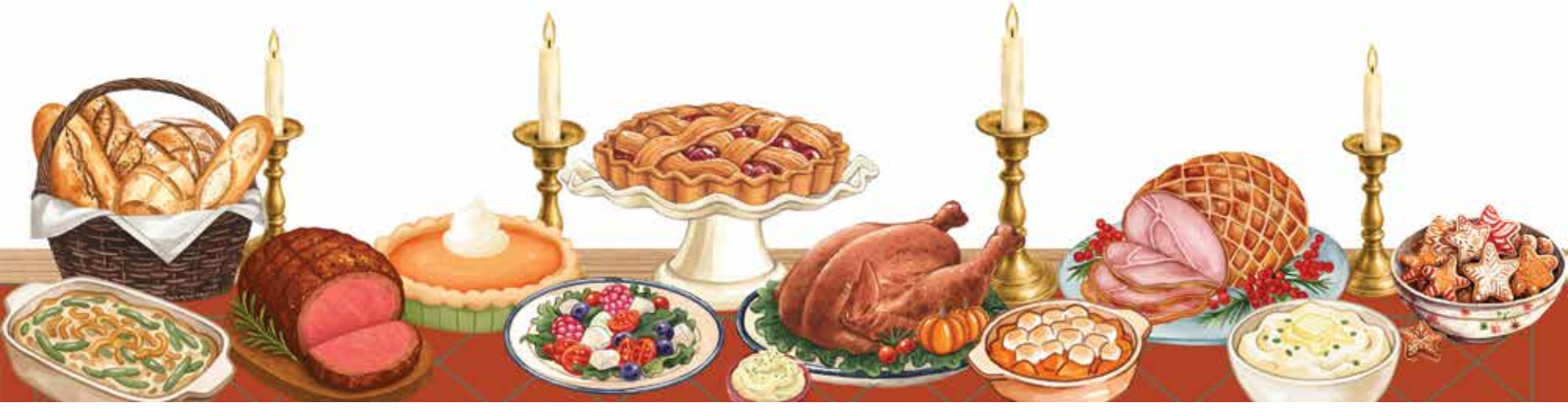
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## Folly Field Notes

BY WEATHERLY MEADORS

# Why Do our Tides Vary So Much?

## And what causes a King Tide anyway?

A few mornings ago, I left for work, windows down, enjoying the chill in the air. The road winds right next to the marsh, and for the last few weeks, the sunrise has been perfectly timed for my drive to take my children to school. As I came around the curve along the marsh, ready to enjoy the view, the road abruptly disappeared. The tide was so high the road was several inches underwater, with ripples pushing into the yards across the street.

King Tides.

You don't have to spend much time in the Charleston area to figure out that we flood. Downtown is infamous for folks kayaking down the streets during a heavy rainstorm, but many places just need an extra high tide. Many roads on Folly also flood during big tides (looking at you 9th Street West, a.k.a. the road to our wonderful home base at Sunset Cay Marina).

So why does this happen? Buckle up, this is an oceanography column.

Our area has semi-diurnal tides, meaning we experience two high tides and two low tides each day. The average difference between high and low tide is about 5.5 feet, but that range can vary dramatically.

Some days the water level rises only 4ish feet between tides, while others it can climb nearly seven. As I write this, the predicted tides range today from -0.08 to 6.9 feet. Are you dizzy from numbers yet? I am, and we still haven't gotten to why this happens.

The tide is predominantly driven by the moon. The moon's gravity has a stronger pull on the side closest to the moon and weakest on the opposite. These differences create two tidal bulges. Imagine the Earth surrounded by an ocean shaped like an oval (this is a weird thing to imagine, so look at the picture).

As the Earth rotates, land masses pass through the bulges, creating the rise and fall of tides. YouTube has some great videos if you're so inclined to go beyond this very simplified model.

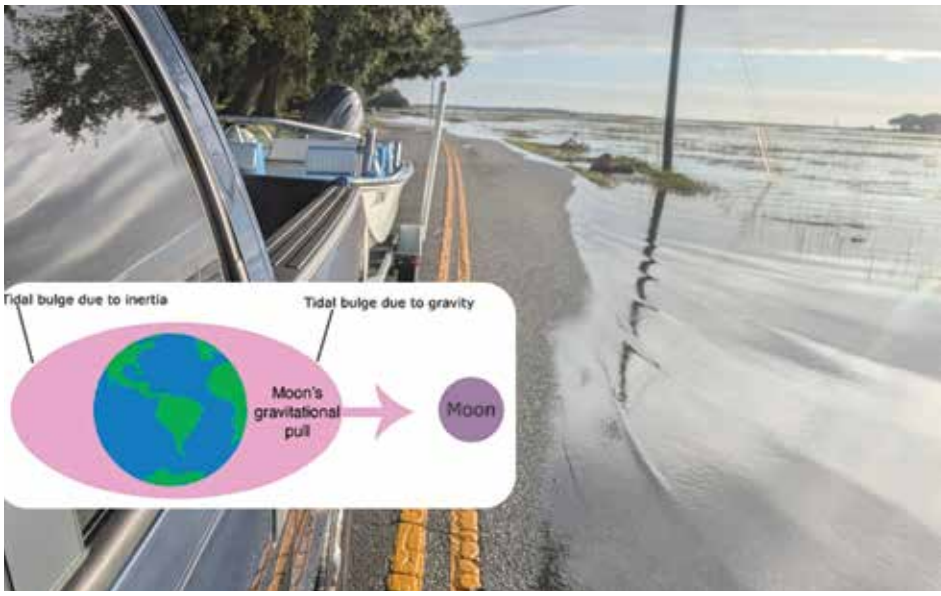
Ok, we know why tides happen, but what about the large variation?

During a full and new moon, the sun, moon, and Earth are aligned. This exerts a greater gravitational pull on the water, giving us a larger tidal range (Spring Tide). During a quarter moon phase, the Sun and Moon are at right angles to Earth, and their gravitational pulls offset, so tides are smaller (Neap Tide). This is why full/new moon high tides are more prone to flooding and exposing sandbars and mudflats you don't always see in the estuary.

When the moon is at the closest point in its elliptical orbit around the Earth (called perigee, which is just a fun word to say), it has the strongest possible gravitational pull on the ocean. Add a full or new moon, and we can experience exceptional high tides, also called King Tides. Weather conditions such as strong onshore winds or storms can also raise water levels beyond predictions.

Want to learn more? The SC Aquarium has posted signs around the island with instructions for how to take a picture and submit it during a flooding event. NOAA has a fun interactive website to visualize all this. Next time you see a road disappear into the water, think about the moon and what's happening above us. And if you find yourself driving through any sunny day puddles, be sure to rinse your car thoroughly.

***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!***






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*Fall is in full swing on Folly Beach,* and there's plenty to celebrate! Despite the weather, **Mermaids & Mateys** went on, and what a fun day it was! Thank you to everyone who joined the festivities, supported local businesses, and helped paint Folly purple for the **South Carolina Alzheimer's Chapter.** From purple cocktails to costumes and a dunk tank, there was plenty of fun for a great cause. Special thanks to our sponsors: **Folly's Best Rentals, Carolina One, the Folliday Inn, Dunes Properties, and Tito's.** What a great way to celebrate the completion of Center Street construction!

Folly Beach's 2026 sea turtle nesting season has wrapped up. **Thanks to the dedicated Folly Beach Turtle Watch** volunteers who helped protect these amazing animals, with more than 10,000 hatchlings emerging from their nests!

As the holidays approach, remember to shop local, dine local, and support Folly businesses. Help keep our island beautiful by reducing waste, too. **Straws and stirrers will no longer be automatically provided at local businesses.** Need one? Just ask, and please dispose of it properly!

**To learn more about the Folly Association of Business or become a member, email secretary4fab@gmail.com or visit JoinFAB.org.**

*Happy Thanksgiving from the Folly Association of Business!* We're grateful for the businesses, residents, and visitors who make Folly Beach special. Wishing everyone a holiday filled with food, fun, and laughter!

FOLLY ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS
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Our next meeting is a collaboration with Charleston networking group **Business and Bourbon**, featuring speakers from the **Charleston Chamber of Commerce and local municipal leaders.** Come make connections and celebrate Folly's business community! **Join us at the Tides Hotel on Thursday, November 12, for a 6 p.m. social and 6:30 p.m. meeting.**

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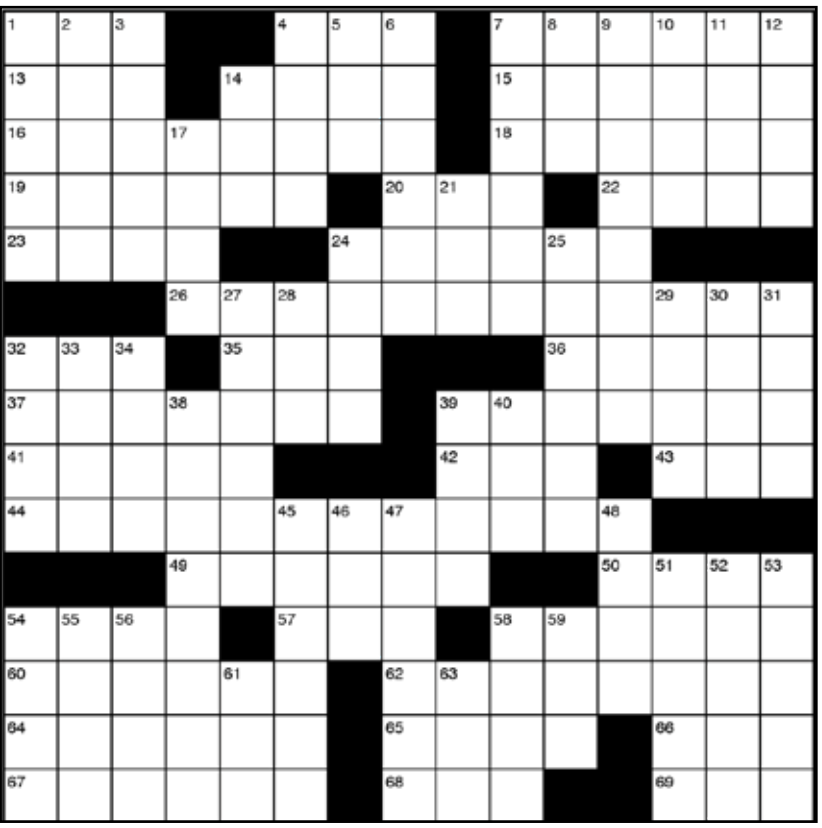
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1. Lighter or pen maker
4. Poke fun at
7. 1986 Tom Cruise film set among fighter pilots
13. "___ a deal!"
14. Puerto ___, U.S. territory in the Caribbean
15. Continent containing the Alps and the Rhine
16. Kitchen faucet output
18. Heraldic symbols on a coat of arms
19. Benes of "Seinfeld"
20. Breezy negative
22. Injection at the doctor's office
23. Lip-___: concert cheat
24. Stop, in a legal order
26. Bar event with a mic and a song list
32. Pixel, essentially
35. Gym floor covering
36. Give the nod
37. Malevolent glare
39. Seems, on the surface
41. Stamen's colorful surround
42. It follows Cancer but precedes Virgo
43. Put money on it
44. Longed-for destination
49. Diner or bistro, for example
50. Sauce simmered for hours
54. Showing signs of heavy use
57. Letters before a stage name
58. Eager worker, informally
60. One who cuts and polishes prose
62. Clock reminder for Nov. 1 ... and what to do with the last words of 16-, 26- and 44-Across
64. Packing a punch
65. The other side, so to speak
66. Eisenhower's nickname
67. Plumbing and carpentry, for example
68. Like a wilting bouquet
69. Ha ha, digitally

### DOWN

1. Mosquito souvenirs
2. Nation that gave the world Dante, da Vinci, and espresso
3. Channel where filibusters go live
4. Initiation ceremony
5. Break it to get a conversation going
6. Island shared by three nations, including Malaysia and Brunei
7. IT department regular
8. Pronoun on a joint mortgage
9. Standing in the community
10. Mild oath of surprise
11. "What are you ___ these days?"
12. Hollow made by a swallow, say
14. Didn't walk
17. Candle's strand that catches a flame
21. Make a request
24. Calendar square or a plus-one
25. Attach quickly, as a lid
27. Bedelia of children's books
28. Charles, legendary soul pianist
29. Smash-and-___ heist element
30. "Present!" equivalent at roll call
31. Trial run
32. Johnny of "Edward Scissorhands"
33. Finished
34. Yugoslav leader Josip Broz ___
38. Mourned openly
39. NATO member to another NATO member
40. Pod resident
45. Gets the ball rolling
46. Sound from someone spooked
47. Early versions of a manuscript
48. Lacking color or excitement
51. Word in 'to no ___,' meaning utterly futile
52. Small lizard known for sticky feet
53. "Family Matters" nerd Steve ___
54. Had a good cry
55. Something a nose knows
56. Singer Ora
58. Spread beyond the margins, in printing
59. Tree ravaged by Dutch disease
61. Indefinite person, grammatically speaking
63. Light-bulb moment syllables

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## TRIVIA

**1. WORDPLAY**
What two-word term for online content designed to make people angry was named Oxford's Word of the Year in 2025?

**2. ROCK N' ROLL**
Rolling Stone just released a list of the Best 200 Rock Songs of the 21st Cenutry (so far). What 2003 hit was #1 on the list?

**3. ACTORS & ACTRESSES**
Best known as Stifler's Mom from American Pie, what actress the first two seasons of The White Lotus, who plays the wealthy, ill-fated character Tanya?

**4. TELEVISON**
Mr. Beef is the real restaurant in Chicago that serves as the primary exterior and pilot filming location for what popular TV show?

**5. WORLD AFFAIRS**
Last month, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva shocked many by winning what country's election?

**6. HIP HOP**
Who was just announced as the headliner for the 2027 Super Bowl Halftime Show?

**7. LITERATURE**
What author just released the sixth installment in the wildly popular A Court of Thorns and Roses series?

**8. LAWSUITS**
What legendary musician is suing Donald Trump's Campaign Committe for $10M for playing 'Rockin' in the Free World' at rallies?




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**Folly Association of Business (FAB)**
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**Home & Garden Club**
4th Wednesday of each month (September–May), noon.
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Pirates Cove, 510 E. Erie Ave.
**Tennis**
• 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 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**
Friday, Nov. 13, 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.

## 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.
• **Men's Group (breakfast)** – Saturday, Nov. 7, 9am. Fellowship Hall
• **Worship Service with Guest Speaker Chaplain Colonel S. Pinkie Fischer** Special Recognition of our Military and Veterans – Sunday, Nov. 8, 10am
• **Women's Group Supper** – Monday, Nov. 9, 6pm. Fellowship Hall
• **Community Wide Thanksgiving** Service: Join for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall – Sunday, Nov. 22, 5pm
• "**How to Study the Bible**" series – Thursday, Nov. 5, 6:30-7:30pm. Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Call (843) 588-9174 for more information

**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, 6:45 p.m.
Folly Beach Baptist Church.

**Pray at the Pier**
2nd Thursday of each month, 5 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**
Mondays 6:30 p.m. & Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
Folly Beach Baptist Church.

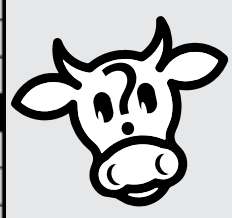
**Women's Guild**
1st Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
Our Lady of Good Counsel.

***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. Rage Bait
2. 'Maps' by Yeah Yeah Yeahs
3. Jennifer Coolidge
4. The Bear
5. Brazil
6. Jay Z
7. Sarah J. Maas
8. Neil Young

# Folly Association of Business's Litter Buster of the Month

In May, Seaside Kids Collective partnered with the Folly Beach Turtle Watch Program to learn how we can help protect sea turtles.

The children explored a mock sea turtle crawl and nest, discovering how sea turtles nest on our beaches, and how we can help keep them safe. The kids loved learning about sea turtles so much that they returned to Folly Beach this fall for a beach cleanup with Toby the Turtle, putting their learning into action and helping protect the beach we all love!

Seaside Kids Collective is proud to help our children build meaningful connections with their community while learning how to care for the places and wildlife that make the Lowcountry special.

Seaside Kids say, "Please STOP littering!"

## Seaside Kids Collective




***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.***



# A new wave of opportunity on Folly Beach.

As the year comes to a close, a new wave of opportunity is just beginning on Folly Beach. Whether you're searching for a weekend escape or a more permanent place to call home, our local knowledge and the right guidance can help you find the perfect fit.

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