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# Remembering Vernon Knox

## FORMER CITY ADMINISTRATOR TONI CONNER-ROOKS REFLECTS ON THE LOSS OF "THE PEOPLE'S MAYOR"

By Toni Conner-Rooks | Special to The Current

When I learned of the seriousness of Vernon's condition, I had a myriad of emotions running through me, disbelief, sorrow, grief, the everlasting question that begs to be answered, "WHY?" and then a wonderful thing happened, memories came through in abundance. Memories that will live in the hearts of the people who remember the things he accomplished, that reveal the man he was.

Vernon Knox was a "People's Mayor." He cared nothing for power. For Vernon believed government was of, for, and by the people. He wanted Folly to stay Folly, the vision set forth and worked for by the Rhodes, Bensons, Linvilles, Captain Harry, and Mrs. Emily, Pierces, Beckmans, etc.

He was not just a figurehead, he participated in Folly in every aspect — helped set up Saturday night Folly Trivia Pursuit at the Community Center. He Testified in Columbia several times against bills which would not have been in the best interest of the people. One particular bill would have taken the power away from the people and ultimately Council giving everyone the right to be on city sewer, which would have cost the city an enormous amount of money.

Vernon and I co-chaired the Coastal Coalition, which had as members Ocean & Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) and other coastal communities to have legislation drafted to keep a court ruling from going in to effect which would have been harmful to our re-nourishment program.

He made sure to keep the commitment to the people regarding annual funds going into a savings reserve account for future re-nourishments made by past Mayor Linville



and passed forward. The funds were to increase each and every budget year to keep up with inflation, he always kept his promises.

Prior to my daughter passing away, he, with caring council members made it where I could work from the hospital with my computer so I could be with her. I ended up losing her but I will always remember his kindness at a time when my world was at its darkest.

When Pat Pierce's husband was extremely ill and she ran out of sick leave taking care of him, Council Member Benson and Mayor

Knox made sure she had enough sick leave to take care of her family. She and her family, and especially Jerry Pierce, had served Folly faithfully for many years.

Vernon Knox touched a lot of things and a lot of people. Everything he touched whether Folly, its people — his friends, people he barely knew, people he worked with, and people who worked for him — all and everything was made better because he touched our lives. His kindness, his caring, his sense of humor, compassion, all and more, we will miss.

## It's Time to Register for the Christmas Parade

From Public Safety

The Annual City of Folly Beach Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 this year. It is a unique opportunity to participate in a community holiday event, as citizens, visitors, and locals line up along Center Street while floats, marching bands, and community associations show their holiday spirit. There is no fee, but registration with the City is required.

Floats, walking groups, and other entries are encouraged to be creative, imaginative, and fun in their design and theme and stay within the holiday spirit. All entries must be decorated. Throwing any items, beads, candy, or other giveaways and consuming alcoholic beverages while participating in the parade is strictly forbidden. Items can only be handed out and only by people walking in the parade.

Possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted by any parade participant and all floats are to remain in the center of the parade route. Failure to follow any rule or regulation may result in a fine, citation, or ejection from the parade.

Judging will take place in front of City Hall along the parade route and prizes will be given for Most Original, Best Band/Music Group, and Best Spirit of the Season.

Entries accepted on a first come, first serve basis and space is limited.

### How to Enter:

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Email confirmations of your entry acceptance and float number will be sent by Nov. 27. Keep this page for your reference. Do not return it with your entry form.

## Folly Current PETS OF THE MONTH



### BOONE

Meet Boone, his unique coloring turns the ladies heads when he walks by. He's a young boy in a middle aged body. He loves people. He has lived in a home with cat's and enjoys snuggling, walks, and trips in the car. Boone has some sensitivity when being touched on his head so will need to be in a home without small children.



### JUNE

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# The Luckiest Unlucky Sea Turtle

RELEASED ON FOLLY BEACH AND OUTFITTED WITH A SATELLITE, PEACH BEGINS JOURNEY HOME

Special To The Current

A 55-pound Kemp's ridley sea turtle rehabilitated by the South Carolina Aquarium Sea Turtle Care Center (STCC) following the detrimental effects of human interaction is playing a critical role for science and education. "Peach" was released last month on the north end of Folly Beach in a partnership between the South Carolina Aquarium and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) with a satellite transmitter tag attached to her carapace.

Peach is the first Kemp's ridley rehabilitated at the South Carolina Aquarium to qualify for participation in a SCDNR research project looking at the migration of endangered Kemp's ridleys in our coastal waters. She is also the first Kemp's ridley to be rescued and satellite tagged in South Carolina.

Crew aboard the SCDNR research vessel Lady Lisa and lead scientist Mike Arendt captured Peach during a routine in-water sea turtle survey at the shipping entrance to the Charleston Harbor on June 1, 2017. The crew immediately noted monofilament line entangling her neck, deeply embedded around her left front flipper, and protruding from her mouth, suggesting Peach had most likely swallowed a hook. After a quick boat transport to the Sea Turtle Care Center, STCC staff gently removed the line, but as triage progressed, they discovered monofilament line



protruding from her esophagus.

An endoscopy performed by South Carolina Aquarium Veterinarian Dr. Shane Boylan revealed that the monofilament line extended through her throat and into her stomach. After cutting the line as far down as possible, it was evident the line continued into Peach's intestines. In the first publicly-viewed sea turtle surgery in the McNair Center for Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Surgery

Suite, Dr. Boylan and STCC staff successfully removed 120 centimeters of monofilament from Peach's intestines.

"If she hadn't been found, especially by a SCDNR vessel, she may not have survived another week. She's the luckiest unlucky turtle we've ever treated," said Boylan.

During the surgery, STCC staff confirmed that Peach is a female, and her large size suggested that she was also mature. Reproductive-aged

females are very important members of the critically endangered Kemp's ridley population. Because of her large size and the timing of her release, Peach was an ideal candidate to help answer an important research question: where do the Kemp's ridleys that SCDNR biologists study in the summer travel during the winter? For the past two years, the SCDNR in-water sea turtle research program has focused on learning more about the movement of Kemp's ridley sea turtles, placing satellite transmitter tags on 16 of 95 captured off the coast of Brunswick, Georgia. So far, the results have shown that the turtles rely heavily on foraging grounds between north Florida and southern South Carolina.

"Peach has gone from being a turtle on the brink of death to our first opportunity to find out where Kemp's ridley sea turtles captured in our trawl surveys spend the winter," said SCDNR assistant marine scientist Mike Arendt.

A satellite transmitter tag was applied to Peach's carapace on Monday morning, and she was released back into the Atlantic Ocean from Folly Beach. Peach will now provide critical information to help scientists learn more about the Kemp's ridley population as her journey home continues. The public can learn more about SCDNR's sea turtle research and follow Peach's daily journey via satellite tracking pings here.

## Folly Association of Business Member Directory

### Accommodations:

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## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

### ST. JAMES GATE

A "proper" Irish pub was always the vision of Irish owner John Teevan, when he laid eyes on the two story 4,500 square foot West Ashley Avenue space before opening St. James Gate Irish Pub in the Summer of 2015. St. James Gate is a place where you can not only get a "proper" Guinness, but as Folly slows down this time of year, their Fall/ Winter menu shines. Featuring a Guinness lamb stew, smoked chicken pot pie and Irish spring rolls, the cooler weather is the perfect backdrop for the rich, hearty Irish favorites. An espresso machine was recently added, and will be used to make Folly's famous espresso martinis. As the nights fall cooler, the fire in the garden is blazing and it's the perfect place to congregate with friends while sipping a hot Irish coffee, enjoying a pre-game pint, or a nightcap. The upstairs event space-The Green Room is available to rent for holiday parties and other events. Credit for their success over the last two years goes to their hardworking staff, fellow Folly business owners, and Folly locals.



To be featured as the next Business of the Month, please attend the Folly Association of Business Meetings. At each meeting, we will draw a business card randomly.



Thank you to our FAB members for helping us accomplish great things this year! Our business community is stronger than ever, and it's because of our dedicated members and the hard work you've put in! We're throwing a party and YOU'RE INVITED! The annual FAB membership drive will be held on November 9<sup>TH</sup> from 6-8<sup>PM</sup> at St. James Gate. Annual FAB membership will be 50% if you join/ renew at the party. Come for the business networking, stay for the food and drinks!

Follypalooza, held on October 21, was a great success with nearly 7,000 people in attendance and \$29,000 raised to support Folly Beach locals, who due to medical ailments are in dire need of financial support. This year's festival offered more free kids activities, great live music, and a beer garden.

The FAB board and officers are very close to making a decision on the Festival Coordinator Position, who we will hire to run our four festivals - Polar Bear Plunge, Taste of Folly, Folly Gras, and Sea & Sand Festival. We cannot wait to get a qualified, responsible team in this position!

**FAB meets on the second Thursday of each month at Tides Hotel. We hope to see you this month at our Member Mixer Party on November 9<sup>TH</sup> from 6-8<sup>PM</sup> at St. James Gate.**

**If you have any questions about FAB, please email Secretary4FAB@gmail.com.**

# BEACH BLOTTER



**MONDAY, OCT. 9**  
**WILD RIDE ON FOLLY**

The R/O was on routine patrol on Tides End Road off of Folly Road in a marked cruiser around 9:45 p.m. when he observed a vehicle driving southbound at a high rate of speed. The officer activated his radar, which indicated the suspect vehicle was moving around 90 mph in a 45 mph zone. The R/O initiated a traffic stop, but the suspect vehicle did not comply. The R/O radioed ahead for backup. The vehicle continued to speed into Folly Beach on Center Street. Officers chased the vehicle onto Arctic Avenue, East Second Street, East Cooper, Erie, Hudson, Huron, and Indian, over Center Street without stopping, and finally leaving the roadway on the curve at Woody Lane and West Indian Avenue. Three males then exited the car and fled on foot. After several hours of searching with police and fire personnel, all three suspects were located and arrested for Resisting Arrest, with other individual charges of Failure to Stop for Blue Lights, Driving Under Suspension, and Possession of Marijuana. All three were taken to the county jail.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 15**  
**HARD TO STOP A REAL JERK**

The R/O was flagged down to a Center Street bar around 7:11 p.m. in reference to a customer being difficult. Upon arrival, the officer interviewed the bartender who said that the 34-year-old subject had walked up and slammed his hand down on the bar mumbling something. The bartender said he was busy and temporarily ignored the subject. When he returned to the man, the subject mumbled something again. Seeing the subject was drunk, the bartender told him he would not be served and he should leave. The man held up not one, but two middle fingers and yelled out "f\*\*\* you," and left. As the bartender was explaining all of this to the officer, he pointed the subject out, who was next door outside another bar actively harassing another patron.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 3**  
**TAGGED (THEN BAGGED)**

Around 1:30 p.m. the Chief of the Folly Beach Public Safety Department called to an officer on patrol and informed him he was watching a man vandalizing the side of a building on Center Street, "tagging" it with a white paint marker. The Chief attempted to track the subject down on foot, while other officers also joined the pursuit. An officer located the 27-year-old subject and detained him. When the Chief arrived, he positively identified the man as the suspect. The man was arrested for vandalism, and a search of his person found three white paint markers. The subject was charged with Damage to Property and given a court date.

The R/O approached the subject and asked what was going on, to which the subject replied, "nothing," and continued to harass the other man. The officer asked for the subject's ID, to which he responded he didn't have one, then again went back to harassing the other man. Due to the subject's intoxicated state and aggressive behavior, the R/O placed him under arrest for Public Intoxication, and took him to jail.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 15**  
**BAD NIGHT FOR EVERYONE**

The R/O was dispatched to Center Street around 1:30 a.m. in reference to a Hit-and-Run. Upon arrival he found the suspect vehicle in the roadway, with the 44-year-old female driver in the driver's seat, passed out with the car still running. Two victims were also on the scene and said the suspect had backed into their car hard, then drove off. They had followed the car to Center Street. The R/O opened the suspect's door and then she woke up and asked what was going on. The officer immediately noticed the suspect had bloodshot eyes and impaired motor function. She also smelled like alcohol. The officer asked the woman to step out of the car to look at her back bumper. The woman complied, and nearly fell down getting out of the car. In the process, her boob fell out, and the officer had to ask her to cover up. During the discussion, the suspect asked several times, "what do you need again?" The woman became aggressive with the officer, and refused to follow instructions on field sobriety tests. Then she resisted arrest and had to be manhandled into the patrol car. She refused to provide a Breathalyzer test sample, and was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Resisting Arrest. While being transported to the county jail, the suspect made several declarations, including that the R/O was violating her, that she was going to tell her lawyer and her sister who is in the media business, and that the R/O was a "wannabe white boy." The officer

notes the suspect made "so many derogatory statements during the arrest, the breath test and all the transports, I couldn't write them all down, but have it recorded on body camera."

**TUESDAY, OCT. 17**  
**PARTIED OUT ON FOLLY**

The R/O was dispatched to the 900 block of East Arctic Avenue around 6:30 a.m. in reference to a Trespasser. The officer arrived to find a 34-year-old woman asleep on the porch of the residence. After several minutes, the officer was able to awaken the woman. The subject was unable to provide any information to the R/O except her first name. She didn't have any idea where she was or where she was supposed to be, and she was barefooted. A little while later, she was able to come up with a West Hudson address. The officer drove the subject to the address where he was met by the subject's significant other, who said she had left earlier that evening and not returned. The subject was issued a citation for Public Intoxication and released.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 22**  
**DON'T DAWDLE IN THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

The R/O was in his patrol car on Center Street when he observed a man stop in the middle of a Center Street pedestrian crosswalk to tie his shoe. The officer yelled at the man to get out of the road, to which he replied, "f\*\*\* off." Several officers were nearby, and stopped the subject to have a word with him. During the interview, the subject's brother and sister walked up. As the 19-year-old subject was acting violent, he was handcuffed for questioning. At this time, the subject started apologizing and said, "please don't arrest me, I'm going into the Marines in two days." After conferring with the sister, brother, and all officers involved, it was decided to issue the subject a citation for Disorderly Conduct and release him into the custody of his sister.

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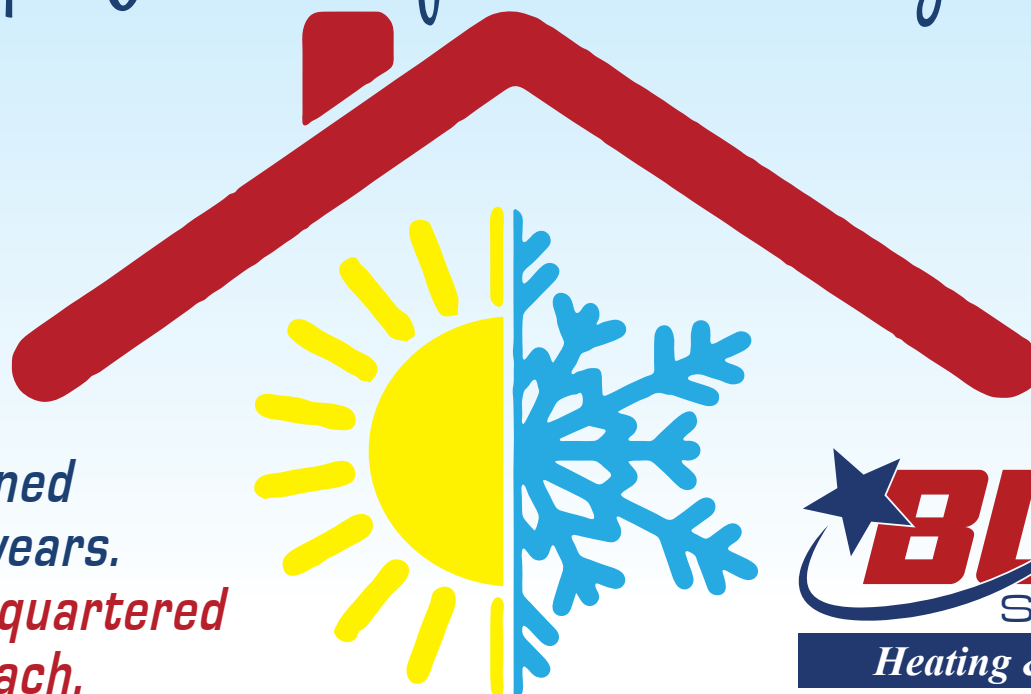
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# A Sweeping Success

## BEACH SWEEPS YIELD LESS PLASTIC ON BEACH THIS YEAR FOLLOWING PLASTIC BAG BAN

By Lorne Chambers | Editor



Beach Sweep/River Sweep was postponed to Oct. 21 because of Hurricane Irma



Charleston Scuba volunteers came to Folly after off-shore clean-up was canceled due to rough seas

With the tourist season over, some local organizations are helping clean up Folly Beach. Organized by the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), Beach Sweep/River Sweep is South Carolina's largest one-day volunteer cleanup event of its kind and has been held annually since 1988.

Always held the third week in September, this year's sweep had to be moved to Oct. 21 because of Hurricane Irma. Thousands of South Carolinians turned out this year to clear beaches, rivers, lakes, marshes, and swamps of aquatic debris. The Sweep takes place in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup, coordinated by the Ocean Conservancy. Once the Sweep is over, the Ocean Conservancy tallies all of the debris data.

The biggest culprit again this year was cigarette butts with more than 35,000 picked up from South Carolina Beaches. Folly's

numbers might have even been higher had a group from Charleston Scuba not already picked up more than 70 pounds of trash just a couple weeks prior. Charleston Scuba had scheduled to do an underwater clean up offshore, but due to rough seas, the charter was canceled. "We didn't want to waste clean up efforts, so we decided to do an impromptu beach sweep of Folly on Saturday, Sept 30," said Charleston Scuba instructor Michelle Taliercio. The Charleston Scuba crew did submit the cleanup data to the Ocean Conservancy for their data.

Comparing the 2017 data with previous years, Susan Ferris Hill, the Coastal Coordinator for the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium's Beach Sweep/River Sweep, says she has seen a decrease in plastic products since Folly's ban on plastic bags. "There was considerably less plastic of any kind (bags, beverage bottles, cups, etc.) and styrofoam take-out containers, which is great," said Hill.

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BY BILL DAVIS | STAFF WRITER



## A COMMON TIDE MAY FLOAT ALL BOATS, BUT A CLOSED TIDES MAY MEAN LESS MONEY FOR EVERYONE ...

If there was ever any doubt as to just how important Tides hotel is to the local economy, the last month and half have reminded us that Folly's towering 132-room oceanfront monolith is more than a hotel, it's a revenue-generator for the entire island.

Local tourist industry continues to take a hit in the wake of Hurricane Irma, as the Tides Folly Beach Hotel has remained closed since the storm hit on Sept. 11.

Back in September, after the Cat. 5 hurricane roared along the western side of the Florida panhandle before trundling into the mainland, Irma created the third highest storm surge in South Carolina history.

Just getting hit by the outer parts of the powerful and windy storm was enough to damage the Tides, soaking carpets and some drywall at the oceanfront hotel. Management announced at the time it would close the hotel proper until a full re-carpeting and

spot repairs on the drywall damage could be completed, hopefully by Nov. 15.

BLU Restaurant and Bar initially remained open for extended weekend duty, Thursday through Sunday nights, but has since been closed, according to the hotel's social media to allow for more safety during construction work.

City Administrator Spencer Wetmore said she hoped that some of those visitors displaced by the Tides closing could be absorbed by smaller hotels, inns, and bed and breakfasts on the island. Regardless, Wetmore said the city would definitely take a hit in its various accommodations taxes.

As no other facility on Folly has the capability to host really big wedding receptions, and house all of the attendees, some weddings have had to be rescheduled or moved.

Gena Buff has been the senior executive front desk agent at the Water's Edge Inn for just over a decade. And she has seen her facility's occupancy swell as a result of the Tides' temporary shuttering, especially for the time of the year.

"Usually we start to taper off in October," said Buff, referring to both Water's Edge and its sister property Regatta Inn. "But this year we have definitely seen an intensification in interest."

Buff said that she had "no doubt" that local AirBnB's and VRBO's would also benefit from the Tides being closed.

But the overall impact from the closure may take months to fully calculate, according to Lee Gessner, the city's director of finance.

Gessner said that while there will hospitality tax collections will be affected "to a degree," he believes it won't be as dramatic as the effect on accommodations taxes.

Gessner said that particulars on accommodations taxes — one for the city, the other for the state — usually come back from the county two or three months after they were collected.

City documents state that close to \$1.7 million in state and city A Tax were collected for the fiscal year ending in June. But only \$76,000 of that amount came from

October to November last year, according to Gessner.

And since the lion's share of the A Tax collected for the city goes toward the city's beach preservation fund, that could mean a smaller pile of cash going forward to replace sand that Irma took with her.

Lewis Dodson said the Center Street restaurant he co-owns, Drop-In Bar & Deli & is already feeling the impact of Tides being closed. "We sell a lot of food to the people who work at Tides, and we usually deliver twice a day to Tides employees - that's a lack of sales right there."

Dodson is also the current president of the Folly Association of Business, and feels for all its members.

"From a FAB perspective, we hate to see any of your fellow businesses close, even for a short time, and especially for the nefarious reason as a dumb hurricane," Dodson said. He added that he is hopeful that the closure will guide visitors and tourists to seek out other accommodation options they might not have considered in the past at Folly.

# Unhinged Rock 'n' Roll

## JOSH ROBERTS AND THE HINGES PLAY SURF BAR ON NOVEMBER 26

BY MIRANDA STEADMAN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In honor of the late and great musician Tom Petty, local rock band Josh Roberts and The Hinges (JRATH) have invited some of their talented musical friends to join them on The Charleston Pour House stage Dec. 1 to celebrate the songs of the beloved rocker. Guest acts will include other familiar Folly faces, such as Slaton Glover of The Travelin' Kine, Campbell Brown from Gaslight Street, and Danielle Howle, as well as other talented local musicians such as Jordan Igoe, Ryan Bonner, Matt Williams, Mark Bryan of Hootie and the Blowfish, and more. But before the Petty Tribute show, you can catch Josh JRATH closer to home when they play Bar on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Comprised of a core of four talented musicians, JRATH features Josh and Leslie Roberts on guitar and vocals, Corey Stephens on bass and piano, and Dennis Ware on the drums. Since 2009, they have been blowing local music lovers away with their raw, unique sound. Husband and wife Josh and Leslie Roberts showcase their chemistry with perfect harmonies, while Stephens and Ware showoff their ample talents by providing a strong backbone with a rhythm section that ranges



from pulsing to booming depending on whether the song is a mellow jam or a more raucous rocker like their crowd-pleaser "Hand of Man."

Besides playing guitar, Leslie Roberts also plays banjo alongside her husband and band mate. The two met several years ago just before Leslie left the United States to teach English abroad in Prague. They kept in touch during her travels and Leslie joined the band when she returned to the country. Stephens comes from a Gospel music background, while drummer Ware digs the jammier music of The Grateful Dead and sometimes will often play with local dead cover band The Reckoning.

The core members first began performing

live at the original location of The Pour House in West Ashley and have relocated their sound to the current location just up the road on James Island. You can often catch them playing on Folly Beach either as a full band or you can sometimes catch Roberts solo at Rita's Seaside Grill.

Following a tour out west to Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico this summer, JRATH wrapped up the recording of their new album, entitled *Rainhead*, to be released this spring. Ryan Monroe, a longtime friend of Josh Roberts and pianist of the Charleston-based band Band of Horses, is producing the album.

Monroe and Roberts played together in their

band Captain Easy during the early 2000s, but their friendship dates back to their high school days at Dutch Fork High School in Columbia, where the two artists performed in the musical *Grease* together. The have remained friends over the years and JRATH opened up for Band of Horses at The North Charleston Coliseum back in fall of 2010.

The recording of *Rainhead* kicked off at Quadraphonic Studio in Nashville, where Neil Young recorded his album, *Heart of Gold*. Roberts expresses his appreciation for the music of Young, in addition to Bob Dylan, and The Rolling Stones, and says he is inspired by artists from the early days of blues music as well as pre-war folk artists.

"We wanted to make a tight rock n' roll record," says Roberts. JRATH was joined in the studio by a local pedal steel player featured on a few of the tracks on the album.

The *Rainhead* recording process relocated to Southern Tracks Studio in Atlanta, where local horn players collaborated on the recording and sound engineer Vic Stafford invested his skills in the studio. JRATH anticipate the release of their new album this spring.

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Folly Beach Porch Fest 2017, featuring 17 local musical acts performing for free at private residences around Folly Beach, will take place Saturday, Nov. 4 from 1-6 p.m. Local watering hole Chico Feo will host the official after-party.

The original Porch Fest began in 2007 in Ithaca, NY. Since then, the idea has spread like wildfire, to more than 70 cities and towns throughout the U.S. and Canada. The concept is simple: musicians perform on private porches and yards, while music fans stroll from location to location, enjoying the free music, the company of their neighbors, and a festive atmosphere.

"We look forward to keeping the tradition alive that began in Ithaca, New York and finding all the hidden talent in our community and showcasing it," says local singer-songwriter Eddy Boston, who founded Folly's Porch Fest in 2014 and now manages it along with

fellow local musician Teresa "Sweet T" Parrish.

"This year's Porch Fest is the biggest one yet," says Boston. "It's sure to be a success ... the forecast looks absolutely beautiful for Saturday."

This year's Porch Fest spans six locations around the island — all within two blocks of Center Street.

"This year we are giving the community what they asked for ... we have staggered the start times and added another stage so more music can be enjoyed without too much overlapping and possibly all acts can be viewed from porch to porch by visitors," says Parrish.

*For more information, including a map of locations and the full schedule, visit [facebook.com/follybeachporchfest](https://www.facebook.com/follybeachporchfest).*

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# A Righteous Good Time

## Follypalooza Cancer Benefit Raises Nearly \$30K For Local Cancer Patients

Special to The Current



Photos By Blair Stevenson

On Saturday, Oct. 21, nearly 7,000 people headed to Folly Beach for the 10th annual Follypalooza Cancer Benefit to help raise money for local cancer patients. The festival featured more than 80 arts, crafts and food vendors, live music from six local bands, a kid's zone, beer garden, date auction, and more.

"From the beautiful weather to the crowd, it was the perfect Saturday on Folly Beach," explains Kelly Russ, Director of Follypalooza. "It's so rewarding to see our community come together to help Folly locals in need and we couldn't be more grateful for everyone's support."

This year's event raised \$29,148 to

support Folly Beach locals, who due to medical ailments, are in dire need of financial support.

Over the past ten years, Follypalooza has raised more than \$96,000 and has directly helped more than 35 Folly locals through their fight with cancer or other medical ailments. In addition, the financial support

has helped at least 5 of the beneficiaries on their journey to become cancer free.

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## Wednesday, November 1

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia  
Planet Follywood: Michael Martin Band  
Surf Bar: Erin Johns  
The Washout: Josh Hughett & Dale Baker

## Thursday, November 2

Chico Feo: Pinkerton and the Brinks  
Crab Shack: Island Duo  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton & Friends  
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E  
The Washout: Folly Beach Bluegrass Society  
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

## Friday, November 3

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling  
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish; DJ Lotis  
Pier 101: Dave Grunstra  
Planet Follywood: Thomas Champagne Band  
Sand Dollar: Hollow Point  
St. James Gate: Erik Swartz  
The Washout: Eddie Bush

## Saturday, November 4

Chico Feo: Ashes of Old Ways; Sunflowers & Sin  
Crab Shack: Live Local Music  
Loggerhead's: DJ Lotis  
Pier 101: The Lowhills  
Planet Follywood: Don't Mess with the Tiger  
Sand Dollar: Hollow Point  
St. James Gate: Steve Allen  
Surf Bar: Mike Martin & The Beautiful Mess  
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## Sunday, November 5

Crab Shack: Erik Swartz  
St. James Gate: Ed "Porkchop" Meyer  
Surf Bar: Dubbest

## Monday, November 6

Chico Feo: Mike Martin  
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra  
Planet Follywood: Bingo  
The Washout: Alan Price  
Woody's Pizza: Zach Quillen

## Tuesday, November 7

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis  
Planet Follywood: Open Mic  
The Washout: Gracious Day

## Wednesday, November 8

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia  
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod  
Planet Follywood: Michael Martin Band  
Surf Bar: Solo Series TBA  
The Washout: Josh Hughett & Dale Baker

## Thursday, November 9

Chico Feo: Pinkerton and the Brinks  
Crab Shack: Island Duo  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton & Friends  
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E  
St. James Gate: Erik Swartz  
The Washout: Folly Beach Bluegrass Society  
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

## Friday, November 10

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling  
Loggerhead's: Dale Baker and Daniel Patrick; DJ Lotis  
Planet Follywood: Whiskey Diablo  
Sand Dollar: Ocean Drive Party Band  
St. James Gate: David Crawford  
The Washout: Eddie Bush

## Saturday, November 11

Crab Shack: Live Local Music  
Loggerhead's: DJ Lotis  
Pier 101: The Brakers Duo  
Planet Follywood: Sunflowers & Sin  
Sand Dollar: Ocean Drive Party Band  
St. James Gate: Josh Taylor  
Surf Bar: Black Diamond Band

## Sunday, November 12

Crab Shack: Erik Swartz  
Pier 101: Band of Brothers  
St. James Gate: Ed "Porkchop" Meyer  
Surf Bar: Funk You Folly

## Monday, November 13

Chico Feo: Mike Martin  
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra  
Drop In Bar & Deli: Slaton Glover  
Planet Follywood: Bingo  
The Washout: Alan Price

## Tuesday, November 14

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis  
Planet Follywood: Open Mic  
The Washout: Gracious Day

## Wednesday, November 15

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia  
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod  
Planet Follywood: Michael Martin Band  
Surf Bar: Dave Grunstra  
The Washout: Josh Hughett & Dale Baker

## Thursday, November 16

Chico Feo: Pinkerton and the Brinks  
Crab Shack: Island Duo  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton & Friends  
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E  
The Washout: Folly Beach Bluegrass Society  
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

## Friday, November 17

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling  
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish; DJ Lotis  
Planet Follywood: The Jimmies  
Sand Dollar: Fat Alice  
St. James Gate: David Crawford  
Surf Bar: Bender Funk  
The Washout: Eddie Bush

## Saturday, November 18

Crab Shack: Live Local Music  
Loggerhead's: DJ Lotis  
Pier 101: Taylor McClesky  
Planet Follywood: Groovecraft  
Sand Dollar: Fat Alice  
St. James Gate: Erik Swartz  
Surf Bar: Great Blue

## Sunday, November 19

Crab Shack: Live Local Music  
Pier 101: Josh Johansson  
St. James Gate: Ed "Porkchop" Meyer  
Surf Bar: Sunday Sessions

## Monday, November 20

Chico Feo: Mike Martin  
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra  
Drop In Bar & Deli: Slaton Glover  
Planet Follywood: Bingo  
The Washout: Alan Price

## Tuesday, November 21

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis  
Planet Follywood: Open Mic  
The Washout: Gracious Day

## Wednesday, November 22

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia  
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod  
Planet Follywood: Michael Martin Band  
Surf Bar: Erik Swartz  
The Washout: Josh Hughett & Dale Baker

## Thursday, November 23

Chico Feo: Pinkerton and the Brinks  
Crab Shack: Island Duo  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton & Friends  
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E  
St. James Gate: Erik Swartz  
The Washout: Folly Beach Bluegrass Society  
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

## Friday, November 24

Blu: Me and Mr. Jones  
Chico Feo: Chris Boone  
Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling  
Loggerhead's: Black Friday Party w/ Sounds of Sand; DJ Lotis  
Planet Follywood: Chewbacca  
Sand Dollar: Ocean Drive Party Band  
St. James Gate: Sweet T  
The Washout: Eddie Bush

## Saturday, November 25

Blu: The Lowhills  
Crab Shack: Live Local Music  
Loggerhead's: DJ Lotis  
Pier 101: Special Guest  
Planet Follywood: Nathan Calhoun & Andy Childs  
Sand Dollar: Cover Up  
St. James Gate: Steve Allen  
Surf Bar: Weigh Station

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Crab Shack: Erik Swartz  
Pier 101: The Lowhills  
St. James Gate: "Porkchop" Meyer  
Surf Bar: Josh Roberts & The Hinges  
The Washout: Donnie & Jeff

## Monday, November 27

Chico Feo: Mike Martin  
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra  
Drop In Bar & Deli: Slaton Glover  
Planet Follywood: Bingo  
The Washout: Alan Price

## Tuesday, November 28

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky Tonk  
Planet Follywood: Open Mic  
The Washout: Gracious Day

## Wednesday, November 29

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish  
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia  
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod  
Planet Follywood: Michael Martin  
Surf Bar: Solo Series TBA  
The Washout: Josh Hughett & Dale Baker

## Thursday, November 30

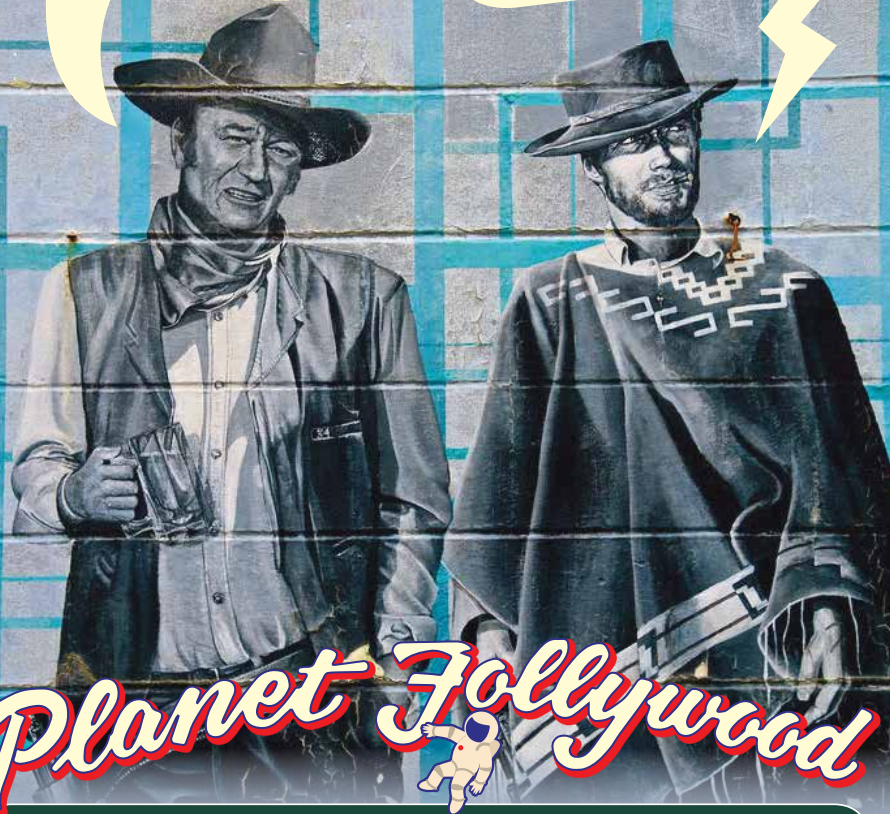
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# Battle of the Bags IV

## Charity cornhole tournament raises funds for the Folly Angels

By Lorne Chambers | Editor

Dunes Properties will host the fourth annual Battle of the Bags from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5 at the Folly Beach County Park at the far west end of the island. The event is a fundraiser for the Folly Angels, a local non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the people of Folly Beach who are battling cancer.

According to Angel Ward, Dune's Properties' Closing Coordinator, the event is a way to give back to the community while also providing a fun-filled day for residents, visitors and children of all ages to enjoy ... and of course to put a friendly face with their local real estate/vacation rental company.

The cost for a team to participate is \$40 and goes up to \$50 closer to the event. First prize is a four-night vacation rental (valued at \$1,750) and second prize is \$250 cash, both provided by Dunes Properties. "We typically max out at 42 teams for daylight purposes since the tournament is usually held after daylight savings," says Ward.

During the tournament there is also a silent auction that is run by the Folly Angels. Some items from previous years included two-night stay on Dewee's Island, two-night stay at The Lodge Alley Inn downtown, flight simulator experience, salon and massage packages, and more.

In addition to the tournament and auction, there will be a DJ, jump castle, and additional cornhole boards for kids and spectators as well as food trucks, a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes.

According to Ward, this year local businesses are also acting as sponsors for local teams to encourage local competition. She says so far Planet Follywood, Crab Shack, Washout, Loggerhead's, as well as a few others have confirm. The event is fun but competitive with some of the best cornhole players in the area turning out for the event. "I haven't seen any trash talking yet, but I expect it will get interesting, especially at the event," says Ward.




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# Fall Has Finally Arrived On Folly

## It's all about Germany and its malty beers



By Jeffrey Gredlein

As many of you probably realize, so many of the great beer styles that are yearly-offerings or appropriate for the still-lingering summer and fall months come from Germany. Of course, with excess of 20 classic styles of beer to offer, quite a bit of the world's different types of beer come from Germany anyway. But for many beer connoisseurs, not only types of beer but also the lifestyle and culture of beer that takes place over the summer and fall months are closely tied to that created by the Germans.

During the summer months, hefeweizen is king. That southern German wheat beer is the perfect pairing to a hot, sunny day. Large mugs of cold wheat ale, time spent under large shade trees, this is the classic beer garden experience, a very German setting and practice. And while Pilsner and other refreshing beers are just as welcome during the summer swelter, if you have ever enjoyed a tall, frothy hefeweizen in the correct glass while sitting under the overhangs of chestnut trees, you know that this is a quintessential summer beer experience.

As days become shorter, temps fall and breezes stir, malty German

lagers replace those luscious wheat beers. Rich, earthy tones and flavors fill mugs, and merriment ensues. The festival season brings about the great fall beer, Märzen, also known as Oktoberfest lager. Beer halls, parking lots, and even beer gardens serve as the hosting home for the style of beer that the Beer Judge Certification Program describes as, "soft, complex, and elegant but never cloying."

And, there is even a perfect 'in-between' beer that has aspects of both the summery hefe and the fall Märzen, for those who can't decide between wheat ale and malty lager. With the wheat of a hefeweizen and the malt of a Märzen, Dunkelweizen is a great transition beer to take you from summer to fall, from the beer garden to the beer hall. Also, this beer is available during both seasons.

Now that you have options for types of beer, which brewery do you choose? And, overall, which is the best German brewery for the summer to fall interlude? There are several great possibilities, none of which should disappoint, but let's try to maneuver the alternatives.

Where standard hefeweizen is concerned, Paulaner Oktoberfest Hefeweissbier, for me, is the classic and best beer in the group. Every flavor, aroma and texture of this beer is classic and true to form. A close second, especially if you

prefer a slightly-sweeter, more banana and clove leaning beer is Paulaner Hefe-Weizen.

If you prefer the darker, more malty wheat beer, again, Weihenstephaner is tops with its Hefeweissbier Dunkel. Although, you lose little if you select the Hacker-Pschorr Weisse Dark, a beer with a bit more dark malt compared to Weihenstephaner's clove dominance.

With fall knocking on the door, likely your choice will be Märzen. As far as traditional export German examples are concerned, you can do no better than Hacker-Pschorr Original Oktoberfest. Balanced, super-drinkable and delicious, this is the fall festival beer, and it hits true on all points. A tad thinner example, but still reasonable mix of sweet and crisp is found in Paulaner Oktoberfest.

Whether you choose Weihenstephaner, Hacker-Pschorr, or Paulaner, it's a great time to be a drinker of quality beer, and it's only going to get better. Enjoy the brews ... Cheers.



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

### THE JUICE JOINT

108 E. Ashley Ave. 795-8060  
www.thejuicejoint.com

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

### LOCKLEAR'S ON LITTLE OAK

2293 Folly Road. 207-4169

Locklear's is back! Now opened in a beautiful setting on Little Oak Creek. Offering lunch, dinner, and brunch. With an even bigger emphasis on fresh seafood, Locklear's on Little Oak is a dock to table restaurant with many classics from the old menu returning along with fresh catch specials.

### LOGGERHEAD'S BEACH GRILL

123 W. Ashley Ave. 588-2365  
www.loggerheadsbg.com

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

### LOST DOG CAFÉ

106 W. Huron Ave. 588-9669  
www.lostdogfollybeach.com

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

### PIER 101

101 E. Arctic Ave. 633-0246  
www.pier101folly.com

Located on the base of the Edwin S. Taylor Fishing Pier, the throwback restaurant offers beachfront dining with panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. Pier 101 serves classically inspired American and Southern dishes (try the Foot Long Hotdog with chili and cheese), seafood, like Folly fried shrimp tacos, and cocktails, like the Kokomo, a creamy coconut drink named for the famed bar that was frequented by military in the 1950's on Folly Beach.

### PLANET FOLLYWOOD

32 Center St. 588-7380  
www.planetfollywood.com

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

### RITA'S SEASIDE GRILLE

2 Center St. 588-2525  
www.ritasseasidegrille.com

Just steps away from the beach and the Folly Pier, Rita's offers you a chance to grab a bite or a meal and a drink indoors at it's long bar, in the dining room, or outside on the comfortable, dog-friendly patio. Offering breakfast, lunch, dinner and brunch, their menus have everything from bacon and eggs, a massive Fried Chicken & Pancake tower, a famous burger, to award-winning Rita's chili, sandwiches, & seafood. On Saturday & Sunday during.

### SLICE OF FOLLY

16B Center St. 633-0187  
New York-style pizza offered by the slice or whole pie. Also daily pasta and mini calzones available.

### SNAPPER JACK'S

10 Center St. 633-0174  
www.snapperjacks.net

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

### ST. JAMES GATE

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

### SURF BAR

103 W. Cooper Ave. 588-2009  
www.surfbarfollybeach.com

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

### SUSHI BY LISA

Drop In Deli, 32 Center St. 633-0234  
www.dropindeli.com/sushi-by-lisa/

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

### TACO BOY

15 Center St. 588-9761  
www.tacoboy.net

Taco Boy is always one of the busiest restaurants on the beach, but you

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

### THE WASHOUT

41 Center St. 633-0143  
www.follywashout.com

Feel the sea breezes from the huge patio, watch your game on one of the 12 TVs, and enjoy a menu with everything from burgers to kebobs and fried seafood. The blackened Saku tuna bites over seaweed salad are just \$12 during happy hour! With a passion for building relationships, the staff at The Washout wants you to remember great times, food and service. Shag the night away with Jim Bowers on Tuesdays and listen to the sweet tunes of Folly Beach Bluegrass Society on Thursdays out on the patio!

### THE 'WICH DOCTOR

106 W. Hudson Ave. 588-6666  
www.thewichdoctor.net

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

### WOODEN SPOON DELI

202 E. Ashley Ave. 588-9449  
www.bertsmarket.com

Bert's offers a whole lot more than free coffee! Located inside Bert's Market, their full-service deli features Applegate Farms' all natural, steroid and antibiotic-free meats and cheeses and all organic produce. Enjoy made-to-order subs, wraps and paninis and house-made sides like Southwest couscous. Wash it down with an organic smoothie or cold-pressed juice, always made-to-order!

### WOODY'S PIZZA

39 Center St. 588-0088  
www.dowoodypizza.com

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

# Farewell to Folly's Dance Pier



## FOLLY FLASHBACK

BY STRATTON LAWRENCE

On Nov. 2, 1977, Folly's massive dance pier burned and fell into the ocean. "There is no doubt in my mind that it was arson," says Wallace Benson, the city's chief of police at the time. Benson's suspicions stem from a nearby resident who lived in a trailer and whose wife was known to get 'excited' by fire. When he got the call, Benson walked out onto

Center Street and saw the flames go 'sky high.' He and his team actually entered the building to aggressively stop the fire, but quickly realized their efforts were futile. Wind had swept the fire below the pier, and firefighter Rex Whitcomb fell through a hole that emerged. Benson managed to pull him back to safety just before rushing to escape the inferno. Thus, two local boys who grew up on the island became the last to ever walk on Folly's famous dance pier. The picture to the left shows Benson in front of the pilings the day after the fire. The shot on the right shows the remains of the pier. Some residents claim the beach never was the same after the pier burned.



Images by Robert Grooms, courtesy of Wallace Benson. Images like these are included in Stratton Lawrence's book, *Images of America: Folly Beach*. To purchase your own personalized signed copies or to share a photo and story for next month's Folly Flashback column, email Stratton at [strattonlawrence@gmail.com](mailto:strattonlawrence@gmail.com).



## FOLLY FACES

BY MIRANDA STONECYPHER

I first met Bonne Isenhour about a decade ago when I had the chanced to sit next to her at the Crab Shack, and as I recall we became fast friends and by a few drinks we were solving all the world's problems.

Isenhour is always a pleasure to talk to, and you may have thought so yourself while she was taking photographs at a Folly event, making sandwiches at the Subway, or most recently, working in customer service at our Harris Teeter. She is a proud mother of two, a son and a daughter, and she has five grandchildren, many with hair as red as her own.

Like many Folly residents, Isenhour is a true creative who loves crafts, dancing, and baking especially of taking pictures. You can check out her portfolio and book her for your family portraits at [www.bonneseyes.com](http://www.bonneseyes.com), or you can contact her through facebook. Below is part of a recent conversation I had with Isenhour.

## A Friend To Folly

Bonne Isenhour is a photographer, mother, sandwich-maker, Santa's Helper

**Folly Current: How did you find your way to Folly Beach?**

**BI:** I was born in Pennsylvania, and grew up in Virginia for the most part. I became a military wife, and that's how I ended up moving to the Charleston area around 1992. When I found myself newly single about 14 years ago, I moved to Folly Beach, where I found a cute little cottage on the east side. I've been on the island in various locations ever since. I live with my furbaby, Maggie Pie, a Yorkie that just turned 14.

**FC: What is your favorite thing about the island?**

**BI:** I'm attracted to all the different cultures, and different kind of people. You can be anything you want to be here, there is an abundance of diversity, yet everyone is friendly. From hippies to the homeless to millionaires, they all hang out with each other and everyone looks out for one another. If

someone gets sick, there is a benefit to help them. It is just a good community.

**FC: How did you get involved in photography, and what is your favorite subject to photograph?**

**BI:** I was a photographer for Santa Claus! Around 1994, I took a job as "Santa's Helper" taking photos of children sitting on his lap. Everyone commented on how good I was working with children and taking pictures, and suggested I should do it professionally! So I started taking school pictures and worked for 3 major studios, and finally branched off and started doing it on my own. So my favorite subjects to photograph are children and families. I love capturing the innocence of a young child.

**FC: You come from a large family of redheads, What rumors are true about redheads? Not true?**



**BI:** I do believe we are more sensitive, but I don't think we all have fiery tempers. I mean, I do. But not every one does.

**5. What is one thing your neighbors would be surprised to know about you?**

**BI:** I was a go-go dancer when I was young and lived in California, and I loved it!

*Writer Miranda Stonecypher is a local musician, mother, and freelance writer. To reach her, you can email her at [mirandaalicejordan@gmail.com](mailto:mirandaalicejordan@gmail.com).*

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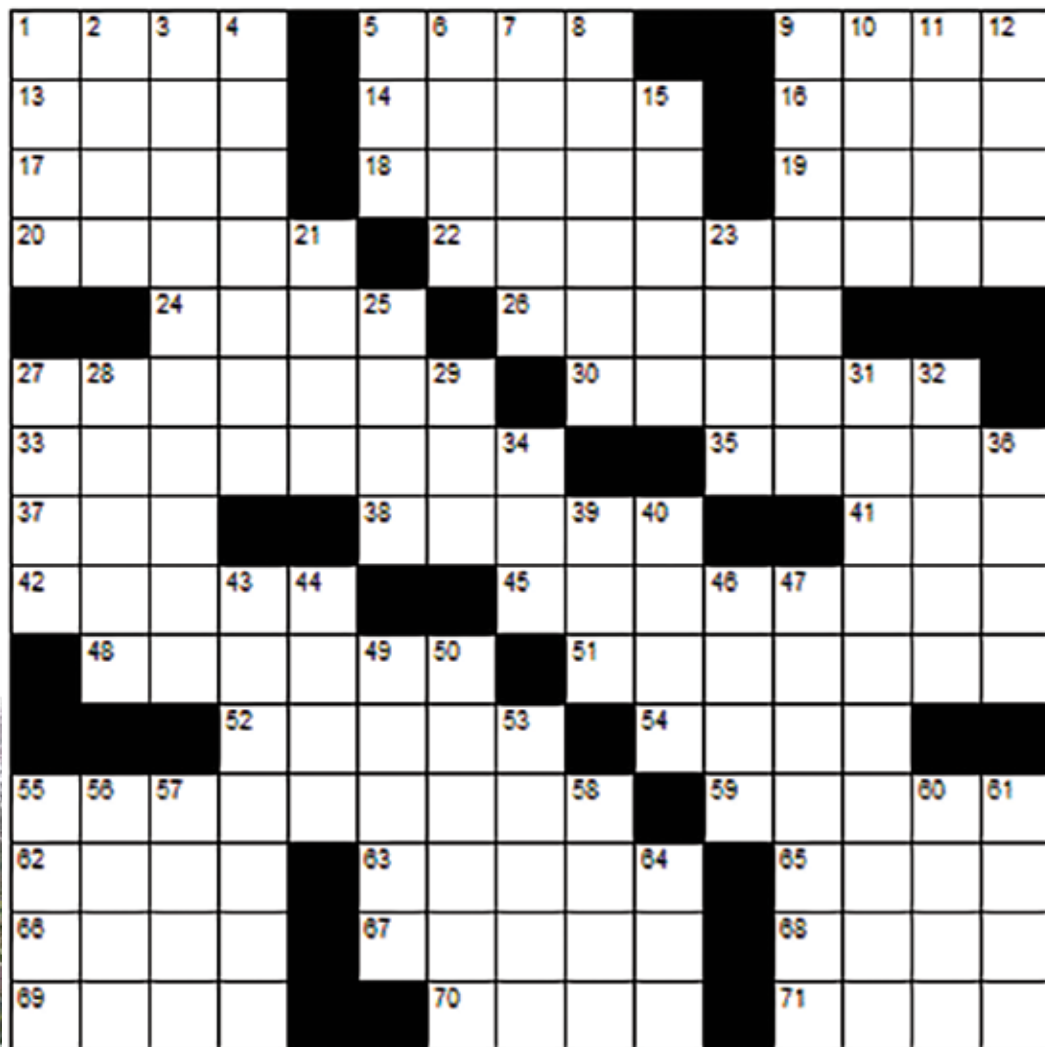
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# FOLLY CURRENT CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

- 1. Pear variety
- 5. A long way off
- 9. Short skirt
- 13. "Do \_\_\_ others..."
- 14. 6 6 6 6
- 16. Dry
- 17. Stigma
- 18. Cost
- 19. Liturgy
- 20. Serf
- 22. Anagram of "Roominess"
- 24. Rectum
- 26. Half note
- 27. Practicing great self denial
- 30. 11th Greek letter
- 33. Croaky
- 35. Type of antelope
- 37. French for "Friend"
- 38. Ancient Roman magistrate
- 41. Bro or sis
- 42. Charges per unit
- 45. Explosive
- 48. Cherry
- 51. A medieval steel helmet
- 52. In base 8
- 54. Near

- 55. Bearded
- 59. Districts
- 62. Hindu princess
- 63. Cognizant
- 65. Sea eagle
- 66. Countertenor
- 67. Plunges
- 68. Location
- 69. Hireling
- 70. G G G G
- 71. Flower stalk

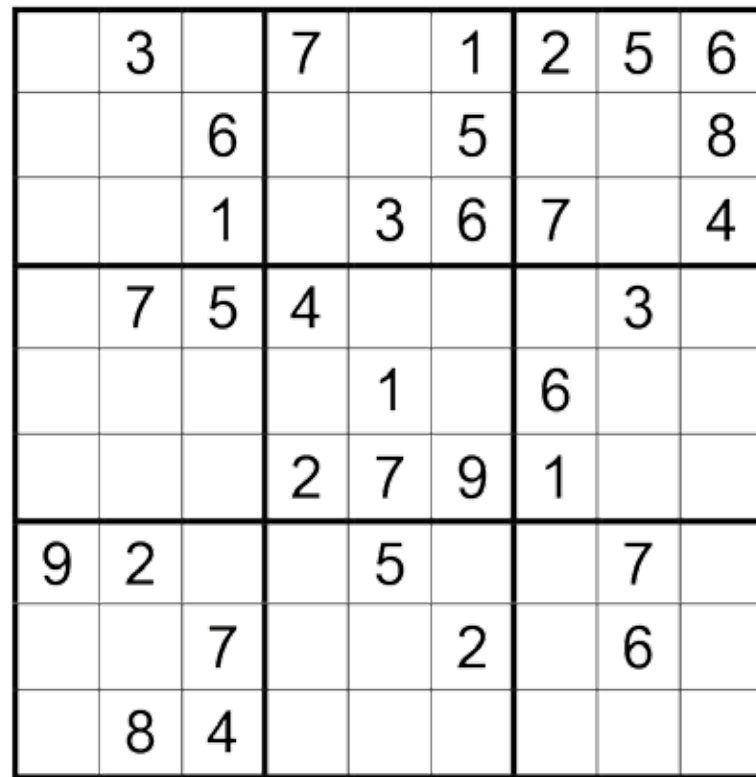
## DOWN

- 1. Shrub
- 2. A single time
- 3. Found on cave ceilings
- 4. Diadem
- 5. Venomous snake
- 6. Strong and sure
- 7. Adage
- 8. Backfire
- 9. Xylophone
- 10. Colored part of an eye
- 11. Anagram of "Tine"
- 12. Midmonth date
- 15. Ringworm cassia
- 21. Ballet attire
- 23. Edges
- 25. "Your majesty"
- 27. Food thickener

- 28. Poison plant
- 29. Knave
- 31. Disown
- 32. Lissome
- 34. 54 in Roman numerals
- 36. Incite
- 39. Toss
- 40. Distinctive flair
- 43. Ablation
- 44. Ill
- 46. Largest continent
- 47. A female tiger
- 49. Place
- 50. A type of insect
- 53. Depart
- 55. Envelop
- 56. Fit
- 57. Within
- 58. To endure (archaic)
- 60. Stake
- 61. Appear
- 64. S

**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 23**

# SUDOKU



## TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

- 1 REALITY TV**  
Chip and Joanna Gaines are the stars of what popular HGTV show?
- 2 ALCOHOL**  
What vodka is now the top-selling distilled spirits brand in the United States, a position previously held by Smirnoff?
- 3 MUSIC**  
Syd Barrett, Nick Mason, Roger Waters, Richard Wright, and David Gilmour made up what classic British rock band?
- 4 TELEVISION**  
Before she starred on The Big Bang Theory, actress Mayim Bialik was a child star and title character on what '90s TV show?
- 5 DIRECTORS**  
Best known for directing Looper and several episodes of Breaking Bad, who wrote and directed the new Star Wars movie, The Last Jedi?
- 6 CANDY**  
What swing band from Chapel Hill, NC is named for a peanut and caramel candy that's been around since the 1920s?
- 7 ACTORS & ACTRESSES**  
What zany character actor won two Emmys playing "Reverend" Jim Ignatowski on the popular sitcom Taxi?
- 8 SHOW ME THE MONEY**  
Who just overtook the top spot this year on the 2017 Forbe's Billionaire List?
- 9 MOVIES**  
What '90s comedy starred brothers Emilio Estevez and Charlie Sheen as garbage men?
- 10 IN THE NEWS**  
Much to the chagrin of Sean Penn, Mexican-American soap opera star Kate del Castillo is releasing a documentary about the time she and the famous American actor met what infamous drug lord?

# My Folly Comfort Zone

It's a crazy world out there, sometimes you just need to get to your happy place



## SALT MARSH DIARIES

BY CAPTAIN ANTON DUMARS OF SPARTINA SAILING ADVENTURES

Mostly, I hated the total absence of sunlight. I also didn't care for the separation from home. Time under the water aboard a submarine was little more than a waiting game. I waited for my watch to end. I counted days until we returned to Charleston. We waited for the fateful order to annihilate the enemy.

In November of 1980, I reported to the Sub Group Six office at the Charleston Naval Base. Sitting in the office were two acquaintances from Nuclear Power School. I ended up tagging along with them to share a front beach house on Folly Beach. I don't remember my first drive out from Charleston. I don't remember driving across the causeway, surrounded by a November-brown marsh. I just remember being there, looking out across the 6th street beach that disappeared every high tide. I remember the gray sky, brown sand, and murky brown water. Soon I learned to surf.

For Folly Beach in November of 1980, tourist season was over. Cheap off-season September-to-May rentals were plentiful. Off season, the traffic light at Ashley Avenue and Center Street flashed yellow. There was no Holiday Inn or Tides. Instead, in 1980, rooms were offered at the Holliday Inn. Folly had no yogurt shop or laundromat. In 1980, surfers flocked to The Washout,

but the sixth street break was usually unoccupied. In 1980, Greg Eliot had just turned pro-surfer, but Vernon Knox was not yet ready to become councilman or Mayor. For groceries, one chose between Chris and Jerry's (now Bert's), Turtle's Corner (now Follywood and the Drop-In), and Monk's Corner (now St. James Gate). Sunday beer came as a brown-bag 12-pack from the Sand Dollar. Scrambled eggs and black coffee at the Sanitary Restaurant washed away a Sunday morning hangover. The town was quiet.

In 1980 (like now), Folly took in everyone, including sailors. A small contingency of sub sailors lived on Folly Beach back then. We blended in, living just like Folly humans. Folly Beach, always ambivalent, didn't save the foolish or coddle the famous. Life on Folly came with no expectations. Folly Beach regularly swallowed the unwary.

On my 5th and final submarine "boomer" patrol, I became the bridge phone talker. Standing in the conning tower, passing the captain's orders below, I sailed into Charleston. Dolphins rode the submarine bow wake. Off to the south, I spied the



Morris Island Lighthouse. I smelled the salt marsh as murky brown Cooper River water washed over the sonar dome. This time, I came home for good.

**Capt. Anton DuMars, longtime Folly resident and coastal geologist, spent the summer visiting marshes in coastal North Carolina and the Chesapeake Bay. He loves your feedback. Contact Anton here: [sailspartina@gmail.com](mailto:sailspartina@gmail.com)**



## OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

BY CHARLIE STONECYPHER

No, This isn't a tribute to the epic comedy, "Monty Python's Holy Grail," (a must watch. Every time I watch this movie I discover something new.) Someone asked me, (insert Customer A) "What is the quickest and least expensive way to improve my yard instantly?"

"Bring out yer dead..." I replied. Let me elaborate...

Let's say you haven't done yard work all summer, (yes, this happens) and you just don't know where to begin now that you have a weekend with cooler temps and your football team has already lost a game so any hopes of the national title is nil. You're outside with your cup of coffee and gazing about the yard, patiently setting your goals. Before you go try to unwind that extension

# Bring Out Yer Dead!

cord you threw into the shed randomly which is now mixed up in the fishing poles, move those boxes out of the way so you can grab your hedge clippers, just hold on a second.

I highly recommend the following items: Rake, paper bags, hand pruners, loppers, gloves and eye protection, hand saw and maybe a tarp to collect all the clippings on before you bag, (or drag) to the street.

Whether your yard is well manicured or overgrown the first thing you do is walk about the yard and pick up the dead limbs. Then go around and get the dead limbs off your shrubs and trees. I grab grasses and day lilies and such and pull them upwards and remove the dead thatch around the bottom, maybe even trim the bottom layer, (wear eye protection! Sweet grass and the like will damage your eye!) Get the leaves that have been blown into the shrubs (usually by landscapers) out of the center

so that your plants aren't drowning. Take a metal leaf rake and rake the dead thatch out of the lawn.

One thing to note: Many plants like hydrangea may look dead in the winter but are not. Make sure you research what you cut back.

Well, there you have it folks. This is the most instant thing you can do to improve your yard. If you really need to save the money, do it yourself. Also remember Rome wasn't cleaned up in a day. Persistence and Patience my friends! Have a great November all!

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

# November Fishing Report

BY CAPTAIN GEOFF BENNETT CHARLESTON CHARTER FISHING



Fishing in October was fantastic and we can expect November to be just as good, if not better! Chilly nights remind redfish and trout that they had better eat now or it will be a long few months ahead. Per usual, artificial lures become very effective as natural bait leaves our waters. Take advantage of sunny days and go catch a bunch of fish!

As water temperatures decline, redfish have begun their annual phenomenon of forming large schools. Schools of fifty redfish will become commonplace and they can grow as large as 100-150 in the depths of winter. These fish do become more wary this time of year and artificial lures can spook them on the flats. Instead of casting lures at the schools, we have been setting out as many as three lines with chunks of frozen mullet on #3/0 circle hooks. Eventually the redfish will find your bait and whip your rods over with some ferocious hits.

For trout, artificial lures rigged on a jighead are working very well. Trout hang together in pockets and when you catch one there will likely be others in the immediate area. Lures in darker hues of blue and gray are performing the best when paired with a 1/4oz. jighead. Remember to move your lure slowly as the fish are beginning to move slowly as well with the colder waters. Try to bounce the jighead off the bottom and wait until you feel the resistance of a striking fish.

Popping corks are still very effective for both redfish and trout. Live shrimp can be used with confidence now that the little bait stealers are gone. I'll attach a two foot leader to the cork and a size 1 circle hook on the other end. Cast over oyster beds, along grass banks and at creek mouths and watch for that cork to dive under! It can be so hard to do but when that cork drops, reel the fish tight and let the circle hook do the work. A big hook set can sometimes rip the bait right out of the fish's mouth. See you on the water!

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

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**ARTS & CRAFTS**

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

**CLUBS & SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Civic Club**  
 Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Community Center, 55 Center St. For more information, contact Regina Anderson 633-0200.

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

**Folly Association of Business (FAB)**  
 Business meeting open for all Folly Beach business owners. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. For more information, email secretary-4FAB@gmail.com. Tides Hotel, conference room. 1 Center Street

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Women's Guild**  
 Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel,

Father Kelly Hall, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY**

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

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

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

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

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

**Walk-In Yoga with Folly Beach Island Yoga**  
 Saturdays 11am & Sundays 10am. St. James Gate. 11 Center St.

**Yoga on the Edge with Jen**  
 Tuesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 5:45pm  
 Fee: Folly residents \$5; non-residents \$10  
 Folly River Park.

**Yoga Unplugged by CPRC**  
 Mondays and Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm  
 Live acoustic music; open to all levels.  
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**OUTDOOR**

**Folly Beach Bird Walks:**  
 Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve  
 Friday, Nov. 10th, 8:30am-10:30am.  
 Fee: \$7/ \$5 Move IT Pass Holder.  
[www.charlestoncountyparks.com](http://www.charlestoncountyparks.com) to register.

**RELIGIOUS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Women's Bible Study**  
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**SUDOKU SOLUTIONS**

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

**TRIVIA ANSWERS**

1. Fixer Upper
2. Tito's
3. Pink Floyd
4. Blossom
5. Rian Johnson
6. Squirrel Nut Zippers
7. Christopher Lloyd
8. Jeff Bezos of Amazon
9. Men at Work
10. Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán

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