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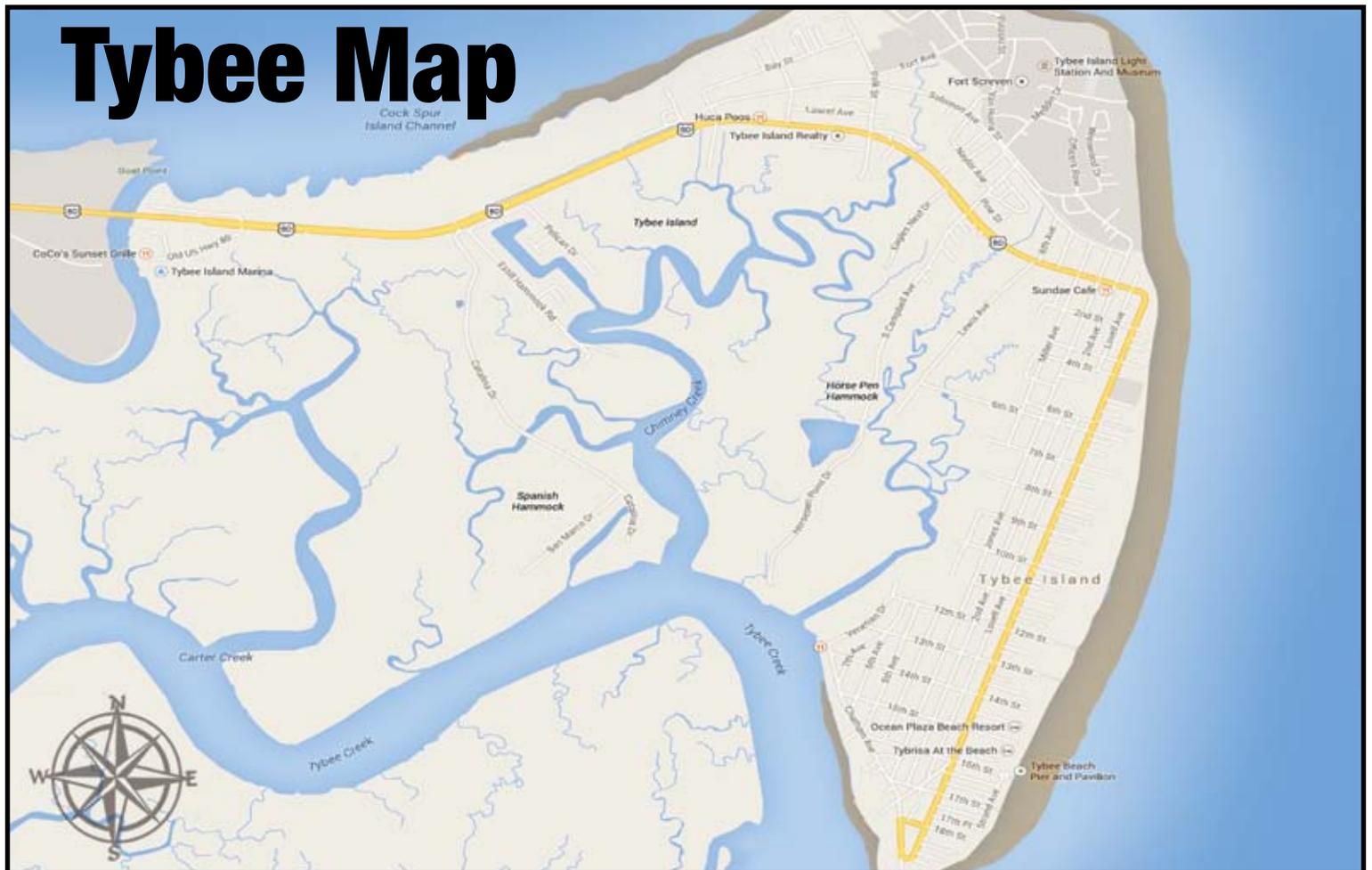
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From the EDITOR

Welcome to the first edition of The Tybee Beachcomber!!! Everyone involved is highly excited about this new endeavor and hope that Tybee locals and visitors alike will enjoy and appreciate our efforts to create a new and fun local magazine that caters to one and all.

Our main goal is to be not only informative about our little island home, but consistent as well. We want y'all to look forward to the first of each and every month to get your new Tybee Beachcomber!

We have big plans to cover a variety of local sports, music and food, as well as local people, events and stories to entertain and inform. We are excited to offer additional columns from "Crossing the Bridge" to let you know about events that are happening in Savannah and elsewhere, as well as "Things For Kids to Do" on Tybee and "Food Spy" to give you up to date information on the best eats in town.

Naturally, we value island input from our "Tybee Low Life" to our visitors from around the world. Please feel free to contact any of our staff or contributors to put in your two cents. Also, feel free to visit us on our Facebook page to find out all the details of local events, people, news and gossip, and 'like' away!

We hope you thoroughly enjoy our first edition of the Tybee Beachcomber! It has been a fun adventure putting it together and we look forward to many more adventures with our readers! So...Go! Read!

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THE Fish Whisperer



Captain
Nick Shreves

February, to me, is the month when the weather cannot decide if it wants to be winter or spring. With this weather comes better fishing on the days when you can get out. The inshore bite can be really good once you find the fish. The near shore bite is going to put meat in your cooler. I will break this down in a few patterns that have worked for me in the past years.

Inshore

Trout can be caught slow trolling the deeper holes in the creeks and rivers. They are slow this time of year but can be found. I like to use soft plastics on a jig head just heavy enough to get it down to the depth I mark the fish.

Redfish will be on the shallow flats on the nice warm days but the large schools can be very spooky. Light tackle is a must.



Finding the school is only half the battle here. The real battle comes once you hook the first fish. They can tend to spook off the rest of the school and you can only hope you find it again and hope that they are not too spooked to eat again. There are always those days when they will eat everything and others when you can throw everything at them and you can watch them look at it and swim away.

Sheepshead will be around for sure. They will be near bridges, docks and any kind of submerged structure. This is my target species for this time of year. These fish are fun and great table



fare. Fiddler crabs are an excellent bait to use; as are oysters and live shrimp. Fiddler crabs are the easiest bait to find at your local bait shops right now.

Near Shore

The near shore reefs and offshore reefs will be teeming with Black Sea Bass. They are not finicky eaters, they just love to eat. If you are not catching any, try a different spot. The larger ones tend to be in waters deeper than 50 feet.

Once again you will find Sheepshead on the reefs and they can be thick as thieves. These fish can be difficult to hook as their mouths are full of teeth and they have soft lips. I like to use a super sharp 1/0 live bait hook. Once your bait is down just pay attention. They really don't bite hard. A slow jigging style works best for telling when you have one on your line. Once on, these fish put up a fight with a drag peeling action. It's a blast.

Now you will also have the chance at catching some large redfish on

the reefs but remember these fish have to be released. They can be a good break from the Black Sea Bass and Sheepshead. It will be the big fish of the day photo.



Thank you for your support and if you want to join me on a fishing trip feel free to call me at Big Fish Charters.

February 2015 Tide Chart

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon	Sunrise	Sunset
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Mon 2		12:33 AM EST / -0.50 ft	6:42 AM EST / 7.07 ft	1:09 PM EST / -0.09 ft	7:06 PM EST / 6.38 ft		7:16 AM EST	5:58 PM EST
Tue 3		1:16 AM EST / -0.55 ft	7:22 AM EST / 7.15 ft	1:48 PM EST / -0.16 ft	7:45 PM EST / 6.48 ft	Full Moon	7:15 AM EST	5:58 PM EST
Wed 4		1:57 AM EST / -0.54 ft	7:59 AM EST / 7.17 ft	2:24 PM EST / -0.19 ft	8:22 PM EST / 6.50 ft		7:15 AM EST	5:59 PM EST
Thu 5		2:35 AM EST / -0.47 ft	8:35 AM EST / 7.09 ft	2:57 PM EST / -0.17 ft	8:58 PM EST / 6.46 ft		7:14 AM EST	6:00 PM EST
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Tybee Island Bucket List

- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunset or a sunrise on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing!!! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Take a golf cart tour
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Visit the turtle pond
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
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THE Sports Bookie

by Patrick Sauers

February may be one of the worst months there are if you're a sports fan, seriously, unless you live in New Zealand and cleared your schedule for the World Cup of Cricket. There's not that much that you can really get excited about unless you're a die hard college hoops fan. For most people, college basketball doesn't get interesting until March Madness. However, in past years the big dance has actually begun creeping into April and will probably have the tournament's name changed to April Absurdity by the NCAA because they are stupid.

You may be beginning to think that I am nuts and am started to stray into a meaningless rant that is just going to make my opinion seem like it is the only one that matters. Spoiler alert. That's what is about to happen. Of course the NCAA isn't going to change the name of the best playoffs in all of sports, but I am using this as a springboard to lash into the organization because I am still extremely bitter about what happened to the Georgia Southern University football team this past season. Please allow me to elaborate.

This was the first year that Georgia Southern played in the Sun Belt Conference, dominated it actually. The school finished 8-0 in conference play and finished 9-3 on the season, losing to NC State, Georgia Tech and Navy. They're only the third team in history to win their conference in the first year after moving up to a higher division. Nevada did it in '92 and Marshall in '97. However, because of a terrible rule put in play by my pal, the NCAA, they were ineligible for a bowl game. This archaic rule prevents teams moving up from the FCS to the FBS "too easily." This is preposterous. University officials don't casually decide to make the move over happy hour. The university has to meet certain criteria. They had to have students vote for an increase in student fees to fund the higher level of athletics. It took time, bottom line. So instead of watching my beloved Eagles play post-season football, I got to watch 13 minutes (it was all I could tolerate) of South Alabama, a team GSU beat 28 - 6, play in the prestigious Raycom Media Camellia Bowl. That's laughable. Other than mid-season college basketball and cricket, February also has the Indoor World Cup of field hockey, the World Championships of skiing, the World Track Championships of

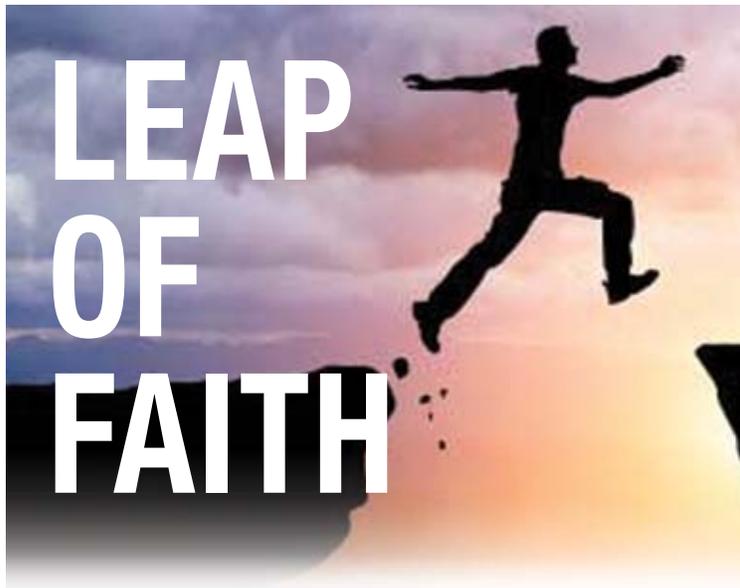
cycling and, oh yeah, only the most watched television event in the United States. The Super Bowl.

Yes, this year we can blame our two-day hangover on Super Bowl XLIX. That's 49 for anyone who doesn't know how to use Google. This year's game should be better than the shellacking we witnessed last year and if it turns out to mimic Peyton's nightmare once again. I am sure America can still be entertained by the millions of dollars spent on subliminal messaging through corporate commercials that will have social media in hysterics. Personally, I can't wait for this year's half time show. I could care less about Katy Perry's music. I am just hoping for another wardrobe malfunction a la Janet Jackson circa 2004. This might be the first time I decide to sit out on the half time flip cup. Odds are I will be disappointed, but I can dream, right?

Speaking of odds, if you are looking to make any monetary transactions during America's favorite sporting event and are in need of some assistance, look no further. You can practically bet on anything during the Super Bowl, from the coin toss to the color of the Gatorade that will be dumped on the winning coach. It is estimated that \$92 million in bets were placed in Las Vegas last year. That could buy a couple islands in the British Virgin Isles and still have some change left over for a stocked mini-fridge. Since it's the final game of the season, go big or go home, take tails, the under, a touchdown in the first five minutes and orange. Orange is always the safest bet on the color of the Gatorade. If I am wrong, well, that's because I am doing my research on my World Cup of Cricket picks and training.

12 ounce curls are not the type of training I am referring to, even though that training is way more fun. You may or may not realize that this little island hosts the Critz Tybee Run Fest. This is a perfect place in the year to burn off those extra pounds you loaded up on over the holidays for our brutal winters. With January in the books you should have had plenty of time to get some miles under your belt for the half marathon. No? That's okay, I haven't either, but there are 5 races totaling up to an entire marathon. It's actually a sneaky way to tell your friends you ran a marathon. As George Costanza said, "Jerry, just remember, it's not a lie if you believe it." So, technically you're not running a marathon, but you kind of are.

The event will be held on February 6 -7 with online registration going on right now. The event boasts donating \$300,000 back to the community since it has started. So come out and join that cause, burn some calories and feel good about yourself. If you're not up to the challenge you can always grab a drink from your favorite local watering hole and jealously jeer at those in the race. Typically, I always feel good tossing out a jeer while holding a beer.



I just read my Letter from the Editor that I wrote on November 9, 2014. It is now January and I am still all in! As are my cohorts in crime: Partner: Rick Flynn aka the Graphic Genie Wizard with telekinetic powers. Sister: Margie McLellan, the Layout Editor of magical definitions Webster doesn't even know about yet ... and then there's me: Shape Shifter and Voodoo Master (I so wanted that to be on my business card!).

Three years ago, Rick and I met in a bar (shocking, I'm sure). We talked about it. Two years ago, Margie and myself met in a bar (). We talked about it too. Let us start something great. Something we so powerfully believe in that everyone else will believe in it too because of the just damn sheer fun of it!! Here is our journey:

Not long ago on a dark and stormy night ...

Nah, it was hot and miserable. I wandered into Dizzy Dean's for ... bottled water... and ran into The Genie. He was also getting ... bottled water... and it was kismet. Our eyes met and it was 'let's make this happen.' We called the glue: Margie.

Many meetings later involving giggles, stress, howling out loud, threats (involving fire and pitch forks), my mom, Cabernet, vodka (duh), combination locks, break ups, threats that probably should have resulted in a restraining order, football, the flu, the jobs that pay the rent, maintaining sanity, we come to this point.

Let's do this: We are going to gather a group of people together that know what they are talking about: Music, food, sports, fishing, kids, events, happenings, good times, good food and good people. Beachcomber check mate: Got them all!

All of the Tybee Beachcomber writers were faced with three questions: How long you have you lived on Tybee? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your passion?

Introducing our new team of writers: In no particular order as all are equally fabulous!



Mike "Fuzzy" Manitta – Music and Food
Tybee Life: Nine years
I want to be: A Pro Bowler
My Passion: Music, days off and Jameson



Hilary Junewicz – Combing the Beach with Hilary
Tybee Life: On and off since more than you can count on your fingers and toes
I want to be: Susan Tedeschi
My Passion: Music, cooking, friends and good times



Joey Goralczyk aka Joey G – Cab Tales and Street Talk
Tybee Life: Ten years
I want to be: A History Professor
My Passion: Southbound IPA, music and hanging out with good people



Margie McLellan – Magical Layout Editor
Tybee Life: 17 years
I want to be: Still don't know
My Passion: Family, friends and Tybee



Elizabeth Mosely-Jones – Things for Kids to Do
Tybee Life: 19 years
I want to be: A race car driver
My Passion: Sleeping



Rick Flynn – Graphic Wizard
Tybee Life: 8 years
I want to be: Lucky
My Passion: Creating visual perfection



Nell Klein – Book Review
 Tybee Life: 19 years
 I want to be: A basketball star (grown up ... get it?)
 My Passion: Reading



Alaina Loughridge – Ad Sales, Movie Review, Editor, Shapeshifter, Voodoo, etc.
 Tybee Life: Eight years
 I want to be: A Pulitzer Prize winning author (DO NOT think 50 Shades of anything)
 My Passion: Reading and writing ... to hell with arithmetic (purple because aliens don't wear hats)



Hollie Sessoms – Reflections
 Tybee Life: 17 years in heart
 I want to be: Young again
 My Passion: Spaces in between, Sunday afternoon and fall leaves that crunch underneath



Woody Hemphill – From the River's End
 Tybee Life: 9 years
 I want to be: A happy dude
 My Passion: business, entrepreneurship, having a blast and helping other folks to enjoy themselves (especially when on vacation)



Patrick Sauers – Sports Bookie
 Tybee Life: 7 years
 I want to be: Working for Rolling Stone
 My Passion: Craft Beer, Jam Bands and Fantasy football

The absolute support of the community has been breathtakingly overwhelming. There are so many people that have contributed. Whether you laid in the sand, bought an ad in January for February when you are selling beach chairs, 'liked' us, or even spoken out loud, the support is clear and true. Thank you. Let's do this. Together. Community. Friends. Family. Tybee. Let's all take that leap of faith!



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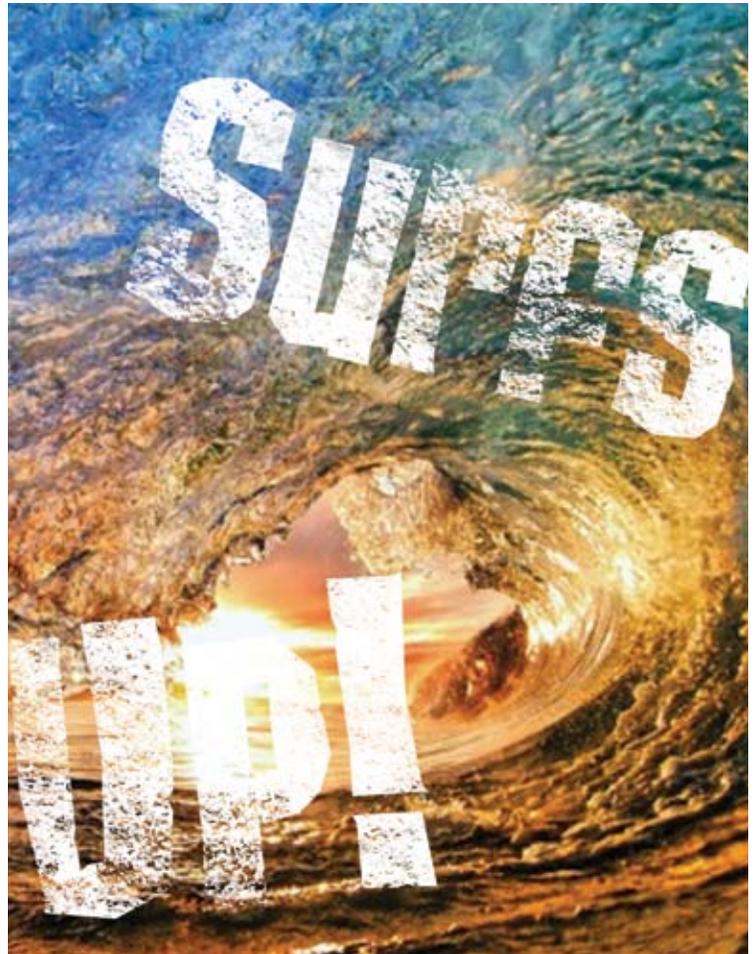
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By Hilary Junewicz

By the time this first issue of Tybee Beachcomber sweeps across Tybee, it'll already be the first of February! When I was approached to be the nightlife writer, it was still towards the end of 2014. But I needed to get my assignment started immediately in order to make my due date. While much of what you see here may seem outdated, I'm looking at it another way. The end of 2014 brought a great new opportunity (I'm honored!), a new publication, a great Tybee holiday season and a new year to look forward to. Is everyone ready for something new around here? I am! Take a look at how some of all this unfolded.

Ashley Workman has been working extremely hard on the "BYOB Project" (Bring Your Own Bag). This is an environmental effort to eliminate all these wasteful and harmful plastic bags



on the beach. Ashley presented an exceptionally informative documentary for the campaign at Hucapoos in November. Best of luck in 2015!



Good friends Delane, Margaret and Julia continued the tradition of dinner and game night. Here's something



I'm looking forward to! Trey Anastasio at Melting Pot in downtown Savannah! Not only did he get a picture with my friend Nick, he made it known that his daughter will be attending Savannah College of Art and Design this coming Fall. And he is interested in finding a local venue large enough to play his live music! I'll see if I can assist him with that!

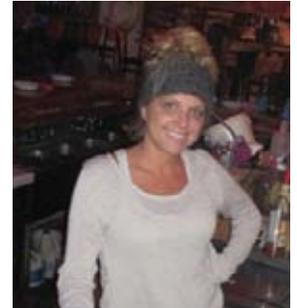


Many of us kicked off the holiday season the night before Thanksgiving at the Lucas Theater. The Train Wrecks featuring The Accomplices and special guests performed "Life is

a Carnival," a tribute to The Band. What an evening of stellar performances and a great crowd! Love this photo of Ray Lundy, Ricardo Ochoa, Eric Dunn, Jared Stubbs and Zach Smith (thanks again, Neil).



Looks as if Jeremy, Kimberly, Bobby and Ben were taking the holiday edge off playing poker at Nickie's. Rachel



was slinging the cocktails. Nickie's holds poker at 7 p.m. on Sundays and at 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Tybee has a new restaurant, 80 east



Gastropub. It really seems to be a hit.

Along with many locals, Frank and Lindsay Schuman attended opening night. This couple is experiencing quite the new beginning this year. They married last year and are expecting a baby girl! Congratulations to all!

I had to hit Hucapoo's during the holidays. I had a great time with Jason ("Winky") bartending. I know he's always ready to bring the tunes and the party. Tybee holds special to folks for many reasons. But



one thing that I think brings us all together is music. Tybee has a great music scene; book a band, we will come. The Brooklyn-based band Les Racquet gets Tybee. We are fortunate to have this up and coming trio visit our island as often as they can. Les Racquet played every Sunday this December at The Tybee Island Social Club. Thanks for spending the holidays with



us! Ryan made a show! Brandon is definitely off to a new start. He bought a house in Old Savannah and has already vacated the island. So he threw a farewell party to celebrate in his words, "eleven plus years of debauchery on Tybee at Windrose." There was



live music and we partied. Local bands Mood Shift and Baked Alaska along with Stan of The Accomplices and Todd Tilson all contributed. Here's Taylor, Malcolm, Brandon, Rhett, Doug and Jeff.



Benny's doesn't need much luck in 2015. They have always managed to have a loyal crowd. The tourists love it too. Sylvia, Mandy and Mark are regulars. Speaking of Windrose, they had an excellent

"funny hat" Christmas party. Rachel, pictured with Nick, truly showed up in a hat. Candace and Todd should make a Christmas card



out of this photo. Bogie was eager to see what happens in his new year. Justice and Eric exchanged cheer. The superstar



Eric Dunn was surrounded by Joy; Davis and Clements. "Windrose Joy" made a beautiful hat for the



occasion. And then I watched J.T. get in the Breezy rider for, I'm sure, a fun ride home.



Looks as if Rudy made Alaina's and Chris' New Year's Eve. Look at those laughs! And Benji and I put our heads and



hands together to count out the new year for a photo op.



Of course the annual Tybee plunge took place on New Year's Day. Many made the scene to witness the bravest jump into the new year. Two of my



recurring favorite tourists were there, Sherry and Rob Haynes! Trent is always ready to cook



something delicious for everyone at the Quarter.

Heather and Chrissy are working well and looking good together at Sting Ray's this year. Heather has been working at Sting Ray's for 10 years! Here's to yet another great season ahead. Mike is still working at Doc's,



which means Beegee is still a frequent. That bar has an open jam session on Tuesday evenings, by the way.



Don't forget the American Legion in 2015. It's a great place to support, and bingo and other functions

held there are a blast. We've got a new family coming to Tybee, Suzette, Mark, Christopher, Andrew and Parker Thomas got the pleasure of sitting with Mike, Stephen, Madison and Joey. Seems the Polk family is always at bingo; same place, different year (Belinda, Kiah, Rachel and Sherry)!



It's time for a cool change. Cheers to new beginnings and a new publication for everyone!

The Book Review

By Nell Klein



As an avid reader, I can really appreciate a good read. “The Suspect,” by Michael Robotham, is just that kind of a book. It showed up in the Wind Rose library, I was looking for something to read, I liked the title and I was not disappointed.

Joe O’Loughlin is a psychologist who has a beautiful wife and a daughter that adore him. He is called to the scene of an apparent suicide where a woman, Catherine McBride, has appeared to have stabbed herself to death. Detective Ruiz needs help with the case, but Joe knows the woman, a nurse and former colleague, so he keeps his mouth shut. She also accused Joe of sexual harassment years before when they worked together, which doesn’t help matters.

Joe determines that Catherine did not kill herself. She was, in fact, murdered. But he keeps the fact that he knew the victim from Ruiz because the day that Catherine died, Joe’s alibi puts him at a place that could destroy his happy home life. As he starts by telling lies and then more lies, he puts himself in the position of being the #1 suspect.

In the meantime, Joe has a creepy patient, Bobby Moran, a troubled young kid who has violent dreams. The more he talks, the more his dreams seem to have a connection to Catherine McBride’s death. It’s up to Joe to find out the truth before he’s arrested for murder.

Joe does everything he can to save his life and his marriage, but he keeps getting deeper in his deceptions. I just didn’t see how he was going to get out of the mess he had gotten himself into, but you will have to read the book to find out.

I gave this book 4 roses and 1 dandelion. We find out very early in the book that Joe has recently discovered that he has Parkinson’s disease. I didn’t get the reason for that information. To me, it seemed to take away from the story.

The author, Michael Robotham, is from Australia and the book is set in London, England. While Googling the author, I found out that this was his first book, but also the first in a series. So, I am already looking forward to book #2. Maybe I’ll find out the significance of the Parkinson’s in the next book. I’ll let you know in a future review. I can only hope that it’s as good as “The Suspect.”

We have a copy of “The Suspect” in the Wind Rose library (or you can get on the waiting list). They may have it in the Tybee library, but I have not checked. You can always order it from Amazon. ***In the meantime, read a book. If it’s a good read, pass it on to a friend!***

Bartender of the Month

By Alaina Loughridge

Patty Hanson, the naughty school teacher behind the bar at the Wind Rose Café, only needs to be holding a whip to make you a believer in this bartender goddess. Well, that and her drinks will certainly put you in your place and make you do whatever she says and then come back and ask may I please have another.



Patty has been bartending for over 20 years. She knows how to make more drinks than the Bartenders Guide and the POS Drink Recipe. I always thought Patty was too nice until one night there was a

fight (at a bar? What what?) and she whipped out her baseball bat and had that in one hand and the soda gun nozzle in the other and started hosing people down. It was hilarious! Truly a moment etched in my memory. All one could do was get the hell out of her way. Thank God she wasn’t wearing her stilettos ... people would have gone to the emergency room. I love her!

I asked Patty the famous three questions: How long have you worked on Tybee, who do you want to be when you grow up and what is your passion: She has worked on Tybee forever, she wants to be Alaina when she grows up (clearly she had been drinking during this Q & A), and her passion is people (wasted drunk I tell you)!

Patty’s go to drink is called “Roofie Juice.” I have no idea what is in the damn thing, but when I woke up, I was in my own bed with sand burrs in my hair, wearing one flip flop and my bra. Hmmm. Hey, I made it home! Right on!

So go see Patty at the Wind Rose. If you make her laugh hard she does this cute little snort snort thing that is in complete and total opposition to her naughty school teacher persona. Don’t point and laugh: You gonna get a roofie! ... and love every minute of it.

Taxi Tales...

By Joey Goralczyk

A typical day shift in the cab is pretty uneventful. Downright predictable most of the time. You pick up people heading to work. Tybee workers...to the point that you know their schedules as well as they do. There are your occasional riders that need to retrieve their car from the night before. Then the daily afternoon shift customers start coming out. These folks go out early and are, mostly, home by 5:00 p.m. They are Pros. Not out to get wasted. Just out there socializing. They are great folks and they enjoy sharing a cocktail with their friends. So when something goes nuts, it tends to stick with you.

This particular event I can remember very well, even though it occurred nearly four years ago. I guess it scarred me a bit. I got a call from a local Bar saying to come and get "someone." Whenever the bartender says "someone"...it's because they don't want me to know who it is. They are worried I won't come and get them. Being the Pro that I am, however, I hurried over. When I walked in my rider was quite easy to find. I assumed correctly that the blonde asleep on the bar was my girl. Like the Grinch, and wearing more make-up than the entire Blue Man Group, she was out like a light. The Bar had been open two hours. Two.

I reluctantly approached, as her friends tried to wake her up. It was at this point that she took her first tumble off of her bar stool. It was a very hard fall. Her blonde afro was the only thing that saved her from a concussion. When we picked her up, I also learned that Grinches don't wear bras. Her first "wardrobe malfunction" made it's appearance as we were walking her out. I tried to determine exactly where she wanted to go. From what I gathered, from some slurred English and sign language, we were heading to The Carbo House. During our ride..VERY short ride, mind you, Grinch started getting a bit amorous. And I was getting desperate!

At this point I was no longer worried about getting paid. I just wanted to know what part of Whoville she needed to get to. Her second fall came as I tried to get her off the cart. Any attempts to get her walking were futile. So, I just picked her up and carried her up the stairs to the lower porch. She was running her hand up my shirt, all over my chest. It was upsetting and unsettling all at the same time. She was unresponsive...no idea which room was hers. Damn. I started looking for a chair. Somewhere to put her..During my search, as I recall, Ms. Grinch was kissing and licking my neck...and face. I think I dropped her, but I have apparently blocked it out. Who knows?

At my wits end...I just wanted to leave her there and be gone. NO! The caretaker informed me pretty quickly that I could not, in fact, leave women on his porch. So, I dragged her back to the cart. I was a broken cab driver...

Then I remembered that Ron owed me a favor. A favor. I was ready for a shower. I was cashing in!

I put her in the cart, broke a couple traffic laws and headed to 14th Street. I felt her Grinch paw on my neck just as we arrived at my steps. I dove off of the cart and hit the stairs in one swift move. I shouted to Ron "I am calling in my favor. She is yours!" I jumped in the shower...and waited to see the outcome.

Somehow, Ron figured out she was at The Royal Palm. He delivered her to her alleged room and double checked with Kevin, the Manager, that in fact, she had a room. She did. Kevin said to Ron "She seems pretty harmless."

To which Ron replied "Yeah. Ask Joey."



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American Legion

By Chuck Bolen

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tybee Beachcomber for giving American Legion Post 154 article space in their new publication.

Here is the basic recap of 2014: American Legion Post 154, with help of members and volunteers of our community, installed an ADA compliant handicap ramp. The ramp allows easier access to our building. We also replaced our roof. The landscape frontage was also up dated to give a nicer look to the post. All of the projects were done with help from Home Depot Store 170 on Victory Drive. Post 154 also helped the Tybee Island Maritime Academy raise money for their needs by sponsoring a breakfast on Saturdays. We will continue that effort in 2015.

As always, the American Legion is available for the members of our community and provides support when the need arises. We also support the YMCA and other groups on the island.

We have many events already planned for 2015. It will be an exciting year!

We will once again have the \$10,000.00 Reverse Raffle. It will be held in November. Total prizes given away amount to \$16,000.00!

We also have dinners each Thursday evening. The first Thursday of each month is the chicken dinner; the second Thursday is the Italian dinner; third is the fish dinner.

We have BINGO every Friday night with prizes up to \$1500.00 possible.

The canteen is open at 5:00pm Monday through Saturday. The American Legion meetings are every 2nd Monday of the month. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time.

The SAL meets the Third Monday of the month.

We would love to have you join. Remember, once you are in the military, you are a veteran...no matter what your age!!

If you have any questions or need information, please feel free to call us at 786-5356.

Main Street Musings

By Chantel Morton

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

The Tybee Island Main Street Program continues to evolve. Thanks to Elected Officials, the Board of Directors have added even more resources to their toolbox! The program is now known as Tybee Island Development Authority / Main Street and has even more ways to assist in preserving the community, commerce, and culture! In addition to the available façade improvement grant, Directors have created mural guidelines, can assist with historic preservation projects, provide resources, and offer assistance and incentives for entrepreneurs. The toolbox includes access to participate in the Downtown Revolving Loan Fund, a low-interest loan program available through partnering State Agencies, to assist property owners with funding for identified revitalization and enhancement projects.

In a nutshell, we are working harder than ever with our partners to maintain Tybee as a unique place to live, work, play, and visit. We just wrapped up the month-long celebration of Tybee for the Holidays. This season included having off-the-wall fun in the usual Tybee way from supporting our local businesses, to a lighted nighttime bike parade to view the island-wide Christmas displays, to collecting donations for the Rising TYde Food Pantry, Tybee Animal Shelter, and Children's Hospital at Memorial, to dressing up in crazy costumes and jumping in the Atlantic ocean to kick-off New Year's Day. Complementary Program highlights for this year include the outdoor spring series of Third Thursdays on Tybee to highlight the arts, Movies in the Park during the summertime, the continuation of Third Thursdays in the fall, and Community Day in November. Submissions for Third Thursdays on Tybee will be accepted until February 6. Check out Third Thursdays on Tybee on FB for more details.

For the latest updates, visit our page on the city website or Tybee Island Main Street's FB page. You can also sign up for our monthly newsletter and stay in the know. Interested in volunteering? Our events may seem effortless, but we can always use help putting them on! Call or email Chantel Morton, Executive Director, if you would like to get more involved. Whether you have an hour to spare or would like to volunteer on a regular basis, your help in making Tybee a place we all love to call home is much- appreciated!

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WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

The month of February is cold, but there are still plenty of things to do at the beach!

MONTHLY EVENTS

Tybee Island Library

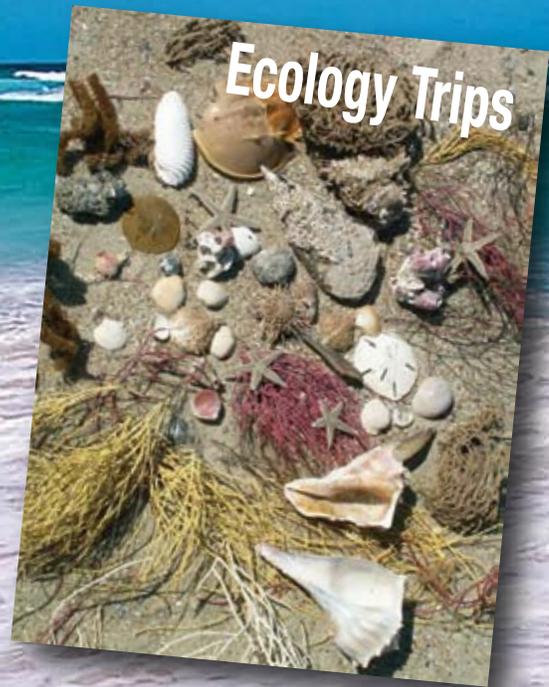
Story Time for ages 0-5
Tuesdays 11am

Marine Science Center

Open 7 Days a Week - 10am - 5pm
Admission: \$4 (4 and under: FREE)
1 Hour walks scheduled by request \$10 per person (4 and under: FREE)

Tybee Lighthouse & Museum

Open every day except Tuesday
9am - 5:30pm
Admission: Kids (6-12) \$7, Adults \$9



February Events

Tybee Island YMCA

Feb. 20, 6 - 8pm: Family Skate Night
Admission: \$4 (includes skate rental)

Tybee Island Library

Feb. 3, 6:30pm: Family Game Time
Feb. 24, 3pm: Cool & Crazy Crafts

FEATURED ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY

Joe Richardson's Beach Ecology Trip

Joe Richardson is a Marine Scientist who leads ecology trips on Tybee's Beach. They are intriguing for all ages and he takes groups of all sizes. Trips are scheduled upon request, usually around low tide to be able to see and do. Generally these trips last about two hours and cost \$25 per person or \$75 for a group of up to five people. You can find more information at: ceasurf.com/pages/beachtrips.aspx. Call or Email to schedule a trip. (912) 596-5362 | joe@ceasurf.com

FOOD SPY

By Mike Manitta

Manitta's Look at North Beach Grill!

Lunch is probably my favorite "eating out" meal. If I was out and about the night before, then it's more likely breakfast ... just at lunchtime with lunch foods. I am sure many of you know this drill. In fact, I see many of you at breakfa ... er .. I mean lunch. You have your friends from work, the friends you grew up with, friends from school, friends from the bar ... I have always said "your true friends are the people you go to lunch with," on your own time. Having that been said, my accomplices and I are constantly in search of the next great lunch that is right here under our noses. I was a on a health kick recently and found myself trying to eat healthier and steering towards salads at lunch time.

I have eaten at North Beach Grill dozens and dozens of times. It is usually one of the killer lunch specials, but I rarely order off the regular menu. I finally tried the **Thai Tuna Salad**, and it was like striking gold. I had been with people who ordered it, but never tried it. The rare tuna made it seem almost exotic or something.

Or maybe my hangover would not not allow it. For whatever reason, I finally tried it and was hooked. I am pretty sure I was eating it at least two or three times week there for a minute. Tender spinach, cashews, thin sliced red pepper and onions, and that kick ass homemade Thai ginger dressing. I will have an extra bucket of dressing please. I would call it in and pick it up sometimes and would get there and they would say "I thought that was you that called." Sometimes I found myself adding an order of roasted veggies on the side for just a couple more bucks. Way healthy lunch. In efforts to wean myself off of the salad at one point, I would try to share a salad and order something else, but I usually regretted not having my own.



I still can't believe what a fool I was for not trying it sooner. Everyone said how good it was and I didn't believe. All I can say is please find it in your heart to forgive me North Beach Grill. I have to live with the guilt and the pain over the years I lived without you **Thai Tuna Salad**. Time we can never get back. I have no one to blame but myself. All I can say now is I'm sorry and I BELIEVE, I BELIEVE!!

MOVIE REVIEW



SpongeBob Squarepants:
Sponge Out of Water (on
TYBEE)

(O.K. I added that 'on Tybee' part, but Paramount should have done it for me. I will be writing them a very strongly worded letter)

Well I gotta say this is a first. I am writing a review about a movie I have not seen. Although the movie is not being released until February 6th, I felt it imperative I inform the public about the latest movie filmed on Tybee. So, hold on to your square pants, because I am working off a movie trailer and my own personal experience when the movie was shooting (can't wait to tell you about Magic Mike 2).

Super irritating: They took up all the parking, redirected traffic, didn't come out for over a year and just in general pissed me off. That having been barfed out, the trailer does look like a lot of fun! It looks like a real treat for the kids and super fun for adults that are um ... not behaving appropriately.

From what I can tell, the secret Crabby Patty formula has been stolen and to save the undersea world of SpongeBob, Bob and his crew must travel above the water to retake their formula from the evil Antonio Banderas aka Super Villain. Tybee and downtown Savannah are very well depicted and I am interested to see if they (movie people) really did us justice.

Either way, Tybee is once again on the map (above water) and if we can get Miley Cyrus, Sponge Bob and Magic Mike, who's next? Denzel? Matthew? Maybe if we sent a letter?

I give this movie 4 bottles of Dom Perignon (because it is Tybee and Savannah and we rock) and 1 bottle of Brut (because I really do not know what the hell I'm talking about).



Chris Wise, NBBG's executive chef, began his culinary career 25 years ago as a young teen working in his uncle's deli in Brooklyn, NY. After college and a stint in the US Army Special Forces, Chris worked at the Greenbrier Resort in WV, the Maisonette in Cincinnati, and Gramercy Tavern in NYC. Fortunately, Chris fell in love with the south while stationed at Hunter AAF and returned to the Savannah area. Now an official Tybeeite, Chris is already marking his mark at the Grill with amazing specials and the introduction of two new favorites - Sunday Brunch and Chinese Take-Out Night.

Valentine Day Menu

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Foreplay

Low Country Rockefeller baked Oysters

with collards, Savannah River Farms chorizo, melted aged cheddar, and aged sherry aioli \$12.95

Fried Green Tomatoes

3 lightly fried green tomatoes, with peach scented chevre, chiffonade organic basil \$7.95

Cold Soba Noodle Salad

with Thai peanut/sesame sauce and pickled cucumber relish \$7.95

Roasted Red Pepper Couscous

with organic arugula, feta, cucumbers, grape tomatoes, and olive relish with candied prosciutto \$10.95

Wild Mushroom Soup

with white truffle oil and capicola/parmesan tvile \$6.95

Deconstructed Gourmet Fried Bologna "Our Way" - seared mortadella, toasted challah points, pickled red onion, sweet/spicy pickles, aged cheddar, dijonnaise, and two quail eggs sunny side up \$10.95

The Main Show

Dijon Crusted Prime Rib

for one or two with aged cheddar/beer risotto, garlic sautéed broccolini, grilled lobster tail, and Savannah Bourbon/peppercorn au jus \$29.95 (one) or 54.95 (two)

Pan Seared Grouper

with avocados stuffed with truffled lobster salad, and roasted fennel with parmesan \$23.95

Braided Lamb Shank

with blood orange relish, sweet potato risotto and garlic roasted broccolini \$23.95

Benne Crusted Tuna

with tarragon/white wine hollandaise, braised purple/white asparagus and heart of palm puree \$24.95

Cassoulet with Bacon Andouille, and Country Ribs

the chef's haute update on low country cuisine with a French peasant twist \$19.95

Roasted Root Vegetables with Black Pepper Linguine

roasted carrots, parsnips, celery root, turnips, and onions with a red pepper cream sauce served with side salad \$18.95

The After Glow

Italian Love Cake, Red Velvet Cake, White Chocolate Key Lime Pie, Caramel Cake, Grilled Sour Cream Pound Cake, Coconut Cake, Hershey's Chocolate Cake, Tammy's Cheesecake, Deconstructed Gourmet S'mores and Dark Chocolate/Cherry Creme Brulee

Remembering Miss Sylvia

By Mike Manitta



The idea for this section is to help support and promote local musicians and bands. I realized as I'm writing this that it was coming upon the 4th anniversary of the passing of "Miss Sylvia" Gott, and I thought it was fitting to launch this section by paying tribute to Tybee's muse. Sylvia spent the last ten years or so of her life playing percussion, along with

the house band at Doc's Bar, while charming locals and tourists alike. When I first met her, I couldn't believe how "with it," she was, musically and mentally. She was well into her late 90's and could still recall stories from her childhood, as well as remember the many patrons and her fans by name. Some of these people she would only see once a year and her eyesight was not the best, but she managed somehow to remember. She always spoke positively, always had something nice to say, a real Lady, and a true class act. She had her routine. Simply, if there was a band playing, she was there. She was often seen driving her electric scooter to and from the bar, with her flag that read "Hi, Ho Sylvia" blowing in the wind behind her. She enjoyed her independence and did not want to be a burden to anyone. You could find her sitting at her table right up front, surrounded by picture books, percussion instruments and a cocktail or two. It was always vodka and water, and an amaretto on the rocks, as her good night drink.

Sylvia was born on Long Island and moved with her family to Florida when she was a young child. Her dad was a big band leader, so she was surrounded by music her whole life. Her dad would go door to door looking for musicians to get together and "jam." They would meet weekly in a park and put on concerts. Whoever was available was welcome to play. Sylvia could play many instruments, but her first love was the trumpet. She played in several all girl bands in the Miami area back in the 30's, 40's and 50's in night clubs and ballrooms. She loved to dance, meranges and cha cha's, really dance. When she was in her fifties, she found herself in a band that was in need of a drummer, so she

decided to let the other girl play trumpet and she started playing the drums. She played for the next 40 years. Even in her 80s, she was in a house band that would play for seniors in an assisted living home. As she would say, "old folks don't stay up late, so we'd quit around 11 and then I would go sit in with someone at a club, in town." Her grandson once told me he would go visit her and go out partying, come home around 2am, and she'd come rolling up around 3:30am, pretty impressive. She lost her house band job when she was around 90, and that's when she joined her daughter, Pat, here on Tybee.

Upon Sylvia's arrival on Tybee, the first order of business was finding out where the live music was. She soon found herself climbing the stairs up to Fannies Deck to enjoy the bands. This is where she first met Roy Swindell. He said he was up on stage playing with Martha and they were playing Margaritaville, and he could here a maraca part coming from the audience. He spotted a little old lady playing along and said "she wasn't playing just to play, she was actually playing a little part." They became quick friends, and until the stairs started to become a burden she was a staple at Fannies. She also started playing along with Charlie Sherrill at Doc's. She often found herself in Jazz bands and very much enjoyed Charlie's horn based Rythms. Eventually, Charlie moved on and Roy came to Doc's and Sylvia wasn't going anywhere. Even if a different artist played at the bar, she would still play along with them, whether she knew them or not. They usually became instant friends. I've never seen a turnout anywhere like I witnessed for her birthday parties. Early February on Tybee and the bar would be standing room only. She wanted to make it to 100 in the worse way. When she did, we celebrated for 3 days, and she proved once again, you can do anything you put your mind to.

I've always called her my muse, because she inspired so many people, including me. She lived her life to the fullest, right up until her final days, just shy of 102. She enjoyed herself and didn't let the obstacles in life get in her way or get her down. I once asked what her secret was, and she told me "I don't like to give up. When you start giving up, that's bad. Show me where there's a band playing and I'll go." Once again, great solid wisdom. People still come by asking about her, looking at pictures, telling their own stories. That's a true mark of someone who has affected people's lives. A young woman, who was a tourist, happened to stumble upon the tail end of her 100th birthday party and she also asked her advice. Sylvia told her to "stay young, stay happy, love what you're doing and do it with great persistence."

Thanks Miss Sylvia, we miss you girl.

Music Festival Spotlight

By Mike Manitta

The original Woodstock was held on my birthday, three years before I was born, so I think I have been trying to catch up on missing that boat ever since. My close friends and I are always on the lookout for a new weekend excursion. It gives us something to look forward to, as well as recharge us to deal with our everyday trials called Life. Whatever your reasons, if you haven't been to a camping music festival in a while I strongly recommend treating yourself soon. Luckily we live in an area that is super weather friendly and there are so many venues that are nearby and totally worth the day trip.



Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, Live Oak, Florida: First of all, in my opinion, every other festival should take their cues from these people because they have got it down! They hold festivals

and they are good at it. The venue is about a four hour drive from Tybee and is worth every second. It is located just north of Live Oak, Florida, on a beautiful 500 acre wooded campground nestled along the Suwannee River. There is access to hiking, canoeing, and camping, as well as observation at the large bat houses. Yes, I said bats. They are flying overhead at night and you barely notice them (maybe that's just me after a few Jameson's) until you really look. Pretty neat.

There is a permanent outdoor amphitheater at the bottom of a wooded hill, which is very scenic, and you are welcome to hang your hammock between the trees and enjoy the music and take it all in. I do suggest not leaving it unattended to ensure it won't disappear (right Rachel? wink, wink). For larger festivals they also utilize the large field, as well as several other small ones. The stages are a short walk from each other, which maximizes the amount of acts you can see.

Camping is spread throughout the beautiful woods, which includes a scenic lake. They cater to tent camping as well as RV, and they have a handful of cabins for rent but they go quick. You are allowed to camp right by your car (this isn't allowed everywhere), and you



are allowed to have a camp fire. They even sell bundles of wood for \$5. You can have alcohol at your campsite, but cannot bring it into the venue, which is pretty standard. There is a full bar available and



beer is around five bucks a pop, which is pretty fair in my opinion (I have paid as much as 12 and 15 dollars at some venues). There is also a general store and a music hall, as well as plenty of vendors



selling food and everything else under the sun. They host at least a dozen or so festivals a year as well as all kinds of themed parties, swap meets, and farm days. There are plenty of different genres

of music showcased for the festival experience, from country to electronica. Wanees is probably their largest production, along with Hullaween, which is held over Halloween, and is quickly becoming my new favorite. Last year they had a Ferris Wheel, as well as the third staging area called Spirit Lake, which is an interactive Haunted Forest with all kinds of performance art as well as a concert stage. It was killer!



If you are not into large crowds, you can just go camping there when there is not a large event going on. There is music featured most every weekend in the music hall. Festival prices are a couple hundred bucks for multiple days, which is a steal considering there are dozens of bands and single act concerts usually averaging between \$60 to \$100 anyhow. Day passes are available as well as some killer early bird specials. There are multiple festival bundles, which can save you some serious cash which can be used for your extracurricular activities. All of the info you need, as well as plenty of galleries and links, are available on their website musicliveshere.com, which kind of says it all!

So, if you haven't done something nice for yourself lately, it's time to grab your sleeping bag and patchouli and head south. You will not be disappointed!

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Upcoming Festivals

- 2/6/15-2/8/15 **Gem and Jam Festival**, Tucson, AZ
www.gemandjamfestival.com
- 2/26/15-3/8/15 **Florida Strawberry Festival**, Plant City, FL
www.flstrawberryfestival.com
- 2/27/15-3/3/15 **Jam in the Sand**, Negril, Jamaica
www.dsojaminthesand.com
- 3/5/15- 3/7/15 **Savannah Stopover Music Festival**, Savannah, GA
www.savannahstopover.com
- 3/6/15- 3/8/15 **Aura Music Festival**, Live Oak, FL
www.auramusicfestival.com
- 3/19/15- 4/4/15 **Savannah Music Festival**, Savannah, GA
www.savannahmusicfestival.org
- 3/19/15- 3/22/15 **Suwannee Springfest**, Live Oak, FL
www.suwannewspringfest.com
- 3/27/15- 3/29/15 **McDowell Mountain Music Festival**, Phoenix, AZ
www.mmmf.com
- 4/11/15- 4/12/15 **Tortuga Music Festival**, Fort Lauderdale, FL
www.tortugamusicfestival.com
- 4/16/15- 4/18/15 **Wanees**, Live Oak, FL
www.waneefestival.com
- 4/17/15- 4/19/15 **Sweetwater 420 Fest**, Atlanta, GA
www.sweetwater420fest.com
- 4/29/15- 5/2/15 **Suwannee River Jam**, Live Oak, FL
www.suwanneeriverjam.com
- 5/15/15- 5/17/15 **Hangout Music Festival**, Gulf Shores, AL
www.hangoutmusicfest.com
- 5/22/15- 5/24/15 **Dark Star Jubilee**, Thornville, OH
www.darkstarjubilee.com
- 5/22/15- 5/24/15 **Summer Camp Music Festival**, Chillicothe, IL
www.summercampfestival.com
- 5/27/15- 5/31/15 **Ozzfiesta**, Riviera Maya, MX
www.ozzfiesta.com
- 6/4/15- 6/7/15 **Mountain Jam**, Hunter Mountain, NY
www.mountainjam.com
- 6/4/15- 6/7/15 **Wakarusa**, Ozark, AK
www.wakarusa.com
- 6/11/15- 6/14/15 **Bonnaroo**, Manchester, TN
www.bonnaroo.com
- 6/26/15- 6/28/15 **Thunder on the Mountain**, Ozark, AK
www.thunderonthemountain.com
- 7/9/15- 7/12/15 **All Good Music Festival**, Summit Point, WV
www.allgoodfestival.com
- 7/16/15- 7/19/15 **Northwest String Summit**, North Plains, OR
www.stringsummit.com
- 7/22/15- 7/26/15 **Floyd Fest**, Floyd, VA
www.floydfest.com
- 7/30/15- 8/2/15 **Gathering of the Vibes**, Bridgeport, CT
www.gatheringofthevibes.com
- 7/31/15- 8/2/15 **Lollapalooza**, Chicago, IL
www.lollapalooza.com
- 8/13/15- 8/16/15 **The Peach Music Festival**, Scranton, PA
www.thepeachmusicfestival.com
- 9/10/15- 9/13/15 **Lockn' Music Festival**, Arrington, VA
www.locknfestival.com

Foodie Finds

By Mike Manitta

White Cheddar Mac & Cheese

I'm sure everyone has their own take on Macaroni and Cheese, probably Grandma or Aunt Peggy's recipe that has been handed down and rewritten for decades. This is my take on it. I used to serve it every weekend at the bar and I always sold out. It's a pretty basic recipe and I have even been told it tastes like "some old church lady mac n cheese." I'll take it as a total compliment.



- 1 pound shredded white cheddar (I strongly recommend a good extra sharp cheese)**
- 1 pound elbow macaroni**
- 2/3 c. all purpose flour**
- 1 tbs. dry ground mustard**
- 5 c. whole milk**
- 1 tbs. house seasoning**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Go ahead and put the water on to cook the macaroni while you are making the cheese sauce (if I have to explain how to cook noodles then you probably shouldn't be cooking). Place the butter in a medium saucepan over med/medium high heat until melted. Whisk in the flour until it makes a paste-like consistency. Let the mixture cook for about 5 minutes (stir, stir, stir) until it starts to turn slightly brown. Whisk in the milk and add the dry mustard and house seasoning. Let the mixture cook until it starts to thicken, stirring constantly with a wire whisk (you need to stir it often so it doesn't stick to the bottom). Once thickened, add the cheese and keep stirring until it has combined. Remove from heat.

Your macaroni should be done by now. Go ahead and drain the water from the pasta. I typically do not rinse the pasta when I make this; the little bit of starchy water adds to the thickening. Place the pasta in your favorite baking dish (which has probably also been handed down or re-gifted). Pour the cheese sauce over it and stir. Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes or until gold and bubbly. **Enjoy!!**

House Seasoning:

- 2 parts salt**
- 1 part black pepper**
- 1 part granulated garlic**

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From the River's End...

Woody Hemphill

To some, January is an opportunity to initiate a fresh start with a variety of choices. These bring new possibilities for the betterment of self, family, community, and Earth. A time predicated by our focus of finding peace on Earth and goodwill towards fellow riders on our latest trip around the sun.

To others, it's the coldest time of year, an added and obvious detriment to the seagoing folks of Tybee. This month immediately follows our collective shove away from Christmas bounty to the self-imposed exile of temptation and vice. A harrowing experience brought on by tryptophan and treadmills!

The difference in how we see the world is based upon our perspective. While this is shaped by many factors, one of the most formative is our own experience. Mark Twain once said, "I have been through some terrible things in my life, some of which actually happened... When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not." We can all appreciate the reflective quality that this moment brings us and to process our experience in order to facilitate improvement of ourselves and the world around us. Regardless of age, geography, political affiliation, or other demographics- we all are collectively trying to make an effort at this time of year to put our "best foot forward." As young people say, "to affect positive change" because as the wise old Twain also said, "...there is no sadder sight than a young pessimist." For all of us, "the worst loneliness is not to be comfortable with yourself."

How we go about facilitating these changes varies greatly. Some

will try "cold turkey" to stop unhealthy or undesired vices, while others begin new activities in an effort to instill new habits. Research indicates that "success" in keeping these new habits depends on your enjoyment, and how they are reinforced. In other words, things we enjoy we keep doing, followed by those that we can see benefit from, and those that we don't become "failed resolutions." Nevertheless, my fellow citizenry, do not fret. We, on this island, are bound by an obligation to answer one question. One that is obligated because others residing on the other side of the Lazaretto Bridge save all year to experience our daily lives for one week. What do you want to change about your life? What do you desire as a resident of Tybee Island that you do not have currently? Resolutions each year include getting fit, cease smoking/drinking, saving money, and trying something new (education, jobs, relationships). Well, rest assured, you are already ahead of "the game." You may find comfort in the fact that, as Tommy Thompson says, "If you are lucky enough to live on Tybee, you are lucky enough." As millennial youth put it, those residing outside "the 328," want your life. It is up to you... and you alone. Until you stop doing what you don't want to do, and replace it with something else that is healthy, productive, and enjoyable, your chances are very small.

So what do we need to do to be successful? Simply stated, we have to "reconnect." We have to "tap-in," but be comfortable. We must have an opportunity to reflect on our thoughts, to process our experiences, and process what is going on in our head, and in our life. While each of us is different, chances are that many of us don't find this "nirvana" while jumping out of a perfectly good airplane, bungee jumping, or at the bottom of a bottle. Most of us need a quiet, comfortable, and ultimately enjoyable experience to develop new habits, find peace, and lead healthy, productive lives. Recent research indicates that while outside our "comfort zones," our senses are heightened and we are able to identify the changes that we need to make in our lives, but implementing this change requires reflection and reinforcement of our priorities.

A campfire is a perfect location! Nature provides synchronicity to the jumbled thoughts of the mind with the goals and the metaphorical "finish line" that tends to become tangled in our head. In looking into the flames we can forge the steel resolve to keep going and overcome life's obstacles. We are empowered to stay the course and find serenity to accept the changes that are inevitable, along with the wisdom to know where we can have our greatest impact on ourselves, our loved ones, our community, and the world around us. To some, this connection with the outdoors is more important than others, to others it may be viewed as fodder, or intimidating, but to deny oneself a connection to it is akin to denying an integral part of the human experience.



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Each of us has the ability and the luxury of this exciting undertaking within a truly incredible natural outdoor setting in Tybee Island, GA! As the year unfolds, each of us possesses the strength and fortitude to affect the changes that we so eagerly strive to attain. As we experience the beauty of the island around us, I encourage us to find a connection with the natural world and to be able to process our own "inner metaphors" in order to find peace. Despite the cold weather, let us experience some time outdoors, take in a campfire with those that we love and appreciate, stare into the flames to find inner strength and peace. Your goals are attainable, success is possible, and happiness is approaching!

As we ring in the New Year, I'm excited to be on this journey along with you. I'm also looking forward to writing to you, dear reader, to share our experiences in this process. Together, we can find comfort in our collective sharing of stories, to laugh together, pick each other up when we falter, and become stronger as a community, rather than just the sum of our parts. This will be an opportunity to share our little victories, as we march forward in our pursuit towards connectedness, happiness, and even greatness. . .



By Officer Marella Eaton

BEHIND THE TAPE... JAW DROPPING SHORT STORIES OF CRIME, RUMOR CONTROL, AND RESULTS FROM THE "HEY YA'LL-WATCH THIS" GAME

BREAKING THE LAW...

"He stated it was his job to lie and my job to catch him" - A female and male were sitting in a vehicle for a long period of time in the 14th St parking lot when an officer approached the vehicle and requested identification from both parties. The female driver -while heavily intoxicated produced a military ID and her Colorado Drivers License while the male passenger made the attempt to give a false name of B E N G A M I N- while spelling it out incorrectly then again correctly. He then gave a made up date of birth, and other false information. After speaking with the female driver again, she gave more info on herself and "BENGAMIN" to finally revealed his true identity. When asked why he'd try to conceal his identity he said that he has several outstanding warrants from Oregon and said it was "his job to lie and the officers job to catch him" ... so that being said- it was enough for at least a state charge for Open Container and Giving False Identity Information to Law Enforcement Officers. And Oregon didn't want him back after all!

NOTE FROM CHIEF BRYSON We are starting an "Adopted Elder" initiative. We are doing this to become guardians of our elderly community so that they feel safe and secure and let them know that they are not forgotten. We are willing to come by and visit, chat, help with a project, and do most anything that they would need assistance with. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this please email Chief Bryson at rbryson@cityoftybee.org or call 912-472-5091.

How NOT to get a Uniform Traffic Citation: It's very easy. "don't speed" follow the rules of the road like blinker usage, not tailgating, using the left lane properly (it's for passing traffic only) you CAN get a ticket for holding up traffic in the left lane! Maintain your lane, use care when deciding to pull out into traffic or running the yellow light as to not cause an accident... and make sure all of your light indicators on your vehicle are in operational order.

LOVE, ACTUALLY

By Hollie Sessoms



If you've ever fallen in love, you know it's not what it's cracked up to be. Sure, there's the butterflies in stomachs and giggling (Jesus, is there ever giggling), but it's fast and fleeting and then the realness sets in. And it's...you know...real.

Moving to paradise is much the same- thoughts about your new home, the way the air smells, being able to walk out your door and be at the sea's edge in a matter of minutes- it's enough to make a girl swoon.

Reality is a funny little beast. Comes knocking at your door with handfuls of sand. You sweep it up, it returns. You vacuum it from your car, but can never get all the way in the crevices. So, you learn to live around it. Right when you're used to that, hurricane season arrives. Your house fills with bottled water, candles, batteries. The Weather Channel is suddenly your favorite new show. Then there's the guests. You quickly become very popular, people parade through your house, the best free hotel in town. But guests can't last forever...can they?? Next the rust- that salty air you love to smell wrecks havoc on your car, your bike, your lawnmower, furniture,

even your air conditioner for the love of all that is holy!! It's enough to make Idaho look appealing. Do you pack it in? Do you call it quits and move somewhere that doesn't have all these problems? Of course you don't. Paradise, like love, isn't perfect. Only the idea of it is perfect. And you know this. Besides, who wants perfect anyway? Perfect sounds pretty boring to you. And then...a moment of pure pleasure. The sun peeking up from the Atlantic Ocean. A seagull circling overhead. A child building a beautiful sand castle, then knocking it over. It's enough to make you remember. It's enough to make you fall in love again.

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What's in a NAME

By Margie McLellan

Tybee Island is a beautiful seaside community that is steeped in history and charm. It is said that once the sand gets between your toes, you will never leave.

The island has a history that spans over 400 years (well, that's about as far back as we know!). Tybee has played many important roles in forming our great nation and has been under the rule of many countries, been the site of battles, pirates, and more recently has become one of the best beach and vacation destinations in the South.

But...do you know how Tybee got its name?

As with many historical towns, the name Tybee derived from the Native Americans- in this case, the Euchee Indians. "Tybee" is the Euchee word for "salt," one of the many natural resources in the area. It is thought that the Euchee tribe were the first inhabitants of our island and inhabited Tybee in the years before the arrival of the Spanish explorers in the 16th century. In 1520 the Spanish

claimed what is now Tybee Island and renamed it Los Bajos. In the early 1600s, the French took control of Tybee Island in search of Sassafras roots, which they considered to be a "miracle cure." But they were unable to keep control of the island.

Now let's skip several hundred years (meanwhile Oglethorpe founded Georgia under the rule of England. But we'll come back to that at another time).

Tybee Island was renamed "Savannah Beach" in the late 1950s as part of a publicity move. The nerve of those people!!! "Savannah Beach?!" Hmmm...I don't think so!

Let's stick with Tybee...I like the sound of it.



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Trolleys running from the YMCA & Ocean Plaza Hotel to start the 5K 4pm-5:30pm Friday. More info: www.critztybeerun.com
- 6-8 Tybee Arts Association First Art Show and Sale** "I 'Heart' Art." Tybee Arts Association Building, 7 Cedarwood Ave.
- 6-8 15th Annual Low Country Home and Garden Show** @ Savannah International Trade & Convention Center
- 7 Dr. William Furey, Ph.d. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer** Wilmington, 9am to 3:30pm Focusing on suffering specifically to help women and older teens begin a journey of healing.
- 8 Free Admission Day @ Ft. Pulaski** in celebration of Super Museum Sunday
- 8 Walking Dead Season 5 midseason Premiere**
- 12-15 Savannah Book Festival** More than 30 authors in attendance, including: Janet Evanovich, P.J. O'Rourke, Anne Rice & more
- 12 Mardi Gras Schedule of Events** Thursday, Feb.12, 7pm Coco's Sunset Grille hosts the King Cake Party Friday, Feb.13, 7pm, Fannies's On The Beach hosts the Mardi Gras Kick off party. Saturday, Feb.14, 12-6pm Mardi Gras Street Party. Parade at 2pm.
- 14 Valentine's Day**
- 14 Live Music @ The Sand Bar** Jeremy Riddle
- 14-16 Free Admission Days @ Ft. Pulaski** in honor of President's Week
- 17 Live Music @ The Sand Bar** Tybee Funk Machine
- 17 Shrove Pancake & Gumbo Supper** 5-7pm @ All Saints Episcopal Church on Tybee. Proceeds to benefit All Saints local outreach missions. For more info contact: 912-786-5845
- 19-24 Ga. Seminars by the Sea Porcelain Art School** Session 1 @ Tybee Wedding Chapel For more info contact Suzanne Painter 706-495-6724
- 22 Annual Chili Cook-Off @ Wind Rose Cafe.** 8pm Live music & prizes
- 24-3/1 Ga. Seminars by the Sea Porcelain Art School** Session 2 @ Tybee Wedding Chapel. For more info contact Suzanne Painter 706-495-6724
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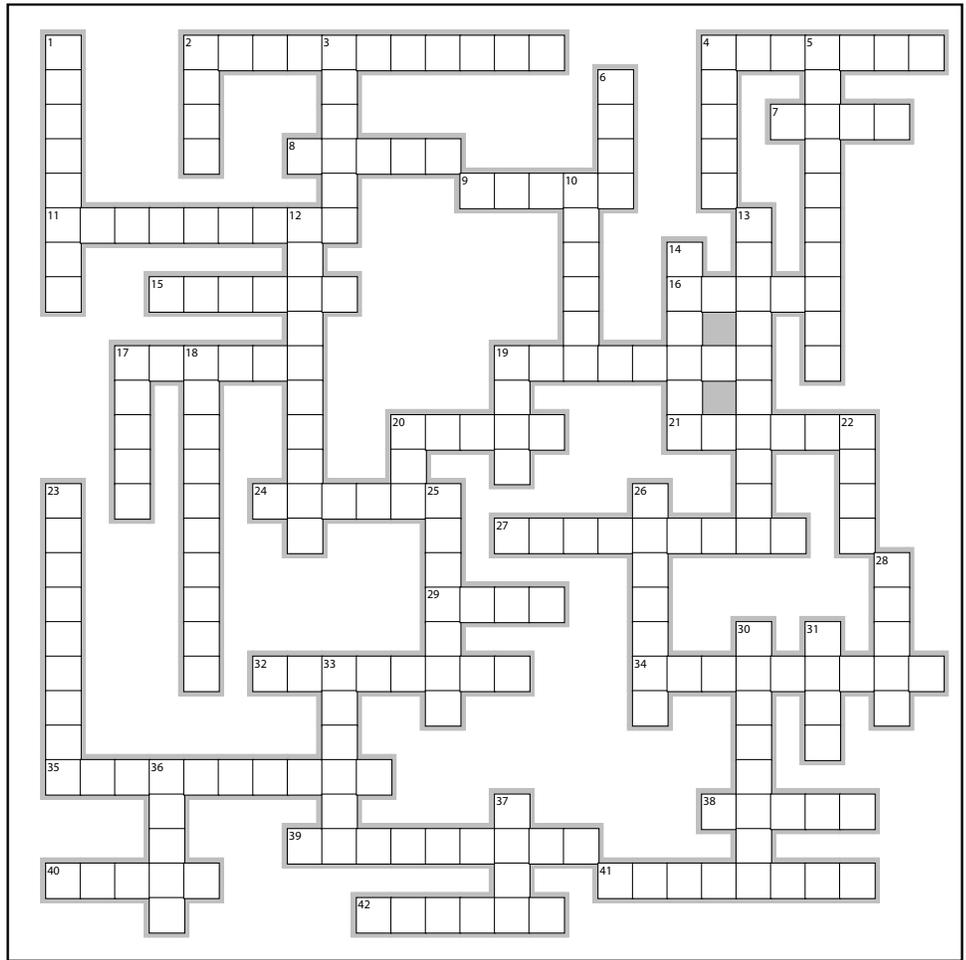
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- Benny's** - Happy hour Monday thru Friday 10am-7pm, Free Pool Tuesday, Wednesday Pool Tournaments 8pm, Friday and Saturday Karaoke 9pm-1am
- Doc's** - Happy hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, Tuesday Jam Night 7pm, Thursday Karaoke 8pm, Friday and Saturday live music.
- Tybee Time Bar**- Happy hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, DJ Marty Thursday thru Saturday.
- The Quarter Sports Bar & Grill** - Happy Hour 4-7pm Monday thru Friday. For More info - 912-786-8966
- Bernie's Oyster House** - Happy Hour Monday thru Thursday 4-7pm, Live Music Friday and Saturday nights. For more info: 912-786-5100
- Fannies On The Beach** - Brunch Saturday & Sunday 10am-1pm For more info: 912-786-6109
- Nickies 1971 Bar & Grill** - Daily lunch specials. Happy hour Monday - Thursday til 7pm. Monday & Tuesday - Texas Hold'em Tournaments 8pm, Tuesday - Pool Tournament 7pm, Friday - Karaoke 9pm, Saturday - Live Music 9pm
- Rock House Original Bar & Grill** - Daily Happy Hour 4-7pm, Karaoke Sunday-Thursday 9pm-3am, DJ Dance Party every Saturday, Live Music every Thursday, Friday & Saturday
- Wind Rose Cafe** - Happy Hour Monday-Friday. Daily lunch specials
- The Sand Bar** - Monday - Live Music: Mandolin Madness With Sean McNally, Wednesday - Live Music: Open Jam Night, Tuesday & Thursday - Game Nights: Ping Pong, Screw Your Neighbor, Pictionary and More
- Stingray's Seafood** - Live Music Friday and Saturday nights.

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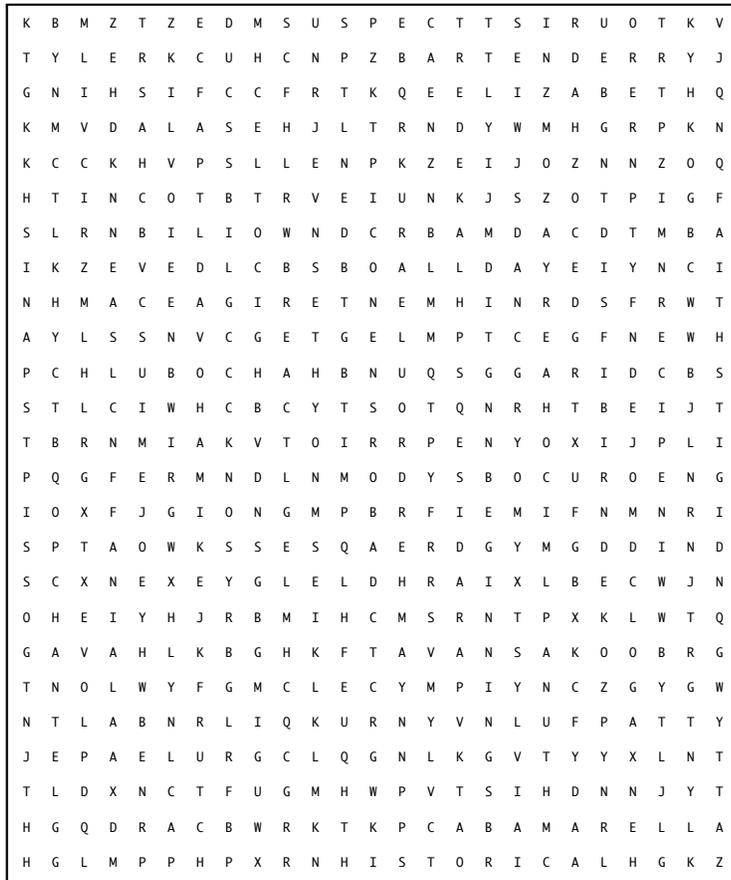
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- 4. ocean grub
- 7. explosive Tybee icon
- 8. a sticker for Tybee locals
- 9. wetland
- 11. She sells them on the shore
- 15. mainland connector
- 16. pacific or atlantic
- 17. container with handle
- 19. small Tybee taxi (two words)
- 20. wind waves
- 21. low country boil protein
- 24. Tybee _____
- 27. feared storm for islanders
- 29. Tybee tree
- 32. family getaway
- 34. beach rescuer
- 35. beach sculpture (two words)
- 38. whitecap
- 39. beach access
- 40. colorful tails in the air
- 41. sun shade
- 42. Tybee procession



Down

- 1. summer intruders
- 2. water travel vehicle
- 3. rooms for rent
- 4. coast
- 5. leave only your _____
- 6. lives in the ocean
- 10. beach scoop
- 12. cockspur
- 13. island mayor
- 14. natives of Tybee
- 17. _____ volleyball
- 18. pitch tents here
- 19. bird
- 20. sol
- 22. wharf or dock
- 23. shoe wear (two words)
- 25. bottlenose ____
- 26. two wheeler
- 28. Jaws star
- 30. liquid refreshment
- 31. breaking waves
- 33. ice container
- 36. sand piles
- 37. it gets between your toes

Word Search



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A Good Attorney Story

What What??



How many lawyer jokes are there? Just two, all the rest are true!! After researching attorney jokes for several hours (and laughing hysterically), this is probably the most polite one I could come up with. Lawyers are people too and I have met a good one! Tyler Lee Randolph. Before I even knew he was an attorney, I knew he

was a legitimately nice guy. That's tough to fake no matter what your profession is. No faking here.

Tyler is a solo practitioner specializing in a general practice, which means he does it all! DUI, divorce, custody support, felonies, adoptions, business and construction litigation, business transactions, buyouts and mergers, trusts, probate and probate litigation, personal injury, medical malpractice and did I mention he can also leap tall buildings in a single bound?

In 1988, Tyler was an undergraduate at West Point (yes, West Point) and was 'star man' (which for us civilians means top 5% - most people's top five is their IPOD list) and went on to obtain his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1995 (UVA is one of the top 10 law schools in the country by the by). The military has always been his passion and he started practicing in the Army JAG Corps and continued there for six years. That involved spending a long time away from his wife in foreign countries.

Family is important to Tyler, so in 2001, he went to Raleigh, NC to join a law firm and settle down. For three years he practiced

with a local firm there. When an offer from an old army buddy came in to move to the Savannah area, Tyler couldn't resist. For a couple of years he practiced with a group of attorneys and then took the chance. Go out on your own and do it!

Since April, 2013, Tyler has been working as a solo practitioner with his cohort in crime, Sarah Osborn, paralegal extraordinaire! (Having been a paralegal, I can attest to the fact that it is a lot of work). Opening an initial office in Richmond Hill and now an office in Savannah, Tyler and Sarah have been working diligently to be the best for their clients... and for family.

Tyler has two beautiful girls and a stunning wife who are a wonderful support system. Moving to Tybee full time, Tyler has a lot going on, but is always up front. "A good attorney knows what they don't know." That says a lot right there.

Focusing in Chatham, Bryan and Liberty Counties, Tyler really is something. He is honest and forthcoming right out of the gate. He will give you the reality of your case (no matter what it is you have done or not done) with a free consultation. Personal service and availability are a super plus. Having had my own experience, when you need an attorney, you need one and super quick. Who can you really trust not to completely screw you over? If you are the plaintiff, respondent, victim or defendant, you want someone you can trust to be on your side and tell you what is the guts of the deal. Don't lie to me or fudge what you can and cannot do for me.

Another thing that impressed me is that Tyler is very pro military and knows all the ins and outs. Having been on both sides of the fence (prosecution - Judge Advocate General - JAG and defense), he has a view that many attorneys simply do not have. The truly most important training is OJT (on the job training folks). You can go to West Point and UVA, but until you're in the trenches, you don't know jack. Tyler knows jack.

With family and business both going strong, Tyler finds time to volunteer with the Air National Guard serving as a Lieutenant Colonel. That's dedication people: To country, family, clients and justice. With

all that being said, he is also a nice guy. Don't find that entire package very often. Did I forget to mention the honesty part? Never heard all that put together about one person, much less an attorney. If you need help, call Tyler.

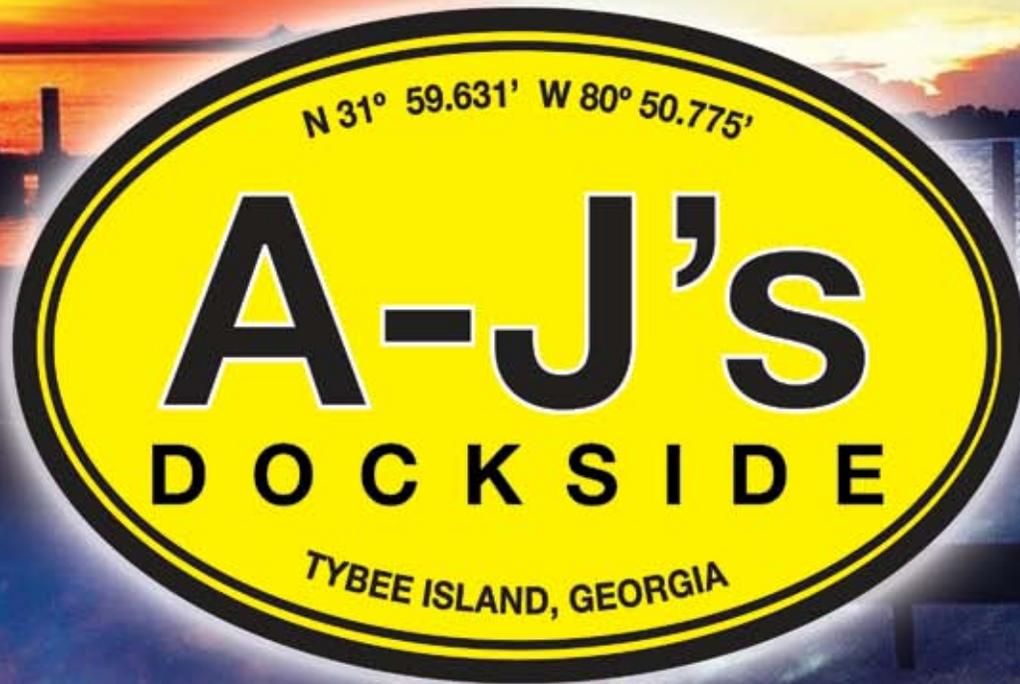


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