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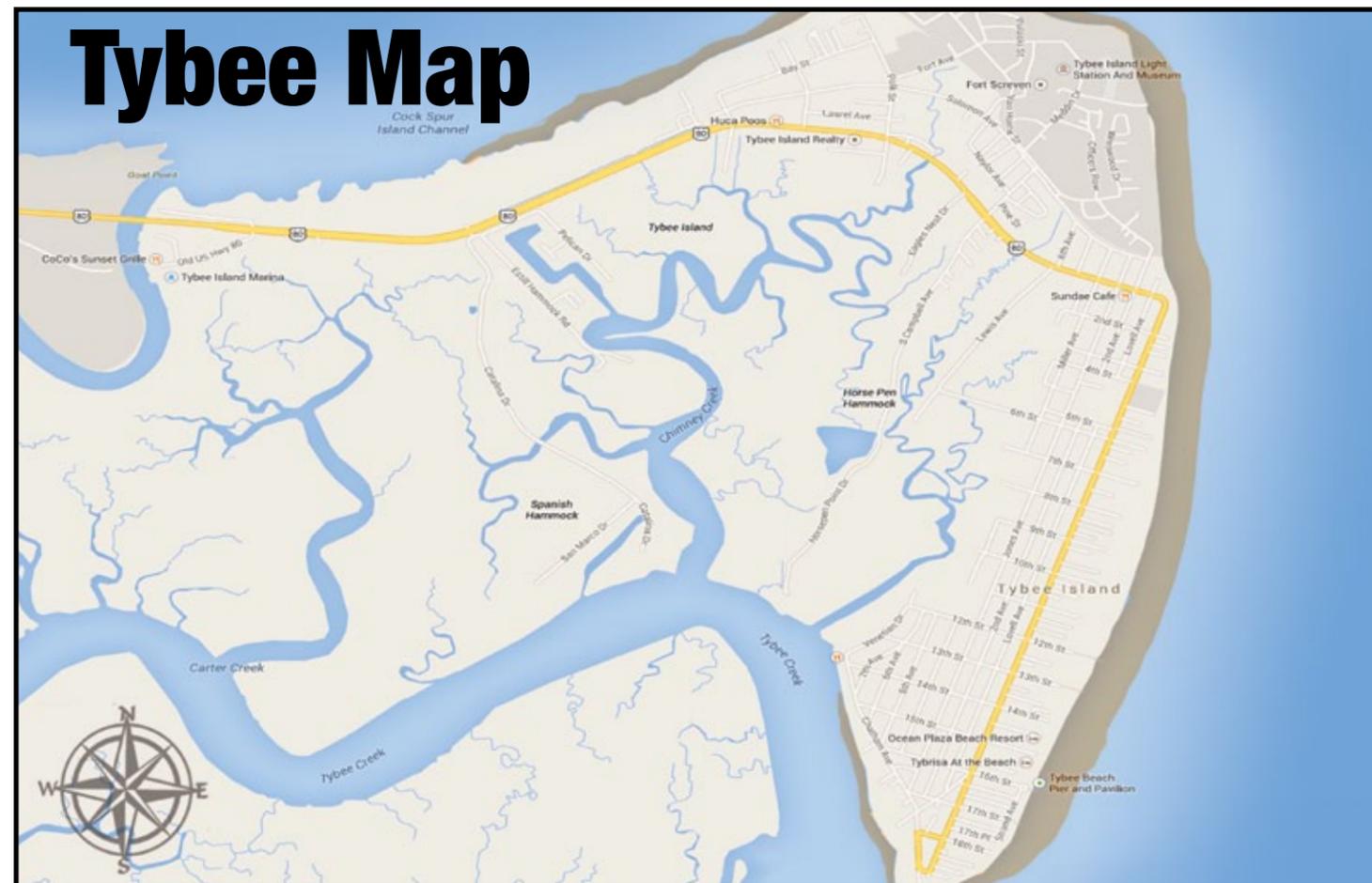
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From the
EDITOR



Thank you Tybee for all of your excellent feedback about the premier edition of the Tybee Beachcomber on February 1st!! I have not heard a bad thing, other

than 'it's too skinny.' I got your skinny. We will only get bigger and better.

I have made many new friends and contacts over the last month and have learned more in the last three months than I learned my entire senior year of high school (maybe if I had put down my cigarettes and hairspray I would have learned more... sigh... '80s baby). Anyway, I digress. The Tybee Beachcomber just got started and we are learning as we go. Bear with us and hold on to your board shorts cuz you ain't seen nothing yet!

Keep it coming Tybee! Help us help you. Call us, email us, Facebook us, check out the website and leave feedback. People: Call with what's going on in your business or what crazy get together you are planning for good times. Let us coalesce this website madness into one happy easy read. We got your back Tybee! Well, and your front too!

Cheers!!

The Shape Shifter (I can still dream)



Waves rolling into 2015 are a dynamite sight for sore eyes during a desolate winter season. The water is suddenly bobbing with dedicated wave riders, geared out in their winter's best. Despite misguided claims, Tybee Island hosts some radical surf. Its superficially unpredictable patterns are a challenge to fellow East Coast individuals like Kelly Slater, a solid surfing sensation that rips the best waves our blue planet has to offer. It is a claim of pride to locals, who are comfortable and creative with Tybee's sometimes shifty conditions. This small barrier island caters to wave riders of all ages. They emerge hooting and hollering, charging waves and riding ripples, they can pin 'em all.

Seasoned Tybee surfers will solemnly swear that if you can surf on Tybee, you can surf anywhere, a most excellent theory to be put to the test.

Unfortunately, the swell this winter has been outrageously small (a side effect from the beach re-nourishment stunt that capped 2014). This obstruction of the surf zone formed The Great Atlantic Lake, turning Tybee wave riders into sitting water ducks. Despite my tantalizing feelings to panic, I am reminded that these are the times to cultivate patience and perseverance. It is clearly an ongoing practice that is well established within the island's surf community. As we hibernate, we keep our ears on the forecast, always hoping, plotting and anticipating a perfect elemental brew of wind, tide and swell, always welcoming more high times on Tybee.

Despite the extensive sand job, these shores have been blessed with a couple of New Year swells. Clean, pristine, waist high wonders, fanning sea spray and the smell of Spanky's chicken fingers. Deprived dudes and dudines finally able to embrace some quality water time, catch some golden nuggets and recharge. These epic wave days are always a good reminder of what surfing can be all about, stoked moments, contagious energy and the appreciation of totally tubular times.

THE Fish Whisperer



Captain Nick Shreves

March Fishing Forecast



INSHORE

Spring is around the corner and the water will begin to warm up. As this water temperature rises, the bite picks up. Watch for it to hit the mid-sixties and be ready, Redfish and Speckled Sea Trout will be biting. I am always a fan of the Gulp baits on a light jighead, fished really slow. Soon the whiting will show up and catching a mess of them will provide a good fish fry for you and your friends. Whiting are a sucker for shrimp on a double dropper rig. Look for deep holes in the sounds and rivers.



NEARSHORE

Sheepshead fishing has only gotten better and the big fish should be around. Ten pound fish are a blast and can commonly be found now. The bait shops should have fiddler crabs more often as the temperature continues to rise. The fish have arrived at the near shore reefs in full force and so have the fishermen. Be prepared as the winds can change quickly this time of year and it can become chilly quick. Thank you all for the support and I look forward to seeing you all enjoying the water. **If you want to join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912)230-4625.**

TYBEE PIER

It is time to start getting the gear ready. After the long winter I know many pier fishermen are ready. In years past, I have seen a great biting on whiting after the water temperature gets up in the sixties. There is also a chance for some black drum around the pier around that time as well. Shrimp are great bait for either one. I also would not be surprised if a few of the big Bull Redfish are caught as well. For those willing to sit out there, I would try cut mullet.

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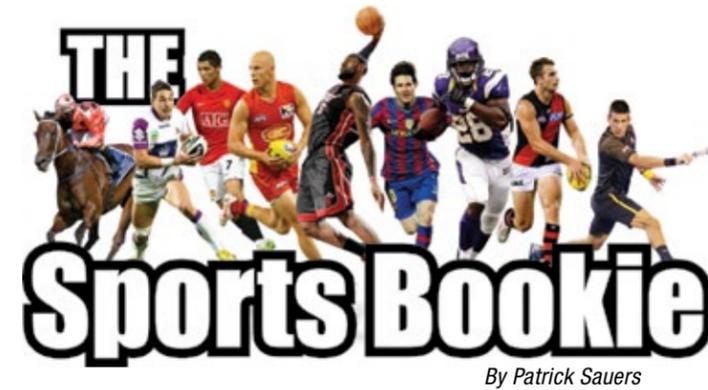
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1	Su	448am 6.7	519pm 6.3	1125am 0.5	1137pm 0.1	651am	621pm	304pm	405am	
2	Mo	539am 6.8	608pm 6.5	1210pm 0.4		650am	622pm	356pm	446am	
3	Tu	625am 7.0	652pm 6.7	1224am 0.0	1252pm 0.2	649am	623pm	449pm	523am	
4	We	707am 7.1	732pm 6.9	107am -0.2	130pm 0.0	648am	623pm	541pm	559am	
5	Th	746am 7.1	809pm 7.0	148am -0.2	206pm 0.0	646am	624pm	634pm	632am	Full
6	Fr	822am 7.1	844pm 7.0	227am -0.3	241pm -0.1	645am	625pm	726pm	705am	
7	Sa	857am 7.0	917pm 6.9	304am -0.2	314pm -0.1	644am	626pm	819pm	738am	
8	Su	1031am 6.8	1049pm 6.8	440am -0.1	447pm 0.0	743am	726pm	1012pm	911am	
9	Mo	1105am 6.6	1124pm 6.8	516am 0.1	522pm 0.1	742am	727pm	1106pm	946am	
10	Tu	1143am 6.4		555am 0.3	559pm 0.2	740am	728pm		1023am	
11	We	1204am 6.7	1227pm 6.3	637am 0.5	641pm 0.4	739am	729pm	1200am	1104am	
12	Th	1252am 6.7	118pm 6.2	726am 0.7	730pm 0.5	738am	729pm	1256am	1149am	
13	Fr	148am 6.7	215pm 6.1	824am 0.8	830pm 0.5	737am	730pm	151am	1239pm	3rd
14	Sa	249am 6.8	316pm 6.3	930am 0.7	939pm 0.4	735am	731pm	246am	134pm	
15	Su	354am 6.9	419pm 6.5	1036am 0.4	1049pm 0.1	734am	731pm	339am	234pm	
16	Mo	500am 7.2	523pm 6.9	1138am 0.0	1155pm -0.3	733am	732pm	430am	337pm	
17	Tu	604am 7.6	624pm 7.4	1236pm -0.5		732am	733pm	518am	444pm	
18	We	703am 7.9	722pm 7.9	1255am -0.8	130pm -1.0	730am	734pm	604am	552pm	
19	Th	758am 8.2	815pm 8.4	152am -1.2	222pm -1.4	729am	734pm	649am	701pm	
20	Fr	849am 8.3	907pm 8.6	247am -1.5	312pm -1.6	728am	735pm	732am	810pm	New
21	Sa	939am 8.2	957pm 8.6	339am -1.6	401pm -1.6	726am	736pm	815am	918pm	
22	Su	1029am 8.0	1048pm 8.5	429am -1.4	449pm -1.5	725am	736pm	900am	1025pm	
23	Mo	1120am 7.6	1140pm 8.1	519am -1.1	536pm -1.1	724am	737pm	945am	1128pm	
24	Tu	1214pm 7.1		609am -0.6	625pm -0.6	723am	738pm	1033am		
25	We	1234am 7.7	109pm 6.7	700am 0.0	716pm 0.0	721am	738pm	1122am	1229am	
26	Th	130am 7.3	206pm 6.4	756am 0.5	813pm 0.5	720am	739pm	1214pm	125am	
27	Fr	226am 6.9	302pm 6.2	857am 0.9	914pm 0.8	719am	740pm	106pm	216am	1st
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29	Su	417am 6.6	454pm 6.2	1058am 1.0	1116pm 0.8	716am	741pm	252pm	345am	
30	Mo	512am 6.6	548pm 6.4	1148am 0.8		715am	742pm	344pm	423am	
31	Tu	604am 6.7	637pm 6.7	1208am 0.6	1233pm 0.6	714am	743pm	437pm	459am	



A quick glance in the rearview mirror reveals that February's cold and dismal calendar of sporting events is gone. We can reminisce on the Internet takeover infamous Left Shark or what may have been one of the worst calls in Super Bowl history the nation has seen, although Pete Carroll will go to his grave believing it was the right call. However, there are rumors that claim he has lost more sleep than a set of parents with a newborn in the past month. We enter March looking forward to spring break, green beer and hoops. College and professional, allow me to explain.

If you haven't done so already, you need to jump on the Atlanta Hawks bandwagon. Typically, I can't stand the sight of bandwagon fans. The amount of Ohio State hats and shirts that flooded the streets was sickening. In this instance though, I am completely condoning this behavior when it comes to this team. I have never been a huge fan of the NBA, but I did go to a Hawks game when I was a Cub Scout back in '89, so technically, I have always been a Hawks fan regardless of the 25-year span between watching games, excluding me from the bandwagon label.

In all seriousness though, if you are looking to pull for an Atlanta team that will actually fulfill that playoff void the Falcons left and the Braves probably won't deliver until 2019, jump on. As I am writing this the Hawks have the best record in the NBA. At 42-9, they are a shoo-in for the playoffs, and a contender to win it all. If they can stay healthy, they have a very high percentage of making a deep play-off run. The Hawks haven't made it into the Eastern Conference Championship since 1970. More incredible, they are having this amazing season without any LeBron-esque names on their squad. If you would like to take a gamble, place a wager on the Hawks winning their conference. The chances are great they will make it to the penultimate game of the conference and Vegas will probably give them a good price.

On the other side of the coin, we turn to the Braves. It's hard not to sigh every time I think about them. I know Opening Day is still a month away and at the risk of playing the part of the naysayer, this season might be rough. Some of their off-season moves have caused me to question my reasons to root for them. November saw the trade of Jason Heyward, in December Justin Upton was traded and in January, El Oso Blanco, left the team. That's Evan Gattis for anyone outside the scope of baseball. There haven't been any names replacing those guys that get me psyched for the first pitch of the season. I am sure it all makes sense to the front office, but for the fans, it is hard to see them go. Maybe they are trying to gather the funds to recreate the 1995 Braves in an attempt to twist the space time continuum and bring home another championship. Either way, we can always look forward to next season.

If you can pull yourself away from spring training, March does hold the greatest tournament in all of sports. The NCAA men's basketball tournament turns everyone filling out a bracket into a bracketologist. I have filled out numerous brackets over the years, used all sorts of methods and end up being awful. That's why this year I am going to use an unorthodox approach. I'm going to enlist the Tybee Island Dart League to help me out. This method will surely win my work pool. This league gets together each Monday at various bars to contend to see who is the best on the island. While the competition is there, it is still a good time. If you are looking for something to do on a Monday night, check out tybeedarts.com for more information.

Although March Madness lives up to the hype, there is another tournament that happens every March in Savannah. It also happens to coincide with the greatest day in Savannah. It also involves lots of booze. Still need a hint? The Savannah Shamrocks puts on the largest rugby tournament in their annual St. Patrick's Day event. This year the event will be on March 14-15 in Daffin Park. The tournament brings over 75 teams to Savannah from all over the country. There are even teams that hail from England and Ireland. The tournament donates proceeds from the tournament to local charities and has overwhelming support from the community. So, if you are looking for some pre-St. Paddy's celebrating, head down to Daffin Park.

As always here are some picks I feel extremely confident about. Take them or leave them. Washington Nationals, as much as I hate Bryce Harper and this bunch, are going to win the NL East this year. Take them early for a payoff down the line. Take the over on how many beers will be consumed on Tybee during the Irish Heritage Parade. Never, ever take the under. The under is for suckers.

Tybee Island Bucket List

- Go to the Tybee Island Irish Heritage Parade
- Attend the FareWhale Festival
- 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!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints

A Tybee Farewell



On a very sad note, we would like to say an extremely heartfelt farewell to one of Tybee's brightest stars, Kevin Carpenter. What a terrific smile and a gentle heart. Fun! Merry! Someone you wanted to hang out with. Your star may be out Kevin, but you will never be forgotten

and will burn bright on Tybee forever. Many stories will be told and retold about your antics and generosity and good natured soul. Tybee will not forget...



A Tybee Welcome St. Patrick's Day

By Mike Manitta and Margie McLellan

With tourist season rapidly approaching, we are ready to jump back into work mode and welcome visitors to our beautiful island home. We always enjoy getting our island back to ourselves for a while during the winter months, but...we are ready for some fun! We've had our trial runs with New Year's Eve and Mardi Gras and now it's time to fine tune our skills for St. Patrick's Day. This celebration will mark the biggest influx of people to Tybee since October. We've had our naps and we're rested up and ready to go! Between all the events scheduled in Savannah, as well as Tybee's own celebrations, there are plenty of activities to choose from. We love having parades on Tybee (at least 6 a year, feels more like 20), and we think our Irish Heritage Parade is one of the best. One of its main appeals is that it is not as large as Savannah's parade but comes with a bit more intimacy and just as much fun. For those of us who don't want to deal with the craziness of downtown Savannah for the holiday, this is the place to be! Not only do we get an overflow of tourists, but we also get Savannah and Tybee locals who prefer being here to escape the mayhem downtown. Our parade here on Tybee will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 3:00 pm. Anywhere on Butler Ave. to the Strand is a perfect spot, not only for the parade, but if you're lucky enough, you may run into a few of our famous Tybee locals. Don't feed them. The restaurants are prepping up grub and the bars are ready to serve you. Our colorful cast of local bartenders will be slinging drinks and ready to entertain. Our eclectic local establishments will offer live music to absorb, DJs to dance to, or you can sing it yourself at karaoke.

Remember that no matter where you are staying on Tybee, no destination is too far. Tybee offers a various number of shuttle services, such as golf cart or taxi, to get you to where you are going for more than a reasonable price. Drinking and driving need never be an issue. Don't do it!!

So dust off your beads, grab your green beer and join us for the festivities. We're ready and waiting...GAME ON!!!

Please go to TybeeBeachcomber.com for the Irish Heritage Parade application form.

“May your joys be
as deep as the oceans
Your troubles
as light as its foam
And may you find
sweet peace of mind
Wherever you
may roam”



A Wee Bit O' Blarney...

By Margie McLellan

March is one of my favorite months of the year. It signals the end of winter (of course, I don't think us Southerners really understand the concept of "winter") and the days start getting longer and warmer. You can always tell when spring arrives because the island starts to become busy and people are enjoying being outside. My back porch becomes my living room. I practically live out there.

But I guess my favorite thing about March is St. Patrick's Day. Until I moved here it was just another day in the year. I quickly learned, however, that it was a much beloved holiday here. Parties, parades, shamrocks, beads, leprechauns, the wearing o' the green, more parties, more parades...

It got me interested in the history of this holiday. So I did a wee bit of studying on the subject. St. Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland. But did you know that he was not born in Ireland? He was born in Britain and as a young boy was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland. He was there for six years before he was able to escape and return to Britain. From there he went to France and joined a monastery where he spent 12 years. When he became a bishop he dreamed that the Irish people were calling him back. He returned to Ireland where he spent the rest of his life helping the Irish people. He was much beloved by the Irish until his death, which is March 17th. There are also many popular legends associated with St. Patrick. The symbol of the shamrock comes from the story of St. Patrick using the shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity. Another legend has it that St. Patrick banished all the snakes from Ireland by chasing them into the ocean.

Then there are leprechauns, the little wee people, who if you are lucky enough to catch, you get their gold. Then there's the kissing of the Blarney Stone, which gives the gift of eloquence. Then there's parades, kilts, bagpipes, beer, beads, and blessings. All in all, this is truly a great holiday to celebrate with friends and family. So get out your beads, put on your green and join in the fun. It all begins on Tybee the weekend before, with our parade on the 14th, starting at 3pm, which I must say is a pretty good one! We do love parades and a reason to party on Tybee Island!



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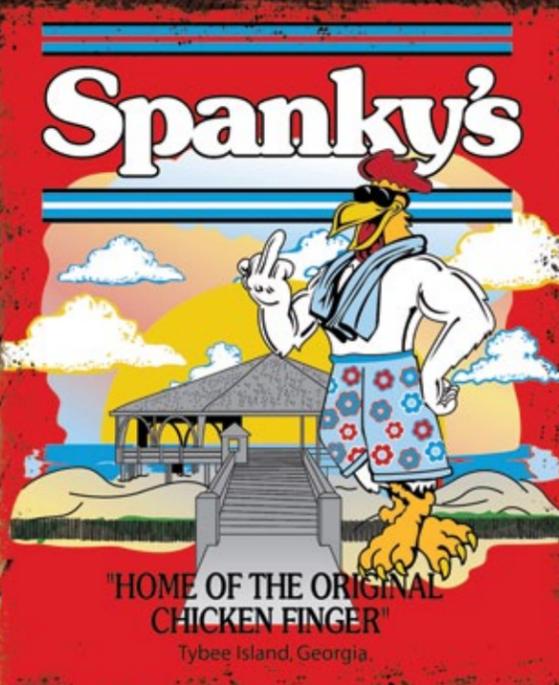
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COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz

Tybee Island is typically a seasonal destination location. Originally I'm from "Up North" so when I found Tybee I thought I was in southern paradise. Obviously I live here now, so I thought I could handle it here year round. Winter on Tybee, however, can prove to be a challenge. Season tends to slow down drastically. Many of us depend on tourists, not only for our livelihood, but also for new and exciting stimulation (we are stranded on an island). An upside of down season here is reconnecting with local friends that have also busted their humps all season before preparing for the next. No matter what, Tybee is fun year round!

One year round hot spot on Tybee is Hucapoo's. Trust me, I've been recommending this place for years and haven't had one complaint. It's a great gathering place for locals and tourists with great affordable food, company and music. I've been lucky enough to catch the band Showtime, from Athens, Georgia twice this winter. What a show. Catch them if you can, they encompass many genres. And there's nothing like enjoying a band right off the bat.



One of my all-time favorites, Greg Allman, played the Johnny Mercer Theatre this winter. Those jams



took off the winter chills, especially with the pleasant surprise of getting behind the soundboard. Awesome!

The Tybee Island Social Club aims at keeping the island entertained during the off season. I caught the local band

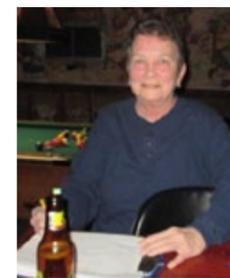
The Accomplices there recently. This band is truly music for the masses. They are always a great time and I hope their parents are proud of 'em. They will bring a room together in no time with full body goose bumps.



Local or tourist, you might have the pleasure of catching a cab ride with Tybee diva baby, Ms. Claire. I did so for a fun ride to the American Legion for a beautiful Saturday afternoon all you can eat oyster roast. It was hard



to believe it was winter, it was such a gorgeous day!



Again, this time of year around here we put our best foot forward towards keeping ourselves, how should I say, "busy?" Our local haunts will have darts, pool, poker, and karaoke. Tootie hosts



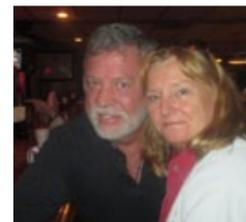
the pool tournament at The Quarter every Tuesday. Amber and Gloria were catching the action barside.



our collaborations of hard work.

Tybee Beachcomber is a new publication we've all worked so hard on. We're so proud we hosted a writers' party at the Wind Rose Café to reward ourselves and to share

You're likely to run in to the couple Reverend Brant and his wife Sandy. Brant will not only greet you upon entrance with a smile, he can marry you afterwards! They're Hilary-ous.



Benny's not only has the "coldest beer in America," they have a new kitchen. Daniel has taken over and treated the bar to endless wings with Cupcake Super Bowl Sunday. Thanks dude! Bon appetite.

Nickie's impressed me with their

Super Bowl Bingo game. What a way to engage those not interested with sports in the game. C'mon y'all, sports are fun, especially with a vested interest. Ron and Leigh played and they were not driving anyone home that evening.



It wasn't a big surprise that Super bowl Sunday was a big night out on Tybee. I could've sworn that Ernie was an Eagles fan, but at least his shirt won; and Anita is beautiful. Dylan, Owen,



Ben and Ivan huddled up for a genuinely nice picture. Can you hear me, Ivan? You're beautiful! I'm glad Jim got to enjoy the game with Neil before he relocates to the Florida Keys.

Steve and Bethany own Tybee Time Bar, Doc's Bar and Ellie Mae, the squirrel. How cute!



Katie will party with you on either side of the bar any time of year. She bartends at the Sand Bar, which is also doing an epic job at keeping this winter

HOT. Morgan and Will, thanks for a real good time! It's not often that a girl like me gets the chance to take a mug



shot of an officer (smile John) and Johnny! Jello shots!

It's nice to see Mark, Lana and Tess' familiar smiling faces.



Bernie's is letting the good times roll. Musicians Annie Allman and local attorney Michael Moody played together! And cooks Ike and Chris look like they know what's up. I'm glad they got a



photo break, I know they work so hard.

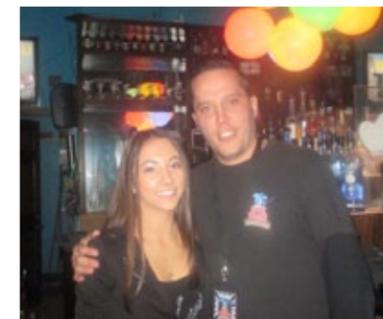


The local Savannah band Xulu Prophet steamed things up at the Rock House. Robby and Diana were serving it up.

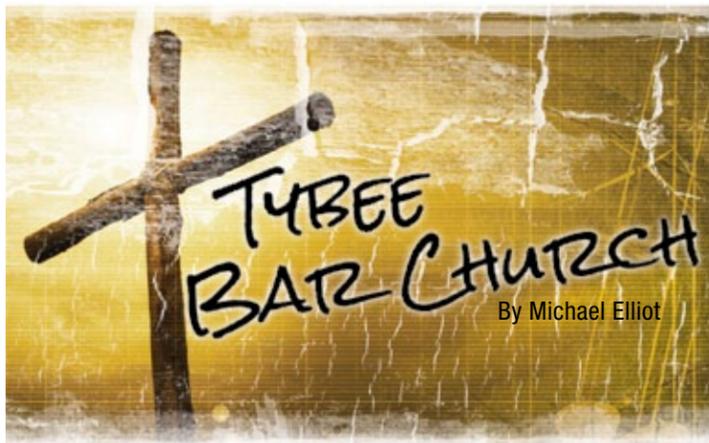
Unfortunately, in February we suffered the untimely loss of a major



member of our community, Kevin Carpenter. The abundant love for this man was apparent island wide. Joe Sheffield hosted charitable crab races at Doc's Bar for "Teen Cuisine" in honor of Kevin.



To wrap it up, in the winter time, I think it's alive and kicking on Tybee.



At Bar Church ... yes the Church in a Bar ... the one I'm the Semi-Professional Christian ... inexplicably in charge ... I inherited some funny traditions.

The premise of Church in a bar is you can worship God anywhere ... even in a Bar ... then go to the Beach and worship some more.

So we do.

We're much more comfortable in Benny's than in a multimillion dollar building with stained glass, padded pews, big ass steeples and large parking lots. Apparently most people are.

Somewhere around 42% of Americans actually attend Church. Lots of people question if 42% reflects reality as it includes those who only attend on Easter or Christmas ... which really shouldn't count ... because they went out of guilt ... and the actual number of people who faithfully attend Church in America is around 30% ... maybe.

Yet, 97% of Americans believe in God, a Higher Power, One Consciousness or the Power of Community!

They just don't attend regular Churches to fuel their faith. Jesus never had a Church ... though he commanded St. Peter to build one ... on his back ... which was broken ... when he was crucified upside down ... which he asked for ... because he didn't feel worthy enough to be nailed to a cross like Jesus ... but this is according to Church people ... with the multimillion dollar buildings, stained glass, padded pews and large parking lots.

At Bar Church we don't get caught up in such things.

Hell half the time we can't even make the sound system work right ... only Davy Cahill can do that ... and he plays drums too.

But I digress.

Bar Church ends when Norm is called to the stage to conclude the service.

Laying his cigarette aside he takes his sweet time walking to the stage ... to address a crowd of really happy people ... because



Church in a bar is freaking awesome.

Anyway Norm strolls up, sits on a Bar Stool and says, "Hello Tybee Church!"

"MORNING NORM," the rag tag groups yells.

"We need to pray for," he begins ... then he lists the most horrible things that happened in the world over the past seven days ... beheadings ... Mike Huckabee running for President ... deaths ... and such ... then he leads us in "The Lord's Prayer" ... which we all say out loud.

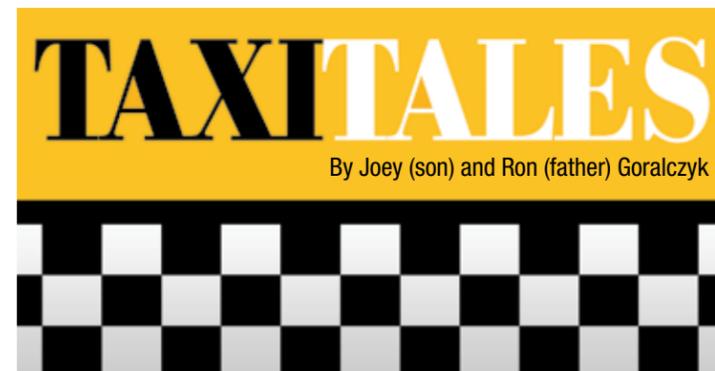
It's depressing as Hell.

Then the Bar Band ... do not confuse us with a Praise Band ... immediately launches into "Knocking on Heaven's Door" because a perfectly upbeat crowd has been brought immediately down ... or, my personal favorite ... "People pray just a little bit longer, stay just a little bit more."

We crack each other up at Bar Church.

The point being ... we know there's a lot of bad in the world ... and during a celebration of loving God and each other in a Bar ... we're reminded of them ... then we do the "Our Father" ... then we celebrate.

It's a funny Church and I'd swear I'd never do Church again but here I am ...doing Church ... kinda ... without an actual Church ... but a Bar ... and I'm finding it absolutely ... Heavenly.



Not so typical Mid December Thursday night...

Bar A is having their Christmas party. Huge spread of great food. Plenty of booze. Everyone I know is there. I'm doing my best to pick everyone up and get them dropped off. I get a call from Bar B from a rider who has staggered his way from Bar A.

"Ron take me home."

Gotcha.

Get him to his house and he tells me "I want to go to Bar C for some food."

Ok. He is riding.

Head back to Bar A to pick up a group heading close to Bar C. Get there. Make contact with my riders... "FU Ron!" Which...by the way...means "I Love You!" Six...or maybe more(??) climb into the cab. Maybe too many...what are ya gonna do? Meanwhile...I am recording the guy in the front seat struggling to put on his jacket. Now...imagine a straight jacket in reverse. Right?

Five, maybe ten minutes go by. Trying to get really happy people in the cab can be time consuming. Three of the four girls looked 'barely legal' to me, but I am focused on getting people to their destinations. As we are heading out a young man starts yelling "Where are you going? What are you doing?" I ask a female passenger "Is that your boyfriend?"

Ha.

Her... "Not anymore."

Me... "Does he know that?"

Her... "He can figure it out. Let's roll."

Okay. Back to dude wrestling with his jacket. "Do you still want to go to Bar C?"

"F*%^ You Ron! Take me home!" With his jacket on upside down and inside out.

I ask if he needs help into his house. "Nope. I Got This!"

Nice young lady in the backseat helps him to his feet and pushes him in the direction of his front door. Good Luck!

So Good Samaritan takes a seat in the front. We are off. Meanwhile, I get a call from Bar A. "Bring the 'barely legals' back to the restaurant at once." Okay. Gotcha.

We arrive at our next stop. Both passenger doors open. Who is in? Who is out?

Wait. I see a passenger in the back. Hand in harm's way. And it happens! Oh. My. God.

Door slams. On his hand. Slams.

He did not flinch. Nothing. What??

With horror in my eyes, I almost screamed. Mind you, he makes his living playing a guitar.

He is all like "What is wrong with you Ron?"

"Man, your fingers are trapped in the door!"

After looking around...he says "Well, yes they are."

Young lady opens the front door. His finger is mangled and bloody.

This man makes a living singing and playing a guitar.

Good Samaritan helps heal his wounds...

I take the 'barely legals' back to Bar A...

Friday evening... get a call from 'Mr. I can't put a jacket on'....Pick him up, and he asks "Did I have this before I went home last night?"

Referring to his "Tybee Tattoo" ...which covered the left side of his face (FYI...Tybee Tattoos are cuts, bruises, broken collar bones and anything else we manage to do to ourselves).

I laugh and say "No. Watch this video I took shortly before you went home." He watches and laughs at the video on our way to pick his girlfriend up. She gets in and asks "Did you see the fight he had last night?" I explain his fight was with the inability to put on his jacket, gravity and consciousness. She watches my video. She and I laugh and crack a few more jokes at his expense.

Later that night I pick up his roommates. "Ron did you see the fight he broke up last night?" I say "Yeah, check out the video." We laugh and laugh. They inform me they had found his phone on the front porch and he had rolled out of his bedroom covered in blood. One eye closed up. We laugh and laugh and laugh.

I get a call from Bar D, swing by, run in to make contact with my fare. I hear "FU Ron!!" over the sound system. I turn around to see 'Mr. I got my fingers slammed in the cab door' trying to play guitar with three and a half good fingers. I ask "Dude how is your finger?" "Ron do you know what happened last night?" He only remembers waking up naked, covered in blood, with a broken finger.

I tell him I know about the blood and broken finger, check your own video of the nakedness.

I know myself too well to believe I would not end up the same way. I will remain the designated driver for Bars A-Z or really any of the Christmas parties.



By Chantel Morton

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Think back to the first time you came to Tybee...what made it so special that you never wanted to leave? Whether you were born here, moved here years ago, or are relatively new to the island, chances are, the efforts of Main Street have played a part in your love of Tybee!

What's that you say—you don't know who or what Main Street is? Main Street is a nationally known program and Tybee is one of Georgia's 84 Main Street Communities. Main Street is more than a group of people or just an organization...Main Street is a lifestyle shared and continuously worked on by our community to maintain Tybee's sense of place, uniqueness, and economic vitality. Simply stated, Main Street is economic development within the context of historic preservation.

Let's take a look at just a few of the programs and activities planned by Main Street and by the time you finish reading this article, I'll bet you a nickel you'll recognize Main Street!

I am new to Tybee.* What can Main Street do for me?

Did you know that Main Street provides a handy dandy Tybee Island Resident Guide? It's chocked full of helpful info like trash and recycling pick up schedules; a bicycling safety primer and Island bike path map; tips on bird watching and Tybee's official bird (hint: the Painted Bunting); turtle nesting season; parking rules and regulations; various ways to volunteer; and more. I daresay even long-time residents might benefit from reviewing the guide and re-acquainting themselves with all that Tybee has to offer! To see for yourself, visit www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com and click on the link under Community.

* Another advantage for both newbies and old-timers alike is the Tybee Locals Appreciation Card (LAC). Accepted at dozens of Island businesses, the card helps islanders "shop local," keeping our dollars on Tybee, which in turn contributes toward our facilities, culture, and the well-being of our friends, relatives, and neighbors. Don't have an LAC? Stop by city hall to pick up yours today—anyone with a 31328 zip code on their driver's license is eligible and cards are valid for an entire year. I just moved to Tybee and have a great idea for a small business—what

can Main Street do for me? The Development Authority/Main Street Program's Business Assistance Committee has produced two helpful brochures, one detailing business financial opportunities on Tybee and another one outlining area business resources in a handy guide, from low-interest loans, to consulting services, to design assistance and more. Special incentives are also possible for new businesses and services not currently being offered on Tybee, and Main Street's website has helpful links to the most recent census data and market research on typical overnight guests.

I already have a business on Tybee—what can Main Street do for me?

In addition to what was mentioned above, Main Street offers a façade improvement grant. Grant reimbursement is a 50% match, with a maximum of \$500. Project must be a minimum of \$1,000 and the application is simple, with a monthly review of submissions. The program can also assist you pursuing low interest loans to help with revitalization and enhancement projects.



American Legion

By Chuck Bolen - Commander

Happy March from the American Legion!

We will be having a great and very busy month! We hope that you will join us.

March 7 is our Oyster Roast from 1pm-4pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Hot dogs are available as well. Look for the poster for the Oyster Roast...all you can eat...get there EARLY!!!

March 14 after Tybee's Irish Heritage parade we will be having Irish dancers, bag pipes and corned beef and cabbage. The bar will be open for some good Irish coffee too!!

March 28 Ron Denning will be playing live at the Legion, so come and listen...dance...sing...and enjoy the fun.

March 29 is our March birthday party for all the March birthdays. **Enjoy St. Patrick's month!!** Show your green!!

As always, the American Legion is available for the members of our

community and provides support when the need arises.

We have many events already planned for 2015.

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. **Thank you and see you soon!**



By Alaina Loughridge

My Rita Belle! Ms. Rita Hughes is...well, no adjective perfectly fits her. She is sassy, witty, brilliant, gorgeous, amazing, freaking hilarious, and LMFAO and OMG she did not just say that? Yeppers, she sure did. You can find this bartender of the month, the fabulous Ms. Rita Belle, at Nickie's, just off the corner of Tybrisa and Butler.

Rita has been bartending on and off since she was 15. She is now "29" and holding. For those not paying attention, that is a long time. Rita has been everything from a property manager to a floral designer to an auto parts manager for Land Rover. She finally found her calling: Bartending.



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I asked Rita the 3: She has lived on Tybee for 23 years.

Her Passion: #\$\$\$% with people.

When she grows up: A proctologist

I have had the privilege of working with Rita and witnessed many moments where my jaw just dropped. Basically it boils down to this: If you don't like the first drink and bitch about it, you sure as hell ain't going to like the second. I love it!

Do not disrespect Ms. Rita. You can totally talk trash and match wits and cuss like a sailor (which I always enjoy), but do not piss her off. You will end up with her foot metaphorically up your ass. Not only will you not know what happened to you, but you will have enjoyed the experience, metaphorically speaking of course.

Rita's go to cocktail is the "Rita Laide." It is delish! You drink a couple of those and all your worries magically disappear. Not only do you feel like a million dollars, you look like a million dollars and can dance like a rock star and sing like Whitney, Mariah and J. Lo. Yes please, I think I will have another.

Rita's motto is "you are not just my customer, you are my friend." So on that note, go get Rita laide. You will regret it...happily!



By Mike Manitta

Manitta's Look at AJ's Dockside!

So as our heads stopped spinning and we all sobered up from patting ourselves on the back for getting our first issue of the



Tybee Beachcomber out on time (it took months), we quickly realized we have to do this every month. It's all good, we are fired up and ready for the challenge. Having said that, Alaina and I found ourselves seeking

refreshments and sustenance as we reflected (and counted up our mistakes). We found ourselves at AJ's Dockside. Located at the end of 14th St., right on the back river, it is one of the best places to catch the sunset on Tybee. Beautiful scenery with seating right on the dock, they also offer kayak rentals, with Little Tybee right there in sight. Along with a couple of glasses of Apothic Red Cabernet, we indulged in Conch Fritters, Crab Stew and Grilled Corvina with Lump Crab and Cajun Cream Sauce.



The Conch Fritters have always been favorite of mine, as well as Alaina's. Always a great choice, a generous portion (we couldn't even finish them), fried perfectly with tender pieces of conch and served with remoulade sauce over greens. I could make a meal out of them alone.

Next we dove into a bowl of Crab Stew. Rich and creamy with tons of blue crab, onions and celery. I pretty much licked the bowl. Time for another glass of wine.

As we sipped our wine, the Corvina arrived. Served with sautéed snow peas, mashed potatoes and hush puppies, it looked beautiful. A nice thick slab of fish covered in Cajun Cream Sauce and Lump Crab Meat. I love Corvina because it's a really moist, mild tasting white fish, similar to the taste of Grouper. They certainly delivered. It was so good, a perfect amount of spice for me. They offer it grilled or blackened. I went for the grilled, because I am not into super spicy foods, but with the Cajun Cream Sauce it was a great compliment to the fish. The snow peas were sautéed perfectly with just the right amount of garlic and just the right amount of snap. The mashed potatoes were also a hit, red skin potatoes, thick and creamy, yum. I still enjoyed the hush puppies, even after the half a dozen Conch Fritters I inhaled earlier. I couldn't refrain, so good.



With our wine glasses empty and our bellies full, we decided it was time to get back to our task at hand, get the magazine rolling. What a great, well deserved break. The staff is always super friendly and the food is always delicious. If you come creeping down to the dock around Happy Hour time, you can always find a cast of local characters to keep you entertained. Don't forget to stop by the gift shop on your way out to pick up some treats for your loved ones as well. Thanks again AJ's Dockside, always relaxing, always delicious. We are all looking forward to the new location, AJ's Beachside, opening soon in the Ocean Plaza Beach Resort!!! See you soon.

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Well, here's the deal: I was originally going to write the movie review about American Sniper, which I have heard lots of good things about. Regrettably, my illegally obtained DVD of said movie was not to be. Karma and laziness collided in an unfortunate situation that leaves us with "what am I going to do?" You are getting Lucy.

Lucy stars Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman and no one else you know; lots of Japanese villains, some French men, and a couple of Italians. This movie is most assuredly not for the squeamish. The first 20 minutes is a mixture of horrifying and intriguing, with a great deal of blood involved.

The gist of Lucy is a really good idea: How much brain capacity do human beings actually use (from what I see on a daily basis, not nearly enough as we should). Anyhoo, the Japanese villains want to transport this super drug around the world. The transporting part is kinda icky as it involves surgical insertion in the guts of the drug mules (bloody blood blood). Lucy, drug mule numero uno, has an unlucky incident with a beating and her drugs burst inside her body, making her this super brainiac. She begins a quest to get all the drugs back and carry on the most boring conversation with Morgan. It's o.k. though, because it is Morgan.

The end gets real tedious. Morgan does his best (which is just to open his mouth and speak) and Scarlett again is an ass kicker, but I don't know. It was alright. I liked the idea, but it just got weird on me. Wait for your legally, cheaply obtained version.

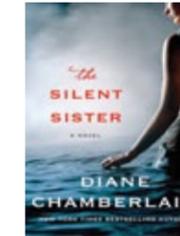
I give this movie 2 bottles of Rumplemintz (because Scarlett and Morgan), 2 bottles of Fireball (because it had its moments) and 1 bottle of well Gin (because Scarlett and Morgan clearly need to have a very strongly worded conversation with their agents.)



By Nell Klein

The Silent Sister

By Diane Chamberlain



Riley McPherson has spent her whole life believing her older sister, Lisa, committed suicide when she was a teenager and Riley was only two.

Twenty years later, her father dies leaving Riley executrix of his will, so she leaves her home to return to New Bern, NC to settle his estate. While cleaning out her childhood home, Riley finds evidence that Lisa may still be alive and living with a new identity. She also finds out that Lisa was charged with murder and perhaps faked her death to avoid prosecution. Riley tries to enlist her brother Danny's help, but he has always been angry and bitter with Lisa for the suicide that destroyed their family so many years ago.

That leaves Riley on her own to try and find out the truth about Lisa. She desperately wants to find her long lost sister, but at what cost to both of their lives?

The story line of this book appealed to me because I was adopted and my own biological sister found me in 2008. I know that her search was long and complicated, but the results have been wonderful for both of us. To find out that we each had a sister in our 50's was quite a shock to both of us, but that's another story.

This was the first time reading a book written by Diane Chamberlain, but it won't be my last. She kept me in total suspense the whole book with all kinds of twists and turns. I predicted a few things, but she got me several times. I give "The Silent Sister" five roses and can't wait to read another one by this author.

We have a copy at the Wind Rose Library for those interested in reading this really enjoyable book, or you can always get it from Amazon.

Until next time, read a book. It's a good read, pass it on to a friend.

GO LOCAL MusicProfile

By Mike Manitta

Kota Mundi



Bobby Calevich, Robbie Coggins, Jason Cox and Paxton Willis have been playing music together in one incarnation or another since about 2005. The band names have changed, some members have moved on and some have returned. The current formation of the band, Kota Mundi, seems to be serving these boys well. Their fusion of Rock and Reggae keeps the crowds grooving at their live shows at local haunts such as Molly McPherson's, The Barrelhouse and of course Huc-A-Poos. Their mix of originals and catchy cover tunes (who doesn't like a good Prince cover?) keeps the venues packed, and the folks stay for the duration. "There is no patriarch of the band," says drummer Paxton Willis. "Most writing is a collaboration. An idea is born and we work on it until we get to a place where everyone is comfortable." Whatever the recipe for their process, it seems to be working. The band has been taking some time off recently to concentrate on some new recordings. I caught up with Paxton upon his return from a week long session at Ardmore Farms, a farm located in Springfield, Georgia Farm, you say? Not your typical recording space. Paxton spent some time working on the farm some years back. He and a couple of buddies worked the farm and stayed

in a cabin located on the land. Of course they all brought their instruments and found themselves jamming in their down time. They soon realized that the acoustics in the space were unlike any they had ever heard.

Fast forward 6 years or so, Kota Mundi finds itself following in the footsteps of their band buddies, The Train Wrecks, who recorded at the farm in 2013. It's their turn at bat. The local music scene is a close community, which means call your buddies, tell them to bring their equipment, bring what you have, borrow what you can, and let's do this. Nathan Siebrase is always quick to lend a



hand, whether it be equipment or studio space. Local band favorites, The Accomplices, recorded their last album *A Truck, A Train, An Old Dump Pile* at Nathan's studio, Outboard Studios. Paxton and Nathan engineered that album as well as the Kota Mundi recordings. Everyone lends a hand. Between setting up, rehearsing, running back to Tybee to work, and recording, the band managed to get about 11 tracks under their belt. Considerably more than their current self-titled 5 song EP. "We try to make a song an event," says Paxton. "We are a bit more structure based, not as much improv as in the past." It's working, the band is tight.

"I remember as a kid, setting up pillows on my bed and using fly swatters as drum sticks, keeping time with my foot as a kick pedal, trying to mimic the drummers I heard on the radio," says Paxton. Self-taught on drums, as well as guitar and bass, Paxton has found himself in bands, as well as duos and trios, for most of his life. He started playing drums in his early twenties. As he reaches his early thirties we talked about what he has learned as a drummer. In his younger years coming into a band that was already formed, he would find himself wanting to kind of add his own touch, which didn't always serve the already established band. "I learn from and respect other drummers for keeping time and locking in the groove. I found the value of keeping it simple, to serve the song," he says.

The last 8 or 9 months has found the band growing together, evolving and changing. "I'm most proud of having the output, coming up with an idea and seeing it realized," says Paxton. The band is currently concentrating on finishing their album, as well as gigs in Jacksonville, Athens and Savannah. They are also working on trying to earn a slot on the festival circuit such as Bear Creek and Blackwater Music Festival. Keep your eyes and ears open this spring. We are all anxiously awaiting the new album, and if you have a chance to check these guys out live, do it. You won't be disappointed.

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 03.10.2015 **Three Dog Night** - Florida Theatre Jacksonville
 03.10.2015 **Elton John** - James Brown Arena Augusta
 03.12.2015 **Journey/Steve Miller Band** - Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena Jacksonville
 03.13.2015 **John Mellencamp** - Fox Theatre Atlanta
 03.13.2015 **Hozier/ George Ezra** - Tabernacle Atlanta
 03.14.2015 **Elton John** - Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena Jacksonville
 03.14.2015 **Elvis Costello** - Florida Theatre Jacksonville
 03.15.2015 **John Mellencamp** - Moran Theatre Jacksonville
 03.17.2015 **The Church** - Terminal West Atlanta
 03.19.2015 - 04.04.2015 **Savannah Music Festival** - Various Venues - Downtown Savannah Savannah
 03.21.2015 **B-52s** - Florida Theatre Jacksonville
 03.22.2015 **Dawes** - Savannah Music Festival Trustees Theater Savannah
 03.25.2015 **Fleetwood Mac** - Phillips Arena Atlanta
 03.26.2015 **John Mellencamp** - North Charleston Performing Arts Center North Charleston
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 04.03.2015 **Mat Kearney** - Tabernacle Atlanta
 04.04.2015 **Alt-J Chastain** - Park Amphitheatre Atlanta
 04.10.2015 - 04.11.2015 **The Decemberists** - Tabernacle Atlanta
 04.16.2015 **Jimmy Buffett & The Coral Reefer Band** - Amway Arena Orlando
 04.18.2015 **Jimmy Buffett & The Coral Reefer Band** - MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Amphitheatre Tampa
 04.23.2015 **The Who w/ Joan Jett & the Blackhearts** - Arena at Gwinnett Center Duluth
 04.25.2015 **Walk the Moon Tabernacle** - Atlanta
 05.01.2015 **Steve Winwood** - Fox Theatre Atlanta
 05.05.2015 **Ryan Adams** - North Charleston Performing Arts Center North Charleston
 05.05.2015 **Milky Chance Music Farm** - Charleston
 05.08.2015 **Hozier Chastain** - Park Amphitheatre Atlanta
 05.09.2015 **ZZ Top** - St. Augustine Amphitheatre St. Augustine
 05.10.2015 **ZZ Top / Jeff Beck** - Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre Alpharetta
 06.05.2015 **Train** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood Atlanta
 06.14.2015 **Lana del Rey** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood Atlanta
 06.19.2015 **John Mellencamp** - Savannah Civic Center Savannah
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Behind the Tape...
 By Officer Marella Eaton

TYBEE ISLAND POLICE

We have created a program for the Tybee Island community called TIPD VIP Program. This is a great opportunity to meet and serve our elderly and special needs community and create a place to gather, have lunch, and hopefully in the near future, create a senior center in conjunction with the Tybee Island YMCA. We will be planning a luncheon in the month of March. Keep an eye out for the Date, Time and Place for it! If you or anyone you know want the details on joining, please call TIPD or follow our Facebook or Twitter posts to see the latest updates. And we always need volunteers!

We are also looking for a name for our TIPD mascot. See our Facebook and Twitter pages for the links, pick up a page at TIPD, or just send us an email request for the coloring pages. Don't forget to name him/her too!!

A GOOD ENDING TO A POTENTIALLY BAD SITUATION- Officers were dispatched to the area of 17th and Strand Ave. about a concerned resident who noticed two small children between the ages of 4 and 6 years old who were outside for a long period of time without any supervision. Officers searched the area to find where the children were residing. They were returned home safely after about an hour of looking. The children were approximately a half mile from their home and had no identification.

Congrats to Communications Officer Stephanie Ashdown for attending a two day conference for Super-Dispatching and Stress Management Training and to Officer Sullivan for completing his FTO program successfully-Welcome to the Tybee Island Police Department family. Congrats also to Chief Bryson, who attended the FBI National Academy Training, as well as the Georgia Chief's Executive Training, along with Major Moseley, Captain Fobes and Lieutenant Hayes!

We were honored to host the YEEPIES during a tour of our new Police Building. If you want a tour, please stop by anytime. We love to show it off.

Foodie Finds

By Laura Bricker

BANANA JUMBOS

These banana cookies are a quick and yummy alternative to use up those over-ripened bananas!

- 2 large ripe bananas
 - 1 tsp baking soda
 - ½ cup unsalted butter, room temp
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 2 cups flour
 - ½ tsp salt
 - ½ tsp ground cinnamon
 - ½ tsp nutmeg
 - 1 cup chocolate chips, walnuts, or pecans
- (whatever you prefer. I use both walnuts and chocolate chips!)



- 1) Preheat oven to 350°F and line your cookie sheet with parchment paper.
- 2) Mash the bananas and sprinkle with the baking soda. Set aside for a couple minutes.
- 3) Cream butter and sugar until fluffy, add egg and continue mixing until light and fluffy.
- 4) In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
- 5) Mix the bananas into the butter mixture; now sift in the flour mixture. Mix just until all ingredients are combined.
- 6) Fold in the chocolate chips/nuts. Drop by spoonfuls onto lined cookie sheet. Bake for 11 to 13 minutes; they should be a light golden brown. **Cool on wire rack and enjoy!**

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From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

“Disdain for February”

At a young age I recall learning that March is the only month of the year that is also a verb. It's odd what we remember. As months unfold for each of us in the same succession- year after year- we discover some generalities about ourselves and the world we live. This is reinforced by those that were old when we were young- a trait I seem to be becoming all too familiar with. However, I don't find myself as wise and certainly am no soothsayer. Nor do I think that anyone would listen to me today, as I once did to my parents when they were much younger than I. 'It all depends on perspective,' they tell us...

Whether we receive these little life lessons as cosmic reminders known as 'blessings,' or 'experience'- sometimes we receive one that is so glaring that we almost feel ashamed for not having listened sooner. These are important because they are universal to all of us- at any age. One lesson we all learn (and are reminded too often) is how great life can be, and how important it is to live a full, complete life- no matter the length. The 'art' of keeping these truths in perspective can be quite difficult as we strive to be a good person, provide for our family, and manage the overwhelming impact of the sense of living within a metaphorical 'anthill,' with some 'cosmic kid' hovering over us with a giant microscope that threatens to burn us in our tracks...unprovoked, and indiscriminately while fulfilling our potential...poof!

Some of my thoughts aren't as receptive to the lessons of the 'great beyond,' however. Some observations are downright comical, or cynical – depending on your perspective. In thinking about this in relation to my last article, I was reminded that just as January causes us to prioritize what we want for our lives, then February reminds us within four short weeks that we still have a long way to go. After a month of January self-help, each year the average Super Bowl viewer consumes 2,400 calories per game! Many violent crime rates plummet as we turn inward during the cold weather months, opting for the long-range risks attributed with obesity due to impulse eating when 'stuck inside.'

If we see January as a period of rebirth, a showcase of feats of strength, or an application of skill, then February is that obnoxious play-by-play announcer that will not shut up so you can enjoy the game. February is that friend you've had longer than most of your other friends that you probably wouldn't befriend today... (You're already friends with the same friends, though - and your fellow friends already know that your 'February friend' is not a good,

true friend- nor a good person- but you all know what and whom you are dealing with and so it's just easier to 'suck it up' and tolerate them)... February is almost as long as that last sentence. It provides ample opportunity to call every healthy choice we ever make into question – and serves as proof that humankind is an imperfect being. Specifically, whoever was left 'in charge' of making the annual calendar was a ruthless sadist that history should ignore. To address one's own issues is a struggle in and of itself, but February is that friend who brings a meatball sub and heats it up in the staff lounge when you brought a salad. If you confront your 'February friend' about trying to support you in your pursuit of wellness and adopting a healthy diet, they will bring in microwave popcorn – and burn it. Nevertheless, like most challenges, February is also an opportunity and serves as a catalyst for us to interweave our improvements with those we choose to share our lives. Life, like February, is short and over before we know it.

So, welcome to March- an aptly titled month because it implores us to keep moving, keep going, with our head up, in unison- with oneself, with our loved ones, one another, forward - as one. After the cold season endured on Tybee, let's do what we need to do to find comfort. It wasn't the coldest on record, or the slowest ever, but we all need to feel that we are a part of something special, bigger than each of us, and greater than all of us. We can 'march' toward greatness to become a better person and to help others achieve their greatness. In so doing, we weave our own intricate metaphorical tapestry that makes this our home.

"Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink the wild air."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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TYBEE Sr. Paddling Group

By Alaina Loughridge

I know some of you saw my Council Meeting debut in December. As I watched myself, I noticed this lady in the background that seemed super enthused by my speech. I wanted to find out who she was and buy her a drink! She had more pep in her posture and seemed thrilled by my appearance. I loved her already. Well, guess what? She called me! Love it. So meet Ms. Maria Milburn. The lady with a plan!

Ms. Milburn has resided on Tybee for 24 years. Every year just keeps getting better for this gal and as she kept seeing kayakers paddle by her dock, she decided it was time to do something about it and get involved. Having been married to Ralph (Jack) Milburn for many years (they owned and operated Tybee Metal Craft for 9 years), Marie has seen some Tybee years. After being a caretaker for her mother, then her husband and then her younger sister, it's Marie's time. In her 70's, she asks "Why not? It's not too late to realize my dream!"



So let's do this. Marie has organized a Senior Paddling Group in coordination with Ms. Marsha Henson and Ronnie Kemp, owners and instructors of Sea Kayak Georgia. The group is open to anyone over the age of 50. It's all about having a fun time with social and physical stuff thrown in to keep everyone active and in shape.

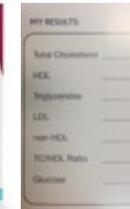
Following is the schedule:

- First Meeting:** Sea Kayak Georgia (located @ 1102 Highway 80 – next to Tybee Teeth) – Wednesday, March 11 at 1:30 P.M.
- First Paddling Trip:** Wednesday, March 18 at 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- Group Paddle:** Monday, April 6 at 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Do sign up for what to bring to cookout...Potluck cookout at **Marie's place:** Wednesday, April 20 at 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
- Group Paddle:** Thursday, April 21 at 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

For more information, please go to seakayakgeorgia.com or Facebook them. You can reach Marie at sr.rollingon@comcast.net. Or 912-344-5684.

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Reflections Crossing Over

By Hollie Sessoms



There's something that happens when I cross over the Lazaretto Creek Bridge.

I look right at the shrimp boats, I look left at the Cockspar Lighthouse, the word, home, warm in my throat. I know these things—shrimp boats and lighthouses—have their uses, are

mere tools, but they become something else when I gaze at them from the top of the bridge. Gateways to something. I don't quite know what that something is, but it feels good. Like a promise. Familiar.

It's hard to slow down some days. It's hard to not feel distracted. Too many things need my attention, or maybe I just like to imagine that they do. I'm always reaching outwards for things that need to be completed, goals to achieve, trying to grow a family, a career, a life. But inwards is where the real growth starts.

Home helps that happen. And, fortunately, home can be anywhere you want. I choose my home to be at that place where the ocean meets the land, an ending and a beginning all at the same time. A contradiction, just like every interesting thing in life. The place where I can look and say: Yes, this, this right here, this moment is right. Even if nothing else seems to be.

I believe in bridges.

I believe in crossing over, leaving behind the unnecessary. I believe in salt, how it flavors and heals. I believe in sand, as it shifts and forms and reforms around my feet.

I believe in dolphins, holding a breath for as long as possible, diving down deep, then coming up, blowing it out all at once, and starting over again.

I believe in home.

WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

By Elizabeth Jones

Smoke and her newest Calf!



Featured Activity for March

Few people are aware that Tybee actually has a whale population. Although the whales do not call Tybee their home, they pass through as they are migrating, and we follow them closely. Smoke, Tybee's whale, gave birth as the confetti was falling, fireworks were lighting up the sky, and the champagne was bubbling for welcoming in 2015. The North Atlantic Right Whale population is critically endangered, with only 450 remaining. This makes them the rarest whales in existence. While most don't know much about our whales, we want to extend an invitation to the 2nd annual FareWhale Festival, on Saturday, March 21st, on the pier. Together we will celebrate the closing of Right Whale calving season in our coastal waters as they migrate north, back to New England.

The festival will include beach walks, being led by Cathy Sakas, Coastal Naturalist formal educator, a beach clean from 10AM-12PM, held by the Tybee Beautification Association, an obstacle course, face painting, and interactive arts for the kids to enjoy. Tybee Marine Science center will be conducting presentations regarding behaviors and biology of the whales, and those that attend will be given the opportunity to adopt their own whale, made possible by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

This whole project is made possible due to the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary. As of January the Gray's Reef Sanctuary has been benefitting and supporting furthering research on this species for 34 years. Gray's Reef is accessible to anyone, and is located approximately 17 miles east of Tupelo Island. We look forward to seeing you on March 21st for a fun and educational day for the whole family.

Written by Skyler Rodriguez

March Events

Oatland Island

March 14, 10AM-4PM. Sheep to Shawl Festival
The sheep of Oatland Island are inviting you to be a part of their annual haircut! There will be Lots of fun including crafts, games, and music. Admission: Kids (4-17) \$5, Adults \$7

Tybee Island's St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 14, 3pm. Starts at City Hall, going down Butler Ave. towards Tybrisa St.

Monthly Events

Tybee Island Library
Story Time for ages 0-5
Tuesdays 11 am

Marine Science Center
open 7 days a week
10am-5pm

Admission: \$4 (4 & under free)
1 hour walks scheduled by request \$10 per person (4 & under free)

Tybee Lighthouse & Museum
open every day except Tuesday
9am-5:30pm
Admission: kids (6-12) \$7, Adults \$9

Oatland Island

Every Tuesday is Toddler Tuesday on Oatland Island. Children ages 12 months-4 Years will enjoy bonding with you over these hands on activities, at the same time learning age appropriate skills and learning about nature and wildlife.

10 and 11AM
Admission: Kids \$5, adults \$5
You must register either by phone or email:
(912) 395-1517, www.oatlandkids.wordpress.com

Remembering the Tybee Train

By Polly Wylly Cooper



In the early 1800s, Tybee was becoming popular. Steamboats ran regularly with full decks of passengers anxious to wiggle their toes in the sand. A Tybee track was completed in 1887.

For a dime each way, the daily **Marsh Hen Special** carried children to and from schools in Savannah.

Some of the train cars had no sides. Ed Johnston, who worked for the Central for 47 years, explained, "A running board on the outside of the train car provided a walkway for the conductor. His hat often blew off."

As many as 12,000 day-trippers were taken to the beach each summer. Sometimes two locomotives were hitched to the heavy load.

"Somebody served boiled peanuts on the train," recalled Marianna Seyden, beloved Tybee School teacher. "City folks were red as beets from the sun."

Real fun started when the engineer uncoupled the train cars near Seay's bar and grill and drove only the engine down Inlet Ave. onto a turntable near the Buckley house at the Back River.

Margaret Dooley Lyons lived on 17th Place. "The engineer toot-tooted the horn and we climbed up in the cab with him. At the turntable, the conductor stuck two long poles into the pivot hole under the train and excited children pushed as the train slowly revolved back towards town."

"Hattie Saussy, sitting on her nearby screened porch strained to hear the laughter through a hearing trumpet protruding from her deaf ear," according to "Teeny" Atkinson Fulenwider.

"I was about seven," recalled Ann Atkinson Kever. "There was a hole under the turntable about six feet deep and ten feet across for repairs. The walls were bricked to keep sand from falling in. On the train ride, my hair ribbons flew away when I stuck my head out of the window!"

Sighting a bridge ahead with all its girders and trusses, the conductor called, "Pull your heads in! Pull your heads in!"

Wouldn't it be lovely to pack a picnic and catch the **Marsh Hen** to Tybee for the day again? It would help solve the issue of traffic on the Tybee Road and bring back a slice of Tybee's good old days.

More about the Tybee trains in the next issue.

From Tybee Days - One Hundred Years on Georgia's Playground Island
By Polly Cooper and Ellen Taber

On Going Happenings

AJ's Dockside - Lunch and dinner specials. Happy hour daily 4-7pm. Live entertainment Thursday thru Sunday. 912-786-9533

Benny's - Happy hour Monday thru Friday 10am-7pm. Free pool Tuesday, Wednesday Pool Tournaments 8pm, Friday and Saturday Karaoke 9pm-1am. Tuesday is Open Mic Night. 912-786-0121

Doc's Bar - Happy hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, Tuesday Jam Night 7pm, Thursday Karaoke 8pm, Friday and Saturday live music. 912-786-3627

Tybee Time Bar - Happy hour Monday thru Friday 4-7 pm, DJ Marty Thursday thru Saturday. 912-786-7150

Bernie's Oyster House - 17 Days of St. Patrick's Celebration. See ad for details or call 912-786-5100.

Fannie's on the Beach - Live music on weekends. Sunday Brunch specialty. 912-786-6109

MacElwee's Restaurant - Weekend lunch specials. Open 7 days a week. Monday through Friday at 4pm and Saturday and Sunday at 12pm. 912-786-8888

Nickie's 1971 Bar & Grill - Daily lunch specials. Happy hour Monday-Thursday til 7pm. Sunday 7pm and Monday thru Wednesday 8pm - Texas Hold'em, Tuesday - Pool Tournament 7pm, Friday - Karaoke 9pm, Saturday - Live music 9pm. 912-786-4444

North Beach Bar & Grill - Live entertainment every weekend. Sunday brunch 10am to 2 pm every Sunday. Every Monday is Chinese Take-out. 912-786-4442

Rock House Original Bar & Grill - On Mar 3rd at 6 pm, Live Music, "Soul Harbor" and on Mar 21st at 8 pm, Live Music, "Stereotype." Karaoke 7 days a week. 912-786-7176

The Quarter Sports Bar & Grill - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7 pm. Open 7 days a week 4pm to 3am. 912-786-8966

Stingray's Seafood - Live music Friday and Saturday nights. 912-786-0209

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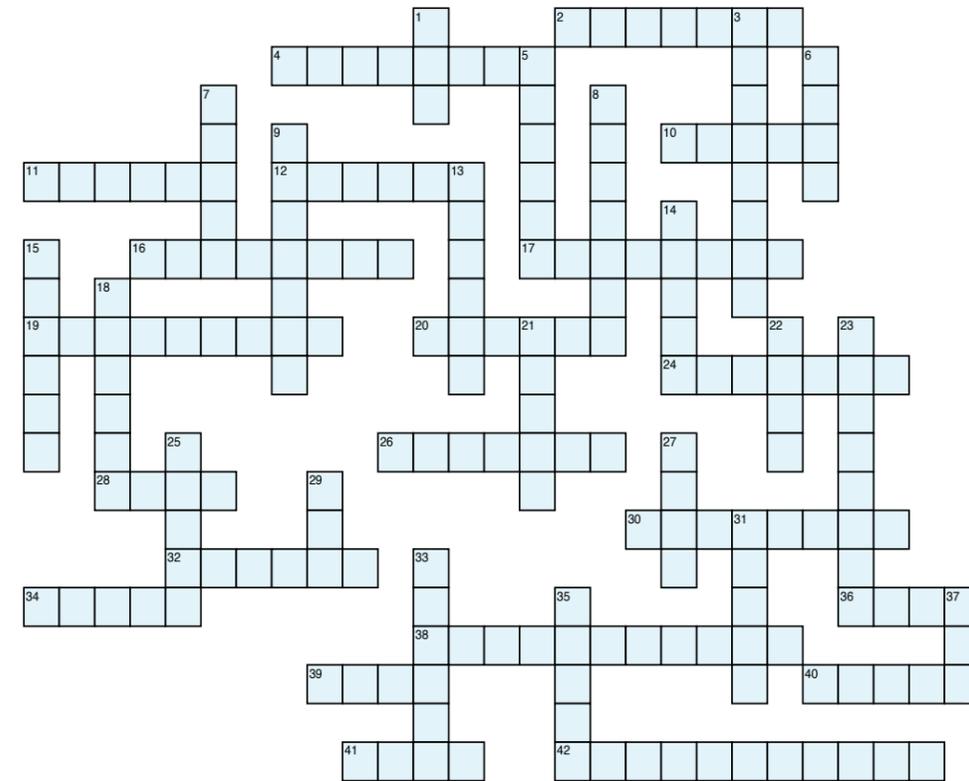
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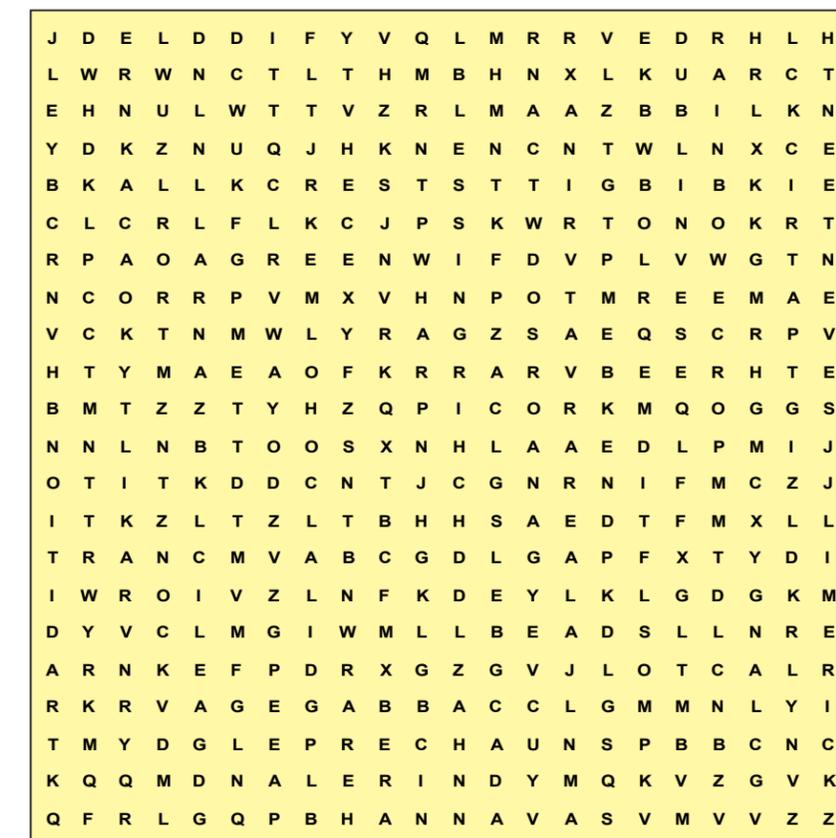
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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in March

- 3-1 **Oyster Roast Fundraiser** for the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club 1 pm at Coach's Corner, 3016 E. Victory Dr., Savannah. Oysters, friends, chili and music.
- 3-1 **Seuss Fest** 10 am to 4 pm at Savannah Children's Museum, 655 Louisville Rd., Savannah. Who can resist Dr. Seuss stories??
- 3-1 **Willie Nelson Live** 7:30 pm at Johnny Mercer Theater, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah.
- 3-1 **150th Anniversary Commemoration** of the Immortal Six Hundred Ft. Pulaski National Monument. Contact Joel Cadoff at 912-786-5787x114 for details.
- 3-3 **Raising Shiitake Mushrooms** Put on by the UGA Extension Office. To be held at Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, 2 Canebrake Rd., Savannah. Contact 912-921-5460 for details.
- 3-4 **Line Dancing** 7 pm every Wednesday at American Legion Post #154 in the Main Hall, 10 Veterans Dr., Tybee Island. 912-786-5356
- 3-5 **Little Big Town Concert** 7:30 pm at Johnny Mercer Theater, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah.
- 3-5 thru 3-7 **Coen Brothers Movie Week** 8pm to 11 pm at Lucas Theater for the Arts, 32 Abercorn St., Savannah.
- 3-5 thru 3-7 **Savannah Stopover Music Festival** Starting at 6 pm on 3-5, more than 80 bands throughout the weekend will be located in the Historic District of Savannah. For more info go to savannahstopover.com/schedule/
- 3-6 thru 3-8 **Challenge Walk MS: Savannah 2015** 15th anniversary of the Challenge Walk MS event is coming to Tybee! Hundreds of people will walk 3 days, 50 miles from downtown Savannah, through Skidaway Island, all the way to Tybee Island to help end multiple sclerosis. More info, contact Lauren Gilbertson at 704-731-1430 or lauren.gilbertson@mms.org
- 3-6 **Bingo and/or Karoke** Both events start at 8pm and are held every Friday at American Legion Post#154, 10 Veterans Dr., Tybee Island. 912-786-5356
- 3-6 thru 3-8 **Southern Women's Show** 10 am to 6 pm at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, 1 International Dr., Savannah. 912-447-4000
- 3-6 thru 3-7 **Sweets on the Street Festival** 4 pm to 10 pm at Rousakis Riverfront Plaza, 1115 E. River St., Savannah. Event is held by the Savannah Waterfront Association. Goodies, art, and fireworks!
- 3-6 thru 3-8, 3-13 thru 3-15 and 3-20 thru 3-25 **Tybee Arts Association and Tybee Arts Performing Society** live performance of The Dixie Swim Club, at the Jim Ingham Black Box Theater, 7 Cedarwood Ave., Tybee Island. www.tybeearts.org or call 786-5920 for reservations.
- 3-7 **Cinderella** 5:30 pm the Columbia City Ballet will perform Cinderella at the Johnny Mercer Theater, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah. 912-651-6550
- 3-12 **Harlem Globetrotters** 7 pm at Martin Luther King Arena in the Savannah Civic Center, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah. 912-651-6550
- 3-13 **Lewis Black** 8 pm Lewis Black performs "The Rant is Due: Part Deux" at Johnny Mercer Theater, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah. 912-651-6550
- 3-14 **Tybee Island's Irish Heritage Parade** 3 pm start time for this festive parade in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Beginning at City Hall (403 Butler Ave.) and proceeding down Butler Ave. to Tybrisa St. This is a free, family-friendly event at Tybee Island.

- 3-14 **Savannah Philharmonic** 5 pm at Lutheran Church of Ascension, 120 Bull St., Savannah. Savannah Philharmonic to perform #5 Shostakovich and Brahms Sonatas.
- 3-15 **Craft Brew 5K Race and Craft Brew Fest** 12pm the 5k Race begins at Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, 1 International Dr., Savannah. The post-race Craft Brew Fest starts at 12:30 to 4 pm on the outdoor esplanade of the Center.
- 3-17 **St. Patrick's Day Parade** 10:15 am start time for Savannah's 191st St. Patrick's Day Parade. At the corner of Gwinette St. and Abercorn. More info: 912-233-4804 or savannahsaintpatricksdays.com/parade-info/
- 3-19 **Third Thursdays on Tybee** 5:30 pm at the Tybrisa/Strand roundabout for an outdoor performance sponsored by The City of Tybee Island Development Authority and Main Street program.
- 3-19 thru 4-4 **Savannah Music Festival** 12:30 pm opening with Jarekus Singleton at Southbound Brewing Company, 107 E. Lathrop Ave., Savannah. Please go online to savannahmusicfestival.org for complete list of musicians, dates, times, and venue. Or you can call 912-525-5050.
- 3-21 **2015 FareWhale Festival** by Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary 12 pm to 4 pm at Tybee Island Pier and Pavilion. Free admission. Live music, guided beach walks, exhibits, kid activities, family fun, local art, and beach clean up.
- 3-26 **Step Up and Lead Conference** Put on by UGA Extension Office. To be held at Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, 2 Canebrake Rd., Savannah. Contact Jeff Buckley at 706-542-8735.
- 3-26 thru 3-29 **The Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens** 10 am to 5 pm Walking tours and special events for the 80th annual event tour. Begin with a visit to the Historic Savannah Foundation at 321 E. York St., Savannah. Visit savannahtourofhomes.org online or call 912-234-8054 for further information.
- 3-27 **Gardening for Butterflies** Put on by UGA Extension Office. To be held at Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, 2 Canebrake Rd., Savannah. Contact 912-921-5460 for details.
- 3-27 thru 3-28 **Publix Savannah Women's Half Marathon & 5K** This event starts with a Fashion Fitness Expo and packet pick up from 10 am to 9 pm at the Hilton Desoto Savannah at 15 E. Liberty St., Savannah.
- 3-28 **Half marathon and 5k** Begins at 7am in the historic district of Savannah. Contact Savannah Sports Council, 101 E. Bay St., Savannah, or call 912-644-6400 for more details.
- 3-28 **Savannah Derby Devils** 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm home game double header at Savannah Civic Center, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah.

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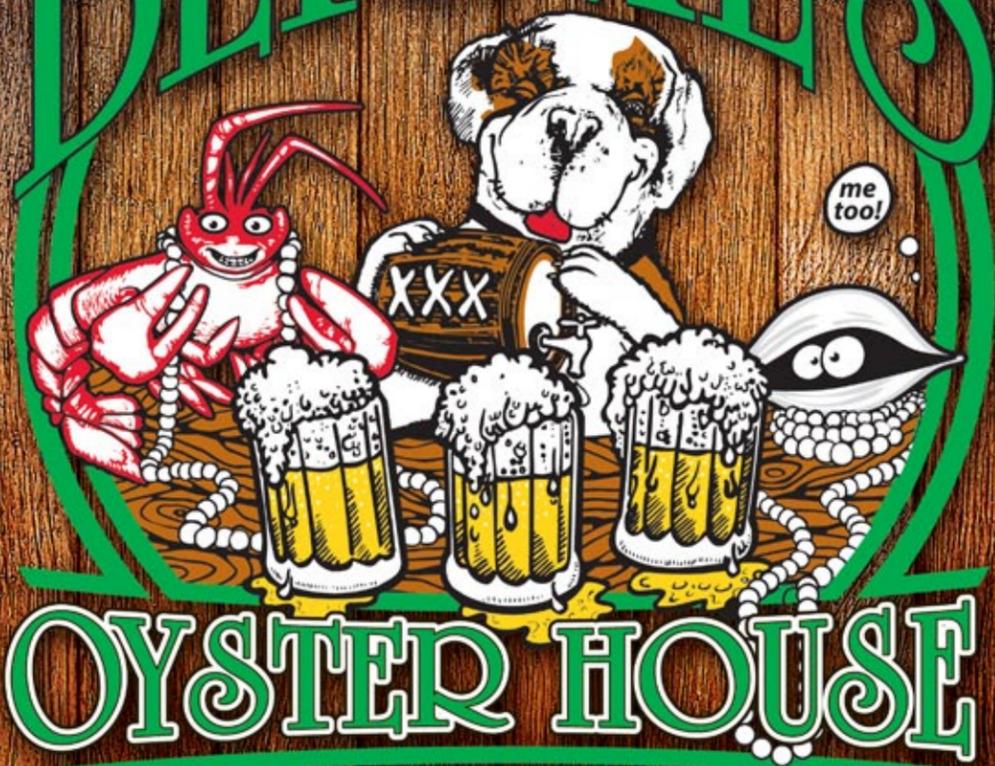
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3/6 - DJ Tres' Style 10pm

3/7 - Annie Allman / Michael Moody 6pm

3/7 - Chillakaya (Reggae) 10pm

3/12 - Duane Damiani 7pm

3/13 - A Nickel Bag of Funk 10pm

3/14 - Pocket Change 10pm

3/15 - Monty & Dave 5pm

3/19 - Monty & Dave 6pm

3/20 - DJ Les Boogie 10pm

3/21 - Annie Allman / Michael Moody 6pm

3/21 - Eric Culberson 10pm (Blues)

3/27 - Duane Damiani 7pm

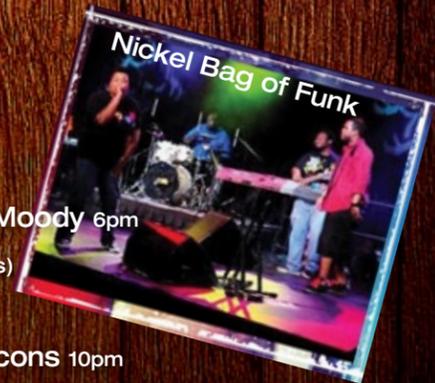
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March 14th - Smokey's Farmland Band 7-10pm

March 15th - Royal Noise 6-9pm

March 20th - Bottles n Cans 7-10pm

March 21st - Magic Rocks 7-10pm

March 22nd - The Crabettes 6-9pm

March 27th - The Josh Daniel/Mark Schimick Project

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