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From the EDITOR

HEY TYBEE!

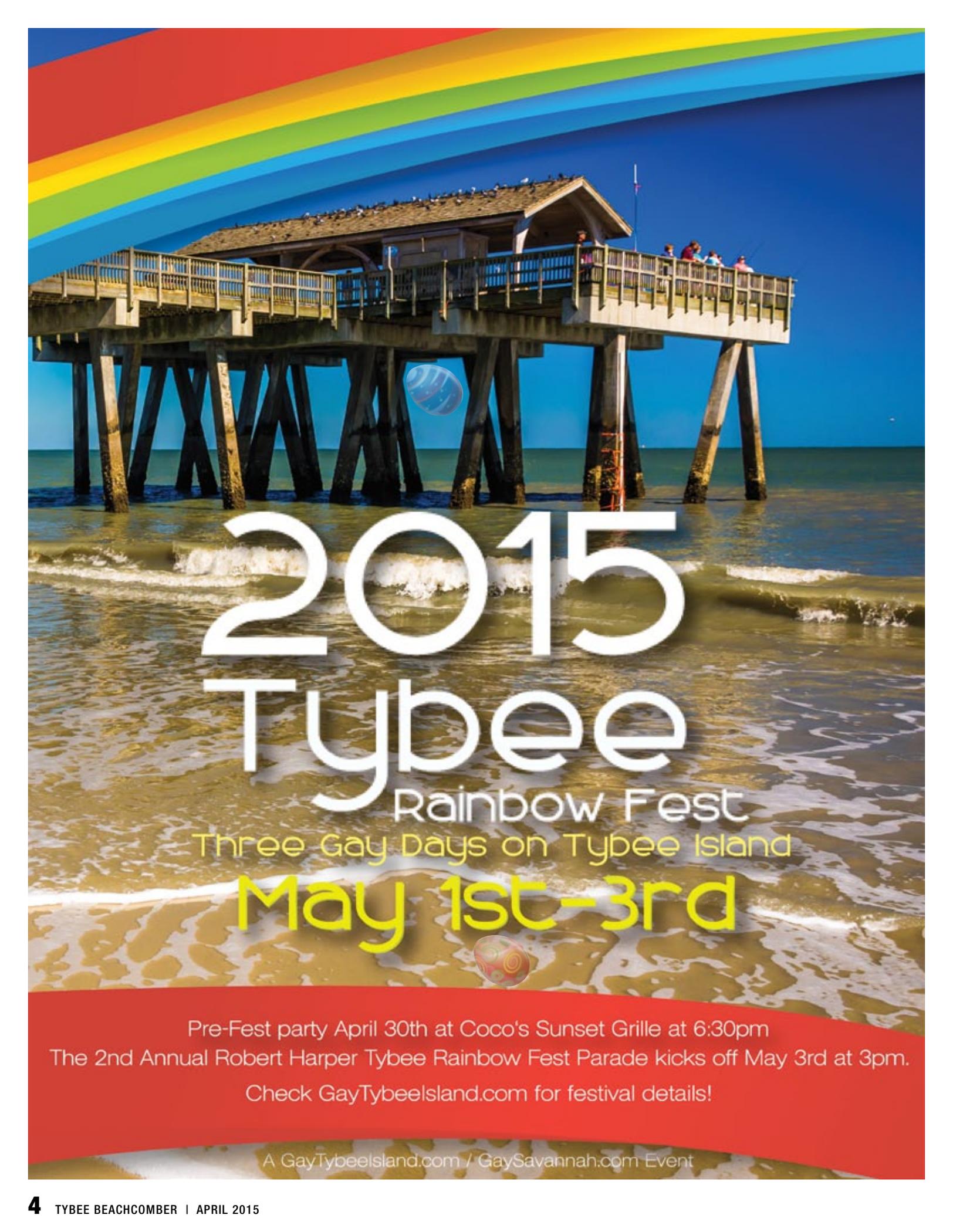
Thank you for your continued support and feedback! It's been unprecedented in good will, true legitimate enjoyment and just flat out positive. Thank God! You make the Beachcomber team keep on keeping on with smiles on our faces. We are doing everything we can to give Tybee an entertaining and fun read. So happy y'all like it!!

The Beachcomber has decided to do something epic for Easter. Margie came up with a brilliant plan that pretty much guarantees Rick ripping his hair out. I had to laugh out loud when I heard. I could not wait to see the look on Rick's face! It was truly priceless. Naturally I expect to pay for it in one way or another. Pay back as they say is a ... I am willing to pay the price! What fun this will be!

Here's the plan: We (and when I say 'we' I mean Rick) have hidden 50 eggs within the pages of the Beachcomber (not counting the front cover). The first person to find all 50 eggs will win a \$50 gift certificate to Bernie's. Rules and regulations do not apply. However, here's the deal: The 'first person' must be the 'first person' to email info@tybeebeachcomber.com at 7pm Saturday, on APRIL 4th! Due to the magazine being staggered in delivery on the first of the month it's only fair that we give everyone an opportunity to drive themselves nutty by looking for eggs. The first email I get on that date and that time will be the winner. When you're submitting your answers just list locations and pages. We will have a key.

So! Go Easter Egg hunting! Have a great time and Good luck!

I would like to give Bobby King a special shout out for my nickname! I love it and feel blessed as I could have been named much worse.



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Rainbow Fest

Three Gay Days on Tybee Island

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Pre-Fest party April 30th at Coco's Sunset Grille at 6:30pm

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April Fishing Forecast



TYBEE PIER FISHING

The whiting bite has only improved and it won't be long before the pompano start to show up. Pompano like water temperatures above 65 degrees. Our waters temperatures have been a little low for this time of year but it can change fast with the nice warm days. Black Drum and Bull Redfish should be chewing. Best baits this time of year are still Shrimp and Mullet.

INSHORE

Has been a little slower than what we all want to see but those who put the time in are still catching Redfish and Speckled Sea Trout. I am also hoping to see a few flounder near the end of the month. Mud Minnows and artificial baits will work great for all three of these species. Live shrimp may start to show up at some of the local bait shops but will be spotty at best. Voodoo baits make a great imitation shrimp that works wonders.

NEAR SHORE

The Offshore bite is improving greatly. Black Sea Bass are eating everything you put in front of them. The key is to get to water deeper than 60 feet for the most legal size fish. The Sheepshead bite is still out there for now as well. It won't be long before they are gone. The Weakfish have shown up as have the Bluefish. Weakfish are not picky and are normally suspended rather than on the bottom like the Sea Bass. Bluefish eat anything that moves; the faster the better. Clark spoons are great as are Gotcha Plugs.



OFF SHORE

For those who want to know what offshore is I will give a quick definition. I say anything past 30 miles out is offshore. The water will become a little bluer and water depths will be around the 90 foot mark and deeper. The bottom bite will be great. The variety out there is amazing. Sea Bass, Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, Porgies, and by the end of the month the Cobia should be showing up. If you have not caught or eaten a Cobia you will be in for a treat. They are a hard fighting fish that will test your reels. Cut bait and Squid are choice baits for the bottom fish. Cobia will hit the squid as well but a live bait or a jig will draw in the Cobia and provide the best experience. Thank you all for the support and hope you all have tight lines and full fish boxes. **To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**

April 2015 Tide Chart

| Date | Day | High Tide | High Tide | Low Tide | Low Tide | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset | Phase |
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| 2 | Th | 736am 6.9 | 803pm 7.2 | 139am 0.2 | 154pm 0.3 | 711am | 744pm | 621pm | 606am | |
| 3 | Fr | 816am 7.0 | 841pm 7.3 | 221am 0.0 | 231pm 0.1 | 710am | 745pm | 714pm | 639am | |
| 4 | Sa | 853am 7.0 | 916pm 7.4 | 301am -0.1 | 308pm 0.0 | 709am | 745pm | 807pm | 712am | Full |
| 5 | Su | 929am 7.0 | 949pm 7.4 | 339am -0.1 | 344pm 0.0 | 707am | 746pm | 901pm | 747am | |
| 6 | Mo | 1003am 6.8 | 1021pm 7.3 | 417am 0.0 | 419pm 0.1 | 706am | 747pm | 956pm | 824am | |
| 7 | Tu | 1039am 6.7 | 1056pm 7.3 | 456am 0.0 | 456pm 0.1 | 705am | 747pm | 1051pm | 904am | |
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| 9 | Th | 1203pm 6.4 | | 619am 0.3 | 619pm 0.4 | 702am | 749pm | | 1035am | |
| 10 | Fr | 1227am 7.1 | 1256pm 6.4 | 707am 0.5 | 710pm 0.5 | 701am | 749pm | 1241am | 1128am | |
| 11 | Sa | 124am 7.1 | 155pm 6.4 | 803am 0.6 | 810pm 0.6 | 700am | 750pm | 133am | 1224pm | |
| 12 | Su | 227am 7.1 | 257pm 6.6 | 906am 0.5 | 919pm 0.6 | 659am | 751pm | 224am | 125pm | 3rd |
| 13 | Mo | 331am 7.2 | 400pm 6.9 | 1011am 0.3 | 1030pm 0.3 | 657am | 751pm | 311am | 228pm | |
| 14 | Tu | 436am 7.3 | 503pm 7.3 | 1113am -0.1 | 1136pm -0.1 | 656am | 752pm | 356am | 333pm | |
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- Easter Sunrise Service on the pier
- Third Thursdays on Tybee at the Roundabout for some great music
- 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
- 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

THE Sports Bookie

By Patrick Sauers

April showers are entering our front door as the NCAA men's tournament is exiting out the back. Along with showers, the baseball season is in its infancy, a timeless golfing classic is upon us, and more importantly, I am gathering my supplies together to begin my NASCAR road trip which will kick off in Tennessee on April 19 at Bristol Motor Speedway and end at the Coca-Cola 600 in Charlotte in late May.

April Fool's is a one of my favorite days of the year; so naturally, I had to employ it within this article. I am not going to a NASCAR race. That's ludicrous. I never will be involved where there is NASCAR. I don't even like to have NASCAR commercials on my television. I would rather be locked in a room with stale Funyuns, a blu-ray of Soul Plane and Kid Rock's "All Summer Long" playing non-stop. In fact, I will promise that you will never read anything about NASCAR with my name attached to it ever again.

Now that I have ever so gently inserted an April fool, I can move on to real sports. I am sure that some people have just cursed my name as they crack open an ice-cold Busch Light, but March Madness is coming to a close and my bracket has been outstanding [insert eye roll emoticon here]. If you filled out a bracket this year, you probably joined the ranks of those hoping to win their office pool with the help of Kentucky. As I am writing this, the Wildcats have just slipped on blue shirts with the phrase "31-0 Not Done" while locking up the overall number one seed for the tournament. Even though I absolutely cannot stand the Wildcats, I would like to see them end up with a perfect season and a championship. Plus, if they can help me win some money, then I will gladly suit up in blue.

As the most exciting tournament fades into this year's history, the days are getting longer and the Masters are about to tee off. One of the PGA Tour's major tournaments, the best of the bunch in my professional opinion, which signifies the "official" start of spring and gathers the best golfers in the world, is just a couple hours away from our beloved island. The island's tourism actually sees a boost due to this prestigious event. The Masters gets me in the right state of mind to pick up my sticks, pretend to be great for about 3 holes, then eventually surrender to the

reality of my skills and tap into the bottle of whiskey that I keep in my golf bag. You know, just to ease the pain of my real life golf game. Maybe I should just stick to Frisbee golf. However, there is something magical in watching these greats playing on a pristine course with the sun bleeding through the pines as it melts over the horizon.

The Masters is truly an incredible occasion, but sometimes a sporting event that is a little more down and dirty really brings out a crowd I like to see. Right here in Savannah, there's no sporting event more likely to gather a crowd looking for a good time than a Savannah Sand Gnats game, especially on a Thursday night. Thirsty Thursday has been known to pack the house and like years past, Grayson Stadium will be hosting the Sand Gnats home opener on April 16, which strategically happens to be a day that is very thirsty. Half-price draft beers for the duration of the game usually add an extra spark in the fans. If you like beer and baseball, why would you think about missing out? Even if you hate baseball, the cheap beer is still a reason to throw on a ball cap and make your way to the stadium. So, beer, brats and baseball aren't your thing? You're the person who is still hanging on to that New Year's resolution? Congratulations. Here are a few events that may keep your resolution one more last a little while longer. A popular event that happens right here on Tybee is the Turtle Trot 5K Beach Run. This will be the 11th year that this event has been put on to raise awareness and funding for the Tybee Island Sea Turtle Project. This year, after the race, the Georgia Sea Turtle Center will be releasing a Loggerhead Sea Turtle back to the ocean. This is an event that you may not want to miss. For information please visit www.tybeemarinescience.org.

Not to make raising money for sea turtles sound insignificant, but the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure may be one of the most popular 5K runs of the year. It is an event that focuses on raising awareness for the fight against breast cancer that has staggering support in the local community. The cause is great and if you have already quit your resolution of working out, there may not be a better event to get back on track.



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Easter At The Beach

THE FIRST FISH FRY By Micheal Elliot



There's something about Easter at the Beach

Every year hundreds drive to Tybee Island while it's dark, struggle for parking, find it and make their way to the Pier for Sunrise Service.

It's pretty spectacular ... not the various Baptists, Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists and whoever else shows up ... but the service above the sand ... the rising of the sun bubbling out of the ocean ... the darkness of night giving way to the light of the newborn day.

At the end of it all though ... is the walk on the beach.

You ... and sand and surf ... Seagulls and Dolphins ... Holiness abounds.

It's no surprise one of the first things Jesus did after the first Easter morning was on the Beach.

When the disciples got out the boat, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. Jesus told his disciples, "Bring some of the fish you just caught" (John 21:9).

"Let's eat," is probably what he says next though St. John is too hungry to record whatever Jesus says next because he's eating fish and bread while hanging with his best buddy.

They have a fish fry ... with bread dipped in Greek oil and herbs ... which is not too shabby for anybody on any given day ... to be at the Beach with your friends ... having a good time because everyone's together again when you never knew if you would be or not ... and they laugh and eat and swim and ... E.N.J.O.Y.

It's not what you would expect after the Resurrection but Jesus always seems to have his priorities in order.

- Rise from the Dead
- Show the world God loves it
- Go to the Beach
- Gather your closest friends
- Grill fresh fish
- Bring bread and dipping oils
- Celebrate life

This pretty much sums up Tybee Bar Church ... we meet every Sunday at Benny's Tybee Tavern on the corner of 16th (no real Island person will ever call it Tybrisa) and Butler Ave.

After working ourselves to death all week long we gather to celebrate survivor ... Resurrection ... and each other ... because that's what Easter is really about.

"Surf's Up," someone yells during Jesus's Fish Fry on the first Easter morning.

2000 plus years later ... that's the attitude on Tybee Island.

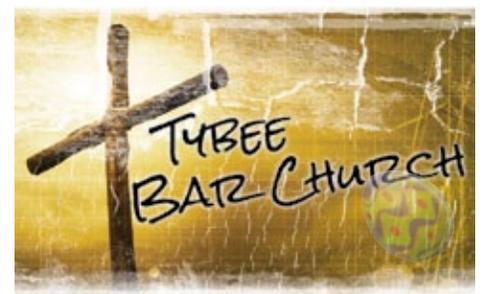
Enjoy the fish everyone.

Catch the wave.

Celebrate everyone around you.

Bring yourself back from the dead.

That's Easter!
Celebrate Life!
E.N.J.O.Y.





As we drop in on March like it's nobody's business, we feel the rush of the season taking over. Events, activities, and then more events and more activities, the whole month is already booked. It's a slow, stiff clamor out of hibernating patterns and the indecisive weather chews at us as we start to schedule the crazy spring season.

An important event at the Tybee Island Marine Science Center was the bon voyage to our state mammal, the North Atlantic Right Whale. These big mamas have been calving 10+ miles off of the Georgia and Florida coast since November of 2014. Now, with brand spanking new calves in tow, they start back up the coast returning to their local feeding grounds for some well-deserved binging.

The Department of Natural Resources recorded a low count of 14 calves birthed this season, each newbie a crucial contribution

to the NARW population count of 450. Struggle McStruggleson. This catalogs these baleen beauties as a critically endangered species (a consequence from past heavy whaling habits and current issues with entanglement and ship strikes along their urban migratory pathway). There was a FareWhale bash at the Tybee Pier March 21st for all those who wanted to wish them whale and say whale see ya'll next year. Where there is a whale there is a way.

Other waterlogging events that took place a little closer inshore this February concluded the 2014 ESA Georgia District Awards. The Eastern Surfing Association is for all who choose the path of competitive surfing on our Atlantic coast. It is a buzzing organization run by dedicated, surf loving community members wanting to promote, inspire the stoke, and amp the local talent. The epic support through this organization motivates gifted surfers of all ages to charge forward in their craft of surf.

Legends, groms and all those that lie in the middle are recognized for their style, attitude, performance and minds. What an awesome sport it is! This year presented Noah Mosley and Georgia Cook with scholastic surfer awards, which means smart surfers are taking over. Kudos! It looks like Team Tybee is on track to regionals. What a great end to push off of!

As we find ourselves getting busier and busier with the spring bouncing all over the dang place it is good to remember to stop and smell the Tybee buds, whichever ones you prefer best, appreciate the small waves and breath deep. You may as whale enjoy it while you're here.

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COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz

It's funny to me that as I started to take photos for this third issue of Tybee Beachcomber it was Tybee's Mardi Gras weekend. Generally Mardi Gras is a celebration to party to the fullest one last time before behaving during the immediately following Lent season. Locals know the party never stops on Tybee. And I've witnessed countless times that even those that just visit here tend to overdo it. There's just something about this island that makes one want to party like it's 1999!

So of course we had a Mardi Gras parade. Tybee loves parades, any excuse to party. Afterwards I made my way down to the main stage for entertainment



at the roundabout located downtown on Tybrisa. It was yet another gorgeous day and what a beautiful location to set up stage! I caught and thoroughly enjoyed the entire set by the band Voodoo Soup from Tampa Bay. Their smooth mix of blues, rock and jams caused the crowd to grow bigger and bigger in no time. And then even better with Tristan and Laurie.



After the band I decided it was time to do what we locals call bar

crawling, "the walk-about." But first I had the pleasure of running into Martin. Look, he even dressed up his dog Cleo for the festivities! Keep a leash on her Martin, she's becoming as much the local as you are!



Sand Bar had a major Mardi Gras presence. They have a great parade location and always participate. Elvis, I mean Joey Spalding was there!



Although the party is now over, I know Joey is not ready to call it quits. You ARE always on my mind, Joey.

Before we move on, I'd like to give credit to those that made Mardi Gras possible. Organizers: Tybee Seabar; Sponsors: Ahern Rentals, Bernie's Oyster House, The Breakfast Club, The City of Tybee Island, The Crab Shack, Desoto Beach Hotel, Devivo Marketing, Doc's Bar, Fannie's on the Beach & Marlin

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Ernie continues to party and apparently still has his mask. He's such a nice guy! He's the only guy



I know that can manage to buy two hats, one shoe and pay everyone's tab at the Windrose! It's a true story too!

Great photo of Eric and Nathan, but I hate to tell you Eric, you really don't have many secrets.

The legendary Willie Nelson performed recently at the Johnny Mercer Theatre. I've said it before, music really brings many of us around here together. I would like to personally thank Mac and Margie. Without them, my presence at this unforgettable performance would not have been possible. We laughed the whole way there and back, and your above and way beyond generosity is much appreciated.



It was a nice surprise to see Phillip and Tracy pre-gaming too. It was Tracy's birthday! I saw Willie on my birthday too!





How cute are Jen and Nat?
And here's the man himself (with his son) Willie!



Bernie's Oyster house has an



atmosphere that will please most; seafood, family friendly and live music. I saw the reggae band, Chillakaya; do I hear a return of reggae Sundays?! Play that horn! Dave was digging it.

I took yet another trip to the local hangout Hucapoo's and spotted the

sweetest Tybee couple, Hook and Donna. Danielle, Susan and Nikki took a break from their super busy schedule to pose for a picture for the new magazine. Thank you!



Ila was nice enough to drive me all around one Saturday night so I could comb the beach. Ila, thank you! You're glowing! I so excited for this season at North Beach Grill. They have great food, a big deck, live music and the friendliest crew. Here's a great team: Kyle, Kathryn, Stephen, Joey and Travis. Love 'em!



Look at the welcome I got at Coco's! Megan greeted me at the top of the stairs with a hug. She is the best. Christy Alan and Kristin Magee were having a nice little jam session on the front porch.



Robert made the rounds



on his birthday. Happy birthday, Bobbo! Tybee loves you!

This season has started to take off. Keep partying Tybee and let the good times roll.



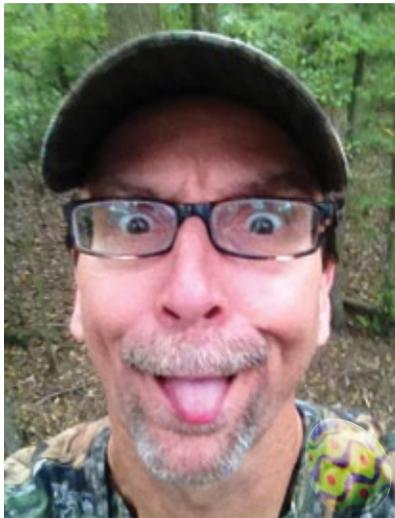


Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge

Spanky's has been around Tybee for 25 years of debauchery and mayhem, so I thought what better place to find our bartender of the month! **Steve Shuptrine, aka Sti**, has worked for Spanky's for 24 years! 24 years of bartending...at the same place! Damn. I'd be hanging from the rafters.

Born and raised in Macon, Georgia, Steve was trying to figure out his place in the world when the world went up and found his place for him. Unsuspectingly trapped into bartender school, Steve just went with the flow and the flow led him to his first gig at the Red Lobster on the Southside of Savannah. That led to a job at the Sport's Page, which led to a gig at the Fourth Quarter (nka The Quarter). Steve was the first bartender at "The Quarter." So, for you young' uns that was a few years ago.



So I asked Steve the 3: How long have you worked on Tybee:
Forever
What is your passion: Bow Hunting (ask him about the arrow in the foot story)
What do you want to be when you grow up: Rock Star

I have known Steve a few years now and with him living in Richmond Hill I always wondered, why in hell would you drive all that way? (Keep in mind the north end for me is a long way, so Richmond Hill is epic.) Steve loves his job and he enjoys the drive. Wind up getting there and wind down after a hard day. That is true dedication kids. He may live in Richmond Hill, but Steve knows more people on Tybee than most people living on Tybee. Always smiling and truly a joy to work with, Steve is doing what he does best.

Steve's go to drink is "Sti's Saucy Samborita." Well, let me tell you: I had three and decided I could Samba on the bar. I am 6' tall. The bar at Spanky's is not. They tell me the video is hilarious. I don't remember much, but I am 100% positive I had a great time!

Go see Steve at Spanky's. Whether you are tough enough to handle the Samborita is up to you, but a good time will be had regardless if you want one or not. Do not watch the video.



By Joey Goralczyk

I've had some pretty exciting pickups downtown that I can write about. I've been to graveyards, The Hood, strip clubs, and have seen the breakfasts that always seem to follow. Once I picked up two girls from a rather nice house in town, and honestly didn't realize until I dropped them off on Tybee 40 minutes later, that they were only wearing towels! We picked up three other people on the Island before I dropped them off. You'd think SOMEONE would notice, Right? Anyway...

One of the best is just a simple pickup on Congress St. A Tybee local and his band were playing a club downtown and drew a fairly large group off the island to see them. It had been a very busy night and at 3am Congress St. was a zoo. I was there to get my last three clients and be done with it for the night. I found my three and it swiftly became five. Then three. Then seven. Okay, now six, why not? Despite my biggest, loudest, and drunkest (trifecta!) customer insisting in a threatening manner that I leave two people behind, we got all of them in the cab and rolled for Tybee. Thus chaos ensued. The first incident to occur was my own fault. I drive A LOT, and over time mistakes are made. While rolling down Bay St. with six screaming, singing, and laughing passengers, I failed to stop at a red light. Rolled right thru it and barely missed a turning truck. My bad. Oh yes it was. Trust me, EVERY SINGLE drunken one of them noticed, and they let me know about it. This event triggered a chain reaction though. Apparently this made the big boy sitting in the middle of the back seat a bit nauseous... About a mile later, as the badgering against me continued on President St., Big Boy starts yelling "You made me sick you (BLEEP)!"

Pull over Joey, pull over Joey, PULL-OVER-JOEY- NOW, I'm gonna puke! Seriously man, I'm gonna be sick!"

I thought he was joking. We all did. We thought it was quite humorous, but as he threw himself across two people towards the window and screamed in a whimpering voice "Seriously JOEY, PULL OVER YOU (BLEEEEP)! I am (BLEEPING) serious!" I realized that maybe he wasn't kidding. So there we were, 6 of us laughing hysterically at our friend as he vomited out the window in front of the poo-poo plant on President St. at 3am. This, understandably I must say, seems to have made him slightly upset. Alright, Big Boy seemed to be empty and the paint on that side of the cab had begun to peel away. We decided that it would probably be best if we moved him to the window seat behind me in case of a re-occurrence, and away we went. The hysterical laughter continued though. We weren't even close to half-way back and this had been an eventful ride. One of the other riders happened to possess a very loud cackle and was really giving Big Boy a hard time. Granted, he did have vomit in his hair and his head out the window like a dog. He made an easy target. However, he stayed quiet for a while and the ride was peaceful for all of 5 minutes. It was nice. That air was good for him though. It brought him around and back to reality. A drunken reality mind you, but reality none the less.

We finally hit Whitmarsh and Big Boy was back, louder and somehow, still drunker than the rest of them. Profanity laced tirades ensued. I can't even begin to repeat this part of the story. All I'll say is imagine some cross between Sam Kinison, Don Rickles and a thesaurus. Hard-hitting, mean insults that cut deep. He was hilarious and dead serious at the same time. He laid into all of us. I have failed to mention up to this point that his girlfriend was sitting next to him. He laid into her just as hard. Her displeasure with him made for an awkward ride, for at least 5 of us anyway, from Wilmington.

The lovebirds proceeded to have a most personal and private argument AT THE TOP OF THEIR LUNGS, while stuffed in a cab with 5 other people. It was petty as it could be. Things from high school came up. Exes were brought up. Wildly private things were just thrown out there for all of us to hear. While the cackler was cackling, I was speeding my butt off just to get this ride over with. They fought all the way to the Lazaretto Creek Bridge, and it HAD to end.

Out pops the gun. Out his window, on the bridge. Three shots fired into the air. I really didn't see this coming, and was completely mortified. Heck, I still am. The rest of the passengers in the cab however, erupted with laughter. Everyone thought it was awesome! Everyone except, ironically enough, the shooter himself. He felt awful. He actually ended up paying for everyone's ride, thanked me for not kicking him out of the cab, and asked me not to share this story with lots of people. So much for that last part.....



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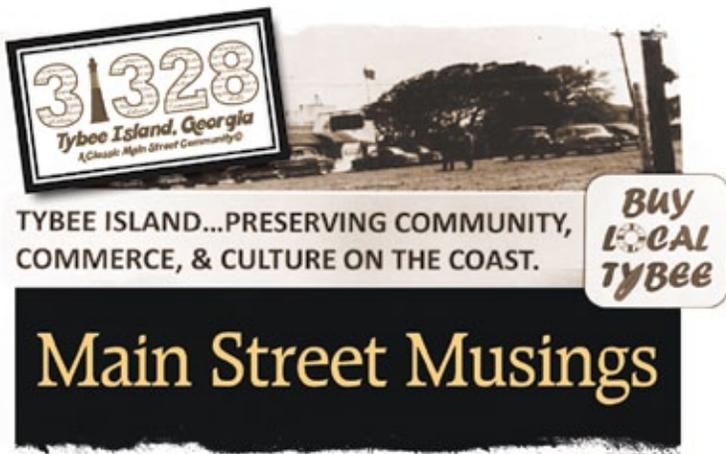
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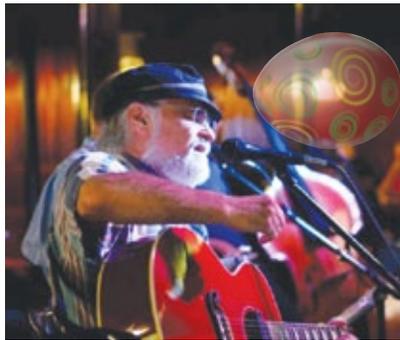
Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

The homegrown outdoor events highlighting the arts for those that live, work, play, and visit on Tybee, Third Thursdays on Tybee, kicked off last month for the spring season with Chris Desa entertaining the crowd at the Tybee Roundabout! We are looking forward to this month's performance with popular performer Roy Swindelle on April 16 at

5:30pm in the Lot at Tybee Oaks (1213 Highway 80). With the long, cold winter we all endured, you owe it to yourself to get outside and enjoy these great, complementary performances!

Judy and Bob Williams with Cynergy will be performing

downtown Tybee at the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout beginning at 5:30pm on May 21! If you haven't heard this acoustic rock duo perform their Celtic-inspired tunes, you will definitely want to check them out.



Bring a chair, stroll the shops and grab a bite to eat while you enjoy the outdoor entertainment. Businesses throughout the performance area welcome you to stop in while you are enjoying the artistic side of Tybee. More information is available on Third Thursdays on Tybee's FB page.

Mark your calendars for the return of Movies in the Park this summer on the third Saturday of June, July, and August at Memorial Park beginning

at dusk. Movie titles will be listed on the Tybee Island Main Street FB page soon and will be included in next month's Beachcomber. The Tybee Island Information Provider (TIIP) Program begins again Memorial Day weekend. TIIP came to be following the MS Community Visioning Workshop where business and residents shared that they wanted a community-driven way to provide guests that are down front with information. Our volunteers over the years have been fabulous! As many of you know, Mr. Glass has been dedicated to serving as the main Provider, which has been greatly appreciated! Due to the success of this service and the need for more "manned" hours at the Info Hut, we have formed a partnership with Visit Tybee to continue this valuable service. Visit Tybee is hiring part time staff at the Info Hut! We are looking forward to witnessing continued success of this service throughout the upcoming season for visitors, businesses, and residents.

As you know, historic preservation is a key focus within the Main Street philosophy. The Design Committee and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) work collaboratively with you to ensure the character of the island is preserved. Last month, the HPC held five public Design Guideline Workshops for three proposed local historic districts. The three districts are identified as the Resort District (includes Strand, Back River, and Downtown), Mid- Island District, and Ft. Screven District. The presentation can be seen on Channel 7 in case you missed attending.

For more information about the Tybee Island Development Authority / Main Street Program, upcoming city approved special events, "Door-to-Door News", Business / Community Matters, and Historic Preservation Spotlights, sign up for the monthly Main Street E-News by visiting www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com. The Tybee Island Main Street FB page is updated on a regular basis as well. We invite you to like it.



Here's to you and keeping Tybee, Tybee!

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American Legion

By Chuck Bolen - Commander American Legion Post 154

April....Springtime is here!!

We are excited at American Legion Post 154! Thank you all for helping to make March such a fun time. Our regular Thursday night Chicken Dinner had the largest attendance that we've ever had. Our hard working team send their sincere thanks for all who came. We will be having another very busy month! We hope that you will join us for all of our activities!!

Our March Oyster Roast was AWESOME!! There was plenty of great tasting oysters and fun was had by all!

We will be having another Oyster Roast in April. Stay tuned for the date. Flyers, emails and Facebook posts will be out when we have a firm date. Hot dogs are available always. Look for the poster for the Oyster Roastall you can eat.....get there EARLY!!! Remember... it will be the last Oyster Roast until September...don't miss it.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be in Jaycee Park on Saturday, April 4, at 1:00pm. It is for children 10 years old and younger! Come join the fun!!

We will be having music by Monty P. and Davy C. on Saturday, April 11, at 7:00pm.....they are great and you will have a blast!! I don't think there is anything they can't play!!

On April 25 Ron Denning will be playing live at the Legion, so come and listen...dance...sing...and enjoy the fun. We always have a great time with Ron!!

April 26 is our April birthday party for all the month's birthdays.

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!

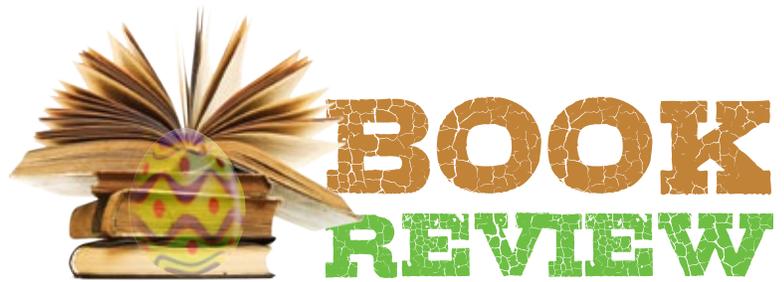
We also have dinners each Thursday evening. The first Thursday of each month is the chicken dinner; the second Thursday is the Italian dinner; third is the fish dinner.

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

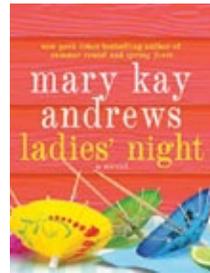
The canteen is open at 5:00pm Monday through Saturday. The American Legion meetings are every 2nd Monday of the month. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time. The SAL meets the Third Monday of the month.

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 Nell Klein



ladies' night

By Mary Kay Andrews

I have been wanting to write a review of a book that is of local interest. Mary Kay Andrews is a local author and a friend told me about this book by her that I needed to read.

One of the main characters is a woman who owns a beach bar. She is a motherly type that takes people under her wing, makes lunch specials, and just takes cares of everyone. She sounds just like me! I had to read it!

Grace Stanton, a former interior designer turned blogger, seems happy with her life and the small company she has built, until she finds her husband cheating on her with her assistant. Grace reacts poorly – she drives her husband's \$175,000 car into the family swimming pool. The uncaring judge in divorce court doesn't find this amusing and requires Grace to attend costly therapy sessions for angry divorcees before he will grant her divorce. In the sessions she meets fellow angry women (and one man) just trying to cope with what their spouses have done to them.

Grace moves in with her mother, Rochelle, who owns and lives above her beach bar, the "Sandbox." She invites her fellow misfits to the Sandbox where they begin hosting their "Ladies' Night" sessions, plotting revenge on those who have hurt them or hopefully

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learning how to move on and finally reach happiness again. Of course Rochelle (Nell?) is always there with food, beverages and her words of wisdom.

Grace has lost everything, her husband, her blog and her lifestyle. Her husband takes everything away from her and then tries to sabotage her efforts to rebuild her life. Wyatt (the male in the group) is quite taken with Grace and together they work to put all the unpleasantness that has been dumped on them behind. Grace realizes she doesn't need all the expensive things that defined her life and her blog. She starts by rehabbing a small vintage house with little to nothing to work on and starts a new blog telling all about it. I really adored this book. It was full of characters that made you laugh out loud and others that made you want to strangle them. I give this book 4 roses and 1 dandelion. The only problem that I had was these women were screwed in the marriage, screwed in the divorce, had to pay royally for the therapy sessions, and none of the cheating husbands had to pay for any of the damage that they caused. That said, it didn't keep me from thoroughly enjoying the book and am looking forward to more from this author. My husband bought my copy of "Ladies' Night" at Seaside Sisters for me for Valentine's Day. In fact, Mary Kay Andrews had a book signing there the next day. What a great local store! I'll also have my copy at the Wind Rose for those interested. Please read it and pass it on!



The other night I was getting ready to watch The Voice. I got my beverage of choice, settled my butt into my groove on the couch and the show started. Yippee! So happy. Ten minutes later, the cable went out. I thought it won't be off long so I caught up on all my reading and waited. And waited and waited and waited. About three hours later the cable came back on. I was so pissed at this point I went to bed mad. I hate going to bed mad.

What makes me so angry about "Kabletown" is that it's no problem for them to inconvenience you, but if they need to come to your house, you get a window of 12:00 to 5:00. Basically you are on their sweet time to show up and that is if they decide to show up at all. Yes, Kabletown, I will happily take a week off work so y'all can figure out your schedule and see if you will bless me with your presence at some point IN MY LIFETIME!!

One time I called them in the attempt to decrease my monthly budget by dropping my landline. Kabletown advised me it would be MORE expensive for me to drop that service. How moronic is that? Less service and more money. How does that make sense to anyone but a major corporation with little to no regard for the customer?

While I am ranting, I want to point out that the customer service is beyond ridiculous. Now that Kabletown has outsourced their call center, finding someone that speaks coherent English is a task. That is assuming you are lucky enough to speak with anyone at all due to the "high call volume." I was told at one point that the reason my internet was so slow was because there was "congestion" between the cable modem and the router. What?? Additionally, the price is downright outrageous for the channels and the service. We are stuck between a proverbially rock and hard place.

The biggest problem is they are slowly taking ownership of everything we do, watch, play, and the information we receive. That's the biggest problem. You ready for the scariest problem? Kabletown also offers home security! I don't know whether to laugh or s##t the bed. May as well leave the damn door wide open and have the teacup pig be the guard dog.

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By Mike Manitta

Bernie's Oyster House



Bernie's Oyster House, Tybee Island, has been a staple on Tybee for a decade or so now. Conveniently located in the middle of Tybrisa Street, smack dab in the middle of everything, it's a sure fire "go to" for a quick break as you are coming or going to the beach. With a fresh selection of seafood, as well as standard pub fare and house made specialty beverages, there is something that is sure to please for everyone in your group. My favorites were always either the "Bernie's Special," which is a killer ham, turkey and roast beef sandwich with honey mustard and melted cheese, topped with red onion, lettuce and tomato (Love it!) or just a bucket of Oysters and a house made Mason Jar Bloody Mary. Great way to spend an afternoon.

Alaina and I were having our monthly regroup, trying to still figure out what we have done right and wrong, as far as the magazine goes (The jury is still out). It was one of those days that was sunny after all that crappy weather finally broke and we were once again ready for a break. We like lots of breaks.

We walked into Bernie's and I have to say the place looks great! Chad has spent the winter months remodeling the bar, dining room, even the bathrooms. Great job! As we milled over the menu, we enjoyed a glass of house made Sangria, super refreshing, rich, but fruity, with a hint of cinnamon, perfect. We both agreed on the Fried Stuffed Shrimp for an appetizer, stuffed with Monterey Jack Cheese and served with remoulade. Super crisp on the outside with that delicious warm and gooey mild tasting cheese pouring out, we inhaled those little suckers.

For entrees, Alaina was excited about the Low Country Boil and I went for a new addition, the Salmon BLT. The food arrived and everything looked fantastic! The Low Country Boil was piled high

with tons of local shrimp, new potatoes, smoked sausage, corn and a side of slaw. It was all delicious, even the slaw. The shrimp were cooked perfectly and it reminded me that spring was finally here. Nothing better to me than fresh seafood at the beach on a nice sunny day. If you are an out-of-towner, I highly recommend trying a Low Country Boil at some point, it's a signature in our area.



The Salmon BLT was equally delicious, a moist and generous piece



of fish, lightly dusted with lemon pepper, with lettuce and tomato served on Texas toast with a side. I have to say that Salmon has always been my favorite fish selection and it was prepared perfectly, super moist and full of flavor.

With our second glass of Sangria coming to an end, we asked for to-go boxes, (and extra sauces). The server was super friendly and accommodating. Bernie's also

offers live entertainment in the evenings and there was a great Reggae band playing that night. Don't forget to check out their back deck and grab a T-Shirt on your way out. Thanks Bernie's for great food and superb hospitality. We felt recharged and ready to tackle our chores with full bellies, and even a snack for our next break. Did I mention we like lots of breaks?

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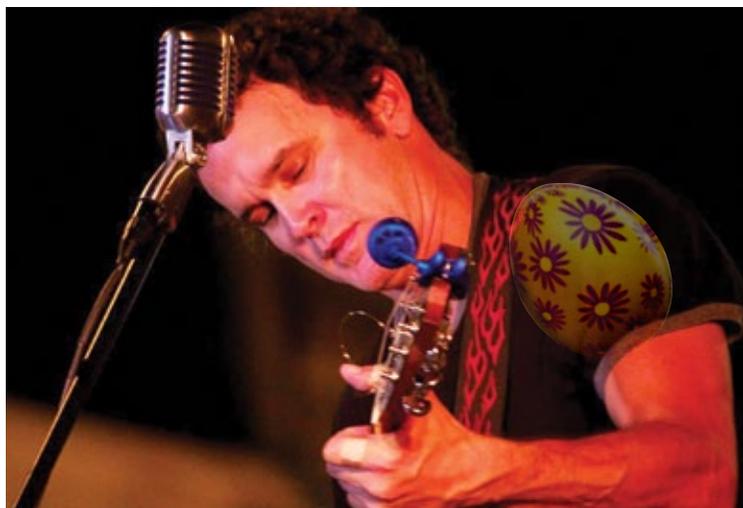
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GO LOCAL MusicProfile

By Mike Manitta

Eric Culberson

Savannah native Eric Culberson has been a staple in the local music scene for over 25 years. His whole family played music, so he was exposed to it his whole life. At six years old or so he found himself messing with his dad's acoustic guitar and after performing his rendition of "Silent Night" for his grade school class, he was hooked. He scored his first electric guitar at about age 12 and couldn't put it down. He started out playing heavier rock, influenced by many genres, by the likes of Jimmy Hendrix and Velvet Underground to Albert and B.B. King. He found himself gravitating to the "bluesier" songs of rock. By his late teens he was an accomplished guitar



player. Working construction by day and playing gigs at night, by his early 20's, after 4 or 5 years at this pace, he soon realized that he could make more money gigging than working hard labor.

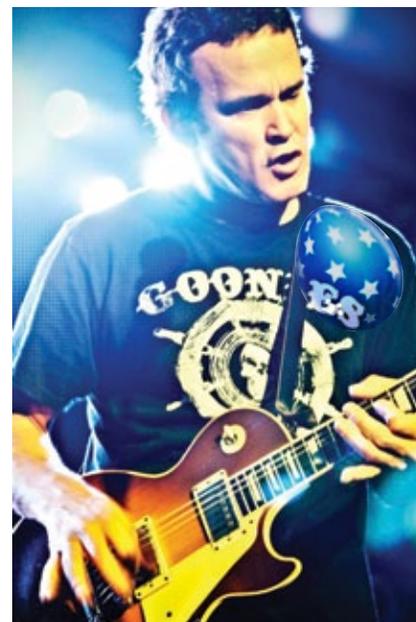
He soon landed a more permanent gig in the house band at former Savannah club "Crossroads" which gave him a great chance to fine tune his skills. While working that gig, opportunity came a knocking, and the bar came up for sale. Before you knew it, he was a bar owner and "Savannah Blues" bar was born. The bar hosted some of the best blues acts to travel through the south, including Dick Dale, Bobby Bland and a young Derek Trucks before his Allman Brothers inclusion. You might expect that owning a music venue and being in a band might produce a more permanent slot at your own bar. Instead, Culberson found himself traveling even more when he owned the bar. Having control over the bookings and a partner to run the bar, this gave him the freedom to call the shots. The bar



operated for six years in two locations near City Market in Savannah before he decided to release the burden of running a bar and concentrate on the music.

The last 25 years has given Eric the opportunity to perform at various clubs, venues, and festivals from the Florida Keys to the Northeast and the Midwest. Locally, you can find Eric playing all over Tybee and Savannah, including Huc-A-Poos, North Beach Grill, Bernie's and Tybee Island Social Club. His guitar playing is so good that you can almost forget how great his rich and silky vocals are. His influences definitely affect the giant sound that comes out of this 3 piece band. To me it's like a mix of classic blues style, with the diversity of funk that you would almost expect to find in a festival setting. It makes you want to get up and dance. I can't imagine any first time listener not being impressed at his live shows. If nothing else, his contagious grin that is permanently displayed while he performs, makes you really understand the joy the man gets out of playing music, which totally makes the audience relate and have an even better time. "I'm most thankful for the support over the years," says Culberson. "Here and on the road. I especially appreciate the talent playing behind me."

With four albums under his belt, his latest offering, *in the outside*, once again displays the effect his love of funk, R&B, hard rock and even punk has had on his music. He is currently working on a new album and tour dates for spring and summer. All of his albums and tour info can be found at ericculberson.com. If you have a chance to catch him live, do it, you are in for a treat.



Concert Calendar

- 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
- 04.14.2015 - **Bob Dylan** - Savannah Civic Center
- 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
- 06.27.2015 **38 Special** - Southern Ground Amphitheater Fayetteville

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Behind the Tape...

By Officer Marella Eaton



SPRING IS HERE AND SO ARE THE VISITORS ...

This means there are lots of activities and events going on around the island. Our TIPD VIP program has taken off with great success so far and we are proud to announce that every month we will be planning to do luncheons for the area members of the program. They will be held at the Tybee YMCA cafeteria and will be catered by one of the local restaurants – YUM!! Come to one of our meetings or contact Chief Bryson for details if you would like to participate or volunteer. By the time you get this issue, the TIPD will have already gotten our tails beaten by our DODGEBALL opponents ... OUCH!! We love community sportsmanship and can't wait to show off this softball season ... Cheer for us!!

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP:

When is it safe to grow your own pot??? NEVER! This indoor grow was busted pretty easily. Sometimes a "pot-thought" isn't such a good idea ... The driver of this vehicle "just wanted to go home" when he instead hit palm trees, a Coke machine, the change machine, the storefront of

Christie's Department Store and wound up like this on the sidewalk ... No injuries except for a bump on the head and probably a massive hangover.



Foodie Finds

By Paul Cales

LIME CILANTRO CHILI

This recipe is the FIRST place winner at the Wind Rose Café's Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off! That being said, you are not gonna be happy unless you have a keg of your favorite beer or a magnum of your favorite wine, liquor, etc. Let's do this:

½ beef and ½ Bison ground beef
Rotel diced tomatoes with green chilies
Fresh tomatoes
Tomato sauce
Black beans
Chili beans
Diced yellow onion
Diced green bell pepper
Diced jalapeno
Ground black pepper
Cumin
Chili powder
Crushed red pepper
Finely chopped garlic
Cilantro finely chopped with no stems
Freshly squeezed lime juice



Additional and optional toppings:

Cheddar cheese Black olives
Sour cream Tortilla chips
Guacamole

Instructions:

Drinking anything while cooking is a must ... especially chili! Brown and drain the fat from the ground beef and ground Bison (no Bison, no problem. Just use more beef). Add the beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce and spices.

Chop all of the veggies, garlic, lime juice with pulp, and cilantro and toss it all in there. Add some more of those yummy spices till ya like what ya taste. Go easy on the cumin at first. That stuff can overpower diesel fuel and no, I am not going to tell you how much ... duh, I want to win next year too!

Simmer what ya got for about 3 hours. Don't forget to stir so you don't burn the beans that like to congregate on the bottom of the pot. After 3 hours, uncover and stir often until you gain the desired consistency. If it is too thick just add a little water and if it is too thin, wait a bit and the evaporation will take care of the rest.

Remember, you can add anything at anytime until you get the desired taste and consistency.

When it's ready, put it in a bowl, add cheddar cheese, guacamole, sour cream and top it all off with a few black olives. You can even eat with tortilla chips. That also makes for an amazing chili dog! Add it to some creamy Mexican cheese and you have a great dip for your next sunset party!

My grandmammy told me a good cook doesn't use measuring spoons and pansy ass measuring cups. Drink a lot of your favorite whatnot and you will be just fine and will be enjoying a great meal! **Cheers and eat up!**

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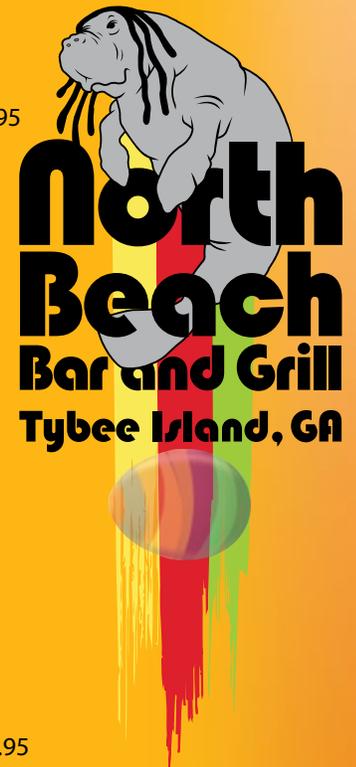
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April 3 - The Eric Culberson Band

April 5 - American Hologram

April 9 - Smoking Gun

April 10 - The Jimmy Wollong Band

April 11 - Trainwrecks

April 12 - Velvet Caravan

April 16 - Wild Wisteria

April 17 - Johnny Octane

April 18 - The Girlfriends

April 19 - The Eric Culberson Band

April 23 - The Cicada Brothers

April 24 - Bottles n Cans

April 25 - Gaslight Street

April 26 - Melvin Dean - Steel the Show

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From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

“Deconstructing April”

Welcome to the first in a series of months that are ladies' names—April, Mae, and June. Why are these three months in consecutive order instead of spread throughout the year? Is there a vast conspiracy involving an epic battle of the sexes over the naming rights to this trivial triumvirate of ‘sugar and spice, and everything nice?’ Certainly some salty tall tales can be told about this short, sweet season. Is this a nuance of nomenclature, or a freak accident of femininity? The truth has been an enigma, wrapped in a riddle...

I can honestly say that I've never met a lady named April, Mae, or June that I haven't genuinely admired, although history is usually not very kind to good folks. As evidence, where have all the girls named Mae and June gone? Should April be concerned that she's next? Did April adapt to modern life differently than Mae and June? Was she responsible, or did Mae and June go off the grid, or underground? It seems the ‘Maes and Junes’ of our world have been caught in the ‘evolutionary crossfire’ in the war between the sexes. As Shakespeare said, ‘What's in a name?’ Historically, names have changed and evolved over time. I don't recall Shakespeare ever writing about a girl named April, but this is a rather common name today. Likewise, I've never met a girl my age named Mae, or June. Maybe I'm misinformed, old-fashioned, or sheltered?

This observation was reinforced recently during a featured story on ‘CBS Sunday Morning.’ It was about a group of ladies formed in a small, non-descript town in the Midwest where the only requirement needed to join was the name ‘Betty.’ They assembled to participate in random activities you'd assume would be enjoyed by girls named ‘Betty.’ I was amazed that at their advanced ages, they were not fighting to preserve their names. They were quilting, playing cards, and going about their daily lives after celebrating milestones, accomplishing goals, and the wisdom of learning to cope with loss without being defeated. Isn't it peculiar that we associate these three months of spring with ‘rebirth’ and newness, yet almost exclusively represented in our society by senior citizens? If irony is a practical joke played by the cosmos, we've got a prankster on our hands. Personally, I find comfort and humility in the fact that we can make decisions to redefine our lives based upon our mindset, attitude, and behaviors—at any age. I hope that I am lucky enough to have the opportunity to reinvent myself—maybe a few times before my long, strange trip is complete.

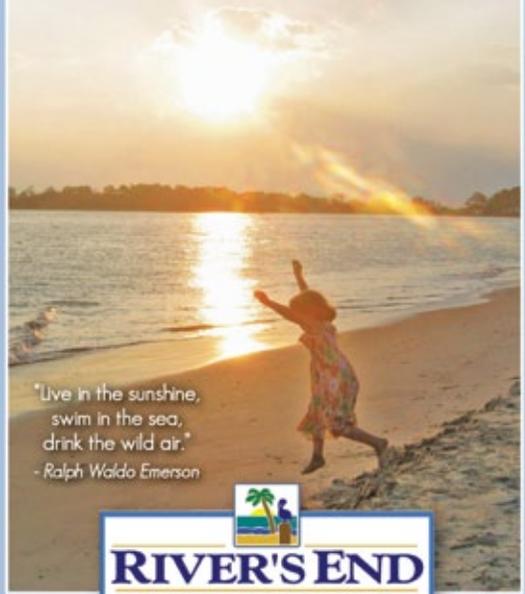
The associations that we have with spring metaphors are as clichéd and tired as well, you know... Over the last 50 years, we've seen a paradigm shift regarding factual depictions of these three months due to advances in meteorology and technology. For example, we were taught in science class how “April showers bring May

flowers.” We've since learned that these months actually consist of tornados that kill more people annually than we knew when learning this information in school.

Scientific fields are comprised mostly of men (only 17% of chemical engineers and 22% of environmental scientists are women). The disparity in representation of women in the scientific community has become noticeable of late with the accusatory finding that women are responsible for climate change, sea level rise, and catastrophic weather patterns. Some scientists have been rather sexist in their hypotheses that adverse conditions exist due to the usage of hairspray and minivan exhaust. However, my hunch is that the hole in the ozone layer was caused by an over-abundance of hair metal bands of the 1980s.

Others allege sexism by the practice of naming hurricanes only after women, as was the custom until 1978. Scientists also reported that storms named after women were more catastrophic. Go figure. Obviously, history may be optional when studying to be a scientist. Research has contributed to the discovery that since it is not politically correct to only name hurricanes after one gender, they will continue to alternate naming storms after men and women. Thanks to this vital research, people will continue to die, but will not be offended while doing so.

So enjoy your April folks. Kick back, relax, and find comfort in the fact that we're all in this together: young & younger, men & women, the whole lot of us... June will be here soon enough with her usual six-month game of Russian roulette known as hurricane season. Knock on wood, hope for the best, and try to use the term ‘himacane’, as opposed to ‘hurricane’ with a straight face.



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- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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REMEMBERING THE QUEEN

Roma Gene Harper (December 13, 1932 – March 4, 2015)

By John Branigin



Roma's story begins at the dawn of time, shortly after God created man and woman. But man and woman started bickering and God found this annoying, so God created Roma to bring laughter to the world and teach it to mankind. Sometime after that, God created Tybee Island so that Roma would have a home (she found the bickering annoying too) and Roma declared herself to be Queen. Nobody argued.

Roma loved meeting new people. She could often be overheard telling tourists some of her many accomplishments:

- She invented both penicillin and anesthesia
- She lent the Wright brothers one of her old lawn mower engines for their first flight
- She suggested that if Miller added some water to their beer, she could drink more of it. They obliged with Miller Lite.

On a more serious and factual note, Roma was indeed a remarkable woman. She didn't talk much about her life before Tybee but here are a few, true details. Roma served as Deputy Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the city of Atlanta. Remember the child abductions in Atlanta? Roma was one of

the senior city officials responsible for ensuring the safety of Atlanta's 56,000 children during that time in the early '80s. Yep, she was in charge.

We all know about Roma's skills at the pool table. Did you know that she was also well known in Atlanta's amateur table tennis community (women's runner up – 1968 Greater Atlanta Closed tournament)? Yep, table tennis (don't you dare call it ping pong).

Tybee is a small island that seems just a bit smaller now. Another Tybee original, a unique "character" in the truest sense of the word, has moved on. But Tybee has a way of filling the void with new, different characters. That's just how Queen Roma would want it. Here's to you, Roma Gene Harper; Tybee's glad we had the chance to know and love you!

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Reflections

Not the V World

(Or How Netflix Turned Me Vegan)

By Hollie Sessoms

I took one of those truthful looks at myself recently and, like with most things involving truth, found it to be pretty ugly. I've been ridiculously unhealthy lately, bordering on hedonistic, and my body was crying out for me to stop it already!

My diet isn't the greatest. I either eat everything in sight or nothing at all to reverse the waistline damage from eating everything in sight. Side note: this is no way to live. I knew I needed to make some changes, but I loathe dieting. I mean, I tried that whole low-carb diet thing in college and I have to say, it was the worst three hours of my life. It turned me off dieting forever. I hate thinking about food and nutrition and how much and what kind I'm eating. There are so many more interesting things to think about. But I'm sick and tired of feeling all blah and crappy all the time. Life's too short.

Just between me and you, I watched *Forks Over Knives* recently and it kind of shook me up. I happen to be a pretty easy sell. Come to my house sometime and try to get me to buy some magazine subscriptions or vacuum cleaners and see for yourself. If you haven't seen the documentary, they advocate a "plants based diet" in order to prevent a host of diseases. They are very careful about avoiding the word "vegan" and I can't blame them. I'm very careful about avoiding the word too. Is there anything in the world more annoying than a holier-than-thou-vegan?

The documentary spoke to me so loudly because I have always been a hearty believer that this country is way over-medicated. It's breaking down our health care system and our bodies while lining the pockets of pharmaceutical companies. There's got to be another way. The documentary ends by saying that it just takes three weeks of the "plants based diet" to start seeing improvements in energy level and general quality of life and Lent was coming up, so I said to myself: "Self, we shall give up animal based products for Lent." I have never in my life given anything up for Lent before and I must say: I dug it.

I prepared myself for a challenge, but the biggest shock was how insanely easy it was. I didn't even miss meat or cheese or eggs. I did get a mega-craving for some cornbread one night, but I breathed deep and it passed. This may just be me. I've never

been wild about meat and, truthfully, sometimes if I think about it too hard, it grosses me out. Holy crap, I sound just like a holier-than-thou-vegan! Send help!

If you don't want to be vegan, do yourself a favor and don't scroll down to the documentary section of Netflix. I started watching other documentaries about the food industry, the way our bodies work, juicing, and GMOs. And the more I watched, the easier the plants based diet became. I went in it because I wanted to look purty in a bathing suit, but I came out of it wanting to do something good for the world, in whatever small way I could.

But the documentaries were just icing (dairy-free icing) on what my body was already telling me to be true. After just one week, I felt like a million bucks. I had ten times more energy, my eyes were shiny, my bloating had disappeared, my eczema was gone. I'm pushing forty and still struggle with acne on a regular basis, but after just one week of a plants based diet my skin was clear for the first time since I was twelve. I swear my teeth were whiter. I swear it. I'm usually hungry all day long no matter what and how much I eat. After one week, I was only hungry right before a meal and then the hunger was satiated by the meal. You know, like hunger is supposed to be. It was life changing, not being hungry all the time. And also this, my sometimes crippling anxiety was reduced to a normal, non-jaw-grinding level. This sounds trite, but it was like I finally uncovered myself.

And food! Oh my, I fell in love with food again. Real food. I loved going through the produce section at the grocery store, picking out the best nectarine, finding avocados ready to eat that night, crisp kale, brussel sprouts for roasting with some olive oil and salt and pepper. I remembered what food tasted like again. It wasn't all cherries. The hardest thing was the social aspect of limiting my diet. I may have been too worried of coming across looking like a, well...a vegan...and I wasn't excited to tell anyone about it. Going out to lunch became excruciating—me scouring the menu, ordering salad with no cheese and hoping no one asked me about it. I really saw how much of eating involved ritual. How much of eating is wrapped up in loving and caring for one another. I didn't want to be left out of all the love and care and ritual that I had grown up with and was such a big part of my life. But this new way of living made me feel...authentic. But. But.

So now it's been three weeks, I'm down five pounds and am still feeling great. I don't know that I'll do this for the rest of my life. I feel like I will, but I'm a master at fooling myself. Who can say who I'll be tomorrow? But for now, this is working. For now, this is who I am. I am a veg—... nope, can't say it.

WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

By Elizabeth Jones

Spring Break Fun Camp

It's almost Spring Break! Wow, that sentence has completely different meanings depending on whether you're a mom, a college student, or staff in any restaurant or shop on Tybee. If you're a mom this means finding a way to entertain a school aged child for a whole week. Or maybe you have to find a care provider for your child who is on break while you have to work. Not fair, right? Why do they need a break, maybe it's the teachers that this vacation is really for.

If you are looking for some entertainment or child care for the Spring Break, the YMCA on Tybee Island is holding a Spring Break Fun Camp. Registration is due by 5pm on April 2nd so hurry and reserve a spot for your child. They will be taking children ages 5-11 from 7:30am-6pm, April 6-10th. You can register for the whole week or just a couple days if that's all you require. The kids will have a blast doing crafts, playing games and sports, and doing other activities with kids of the same age. The cost for members is \$17 per day or \$85 for the week. The camp is also available to those who are not members of the YMCA for \$27 a day or \$135 for the week.



April Events

Tybee Island Easter Egg Hunt at Jaycee Park

Saturday, April 4th at 1pm

Tybee Island's annual Easter egg hunt is hosted by American Legion Post 154 Ladies Auxiliary. It is free and open to the public for children up to age 10. The age groups are split up, making this a fun activity for the youngest children too. And the Easter Bunny himself has been known to make an appearance.

Tybee YMCA

April 17, 6-8pm: Family Skate Night
Admission: \$4 (includes skate rental)

Tybee Library

Story Time Tuesdays: ages 0-5. 11am

Oatland Island

Toddler Tuesdays: Ages 12months- 4years

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You must register: (912) 395-1517, or

www.oatlandkids.wordpress.com



FEATURED ACTIVITY FOR APRIL:

Fairy and Gnome Festival at Oatland Island's Wildlife Center on April 18th, 10am-2pm

This festival will be full of fairy filled fun for the entire family. With this festival Oatland Island hopes to encourage imaginative outdoor play in children of all ages. Children can dress in costume and show off their fairy wings in the fashion show. The whole family will enjoy the day mining for magic gems, frolicking through the enchanted forest, and building their very own fairy village using materials from Oatland's forest. There will also be a scavenger hunt, other games, and crafts. Come enjoy the magic trails of Oatland Island for a special fairy day, and maybe even a fairy surprise!

The cost of the festival is just normal admission to Oatland Island (\$5 for Adults, \$3 for Kids over 3, seniors, and military). There will be additional costs for some activities as this is also a fundraising event. The proceeds go toward helping maintain the Wildlife Habitat on Oatland Island.

ADOPT A WHALE:

We hope all of you got the opportunity to attend the FareWhale Festival that was held in March here on Tybee. If you are interested in adopting a Right Whale, you can do so through the New England Aquarium http://www.neaq.org/membership/animal_sponsorship

More Memories of the Tybee Train

By Polly Wylylly Cooper



Eight station stops made the entire island accessible by train: Estill, Fort Screven, Lovell, Atlantic Club, 11th Street, Dixon, Tybee (with the sign Main Entrance to the Ocean), and lastly, Inlet. Margaret Logan rode the train to town to teach Latin at Chatham, Richard Arnold and Wilder Junior High Schools and at Savannah High.

Willie Logan, Margaret's father, carried big bundles of newspapers thrown off the train to his house on Inlet Avenue and 17th Street. He put them on his porch to keep dry so the neighbors could pick theirs up.

Sam Varnedoe recalled that trains often had flat cars that brought lumber for building new cottages. "A baggage car was filled with oil barrels and blocks of ice." Since there was no way to produce ice on Tybee, the blocks were on their way to Mallie Clark's Ice House, where they were stored under bushels of wheat straw. If a family wanted cold watermelon after a summer supper, they cooled it on a shelf in the ice house. "Lighting and cooking were done with oil stoves and lamps."

Julie Byrnes Lingerfelter grew up near the turntable. She and childhood friend Dan Fogarty waited impatiently for Mr. Hooks, the engineer, to blow the train whistle that summoned children to help push the heavy engine around on the brick turn-around. Leon Sloton was one of those eager boys who turned the train around with his buddies, Bubba Horovitz, Walter Ehrenreich, and Herbie Blumenthal.

"Run save a rocking chair for Mama!" rang out as passengers tumbled off the train. The fastest sprinted towards the Tybrisa at the end of 16th Street or the Durden and Powers Pavilion at the end of 15th. Mamas lugged the picnic baskets packed with fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, red rice, deviled crabs, cupcakes, watermelon and persimmon pie.

The popularity of the motorcar and the new Tybee road spelled the end of the train era. In 1933, the last train, Locomotive 329, drew eight coaches filled with members of the Central of Georgia Railway Clerks' Organization.

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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. 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 - Happy Hour Monday thru Thursday 4-7pm, Live Music Friday and Saturday nights. 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, Thursday - 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

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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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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in April By Mom

4-1 **Line Dancing** 8pm every Wednesday at American Legion Post#154, 10 Veterans Dr., Tybee Island. 912-786-5356.

4-1 thru 4-4 **Savannah Music Festival** Savannah Music Festival continuing from 3-19-15. Start off with Chamber Music VIII: Brooklyn Rider. 11am at Trinity United Methodist Church at 225 W. Presidents St., Savannah. Go online to www.savannahmusicfestival.org for complete list of musicians, dates, times, and venue or call 912-525-5050.

4-2 **Chicken Dinner** 5:30-7:30pm every 1st Thursday at American Legion Post#154, 10 Veterans Dr., Tybee Island. 912-786-5356.

4-3 **Bingo and Karaoke** 8pm every Friday at American Legion Post#154, 10 Veterans Dr., Tybee Island. 912-786-5356.

4-9 **Spaghetti Dinner** 5:30-7:30pm every 2nd Thursday at American Legion Post#154, 10 Veterans Dr., Tybee Island. 912-786-5356.

4-11 **Free Family Day: In Living Color** 1-4 pm at Jepson Center for the Arts, 207 W. York St., Savannah. A free event. Experience hands-on-art-making activities. 912-790-8800 for more info.

4-11 thru 4-12 **153rd Anniversary of Siege of Fort Pulaski** Fort Pulaski National Monument is hosting a 2 day living history of the Siege and Reductions of Ft. Pulaski.

4-12 **Five Guys Fundraiser** 4:30-8:00pm fundraiser to benefit the Tybee Island Maritime Academy, 4690 Hwy. 80 E., Whitmarsh Island.

4-16 thru 4/18 **Orange Crush**

4-16 **Fish Fry by Sons of American Legion** 5:30-7:30pm every 3rd Thursday at American Legion Post#154, 10 Veterans Dr., Tybee Island. 912-786-5356.

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-16 **Third Thursdays on Tybee** 5:30pm, featuring Roy Swindell at The Shops, 1213 E. Hwy 80. Sponsored by The City of Tybee Island Development Authority and Main Street program. Don't forget your chairs.

4-16 **Red Cross Community Blood Drive** 2-7 pm at the Old School Cafeteria by the YMCA on Tybee Island. Visit www.redcrossblood.org for more info or call 912-356-5707 or 912-234-5325. You will need to schedule appointment.

4-18 thru 4-19 **Fort Pulaski National Monument** 9am to 5pm: Free entrance days.

4-22 thru 4-26 **7th Annual Tybee Wine Festival** This event will benefit the Tybee Post Theatre and is located at the Tybee Lighthouse and Museum on 30 Meddin Drive, Tybee Island. Visit www.tybeewinefestival.com for tickets and other info or call Melissa Turner at 912-663-1099. Tickets are on sale now.

4-25 **11th Annual Turtle Trot** 8am at the Pier and Pavilion, 1 Tybrisa St., Tybee Island. You can pick up a packet of info on 4-24 at the Marine Science Center or 7am on 4-25 at the Pier and Pavilion. This event will benefit Tybee Island's Sea Turtles. Check out www.tybeemarinescience.org for more information.

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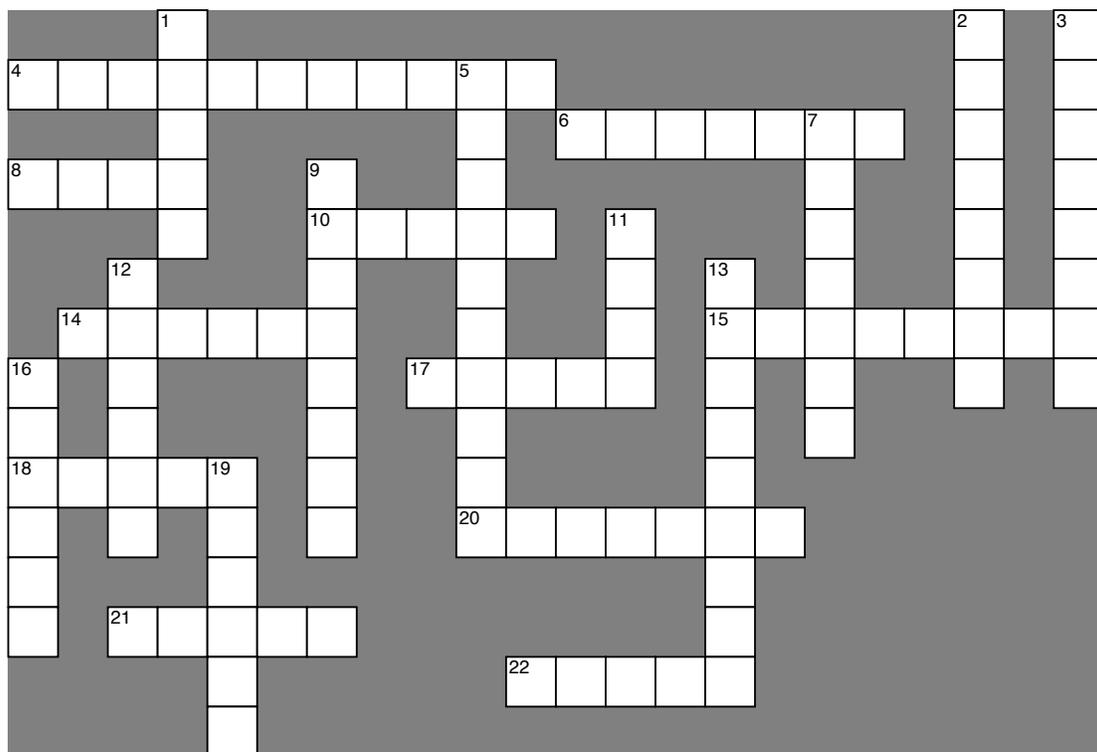
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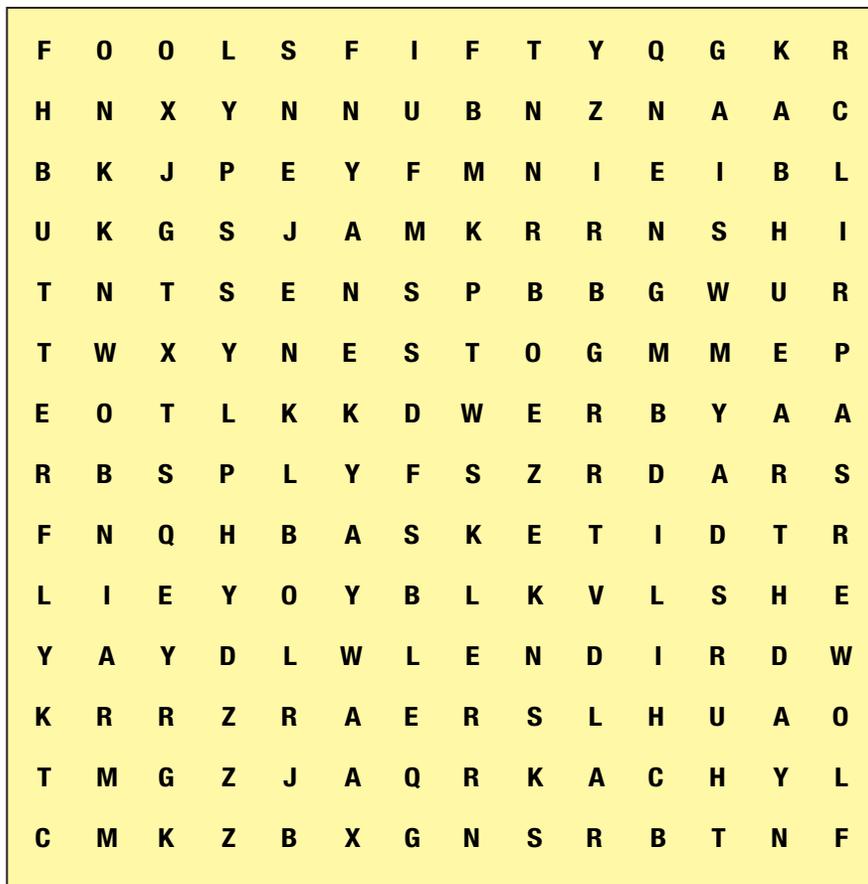


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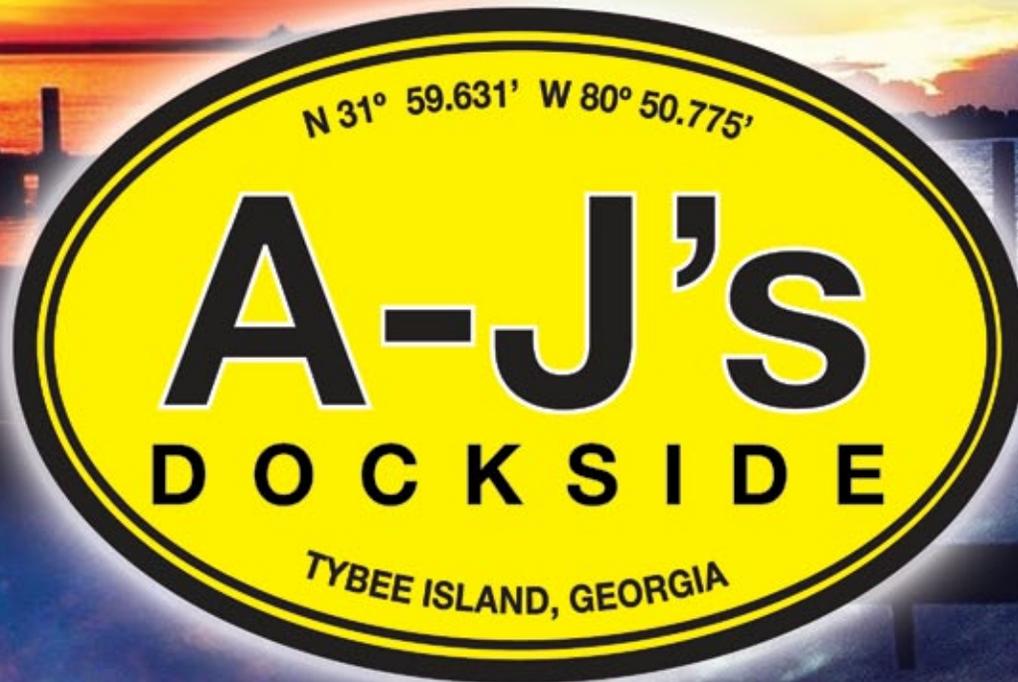
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