

TYBEE

beachcomber

DECEMBER 2017

TYBEEBEACHCOMBER.COM

Island's Guide for fun!



Century 21
SOLOMON PROPERTIES
C21SolomonProperties.com
912.786.5466

PHOTO BY WILLIAM HARRELL

"Tybee's Best Kept Secret!"



www.stingraysontybee.com

Open 7 Days 11:00 - Until • Full Bar • Inside & Outside Dining • Live Music

10% OFF STING RAY'S
Entire Bill with coupon
 Limit 6 people excludes alcohol

STARTERS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Hannah's Hush Puppies | \$5.95 |
| Cheese Sticks | \$7.95 |
| Calamari | \$8.95 |
| Fresh Fish Fingers | \$8.95 |
| Smoked Fish Dip | \$8.95 |
| Shrimp Cocktail | \$9.95 |
| Buffalo Shrimp <i>SPICY</i> | \$9.95 |
| Sting Wings <i>SPICY</i> | \$11.95 |
| Crab Balls | \$11.95 |
| Conch Fritters | \$11.95 |
| Seared Ahi Tuna | \$13.95 |

SOUPS & SALADS

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Stingray's Signature Crab Stew | \$5.95 |
| Lobster & Crab Bisque | \$5.95 |
| Side Salad | \$2.95 |
| House Salad | \$6.95 |
| Salad with Chicken | \$9.95 |
| Grilled or Fried | |
| Salad with Shrimp | \$10.95 |
| Fried or Steamed | |

SIDES

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| French Fries | \$2.95 |
| Cole Slaw | \$2.95 |
| Corn on the Cob | \$2.95 |
| Red Potatoes | \$2.95 |
| Sausage | \$4.95 |

CHILDREN'S MENU

with French Fries & Hush Puppies. 12 & Under.

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Hot Dog | \$5.95 |
| Corn Dog | \$5.95 |
| Grilled Cheese Sandwich | \$5.95 |
| Chicken Finger Plate | \$6.95 |
| Shrimp Plate | \$7.95 |
| Fish Plate | \$7.95 |

SEAFOOD BY THE POUND

| | 1/2 lb. | 1 lb. |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Littleneck Clams | | \$8.95 |
| Louisiana Crawfish | | \$9.95 |
| Mussels | | \$10.95 |
| Shrimp | \$10.95 | \$16.95 |
| Alaskan Snow Crab | \$11.95 | \$18.95 |
| Bucket of Oysters | | \$19.95 |

FROM THE STEAMER

with Slaw & Corn

| | 1/2 lb. | 1 lb. |
|---|---------------|---------|
| Shrimp | \$13.95 | \$18.95 |
| Clay's Low Country Feast | | \$16.95 |
| Shrimp, Sausage, Potatoes & Corn | | |
| Alaskan Snow Crab Dinner | \$23.95 | |
| Sly's Tybee Island Combo | \$23.95 | |
| 1/2 lb. Shrimp & 1 lb. Snow Crab | | |
| Sting Ray's Platter | | |
| for 1 - 26.95 | for 2 - 37.95 | |
| Shrimp, Snow Crab, Mussels, Crawfish, Clams, Sausage & Red Potatoes | | |

BURGERS, SANDWICHES & TACOS

with French Fries

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Chicken Sandwich Grilled or Fried | \$8.95 |
| Tybeedi Burger Meatless | \$8.95 |
| Stingburger | \$8.95 |
| Fried Shrimp Sandwich | \$11.95 |
| Fried Oyster Sandwich | \$11.95 |
| Mahi Mahi Sandwich | \$12.95 |
| Lucile's Fish Po' Boy | \$10.95 |
| 3 Tacos: | |
| Fried Fish | \$11.95 |
| Blackened Shrimp | \$12.95 |
| Cajun Mahi | \$13.95 |
| Crab Cake Sandwich | \$12.95 |

Come enjoy cocktails and apps on our new upper deck!



Best Island Fare for 6 Years!
 Savannah Chamber of Commerce | Taste of Tybee
 Voted Tybee's Best Seafood
 Best Place to Watch UGA Games
 Best Place to Watch Parades

BRING YOUR OWN CATCH DINNER \$8.95

FROM THE GRILL

with Red Potatoes, Corn & Side Salad

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Wild Pacific Salmon Dinner | \$13.95 |
| Mahi-Mahi Dinner | \$14.95 |
| Tuna Steak Dinner | \$14.95 |

FROM THE FRYER

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Chicken Finger Plate | \$10.95 |
| Shrimp Plate | \$14.95 |
| Fish Plate | \$13.95 |
| Oyster Plate | \$14.95 |
| Scallop Plate | \$16.95 |
| Flounder Plate | \$15.95 |
| Crab Cake Plate | \$17.95 |
| Combo Plate any 2 of above | \$18.95 |
| Tybee Fisherman's Platter | |
| for 1 - \$26.95 | for 2 - \$37.95 |

Shrimp, Fish, Scallops, Oysters, Crab Cake, Fries, Cole Slaw & Hush Puppies

DESSERTS

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| Key Lime Pie | \$4.95 |
| Mud Pie | \$4.95 |

14th Street at Butler Avenue • Tybee Island, GA 912-786-0209

Tybee

Area Code
912 Digits

Emergency- Police, Fire, Medical 911
 Police NON-Emergency 786-5600
 Fire NON-Emergency 472-5062
 Ocean Rescue 786-9873

City Hall 786-4573
 Library 786-7733
 Parking Services 472-5101
 Post Office 786-9632
 River's End Campground 786-5518
 Visitor's Center/Chamber 786-5444
 YMCA 786-9622
 American Legion Post #154 786-5356
 Tybee Island Lighthouse 786-4077
 Marine Science Center 786-5917

Tybee Post Theater 472-4790
 Fishing License (Chu's on Campbell) 786-5904

Dizzy Dean's Liquor, Beer & Wine 786-4500
 XYZ Liquors 786-4822

Tybee Golf Carts 226-9676
 Fat Tire Bikes 786-4013
 Tim's Bike & Beach Gear 786-8467
 Burke's Beach Rentals, Inc. 547-8145
 Boogie Scooters Rentals 472-4266

Shuttle Services

Breezy Riders 665-9988
 Island's Taxi 786-8688
 Tybee Turtle Transit 361-TURTLES

Investments

Mathew Cremeans (Edward Jones) 898-3691

Tours

Captain Mike's Dolphin Tours 786-5848





TYBEE
beachcomber
Island's Guide for fun!

Features...

8

SHOP LOCAL Y'ALL

CHRISTMAS IDEAS FOR EVERYONE
ON YOUR LIST

10

MUSIC PROFILE

SUWANNEE'S HULAWEEEN FESTIVAL

11

UPDATE FROM TYBEE'S MAYOR

FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON FROM
MAYOR BUELTERMAN

18

MONTHLY RANT

THE GRINCH'S TAKE ON CHRISTMAS
SONGS

THIS IS MY
HAPPY
PLACE



Publishers

Rick Flynn & Alaina Loughridge

Layout & Design

Rick Flynn

Layout Editor

Margie McLellan

Social Media

Betsy Jenkins

Advertising & Sales

Alaina Loughridge

Mike Manitta

Contact Us

Yearly Subscriptions Available

FaceBook: Tybee Beachcomber

Email: info@tybeebeachcomber.com

P.O. Box 58

Tybee Island, GA 31328

Phone: 912-675-5261

Website: tybeebeachcomber.com

The writers and advertisers all have various opinions that do not necessarily represent those of Tybee Beachcomber LLC.



Ms...Alain...eous

From the EDITOR

Well where did the year go? Seems like just yesterday we were doing that thing: You know, that thing where we lay on the beach and drink margaritas and dream happy thoughts. Oh wait! We can still do that! What a blessing that we live where we do. With the weather maintaining (fingers crossed) its mostly happy face, we have been able to skate right through November on sand encrusted flip flops and surf right on into December with a sunburn. Love it!!

So, here we are! Christmas time: A time to gather, reflect, be thankful, spend more than you should, stress out that Aunt Diedra from Wisconsin is coming to visit and hates your partner and is allergic to your dogs, buy wrong presents, lose your mind and in general, forget all about the joy of the season. Who am I kidding? I am right in the mix people, so let's pull up our big britches, paste on our happy faces and get it on.

The good news is that I have help for you! December is a cluster and we all know it. I am here to help with all of your problems! The cover features our beloved advertisers and the feature story is all about what they can help you with when it comes to presents and good times. Its **Shop Local** time and you do not have to go to the mall for those presents when everything you need is right here! Read on for further details ...

This month's **Traveling Beachcomber winner** was a struggle (as always). Y'all are getting super fun and creative and traveling to the most exotic locales! After an extended game of Rock, Paper, Scissors (professional all the way here at the BC), it has been determined that our winner is our very own **Main Street Muser, Chantel Morton!** Chantel went to the Redwoods in sunny Cal. That is a tall tree right there! You know what they say about tall trees? Big shade! Congratulations, Chantel! Off to A-J's you go and as always, if you need a friend to join you for A-J's fantastic conch fritters and watermelon margaritas, call ME!!

Don't forget our **Gandalf the Grey Beard Contest!** For those who voted in November, you have another chance to vote in December on when Mr. Brantley Hackney is going to become human again! Email me your date and time for a chance to win something fabulous!!

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope your holiday season is stress free and full of good times! But for now, before all madness breaks loose, kick up your flip flops, make me a cocktail and get your read on! AND SHOP LOCAL!!!

P.S. We take our giggles and laugh out louds when and where we can. This month's giggle is from Facebook who, in reviewing the Tybee Beachcomber's category status as a Media/News Company, has decided it would be best if we changed our status to Media/News Company – Bar. Why thank you for the recommendation! I think we will!



BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge Photo by Wen McNally

TYBEE GLASS SERVICE



You never really think about glass service until you are in need of one, and typically that is when some jerk spits up gravel on your windshield or some other glass piercing object creates that horrid crack in your windshield, and nine times out of ten it is right where you view out the window to see to drive. GAH!! Well, thankfully, we now have a local Tybee service that can come to our rescue in not only windshields, but a variety of glass accoutrements, which include custom table tops, mirrors, window screens, and so much more! **Gene Foster** is the man! Read on for all of the details!

Gene Foster has been serving the Tybee area for over two years now, but began long ago in a land far away. Oh, not really, but he did start in automotive glass installation when he was 15 years old. Under 16 you have to get a work permit and he got one so he could begin what would become one of his life long passions. He began with his father at a company called *Wright Body Works* in Columbus, Georgia. Dad taught him to install auto glass and when others came calling, Gene went to *Uniworth Glass* out of Atlanta, the very first company to install auto glass at your location vs. theirs. Gene installed them himself, which is a feat considering this was long ago (cell phones hadn't been invented yet) and he was all alone at 18 and living in Savannah. Looking back, Gene says, "That was the happiest time in my life. Doing what I love in a city that I love."

After traveling to and fro for a bit, always working in different glass-type businesses, Gene learned. He knew this was his calling and has spent years honing his craft. Now Tybee is lucky enough to have Gene call here home. Not only does he work on automotive, but also commercial and residential. If you have a piece of glass that needs work or you have an idea for a piece of glass for a home décor thought, call Gene. Gene knows glass. You can reach Gene at 912-659-3358 or tybeeglassservice.com.



Commercial • Residential • Automotive
Glass Cutting & Installation

Custom Table Tops • Mirrors • Window Screens
Screened Porches • Window & Patio Door Repair

40 years experience, licensed and insured

912-659-3358

TybeeGlassService.com

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

At Tybee Teeth, we treat every patient who comes in our door as family and a friend. We want everyone to have the best experience with the most ideal dental care possible. We would love to take care of all your dental needs. Feel free to call and ask questions or stop by to meet us.

1018 US Hwy 80 • Tybee Island • 912-786-9433



Oceanfront Dining!



Crazy Legs Specials Every Weekend



Live Music Every Weekend In Season



Award Winning Brunch Saturday & Sunday



Crab Legs and Oysters and all your Seafood Faves, plus Burgers, Big Salads, Gourmet Pizza, and our Award Winning Brunch served Saturday and Sunday



Open Every Day at 11am



Best Frozen Drinks Around!



fanniesonthebeach.com

912-786-6109

Located at 1613 Strand Ave... Tybee Island... Oceanfront, Near 17th Street

| Date | Day | High Tide | | High Tide | | Low Tide | | Low Tide | | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset | Phase |
|------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|----------|------|----------|------|---------|--------|----------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Fr | 5:29a | 8.1 | 5:57p | 7.4 | 12:04p | -0.1 | | | 7:07a | 5:19p | 4:07p | 4:33a | |
| 2 | Sa | 6:22a | 8.6 | 6:49p | 7.6 | 12:21a | -0.8 | 12:59p | -0.4 | 7:07a | 5:19p | 4:54p | 5:41a | |
| 3 | Su | 7:14a | 8.9 | 7:41p | 7.7 | 1:13a | -1.1 | 1:52p | -0.7 | 7:08a | 5:19p | 5:47p | 6:50a | Full |
| 4 | Mo | 8:06a | 9.0 | 8:33p | 7.6 | 2:05a | -1.3 | 2:45p | -0.9 | 7:09a | 5:19p | 6:45p | 7:59a | |
| 5 | Tu | 8:59a | 9.0 | 9:27p | 7.5 | 2:57a | -1.3 | 3:36p | -0.8 | 7:10a | 5:19p | 7:48p | 9:04a | |
| 6 | We | 9:53a | 8.7 | 10:25p | 7.3 | 3:49a | -1.2 | 4:28p | -0.7 | 7:11a | 5:19p | 8:54p | 10:03a | |
| 7 | Th | 10:50a | 8.4 | 11:26p | 7.1 | 4:42a | -0.9 | 5:20p | -0.4 | 7:11a | 5:19p | 9:59p | 10:56a | |
| 8 | Fr | 11:50a | 8.0 | | | 5:37a | -0.4 | 6:15p | -0.1 | 7:12a | 5:19p | 11:03p | 11:42a | |
| 9 | Sa | 12:29a | 7.0 | 12:48p | 7.6 | 6:36a | 0.0 | 7:13p | 0.1 | 7:13a | 5:19p | | 12:23p | |
| 10 | Su | 1:29a | 6.9 | 1:45p | 7.2 | 7:39a | 0.4 | 8:13p | 0.3 | 7:13a | 5:20p | 12:05a | 1:00p | 3rd |
| 11 | Mo | 2:27a | 6.9 | 2:40p | 7.0 | 8:44a | 0.5 | 9:12p | 0.3 | 7:14a | 5:20p | 1:04a | 1:35p | |
| 12 | Tu | 3:23a | 7.0 | 3:34p | 6.8 | 9:46a | 0.6 | 10:06p | 0.3 | 7:15a | 5:20p | 2:01a | 2:09p | |
| 13 | We | 4:17a | 7.1 | 4:26p | 6.7 | 10:43a | 0.5 | 10:56p | 0.2 | 7:16a | 5:20p | 2:57a | 2:42p | |
| 14 | Th | 5:09a | 7.2 | 5:16p | 6.7 | 11:34a | 0.4 | 11:42p | 0.1 | 7:16a | 5:21p | 3:52a | 3:17p | |
| 15 | Fr | 5:56a | 7.4 | 6:03p | 6.7 | 12:20p | 0.3 | | | 7:17a | 5:21p | 4:46a | 3:53p | |
| 16 | Sa | 6:40a | 7.5 | 6:47p | 6.7 | 12:24a | 0.1 | 1:05p | 0.2 | 7:17a | 5:21p | 5:40a | 4:32p | |
| 17 | Su | 7:21a | 7.6 | 7:28p | 6.7 | 1:05a | 0.1 | 1:46p | 0.1 | 7:18a | 5:22p | 6:33a | 5:14p | |
| 18 | Mo | 7:59a | 7.5 | 8:08p | 6.6 | 1:45a | 0.1 | 2:26p | 0.1 | 7:19a | 5:22p | 7:24a | 5:59p | New |
| 19 | Tu | 8:36a | 7.5 | 8:46p | 6.5 | 2:23a | 0.1 | 3:04p | 0.1 | 7:19a | 5:23p | 8:13a | 6:48p | |
| 20 | We | 9:12a | 7.3 | 9:24p | 6.4 | 3:00a | 0.2 | 3:40p | 0.2 | 7:20a | 5:23p | 8:59a | 7:38p | |
| 21 | Th | 9:48a | 7.1 | 10:02p | 6.2 | 3:36a | 0.3 | 4:16p | 0.3 | 7:20a | 5:24p | 9:42a | 8:31p | |
| 22 | Fr | 10:25a | 6.9 | 10:43p | 6.2 | 4:13a | 0.4 | 4:54p | 0.4 | 7:21a | 5:24p | 10:22a | 9:25p | |
| 23 | Sa | 11:05a | 6.7 | 11:27p | 6.1 | 4:52a | 0.6 | 5:34p | 0.5 | 7:21a | 5:25p | 10:59a | 10:20p | |
| 24 | Su | 11:51a | 6.6 | | | 5:36a | 0.7 | 6:18p | 0.5 | 7:22a | 5:25p | 11:35a | 11:16p | |
| 25 | Mo | 12:17a | 6.2 | 12:41p | 6.5 | 6:26a | 0.8 | 7:08p | 0.5 | 7:22a | 5:26p | 12:09p | | |
| 26 | Tu | 1:10a | 6.4 | 1:35p | 6.5 | 7:24a | 0.9 | 8:04p | 0.3 | 7:22a | 5:26p | 12:44p | 12:13a | 1st |
| 27 | We | 2:06a | 6.7 | 2:32p | 6.5 | 8:31a | 0.8 | 9:04p | 0.1 | 7:23a | 5:27p | 1:20p | 1:12a | |
| 28 | Th | 3:04a | 7.1 | 3:31p | 6.6 | 9:38a | 0.5 | 10:04p | -0.3 | 7:23a | 5:28p | 1:58p | 2:13a | |
| 29 | Fr | 4:04a | 7.5 | 4:32p | 6.7 | 10:42a | 0.2 | 11:02p | -0.7 | 7:24a | 5:28p | 2:41p | 3:17a | |
| 30 | Sa | 5:04a | 7.9 | 5:32p | 7.0 | 11:43a | -0.2 | 11:58p | -1.1 | 7:24a | 5:29p | 3:29p | 4:24a | |
| 31 | Su | 6:02a | 8.3 | 6:29p | 7.2 | 12:40p | -0.6 | | | 7:24a | 5:30p | 4:23p | 5:33a | |

Happy Holidays from all of us at

DESOTO BEACH HOTEL OCEANFRONT

New Historic Property!
8 Suites/Studios Sleeps 2-9

3 Intimate Rooms Sleeps 2

ADAMANT TERRACES Sleeps up to 4-6-8

ADMIRAL'S VIEW at Culture's Edge 6 BR, 5 BA, Sleeps 13

Now Featuring 8 Unique Island Properties!

Heated/Cooled Pool!

877.786.4542

From our award winning Hotel to romantic Bed & Breakfast, Historic Inn & several beautiful Vacation Rentals, we have the perfect place just for you!

DeSotoBeachHotel.com • DeSotoBeachProperties.com

Tybee Island Bucket List

- Tybee for the Holidays
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- 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
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Go see a live theater production at the Black Box Theater
- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints



Something to Believe In

By J. Beebs

O

ne of the most famous “Letters to the Editor” in the history of editorials was the famous 1897 letter from 8 year old Virginia O’Hanlon, who famously asked the New York Sun, is there such thing as Santa Claus? You see, Virginia was taking some grief from her 8 year old peers for believing in Santa Claus.

Francis Pharcellus Church penned the famous response, which has since become history’s most reprinted newspaper editorial. The response, which is worth a read if you’re near the internet, reassures Virginia that there is most definitely a Santa Claus.

Virginia’s letter touches one of the most profound aspects of being human: Belief. In Church’s response, he explains to Virginia that her friends, who do not believe in Santa, “do not believe except they see.” Church goes on to explain that “You may tear apart the baby’s rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.”

Belief. It’s a funny thing in humans. We like to believe that we are rational and make decisions based on logic and understanding. But often, we make our decisions based on what we feel. Which is why I can easily defend every superstition I’ve ever had without one shred of proof or logic. I have no scientific proof that my 1931 Wheat Cent is a lucky penny. But I know that it is. And if I ever find a four leaf clover, I know that’s lucky too. So is walking under a horseshoe and having an itchy palm. Don’t get me started about my game day superstitions, which range from my lucky socks that I’ve had since third grade to my need to listen to AC/DC’s “Back in Black” while chewing a stick of green fruit stripe gum during pregame. WE NEVER LOSE WHEN I DO THIS!

If we are so emotional when it comes to simple superstitions, you can see how this might turn out rather poorly when we move to bigger concepts. Just think of your own experiences as kids, when we collectively figured out the answer to many childhood mysteries such as Santa Claus, The Tooth Fairy and The Easter Bunny. Armed with the knowledge of our peers, we go into our teen years confident in our beliefs. But a funny thing happens along the way: Life. And as you experience life, your beliefs can and do change. And if you reflect upon it, you may discover that that in your teen years, you were confident that there was no such thing as Santa and his friends, but strangely enough, you begin to see the beauty of such beliefs as you move into your middle years and have kids of your own.

This brings us to our biggest platform for belief: Religious Faith. It’s appropriate that we talk about faith during the month of December, which is full of religious holidays, ranging from the very widely known Christmas and Hanukkah, to perhaps some lesser known holidays, such as Rohatsu (Bohdi Day), which celebrates Buddha’s decision to sit under the Bodhi tree until he reached spiritual enlightenment and Mawlid el-Nabi, which honors the birth of the prophet Muhammad.

Looking at December’s holidays is a great reminder for those of all beliefs, and a simple testament that underneath all the emotion, we are all more alike than not. In 1897, Church penned that Virginia’s friends were “affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age.” When you consider our current environment of alternative facts, fake news, and divisive politics, it seems the focus is on our differences rather than our similarities. In the spirit of Church’s letter, perhaps we should consider that our neighbors, whose beliefs appear to differ from our own ... might just in fact be more similar than we think.

That, my friends, is something to believe in.

Shop Local Y'all

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo's by Wen McNally - Headline photo by William Harrell

If y'all are anything like me, you wait until the last bitter, horrible moment to commence your Christmas shopping. Then in your rush to complete the shipping to Timbuktu and get all your horribly wrong gifts wrapped and to the post office, you are super stressed out. Then you have to deal with those gifts that you are handing over eyeball to eyeball. Those are the people you really have to avoid eye contact with because they know you half-assed it and waited until the last nth of a second. If you are one of those that shop throughout the year, well, you are an anomaly of a human being, and that having been said, I don't think you are human. Anyway, back to me: Every year I try to be better than the year prior. That objective has yet to be obtained, but I am always hopeful!

So, keeping that in mind this year, **Shop Local!** I have ideas for you to make your Christmas, if not stress free (HA), then most certainly less crazy. Most all of the local shops will ship for you (which is a ginormous relief), but who in their right mind wouldn't want a coffee and a cup from the Tybean? I have four so I can vouch for their awesomeness. Here are some excellent ideas to help the slack-asser in all of us have a productive, happy holiday:

- **Our island restaurants provide a huge amount of ideas for even your most stubborn relative.** There is nothing like getting a "Shuck Me, Suck Me, Eat Me Raw" shirt or koozie from **Bernie's** to say Merry Christmas from Tybee! **A-J's Dockside** has a veritable gift shop of shirts, hoodies, koozies and other items that are colorful and cool, and anyone on this planet is going to enjoy representing our best Back River restaurant. **Spanky's** is super fun with their 'chicken finger' apparel, cups and koozies too. That could go either way for someone you really like or just someone you want to give the finger to! Ha! If you go to **Sundae Café** and get a gift certificate for a special someone, they will literally roll over and purr for you. Same goes for **80 East Gastro**

Pub! Another Back River favorite is **Bubba Gumbo's**, and you can find a variety of shirts and koozies to make a terrific gift basket for Uncle Andy in Yakima, Washington. If you are still waffling around, **Fannie's on the Beach** offers fun WTF apparel and gift certificates. **MacElwee's Seafood** also has gift certificates available. **Sting Ray's Seafood** is another must stop in and shop for various apparel items and a gift certificate. If you want more bar items, **Nickie's 1971** is a must see! Gift certificates are available for both food and apparel. While you are thinking about that, don't forget **Tybee Time** and **Doc's**. They offer cool hats and t-shirts that are perfect for those friends and relatives that want to be on Tybee, but can't get here. Same too for **Wet Willie's!** If you get a gift certificate here, you can use it at any of their locations in the U.S. Then there's the **Wind Rose:** A gift certificate from there is like a kiss from Grandma (not the sloppy, weird one, but the slip money in your pocket and pat on your butt one).

If food and our unique, funky restaurants aren't quite what you are looking for, do not panic. I know more:

- **I had an epiphany about our local hotels.** **The DeSoto** and **Sandcastle Inn** are two great places to stay and are literally on the beach. Why not give a gift of a Parent's Night Out? We all know those people who work hard to support their families and just need a break. Get a room for the night for these hardworking parents so they can go out and shake their ass and then go to a classy hotel room and just enjoy the peace and quiet. The babysitter is on you though. I have nothing for that! While you are admiring the view from the DeSoto, you also most definitely want to check out their gift shop. They have got unique gift items. I go there every Christmas and never leave empty handed. For those out-of-town relatives that are coming to your beach house and you have no room? Get a condo at **Tybrisa Resort** or **Stay Tybee Vacation Rentals**. Nothing says love like a condo. Not to mention your visiting relatives will not be in your home. Yeah! That is a win-win right there and I don't care who you are, you do not want your relatives in your house for an extended period of time. DeSoto also has a lovely B & B that would be a perfect gift for anybody that enjoys not doing anything at all, but being catered to. Le Sigh (as Betsey would say). Same too with **River's End Campground**. They have cabins available for those non-tent and non-camper people. It is like a 'guest room by the sea.' River's End also has a terrific gift shop that offers everything Tybee and funky. Definitely something to check out.

- **If you are on a budget this year (who isn't), well, I have ideas for you too!** For your friend that is always wanting to hitch a ride or always seems to be unable to find their way home, **Tybee Turtle Transit** offers gift certificates to get one to and fro from wherever they need to go. **Breezy Riders** also offers gift certificates, and with their latest edition of a bus that includes a piano playing Joe Jarka, my goodness, what could possibly go wrong? HaHa! If you are always the DD or have thoughts for a three hour tour, **Tybee Golf Carts** is a must go to. You can control your own Tybee destiny in your own golf cart! The possibilities are endless!

- **The Shops at Tybee Oaks is definitely a go to!** **The Tybean Art & Coffee Bar** is where you need to start. Get your shot of espresso and browse their gift area. After several espressos, step out that door, clutch





your shaking limbs and veer straight and slightly to the right to **Inferno**. Everyone has that person on their list that is a hot sauce nut. Inferno is where to go. From there, just steps away is **Island Gypsies**, **Shell Art**, **Tipsy Mermaid** and **Swizzle and Shake**. Do not forget to stop by **Latitude 32**. Quality gifts and clothing apparel that everyone on your list will love. Especially the clothes. Most all of these shops ship and each shop offers a different variety of just fun Tybee style art and décor. You are going to find something for even the most difficult person on your list. Although, whenever I go to The Shops at Tybee Oaks, I end up buying stuff for myself and then celebrating my finds by getting soused at Huc a Poos. You do not have to follow my example, just my advice. Although, this is not a case of don't do as I do, do as I say. I say do as I do and enjoy the hell out of every moment!

- **If you are still dealing with that one particular person that is just a leap off of the bridge of being difficult, here is what you are going to do:** You are going to call **Catie's Confections** for a personalized cake then go to **Caldwell Cottages** to have a personalized monogram shirt that will show your love. Both of the CC's can handle all of this for you. Give these girls an iota of who the gift is for and they will handle it. While you are at Caldwell Cottages (located in **Tybee Corner**) stop by **The Tourist Trap!** They offer a variety of different items and artwork that you can actually watch come together. Just down from The Tourist Trap is Edie at **Coastal Massage and Wellness** and we all know that nothing says love like a back massage! While you are there, go one more door down and visit Maranda at **The Pinky Nail**. A manicure and a pedicure is on everyone's wish list and it is a no fail for any man or woman on your list. Next door to Maranda is **Sea Strands Salon**, where you can get your hair done while you contemplate how to avoid the rest of your relatives and the fruitcake that is surely headed your way.
- **Still waffling, well Captain Mike's Dolphin Tours is an excellent place to get a gift certificate!** Having been on this tour, I can vouch for how much family friendly fun it is. Not only is it informative, but you get to see dolphins!!! Such happy creatures!!! Clearly, they don't do Christmas.
- **Not getting ideas yet, well I have more:** I know it sounds like an oddball idea, but **Conditioned Air** has gift certificates. Might seem silly in December, but summer is right around the corner and someone's air is gonna go out ... guaranteed! Be that human anomaly that foresees the future and call Larry Kennedy at Conditioned Air to prep for summer. Come on. It's not like summer isn't going to happen!
- **Nothing really says love like buying someone a house.** I know that is a lotta bit off of most everyone's scale, but why not? We have the best realtors in all of the land at our fingertips! Shell Solomon with **Century 21 Realty**, Kecia Adams with **McLeRoy Realty**, and Brenda Key with **Key Coastal Properties** are the top in their field. If you want to buy but just can't get there, you can always remodel what you have by calling **Hammerhead Home Innovations**. Your old home could

become your new one. While you're remodeling, call Rudy of **Rudy Paints** to get your new springs colors on!

- **Another oddball idea for Christmas cheer is to call Palm Coast.** It can be your gift to yourself. Palm Coast is running a great deal right now on trimming your yard trees and getting your home ready for whatever it needs to be ready for!
- **My absolute favorite go to every year without fail is Dizzy Dean's.** It literally has everything I need to have a splendid Christmas. Oh, I was writing about gifts for others ... whatever. You can get stuff for others at Dizzy's too. In fact, get a gift for me. Carrie and Edith know what I want.
- **Another really cool idea is to call One 4 Style.** They make custom rugs, décor and super cool screen doors. It sounds strange, but I'm telling you everyone on Tybee needs one of these screen doors! It truly is a one-of-a-kind piece of art!
- **An absolute one-of-a-kind gift is from the Tybee Post Theater!** You can get an engraved brick or granite in your loved one's name or your name or your dog's name. I am down with that and if anyone out there is feeling all mushy towards me, feel free to give me that!
- **Another one-of-a-kind gift is teeth whitening from Tybee Teeth.** I know. The dentist is really the last thing you think of when figuring out your list, but its Dr. Smith and she and her staff are family. So, technically you need to start thinking about it. If all else fails, just go in and schedule your cleaning for January. Excellent way to kick off your New Year's Resolution program!
- **Want to walk down the aisle? I gotcha covered.** Call **Stephen Palmer Weddings** for a special discount happening now and get started on the next best part of your life. Speaking of the best part of your life, nothing makes better sense than to photograph this time in your life with your family or significant other. **Wen McNally** is the go to lady of photography and makes you look better than you actually do. Not only does she photograph weddings, but any and all special occasions and events.

All is not lost yet if you are still dickering around for what to get the hard-to-buy items for anybody on your list:

- **Cross the bridge and go to Retro Coastal Décor and Lisa Lisa's Gift Closet on Wilmington.** Both shops offer a variety of clothes, furnishings and decorative items for any home – whether it be coastal or inland.

That's all I have kids. If you haven't gotten any ideas from this list, you are beyond help! Contact Georgia Regional and have them take you away! The moral of the story is **Shop Local** and have a terrific holiday full of holiday cheer and good spirits! A toast to one and all!!!

On a side note: That photo shoot was so much fun!!! Thank you to one and all for showing up and putting on your Santa Hat!! A huge shout out to everyone! Especially **Officers Tyler Griesbach** and **Jessica Wright** for stopping traffic so Wen could climb up on that ladder! Great moment right there! Tybee is something else and we should be so happy we are here together at this time.

Merry Christmas!!



MusicProfile

By Mike Manitta

Going Home: Suwannee Hulaween



With the holiday season in full swing, it's nice to take time and think about what makes the holidays feel like the holidays. For most of us we think of family, tradition, the sense of familiarity, reconnecting with old friends and hopefully relaxing, and peace. Like going home. Being from a large Italian family, mine was always accompanied by a healthy dose of chaos and volume, but still, like going home.

It's the same sense every time I get a chance to visit the **Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park**. It's that same feeling as going home, better really, sorry Mom. There's reuniting with old friends, that sense of familiarity, there's a soothing feeling of tranquility that comes along with just stepping on the land. It's peaceful and welcoming, like a deep breath.

This year I was lucky enough to attend **Suwannee Hulaween**, it had been far too long since I had gotten down there. Even though I arrived at about 2am Thursday with 38 degree weather, I swear I was grinning from ear to ear from then until I left the park Monday morning. The place really does have a vibe like no other.

Hosted by The String Cheese Incident, this festival is packed with more punch than you can almost handle. There's jam bands, hip hop, reggae, funk, rock, bluegrass, electronica, pretty much any genre imaginable is represented. With the music starting at noon and going until around 2am, followed by a silent disco til around 5am, it's your own damn fault if you don't have a good time. With five stages sprinkled throughout the park, you could really see the planning that's gone into this event and what it has evolved into over the past five years. Inevitably, there's going to be some overlapping of your favorite



acts, but the folks at hand really do try and stagger the times so if this does occur, you can at least catch part of each act.

The music is always top notch, but noticeably what has evolved the most is the area around the lake which is transformed into Spirit Lake. It's like a haunted forest that houses two stages and countless interactive art exhibits as well as demonstrations and classes.

But really what makes Suwannee feel like home is the people. The people in attendance, the artists, the people that run the place, everyone seems to be in sync. With 20,000 or so attending, you really don't see people acting a fool like you might expect. Everyone is super chill, you bump into someone they say "no problem," instead of "what's your problem?" It's a good reminder of how we should be treating each other all the time. There's a feeling of comradery that's like no other. The last I saw, I believe 16 people out of 20,000 were arrested, which is amazing out of that number of people.

Going home should be a rejuvenating experience, a time to reflect and take that deep breath and restore faith in yourself and your fellow man. That's the way I feel every time I get to visit Suwannee. I'll be in a better mood for the next 6 months. Just a short drive away, The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park hosts countless events throughout the year and I strongly urge anyone that likes camping and music to visit this place. Their web site is musicliveshere.com and you can check out all they have to offer. As a friend coined it the best, "It's the Happiest Place on Earth!"



Padding out into 14 ft. waves is not for the faint of heart. Nerves are at all-time high, and a pep talk from your dad helps to channel some confidence that you are going to make it out past the break. As you

paddle out, it is now just you and your 5'7" surfboard duck-diving under the surging swell. Once out past the break, you then prepare mentally and physically to drop into a one story high wave. This was the mind-set of Anna Bloess as she paddled out in Nags Head, North Carolina at the 2017 Eastern Championships.

Her u16 division consisted of 32 other girls in the 14-16 year old age range. The heats are short and have to pack a punch in this surf competition representing the best amateur surfers on the east coast. When I asked Anna how she mentally accepts this challenge of big water, she replied, "When you drop into a big wave, you just have to have confidence that you're going to make it and believe if you fall you will make it back up." After catching three of these massive North Carolina waves and scoring high, Anna was named the east coast champion, getting 1st overall in her division. She came back a reigning hero to a very proud Tybee community.



The Eastern Surfing Association, the ESA, is a non-profit highlighting decades of east coast surfers. This year it celebrated its 50th birthday. The ESA starts with local competitions leading to regionals and ends with a big championship called the Easterns, held each September on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. This however, is the first year that one of Tybee's own has won Easterns. We are all so proud.

At 5'5" and 105 lbs., Anna charges serious swell. She doesn't waste a millisecond on a wave with sun bleached hair and a super positive disposition. The moment you have a conversation with Anna, it is obvious that surfing is a vital part of her life.

As a dedicated surfer, there is a lot of focus, endurance and investment, it is a highly rewarding activity but also categorized as an extreme sport for athletes, taking both mental and physical strength and training.

I called Anna to talk about her big win. She was in Jersey for another contest and had just gotten out of the water. After chatting about the conditions up in Jersey, we started talking about her competition experience, as well as her surfology.

Her ideal surf session is in the water with her family and surf community, but even during comps Anna is having a good time and says that they are fun events to go to and be a part of.

Born into a surfing family, Anna has been hitting the waves since age 6 and has been competing since age 10. She has traveled up and down the east coast chasing waves; also checking off some world class breaks in Puerto Rico and California. Anna shared that experiencing new wave breaks and paddle-outs is always a good push for one's personal surfing development. Her Tybee upbringing has also benefitted her in her wave riding attitude because the focus is placed on family, community and fun. Tybee provides an excellent environment to share

in the love of surf. Anna's family, The Bloess clan, is a special part of our Tybee surf community and can be seen on any good surf day hustling waves at our local break.

When I asked Anna what advice she would give to those starting out surfing, she responded that, "You have to realize you fall a lot. Keep it up." Her ultimate surf dream is to have fun, plain and simple.

And she is ever grateful for the support she has gotten from friends, family and community. We are all hootin' and hollerin' for her wins in the water and can't wait to see what is in store for her next. Making Tybee proud! You can check out the E.S.A. contest recap and info at www.surfesa.org and if you are on insta, check Anna out at @anna_bloess, keep posted.

See you in the water.



Update From Tybee's Mayor

By Mayor Jason Buelterman

I want to thank Alaina for reaching out to me about contributing an article to the Beachcomber every month. I'm limited to 500 words, but think that this will be a great opportunity to get information to the public. If you ever have follow up questions about anything, you can always call me on my cell at 844.8427 or email me at jbuelterman@cityoftybee.org.

Back in 2015, we were told by various officials at the State level that the replacement of the Bull River and Lazaretto Creek Bridges and causeway improvements project would begin construction no later than 2020. However, the state Department of Transportation is considering pushing this back a few years. I would encourage you to contact the DOT at 404.631.1802 or by writing to them at One Georgia Center; 600 W Peachtree St. NW; Atlanta, GA 30308; Attn: Planning Division. You can also reach out to your state representative, Jesse Petrea and/or state senator, Ben Watson. The construction start date is a moving target and I believe that through persistence and hard work on our end, this project will get started soon.

A dune construction project was completed in early November on the Savannah River side of Tybee. This was funded by the federal government (75%), state (12.5%) and City of Tybee (12.5%). The front side of Island is scheduled for renourishment in early 2018. We have cobbled together \$4.6 million in federal, state and county funds to pay for his project. It is designed to replace the sand we lost on the beach from Matthew and Irma. We are making every effort to obtain additional funds to buy more sand for the beach and dune area. While the project is scheduled to take place this winter, it is possible it could be delayed if one of the few dredging companies does not choose to submit a bid within the budget parameters. There is a high demand for dredge companies due to the extremely active hurricane seasons we experienced in 2016 and 2017. We will keep you posted.

At our November 9 City Council meeting, our City Manager provided an update on our efforts to secure grant funds to help homeowners lift homes. The video of this meeting is available on the City's website and on the Comcast public access channel. You can also request a DVD of the meeting at City Hall.

Hope to see you around the Island and at the tree lighting event on December 1.

Breezin' AROUND WITH RON

By Ron Goralczyk - Photos by Wen McNally



The Joyce Harrison Poker Run is always a really good time and for a great cause. This year was my third year participating in the fun. I was working on a queen high flush, not a bad hand, but not good enough to win. I want to thank the event's organizers and all the volunteers that made the day go so well. Also a shout out to Mother Nature for such a beautiful day.

1 Selling tickets, selling shirts, making sure everything was running smoothly and always with a smile. **Jessica** you did a fantastic job all day.

2 The only time I ever get to see **Nicole** is at the *Poker Run*. I think I was in the beer line 9 times at the park. Thanks for the beer **Nickie**.

3 I was so surprised to see **Wen** at the park, last I heard she was on a flight to Virginia to visit with her parents. Thanks to

4 **Carolyn** or **Becky** for picking her up at the airport. Thanks for the pictures Wen.

Huc-a-plinko here we go. I figured out that's **Eric's** spot so he can have a bird's eye view on the whole park. He sounds like an auctioneer calling the game. I think **Beth** won a new car on her turn.

5 **Steve** took the day off his busy schedule marrying people, to join us on this great day. I'm not the biggest fan on marriage but I do enjoy the business it brings to the island.

6 **Patrick** was running the pig race, I knew somehow the fix was on. After all the races were finished, I found energizer batteries in the pink pig.

7 I would really like to know where **Heather** gets all her energy. A positive energy at that. She is involved with everything great on this island and always with that beautiful smile.



4



5



13



10



11



14



12



16



17

8 Danielle and Rachel seemed to be having a great time. It was nice that the Eagles were on a bye week. Let us Eagle fans enjoy our day. GO EAGLES!

9 Denise sold me at least three winning raffle tickets. I asked her how many she sold and she said twice as many as Jessica! She is a very competitive lady.

10 So what can I say about Jennifer Smoot? Winner winner! She was on the Breezy bus the night before the Poker Run and we had Joe Jarka playing live music, Jennifer sang Natural Woman and it was amazing.

11 I think when Huey Lewis wrote the song Bad is Bad he was thinking of a three piece band on a rolling stage. Eric, Larry and Eric were bringing the jams all day!

12 Is that Matt Ryan or Al McCray? I think I figured out what

is wrong with the Falcons offense this year. Julio is wide open and you're throwing the ball backwards.

13 Bob O was running the show on the mini basketball. Doesn't matter if its corn hole or basketball. When it comes to throwing something through a hole, he is focused.

14 I don't know what was going on with Sean's station, these cubes just kept falling from the sky.

15 Brett and Casey told me to pick a card. I needed a heart so I grabbed a handful of cards out of the bag and lucky for me there was an Ace of hearts! They said I couldn't do it that way.

16 End of another successful Poker Run. Clint, Beth, Jennifer, Eric, Jim, Heather, Jessica and Carolyn take a bow, you all did a fantastic job. Can't wait until next year.

17 If anyone sees this dawg let Howard know. We are pretty sure he stole his wallet.



☎ Call to Join our Rental Program

Serving Tybee for over 17 years



ESCAPE TO ISLAND PARADISE

StayTybee offers a choice of Vacation Rentals (Condos, Cottages and Homes) on Tybee Island, Georgia. Come explore our shores and make yourself at HOME.



StayTybee.com | 912.786.0531



What's It Like To Live On An Island in Off-Season?

The off-season. It's quiet, finally a moment to sit back and relax. The days of beautiful weather and steady income are over. It's getting chilly, we're all broke from blowing our season earnings at Sundae Cafe when we should have been saving up to buy Ramen in December.

With the tourists away, there's no one around to badger me with my favorite Island life questions, such as, "What's it like to live on an island in off-season?" It's great, except for the fact that once its off-season we have to flip the island over to clean the bottom. But I'm getting really good at holding my breath. Not to mention my other favorite, "Where do all the cats go when no one is here to feed them?" I thought our feral cats were like everyone else's, come winter we wash them, take their batteries out, and place them on their charging stations until the spring thaw.

How do we survive a lot of people ask. It's rough, and not for the weak. Only the strongest can live on an island off-season. You have to be creative and adventurous. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but it costs money. Try using sand in place of grits. The texture is the same, but sand has more flavor and nutritional value. I survive off a lot of crock pot meals. One way to save money is to use old Beachcomber Magazines in lieu of your protein of choice. (Fun Fact #1: I prefer the well-aged issues. Like May and June).

Let's weather the weather! The worst part of off-season is the weather, specifically Tybee winter. Most years, winter on Tybee can last up to three or four hours! Imagine all of us trapped in our homes watching it drizzle, wondering why we don't live further south. I pull up Travelocity and dream about warmer climates. (Fun Fact #2: It has more to do with my infatuation with Gnomes).

Activities on Tybee are limited in the off-season. We rope off the beach and keep everyone off and out of the water. Even if we didn't close the ocean, none of us would enjoy ourselves without hordes of tourists picking up broken shells and playing in the sand. We try to keep our feelings hidden but we're incapable of love. I mean, loving and enjoying our little island without tourists? If we can't share it, then what's the point of having it? Like a bag of popcorn at the movies, it's better when shared with random families from Ohio.

Businesses on Tybee all suffer in the off-season. Unable to support our own economy, we pull the "business is great we're just going to close for three months" card at which point I usually leave and head north for the winter looking for work, or to live off my parents. (Fun Fact #3: Which is pretty much what I do here) (Fun Fact #4: Love you Mom and Dad!) With my quaint restaurant closed, we all gather around the Quarter and Poos, holding on to the distant memories of all the good times we had in the summer.

As we spring into spring, it's time to wipe the crust out of our eyes, survey the damage that neglect has done to our little island, and line up the welcome wagon to greet the gaggle of Canadians who are coming down to the beach with water temperatures in the mid 50's. Most don't know, but Canadians actually have two layers of skin, an outer layer that repels water, and an inner layer that retains heat. Thus allowing them to be enjoy Tybee when the rest of us are too miserable to.

Get ready for next month as I talk us through New Year's Resolutions, and their solutions! Wow. That rhymed. Damn I'm good.



By Woody Hemphill

The ridiculously prolonged baseball season ended with another Game 7 in a World Series – the 4th in the last seven years – with the Houston Astros overcoming the LA Dodgers. When I was growing up, I was convinced that there was an expletive named metropolis out in California due to the chronic amount of winning the Dodgers dispensed to our systemically underperforming Braves franchise.

Speaking of which, our Falcons have resumed their mediocre ways this season after an Icarian effort a season ago. Apparently, the water in Lake Lanier is a strange elixir of 'sports performance saltpeter' causing our professional athletes to wilt in critical moments of important games. Legend has it that long ago, back when you could actually drive in the Atlanta region, if stopped for speeding you were issued a game ticket. If found guilty, you actually had to attend.

Let's hope that Coach Kirby Smart doesn't schedule a field trip to the Atlanta area for the Bulldogs. The University of Georgia is our last hope of celebrating a championship in our area after we've endured our teams coming up short in 10 of 11 trips to the post-season by the Braves, and the most epic of choke jobs in organized sports history by the Falcons in the 4th quarter of last year's Super Bowl. As we've watched the season unfold to this point, the momentum has been started for a title push, let's hope that the therapeutic industry will offer a bulk rate if we are subjected to another colossal collapse. We're gonna need it – we can't take much more...

When surrounded by so much losing, who can forget the story of the child in the custody hearing being asked by the judge which parent they wanted to live with. "Your mother?" asks the judge, followed by a quick quip of "No, she beats me," answers the child. "Your father?" offers the judge, "No, he beats me too" quips the youth. "Well, then, who would you like to live with?" the judge asks, sheepishly. "Well, I was thinking I'd live with (insert team name here – Braves/Falcons...) they don't beat anybody."

Oh well, it could always be worse. At least we aren't Gator fans... Gator Nation's super-spoiled fan base found themselves with a coach who never quite fit, and couldn't bring himself to feel at home despite a salary of millions at one of the easiest places to recruit in the nation. The SEC isn't kind to those experiencing homesickness. In a seemingly unprecedented move, he was fired during the season – and they'd won the SEC East each of his first two seasons!

Until next month, y'all play nice - & may all your teams win!





American Legion

By George Walker - Commander American Legion Post 154

The Veteran's Day parade went great. The Chatham County Veterans Council once again did a fantastic job of coordinating the one hundred plus units that participated.

We also want to thank all the people who came out to show their appreciation to the veterans of this great nation.

Christmas is almost here and we ask that everyone to take the time while shopping for presents, to remember the "Reason for the Season."

Our annual **Children's Christmas Party**, compliments of the Ladies Auxiliary, will be on **December 9th at 6pm**. Sign up your child by December 1st. Forms are available at Post 154. Ages are baby to 10 years. Covered dish please.

On **Sunday, December 11th**, we are having our "**White Elephant Christmas Party**". Bring a wrapped gift (unique presents are welcome), get a wrapped gift. The party starts at 6pm and is also a covered dish dinner with some really "off the wall" presents.

The Post will be open New Year's Eve. Come by the Post to get a start before going to the fireworks display on the south end.

We continue to look for new members. If you're interested in the Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion call the Post (786-5356) for information.

Bingo is on Fridays at 8pm. Cards go on sale at 7pm. This is a family affair open to the public and everyone is invited to participate. Almost \$1,500 in prizes are given each week.

The American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary meet on the second Monday of the month, with social hour (and food) starting at 6pm with the meeting at 7pm. The Sons of the American Legion meet on the third Monday at 7pm.

As always, Linda or Joseph will open the canteen at 5pm every day except Sunday. We are closed on Sunday unless there is a special event.



Dizzy Deans

Beer, Wine, Liquor, Cigarettes, Cigars

Mon - Thurs 10am-10pm / Fri & Sat 10am-11pm

Sunday 12:30pm - 6pm

912-786-4500

GET YOUR
PARTY
STARTED
HERE!

1516 Butler Avenue

Wind Rose Cafe



Southern Style Lunch Specials

Monday - Friday

\$8.25

BEST
LUNCH!

19 Tybrisa Street
912-786-6593

BEST
HAPPY HOUR!



WRITER'S BLOCK

Nell Klein is our featured writer for December! Nell has been writing for the Beachcomber since our debut and has certainly earned her moment in the spotlight! Writing the *Book Review*, Nell gives us the scoop on featured books that y'all need to know about. Nell is an avid book reader and loves to share her findings. When she is not reading, you can find Nell most days at the **Wind Rose Café**, her first love, which is the only place in town to find the best home cooking in all of the land! Not to mention the drinks are kick ass! Nell confided her answers to the four basic questions of life:

Tybee Life: 21 years

When I grow up I want to be: Retired

My Passion: Cooking and reading (at the same time!)

My Spirit Animal: Rabbit - they are (per the Chinese Zodiac) responsible, faithful, kind-hearted, conservative, lively and enthusiastic. Not to mention rabbits have strong back legs and can kick ass when required.



15% OFF AGAVE
 Entire Bill with coupon
 Limit 6 people excludes alcohol

402 1st Street • Tybee Island • 912-472-9022

OPEN DAILY
 11am - 10pm
 October - March 1st
 11am - 9pm

LUNCH SPECIALS
 Mon - Sat • 11am - 3pm

ask for our
HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS

FULL BAR

APPETIZERS

- Guacamole
- Queso Dip
- Pico De Gallo
- Bean Dip
- Chorizo Queso Dip
- Spinach Dip
- Queso Con Carne
- Table Side Guacamole

SOUP & SALADS

- Mexican Salad**
 Lettuce, cheese, guacamole, sour cream and pico.
- Grilled Shrimp or Chicken Salad**
 Choice of meat, tomatoes, peppers, onions, lettuce, spinach, shredded cheese, pico and avocado.
- Guacamole Salad**
 Served in fried tortilla bowl, lettuce, tomato, guacamole and cheese.
- Fajita Taco Salad**
 Served in fried tortilla bowl, choice of chicken, shrimp, steak, Peppers, onions, tomatoes, topped with mexican salad.
- Taco Salad**
 Served in fried tortilla bowl. Shredded chicken or ground beef. Served with refried beans and guacamole salad.
- Chicken Soup**
 Shredded chicken broth filled with rice, pico de gallo, a sliced avocado. Mexican salad and tortilla bits.

SEAFOOD

- Seafood Molcajete**
 Grilled shrimp, fish & scallops smothered in rancho sauce on a steaming molcajete. Served with rice and mexican salad.
- Camarones Tosinos**
 Jumbo grilled shrimp wrapped in bacon with jalapeño peppers and grilled onions. Served with choice of rice or beans and mexican salad.
- Shrimp Chimichanga**
 Stuffed with grilled shrimp and onions. Served with rice, beans and mexican salad. Smothered in queso sauce.
- Shrimp Cocktail**
 Steamed shrimp mixed with pico de gallo, slice of avocado and special cocktail sauce.
- Camarones A La Diabla**
 Grilled shrimp mixed with onions and smothered in spicy tomatillo sauce. Served with rice, mexican salad, and tortillas.

STEAK

- Carne Asada**
 Steak served with rice and mexican salad and tortillas.
- Chile Colorado**
 Thin slices of steak smothered in tomatillo sauce. Choice of rice or beans with mexican salad and tortillas.
- Bistec A La Mexicana**
 Thin slices of sneaked served with rice, beans, and tortillas. Includes tomatoes, jalapeño and onion.

CHICKEN

- Pollo Loco**
 Grilled chicken breast, served with rice, mexican salad and tortillas.
- Chicken & Shrimp**
 Grilled chicken and shrimp served with rice mexican salad, and tortillas.
- Mole Poblano**
 Grilled chicken breast smothered in mole sauce and topped with sesame. Served with rice and beans.

VEGETARIAN

- Veggie Fajitas**
 Peppers, tomatoes, onions, mushrooms and zucchini. Served with rice and mexican salad.
- Black Bean Burrito**
 Lettuce, black beans, sliced avocado, pico. Topped with queso.
- Veggie #4**
 Veggie fajita quesadilla served with rice and mexican salad.

Children's Menu Available

FAJITAS

- Fajitas Agave**
 Grilled chicken, shrimp, chorizo, smothered with queso oaxaca and mixed with peppers, tomatoes and onions. Served with rice, beans, mexican salad and tortillas.
- Molcajete**
 Grilled steak, chicken and shrimp smothered in rancho sauce on a steaming molcajete. Served with rice and beans, mexican salad and tortillas.
- La Parillada**
 Fajitas for 2, grilled steak, chicken and shrimp, carnitas and chorizo. Served with rice, beans, mexican salad and tortillas.

QUESADILLAS

- Shrimp Fajita Quesadilla**
 Flour tortilla with grilled shrimp, tomatoes, peppers, and onions. Served with rice and mexican salad.
- Quesadilla Texana**
 Flour tortilla with steak, chicken, shrimp, peppers, tomatoes and onions. Served with rice and beans.
- Quesadilla Supreme**
 Flour tortilla with shredded chicken or beef and refried beans. Served with rice and mexican salad.

AGAVE SPECIALS

- Carnitas Tips**
 Carnitas served with rice, beans, mexican salad, and tortillas.
- Enchiladas Poblanas**
 3 grilled chicken enchiladas topped with mole sauce. Topped with queso and chopped onions. Served with rice.
- La Texicana**
 Grilled steak, chicken and shrimp with bell peppers and onions. Covered in 2 flour tortillas and smothered in queso sauce.
- Special Chile Relleno**
 2 chiles rellenos. Your choice of chicken or beef. Topped with queso and pico. Served with rice and beans.
- Burrito Grande**
 Flour burrito with chicken, or steak and served with black beans and rice, jalapeños, pico, slice of avocado with french fries.
- Arroz Texano**
 Grilled steak, chicken, shrimp with peppers, tomatoes, and onions. Served over rice and covered in queso.
- Agave Special**
 Chile relleno, one tamale, one burrito and one enchilada, and one taco. Served with rice and beans.
- Enchiladas Verde**
 4 grilled chicken enchiladas topped with queso and served with avocado.

Menu subject to change.



CHRISTMAS SONGS

Alas, it's that time of year, to cram Christmas down our throats. Force one another to be "Merry" when all I want is to be left alone. The older I get the more I relate with Ebenezer Scrooge. I'm not interested in spending time with friends or family, and I'm certainly not a fan of judgmental ghosts telling me how to live my life, regardless of how quickly they can visit me in my sleep. It's my rant, and I've got Christmas songs on my mind, so sit down, shut up, and let me get through this.

- *You know Dasher, and Dancer and Prancer, and Vixen. You know Comet, and Cupid, and Donner, and Blitzen, but do you recall,* the last time any of them asked about you or how you're doing? No? I didn't think so.
- *I'm (not) dreaming of a White Christmas.* I'm from the North, I've done the white Christmas. You know what they don't tell you? It only snows when it's cold.
- *I don't want a lot for Christmas, there is just one thing I need;* Ryan Reynolds.
- *Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...* Really? You know what I'm craving? Hot nuts - said no one ever.
- *It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.* No it's not. It looks like a bunch of palm trees awkwardly draped in holiday lights.
- *Frosty the Snow Man?* More like Frosty my beer mug. Keep this thing full if I'm going to survive the holidays.
- *Santa Baby,* hurry down my bathroom ceiling exhaust fan tonight.
- *Feliz Navi-Don't.*
- *He's making his list, he's checking it twice, he's gonna find out who's naughty* and hopefully give me their number.
- *We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!* Let's hope it's a good one, no more hurricanes!
- *You will get a sentimental feeling, when you hear voices singing let's be Jolly,* go to Agave and get a tamale.
- *It's the most wonderful time* for a beer!
- *Silver bells, silver bells, its Christmas* what a pity. Ring-a-ling, hear them ring, thank God it ends Christmas Day.

WHEN SOMEONE LOVES CHRISTMAS

By Jem

I have a granddaughter that loves Christmas with all her being.
September sends her into the mode, her heart singing.

She knows her grandma Neen loves the holidays too...
But I was stunned to see holiday lights and tree in her room so soon.

There is a bucket list at least a mile long, I believe,
Of all things to be done before Christmas Eve.

She watches every Christmas movie that was ever done.
Not to mention every Christmas cookie and desserts to be made
all in good fun.

Pinterest is her go to site for all the latest stuff.
Making things for friends or spots the perfect hat and muff.

Mom and Dad roll their eyes at all the energy spent.
And soon join in as her spirit in Christmas can't be bent.

Before you know it, the list is all said and done.
She's ready for Christmas, bar none.

Brother comes home from college to join in.
As well as family to share the time and add to the din.

All go to church, as we know in our hearts what Christmas is
about.
Kindness, peace, and sharing with others that may have doubt.

We don't silly Christmas hats, take pictures, laugh and giggle.
Did someone find the Christmas pickle?

The family feast has begun,
With eating, chattering and tales, yet to be spun.

It is over too soon, with happy memories all built in,
Thank you to someone who loves Christmas, where life begins.

Merry Christmas!



Tybee Island Y and Rec. Dept Offers LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA

By Haley Hill

A Physical Activity and Well-Being Initiative for Cancer Survivors

On August 28, 2017 six cancer survivors set out on a wellness quest that concluded twelve weeks later with a celebration luncheon in November. The Tybee Island Y began offering LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, a research-based physical activity and well-being initiative that helps people affected by cancer reach their holistic health goals in 2015. Over the past two years, the Tybee Y has celebrated and supported the personal journeys of 12 cancer survivors during their time in the program. One survivor to complete the most recent program was Bernie Goode, who joined to *“learn ways to reduce or eliminate my present cancer problems and reduce my chances of getting future cancer. I also joined because the cost is free-whether a member or not!”*

Donations made to the Tybee Y's Annual Campaign allow for the program to have no cost to participants in LIVESTRONG at the YMCA. In addition to the program being free, each participant receives a one year membership to the Y, participant t-shirt and a program record book.



“Research shows exercise is the simplest way for cancer survivors to reduce fatigue, improve their mood and bounce back from the debilitating effects of cancer treatment more quickly,” said Greg Lee, President and CEO of the LIVESTRONG® Foundation. *“But at the YMCA there weren't enough programs to help people affected by cancer to reach their health and well-being goals, so LIVESTRONG and the Y joined forces to create LIVESTRONG at the YMCA. The Y is the perfect collaborator because of its national reach, commitment to meeting the needs of all community members and history of program innovation in support of health and wellness.”*

As part of LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, the Tybee Y engages cancer survivors through an approach that focuses on the whole person. Participants work with Nana Waldo and Alli Bernzott, trained LIVESTRONG at the YMCA Wellness Coaches, to build muscle mass and strength, increase flexibility and endurance, and improve functional ability.

In addition to physical benefits, the program also focuses on the emotional well-being of survivors. All of the staff at the Y, not just our Wellness Coaches, work hard to provide a supportive community environment where people affected by cancer can meaningfully connect during treatment and beyond.

“For me,” Bernie shared, “another great feature of the program was the excellent and fun comradery that developed between fellow classmates and

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA Wellness Coaches. Even though each person did their own type of exercise, we supported each other as we got stronger.”

“We truly love offering LIVESTRONG at the YMCA to those who have been diagnosed with cancer and providing the support they need to build both emotional and physical strength,” said Wellness Coaches Nana Waldo and Alli Bernzott. *“With a mission centered on balance, the Y strives to be a leading voice on health and well-being for our community by providing resources and guidance so that all people, no matter what their circumstance, can achieve greater health and well-being in spirit, mind and body.”*

The Tybee Island Y's LIVESTRONG at the YMCA program is available to cancer survivors in the Tybee Island community and will be offered two times in 2018 with the first program starting in February.

For more information contact Alli Bernzott or Nana Waldo at the Tybee Island Y and Rec. Dept. at 912-786-9622.

Myrtice Morrison



We lost a great one on November 3, 2017. Having run Dizzy Dean's for years, everyone knew Ms. Myrtice and she knew everyone! She had the best sense of humor! She was super clever and had a terrific sarcastic streak that would have people in tears with laughter. She ruled her domain at Dizzy Dean's with a cigarette in one hand and a calculator in the other. If you went in sad and unhappy, she would kick your ass, metaphorically speaking of course, and you would leave in a better mood than when you entered.

Myrtice married the love of her life, Dean, when she was 17 years old and she was devoted to him and to her family. She also loved Tybee. Myrtice lived in many different places, and owned and ran several different businesses, but when she got to Tybee, that was it. She was home!

Christmas was her favorite holiday and Myrtice went overboard every year for her family and friends. So, this year, raise your glass to heaven and send Mrs. Myrtice a smile and a laugh. Y'all know she's looking down upon us Tybee folk and family with a cigarette in one hand and a glass of Egg Nog in the other wishing us all well and good cheer.

RETRO and Coastal Decor

20% OFF DEC. ONLY

We offer mid-century and coastal furniture that is timeless, not timeworn. Our accent and décor pieces include lamps, art, glassware, antiques, rare items and gifts. We add to our selection weekly.

912-417-2783

Mention this ad for 20% off all decorative items.

Wilmington Island | 444 Johnny Mercer Blvd.



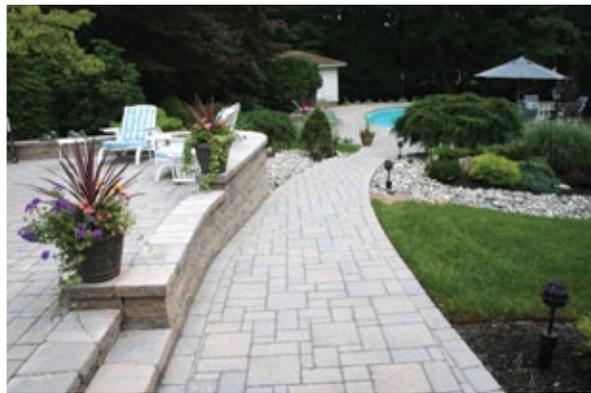
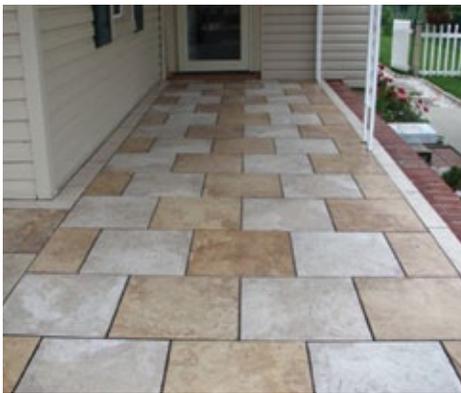
HAMMERHEAD

HOME INNOVATIONS

REMODELING & GENERAL HOME REPAIRS



★ **TYBEE LOCAL - TYBEE STRONG** ★



SERVICES

TILE, STONE & GLASS INSTALLATION • PAINTING - INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
CARPENTRY & CABINETS • DESIGN & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

25 YEARS EXPERIENCE LICENSED & INSURED

FREE ESTIMATES 912-509-6650

Foodie Finds

By Kerry Marchetti-Knarr

Grandma's Christmas Morning Cinnamon Rolls



Ingredients

Dough:

- 1 cup warm whole milk (110 degrees)
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 4 1/2 cups bread flour (630g)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup white sugar (102g)
- 2 1/2 teaspoons instant yeast

Filling:

- 1 cup brown sugar, packed (230g)
- 2 1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 heaping teaspoon ground cloves

Glaze:

- 1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar (168g)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- The zest of two oranges
- The juice of 1/2 orange
- 1/8 teaspoon salt



Directions:

1. In a stand mixer bowl, dissolve the yeast in the warmed milk (exactly 110 F), along with 1 tsp sugar. Let stand, covered with food wrap, about 10 minutes until it is foamy.
2. Attach the bowl with the yeast/milk mixture onto the stand mixer. Add the eggs, melted butter, 3 cups flour, salt, and remaining sugar; mix on medium speed with the flat beater until well combined.
3. Switch to the dough hook and start kneading the dough on Speed 2. Add 1/2 cup of flour at a time, until the dough becomes soft and elastic and no longer sticks to the bowl. Continue adding flour until the dough stops sticking to the sides, and a large ball spins around the dough hook and is no longer attaching any part of itself to the walls of the bowl. If you still need more flour after you reached a total of 4-1/2 cups, start adding the flour a tablespoon at a time so you don't risk adding too much flour.
4. Transfer the dough to a lightly greased bowl and cover with a damp towel for approximately 1 hour, or until the dough has doubled in size.
5. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface, cover with food wrap and let rest for 10 minutes. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar, cinnamon, cloves, ginger and nutmeg.
6. Using a rolling pin, roll dough into a 14"x 24" inch rectangle. Using a pastry brush, brush dough with 1/3 cup butter and sprinkle evenly with brown sugar/spice mixture.
7. Roll up dough lengthwise and seal the top by pressing on the seam end to end. Using dental floss, cut the log roll in half. Cut each log roll into six 2" wide pieces.
8. Place rolls on a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking pan, 4 rows of 3. (If you are making these the night before, cover with food wrap and refrigerate before the second rise. In the morning take them out of the fridge and allow them to rise one hour.)
9. Cover and let rise until nearly doubled, about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 F.

10. Bake until golden brown, about 25 minutes. At the end of 25 minutes, stick an instant read thermometer into the center of two or three rolls. The internal temperature should be 195 F. If not, cover with foil (to ensure they do not overbrown) and cook 5-7 minutes longer. Repeat as necessary. This will ensure you do not have doughy centers in your Cinnamon Rolls.

11. While rolls are baking, mix together cream cheese, 1/4 cup butter, confectioners' sugar, vanilla extract, orange juice, orange zest and salt. Spread frosting on warm rolls before serving.

The following tips will guarantee your success:

- Utilize top quality ingredients and spices.
- When baking, all dairy ingredients, including eggs, should be brought to room temperature by taking out of the fridge at least one hour prior to mixing.
- To ensure you don't kill the yeast, do NOT add the yeast to the warm milk until the milk in the mixing bowl is exactly 110 F validated with an instant read thermometer. And the opposite is true as well. To ensure you activate the yeast, make sure before you add the yeast to the bowl, the milk is exactly 110 F validated with an instant read thermometer.
- Use your oven as a proofer. Once you are ready to start your rise time, turn on your oven and set at 200 F. Allow the oven to run for about two minutes and then turn it off. Put a moist towel over the bowl containing the Cinnamon Roll dough and place in the oven. The temperature of the oven will ensure that your rolls rise in the time listed in the recipe.
- To help the Cinnamon Rolls keep their shape during cutting, instead of a knife use unwaxed and unflavored dental floss to cut the rolls from the log roll. Slide floss under the log where you want it to cut, and pull crossing over the top of the log roll and having your hands moving in opposite directions until the roll is cut through.

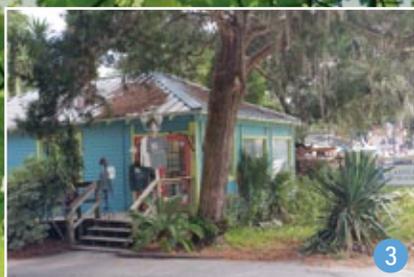
SHOPS AT TYBEE OAKS



1



2



3



4



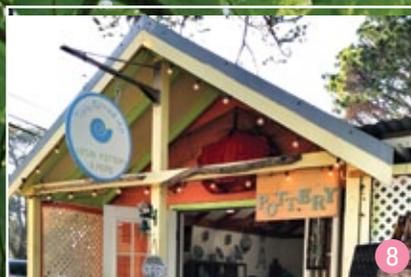
5



6



7



8



9



10

1 ISLAND GYPSIES

Handcrafted - gypseafied items for every day, the perfect gift, or a lasting memory of the island.

2 INFERNO

Hot sauce and so much more!!

3 LATITUDE 32

Latitude 32 is a locally owned Tybee Island Original shop offering quality clothing and accessories for both adults and children.

Tybee island is located at exactly 32 degrees north latitude, the actual 32 degree line runs right through Tybee and crosses the USA all the way to San Diego!

4 SHELL ART GIFT SHOP

SEASHELLS, TRINKETS & TREASURES

For over 15 years carrying fine sterling silver jewelry, nautical décor, locally made sea glass jewelry and ornaments, gifts and coozies.

5 SWIZZLE & SHAKE

We celebrate cocktail culture! We offer everything but the drinks and the ice.

6 HUG-A-POOS BITES AND BOOZE

Best pizza in town with a laid back atmosphere.

7 TYBEAN ART & COFFEE BAR

Espresso, Frappes, Smoothies and gifts!

8 TIPSY MERMAID ART

Locally made pottery with a beach and island theme. Featuring upcycled wood décor by Sweet Onion Woodworks.

9 SUGAR MAGNOLIA CANDY SHOPPE

Sweet Candy Store and Arcade Games.

10 THE MISTY MARSH SHOPPE

Great gifts for the person on your list that you might have forgotten...YOURSELF!

1213 US HIGHWAY 80 E. TYBEE ISLAND



The Tybee Tourist

Well, another summer season has come and gone, and with it the height of tourist season. Don't get me wrong; I love 'em. Not only do I get to meet new people from all walks of life and every corner of the planet all day every day, I also get to provide an "ask a local" glimpse into the Tybee Life. I get it. I've left town for a few days in a row a few times, so I've been in their shoes (well, flip-flops). But working on this island pretty much makes other people vacationing a spectator sport that provides some great entertainment. We'll only have the people we know by name to talk about next month, so for now, let's celebrate the lifestyle of the Tybee tourist.

- **There's the DRIVING THE WRONG WAY DOWN THE MAIN DRAG PEOPLE.** You are not alone. It happens ALL THE TIME. Unfortunately, it's hard to figure it out until you're waaaay past the roundabout. With the exception of the person who hit a row of parked cars this summer, I could watch them try to figure out how to turn around on Tybrisia all day, every day.

- **Then there's the I HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING!?! PEOPLE.** My motto is always "treat yourself, don't cheat yourself." There's a 95% chance you're going to want to stay longer than you're going to want to pay. But finding change and knowing how to use a "P" machine is a challenge in itself. Let's be honest here, quarters are a commodity. The change machines aren't always in working order, and businesses cannot possibly pick up the slack. Just look on the door at Tybee Market sometimes: NO QUARTERS ... EVER. They will do anything for us, but they won't do that!

- **We also cannot leave out the WHY CANT I BUY A DRINK BEFORE 12:30?!?!? ON SUNDAY PEOPLE.** Trust me, I get it. You're looking at a bartender. My sole purpose in life is to get you a drink. No matter how much you joke about it, ask me to break the rules, get mad at me, bat your eyes, tell me I'm wrong, or offer to pay me, I cannot give you any alcohol before BEER:THIRTY. I'm sure most of the people of Tybee would love to change the law more than anyone passing through, trust me. For we the people must deal with it EVERY SINGLE WEEK.

- **Now, let's talk about the YESSSS, I JUST FOUND OUT THAT I CAN DRINK BEER OUTSIDE!!! PEOPLE.** This is my favorite moment of ignorant bliss. It's almost unfathomable to drink beer in public almost everywhere else, so that moment when someone realizes that they CAN take a beer for the road (as long as it's not in glass) is happiness in its purest form. Here, you don't have to decide whether you want to stay or go; you just need to figure out whether or not you're thirsty. In a land that loves a cold beer as much as the hot sun, we are so spoiled with this one that it's easy to forget that it's A TYBEE THING.

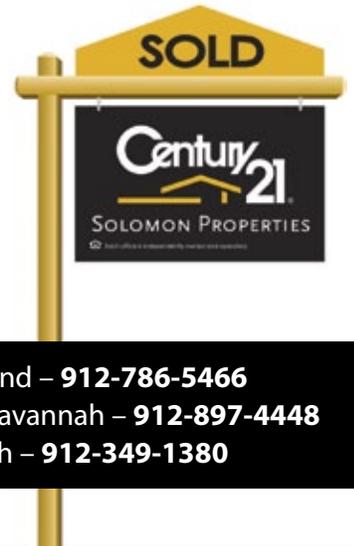
- **Now, an honorable mention has to go to the I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO DO A TYBEE VACATION PEOPLE.** These are the folks that think their destination is going to look like a postcard image from one of the other bigger beaches. You know the ones, with their crystal clear waters and their skyscraper hotels. That ain't Tybee. Tybee Island is laid back on purpose, enjoy it! Take your watch off, we run on sunshine and Tybee Time. Have a drink or three. And if you get thirsty, come back and see me!!



SOLOMON PROPERTIES

Check out a potential new house or let us sell yours. Stop by one of our three offices for a free local Property List.

Email: sales@spc21.com
Web: www.spc21.com



802 1st St, Tybee Island – 912-786-5466
205 Johnny Mercer Blvd, Savannah – 912-897-4448
32 Bull St, Savannah – 912-349-1380

MMM...SO GOOD!



HOURS

TUES-FRI: 7:30-5 SAT: 8-5 SUN: 8-3 MON: CLOSED

ESPRESSO, FRAPPES & SMOOTHIES

1213 80 EAST
NEXT DOOR TO HUC A POOS IN TYBEE OAKS CENTER

912-224-5227

CALL AND LET US RENT YOUR VACATION PROPERTY BEST RATES ON TYBEE!



JOIN OUR TEAM!



BEACHSIDE
COLONY
MANAGEMENT LLC

Call 912-786-4535 or 800-786-0700 ASK FOR SANDY or CHRIS SIMON

PALM COAST

PALM TREE CARE / LANDSCAPE



912-398-7499

FALL SPECIAL!

Pay for 8 or more & get 2 FREE

Reasonable Pricing
Locally Owned & Operated
Native of Wilmington Island 38yrs.



/PalmCoastPalmTreeCare

Diving Into the Shallow End of the Dating Pool

A Series of Hope, Despair & Laughter - Part II

By Welsley Turner Franco



Even after the mayhem of last month, I have continued to be hopeful in my pursuit for Love. Although, I am not going to lie - it's not a make or break love deal. It's a 'can you spoon' deal. Are you reasonably intelligent enough to not drool on yourself in public? Do you bathe? Are you employed? Do you have a motor vehicle (and yes, golf carts are acceptable)? Are you wanted by law enforcement? Do you have more than one tooth? As you can see, my standards are not unattainable. I can work with you. That having been barfed out, let me tell you what happened to me last week.

My co-worker from hell informed me that she had found the Perfect Man for me!! He was tall, good looking, self-sufficient, funny and that was all it took for me to be enamored! My co-worker, whom I shall call PITA (for Pain in the Ass), was beside herself! Pita wants to be my bridesmaid and was adamant that this was indeed my soul mate. Pita wants me to have a winter wedding and on and on it went.

Well, first of all, NO!! Can I meet this guy first? Pita said I knew him already. She described him in detail. No help there. I see 500 people a day and I don't remember everyone. You have to stand out for me. You have to do something that will make me remember you, and in this day and age that usually means that I have to call the cops on your stupid, drunk ass. That is not usually an indicator of a hook-up. I do not provide bail money unless you have already proved yourself.

Then finally, last week my 'Perfect Man' walked in the door! I wasn't sure it was him until he ordered a drink and then lit those damn American Spirit cigs. It WAS him! So off we went with casual banter and what not. All was proceeding well, until ... the most stunning woman I have ever seen walked into the bar! She was just absolutely breathtaking. I don't swing that way, but I would have seriously considered it with her! She was instantly fun and engaging - an instant delight to any bar to have a customer that is just gregarious, gorgeous and self-deprecating.

We were all laughing and enjoying ourselves immensely, and then ... they left. Together. Without me. Yes, my 'Perfect Man' walked out the door with this beautiful, breathtaking woman. Pita's hopes for a winter wedding walked out the door with his dream girl and it wasn't me.

As soon as I stopped laughing, I realized I had been un-screwed. Well, damn. Sigh. Another one bites the dust. I am not so enthusiastic about what is going to happen next week, but I am going to laugh and enjoy the ride!

1513 Butler • Tybee Island, GA

**OUTSIDE SEATING • CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS
TEXAS HOLD'EM • LIVE MUSIC • KARAOKE**



**Sips and Scenes
AINT PARTY**
Hosted by Dabney Edenfield
7pm to 9pm
NICKIE'S 1971 ON TYBEE ISLAND
\$35 per person
Includes all parking, taxes, and gratuity.
For more info or to make a reservation, call or text Dabney at 478-494-2822.
10% OFF for Tybee locals AND anyone who brings in this sign!



Daily Lunch Specials!

Happy Hour Monday - Friday 4pm - 7pm

Karaoke Thursday 7pm

Live Band Friday & Saturday 9pm - ???

12 HD TV's - Video Games - Keno

912-786-4444



Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

'Tis the Season for Red and Green

By Dr. Joe Richardson

As we move into December, thoughts, music and scenes of the Christmas season start to surround us. Tybee Island always goes all out with decorations and lights throughout the city. Red and green are the traditional colors for this time of year, helping to brighten the shorter days and longer nights.

And in their own way, even the jetty rocks at Tybee's North and South Beach get into the decorating spirit of the season. One of the things that I look forward to most about the arrival of winter conditions at Tybee is the yearly appearance of green and red seaweeds growing on the intertidal surfaces of our jetties. Part of the reason is that I enjoy seeing the colors, but I have to admit that a big part of my anticipation is because I like seaweeds! And winter time is when they are most abundant around here.

The most obvious are the green seaweeds. On our jetties, these green ones include a few species of tubular, stringy-looking *Enteromorpha* (sorry, *Enteromorpha* doesn't really have a common name, but it means "intestine like"). Mixed in with them are some flat, blade-like *Ulva* or Sea Lettuce. Both of these can also be found starting to become more abundant in the marshes and on floating docks.

The deep brownish-red seaweed on the jetty is a small, thin, flat blade alga named *Porphyra*, but it is also known as Nori (the seaweed that is used to wrap sushi rolls). Down here, our *Porphyra* individuals are small, only 2-3



inches; but up north I've seen thin flat blades of *Porphyra* more than a foot long and wide. It is a cold-water seaweed, so it grows much more abundant and much larger up there, and we are at the very southern edge of its range on the east coast.

Although you would assume that it is the cold water temperature that stimulates these seasonal seaweeds to grow during the winter, there are actually other environmental factors involved. With the red seaweed *Porphyra*, it turns out that it is the shorter day length and longer night/dark period that stimulates its growth, rather than cold temperature.

For the green seaweeds, I think it has to do with some biological factors. Both of these green seaweeds are capable of growing here year round, and both can be found year round if you look hard enough. So it doesn't appear that temperature or day length stimulate or inhibit growth. I'm sure that the intense sunlight and hot temperature on the jetty rocks during the summer could limit thick growth somewhat. But my hypothesis is that grazing animals, especially fish, eat the green seaweeds and keep them cropped down during the summer when those fish are abundant around the rocks at high tide. And it is when the water cools and the grazers leave that the green seaweeds can flourish for a few months.

So for a variety of reasons, 'tis the season that our jetties get decorated with the Christmas colors. During your beach walks at the north and south end of Tybee, enjoy the colors while they last.

Dr. Joe Richardson is a retired marine science professor with 35+ years of research and teaching experience along GA and the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Besides research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips year round (www.TybeeBeachEcology.com) and frequently posts pictures of what they are finding on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.

Merry Christmas!

Spanky's



Book your holiday parties with us,
or let us prepare your Party Platters and Save you
Time this Season! Call or stop in for details.

Spanky's



Please join us
for the Polar Bear Plunge!



"Home of the Original
Chicken Finger"

Open 7 Days a Week | On the Strand Across from the Pier
SpankysBeachside.com | 912-786-5520
Take Out Available | Full Menu Online



TYBEE TURTLE TRANSIT

#1 SHUTTLE SERVICE

LOW AS
\$3 RIDE!

- Delivery
- Weddings
- Parties
- Tours
- Late Night

WE ALSO RIDE OFF THE ISLAND!

361-TURTLES

TYBEE Market
"FINE FOODS SINCE 1934"
1111 Butler Ave.
P.O. Box 127
Tybee Island, GA 31328

MICHAEL J. HOSTI
Owner

Phone (912) 786-4601
Fax (912) 786-9522
www.TybeeMarketGA.com

Introducing Our Newest Tybee Realtor

McLeRoy
REALTY

Kecia G. Adams
REALTOR®, GRI, ABR, AHWD



8945 U. S. Hwy 19
Zebulon, GA 30286
Cell (706) 975-9779
Office (770) 567-3030
Fax (770) 567-3300
kecia@mcleroyrealty.com
www.mcleroyrealty.com



Tybee Insurance Agency Inc.

Serving Tybee Island since 1987

- Homeowner's Insurance
- Flood Insurance
- Renter's Insurance
- Condo Owner's Insurance
- All Commercial Insurance

Call Carrie Traeger
"Mrs. Jiggs"

204 First Street
912-786-5541

On Going Happenings

A-J's Dockside - Happy Hour 4-7pm, Live music Friday thru Sunday, Lunch 7 days a week 11am-5pm, Dinner 7 days a week 5-10pm. Tour de Lights December 9th. Find more info on our Facebook page. 1315 Chatham Ave.

American Legion Post 154 - Canteen open 5pm Monday-Saturday, First Mondays Pizza Night 5-7pm, Bar Games Tuesday and Thursday 6-9pm, Line Dancing Wednesday 7pm, Thursday Dinners 5:30-7:30pm, Bingo (come early!) and Karaoke Friday 8-10pm. 10 Veterans Dr.

Benny's Tavern - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 10am-7pm, Open Pool Tuesday all day, Pool Tournament Wednesday 8pm, Karaoke Friday and Saturday 9pm. Kitchen open Sunday 12:30-Midnight. 1517 Butler Ave.

Bernie's Oyster House - Home of the World Famous Mason Jar Bloody Mary, Draft Beer on Tap, Only Place in Town for "Pop Rock Jello Shots," Drink Specials, oysters on the half shell or by the bucket, you shuck the bucket, Outdoor Patio with 65" HD TV. 13 Tybrisa St.

Bubba Gumbo's - Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:30-9pm, Friday and Saturday 12-10pm and Sunday 12-9pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm with \$1 off beers and \$9.95 Shrimp Dinner. Brunch every Saturday 12-4, 50 cent wings on Saturday and \$1 oysters on Sunday. Hi Life and Jameson Shot specials on Monday. 3 Old Highway 80.

Doc's Bar - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, Jam Night Tuesday 7pm, Karaoke Thursday 8pm, Live music Friday and Saturday 9pm. 10 Tybrisa St.

Fannie's on the Beach - Live music on weekends. Saturday and Sunday Brunch Specials. 1613 Strand Ave.

Nickie's 1971 Bar and Grill - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, Texas Hold Em Sunday 7pm, Monday thru Wednesday 8pm, Tuesday Open Mike Night 8pm, Sips and Scenes every Wednesday 7pm, 8 Ball Pool Tournament and Karaoke Thursday 7pm, Live Band Friday and Saturday 9pm-?? 1513 Butler Ave.

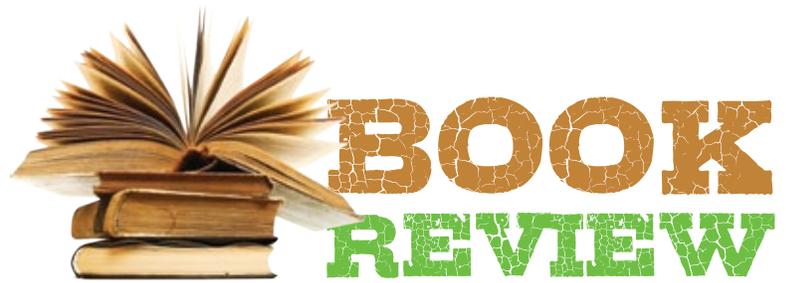
Social Club - 2 for 1 Sangria's Monday-Thursday, Live Music Friday thru Sunday, Bluegrass Brunch Sunday at 11am. 1311 Butler Ave.

Spanky's - Daily cocktail and beer specials. Home of the Original Chicken Finger! 1605 Strand Ave.

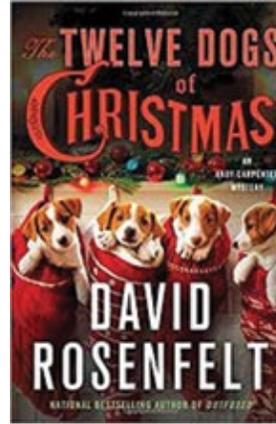
The Deck - Closed till February

Tybee Time - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, DJ Marty Thursday-Saturday. 1603 Strand Ave.

Wind Rose Café - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm. Daily Lunch Specials. 19 Tybrisa St.



By Nell Klein



THE TWELVE DOGS OF CHRISTMAS

By David Rosenfelt

When I ran across this book I thought, judging by the title and front cover only, that it would be a cute little book to get us in the mood for Christmas. Boy, was I in for a surprise! Yes, there are twelve dogs and it's around Christmas time, but that's about the only references to the title that you'll find. It turned out to be a very cleverly written murder mystery (my fav), full of surprises right up to the very end.

Martha "Pups" Boyer takes care of stray puppies until they're old enough to be adopted out to good homes. When a neighbor of Pups reports her to the city for having too many pets in her home, she calls her good friend and defense lawyer, Andy Carpenter, to help her out. Andy feels confident that Pups case will be dismissed, after all, who would punish someone for rescuing puppies, especially at Christmas time?

But things get complicated when Randy Hennessey, the complaining neighbor, turns up dead and Pups is seen leaving the scene of the crime. It also doesn't help that she threatened Hennessey with his life, in front of witnesses no less. Andy suddenly finds himself with a murder case on his hands. Of course, he's sure Pups is innocent, but how does he prove it? He and his quirky group of associates set out to find the truth and free Pups before it's too late.

The clever plot of the story is engaging from the very first pages. Andy Carpenter (who is apparently a recurring character) is laugh-out-loud funny with his never-ending sarcasm. All of the characters, especially Pups, feed right into the humor of the situation. The story will keep you guessing right up to the final pages until you finally find out who the killer is and just what the heck is going on. This is a quick read because you won't be able to put it down. It definitely deserves 5 roses! So maybe it's not a sappy Christmas story, but well worth the read nevertheless, which is a good thing because I have been accused of reviewing "chick books" (right Jerry?) and this one should appeal to anyone, no matter the gender!

So, until next year, have a wonderful Christmas and read a book, it's a good read, pass it on!



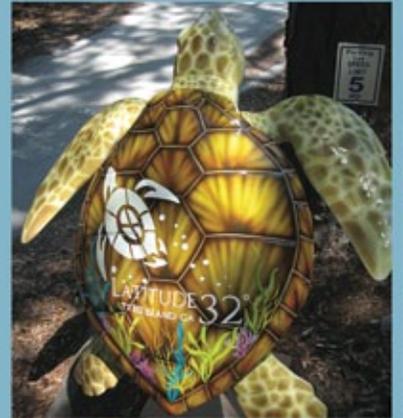
Latitude 32° is a Tybee Island Original

Voted Best Local Store & Best Gift Shop!

Quality clothing and accessories, including hats for both adults and kids, polos for men and women, hoodies, sweatshirts, short and long sleeve t-shirts for both adults and kids as well as a variety of baby and toddler items. We also carry soy candles, wooden laser-engraved wine stoppers, key chains, magnets and bookmarks, as well as marble coasters, all made in the USA. Receive a free Latitude 32° drink koozie and sticker with every purchase!

Tybee Island is located at exactly 32 degrees north latitude. The actual 32 degree line runs right through Tybee and crosses the USA all the way to San Diego!

Latitude 32° at Tybee Oaks
1213 Hwy 80 Unit M
Tybee Island, GA 31328
912-786-9334
Email: contact@latitude32.us
Online: www.latitude32.us



Experience the pleasure of seeing the friendly Bottle Nose Dolphins playing in their natural habitat on this 1 to 1.5 hr. cruise towards the Atlantic Ocean.



Dolphin Adventure: Adults \$15
Children \$8 (2 yrs. & under free)

Sunset Cruises: Adults \$18
Children \$11 (13+)

Deep Sea Fishing

Free Parking & Loads of Fun!

Restaurant • Gift Shop • Restrooms

Reservations Recommended
TybeeDolphins.com

USCG INSPECTED VESSELS • SAFE • COMFORTABLE • RELIABLE



Directions from Tybee Island: Go west on HWY 80, turn left at the last road before Lazaretto Creek Bridge (at the "Capt. Mike's Dolphin Adventure" Billboard). Go until the dead end & turn right.

800-242-0166 or 912-786-5848 • info@tybeedolphins.com • 1 Old US HWY 80 • Tybee Island, GA 31328





By Paul Cales

Continued from the November 2017 Beachcomber.
Catch up @ <http://tybeebeachcomber.com/magazine>

Chapter Six - Zombie Freeze Day 3.5

Its quarter to five in the evening and Becky, Nate, and Brian watch as the skiff gets smaller, dancing away on the waves, heading toward Tybee Island.

"So, Nate, where's this food ya'll brought back with you? I'm starving!" asks Brian.

Before Nate has a chance to answer Becky responds, *"On the boat."*

"What the hell?! What if they don't make it back? We'll be stuck out here without any food. Real smart, guys."

"You should have thought about that when your priority was booze during your last excursion."

"Shut the hell up BITC..." Brian begins before Nate interrupts, *"Listen, man. We still have Jay's boat and if anything happens to them I'm sure you have some more food at your camp. You were planning on staying here for a week even before the world was taken over by those geeks."*

"We were going to make a couple of re-supply trips back, dumbass. All I have left is peanut butter and jelly and a few hotdogs," replies Brian.

"Then go eat a hotdog!" Becky exclaims before turning to Nate, *"You really think the whole world has been taken over by those things?"*

"You guys suck!" Brian shouts as he walks back to his camp mumbling obscenities to himself.

"I just don't know. All the phones are dead and even when they were charged we never got an answer from anyone."

"I hope those guys hurry back. I don't like the idea of being left alone with Brian, without his friends to keep him in check," Becky says.

"Really Becky? You're more worried about that than Tony having to face those things during the rescue mission? What about Rudy and Howard? WHAT ABOUT CARRIE AND JAY FOR THAT MATTER?!"

"You're right, you're right. Cool your tits, Nate. Of course I'm worried about all that. I guess I'm trying to not think about what they're going through."

There is no one around, alive or dead, as the boat slowly idles toward the beach at Inlet. *"Kill the engine and raise the motor,"* Tony says. *"I don't want to alert those things. We can just drift in from here. Once Jay and I are off the boat, wait until you can't see us anymore and back the boat into deeper water. Wait until you see us before starting the engine again. We may need a swift extraction."*

"Got ya," Carrie replies. *"I have the SKS too if it's needed. I have four loaded magazines at the ready."*

"This thing kicks a lot harder than the M4 we were shooting on Long Island last fall," Jay says.

"I'm a tough girl, Jay. I can handle it."

"Okay, Jay. Let's get a move on. We need to get back here as soon as possible. You ready?"

"Not really, but I guess it's time to man up. Tybee strong, right?"

"Yeah, man. Tybee strong," Tony says as they slip off the front of the boat and shove it back into the water. They don't see any of those things until they reach Arby's. *"Dude, look at the drive-thru window. I think he's trying to get some curly fries."*

"I don't think fries are what he really wants."

"I wonder if it's his reflection in the glass that's got his interest peaked?" Tony says as they skirt around to the left of the building to get over to Izlar.

"I'm not seeing any geeks," Jay says. *"I hope they haven't found a meal in the Wind Rose."*

"Let's go find out," Tony says. They sprint down Izlar, slide between the two houses that butt up against the back of the Wind Rose fence, and pause for a brief moment to catch their breath. Then, Jay jumps onto the trash cart and looks over the fence. *"Looks empty. Just like it did Saturday when I got a keg for Patty."*

"Let's loosen some of these boards so we can bust through the fence if we have to," Tony says. They loosen six vertical boards on the fence and hop over into the courtyard. They quietly sneak up to the back door and peer in. What they see confuses them. Rudy and Howard are sitting at a table being as still as statues. Then Jay notices Howard shudder a bit.

"What the hell is going on?" Jay says. Tony lightly taps on the glass and, in unison, Howard and Rudy snap their heads in the direction of the door. Rudy slowly stands up, gingerly walks to the back door, unlocks it, and says, *"Move slowly."*

"You guys okay?" Tony whispers.

"Yeah, man. We're good. Just stuck in here," Rudy replies.

"What the hell were you doing?" Tony asks.

"Playing a game," Howard says. *"Rudy calls it Zombie Freeze. So, the idea is, if we don't move, the zombies don't move. The objective is to make the other person laugh so hard that the zombies notice. As soon as they notice you laughing they start to move and you lose."*

"Wait, if you stay completely still they just stare into the glass?" Tony asks.

"Just like at Arby's. They see their reflection," Jay replies.

"Anyway," Howard continues, *"Rudy kept breaking wind and making me laugh. He won every time."*

Rudy interjects, *"All we have to eat in here is canned beans and crap. The electricity went out two days ago and the food in the freezer has gone bad. Don't judge me, man. Move really slowly to the library in the back. They can't see us back there. I don't think they can see very far."*

"Or they can't see in the dark very well," Tony says.

"Never thought about that, man," Rudy says. Then, under his breath, *"Smartass."*

"How the hell did you guys get locked in here by yourselves? Where's Nell and Mark? Where's Doug?" Tony asks.

"So, Rudy and I were watching the Marvel marathon the other night and Doug locked us in after he closed the bar. He's not really a Marvel guy. Weirdo likes DC Comics."

"And..."

"And we got hammered and passed out. And when we woke up we saw some shit. Those things are fast. Everyone that we saw through the

window got attacked," Howard says.

"The only person we saw that might have gotten away was Crabber Brian," Rudy added before mumbling under his breath, "and I was kind of glad he got chased off."

"Carrie and I were with him," Jay replied, ignoring that comment. "He saw you guys and we planned the rescue mission to save you guys from impending doom. Carrie is on the boat waiting on us to go back to Little Tybee. Brian, Becky and Nate are already over there."

"Damn," Rudy says. "Now I feel like a douche."

"Don't," Tony replies. "He initially came here to loot Jameson."

"So, what's the plan?" asks Rudy. "Howard can't run with his bad back and those things are fast."

"We were thinking we'd toss him into the trash cart and haul tail back to the boat," Jay says. "It's safe on Little Tybee and we've got some supplies to sustain us for a bit. You guys heard anything about what's going on?"

"Cable was out when we woke up and saw those things outside," Howard answers. "I can't get Nell or Mark or anyone on the phone."

"Damn. I was hoping you would have more info than we already have," Tony says. "Well, let's get this show on the road. I don't want to get stuck off Little Tybee when the tide gets low."

"I'll bag up all the canned goods in the kitchen and you and Rudy can grab anything useful from the courtyard dry storage," says Jay.

"Sounds like a plan."

Tony and Rudy head out to the courtyard to gather supplies and Jay heads into the kitchen. He moves very slowly so he doesn't attract the attention of any geeks that may be admiring themselves in the window. He is just about finished packing everything up when he notices a large can of chili on the top shelf. He slowly stretches but can't quite reach it. Not wanting to push his luck he abandons the chili and slowly heads for the door. As he turns, one of his bags catches the corner of a large stainless-steel pan on the counter and it crashes to the floor. The kitchen window implodes and six geeks spill through. Jay drops the bags and rushes through the kitchen's swinging door. He throws Howard over his shoulder and bolts towards the back door. **To be continued...**



By Alaina Loughridge

As a bartender myself, I tend to roll to the Grumpy side of the scene. I see other bartenders being all Happy, Sleepy, Dopey, Bashful and Sneezzy, but I finally found a bartender that is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen! **Dawn Ryan of Fannie's on the Beach** is our Christmas Rudolph this year and she full on embodies all that is cheery! Always wearing a terrific smile (love braces!!) and a



Photo from left to right: Rich, Chelsie and Jordan

congenial attitude of 'how can I help you?' vs. mine of 'wtf do you want?' Dawn is a perfect go-to for Christmas Cheer as well as any day cheer for that matter!! I sat down with our girl and got the exclusive on what Mrs. Ryan is all about.

Born and raised in Savannah, Dawn went to and graduated from Savannah High School before dabbling briefly in college at both Armstrong and Savannah Tech as a nursing student. It wasn't meant to be (God has his own plan y'all). So, while life is busy living along, Dawn married her high school sweetheart, had two great kids and was going to live happily ever after. At 24, she and her husband started working for his parents who owned *New Orleans Snow Balls*. Every day they would go to Johnson Square and sell Snow Balls. How cool is that?

In 1994, Dawn started working for *South Bridge Golf Club* and her history was set. "I just absolutely loved it," she says, and it got her started on the path of where she is today. After working at *Shuckers* on River Street (oh, the stories to be told on that one – hee hee!), she worked at a variety of restaurants before she finally find her permanent home at *Fannie's on the Beach*.

Now, happily married to Sean Ryan, with three great kids, Chelsie, Rich and Jordan, and one grandchild, Harper, life for Dawn is complete.

I asked her the four Questions of Life:

Savannah Life: Forever

Passion: Family

When she grows up: Become a race riding jockey

Spirit Animal: Arabian Horse – Spirited, feisty and faces the world with zero fear!

Dawn's go-to masterpiece is called the "**Boozy Floozy**" and is just perfect for any occasion! LOL! Dawn is a must visit bartender. She is genuinely nice and makes one feel right at home instantly. Go get your Boozy Floozy from Dawn Ryan at Fannie's on the Beach and tell her that braces are cool!

Sting Ray's Seafood

Since 2001 **Sting Ray's Seafood** has been a staple in feeding the masses, as well as tantalizing the local's taste buds here on Tybee. Located on Butler Avenue at 14th Street, Sting Ray's offers indoor and outdoor seating, which includes a newly renovated large deck. They boast a menu that ranges from soups, salads and sandwiches, to dinners and platters for sharing.

On this afternoon we were lucky to feast on some signature fare such as Gumbo, Shrimp Cocktail, Seared Ahi Tuna, Sting Ray's Platter for Two, Lucile's Fish Po' Boy, and Tybee Fisherman's Platter.

First came the **Gumbo** and **Seared Ahi Tuna**. The Gumbo was thick and hearty with a smoky flavor, packed with chicken and sausage, rice and veggies, topped off with a pair of fried shrimp, served with toasted bread. Totally delicious and comforting on a cool fall afternoon. The Seared Ahi landed as promised, seared on the outside, rare on the inside, rubbed in black and white sesame seeds and served with a side of seaweed salad, soy sauce and wasabi and ginger. This really is one of my favorites and it never fails to deliver. Super tender tuna cooked perfectly and complemented by the seaweed salad, great combination, super yummy!

Then we enjoyed a **Shrimp Cocktail**, a generous portion of large shrimp, boiled and chilled and draped beautifully over a martini glass and served up with cocktail sauce for dipping. A great way to start off a meal.

Next came the **Sting Ray's Platter for Two**, plenty of shrimp, snow crab, clams, mussels, crawfish, sausage and red potatoes. Served steamed up fresh with cole slaw and corn on the cob. So much food. I love these platters because they are great for sharing and you get a real variety of foods. It arrived piping hot and everything was prepared perfectly and served with drawn butter. Delish!

Then we went on to sample some fried fare, and first up was **Lucile's Fish Po' Boy**, a huge Grouper filet fried up golden brown served on a toasted sub roll with lettuce, tomato and onion, served with crinkle cut fries. The fish was so delicious, crispy on the outside and moist and flaky on the inside. If you have a hankering for a fried fish sandwich, this is the one.

Finally, we dove into the **Tybee Fisherman's Platter** for one. Again, a generous helping of all your favorites, shrimp, fish, scallops, oysters and a crab cake, served with fries, slaw and hush puppies. I hope you're hungry for this one! Everything was fried golden brown and not overcooked at all, the scallops are probably my favorite and they were a great size and moist and delicious. The crab cake was also super tasty with a crispy coat served with a cool dill sauce for dipping. So good!

What an afternoon, so much delicious food, we could barely move at the end of the meal. Dessert was offered, I do love some Key Lime Pie, but there was no way. What a great atmosphere for tourists and locals alike, you can find live music on the deck on most Fridays and Saturday evenings and Sting Ray's is open for lunch and dinner daily. Don't forget to check out the daily specials and some of their signature cocktails as well, you'll be glad you did!



Quality Accommodations at an Affordable Price

Only One Block
from the Beach!

1402 Butler Ave.
912-786-4576



- Pet Friendly Rooms
- Salt Water Pool
- Continental Breakfast
- Free Parking
- Microwave, Fridge,
& Coffee Pot in every Room



Wen

wen mcnally photography
weddings & portraits
tybee ~ savannah
wenmcnally.com
540.841.2641

TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



I mentioned to Alaina what I was going to do my story about and she asked if I could keep it PG? Without hesitation and/or not really giving it much thought, I was sure I could. Well, mother father sunny beach, I hope PG13 is ok. I sat for hours looking at a black screen, no words to go with my thoughts. I usually have a couple cocktails while I write the stories, but this time I'll wait until I finish ... hold my beer.

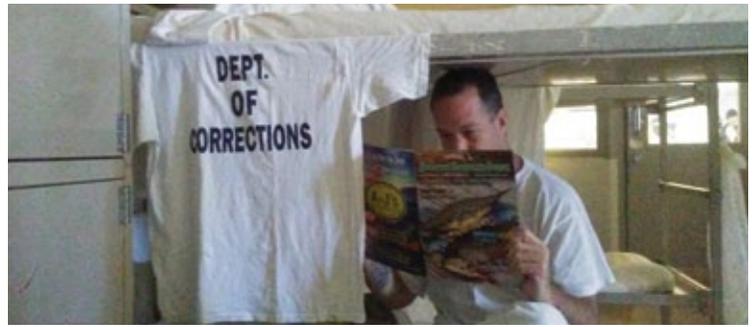
As a Breezy driver you put your guard up when a bartender calls and says, "I got one for you." No name, just "I got one for you." In this particular case I always knew who it was because I could hear him in the background yelling, "I'M FROM HERE!" So without too much hesitation, we would go get him. You never want to leave your favorite bartender hanging. Nine times out of ten, foul language would be exchanged between this guy and the bartender. I would ask what happened and it was always someone else's behavior. My favorite excuse he used would be about some young lady in the bar pushing up on him and I quote, "THAT BEACH WANTS TO FRONT ME!"

This story takes place back in the days when we only had golf carts, so it took longer to get from Point A to Point B. By the time I would get him to his home, also known as "The herd on Third," my ears would be ringing like I was front row center of a Metallica concert. He would be rattling on about "I GOT YOU" or "IM BLEEPED THE BLEEP UP!"

I remember one afternoon after the Irish Heritage Parade here on Tybee, we got a call from one of our local policeman, "Hey we got one for you." When we showed up, about four of Tybee's finest had him in custody. Surprise, surprise it's Toot. They released him into Breezy's custody with the strict instruction that we were to take him straight home and if they saw him out again that night we were both going to jail. Well, that would not normally bother me because most people would follow those instructions ... but we ain't dealing with most people.

Truth be told, Toot has gotten two DUI's within an hour and half of each other. Story goes he was pulled over on Tybee, arrested and charged, his father bailed him out and took him home. Shortly after getting home, he borrowed someone's car, was rolling down Butler Ave. and the same cop who arrested him earlier got him again. I wonder who looked more surprised when this happened. You can't make this stuff up.

Funny thing is as many places that have asked him to leave the premises or have banned him for life from their establishment, he has never been banned from Breezy. There were many Sunday evenings where he was flat broke and somehow managed to go out a couple times through the week and would run a tab. Come Friday after work, he would have the money he owed and tip. Then the whole process would start over. I can hear him now, "I GOT YOU! I'M FROM HERE!" As he would say, "Tybee born and Tybee bred, when I die I'll be Tybee dead!"



So Toot, I hope you are reading this issue back here on Tybee and not on your bunk at the Georgia Correctional Facility. Welcome home and I hope you think about what you do before you do it.

Breezy
Taxi Riders
912-665-9988
Tybee's Designated Driver and Delivery Service
Open 23 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week
Please Dont Drive Drunk... Please



Logo Design | Signage & Vehicle Wrap Design | Installation
Print Design | Packaging Design | Web Design

Brand your Vision!

912-655-2791 VisionVaultGraphics.com



PRESERVING COMMUNITY, COMMERCE & CULTURE YEAR-ROUND.

Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Program Staff Director

As the season of giving and spreading joy continues, we continue to count our blessings! TYBEE FOR THE HOLIDAYS is in full swing and the Community of Caring boxes are filling up, the tree will be lit December 1, parades are happening, and holiday parties are filling our calendars! Hopefully, you are enjoying the winter so far and taking time for yourself too.

Does taking time for yourself mean having someone else make a meal or two for you and the fam, especially on a holiday day? Well then, check out the list of restaurants that will be open under “holiday dining” at <http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com/holiday-dining/>!

As mentioned, Community of Caring donation boxes are filling up. Community of Caring, which was added in 2009 for the holiday season, has become a tradition for many store owners and residents during the holidays. Donations for Tybee’s Rising TYde Food Pantry, Next Generation – Memorial University Medical Center Children’s Hospital, and the animal shelter are being accepted thru New Year’s Day. Check out participating locations and a list of items needed at <http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com/community-of-giving/>.

The first weekend of December is filled with family fun! Friday, December 1 at 6:30 pm is the annual Lights on for Tybee Celebration downtown Tybee, with complimentary refreshments at various locations, singing, dancing, awards, and visitors from the North Pole for the kids. Thanks to the students with Tybee Island Maritime Academy, the Christmas tree has even more special handcrafted ornaments. Mayor Buelterman will light the island’s Christmas tree at the Roundabout. Tybee Arts Association & Performing Society will be providing entertainment with caroling, students with The STUDIO will perform, awards will be presented, and a special flash mob – with your help – will welcome our North Pole weekend guests.

Saturday, December 2 at 1 pm is the Tybee Island Christmas Parade. Mr. and Mrs. Clause will be led from downtown to the Tybee gym by candy-giving elves and festive floats. Once they arrive at the Gym, the Tybee YMCA will host photo time, refreshments, and activities for all to enjoy. We look forward to having everyone share their holiday music and costumes on their decked out parade floats.

This weekend will also be your opportunity to experience House of the Christmas Mouse at the Arts Center, the annual Lighthouse Christmas begins, have fun raising money for Tybee’s food pantry while staying “INN,” and participate in the floating Christmas Parade.

Through New Year’s Day there are a plethora of activities for you to partake



in. Details that everyone contributed about holiday activities for the public and that benefit various charities, church services, etc. can be found at www.tybeefortheholidays.com. This website is your convenient one-stop site to help you plan ahead or, if you prefer, at the last minute. ;-)

For more information about the Tybee Island Development Authority/Main Street Program, preservation spotlights, upcoming city approved special events, and business and community matters, sign up for the monthly Main Street E-News by visiting www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com or the Tybee Island Main Street FB page.

As always, feel free to contact members of the Development Authority/Main Street Board of Directors (pictured below: Sarah Bernzott, Marianne Bramble, Angela Caldwell, Vicki Hammons, Diane Kaufman, Steve Kellam, Julie Livingston, Ted Lynch, Melissa Memory, Kelly Swope, Melissa Turner) or me with suggestions and/or concerns re: economic vitality and preservation. Take time to enjoy “Tybee time” and remember why those of us who live and work here are “lucky enough” and those who visit love returning.

We look forward to continued successes with preserving community, commerce & culture with you in 2018!

See you around town!



Catie's Confections

— Too Good to be Good for You! —

Cakes, Cupcakes, Birthday Parties, Cookies & More!

“Let Catie’s Confections Come to You”





WE DELIVER 304-216-5776




Only Timeshare on the Coast of Georgia



Own a Timeshare at the Beach Today!



Located Behind the Pier & Pavillion

Amenities

Playground • Picnic Area • Fitness Room
Heated Swimming Pool • Clubhouse

All Condos Include

Ocean Side with Amazing Views
2 Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms • Full Kitchen
Washer Dryer



One 15th Street, P.O. Box 2966 Tybee Island, GA 31328
912-447-5080 Tybrisa.com

Rudy's Rip Off

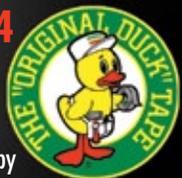
Women's Hair Removal Services

A Great Xmas Gift for that Special Person in your Life!

912-484-7134

WE DO THIS! AND THAT!

Proudly Sponsored by



THE *Pinky Nail*
by Maranda

COME & CELEBRATE MY 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!
BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE TODAY

ThePinkyNailByMaranda.net

Tybee Island's Only Performing Arts and Movie Venue
For daily event listings and tickets, go to tybeeposttheater.org or call 912-472-4790

Family-Friendly Movies, Live Music & Plays

TYBEE POST THEATER
10 VAN HORNE AVE., TYBEE ISLAND, GA 31328

From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

Ho Ho Ho, Yo! Welcome back, just in time to 'get our holiday on' all around the island. Now I'm not sure about you, but I'm certainly ready to 'turn over a couple of new leaves' next year. This year has seen a boatload of bonkers and many of us are ready for a fresh start – but before we start purchasing gym memberships and throwing out our pasta - there's a really awesome initiative that we can all get behind! The best part – you don't even have to cross the bridge to get ready for Santa!

See this year, like most every year, we are trying to keep some of the holiday blessings we bestow upon retailers to those right here on Tybee Island. Now brothers & sisters, we've tried just about everything in years past from granting free parking to inviting 'The Real Santa' to attend our tree lighting – and this year we're pulling out all the stops - again! Many of our friends and neighbors that have opened shops and businesses on the island – as well as the **River's End Campground Gift Shop** (5 Fort Avenue) – will be offering sales, incentives, and probably any other gimmicks we can muster to get you to shop with us. So much of our 'local flavor' is a result of the heavy dose of tireless dedication put forth by so many of our island businesses. Thanks to their efforts, Tybee Island can soon become a shopping destination for tourists, travelers, and those who just seem to wander in, alike. Before you load up the family truckster with a boatload of breakables before lunchtime on Christmas morning – or spend your hard-earned money to some impersonal box stores – we hope you consider paying it forward by keeping your money working for the folks right here – at home.

Speaking of which, the staff at River's End Campground have been meeting directly with "The Big Guy" to find that perfect item for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list that seemingly has everything they need, or who wants nothing. While we may not offer everything, we pride ourselves on offering specialty items that when found – you'll simply have to have! This year, we're partnering directly with Santa's elves from the North Pole to the North End to pick out some of the most unique, original, and one-of-a-kind items that you will not find anyplace else. Now, I realize that I may be a bit impartial, but we are really very proud of our store. Each of us enjoy helping locals 'discover' our gift shop, and we promise to do our best to make your shopping experience one that you'll run tell all your friends!

While you're running, also be sure to remember to let us be your 'guestroom by the sea' by reserving a cabin for those house guests that may tend to gravitate towards your place over the next year! This may be a perfect time to 'treat yo' self' before the in-laws arrive with unsolicited advice, or whatever strange dynamic exists that you'd rather not explain to all of your neighbors? As a friend once told me, houseguests are like fish – after a few days, they all start to stink. As we all know, you never know how many 'friends' you have in life until you have a pick-up truck - and a house at the beach!

Reserve Online! www.riversendcampground.com



RIVER'S END
CAMPGROUND
Tybee Island - Savannah's Beach
Experience the slow pace of island living
with calm tides and quirky vibes!

Complimentary WiFi

Laundry • Office & Gift Shop
Vending Room • Propane Dispensary
Private Bath Houses • Swimming
Community Pavilion • Dog Park
Cable TV • FHU Sites • Rental Cabins
Low Off-Season Rates • And More...



Good Sam Rating
9 / 9.5 / 9

(800) 786-1016 • 5 Fort Ave., Tybee Island, GA 31328

Behind the Tape...

By Cpl. Richard Dascal



Hey Everybody! Welcome to December and the Christmas season. Hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and got to spend it with your loved ones. Things over at the police department have slowed to almost a crawl. As such, expect to start seeing our officers spending more time coming through your neighborhoods and businesses checking to make sure everybody is safe.

While it has certainly slowed for us, that doesn't mean we have stopped working. As I was once told, even standing in the parking lot is police work, and a few weeks back it turned into just that. Late on a weekend night about 3am, several of our officers were standing in the police department parking lot when they saw a car blow through a stop sign. Doing what they were supposed to do, they went and stopped that car. And then what tends to happen on those routine traffic stops did in fact happen. The driver ended up being extremely intoxicated and was arrested for DUI. Once under arrest the officers searched the subject's bag when they found a bag of suspected cocaine. This is a good example of the giant leap that running a stop sign can become when you're not doing what you're supposed to do.

With the Christmas season upon us, I always I want to remind everyone to stay aware of what's happening around them. This is prime season for thefts. If you see something that looks suspicious, please don't hesitate to call. We're more than happy to come check it out. And as you're opening all your fancy presents, please don't leave the boxes by your trash cans. This can make your home a target for thieves.

As always, I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



JACKSON BUTLER

2018 - 2022

TYBEE CITY COUNCILMAN

Keeping Tybee...TYBEE!

THANK YOU TYBEE!

VOTERS

A sincere thank you to all of the Tybee Island residents that voted for me on November 7th. 482 of you entrusted me as their candidate to tackle the challenges that face our community over the next four years. My sincere gratitude to each of you.

SUPPORTERS

I would also like to thank my generous supporters who donated to my campaign and/or donated their valuable time. You helped me throughout the campaign by going door to door with me, provided personal introductions to fellow residents, and helped me organize successful events that allowed me to meet so many wonderful people. I could not have done it without you!

BUSINESSES

Additionally, I must thank the countless business owners that supported me throughout the campaign. I have heard your concerns and will do my best to address the challenges that each of your businesses face. I appreciate your confidence in me to make a difference when it comes to the Tybee business economy.

MENTORS

Last but certainly not least, I owe a great deal of gratitude to several folks that gave me hours of advice and shared countless stories about past experiences here on Tybee Island. Your wisdom as active Tybee residents and local political leaders has been priceless and certainly allowed me to be a true contender in this race. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you!

I am truly excited to start working in January for each of you, *Keeping Tybee...TYBEE!*



- Real Estate Video/Photography
- Interior Walk Through Video
- Business Spotlight Video/Photography
- Special Event Video/Photography
- Aerial Family Portraits
- In House Video Editing
- Construction Site Video/Photography
- Large Property/Farm Aerial Survey
- Serving GA, SC, NC, FL, AL, TN
- FAA Licensed Remote Pilot
- General Liability Insurance

William Harrell

Mobile: 912-414-8418

Email: harrell609@gmail.com

177 Laurel Street

Richmond Hill, GA 31124

RIVERRAT PRODUCTIONS

Aerial Video/Photography - Video Editing And Production

Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in Dec. By Mom

12-1 & 12-2 "A Christmas Carol" 7:30pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The FEFC Youth Ensemble Theater will be performing this famous Charles Dickens' classic. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-1 Lights on for Tybee Celebration 6:30-10pm starting at the Roundabout on Tybrisa and Strand. Among the holiday lights, music, dancing, shopping, and dining, there will be awards given to the best decorated businesses. The awards will be presented by the Tybee Beautification Association. See you there!

12-1 thru 1-1 Community of Caring Please check tybeefortheholidays.com for this special time of the year when giving to others is so important. Rising Tyde, MUMC (children's hospital) and Tybee's Animal Shelter will be accepting donations at various sites.

12-2 2017 Girls Night INN 5-9pm, hosted by Beachview Bed & Breakfast at 1701 Butler Ave. A great night of entertainment, food & music that will benefit Rising Tyde Food Bank. Contact Beachview B&B at 912-786-5500.

12-2 Tybee Christmas Parade 1-3:30pm starting at the 14th St. parking lot and traveling up Tybrisa to Butler Ave. and on to the Tybee Gym where kids can get photo time with Santa. A great family event!

12-3 Collins's Barefoot Comedy Club 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Great comedy from Collin, and a special comic guest, Brian Moote. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

12-2 & 12-3 House of the Christmas Mouse & Art Show & Sale 10am-6pm at Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. On 12-3, the hours are 1-4pm. Shopping fun for the entire family.

12-7 Date Night: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Don't want to miss this Christmas Classic. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call 912-472-4790 for more info.

12-8 "No Ordinary Love," Danielle Hicks Sings Sade 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Danielle Hicks and The Resistance perform a powerful tribute to a legendary British Jazz Band. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for

further info at 912-472-4790.

12-9 Tour de Christmas Lights Bike Parade 3-6pm for registration at A-J's Dockside restaurant, 1315 Chatham Ave. to enter your decorated bike or golf cart. Prizes and fun for all. This is a fundraising benefit for Tybee Food Bank. Call 912-786-9533 for more info.

12-9 Malcolm Holcombe with Jason Bible 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Country Music, acoustic blues and folk. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call 912-472-4790 for more info.

12-14 Red Cross Community Blood Drive 2-7pm at the Old School Cafeteria by the YMCA on Tybee Island. Visit www.redcrossblood.org for more info. You will need to schedule an appointment.

12-14, 12-15 & 12-17 "The Star" 7pm on 12-14 and 12-15 with 2 showings on 12-17. One is at 3pm and the second at 7pm. Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This is an animated special of the First Christmas. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call 912-472-4790.

12-16 Tybee's Christmas Cabaret 7:30pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This is one of a kind holiday celebration and to hear all your favorite Christmas songs. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call 912-472-4790.

12-17 Holiday Celebration at Tybee Oaks Starts around 3pm (Tybee Time). Santa will be on Huc A Poos deck. Oyster Roast at the Shops at Tybee Oaks. Buy a gift at participating shops and get a ticket to the Oyster Roast. 1213 Hwy 80.

12-21 Girls' Night Out: "White Christmas" 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Time to watch all the great Christmas classics. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call 912-572-4790.

12-23 "A Christmas Story" 3pm and again at 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call 912-572-4790.

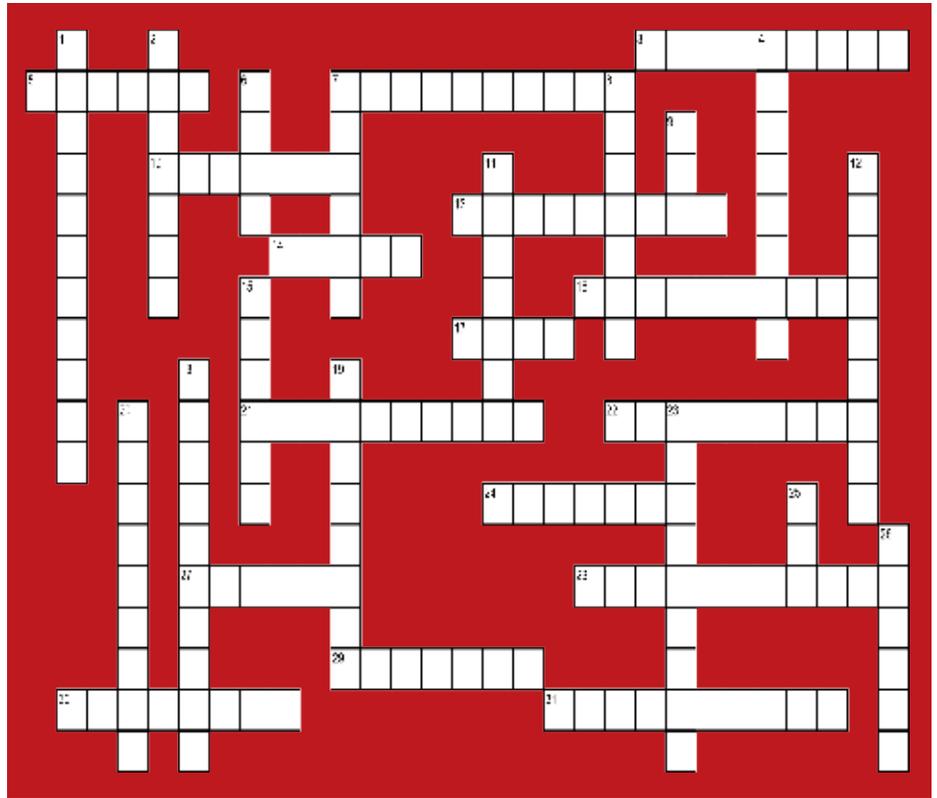
12-31/1-1 New Year's Eve Fireworks Show 11:55pm at Tybee Pier & Pavilion. What better way to bring in the New Year? Fireworks! See you there!

Cross Word

- ACROSS**
- 3 _____ Cottage
 - 5 Rent your beach equipment here
 - 7 Get your booze here (2 wds.)
 - 10 Sips and Scenes is here on Wednesday nights
 - 13 Tree care and landscaping company
 - 14 Her confections are too good to be good for you
 - 16 _____ Inn
 - 17 This Captain will take you on a dolphin tour
 - 21 Bizz Buzz feature
 - 22 Tybee _____ Agency
 - 24 _____ Beach Resort
 - 27 Art and Coffee bar
 - 28 Tybee's performing arts and movie venue (2 wds.)
 - 29 _____ Beachside
 - 30 _____ 32
 - 31 _____ Home Innovations

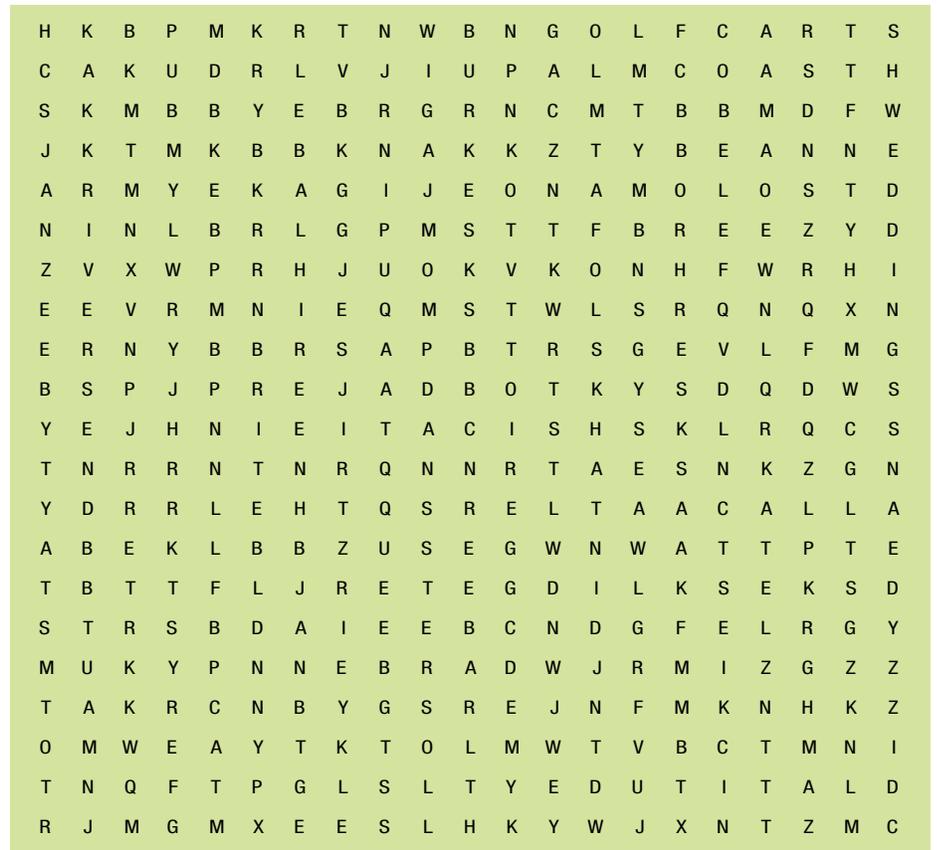
- DOWN**
- 1 Friends don't let friends eat imported shrimp here (2 wds.)
 - 2 Suck me, Shuck me, Eat me raw here
 - 4 Cafe with southern style lunch and a library (2 wds.)
 - 6 The Shops at Tybee _____
 - 7 Tybee's only beachfront hotel
 - 8 Tybee realtor at Century 21
 - 9 Dockside restaurant
 - 11 _____ on the Beach
 - 12 Campground (2 wds.)
 - 15 Tybee _____ Transit
 - 18 You are not a patient here. You're family. (2 wds.)
 - 19 Stephen Palmer performs these
 - 20 You won't need your clubs to rent these (2 wds.)
 - 23 Escape to Island paradise here (2 wds.)
 - 25 Tybee Market
 - 26 Taxi Tale's service

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| AJS | DIZZY DEANS |
| BERNIES | FANNIES |
| BREEZY | GOLF CARTS |
| BUBBA GUMBOS | HAMMERHEAD |
| BURKES | IGA |
| CALDWELLS | INSURANCE |
| CATIE | LATITUDE |
| DESOTO | MIKE |
| NICKIES | STAY TYBEE |
| OAKS | TURTLE |
| PALM COAST | TYBEAN |
| POST THEATER | TYBEE GLASS |
| RIVERS END | TYBEE TEETH |
| SANDCASTLE | TYBRISA |
| SOLOMAN | WEDDINGS |
| SPANKYS | WIND ROSE |



Created by Margie McLellan

Word Search



Created by Margie McLellan

TYBEE

FREE Delivery and Pickup!

GOLF CARTS

4, 6 & 8 Seaters Available

Free Parking with all our Carts • Fast and Friendly Service • Best way to get around Tybee



Largest Fleet and Lowest Prices!



801 1st Street

TybeeGolfCarts.com

912-226-9676

Join Us for the Best Sunset on Tybee Island!



See Menu and our LIVE WEBCAM at AJsDocksideTybee.com

Lunch: 7 days a week 11am - 5pm

Dinner: 7 days a week 5-10pm

Tour de Lights December 9th
Find more info on our Facebook Page

1315 Chatham Ave. | 912-786-9533

Live Entertainment with Joey Manning
Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights

Like Us on Facebook to see Daily Specials and our amazing Sunsets.