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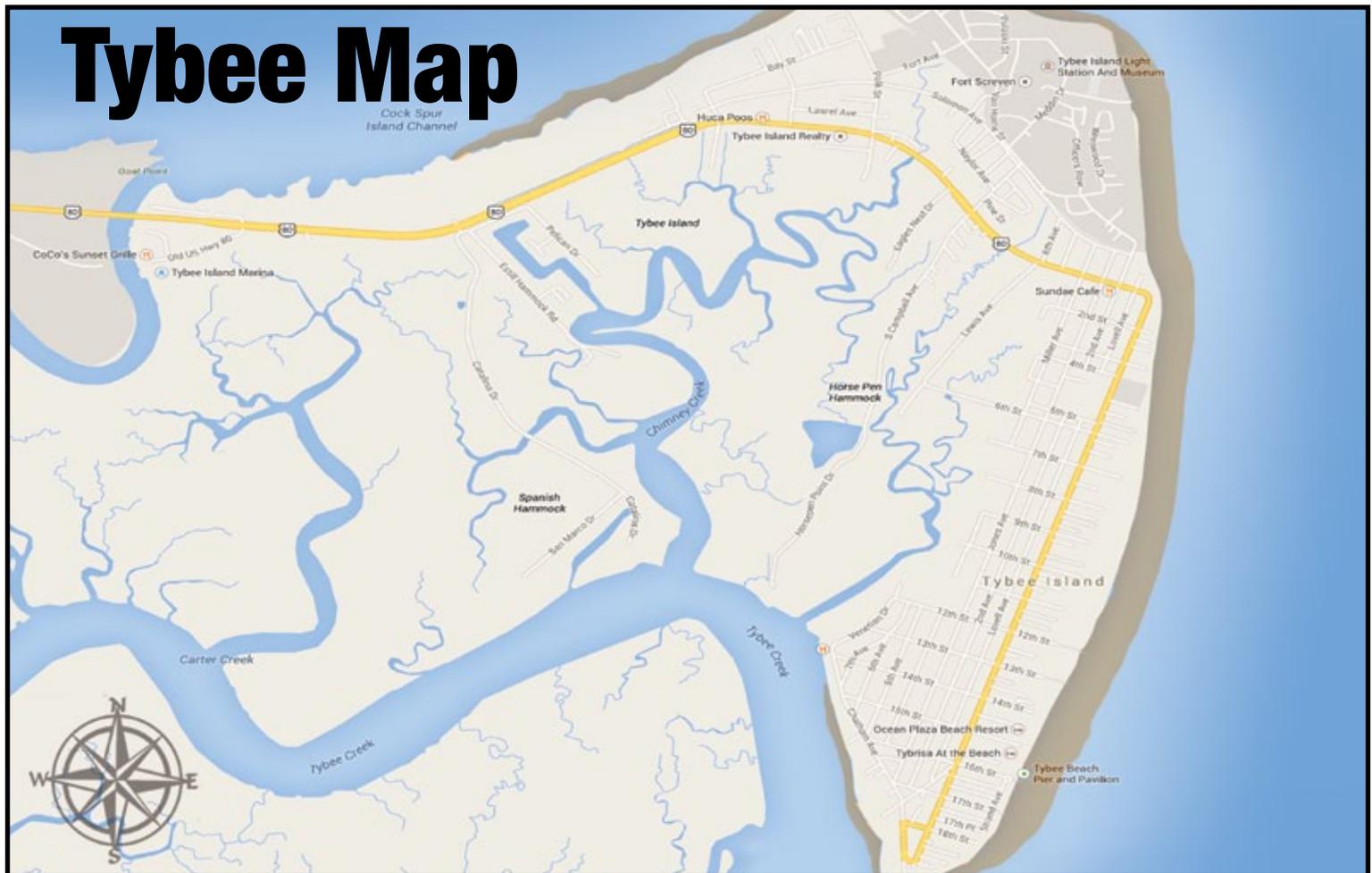
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# From the **EDITOR**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I know that most of us are ready to set 2016 firmly in the past and move on to something better! No way better than to set off 2017 with the **Polar Bear Plunge!** Then we get to move in to a mellow, calm January before all hell breaks loose for Mardi Gras, Spring Break, etc.

The New Year is also an excellent opportunity to become a new person or just build a better person than what you started with: For example, discover your inner Zen. For me, that is sleeping in longer. You could also watch more movies, develop a real butt groove in your couch and finally realize that red wine is delish with any meal, including breakfast. Well, each to their own – just throwing out ideas. If you want to lose weight, quit all your bad habits, well good luck to you!! Call me when you are ready for that glass of wine!

Whatever you decide to do for the New Year, let's be kinder, smile more, laugh a lot, never drink alone (I don't care what George Thorogood says), only be mean if someone truly and epically deserves it, and be less stressed. Go to the beach and just sit. Good stuff right there for your soul and those around you.

Y'all know we love games here at the Beachcomber and January is no different. **Jimmy Prosser** has created a **Mad Lib** story for us and the person who writes the best response will win a gift certificate to Bernie's! So, get out those dictionaries and be funny! Send your Mad Lib to [info@tybeebeachcomber.com](mailto:info@tybeebeachcomber.com) no later than January 10th, 2017.

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# AN ODE TO JANUARY MAD LIB STYLE

By Jimmy Prosser

Dear January:

I am so \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective). It is so cold and \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) in January! I don't even want to get out of \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) to go to \_\_\_\_\_ (action). I want to lay on my \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) all day by a crackling \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) with a bottle of \_\_\_\_\_ (your preferred booze) and pet my \_\_\_\_\_ (noun).

Unfortunately, I have to go \_\_\_\_\_ (progressive noun) to pay my \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) and my \_\_\_\_\_ (bill of choice). I guess I will crawl out of \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) and get \_\_\_\_\_ (progressive noun). I will also need 5 cups of \_\_\_\_\_ (beverage) to get \_\_\_\_\_ (adverb) to get in my \_\_\_\_\_ (vehicle of choice) and \_\_\_\_\_ (adverb) to \_\_\_\_\_.

Once I arrive at \_\_\_\_\_ (adverb), I have to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ (noun). That drives me so \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) I want to \_\_\_\_\_ (action) the \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) out of those \_\_\_\_\_ (nouns)!!! I survive by looking forward to the time when I get to head to \_\_\_\_\_ (Tybee bar) to catch up with \_\_\_\_\_ (local resident), throwing back \_\_\_\_\_ (beverage), and joking until we stumble \_\_\_\_\_ (place) for the night.

So here's to you January. I leave you with this - \_\_\_\_\_ (famous person) said it best: "When the weather turns to \_\_\_\_\_ (curse word), grab a bottle of \_\_\_\_\_ (alcohol) and drink 'til dawn."



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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	Su	9:49a 7.3	10:06p 6.5	3:45a -0.1	4:25p -0.2	7:24a	5:31p	9:40a	8:55p	
2	Mo	10:31a 7.1	10:52p 6.5	4:27a -0.1	5:06p -0.1	7:25a	5:31p	10:20a	9:54p	
3	Tu	11:19a 7.0	11:45p 6.6	5:12a 0.1	5:52p -0.1	7:25a	5:32p	10:58a	10:53p	
4	We	12:13p 6.8		6:03a 0.2	6:43p -0.1	7:25a	5:33p	11:35a	11:54p	
5	Th	12:42a 6.7	1:10p 6.7	7:02a 0.4	7:40p -0.1	7:25a	5:34p	12:13p		1st
6	Fr	1:41a 6.9	2:10p 6.7	8:09a 0.4	8:42p -0.3	7:25a	5:34p	12:53p	12:57a	
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9	Mo	4:48a 7.8	5:18p 6.8	11:29a -0.3	11:44p -1.1	7:25a	5:37p	3:12p	4:12a	
10	Tu	5:49a 8.1	6:18p 7.0	12:27p -0.6		7:25a	5:38p	4:09p	5:18a	
11	We	6:46a 8.3	7:13p 7.2	12:40a -1.3	1:22p -0.9	7:25a	5:39p	5:09p	6:20a	
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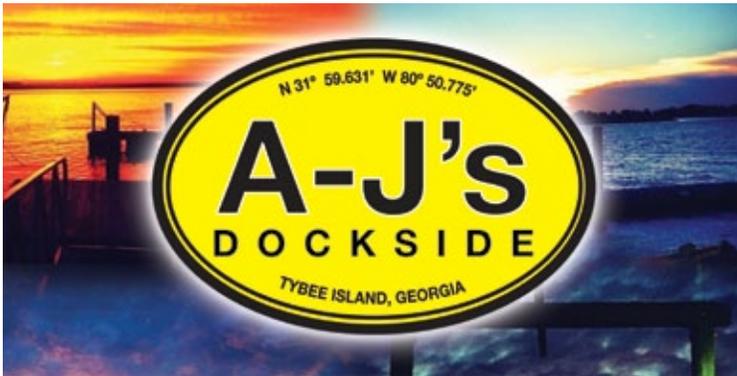
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## Tybee Island Bucket List

- Tybee Island Polar Plunge
- 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)
- Take a golf cart tour
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post 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

# BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge - Photos by Wen McNally



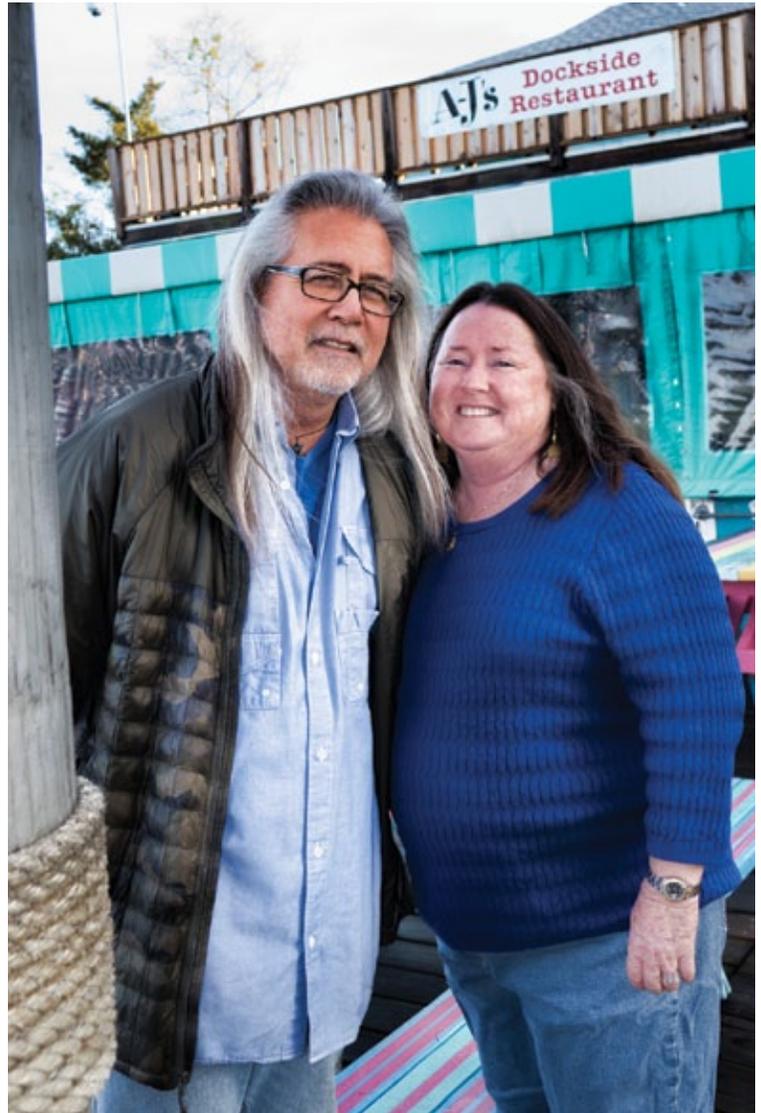
**Happy Anniversary to A-J's Dockside!!!** January 3, 2017, marks the 14th anniversary for what has become, for Tybee folks and visitors, a main staple for excellent food and service while watching the sunset. It doesn't seem like 14 years to the rest of us, but for **Alan** and **Jackie Burn**, it has been a journey of hard work, mixed emotions when the journey began, and good times.

Let's start from the beginning: Alan and Jackie met at our local 7-11 in 1973 where they both worked and started dating. Life is strange though and they broke up and went their separate ways. In 1984, they reconnected and were married a year later. Alan worked at Gulf Stream and was a captain on a casino boat at Lazaretto Creek and Jackie worked at Savannah Morning News. Jackie wanted to get her accounting degree and, in a decision that would change their lives, they bought their dolphin boat called "Jolly Mon." Jackie worked on the boat and operated their business from what was MarLin Marina. Shortly after MarLin Marina was sold, the restaurant remained empty for almost two years.

One day, after returning from a dolphin tour, Alan was musing out loud about buying a new restaurant. Not having any experience in the restaurant industry, Jackie said, "You have got to be crazy." On November 2, 2003, they started cleaning their new business.

It was a tough go at first. Alan was working two jobs while Jackie was getting A-J's ready to open. On January 3, 2003, they opened the doors. Initially, there were only eight tables - four where the hostess stand is now and four where the bar is now. It was an instance success!! Having hired knowledgeable people, who knew what they were doing from the wait staff to the cooks, A-J's took off.

Three months later, it was clear that Alan had to retire and work full time. He happily handed in his walking papers and declared, "I am never cutting my hair again!" Since then, A-J's has expanded from an eight table shack to a huge dining area that includes indoor and outdoor seating that has a fabulous view!



Alan and Jackie have no regrets. They knew what they wanted and went for it. Even after 14 successful years, both are still very hands on. They are both there most days with Jackie entertaining and Alan taking up the title of "Chief of Maintenance." They are happy and fulfilled with a successful business that would have been a crazy thought in 1973. It goes to show that hard work does pay off. A-J's is a class act and so are the Burn's.

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# Don't Send a Message in a Bottle

By Hilary Junewicz

**K**now what's frustrating? It's about the litter problem on Tybee. I have talked to people, confronted people and cussed at people (and friends, and family) about littering and my efforts have fallen short; it's still everywhere. Even so, I never let the continual litter problem stop me from trying to make a difference. I'm so passionate about this topic; I care and love the environment so much. Tybee is a funny little subculture, the politics aren't. If I don't say how I really feel I'm cheating myself and something I really care about - the Earth. I have to speak from the heart. So, I'm being as honest as I can be. If you litter, I judge you. And I'm not sorry. But I do have to stay positive as well. I owe this to the environment, myself and the others who care.

Speaking of others who care, thankfully there are quite a few here. Whether I actually know them, or know of them, I tend to like them just because we share this same passion. Sharing this care is a bond and I think that's a great thing! In the September 2015 issue of the Tybee Beachcomber, I wrote the Monthly Rant column. In it I chose to vent and complain about Tybee's litter problem. Shortly thereafter, I received an email from a local reader, Tim Arnold. Tim wrote: "Just read the Monthly Rant and couldn't agree more with Hilary. She might be happy to know that others feel the same way and are doing something about it. There is a new

grassroots volunteer organization for residents. The website is <http://tybeecleanbeach.simpl.com>. Could this be passed along to her?" I was happy to know that! How encouraging! I felt as if I had made an instant friend.

The organization Tim was referring to is **Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers**. He started this venture in August, 2015, and tells me that perhaps I have something to do with the success of Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers. Another plus! But more importantly, I want everyone to know about how they can help with Tim. Tim started the group after realizing that several locals were collecting beach litter on their own. He kept running into them as he pursued his own independent clean-up. He decided to get together with the others, combine their forces and start Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers. They aim to go out every Sunday to sweep a portion of the beach. Tim sends out a weekly email to over 70 volunteers as to where and when they're going on Sunday afternoon. Luckily, in 2016, this project really took off due to just word of mouth. Tim went about making Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers a non-profit organization by getting grants. This enabled him to purchase equipment, such as buckets and grabbers.

Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers includes groups such as *SCAD Surf*, *Gulfstream*, *The Boy Scouts*, *The Girl Scouts*, *Horizon Savannah* and *church groups*. *The United Way* also assists in organizing bigger sweeps with such parties. *The United Way* and *Georgia Power* financially

assist these activities. There were even four community service worker sweeps this past year! How resourceful. This all sounds more than promising! Generally, about 15 people or so come to assist in a typical Sunday sweep. In high traffic times during on-season, they'll see bigger efforts - such as Orange Crush in May when there were over 100 volunteers. In fact, in 2016 (so far) there were 33 regular local beach sweeps and 14 big group community sweeps with help from over 1,000 volunteers! To set the bar even higher, Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers partners with the Tybee Island Marine Science Center. The two entities combine their efforts; after a sweep volunteers visit the Marine Science Center to become more aware of the litter that is left behind and why it is a problem. Tim also sets his banner out on the pier to get tourists interested and involved as well. This is also great news! If you would like to volunteer, please visit [tybeecleanbeach.com](http://tybeecleanbeach.com), Facebook page *Fightdirtytybee*, or Tim's email address is [Tim4tybee@gmail.com](mailto:Tim4tybee@gmail.com). Know that it is not a commitment; we always need help, whenever you can.



There is another clean-up crew that I learned of recently, **The Marshtenders**. The Marshtenders are headed by one of our City of Tybee councilmen, Monty Parks. This crew gets into the mud. They wear waders, watch for snakes, get dirty and really make an impact cleaning trash out of the marshes. In speaking with Monty, I learned that he jokes with Tim from Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers by calling him "the elite" of clean-up crews. Monty explained to me that his focus is freeing up the marsh and keeping the life therein supported. For example, shrimp, crabs, etc. can't grow underneath bottles laying in the marsh. The Marshtenders feel good if 6 people show to help with a clean-up. They have a rough side and they're a small crew, but they have fun. Monty added that they have a good time doing a good thing and it doesn't count on anyone's vote. He also publishes his work about his cleanups, and in doing so, shames folks in showing his work, which is still a good thing. I would like to try down and dirty Marshtender session, and I will. Please check out their Facebook page *Marshtenders* if you're interested.



On November 18, 2016, Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers and Marshtenders teamed together to do a clean-up of the Lazaretto Creek boat ramp area. I believe this clean-up was to target additional trash and debris that had collected after Hurricane Matthew, but the litter is an ongoing and never-ending problem. I joined and participated in this effort. It was a beautiful day. It was such a shame to fill up the entire back of a truck with trash in just one hour. But I'm glad I did it. But to stay positive, it was a good day. It was a good thing. It was nice to see Tim again and do what we love to do, in a joint effort: pick up trash. We made a difference, a visible difference in no time. In doing the clean-up, I now feel as if I've bonded with Monty. Obviously we have something in common. Even cleaning up with strangers felt good. We were all one. I brought my mother along, who is the one that introduced me to my first clean-up years ago up North along the Cuyahoga River. I think it's special that we haven't lost interest or hope; we'll still do it, wherever (and she'll do it in whatever she's wearing).



In speaking with Tim and Monty, I learned that they both have a great outlook on this problem and we have to keep pushing on. They've taught me to not to get discouraged and try to look at the bright side of this situation. Even if you're not interested in either of the clans mentioned here, please pick up trash if you see it. Every little bit helps and we do need all the help we can get.

# GO LOCAL MusicProfile

By Mike Manitta

## SAVANNAH MUSIC FESTIVAL

One of the greatest benefits of living in the south is the short, mild winters, and even though January is upon us, spring is right around the corner. With that brings warmer weather, Mardi Gras and St. Patty's Day celebrations, followed up by **The Savannah Music Festival**. This year's festival runs from March 23 - April 8, 2017, and is jammed packed with some top notch talent. Coined as one of the largest and most unique cross-genre music festivals in the country, this year once again boasts a variety of talent which is not limited to your standard concert fair, merging live music performances and dance as well. There is so much entertainment available, you really need to check out the full lineup at [savannahmusicfestival.org](http://savannahmusicfestival.org), but here is a preview of some events that sparked my interest.



Opening the festival this year with a two night run at the Johnny Mercer Theatre, are the multi talented folk-rock favorites, **The Avett Brothers**. Hailing from Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, Scott and Seth Avett bring their high energy show back to Savannah following a sold out run in 2011 and 2014, so get your tickets early people if you don't want to miss out.

Another stand out event is **The Grateful Ball featuring The Traveling McCoury's and Jeff Austin Band**. With two shows slated for Friday, March 31, at 5 pm and 8:30 pm at the Ships of the Sea Museum, the bands will provide separate sets celebrating the music



of the Grateful Dead, as well as a jamming collaboration finale. The Traveling McCoury's basically feature the current members of the Del McCoury Band (without Del), spotlighting Del's sons - mandolinist Ronnie McCoury and banjoist Rob McCoury. Jeff Austin is a Colorado based mandolinist and singer who was a founding member of the bluegrass favorites, The Yonder Mountain String Band, and is sure to deliver a stellar performance. I'm really looking forward to this show.

For those with a spicy palate for the sounds of Louisiana, there's a **Cajun Dance Party featuring Feufollet and the Pine Leaf Boys**. Feufollet delivers a high energy Cajun sound that merges blues, country and rock n' roll. The Pine Leaf Boys are a four time Grammy nominated band that deliver a youthful take on the Cajun sound that appeals to generations old and young. There are two performances on Friday, March 24, at 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm at The Charles H. Morris Center.

If you're a fan of dance, then be sure to check out **Che Malambo**, as they bring their electric, vibrant dance moves to the Lucas Theatre for the Arts on Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 pm. This all male Argentine dance company mixes 17th century Malambo traditions with precise dance, drumming and singing to deliver a vigorous, entertaining performance.

There is so much diverse entertainment available, including **Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers, Jason Isbell, The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, members of the **New York City Ballet**, as well as closing night party with **The Wood Brothers**. I can't even begin to scratch the surface with the space provided, but I urge you to check out the website and take full advantage of this eclectic festival right here in our own city.



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# COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz



For me, 2016 was a great year. Many friends and family members came to visit, which is something I always look forward to and makes me happy. I truly cherish the time that I spend with all of them. We all survived Hurricane Matthew, and in doing so, we once again proved to be a strong, close knit community that I'm proud to be a part of. My typically horribly embarrassing Cleveland sports teams had a great year! I love Tybee, the people and living here. Most importantly, I got lots of quality time with my mom and dad. And despite health problems, my dad and brother are doing O.K. They are always on my mind and in my heart. So, that being said...

**1** You may know **Marrisa** from **Sting Ray's** or **Wind Rose Café**. She is pregnant and found out right before Thanksgiving. She was thankful to add a new addition to her awesome little family and her New Year's resolution is to graduate before the baby comes and begin a new career before this year ends.

**2** I'm thankful that **Daniel**, at **The Quarter Sports Bar & Grill**, is so nice to my dad and gives him good advice. He just keeps it real!

**3** We celebrated **Carol's** birthday at **Nickie's**. Carol's holiday wish for 2016 was to spend it with loved ones.

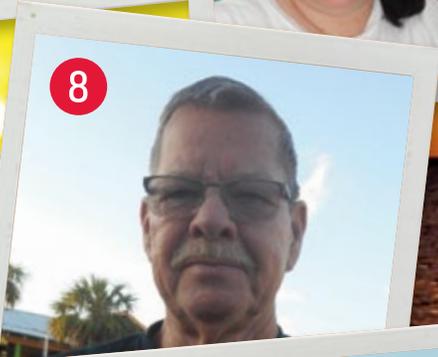
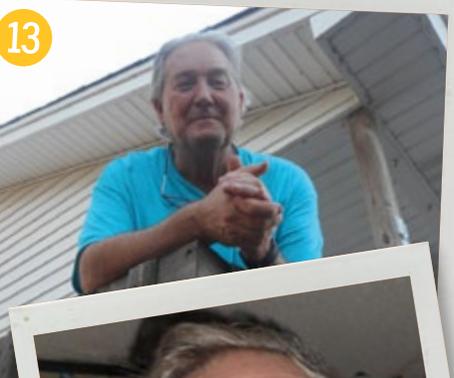
**4** We should all be thankful for **Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers** and **Marshtenders** for cleaning up litter. Especially on a Friday at 4 pm on Tybee! I am! They do it all the time ... great people!

**5** Thank you **Monica** and **Dr. Johnson** at **Tybee Animal Care**! They helped me make sure that a sweet cat I found got the proper care that she really needed. It's a long story, but she doesn't have a tail and probably had a stroke. But now's she's fine and mine!

**6** This is her, **Desi**. I found her on the grounds at **Hotel Desoto**. Hence the name! I love her!

**7** I ran into **Iris** from **Captain Mike's Dolphin Tours** at **Coco's Sunset Grille**. She had plans to stay home this year and celebrate Christmas early with family.

**8** As usual, **Gary** is down from Ohio and will be here until May. His plan was to stay here for Christmas and visit the bars. The kids told him to stay here, obviously he likes it.



**9** I stopped in **Salon Isobe** and **Carey** was giving **Tony** a most stylish cut. Carey said her plan was to have a nice and quiet Christmas and to stay home with family. Tony was thankful for family coming down to visit this past Thanksgiving from Atlanta.

**10** **Joseph** was thankful for the support of his **I.G.A.** family and customers this Thanksgiving.

**11** **John** and **Gail's** New Year's resolution: To stay alive and keep walking!

**12** **Jennifer** at **Doc's Bar** is thankful for her girls and Ricky. How sweet!

**13** **Ric** does a lot of work for **Tybee Beach Vacation Rentals**. His New Year's resolution is to work part time, he's 70 years old ... I think he deserves that.

**14** It's not a surprise that I found **Roger** at **Bennie's**. He just turned 72 and he says he's going to be a cancer survivor in 2017!

**15** **Crystal** and **Ali** work at **Chu's Department Store**. Crystal is

thankful that we survived the hurricane. Ali thinks she must be the luckiest person on Earth because she had no damage to her house at all from the storm but a couple branches down, that's it! Her holiday wish would be that all her friends that are without a home get back to home safely soon.

**16** **Marina**, with **American Beach Wear** is thankful for her husband, **Nathan**, being healthy, her Christmas wish would be for a new car, which already came true and her resolution would be to quit drinking. Maybe NEXT year, right?

**17** **Michael** was thinking a little outside the box at **The Wind Rose**. He is hopeful for March. Everyone likes a red head on St. Patrick's Day.

**18** **Kaitlyn** and **Sgt. Dicus** at the **Tybee Island Police Department** would wish for no additional fallen officers in the new year.

To explain, I got a little behind with my article with the hurricane. I missed out on mention of Thanksgiving or Christmas in the last issue. So in reflecting on 2016 and in the holiday spirit, I wanted everyone to get the chance to say what they were thankful for, what their holiday wish would be or what their New Year's resolution would be. **Happy New Year!**

# THE Fish Whisperer



Captain  
Nick Shreves

## Jan Fishing Forecast

### INSHORE

Inshore fishing will be the toughest of it all. The Speckled Sea Trout should be holding up deep, waiting in ambush mode for the bait to come to them. Finding the schools is the key. I tend to troll for them this time of year with half ounce jigs and gulp swimming mullet. When I say troll, I mean move just fast enough to keep the bait in the prime zone and not coming up above 6 to 8 feet of water. Once you find the school, anchor up and wear them out. The Redfish will be way up creeks where they can stay away from the Dolphins. Look for them to be sunning themselves on the mud flats at low tide on those warm days. For a good bet this time of year, target Sheepshead with Fiddler Crabs. The local bait shop will be stocked up and be able to get you all the tackle you need. These fish will be around any submerged structure, including oyster rakes.



### NEAR SHORE

Nearshore fishing has been pretty good. The Black Sea Bass are getting bigger in the 40 to 50 foot of water range. Cut Squid and cut bait are top choices for this plentiful fish. Ring Tails and Sheepshead will also be hanging out in the same spots, they are still working their way out and as the water cools, more and more will show up. Just like inshore they love the Fiddler Crabs, but the Black Sea Bass will be eating the crabs up as well, so make sure you bring plenty. We also are catching lots of Black Drum - plenty of meat to be had on the reefs at the moment.



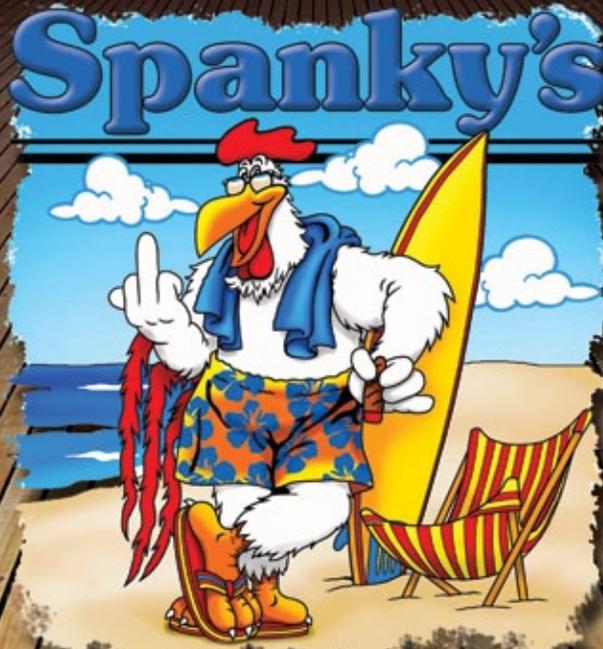
### OFF SHORE

Offshore fishing has remained good with the mild winter so far. Just remember that Grouper are now closed and cannot be kept. The American Red Snapper are thick, and to catch any bottom fish you will have to fight these guys off. Make sure you have a deventing tool, so that way when you release these fish they can survive. Vermillion Snapper are open and they are plentiful as well. Just like most bottom fishing, Squid and cut bait work great. The stream is producing Blackfin Tuna, Wahoo, Amberjack and Barracuda, and will be around the big structures and ledges, looking to eat anything they can get.

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# TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



## Naked January



I'm sure you have all heard the story about the lonely, beautiful housewife that greets you at the front door in her sexiest teddy. I was recently told a story like that this past Fourth of July. My neighbor, a contractor for over forty years, told me his naked story. He showed up at a one bedroom apartment in town, knocked on the door, rang the doorbell and announced, "Landlord!" No response, so he let himself in and again "Landlord! I'm here to fix your sink." Still no response. He proceeded to the bathroom to repair the sink. He was busy with his work when a six foot three 250 plus pound giant naked black man came out of the bedroom yelling "What the heck are you doing in my house?!" He replied "Landlord!! I'm here to fix the sink."

Truthfully, when we had our topless golf cart - which I referred to as Tybee's only topless taxi - for some women that was all the encouragement they needed to flash me. I told one girl the show was getting old after the third time and would really prefer cash. Nearly got a black eye that night! Thanks ladies, well most of you.

The first summer we were in business we befriended a guy who had a knack for convincing women to go skinny dipping in the ocean. Three out of five times they would leave their clothes too close to the incoming tide, so Breezy would get a call ... "Can you meet me on the beach (around whatever street they would be near) with some clothes?" Yes we can and yes we did.

Every summer we have that green phosphorescence that is neon

green; that just screams out to people to take their clothes off and go skinny dipping. One time we were doing a drop off at Alley 3 and - lo and behold - there was one of TYPD's finest in his birthday suit! My driver said "Hi! What's up?" and they high fived each other.

Then there is the Yellow Cab driver who lived on Tybee that I call Naked Man. I was at a bar one night and it happened to be his fiftieth birthday. He said, "Ron, I think I'm going to get naked for my birthday." I thought 'yeah right, because you know - who does that?' That guy does, that's who! He came out of the men's room with all of his clothes on his head. Naked Man was in the building! The reaction was not very receptive. A couple people took pictures and laughed and he sat at the bar drinking.

A couple weeks later I went to pick him up in front of a south end bar on Tybrisa. I was rolling down the street and there he was in the buff again! A crowd of people were on the balcony of the hotel next door just taking it all in. I pulled up and said, "Bro, at the least put on your underwear." He did and we rolled to a bar mid-island. The parking lot was full. He said, "I'm going in naked." And he did. A woman from the nursing home was walking out as he was walking in and she gave him the once over and said, "Oh lawd!" She then followed him back into the bar...

Deliveries tend to have the most nudity. There was an evening in the early days where I stumbled across what amounted to an elder swinger's party. I was delivering some food to a familiar customer and let myself in. We were a bit more familiar after that! There were quite a few wrinkled old bodies on full display that day.

Then, of course, there was this past summer when Joey witnessed a fairly horrific scene close to Lazaretto Creek. He was delivering something to some regulars and came upon one of the three roommates asleep in a chair outside. He tried to wake him but this guy wouldn't come to. Just when Joey was about to dial 911 he got a response, and the guy mumbled that his money was inside on the counter, just leave the food there. So, in Joey went. Walked right in on the other two roomies going at it wildly. Buck Naked. In a pretty advanced Kama-Sutra style position. 'Imagine two Gremlins,' that's how he described it, 'except more boney and wrinkled, wrapped up in a sweaty heap. Maybe 160 lbs between the two.' Sexy... He dropped the food, and ran out of that place as quick as he could. Didn't even take the money! He thinks maybe he suffered a mild stroke or something.

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**Two things about me: a.) I like wine, and b.) I like to whine.** Complaining is my main export. I try to be reasonable, but I don't have a lot of patience. My current struggle is my house. More than two months after Matthew hit, I'm sitting in a roofless, naked building, wondering when they will start work.

Once the work began, I was told it would be a three day job, and now has turned into two weeks of every jackass in Chatham County coming over and hitting my house with hammers. I'm starting to question if any of this is beneficial to the process, or if people have just figured out I can't identify the difference between a construction worker and some idiot with a hammer.

Every morning, at 9:00 on the button, the banging starts. Being awakened this way causes me to make the one-eyed stumble from the bed to the couch, where I spy on the workers to see if anyone owns a tool besides a hammer. Day 14, still nothing but hammers. This continues until the hammerers in question stop for lunch and a nap on my porch, which makes me feel awkward about entering and exiting my domicile, for fear of waking the sleeping stranger holding a hammer. The irony is that I'm afraid to wake those who wake me up at the ass crack of mid-morning daily.

When I'm not spying on the sleeping laborers on my porch, I now find a large chunk of my time is devoted to randomly answering the door, because I cannot tell in this empty shell of what was once possibly a barn, where the incessant banging is coming from. The process of door answering is done with caution, as I was nearly killed the other day when I stepped out onto my porch to take in the sights of the ocean, only to have a hammer wielding jackass drop an outdoor wall sconce from the third floor which shattered on the second floor and rained chunks of tempered glass all over me. I call it danger confetti, patent pending.

As the day goes on, I become more and more irritable. I spy, answer the door, and occasionally try to drown out the banging with Donna Summers – although my goal is to not alert my new neighbors to my large collection of Disco Music. If you're reading this, well, the disco isn't going anywhere. However, speaking with the wife, I know she feels my hammer related pain. I have also found it is not safe to stand in the lawn or driveway, as my house now spews roofing shingles at random intervals, and I found dodging them is a bit of a workout.

Once I can take no more, and deem it possible to flee my home and head to the bar, I exit with haste! Staying at bay until the last pick-up truck has left for the day, and I can safely and quietly return home, and prepare for another beautiful day brought to me by the Hammer Gods.



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# Foodie Finds

By Nathan Frisby

## Nate's Sausage Cream of Crab Stew in Bread Bowl



### Ingredients:

- 2 - 16 oz. lump crab meat
- 2 - 16 oz. back fin crab meat
- 2 green bell peppers
- 2 red bell peppers
- 1 - 14 oz. smoke house sausage meat
- 1 qt. heavy cream
- 1 yellow onion
- 2 cans of yellow corn kettle
- 2 jalapeno peppers
- 4 qts. water
- 5 tbsp of seafood base or chicken base
- Tuscan bread bowl
- 4 tbsp of Old Bay Seasoning
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 2 sticks of real salted butter
- 1 stick of cream butter
- 2 cups of flour
- 1 tsp salt



First you dice onion, green and red peppers, and jalapeno. Put in mixing bowl. Then dice your sausage (it's ok to taste a piece of sausage so you can get a feel of flavor that is going to be mixed into your stew). Get a nice sized non-stick cooking pot and start to heat up. Add stick of real butter. Keep flame or temp on low so you don't burn the butter. Once melted, go ahead and add diced peppers, onion and sausage. If you are like me, you will love the smell of cooked peppers and onions. All you can say is "mmmmmm."

Proceed to add salt, pepper and Old Bay to get all that flavor mixed in. Once the veggies and sausage start to brown, add crab meat and mix it in. If you like crab, then it is ok to go overboard and add as much crab meat as you like. Once all is mixed in and cooked, add water and stick of cream butter. Bring it to a boil. Once it starts boiling, add your chicken or seafood based and make sure you taste to flavor. Add heavy cream and corn with a scooch more of Old Bay for flavor.

While that is cooking, turn your oven to 400 for your bread bowl. Once preheated, place bowl in for 15 minutes or until it is golden brown.

While all of that is going on, melt your other stick of butter in the microwave and add to your flour to make a roux. Mix together till nice and thick. Add a little at a time to your stew to make it thick. Do not overdo it as you still want a soupy look.

Once the bread bowl is ready, cut a nice size circle out and gently pull out the top. Set to the side and add your stew. Use the top for dipping!





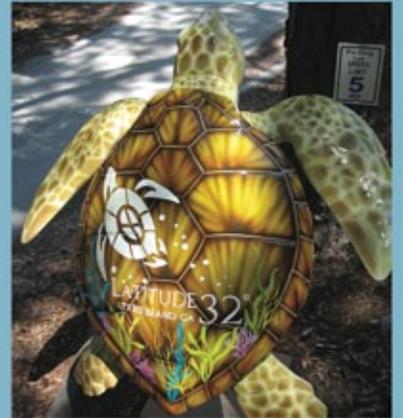
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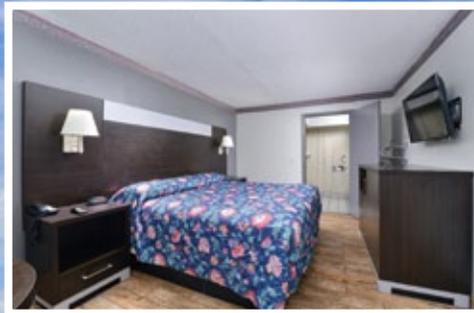
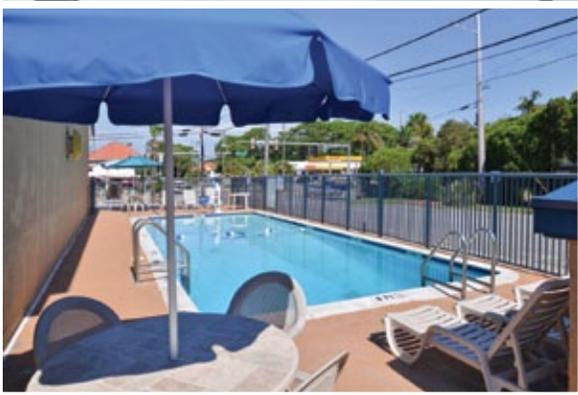
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At the end of an epic year, I have to reflect on the wonderful wave action that we've had. My mind rewinds to the recent past with our outstanding hurricane season and even back to some calm, easy swells during those busy summer months.

The winter count for Tybee surfers is pretty slim but there are some dedicated players that don't mess around, squeaking into their rubbery wetsuit that are ingeniously engineered to reabsorb and retain body heat. Gotta keep that heart warm and the rest will follow ... for the most part. We were able to skin it up until the middle of December when the water finally dropped into the low 60s and the arctic chill started sweeping into our homes and hair.

The most gracious mornings in the water include clean offshore (west) winds, waist high sets, dolphins, double rainbows and diving pelicans. These moments are filled with an interconnectedness that is hard to replicate anywhere outside the water. The pull to reconvene with this feeling of fluidity and flexibility is a positive and inspirational force. Our fortunate ability to hit the water and waves and instantly feel immersed in total vitality and a deep well of substance is a rare

escape from our opaque society. Most fortunately, just outside our door, we have access to this amazing source of life and community.

I'm beaming with pride from the pull for humanity that we have been witnessing lately on both the local and national level. This movement of people coming together and protecting their quality of life, helping each other out, sharing in the fight for a better world - whether it be clean water or the preservation of local culture - has been an amazing feat of unity. My goal this year is to keep the ball rolling. We have the opportunity to get involved. Though the water brings me such peace and security and helps me feel a connectivity that is directly tied in with the rest of the world, the people are what it's all about and together we have the power to make all the difference.

Despite any political influence, if we have each other's backs and pull for quality rather than quantity, the trajectory of our own livelihood can only move in a positive direction. We can be the change that we want to see in the world, as Gandhi so eloquently says, and what is put out has ripple effects no matter its substance. Power to the people.

As we move forward into 2017 I hope everyone is able to feel the unity of our one race and treasure one another on this blue planet. Yes, this may be a bit ideological but the best place to start is with your neighbor. Fortunately for us, Tybee is one of the best examples I have seen of such community. It will be a blessing to kick off this year with a good old polar plunge and reset in the water. Get connected and accept and encourage one another. There is nothing like a community to start these positive practices and watch them blossom into fruition.

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One hot-ass Friday night in July, a man sneaks into the bar (via the back door) and locks himself in the men's restroom. After about 20 minutes and four different guys trying to get in, two of them report to me at the bar that they can't get in to relieve themselves.

I finish waiting on a couple of patrons whilst trying to keep an eye on the bathroom to see if anyone comes out. Nope. No one exits and another man tries to enter. And yes, the door is still locked!

So, I approach the bathroom, knock on the door, and ask if everything is all right. No reply. Then I go into the women's bathroom, which is to the right of the men's room. I beat on the adjacent wall and holler, "Can you hear me? Are you coherent? Does someone need to kick in the door to assist you?" No reply.

I come out of the women's bathroom and tell a friend, who is an off-duty police officer having a cocktail with some family and friends, of my dilemma. He agrees to try and get a response. He bangs on the door, identifies himself as a police officer, and demands that the person on the other side open the door. I'm standing 3 feet to the right of my friend. Lo and Behold! The door unlocks and the occupant opens it. OMG!! The fool is standing there with his pants down to his ankles!

I turn around and head back to bar. LOL! LMAO!! After 30 years of bartending, I have seen quite a few drunk people shed their clothes, but this was something I wish I had not. It nearly made me go blind (or wish I was!).

My friend follows up with me a few minutes later. He is dying laughing at this point. He finally tells me that the said occupant is getting dressed and should be leaving soon, but we will probably have to sanitize the men's room. Wonderful!! Time to break out the Hazmat suit. Yuk!!

Sure enough, he comes out. He zigzags towards the bar. I intercede and escort him to the door. Clearly he had been thrown out of another establishment and unfortunately came into mine.

One of our local regulars follow him out to see where he would go. I call TIPD to come check him out. By the time they arrive, a buddy to the man finds him and walks him toward the Strand. He disappears into the night.

Later, my buddy (the police officer), states a valid point and makes me laugh again – he says, "Pam, I would have called it in as indecent exposure, but it just wouldn't have applied!"

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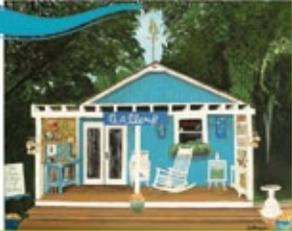
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# Main Street MUSINGS

CHEERS TO HAPPY,  
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As always, the holidays flew by, leaving us with wonderful memories of another holiday season. As the island came together in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, it seemed like the island was even more festive with holiday décor and celebrations with family and friends. Everyone that participated in the *Community of Caring*, put on events, and participated in the various parades and island-wide parties, is proof positive of what a remarkable place Tybee is to live, work, and play! Thank you to those that helped make *Tybee for the Holidays* another successful month in which to experience Tybee in a different "light."



*Lights On for Tybee* had an amazing turn-out, as everyone present enjoyed the tree lighting on this year's 24' tree, the Tybee Arts Association's Charlie Brown themed Christmas carols, the Gretchen Greene dancers, snow machine, and goodies and treats provided by Tybrisa & Strand businesses. Santa rounded the evening out with his visit to all the good little boys and girls (and some grown-ups!). Then the Tybee Island Christmas Parade continued the holiday traditions with numerous festive participants, leading Santa to the YMCA for activities and picture taking, while onlookers lined the parade route from downtown Tybee to 5th Street. Throughout the month's celebration, donations were collected at many locations island-wide for Rising TYde Food Pantry, Tybee's Animal Shelter, and the Children's Hospital at Memorial. An overwhelming amount of donations, from food items, to animal necessities, to toys were collected to help brighten the season for others. Each organization is appreciative of the huge hearts that make up our small barrier island.

Thank you also for shopping locally this season! We are extremely fortunate to benefit from the many Tybee businesses that provide services, goods, and amazing meals for our community and its numerous visitors.

We celebrated "Shop Small Saturday" on November 26, with participating businesses offering additional specials, like comp parking passes for the day and re-usable tote bags.



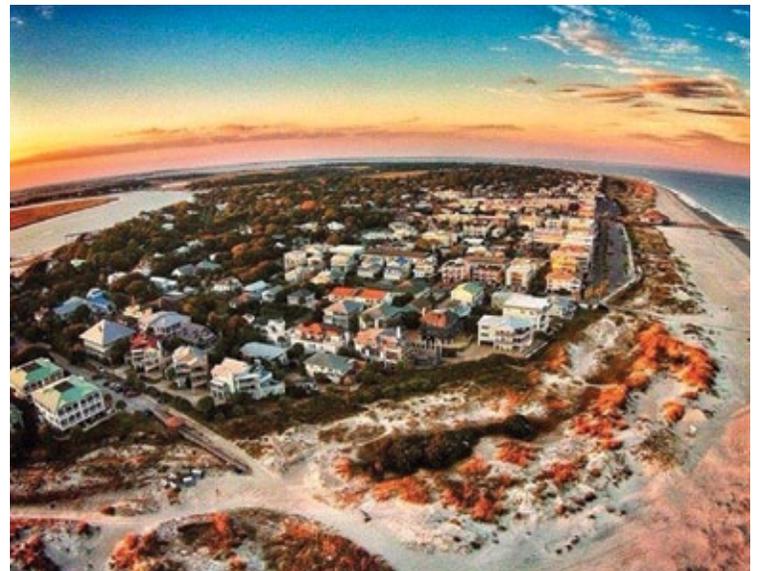
Many activities are coming up. The annual *MLK Parade & Program* takes place on January 7, and then next up is the *Critz Tybee Run Fest* February 3 – 4. Once again, runners will be opting to participate in multiple races beginning Friday evening through Saturday. Please visit [www.critztybeerun.com](http://www.critztybeerun.com) for route information. Then, on Feb. 4 – 5, the Tybee Arts Association's Show & Sale will be held at the Arts Center. Celebrations for Mardi Gras followed by the Irish Heritage Celebration take us into springtime, so be sure to check the *Main Street Talk* e-newsletter as we all gear up for the season.

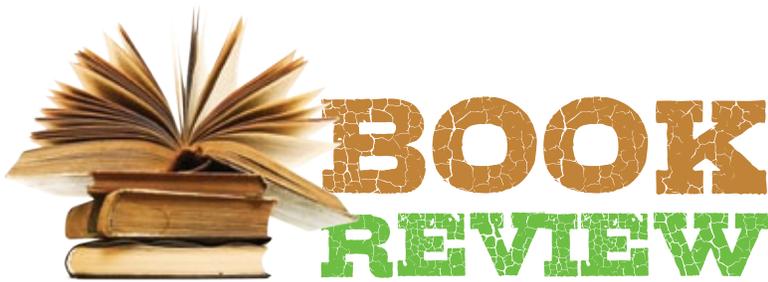
Feel free to contact members of the Main Street Board of Directors or me with suggestions and/or concerns representing Tybee's community, commerce, and culture. Your assistance in helping ensure the vision that Tybee truly is your nostalgic paradise to live, do business, and visit year-round is always welcomed as well.

For more information about the Tybee Island Development Authority/ Main Street Program, upcoming city approved special events, Door to Door News, Business Matters, and Historic Preservation Spotlights, sign up for the monthly Main Street Talk e-newsletter by visiting [www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com](http://www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com). The Tybee Island Main Street FB page is updated quite regularly as well with "news you can use." We invite you to like it.

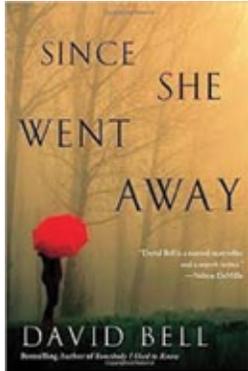
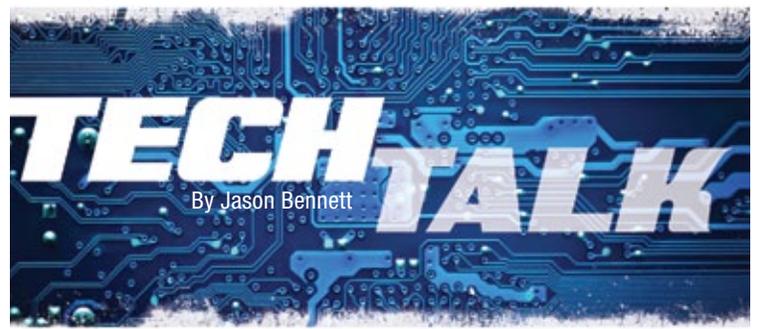
## See you around town! Brenda & Chantel

Article contributors: Brenda Marion, Development Authority/Main Street Director, Promotions Committee Chair & Chantel Morton, Program Executive Director





By Nell Klein



## SINCE SHE WENT AWAY

By David Bell

There's nothing like a good missing person story. Was she abducted or did she run away? Is she alive or dead? In ***Since She Went Away*** you will ask all of these questions and more until the very unexpected ending stops you in your tracks.

Wife and mother Celia Waters has been missing for 3 months from Hawks Mill, Kentucky. Celia and her best friend, Jenna Barton, were supposed to meet at a park for a midnight rendezvous but Celia wasn't there when Jenna showed up late. Since then, Jenna blames herself and has become consumed with her friend's disappearance. Jenna, single mother to a 15-year-old son, Jared, struggles to keep sanity in her and her son's life in spite of being caught up in a crime investigation. Jenna also has a past with Celia's husband, Ian, which really makes the story heat up and complicate things.

In the meantime, Jared becomes involved with Tabitha, a new girl at school with no apparent past, with lots of secrets, as well as a domineering father. But when Tabitha disappears without any warning, Jenna begins to feel that there is a connection to Celia's disappearance, so as she starts to unwind the truth of Celia's disappearance, the buried secrets begin to emerge.

This book sucked me in right out of the gate. In spite of that, I give it 4 roses because it tends to get sluggish in parts. Also, I had a little trouble agreeing with Jenna's mothering tactics. Allowing your 15-year-old to have sex in his bedroom? I'm no prude but, geez, come on Mom! But in spite of all that, the ending totally caught me off guard and that makes it well worth the read. I always say that I'd rather read an OK book with a great ending than a really great book with a crappy ending.

***So, until next time, have a happy and prosperous New Year and read a book, and if it's a good read, pass it on!***

## WHAT DO I DO IF I GET HACKED AND SOMEONE PRETENDS TO BE ME ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

If someone hacks your account, the first plan of action would be to contact the provider of your social media account. If your Facebook account gets hacked, contact them as soon as possible. You will find a support link on the main page of Facebook. Same thing with an email account, if it gets hacked, contact the support department of the account provider.

We have some options and tools to prevent our accounts from getting hacked. Facebook for example, has some tools for recovering your account if it becomes hijacked. You can enter an alternate email address that they will use if any changes are requested, such as a hacker trying to change your password so you can't get in, and they can.

There is also an option to enter your mobile phone number that they will contact in the event of suspicious activity. Email providers and other social media providers have these tools as well. The best method of protection is to take measures before a problem occurs. If you do not have these measures in place before your account is hacked or hijacked, then you may not be able to recover your account, and I've seen cases where this has happened.

Go to your account settings and privacy options and use them, make sure that any changes to your account must be verified with these tools.

Lastly, make sure you have a secure password. Never use simple passwords, such as a simple word. Use passwords with letters and numbers, throw in a capitol letter or two as well as lower cases. Some providers are making these a requirement to help protect you from someone getting into your account. Also, a good idea would be to change your passwords from time to time, and never use the same password for multiple accounts. Such as your bank account, never use the same password as your email and social media accounts etc. Public internet access can also be a danger, be cautious when using free public wifi hotspots and internet cafés. It is a good idea to avoid logging into confidential sites such as your bank account when using public internet access, or public computers and devices such as internet cafés. Log on to confidential sites only from private devices and networks.



# Haûs Frau

By Rem

## Time to bundle up, don't forget your plants!

### The Gift of the New Year

Christmas is over. The shiny ribbon and glittery tissue and carefully selected wrapping paper are put away. The Santa stuck waving a gloved hand in a snow globe of perfection is bubble-wrapped and stored. The stockings are empty and limp once more. The evergreen scent is slowly dissipating from the air, that smell of everyday home life taking over again. The chocolate doesn't seem as festive to me as it had days before, now it's just calorie-laden. And that nagging feeling of disappointment sits heavy in my stomach. I've never understood this disappointment. I've had it following Christmas for as long as I can remember. The feeling of something promised not quite being delivered. The feeling that Christmas day never has and never could live up to all the hype surrounding it.

Lucky for us, we have New Year's Day right around the corner. What the perfect opportunity to put aside what was and make way for what's new. Find comfort in building something from scratch or else adding on to what we've already been building. But instead of resolving to lose ten pounds or save more money this year like every year, maybe this is the year to try a new approach:

- **Resolve to be more compassionate.** Yes, people can be too much sometimes. They annoy you, they attack you, they do inexplicable things you will never understand. But what if, instead of condemning those people, we feel compassion for them and thank God that we are able to live such peaceful lives, while they are stuck in strife.
- **Resolve to relax.** There's so much pressure around New Year's to be and do more. What if, instead, we decide to be and do less and feel harmony about that. What if we decide that we already have enough, that we already are enough, and there isn't anything else that needs to be added to our lives? What then?
- **Resolve to do something nice for someone else.** So much joy and satisfaction can come from volunteering our time and energy to help make someone's day better. It feels so good inside to do something for someone else with no expectation of reciprocation. We should take time this year to make a difference for someone else.
- **Resolve to learn something new.** We start dying when we stop growing. Never stop being amazed at all the things there are to learn in this world. We couldn't learn it all if we had ten lifetimes. But take some time this year to learn one new thing. Don't believe the line about old dogs and new tricks. That's bull. It's never too late to pick up a new talent. What have you always wanted to know how to do? This is the year for it.
- **Resolve to pay attention.** The real gifts of your life are all around us. They weren't wrapped in shiny paper under the Christmas tree. The real gifts are our family and friends. The community of people we've surrounded ourselves with. The real gifts are the quiet moments alone when the dryer is humming and the sun is shining through the window and you have a cup of hot tea in your hands and all feels right with the world. Pay attention to those things, really notice them and watch how everything else just falls into place.

Here we are, officially in the winter season. Although the temperatures have been fairly mild thus far, our plants are counting on us to be prepared for the dangers of cold weather and frost. Inevitably, every year I lose a plant or two because I forgot to protect it from a damaging winter freeze and kick myself since it only takes a few minutes to save a plant! So rather than staring at the dead thing all winter and waiting until spring to dig out the dead thing and replace it, try a few of these easy suggestions for saving your plants during the winter months:

**Containers** - Plants in containers are the most susceptible to damage of freezing.

**Small containers:** If the container is small enough to move, ideally place it in the garage or a shed during the danger of frost, move it back out after danger of frost has passed. If this is not a possibility, pack them together as close to the house as you can and wrap the pots with a blanket or heavy sheet to protect the roots. A lighter sheet can be draped over the plants to shield them from the direct frost. Try to make sure the sheet is not touching the leaves by using stakes to keep the sheet from direct contact. Depending on your motivation level to go out in the cold, just placing the plants under the cover of a porch can often provide enough cover to avoid detrimental damage.

**Large containers:** If the container is too large and heavy to move the best bet is, again, to wrap the container in a blanket or heavy sheet to protect the roots. Like with the smaller containers, a lighter sheet can be draped over the plant to shield it from frost keeping the sheet from direct contact with the foliage.

#### Landscape Plants/Young Trees

Generally, both established and young landscape plants need a layer of mulch during the winter months. Place leaves, grass clippings, sawdust, straw or peat moss in a layer around the base of the plant or tree. Make sure the mulch layer is wide enough to cover the roots. Now we're out in the yard and the thought of draping sheets all over the trees and plants seems a little wackadoodle. Fortunately, the world of landscaping must have thought of this and created a handy dandy product called 'reemay.' Reemay is a cloth-like material that allows in light, heat and moisture, while it prevents harm from bugs, wind and frost. It's still a little on the sheet-like side but definitely has a more 'professional, I care about my plants' look.

Taking a few minutes to protect your plants and landscape investment is worth the time. Plants are expensive, especially trees! While sheets and blankies may save the plant or tree, I suggest spending a few bucks and getting the reemay that can be reused for years to come. Plus you don't have to wash or throw away dirty sheets and blankets, adding to your list of spring cleaning. Just fold up the reemay and store it for next year.

Happy New Year!!!

# Swizzle out of Winter!

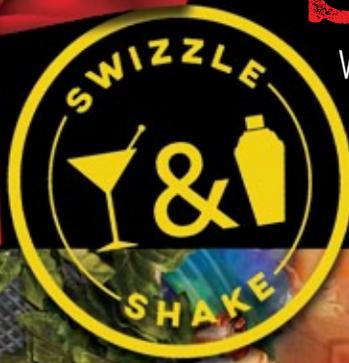
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## CONCERT CALENDAR

1/12 **Railroad Earth** - Georgia Theatre - Athens

1/12- 1/15 **Umprey's McGee** - The Tabernacle - Atlanta

1/14 **Tybee City Limits** - Tybee Post Theater

1/28 **The Queen of Cool: A Tribute/Peggy Lee** - Tybee Post Theater

1/29/17 **Tedeschi Trucks Band** - Johnny Mercer Theatre - Savannah

2/10 **Bon Jovi** - Phillips Arena - Atlanta

2/16 **Three Dog Night / America** - Florida Theater - Jacksonville

2/25/17 **Joe Bonamassa** - Savannah Civic Center - Savannah

3/3 **Styx** - Johnny Mercer Theatre - Savannah

3/10 **Devon Allman** - Tybee Post Theater

3/12 **Amos Lee** - North Charleston Performing Arts Center - North Charleston

3/15 **Gordon Lightfoot** - Lucas Theatre - Savannah

3/23 - 3/24 **Avett Brothers** - Johnny Mercer Theatre

3/23/17 - 4/08/17 **Savannah Music Festival** - Various Venues

4/1 **Jason Isbell** - Johnny Mercer Theatre - Savannah

4/8 **Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers** - Trustees Theater

4/8 **The Wood Brothers** - Ships of the Sea Museum - Savannah

4/14 **Red Hot Chili Peppers** - Phillips Arena - Atlanta

4/19 **Jeff Dunham** - Savannah Civic Center

6/16 -6/17 **Gregg Allman** - Lucas Theatre - Savannah

# From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

We finally got that albatross known as 2016 behind us - and I for one couldn't be more relieved. Come to think of it, I couldn't wait to wear the pelt of 2015 on my belt, as well. As a contributor to this publication, I'm certainly obligated to report some cheery anecdote at this point out of respect for the opportunity to continue growing older in the approaching new year. As such, having never been one to look the 'gift horse of Life in the mouth' - this year you'll have to excuse me for not feeling compelled to be rid of the negative in an effort to embrace the positive. Ultimately, something has to give - and the rite of passage that is the ending of one year and the start of a new, fresh one, doesn't seem to hold the same meaning as in years past. Time is a practical joker that always has the last laugh, but I'm not really ready for a chuckle this year due to the inordinate amount of loss experienced of late.

Last year claimed its fair share of legends, artists, island characters, and all around folks who've made an impression on almost every aspect of humanity - on & off the island. While every twelve months consists of noteworthy losses, last year seemed to be especially difficult in the loss of so many formative influences felt by young, and the young at heart, alike. 'Turning the page' after the loss of a loved one, or the loss of one that has contributed greatly to our identity, or how we view ourselves in the world around us is one of life's greatest challenges. As a resident of this tiny hamlet on the edge of the world, many of us have confronted the loss of one of our own with the overwhelming sense of loss that can still be felt many years later. There should be some tasty morsel of truth that I could give the readers, but alas, the longer we live, and the more folks we come across that qualify, the more we feel benefitted by having known them. While it would be great if this were all that was needed, but whether a Gen X product of John Cusack movies, or the overall result of being raised by television, there just seems to be some meaning to it all that I haven't grasped, yet. The result is a perceived betrayal by the cosmos that seemingly conspires to keep us wandering the earth for some sense of purpose ... like Kung Fu - with flip flops, and a smaller area to roam.

At times, whether confronted by the loss of a loved one to death, or due to some other worldly transgression, it always seems to help to have access to the seashore. Don't ask me how this began - perhaps it could have been a conditioned response, or a longing to return to the sea by those who dared to come ashore only to find that life on land would consist of so many new challenges? For

whatever reason, there is a strong correlation between the seashore and the rite of passage that involves our 'finding ourselves' when roaming along the ocean side. Hollywood has established itself in our collective psyche by filming on our shores, throughout our island, and the new year will bring several of these to a screen near you before we do this again next year.

Thankfully, there are several folks on the island who live their lives through service to others, and these folks always seem to amaze me. Whenever you come into contact with someone who is volunteering for the sake of another, it's uncanny how their issues seem nonexistent. They seem unaltered by problems that the rest of us 'wear' like a bad haircut or cheap suit. A great example of this contribution towards betterment for all by a few is the group that take the time to clean up the beach. These folks strive tirelessly after tourist-filled weekends, forecasted storms, and regularly scheduled 'swarms of humanity' on a regular basis to keep the authentic beach experience intact, so that we, others from other locations, and generations to come of each may continue to find themselves where we find ourselves.

Rather than feeling depressed, or burned out over the occurrences of the past, I think I'll take this opportunity to say thank you to a volunteer this month for keeping our island such a great place to live, work, and play. For all that you do, thank you Tybee volunteers - for giving us newfound perspectives!

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# THE SPORTS PAGE

By G.C.



Well, it has been a helluva month for my fellow sports fans, ragers, screamers, Face Book nutballs, sports bar bottle throwers, and everyone else in between. Let's get to it.

We are going back for a moment to NASCAR (when will this end?). Jimmy Johnson won the Sprint Cup in a cake walk to tie Dale Earnhardt, Sr. and Richard Petty with SEVEN cups! That is pretty huge even if you don't care. Also, on the note of no one I know cares, David Suarez, the first non-American (he's Mexican) to win any Nascar championship, won the Xfinity and Johnny Sauter won the Camping World Truck Series. Moving right along ...

College football playoffs are going to give me a damn coronary! I have changed my mind as we are all wont to do when our teams aren't doing what we scream at them through the television. So playoffs, yeah. I am gonna say Alabama and Ohio State for the championship game, January 9. Clemson, you dropped the ball. Literally. Sigh. Perhaps next year will be better.

The Heisman trophy winner was announced and congratulations to Louisville's Lamar Jackson!!! Not only is he the youngest winner at 19 years, some days and hours shorter than the other guy, Lamar Jackson can rock a red jacket like no one I have ever seen! Way to go young guy!!

The NFL has been very unpredictable so far this year. But the usual teams are rising to the top. What is going on in sports land?? Let me make a prediction and have it actually happen! So, as I consult my crystal ball, it is telling me Kansas City or New England in the AFC against, as I consult my Ouija Board, Atlanta or Dallas in the NFC, but don't forget Seattle, Oakland and Pittsburg. And the hair of my frog tells me that Cleveland may hopefully win a game this year.

I am so looking forward to March Madness! Georgia has a decent team, but UCLA is tough to beat and, at this writing just beat Kentucky. It's too early to predict if Villanova will repeat last year's National Championship Title, so we're also looking at North Carolina, Duke and all the other suspects.

Woman's College Basketball has had me hooked since the UConn girls have dominated. It is awfully early for a predication, though. But Baylor and Maryland, who are kicking butt too, are definitely worth watching. Those girls can play!

So, to close it down, have a great weekend of sports and may the best team win!

# Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in Jan By Mom

## Happy New Year!

1-1 **Tybee Polar Plunge** 11am-1pm at Tybee Pier and Pavilion. Noon for the actual chilling plunge for a dip in the Atlantic. To avoid the long lines in registering, check [www.TybeePostTheater.org](http://www.TybeePostTheater.org) for more info and sign up.

1-7 **Tybee MLK Parade** 2-5pm on Butler Ave. Celebrate Martin Luther King Day and his contributions to Human Rights. Special events at the YMCA.

1-12 **Date Night Noir: Chinatown** 7pm. A new monthly movie event at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Your \$10 ticket gets you the movie, a complimentary glass of wine and a "kiss."

1-14 **Tybee City Limits Lyn Avenue and Wood and Steel** 8 pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Tybee City Limits, the Best in Live Local Music, moves back to Saturday nights! Two of the Coastal Empire's hottest young bands fronted by two amazing singer-songwriters and musicians, Lyn Avenue and Wood and Steel will be performing. Tickets \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under.

1-15 **Goin' For Koen Poker Stroll-Island Style** 12pm at Spanky's Beachside, 1605 Strand Ave. Cash Prizes, raffles and more. Proceeds will benefit SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) related organizations. A number of local restaurants will be participating. For more info, go online [www.eventful.com/tybeeisland/events](http://www.eventful.com/tybeeisland/events).

1-18 **Fort Pulaski** Free Pass Day at Fort Pulaski, Hwy 80.

1-26 **Girls Night Out The Philadelphia Story** 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. A new monthly movie series for the ladies - and guys with a heart - promises to bring you the most endearing and enduring love stories, often with a little tragedy, to stir the emotions. For your \$10 ticket you get a complimentary glass of wine a pack of hankies. You bring the shoulders to cry on!

1-28 **The Queen of Cool A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee** 8 pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Tybee Post Theater launches its new Jazz Legends series with "The Queen of Cool: A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee." Southern Holiday Jazz Band, with acclaimed vocalist Jane Ogle, will share the Peggy Lee story, playing 20 legendary songs, and relating even more legends about The Queen of Cool. Tickets \$20 general admission.

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# Bartender of the MONTH



By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

This month's Bartender of the Month is **Lori Dalton!** Who is that you ask? I don't think anyone knows her real name! Well the secret is out now and it is our own **Smokey** at **Coco's Sunset Grille!** I got a chance to sit down with Smokey and get the facts about Lori Dalton.

Born and raised in Northumberland, PA, Smokey was a happy girl with a close family. After graduating from high school, she realized it was time to skedaddle on to bigger and better places. That place was Ocean City, MD. She began bartending and serving and it just felt right. Smokey worked at several different locations throughout her Ocean City experience for 18 years.

A new change was due and Smokey found herself doing a day trip to Brunswick, GA. It didn't quite feel right and, as we all do, she found herself on Tybee. No one quite knows how this happens, it just does and we all know it's just right. No different for Smokey. She walked into Coco's at the right place at the right time and was hired instantly. Five years later and happily ensconced and in love with a family consisting of a rescue dog, an iguana, two cats, and passion! Life is good!

**Naturally, I asked the three questions of Life:**

**How long on Tybee: Five years**

**Passion: Harley B4 Super Glide (oh yeah!)**

**When you grow up: Not sure I am going to ever do that**

Smokey's go to cocktail is called "Smokey's Smiley" and it is delish! Vodka based (always a favorite) with secret ingredients thrown in for yummy, the "Smiley" is a must for both tourists and locals alike. Have a couple of those and all your worries and frets go right off the dock! Along with your clothes, flip flops and you!

Go see Smokey at Coco's Sunset Grille! You will get great, friendly service and a smile that is constant! Don't call her Lori though. She won't know who you are talking to!!



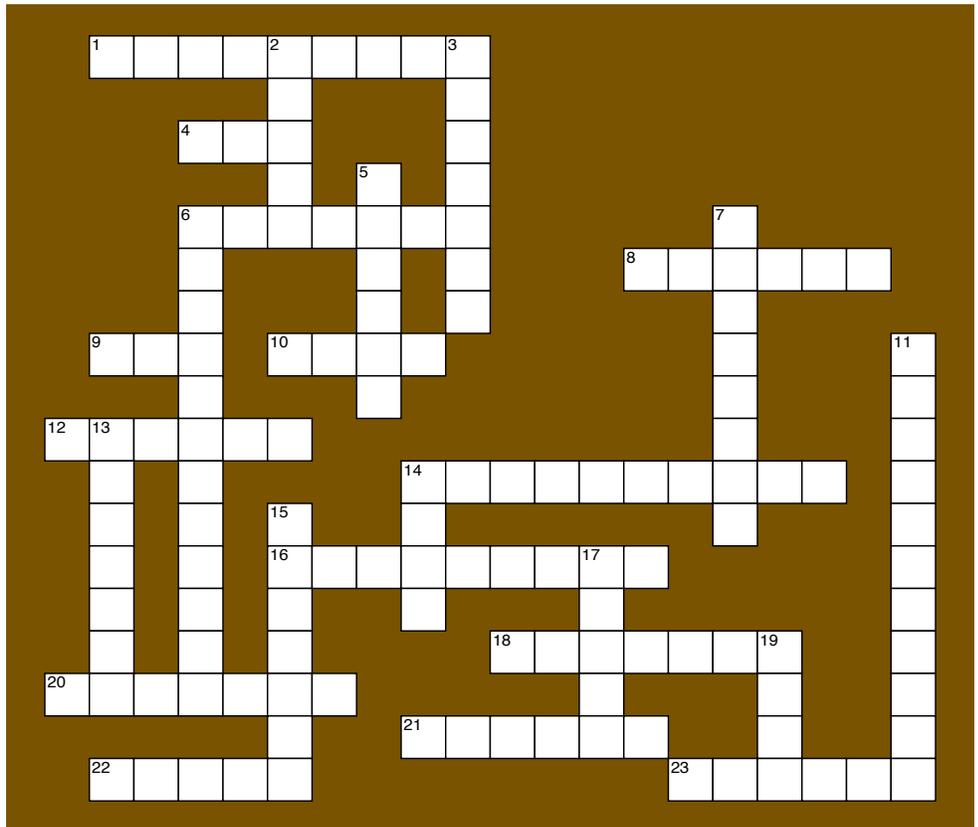
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- 9 Bizz Buzz place
- 10 Going For \_\_\_\_\_ Poker Stroll
- 12 Season \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Tybee \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers (2 wds.)
- 16 Woody says 2016 is known as this
- 18 Monthly Rant subject
- 20 Trophy won by Lamar Jackson
- 21 Bartender of the Month's nickname
- 22 \_\_\_\_\_ New Year!
- 23 Don't send a message in this

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- 2 Taxi Tales topic
- 3 Free pass here on Jan.18
- 5 It's a trashy problem on Tybee
- 6 They get down and dirty
- 7 Music festival will be here
- 11 New Year swim (2 wds,)
- 13 Fish Whisperer says this will be the toughest fishing
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Created by Margie McLellan

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|-------------|--------------|
| AJS         | MARSHTENDERS |
| ALBATROSS   | MLK          |
| BANGING     | NAKED        |
| BOTTLE      | PLANTS       |
| CLEAN BEACH | POLAR PLUNGE |
| CRAB        | PULASKI      |
| GIFT        | SAVANNAH     |
| HAPPY       | SINCE        |
| HEISMAN     | SMOKEY       |
| INSHORE     | SPRINT CUP   |
| JANUARY     | WINTER       |
| KOEN        | MAD LIBS     |
| LITTER      |              |

# SHOPS AT TYBEE OAKS



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## 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 HUC-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

Now Open!

## 9 KELLY & COMPANY

Essential oils to make your bath and body experience perfect!

## 10 THE MISTY MARSH SHOPPE

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

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**Dinner: 7 days a week 5-10pm**

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Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights**

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