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From the EDITOR

The lazy days of summer are here and there are lots of new friends to meet, good times to be had, and sunburns to calamine into submission! Wahoo! Also, lots of traffic, humidity, zero parking possibilities, short tempers and people people everywhere!! Anyhoo, let's get summer on folks!!!

The theme is SUMMER TIME!! Schools out and suntans are in. Yippee!!! So is our latest edition of the Beachcomber! We are growing and expanding as fast as we can, while keeping our heads together, to supply you with a terrific island magazine and current information in a well put together package that arrives precisely on the first of each and every month and is not just total crap. Believe it or not, that is a task. Our team is dedicated and hard working, but it doesn't just happen.

On that note, the cover of this month's edition deserves some shout outs: **The Lighthouse Inn** is our featured porch and Susie Morris was gracious enough to allow us to invade her space. Wen McNally was there to take the photos, Rose and Bill made the munchies, Michelle at Chu's provided the peanuts, and Jamy Shearouse and Danny Monroe provided Sampson, the rock star bulldog! Thanks to all. Sampson will be available for autographs later in the summer ...

We have grown enough to offer subscriptions now, as well as not run out of editions throughout the month! That is exciting, because the more we grow the more people will be able to read about good times on Tybee and know what to do when they get here, as well as being an information hub for the locals!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the writers for the Beachcomber. Most of you are all new and have not done this before. I am not disappointed with a single one of you. When I asked you to write, I really didn't know what the hell I was doing and was just trying to look like I knew. Apparently it worked, as you were all sucked into the vortex of something magnificent!!! I look forward to each and every article with anticipation of an LOL, giggle, what what, and a deep sigh of satisfaction of a job well done by a team that that just came together like a magical moment of 'meant to be.' GO TEAM GO!



Just Another Day In Paradise...

(Tybeeisms and other Folklore)

By Margie McLellan

After living on Tybee Island for almost 20 years now, I have come to realize that we have our own unique way of seeing the world here. Of course, our world consists of a three mile spit of land that is the center of the universe. No one really understands this unless they live here and get the sand between their toes. Yes, it is a great place to visit and have a wonderful vacation, but once you live here you somehow get a whole new outlook on life.

People move here for lots of different reasons. For me it was the ocean and the lighthouse. Then when I started meeting people, I realized that it was much more than the ocean and the lighthouse. It was the people, the locals, the ones who made me realize that these crazy people here are the ones I want to spend the rest of my life with.

Not only that, but once you move here you don't ever want to cross the Lazeretto Bridge again. It's even difficult for me to go to Walmart!! Believe me, I love the IGA, it's my favorite store. It's small and I know exactly where everything is located (well, I did until Mike Hosti decided to change things up in there!). When I do happen (very seldom) to go to Publix or Kroger I am overwhelmed by all the choices. I'm like a lost child. And don't even ask me to go to the Mall!!

Then of course, there is the ocean. That beautiful Atlantic Ocean. I never tire of crossing over the boardwalk and catching my first glimpse of the sun glistening on the waves. The first thing I do is breathe in as deeply as I can. The ions in the ocean are there for me to breathe in and get a positive charge. I honestly think that this is what draws people to the water. Maybe that's why everyone who lives here is laid back and happy. The ocean does wonders for the soul. Just because we live here doesn't mean that we have perfect lives. We don't. We have the same problems that everyone else does. But we do have the ocean to restore us in times of need.

Another great thing about living here is that we don't take it for granted that we are a very few of the lucky ones (in the entire universe) who have somehow been blessed to be able to live here. We know how special it is. Life slows down here and becomes much simpler. And richer. Every day here truly is...Just another day in Paradise.

Through the years we have developed our own slang or "Tybeeisms." These are phrases you won't hear anywhere else. Unless you live here you may not understand the meaning of some of our slang, so I thought I would share some of the wisdom I have learned and a few I have made up myself:

Tybeeites/Tybeenians - The locals who make up our universe

Tybeeitis - The fear of crossing the Lazeretto Bridge. When you live here you never want to leave the island (it's a scary world out there!).

Living on Tybee Time - Having a laid back, carefree, easygoing lifestyle (and yes, it's always 5 o'clock here)

Redneck Riviera/Mayberry On Acid/Open Air Asylum - Tybee Island

Tybee Low Life - A laid back local who doesn't wear a watch (who needs one here? It's always 5 o'clock) and is usually found in a bar



Newbie - Someone who has just moved here (they have no idea what's in store for them)

Tybee Water - Beer or other alcoholic beverage

Tybee Flu - Hangover (you get this when you drink too much Tybee water)

Tybee Tattoo - Falling down after drinking too much Tybee water and receiving a battle scar. The great thing about a Tybee Tattoo is 1) You really don't remember getting it. When you wake up the next morning it's just there. But don't worry, your friends will gladly tell you all about it. 2) Unlike other tattoos, these are free (unless you have to go to the doctor). 3) Most of the time they are removable.

Tybee Yankees - Locals that live on the North End of the island

Tybee Tour - Riding around in your car checking out the babes

Crossing the Bridge - What we say when we have to go to Savannah or parts unknown

The Tybee Road - The stretch of road (Hwy 80) that leads to Tybee after you cross the Bull River Bridge (I personally think it's a very beautiful drive through the marsh and it means you're almost home!)

16th Street - Tybrisa Street (if you are a local it will always be 16th St. I still don't know why they had to change it... I don't do change well)

Going Down Front/Downtown/The Strand - The business district along Tybrisa St., aka 16th St. (where most of the bars are located). This is where you will find most of our Tybee Low Lives.

Coconut Telegraph - Tybee gossip (believe me, there's not much you can do and get away with here)

The Gestapo - Parking Services. If you live here you get a free parking decal (a very nice perk) but even us locals get tickets from time to time. So if you are a visitor or tourist, please make sure you pay for parking!! They will get you!!

Optimus Prime - The Dixie Pedaler (if you haven't ridden on this, please do. It's a fun way to see the island, and drink while pedaling!)

Come On Vacation/Leave On Probation - This is what happens to tourists that have a little too much fun while visiting here

Back to Normal - The day after Labor Day (when we get our island back from the tourists). We love sharing our little spot of Paradise with you but it's so nice when it slows back down for us (I mean we can't get a parking spot anywhere!).



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Needed On Tybee

By Micheal Elliot

I need to get a Port-A-John for the Beloved Back Deck.

It won't look good and it probably won't smell good in the summer heat but I have to get one.

There are three bathrooms in our house but let me count the ways I can't use one in a moment of need.

Sarah is asleep in our bedroom and she's had an exhausting week and I love her with everything in me and I don't want to risk waking her up so ... that one's out.

Cassidy, the 8 year old, is asleep in her bedroom with the half-bath, and there's no way in Hell I want her up yet because she will want me to play and ... it's too early to play.

The other bathroom is downstairs meaning I will have sneak though Laurel's, the 11 year old, bedroom and she's asleep then open the door to Maddie's, the 13 year old, bedroom and she's asleep too and that's like waking up Hell and I don't want to go there.

I'm literally left outside.

I love the outdoors and do not mind peeing off the Beloved Back Deck ... in fact, it's my preferred method of urination ... but all the windows are open and I can be pretty elaborate about the splashes I make ... but I love my girls and don't want to wake them up. Plus I don't really have to pee.

This is going to take place all summer and the only possible solution is a Port-A-John on the Beloved Back Deck.

I went on Craig's List to look for "used" Port-A-John's but nobody seems to be selling.

We can't cough up the bucks for a new one.

What I need is several friends to help me steal one.

There are lots on Tybee Island so locating the right one is easy...

you know one of those big custom ones ... shouldn't be problem ... because there are limited peeing places on Tybee so, as a temporary solution, the beach is littered with Port-A-Johns. We can steal one between 11:30 and 1:00 on any weekday when all the cops have lunch at the same time at the Sundae Café. The issue will be getting it through the gate and up the stairs. Did I mention I love my girls? Did I mention I really have to go? Okay ... let's see who my friends are ... WHO'S IN WITH ME?



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2	Tu	830am	6.7	857pm	7.9	248am	0.0	246pm	-0.2	618am	825pm	829pm	626am	Full
3	We	912am	6.7	938pm	7.9	333am	-0.2	331pm	-0.2	618am	826pm	925pm	717am	
4	Th	956am	6.8	1021pm	7.9	417am	-0.3	416pm	-0.3	618am	826pm	1018pm	812am	
5	Fr	1043am	6.8	1109pm	7.8	502am	-0.4	503pm	-0.2	617am	827pm	1108pm	911am	
6	Sa	1135am	6.8			549am	-0.4	553pm	-0.1	617am	827pm	1155pm	1013am	
7	Su	1202am	7.7	1232pm	6.9	637am	-0.4	646pm	0.1	617am	828pm		1116am	
8	Mo	100am	7.5	132pm	7.0	730am	-0.4	746pm	0.3	617am	828pm	1238am	1220pm	
9	Tu	159am	7.4	231pm	7.2	827am	-0.3	851pm	0.3	617am	829pm	119am	124pm	3rd
10	We	257am	7.2	329pm	7.5	926am	-0.4	958pm	0.3	617am	829pm	159am	228pm	
11	Th	356am	7.1	428pm	7.7	1025am	-0.5	1103pm	0.2	617am	830pm	239am	332pm	
12	Fr	454am	7.1	526pm	8.0	1123am	-0.7			617am	830pm	320am	435pm	
13	Sa	553am	7.0	622pm	8.2	1204am	0.0	1218pm	-0.8	617am	830pm	403am	539pm	
14	Su	650am	7.0	716pm	8.3	101am	-0.2	110pm	-0.9	617am	831pm	449am	641pm	
15	Mo	743am	7.0	807pm	8.3	155am	-0.3	202pm	-0.8	617am	831pm	538am	740pm	
16	Tu	834am	6.9	854pm	8.2	246am	-0.4	251pm	-0.7	617am	831pm	630am	835pm	New
17	We	923am	6.8	939pm	8.0	333am	-0.3	338pm	-0.5	617am	832pm	724am	926pm	
18	Th	1010am	6.7	1024pm	7.7	418am	-0.2	423pm	-0.2	617am	832pm	820am	1012pm	
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24	We	216am	6.4	259pm	6.4	827am	0.8	905pm	1.4	619am	833pm	141pm	112am	1st
25	Th	304am	6.3	347pm	6.5	917am	0.8	1003pm	1.3	619am	833pm	234pm	145am	
26	Fr	352am	6.2	435pm	6.7	1009am	0.7	1059pm	1.1	619am	834pm	328pm	219am	
27	Sa	442am	6.2	524pm	7.0	1100am	0.5	1152pm	0.9	620am	834pm	423pm	255am	
28	Su	533am	6.3	613pm	7.3	1151am	0.3			620am	834pm	519pm	334am	
29	Mo	624am	6.4	701pm	7.6	1242am	0.5	1241pm	0.1	620am	834pm	617pm	418am	
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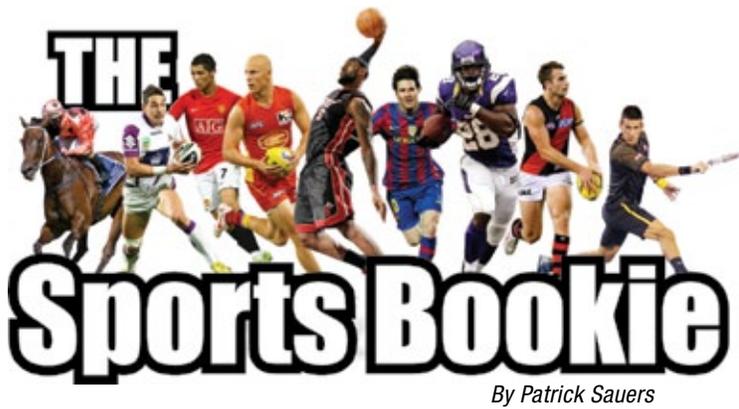
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- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise or sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing!!! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Take a golf cart tour
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddleboarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints



THE Sports Bookie

By Patrick Sauers

I gave Tybee nearly seven years of my working life and it shaped me into who I am today. If you read that sentence alone and stopped reading the article, it sounds like I was a sentenced to gen pop in Charming County and the Sons of Anarchy had a master plan that involved me. It's not like that. My friends don't call me Juice. I love Tybee. I grew up believing Tybee was The Beach, the only beach. Some of you reading this may be thinking to yourselves, seven years? That's peanuts compared to some local celebrities (insert my shout out to Sti). I have listened to stories of the water slide and read stories of the Tybee train. They all hold a special place in my life. Let's face it... Tybee is magical.

The past few issues, I have been writing about mainstream sporting news with a dash of Tybee Island sports sprinkled in the mix. Well, this article is comparable to a Tim Wakefield knuckler. Let's face it, June is here and this is the beginning of the peak of the season. Schools are slowly draining into tidal pools and parents are drowning in Solo cups. That's how Tybee works. I traded my bucket for a boogie board; my sand castle for board shorts and my bucket hat for beach umbrella. The point of that is I am getting old and as a father, I want Tybee to be the place my son learns the games that I still play today.

You may think that I am rambling into oblivion, but I am getting to my point. The summer at Tybee has its own set of beach sports. When I got tired of drip castles (I know this may start a great debate, but I called them drip castles, not drool castles or mud castles) I grabbed a tennis ball and a broomstick. I learned how to play stickball from my Dad and uncles. My cousins, brothers and I grew up with Dollar Tree brooms that morphed into bats with a quick decapitation and honed our "first-bounce" skills on this island. I loved the game and couldn't get enough. I bought shovels, detached their heads and wrapped the handles in electric tape to add "pop" to the barrel.

The beach offered an endless field at low tide, there was room on the hard, wet beach to sprint 55 yards to snag that extra out. Low tide always had a way of making you feel faster. I always felt like I had my P.F. Flyers on. You know, the shoes that were guaranteed to make a kid run faster and jump higher per The Sandlot? Even now, at 32, when it's low tide I can outrun a teenager for at least seven feet because that is typically the distance to the beer cooler. Eventually, as all things do with time, stickball ran it's course and I decided running at the beach was stupid. Why run when you can hold a beer and stand in one place? Stickball changed into washers and this activity ruled the shore. However, washers reign ended swiftly and was overthrown by a far more superior beach game.

It began as a peasant of beach games, but eventually snaked its way into the mainstream. Slowly, those who tossed washers began to grab beanbags. Naturally, I felt like this was going to fade away. Surely, this new trend wasn't going to take control of the beach. But, alas, I was wrong. Corn hole boards began covering the shore like beached whales and have taken over as the favorite game on the beach.

I have been walking the sands of Tybee since I was a toddler and I have seen the evolution of beach sports in my lifetime. I have my favorites and there are the ones I despise, but they all have been a part of my life. Think about it, in 1954, would anyone imagine that "beach golf" would be a popular game on Tybee? It is a lazy man's game, but if it involves beer and a little bit of competition, then it contains the ingredients for success.

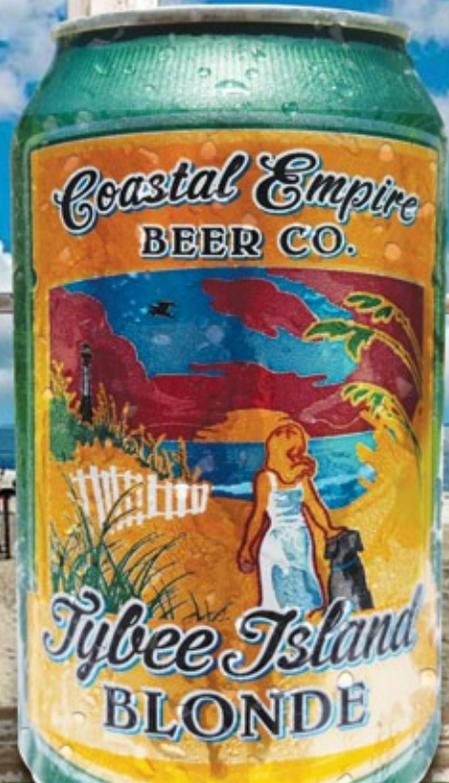
These two ingredients can turn anything into a beach game. Last summer, a couple of friends of mine created a game on the Back River sandbar that involved throwing a ball and catching it. If you dropped it, then you had to drink. As I am revisiting the rules to our game I realize that this is literally a game of catch. Catch!! I never shared a beer with my dad when he discovered I could catch a baseball. The point is this; the beach is a playground for all types of sports. We may not be breaking the land speed record, but the imagination leads to games that make Tybee the beach that it is.

Whether you're playing bocce ball or croquet, Tybee is a gamer's paradise. Low tide creates new fields every day, allowing children and adults alike to play games. So, if you see a new game on the surf, give it a shot, it may be the next big thing and you can always drink a beer to enhance the experience.

There's a Smooth Blonde on the Island



Drink responsibly.





By Alaina Loughridge



So, brothers Kevin and Chris Haborak were at a barbecue. Beer drinking was involved. Kevin turned to Chris and said "Let's start a brewery!" Chris thought about it for two seconds and was all about it! The next day when Kevin showed up for Chris's part of the money, it got serious and Coastal Empire Brewing Company was born.

Chris admits it was Kevin's brainchild. Kevin with the Masters Degree in Math (I can't even comprehend the brain that requires) and in Hydrogeology (who can spell that - much less learn it - Kevin). Both men have families and work hard. Who has time for all this? If you have a passion, you find the time.

The Haborak's started in Fredricksburg, VA and produced their first commercial batch in 2011. They have moved their brewery a couple of times and have found their home in Savannah. It shows they are home where they should be, as in 2012 the brothers won the Silver at the U.S. Open Beer Championship. In 2013 they won the Bronze and in 2014 they won the Gold! God, I love beer and Coastal is pure Gold!

"Home" is at 79 Ross Road at the end of Victory Drive. The old Pepsi bottling plant is a perfect location and perfect digs to set up a fantastic brewery. All the requirements for the best brewed beer are there. Coastal



has four core beers: Tybee Island Blonde, Savannah Brown Ale, Southern Delight Praline Amber and Inshore Slam IPA. An additional brew is the Dawn Patrol Imperial Breakfast Stout, a seasonal beer that just so happened to receive a Bronze medal in the Herbed/Spiced beer category at the very prestigious Great American Beer Festival in 2014 (I bet that was a hell of a party there!). It is all an 8 to 12 week process to brew the Stout, while only 3 to 4 weeks for the four core beers. I had a chance to sample said brew. Yum! Right now Coastal is all about drafts and cans. Bottles are coming. I promise.

On that note, you will have your opportunity to sample their brews as they offer public tours on the first and third Saturday of the month from 1 to 4pm. For additional information please call 912-335-2804.

Their goal is to turn from micro to regional brewing by increasing their production and producing additional exciting brews. Yes, and please sign me up! Both brothers are pro beach and pro community. What is happening in our town is beer and we are all about that. However, they are committed to more than that. On Friday, June 26, Coastal Empire will be supporting the Ogeechee River Water Conservation at Love's Seafood. Please come and show your support for our water (and beer!) resources!

Support your local brewery!

COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz

Many of you know me quite well. I was born two weeks late and even with my best intentions I tend to run late for everything. However, I always keep my word and I will show up. I am just a little past my deadline for this article. Beach Bum is right around the corner and the season is about to hit. The clock is ticking so let's get started and take a look at how the last month played out 'round here...



I've been going to Benny's for years and they present a warm and welcoming family feeling. Everybody knows your name at Benny's. They also do a great job at keeping their customers entertained. Alaina sent this picture of musicians and friends Mark, Dave and Monty.

Ginger and Calvin are some of the first people I met when I moved to Tybee. They've been nice to me from day one and they've come a long way. They own Nickie's 1971 and hosted a benefit last month with an oyster roast for Larry who had open heart surgery. Do I need to say anything else? Our community means that's what friends are for! There's a couple of my friends: Jackson and Pete.



Of course I got stuck in a rainstorm during an anxiously awaited bike ride. Sundae Café was right there, I deserved to treat myself to dinner. And when I'm handed lemons, I'll have a martini. Erin even hand stuffed my blue cheese olives! That's above and beyond customer service.



I ran into Brett the sugar magnolia at the Wane Music Festival in Live Oak, Florida. Oh what a night, hippie!



The latest complimentary concert I attended was one of my favorites, the Tedeschi Trucks Band at the Johnny Mercer. Look at the seat I scored this time! Thank you stranger! I knew I was supposed to be there.



It's always good to see good friends return to Tybee. John is doing extremely well living in Brooklyn, New York. But he can't stay away. Tybee and a night at Huc A Poo's are too fun and his awesome sister Morgan is here.

Ann and Teresa are holding down Tybee Time. What a combo. Teresa is always a barrel of laughs and you can't get away without a kiss from Ann. I'm happy to know them both!



It's been years but I finally got another picture of Mike. He's still hanging in the Wind Rose though with Curry. He said, "It's about time I'm in the magazine." That's a good picture. I hope he told me how to spell pretty

Curry's name correctly?

We've got another new little addition on Tybee. Little Ross and Danielle had a baby girl, Melina. We were all waiting for her, congratulations!



Tybee Gay Days took place the first weekend in May. The Tybee Rainbow Fest parade was in honor of Kevin Carpenter. Jennifer and Alicia were in the parade! They're going breezy and I finally got a picture of Jennifer without



her getting photo bombed! Look at the crowd Bernie's got for the



burlesque ball! I could barely squeeze in. Renee, Lisa Gail and Alexis look great!

I've been hanging at the Quarter some lately. Here are some of the Tuesday night regulars- Brown, Tootie and Essie. They keep asking why I don't play pool



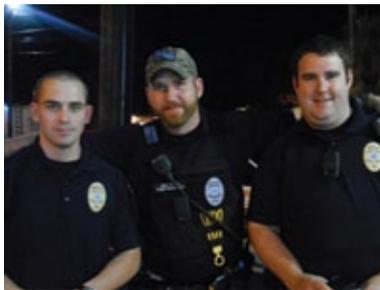
with them anymore. Michael L. can tell them, I can't win at the Quarter. Michael L. a.k.a. "King Kong" beat me twice in a row and won his picture here. I need to get my game back! It's still fun though.



Marlin Monroe's hosted the Beach Bum Coronation party. I go every year and I must say it is a really nice event. They go all out with the food, dancing, presentations and good times. Perfect that



the Big Kahuna, Chip Zulliger, is surrounded by babes Reesa, Rachel, Joy and Sue. I feel royally honored to have a picture of Gordon "Batman" and last year's queen, Charlene.



Gotta keep the law on my side. Here are some of Tybee's finest: Officer West, SPO Toole and Richie. Thank you for all that you do guys!



I have absolutely no reason to brag, but Ohio Bob threw a fabulous party. There was live music with Randy, good



friends, food, dancing, laser lights and fireball! Looks like Julia and Shirley had a good time too.

I'm so glad Jessie and Kaitlyn asked if they could be in a picture together at 80 East Gastropub! This is the front of the house and it's gorgeous, good one! Sometimes one wants to hang in the back of the house too. Then you get the pleasure of keeping it real with folks like Colt and Lanny.



I had my first experience getting stuck in a bar for way too long



because they were shooting a movie with Robert Deniro



right outside. It's not too bad to have to party at Doc's forever with four dudes that look like Kyle, Bennett, Rick and Wes. I'm a lucky girl.



Last, but certainly not least, look who was out till the bars closed Saturday, May 2, 2015!!! That's right, Howard's back with Moses and Connor! We had the best pizza party too. While the cat's

away the mice will play!

Shoot, my time is way up! I've been looking so long at my pictures of you that I almost believe that the pictures are all I can feel! Best pic of Katherine, Tracey and Tybee Crew!





*Dear Ana,
Thank you for coming to visit us on Tybee Island so early. Your presence gave us some hope for 2015 hurricane season. We are stoked that you brought that rocking N wind around, giving the lifeguards reason to whip out their yellow flags of glory. Those large dumping swells provided us with some deep, steep drop-ins! For such a short visit you gave us some seriously fun Tybee rides to remember. We ate it up! Joy*

Summertime and the livin's breezy. Fingers crossed and warm weather wax busted out, we are all questioning what kind of storm season we are going to have with it potentially being an El Nino year. El Nino, an abnormal abundance of heat in Pacific waters, creates pounding storms in the west but cuts back on the power of hurricane season on our East coast. This, however, does not put any kind of stint on our wave dreams. Ana was the first named storm of the hurricane season, being a mild and friendly sub-tropical start. Though she was relatively sweet, these storms are still an important reinforcement to respect the power and energy of these natural elements coming through.

No longer paddling around looking like seals, we have shed our Great White snack suits (wetsuits) and the freedom of movement is always an awesome gain! Although the extra thick layer of spandex prevented a hellava lotta bang ups and bruises, it's a good trade to be able to move a little bit quicker in the water. Zinc is now being passed around like candy, coming in a rainbow of colors, and the groms are starting to come out and play in the waves. Surf camps are popping up around Tybee. This is the best time to get those kiddos out and riding these perfect learning

waves. It's an awesome opportunity that Tybee surf has always provided.

Also, with the warmth of summer sunshine, we are experiencing blooms of plankton, bringing to us smacks of Cannonball jellies, slightly harmless, brown pigmented sea jellies. The real threatening jellies come later in the hot season. Box Jellies, some Lions Mane, and a few Man of War and other species will bring out the tourettes in everyone. A lot of 'rays and juvenile sharks are hanging out in the shallows so don't forget to do a little shuffle heading out into the water. And as a sandy getaway, this island is starting to get waves of people finally able to get their Tybee beach therapy on! Such an outstanding place to enjoy the salt and the sun! As our water rushes in and out twice a day we wait about 3 hours before the tide comes in to check the surf. We watch as people slowly drag their beach camp sights in increments back towards the dunes, sometimes moving too late and losing shoes, blankets, trash, toys, you name it, to the incoming water. Witnessing this defeat of man made materials into the ocean is a good reminder to keep encouraging each other to leave only our footprints and keep Tybee tidy so we can enjoy many more awesome swelly seasons to come.

I am going to keep on wishing on more tropical storage, and enjoying all the activity the beach provides this warm weather season. And we should all keep on counting our blessings because it is a great life to live on Tybee Island!

THE Fish Whisperer



Captain
Nick Shreves

June Fishing Forecast

INSHORE

Now is the time that the Flounder, Redfish and Speckled Sea Trout are all feeding. This month is a great time to target the Flounder in the shallow waters on the creeks. Fishing the outgoing tide along any kind of structure will produce bites. Oyster rakes, dock pilings, jetties, or wrecks will all be prime spots. I like to fish a Carolina style rig, starting with a half-ounce egg weight on the main line tied to a ball bearing swivel and a twelve inch leader to a 2/0 to 4/0 Kahle hook, depending on the size of bait I am using. For bait live Mud Minnows and live Finger Mullet are my go to baits this time of year.

TYBEE PIER FISHING

Even with all the beach sand underneath the pier, fish are still being caught. Spanish Mackerel, Bluefish, Whiting, Pompano, Speckled Sea Trout, Sheepshead and Black Drum should all be around. A double dropper rig on the bottom with shrimp is a simple setup that catches most of these fish. For the Trout, live Shrimp will produce more fish. As far as Spanish Mackerel, a Gotcha Plug or live Finger Mullet will be prime choices.



NEAR SHORE

The waters are warm and every species of fish can be found. The King Mackerel are in full force. In my opinion there is nothing like having a drag screaming run with the fish taking 300 yards on line in mere seconds. These fish will get the adrenaline pumping for sure. Live Menhaden, Greenies and Blue Runners are the best baits for snagging that drag smoking King Mackerel. The reefs from 50 to 75 feet of water are also holding Cobia, Black Sea Bass, Triggerfish, Spadefish, and many other bottom fish to be found right now.



OFF SHORE

This time of year the temperature breaks are harder to find but they are around. Sometimes it's easy to pass the fish. Many days I have seen the Mahi, Wahoo and Blackfin Tuna in close. Watch the water color and keep an eye out for bait schools. The fish won't be far from it. The bottom bite is still hot. Grouper, Vermillion Snapper and Triggerfish are some of the few fish you can expect to see. Even while bottom fishing don't forget to have one flat line out just in case some pelagic species show up. Tight Lines and calms seas everyone. **To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**





BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein



SAVANNAH SPECTRES AND OTHER STRANGE TALES

By Margaret Wayt DeBolt

Recently, while shopping in Chu's Department Store, I realized that they have a section of books of local interest. Most are cookbooks, but what caught my eye were the books of ghost stories. Having been raised in Savannah, I'd always heard of the ghosts at the Pirate's House, Owen's Thomas House, Bonaventure Cemetery among others, but I was never told any specifics, I was just told that they were haunted.

Well, *Savannah Spectres* has the story of each of these places and many, many more. Margaret Wayt DeBolt, along with her partner Stephen, a psychic investigator, found more than 70 stories of supposed haunted houses, churches and other properties in and around the Savannah area.

It's not just a book of ghost stories though, it's also a history book of Savannah. It not only tells you what year the building was built and who built it, but also intimate details of the families that lived there. Of course it also tells the stories of the inhabitants that still remain there.

I was very interested in the story of the Green-Meldrim House which belongs to St. John's Episcopal Church on Madison Square. St. John's was my family's church growing up and I thought I knew everything about it. After all, General Sherman stayed in the Green-Meldrim House and from there he sent a telegram to President Lincoln presenting him with the city of Savannah as a Christmas present. What I didn't know was that it also has a ghost of his own.

I give this book 5 roses. Whether you believe in ghosts or not, but love a good ghost story, and especially if you like to know the history of the area you live in, this is a great book to read. It would be a great read for people new to the Savannah area or even people, like me, who grew up here. This book makes you want to take a driving tour of Savannah to see these properties up close. Maybe see a ghost peeking out of an attic window?

TAXI TALES

By Joey Goralczyk



Ahh... its June again and another summer is upon us. All of us locals kinda have to dive back into the swing of things. The tourists are here and the Island is theirs, for now anyway. It's not a bad thing though, because one of my favorite parts about my job is the returning customers. There are a ton of people who come back year after year and remember us and Breezy from when we first got started. These people go home and tell all their friends and family some crazy story about how this cab driver found them in a cemetery at 2 in the morning, or how someone climbed on the roof of a golf cart and surfed for 3 blocks before the driver knew he was up there. They can't wait to come back and find me. They know my name as soon as I show up. They know things about me and remember sporadic events. "Remember Me? I'm Jerry!!! I peed off the back of your cart last year and almost went to jail!!!! Joey, how could you forget???" Frankly, I hardly ever remotely remember these people or the things that they are referring to. The nights are busy and someone does some drunken thing every night. Every now and then though, someone does out do themselves...

One particular couple from our first year made such an impression. I genuinely hit it off with this couple one Saturday night. They started riding around the island early in the day. They toured the strip, and I took them to the lighthouse, the turtle pond, and North Beach. We had a really good time, they were a fun couple. He was a paramedic, but was convinced that I had, in fact, found the best job ever! They also did some pretty solid day drinking and by about 6 o' clock they were pretty well spent. So I took them home and they said they might call me the next day. It had been fun!

So the night set in and things were going strong, when I saw their number pop up on my phone. It was the husband, and he had napped for a couple of hours and now he wanted some pizza. His wife was still snoozing and he was bored. So off we went to get the man some pizza. "I won't be here long, maybe an hour or two." Sure...

About an hour from closing time my boy called, but he still wasn't ready. "Go get my wife and bring her here, she is up!" I knew this probably wasn't the wisest thing they could do, but hey, I'm no

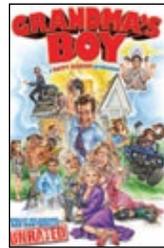
chaperone. She was however, quite sober, and really was just going there to get him home. We got there and he was nowhere to be found. We looked for a minute and she decided that she just wanted to go back home, thinking maybe he had walked. So as we were leaving, I noticed a shirt in the middle of the road down the street, and then a little way down from that a shirtless body in the middle of the road. Found Him!!! Needless to say, I helped her get this guy in my cart and off we went. Then things got weird. As we made our way back, we passed another golf cart full of people. He inexplicably dove off of my moving cart and began chasing the other one, cursing the whole time. I went to turn around and go get him, but his wife said "He's an idiot tonight, he's sleeping outside. Take me Home!!!!" Okie Dokie.

I didn't really want to but I did see them the next day. It turned out he woke up in someone's back yard, with a dog licking his face, covered in mud, blood and other bodily fluids. He was embarrassed as could be and paid me well for the night before. Then they left.

Every year since though they've come back, and they always bring someone new. I have actually told the story of how this man passed out in a puddle of his own urine to his entire family when they did a reunion down here last year. All of them laughed hysterically! I love my job. Happy Summer Yall! Let's make some great memories!

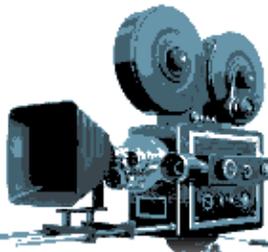
scene is when Drew beats the living hell out of Rob Schneider with a baseball bat. Sean Astin (of Lord of the Rings Hobbit fame) is thrown in for fun and its all good times.

I give this movie 5 bottles of Patron (because I can and it's just a good, fun time).



Grandma's Boy: Adam did not star in this movie, but produced it instead. Hilarious! Allen Covert is the main character who must move back in with his granny (Doris Roberts – love her) after a roommate gone bad (brings back some memories there). Allen works at a video game producing company and smokes a lot of pot. One thing leads to another and granny saves the day. It is a fun, silly movie that everyone over the age of 18 will enjoy.

I give this movie 4 bottles of Tito's (because it is really a good, silly watch that entertains) and 1 bottle of Absolute (because I don't understand how those people can still be upright. If I drank and smoked as much as those people in the movie I would be wearing a diaper, rollerblades and twitching in the corner with a lampshade on my head.)



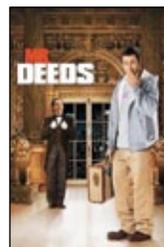
MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

Once again I have slacked on the movie review. I do try, but somehow getting to the theatre evades me. So, this is the plan for June: I have heard Adam Sandler is coming to town to film his new movie so I think it is important to montage the man. I will do my favorite 3:



50 First Dates: Adam and Drew Barrymore (I love that girl). Fantastic movie! Drew was in a car accident that caused her brain damage where she cannot remember anything from the day prior, but still retains her long term memory (I so have CRS too, so I can relate). Adam falls in love and woos her to keep remembering him every day. Best



Mr. Deeds: Adam and Winona Ryder. Adam lives in Podunk, Whoville, inherits a gazillion dollars and goes to New York to figure it out. In the Big Apple, Adam meets Winona who starts out as a conniving reporter from hell. This movie is so much fun! I love the staff in the mansion and

John Turturro is pure magnificence!! Winona figures it out and falls in love with Adam aka Mr. Deeds. Ah, true love. There is a terrific appearance by John McEnroe that will have you falling off your chair and ordering a Heineken. Peter Gallagher is equally excellent as the sleazy lawyer. Good cast and excellent story line of just being a decent person.

I give this movie 4 bottles of Jack Daniels (because we all hope to win the day at the end with both the girl/boy and the money) and 1 bottle of warm Kentucky Gentlemen (because that black frost bitten foot ain't right and I will never get over it.)

So on that note, Adam, call me. I will make you a superstar! I'm buying the shots!

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Bartender of the MONTH



By Alaina Loughridge

The first bar I ever stepped foot in on Tybee was **Tybee Time**. When I walked in the door, Jenny Rountree was the first Tybee person I met. That was 9 years ago. I can still remember thinking at the time, this girl is someone special. Not window licking special, but someone who you can truly enjoy speaking with. As a bartender myself I am so biased it's not proper and all who know me know I talk some trash, but I tell you this: **Jenny Rountree** is the best storyteller in all the land. I have heard her stories a thousand times and each time I enjoy the story more.



Jenny was born in Gary, Indiana. When she was 9 years old, she moved to Clearwater Beach, Florida where her mom would ask her to make a 'cocktail' with food coloring. Jenny's been bartending since she was 9. I love it!!! (Although Child Protective Services probably wouldn't.) When Jenny turned 21 she moved to Huntington Beach, CA to become a stand up comedienne. That didn't quite work out the way it was supposed to (thank God) and Jenny went up and got hitched. The newlyweds moved to Charlotte, NC where it just went south ... to Savannah.

Jenny started working for Shuckers on River Street. 10 years later the IRS moved in and Shuckers moved out. In 1998, Jenny moved to Tybee and nothing has been the same since! After spending a minute at Dolphin Reef, Tybee Time beckoned and the rest is epic history. I really didn't have to even ask Jenny the 3 most important questions of life as all of us that know her, know the answer. I did it anyway for the new people:

Tybee Life: 17 years

Passion: Kentucky Fried Chicken & her hubby Tree

When I grow up: "I want to hold the huge cardboard check with a gazillion dollars written out in my name."

Jenny epitomizes all that is Tybee. She is fun, entertaining, brilliant, stunning and just laugh out loud. Her drinks are good times and her attitude is fun! What else could you want?

Jenny's go to drink is Fire Dick (also known as Fire Ball). Her second go to drink is Bud Light in a bottle. Ask her the story. She will tell you all about it. Make sure you got a Fire Dick in your hand at Tybee Time! While you are toasting to health and wealth, ask Jenny to do the "Popsicle." You will not be disappointed. I promise. LOL!!! I'm still giggling.



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Main Street Musings

It's finally summer on Tybee and that means one thing—being outside as much as possible! Sure, there's the beach, and the park, sand volleyball, biking around the island, etc., but what about when the sun goes down? What can you possibly do with your kiddos, visiting friends and family, and out-of-town guests that won't break the bank? How about a movie? How about a movie shown outside? How about a movie shown outside for FREE?

Tybee Main Street presents **Movies in the Park**, that's Memorial Park,



on the third Saturday of the month in June, July, and August. Pack a picnic, grab a blanket and some beach chairs (like the kind you take to the beach, not chaise lounges!), and stake your spot to enjoy *The Lego Movie* at dusk on June 20. Movies are projected against the exterior wall of the YMCA and, in case of inclement weather, will be moved indoors to the gym.

For those of you reading this magazine who might be a first-time visitor to Tybee, Memorial Park is centrally located behind City Hall and features a playground, restrooms, and picnic pavilion. The location, vast grassy areas and easy access to the bike route make this historic park one of our community's favorite spots to relax. Plus, the park lighting provides enough illumination to facilitate navigating the area without

negatively affecting the movie's brightness. There is ample parking on Butler and at the Jones Street entrance to the park.

Whether you've already seen the movie or not, *The Lego Movie* is a great family film that tells the story of an ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesied 'Special,' who is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis. The fact that the evil tyrant is voiced by Will Ferrell is just the icing on the proverbial cake. The movie combines animation and real-life actors and is sure to be enjoyed by all.



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

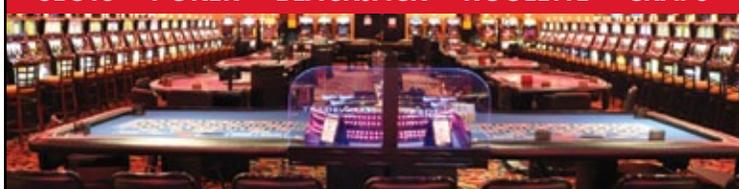
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American Legion

By Chuck Bolen - Commander American Legion Post 154

Happy June from the Legion!

Well, here it is June. Time for fun in the sun! Last month we had a great Mother's Day dinner. Over 200 steaks were served. Our Father's Day Steak Dinner is on the 21st. The dinner starts at noon. Cost is \$15.00, so come join us for food and fellowship and honoring Dad! This is also the day for the drawing for the grill. Don't forget to get your tickets, available in the canteen, or many Legion members.

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American Continental Army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

So make sure to display your Flag proudly.

Mark your calendar now for the last FRIDAY of this month.....May 29 at 7:00pm...for Ron Denning!! Always fun filled!!!

We have dinners each Thursday evening. The first Thursday of each month is the chicken dinner; the second Thursday is the Italian dinner; third is the fish dinner; fourth is Low Country Boil. Time is 5:30-7:30pm.

Don't forget karaoke every Friday night at 8:00pm with Big Joey!! Always fun!!

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

Line dancing is every Wednesday at 7:00pm.

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

Monday of the month.

We would love to have you join. Remember, once you are in the military, you are a veteran...no matter what your age!! We need your presence, time and talent! You are always welcome!

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

Thank you and see you soon!

Foodie Finds

By Patti Young

TOMATO TARTS WITH FETA AND PESTO



- 1 package frozen puff pastry, thawed (2 sheets)
- 2/3 cups pesto
- 2 cups packed fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup feta cheese (crumbled)
- 2 cups grape tomatoes (halved)
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Black pepper and thinly cut Basil (use at your discretion)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees:

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Unfold one pastry sheet onto each baking sheet. Score a 1 inch border on each pastry sheet with the tip of a knife (score means to run the blade of the knife – it should look like a picture frame). Spread half of the pesto on to each sheet up to the scored edge. Top with spinach, tomatoes, feta and parmesan. Season each with fresh, cracked pepper.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes. Edges will puff and be golden. Remove from the oven and cool for 5 minutes. Top with basil and serve it to your hungry guests. They will devour them and then be pissed off there aren't any left.

It's Here Again... Hurricane Season!

By Margie McLellan

If you are anything like me, you have been enjoying this beautiful weather we have been receiving lately. I wake up every morning and go directly outside with my first cup of coffee to enjoy the beauty of the day. It's a great way to start my morning.

Unfortunately I happened to be watching the news the other night and oh no! Our first Tropical Depression was forming in Florida! Ugh. I forgot about that part of living here. But I guess it doesn't matter where you live. Mother Nature is always there. It's either hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, volcanoes, lions and tigers and bears, oh my! ...the list goes on.

So I guess it's time to start preparing.

My advice is that if Tybee Island receives a Mandatory Evacuation, please evacuate!! Not only are you putting yourself in danger, but also the lives of the ones that are required to stay. So just leave, ok?

My first evacuation was Hurricane Floyd. We got the summons to evacuate and I spent that night just walking through my house trying to figure out what I was taking with me, the things I couldn't live without. When I look back on that time, I laugh at myself. My car was so loaded down with 'stuff.' A lot of unnecessary stuff. I remember how I cried all the way off the island, because the eye of the hurricane was headed straight for Tybee. It was a horrible feeling of losing everything...my house, my 'stuff,' my paradise! Fortunately though, Tybee was spared and when we returned all was fine (except for no power and a huge mess everywhere.)

Now I would like to say that I have my priorities in order and know exactly what to take, but if you know me, you know that is just not true. So I did a little research and have come up with a list of what we all need to do in case of an evacuation.

So let's all do a little prepping and keep praying to the weather gods that our little island will once again be spared. Oh yeah, and don't forget to pay your flood insurance ... just in case.

Having a "grab-and-go" kit will make your evacuation easier. To stock a "grab-and-go" kit, here are some essentials:

ITEMS

- Nonperishable food, plus eating utensils, and water to last at least 72 hours for each household member (don't forget your beer or vodka!)
- Cash (including change) and debit card
- Cell phone (don't forget your charger)
- Prescription medicines
- Flashlights and a portable radio
- Games and books for children
- Car, house and business keys
- A blanket, sleeping bag and pillow for each person

DOCUMENTS

- Insurance policies
- Property records like deeds and vehicle and boat titles
- An inventory of personal property in your home, preferably with photographs or video





- Personal identity records like passports, driver's licenses and birth certificates
- Legal records like wills, powers of attorney and titles
- Health records, including insurance cards and lists of immunizations and prescriptions
- Phone lists of key people and businesses in your life such as banks, insurance agents, lawyers and doctors
- Precious personal items that cannot be replaced, like photographs and letters, should be treated similarly

FOR YOUR CAR

- Keep a full tank of gas
- Maps of your area, planned route and destination
- Jumper cables, car tools and emergency flares
- A lighter charger for your cell phone

Follow these guidelines for evacuation:

- If you have a car, keep a full tank of gas in it if an evacuation seems likely. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay. Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked.
- Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to. Make arrangements with family, friends or your local government.
- Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters.
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.
- Call or email the out-of state contact in your family. Tell them where you are going.
- Secure your home by closing and locking doors and windows. Unplug electrical equipment such as radios, televisions and small appliances. Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding.

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By Mike Manitta

80 East gastropub

Gastropub? Don't let the name throw you for a loop. In a nutshell, a Gastropub is a bar that serves high quality food and beverages. That is exactly what 80 East Gastropub does. Located at 725B First St., Tybee Island (or simply at the first traffic light next to Chu's if you're a local), these guys opened their doors to Tybee Island diners back in late December and the buzz around the island was immediate. With a super eclectic and original menu, I dare say you would be hard pressed to find most of their menu items anywhere else in the area. Slow Roasted Duck Confit Potato Skins, Lobster Tater Tots, and Pork Belly and Waffle Sliders are just a few of the dishes that found their home as appetizers on the menu. You will also find piled high sandwiches, fresh seafood, flatbreads and more, as well as daily dinner specials such as Coffee Spice Crusted NY Strip, Blackened Grouper and Duck Breast. Don't get nervous, you will still find some standards you would expect to find at a bar such as burgers and wings, all prepared with their own originality and flare (Hint Dr. Pepper Chicken Wings).

I was hard set on trying two of the dishes I first heard locals raving about months ago, which were the Lobster & Shrimp Fondue and the Chicago Style Italian Beef. There was no way I was getting out the door without trying that Fondue. Lobster, shrimp, roasted corn, pepper jack and cream cheese, onions and peppers served up with tri color tortillas. Heaven. It was everything



I expected, rich and creamy with big chunks of lobster and shrimp. Not too spicy and full of flavor, more than enough for sharing (or to horde for yourself). Next I dove into the Chicago Style Italian



Beef, simmered in garlic, onion and sweet pepper au jus, served on French bread with spicy giardiniera, it definitely has a unique flavor that puts a complimentary spin on the classic French Dip. I opted to add provolone cheese to mine which sealed the deal for me. The spicy giardiniera (kind of like a pepper relish) is served on

the side so you can sample it first and make your own choice. I chose the loaded potato salad as my side and it was also delish, with big chunks of bacon. I love that you can always rely on bacon, it never disappoints.

I had to peruse the dessert menu even though at this point I was packed full. As expected, everything listed had its own unique twist. Fireball Carrot Cake? What? Yep you heard it right. Dessert Nachos and Irish Car Bomb Cheesecake live here too, as well the 80 East Ice Cream Sandwich, which involves house baked macadamia white chunk cookies and salted caramel ice cream. I think I feel a tear welling up from regret that I'm not still hungry. It's okay there's always tomorrow or late night for that matter. These folks are serving up their full menu from 3-10pm, Mon-Fri and Noon-10pm Sat and Sundays. But you can catch their late night menu daily from 10pm-1am.

Thanks again 80 East. Great job at bringing some more uniqueness and originality that we pride ourselves on around here. It's what makes Tybee, Tybee. You can find their full menu and more info on the web at www.80eastgastropub.com. I can't wait to go back for another round soon. Next time I just might have to remember to have dessert first.

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MusicProfile

By Mike Manitta

VELVET CARAVAN



First of all I've never considered myself a writer. I'm not a big reader so I never even thought about writing, never even considered it... until this magazine got started. I love music. So I suggested that we profile a local band every month. And now, because of my big mouth, on a dare, I'm a writer. It's good to face your fears. Try new things. Right? In doing this, what I think I'm finding more and more interesting is how these band members find each other, usually coming from very diverse and different backgrounds and influences, meeting up to find a new common ground. Creating new art. Hopefully it's something they didn't even know existed, and they surprise themselves. I'm interested in what makes them tick. Probably more because it makes me ask myself what makes me tick. Inspiration.

In listening to Savannah locals **Velvet Caravan** lately, I've definitely been inspired. They make me want to be in a better band and I'm not even in one. They have stepped up the game so much it's addictive. With Ricardo Ochoa on violin, Sasha Strunjas on guitar, Jared Hall on keyboards and accordion, Jesse Monkman on cajon and percussion and Eric Dunn on acoustic bass, they have found a way to mix and blend different styles of world music and have created this new eclectic, peppy, organic, gypsy jazzy, Latin sound. It's so original, so sharp, so intense and ferocious. They've really brought some class back to the table. It makes me kind of wish

alcohol would get abolished for a bit just so I can dress to the nines and catch them at the nearest speakeasy.

I would be embarrassed to even try to critique their music. But I'm not here to critique anyhow. All I can say is I can feel how much they love it every time I hear them. The amount of top notch talent assembled in one band is absolutely mind boggling. You would be so lucky to have even one of these guys in your band and the fact that they all found each other at this point in their careers is kick ass. With roots drawn from Venezuela, Serbia, Upstate New York, Iowa and Southern Georgia, and influences including Django Reinhardt and Duke Ellington to Johnny Mercer and Ray Charles, no wonder their sound is so global.

I could write a whole magazine on each of their personal backgrounds and accomplishments. I think it's fair to say they were each immersed in music at an early age and performed in pretty much every genre; rock, honky tonk, swing, jazz, country, gypsy, bluegrass, folk, classical. They have been educators, they have performed with symphonies, operas, orchestras...I could go on and on. In just three years they have made their symphony concert debut with the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, were invited as an official showcase band to The South by Southwest Music Festival, played in chamber music festivals throughout the south, were voted "Best Band" locally by Connect Savannah and Savannah Magazine, and traveled to France to play at the renowned Django Reinhardt Festival.

I caught up with bassist Eric Dunn the other day and we were talking a bit about how they all met. In a nutshell, Ochoa and Strunjas had a weekly gig at B.Mathews in downtown Savannah and there was a buzz around town. I love living in a small town. One by one, as the other band members either moved here or heard about it, they basically asked to sit in and before you knew it, Voila! Dunn said when he heard them he was so impressed, not only with the music itself, but with the difficulty level, that he had to be a part of it! He would go sit in, week upon week, so he could get better. No wonder they stepped up their game so much, a bunch of musicians at the top of their game finding a reason to push each other and make each other better. Inspiration. That's how it should be.

Locally, Velvet Caravan has performed at various venues around Savannah and Tybee, including Tybee Island Social Club, Doc's Bar and North Beach Grill. You can find their current album *Acoustic in Nature*, as well as view their award winning documentary by Peter Marra, along with clips of the band performing live and more at www.velvetcaravan.com. You can catch them on Sunday, June 7 at North Beach Grill on Tybee and Saturday, July 18 at Randy Woods Concert Hall in Bloomingdale.

Looking ahead, the band plans to put together a new album by the end of 2015 and is focusing on symphony concerts. On top of that, they are also working on forming a music education program for kids. Told you these guys have class.

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THE LURE OF THE DEEP

By Polly Wyllly Cooper - co-author of Tybee Days

The call of the Atlantic Ocean has always been irresistible to fishermen. Reefs are home to worms, sponges, coral, sea fans, crabs and schools of baitfish that attract predatory fish. Some of the best fishing drops are often miles offshore.

Swirling around the bases of Navy aircraft training towers are barracuda, dolphin, amberjack, sailfish, sharks, king mackerel, bluefish, black sea bass, snapper, wahoo and tuna. The Texas tower, which replaced the lightship manned by the Coast Guard, was twelve miles from the lighthouse on Tybee. Its shade attracted big game fish. Fishing was thrilling because of big ground swell waves. The tower was knocked over by a freighter and never replaced.

In the 1950s, Merritt Dixon and Johnny Peters owned twin thirty-foot Egg Harbor Jersey Sea Skiffs, the Ventura and the Jaeger, each with two Chrysler engines. At about thirty knots, it took a chunk of the day to reach the warmer waters of the Gulf Stream. Willie Girardeau, who worked at Savannah Distributing, landed one of the first sailfish caught in Tybee waters while aboard the Jaeger.

Fishing tournaments started on the dot at seven a.m. and Archie Morris was known to never be late for a start. To make the most of his day, Archie often bee-lined for the Gulf Stream at two or three a.m. under the stars in his boat, Another World, a twenty-seven-foot Fairliner previously owned by Mills B. Lane, Jr.

Fishing with Captain Judy Helmey at the Snapper Banks, Beth Zeagler caught an eleven and a half-pound trigger fish, the Georgia women's state record. Roger Erb landed the world's record trigger fish at the same drop. Tommy Earl Pope caught a 91-pound wahoo; Clara Adams, 212 pound sandbar tiger shark; Matt Starline, red snapper and king mackerel; Paul Roundtree, 40-pound amberjack; James Doyle, barracuda and mackerel; and Tony Bettis, 198-pound nurse shark.

According to Frank Matthews, owner of Matthews Seafood, local fisherman Billy Sasser once caught a 300-pound sturgeon and asked Frank if he wanted it. "When I opened up that fish, I found eighty pounds of caviar! I shipped it to New York and was paid \$1,800. I gave half to Billy." What a bonanza!



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From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

On Saturday, April 25, River's End held the 'Tin Can Tours' Open House and I was reminded of what my grandfather told us growing up, "Sometimes, it takes a lot of work to have fun." Nowhere has this ever been more evident than during this event. This group is comprised of vintage RV owners who have various recreational



vehicles in new or restored condition. During the year, there are several 'rallies,' or open-house events held at predetermined locations to display their handiwork and provide various philanthropic support for many causes through the donation of ticket sale proceeds. It was truly remarkable the level of restoration bestowed upon these campers by these artisans with impeccable attention to detail.

Each camper was regaled with an intricate knowledge of style and taste within their displays. While many people appreciate the simplicity of these creature comforts of home when traveling in days of yore- others were taken aback at how life was when the term 'roughing it' meant something entirely different than today. (I don't know about you- but I feel dirty when I hear the term 'glamping.' Look it up, it's worth a Google.)

As the tour proceeded after one of the hardest rain showers of the year, the day opened into a glorious, sun-filled afternoon. It was a bit soggy but somehow the fellowship seemed a bit more authentic, like those who had outlasted the elements were those that were truly interested and dedicated. I wondered if their

dedication was to a project such as restoring their own RV 'when they get around to it.' Who knows how many vintage campers we'll see in the coming months, or even years, after this event? As I made my way through the park, however, I could sense that it was something altogether different.

So, why is this type of an event so popular? After years of duplicating the same event, why aren't people tired of it? The answer could be found in the faces of those who waxed nostalgic for their youth spent camping in tents with buddies, parents, etc. For others, it may have been RVing with grandparents, parents, or a long ago trip taken with a lost loved one. The reasons were as different as the faces but there was a common theme – and it had little to do with camping. Camping was a character defining constant that culminated in determining our collective conscience, and created the connectedness that reminded us of our past while reinforcing our future.

Nevertheless, if tenting isn't your bag- or you don't have a camper, you'll be glad to know that the campground offers sewer connections, 30/50 amp electric, cable TV, WiFi connectivity, an awesome gift shop, Laundromat, pool-and if camping isn't your bag- cabins!

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- 6/5 **Train** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood - Atlanta
- 6/7 **Earth Wind & Fire** - Johnny Mercer Theatre - Savannah
- 6/9 **Train** - PNC Arena - Raleigh
- 6/9 **The Rolling Stones** - Bobby Dodd Stadium - Atlanta
- 6/11- 6/14 **Bonnaroo** - Manchester, TN
- 6/12 **Casting Crowns** - Martin Luther King Jr. Arena - Savannah
- 6/12 **The Rolling Stones** - Citrus Bowl - Orlando
- 6/13 **Boston/Kansas**- Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre - Alpharetta
- 6/14 **Lana del Rey** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood - Atlanta
- 6/19 **John Mellencamp** - Johnny Mercer Theatre - Savannah
- 6/27, 6/28 **Fare Thee Well: 50 years of The Grateful Dead** - Levi's Stadium - Santa Clara -CA
- 6/27 **38 Special** - Southern Ground Amphitheatre - Fayetteville
- 6/28 **Styx/Def Leppard** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood - Atlanta
- 7/1 **The Rolling Stones** - Carter Finley Stadium - Raleigh
- 7/3, 7/4, 7/5 **Fare Thee Well: 50 years of The Grateful Dead** - Soldier Field - Chicago,IL
- 7/9 - 7/12 **All Good Music Festival** - Summit Point - WV
- 7/10 **Hall & Oates** - Chastain Park Amphitheatre - Atlanta
- 7/13 **Neon Trees** - Center Stage - Atlanta
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- 7/31, 8/1 **Phish** - Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood - Atlanta
- 8/13 - 8/16 **The Peach Music Festival** - Scranton,PA
- 8/21 -8/23 **Phish's Magnaball** - Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, NY
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Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

In Summer



And then it happened, as it does every year without fail, summer found us again. The days long and lazy, the nights cool and perfect. Everything ready to happen, rife with possibility. Windows go down, porches open up, the smell of grass clippings in the air, ice cubes clinking in glasses, glasses made from old Mason jars if you're really lucky.

This is the time of the year when you know why Southerners are so laid back. There's no other way to be when the sun warms

you through straight to your heart like that. There's no other way to be when winter isn't chilling your bones rigid. Nothing too terrible could happen when the sun is overhead and the waves are lapping the shore.

The first trip to the beach in summer is always the best. Everything is new again. The air smells cleaner, the wind crisper, the sand softer. That first dip in the ocean—wading out little by little, finding bravery with every step, until only your head remains, taking a breath and finally releasing and going under. Your body weightless. Everything is weightless in the water. A sort of balance is achieved. Only the important things matter.

This is my time. The time of year I was created for. I lived in Alaska when I was a kid, and it gave me a special kind of appreciation for summer. No matter how sticky, how stifling it is. No matter how much the thick air clogs my nose and mouth, making breathing a challenge. No matter how much my skin burns and blisters and peels. It beats the alternative. It always beats the alternative.

There is nothing ahead of me but that place where the ocean meets the sky—the horizon. When you're feeling dizzy and ready to fall, conventional wisdom says, stare at the horizon to regain your balance.

I am balanced. I am ready to happen. I am rife with possibility. I am in summer.



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WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

By Elizabeth Jones

Featured Activity for June!

It's finally summer, time for sand and sun. And, there's still plenty to do on Tybee between your beach times with the kiddos. If you're looking for something educational to fill your time, there is the Marine Science Center, Fort Pulaski National Monument, and The Tybee Lighthouse and Museum. There's also Oatland Island Wildlife Center.

If you're looking to find some time to yourself or your child needs some peer time, there is still time to sign up for a summer camp. The YMCA offers a weekly camp for ages 5-11 until August 11th. The Y also has a variety of water camps for ages 8-16 in June and July. To find out more about these camps and to register visit <http://www.ymcaofcoastalga.org/ymca/tybee-island/programs>. The 4-H club and Oatland Island also offer a few different summer camps you can learn about by visiting <http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/schools/oat/Pages/SummerCamp.aspx>, for Oatland Island and calling (912) 652-7981 for the 4-H club.

FEATURED ACTIVITY FOR JUNE

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Open 9am-5pm daily

16&over: \$5, 15&under: free

This National Park is not just for adults, there are several programs designed to help kids get a hands on approach to learning the history of the monument.

-Junior Ranger Program: ages 6-12

Participating in this program means you will earn a badge and certificate after completing an activity booklet that can be found in the visitor's center at Fort Pulaski.

-Junior Civil War Historian Program

To become a junior Civil War historian you must first become a Junior Ranger at this park and at least one other.

-Civil War Trading Card Program

Summer Events

Oatland Island Wildlife Center

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Admission: Ages 6-12: \$7, Adults: \$9

Marine Science Center

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The Marine Science Center is also hosting a Sea Camp, for more information on this and walking tours visit

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Fort Pulaski National Monument



On Going Happenings

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Behind the Tape...

By Officer Marella Eaton

June is here and the island is bustling with tourists, day trippers, and attendees for special events. As we get into the busier season we need to remind ourselves of the common sense beach rules. For one, DOGS are NOT allowed on the beach. This is a safety and cleanliness concern and although most dog owners are very responsible and respectful— there are some who are not. We recently had a report of a victim who was on his morning jog on the South Beach when a dog ran up to the victim and bit his left calf. There were children and other people who were playing and enjoying the beach during this incident and this could have been much worse. Please remember these beach rules are in place for a very good reason and they are enforced with safety in mind.

Congratulations to Cpl. Dicus for receiving the American Legion Officer of the year— He works very hard and deserves this award. We are proud of you Cpl. Dicus!

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Every officer did a great job and stayed safe considering the volume of traffic and congestion during the event— and no one complained once. Chief Bryson will be holding the next VIP Meeting in June, the actual date is to be determined... We will send out the emails and social media notifications when it is determined. A big THANK YOU TO THE YMCA FOR THEIR FACILITY AND JENNY ORR AT FANNIES for catering the one in May!!

Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in June

By Mom

- 6-5 and 6-13 **Jimmy Wolling Band** 7pm at the North End Tybee Beach, 3rd Walkway. 32 Meddin Dr., Tybee Island.
- 6-5 **Art Rise Savannah:** First Friday Art March 6-9pm the Art March will be through the Victorian and Starland Districts. Free to all events. Catch the Free Art March Trolley at 2427 DeSoto Ave. The Trolley picks up in 20 minute intervals. Check out www.artmarchsavannah.com for more info.
- 6-5 thru 6-7 **2nd Annual Blues, Jazz, & BBQ** 4pm start time for a Savannah Blues Weekend. Can't beat food and music combo. River Street, Savannah. Info www.riverstreet.com.
- 6-6 **Alice in Wonderland** 6:30pm at Lucas Theatre, 32 Abercorn St. Savannah. An original production put on by the Class Act Dance Center.
- 6-6 **National Trails Day Hike** 10am at Skidaway Island State Park, 52 Diamond Cswy., Savannah. Guided hike of Sandpiper and Avian Loop Trails. Parking is \$5.00.
- 6-7 **Tybee Island Triathlon Sprint** 7am start time. Google "Tybee Island Sprint" for more info.
- 6-7 **Earth, Wind & Fire** 7pm the Hall of Fame rockers Earth Wind & Fire will play at the Johnny Mercer Theatre 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah.
- 6-7 **Robot Run Live** Noon at Forsyth Park, Savannah. Robot Run is a themed 5K run. For more info call 912-897-5108.
- 6-8 thru 6-19 **Tybee Arts Association's Kids' Theatre Summer Camp** 9am- 3pm Monday thru Friday. Kids from age 6 to 16 have an opportunity to learn acting. Call Renee DeRossett at 912-596-4992 or Kim Trammell at 912-228-0357.
- 6-11 **Red Cross Community Blood Drive** 2-7 pm at the Old School Cafeteria by the YMCA on Tybee Island. Visit www.redcrossblood.org for more info or call 912-356-5707 or 912-234-5325. You will need to schedule appointment.
- 6-12 and 6-26 **Sunset Tours** After hours tours of the Lighthouse at 30 Meddin Ave., Tybee Island. Call 912-786-5801 for reservations.
- 6-13 **Chatham County Sheriff's Office Jail Break Mud Challenge** 8am, Hybrid 4 mile run of obstacles, mud, swamp and more. Mud Challenge benefits the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes. Call 912-652-7700 for more info or sign up at www.jailbreakmudchallenge.com.



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Mon. - Wed. 3pm to Close | Thurs. - Sun. 11am - Close
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- 6-13 **Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly LIVE** 7pm at the Johnny Mercer Theatre, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah.
- 6-14 **Market at the Lighthouse** 10am-4pm at the Tybee Lighthouse Grounds, 30 Meddin Dr., Tybee Island. Vendors will be selling their wares from art work, pottery, jewelry, crafts and more. Music provided by Shock Wave. Support our local vendors!
- 6-16 And 6-17 **Sesame Street LIVE** 6:30pm on the 16th and 10:30am on the 17th at the Johnny Mercer Theatre, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah.
- 6-19 **John Mellencamp** 7:30pm at Johnny Mercer Theatre, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah.
- 6-20 **Movies in the Park** 8:30-10:30pm at Memorial Park every 3rd Saturday. Family friendly movies sponsored by the City of Tybee Island's Development Authority and Main St. program. This month's showing will be the Lego Movie.
- 6-20 **JCB Mud Run** 8am start of 5.5 miles of mud, obstacles and fun. Proceeds benefit Lady Bamford Center for Early Childhood Development.
- 6-20 **Savannah Derby Devils** 5pm at MLK Jr. Arena. Doors open at 4pm. 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah.
- 6-21 **Father's Day** Call your Dad!

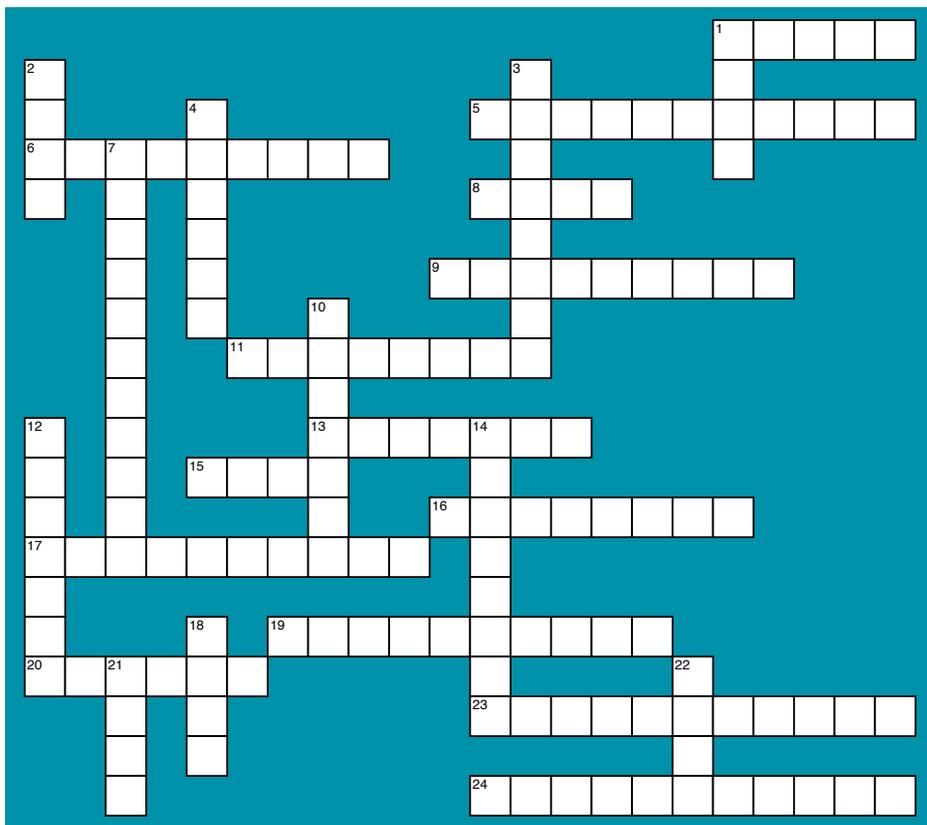
Cross Word

ACROSS

- 1 Bartender of the month
- 5 Join him on a fishing trip (2 wds.)
- 6 The fear of crossing the Lazeretto Bridge
- 8 Joey drives this
- 9 Sports Bookie played this on the beach as a child
- 11 You do this if a hurricane hits
- 13 Fort near Tybee
- 15 These are not allowed on the beach
- 16 Park where movies will be held
- 17 Named storms
- 19 What you should leave on the beach
- 20 Tourist season
- 23 These sea creatures are loaded with money
- 24 River's End hosted this (3 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 Sixth month
- 2 Crumbled cheese used in Foodie Finds recipe
- 3 Just another day in _____
- 4 _____ Caravan
- 7 Hug one of these today
- 10 Rock star bulldog
- 12 Holiday for these people in June
- 14 Ghosts
- 18 Coastal Empire Brewery makes this
- 21 Food Spy
- 22 Thieves are needed for this



Word Search



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BEACHCOMBER	JENNY	SPECTRES
BEER	JOHN	STICKBALL
CAPTAIN NICK	JUNE	SUMMER
DOGS	MEMORIAL	TAXI
EVACUATE	MIKE	TIN CAN TOURS
FATHERS	PARADISE	TYBEEITIS
FETA	PULASKI	VELVET
FOOTPRINTS	SAMPSON	
HURRICANES	SAND DOLLARS	

NIGHT LIFE!

BERNIE'S



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DRINK SPECIALS!

OYSTER HOUSE

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Happy Hour Mon. - Thurs. 4-7pm • Late Night Kitchen Fri.- Sat. • 7 Draft Taps to choose from
Home of the "Pop Rock Jello Shots" • Daily Specials • 4 Indoor HD TV's • Outdoor Patio, with 65" HD TV

JUNE LIVE MUSIC!

5 - DJ TreStyle

6 - Southern Maple Band

11 - Annie Allman & Michael Moody 6pm

19 - DJ Les Boogie

20 - Smooth N Groove

25 - Annie Allman & Michael Moody 6pm

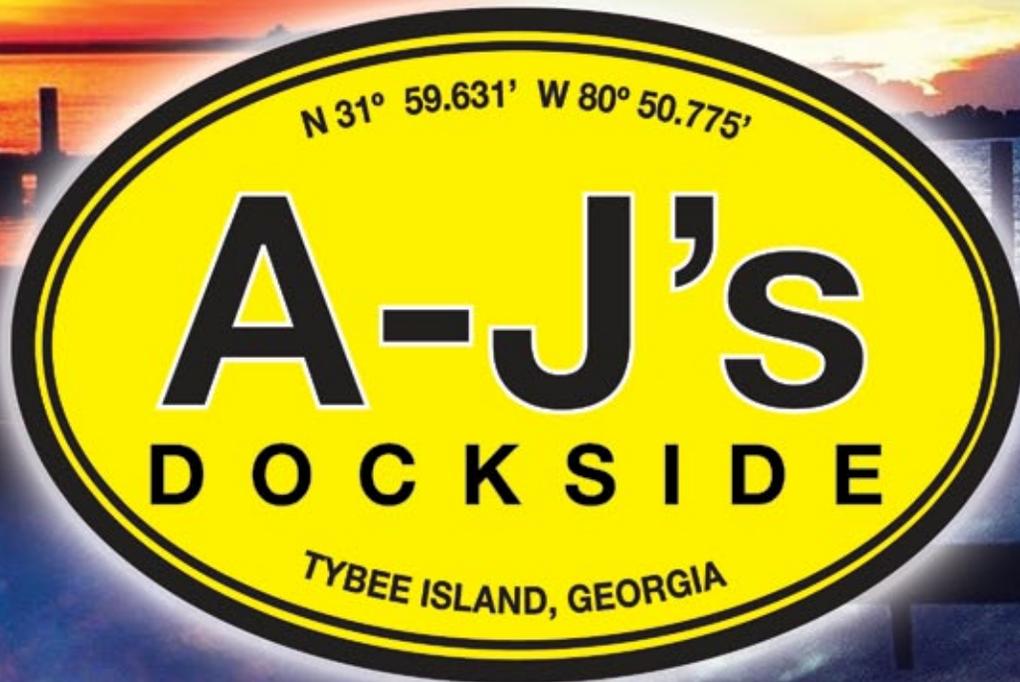
26 - Matt Parker & The Deacons

27 - The Orange Constant



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Join Us for the Best Sunset on Tybee Island!



HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon. - Thurs. 4 - 10pm

Fri. - Sun. 11am - 10pm

Sunday Brunch 11am - 2pm

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