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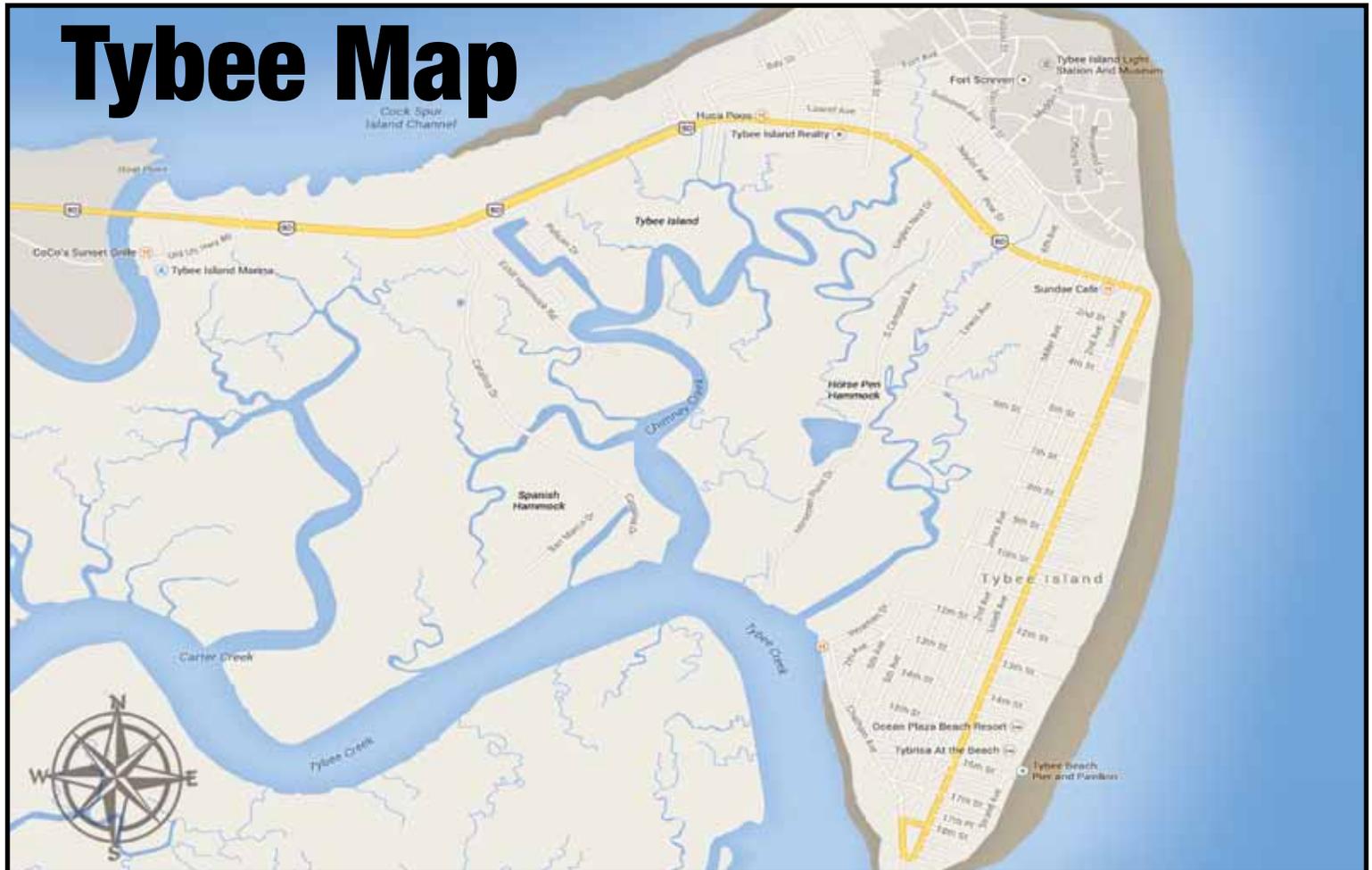
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# From the EDITOR

## Summer is here and all is GRAVY!!!!

Yippee!!! Let's rip off all of our clothes and go 'polar bear' plunging!!! Then run from the police for public indecency! Just kidding ... kind of. Happy June y'all! Let the games and good times roll! Quit your job; grab your SPF, your BFF and your love handles! Let's light up those barbeques, blow up the floaties, pack the cooler and the kids, slip on the flip flops and skedaddle on down to the pond directly to the East! Good times straight ahead!

Tybee has got a ton of stuff going on throughout this season to satisfy everyone from the grumpiest local to the most jaded tourist and your Beachcomber has all the news: theater, live music, movies in the park, karaoke, Farmer's Market, trivia, drinking, dancing and debauchery! Woohoo!!! Get out there and get it on!!!

I am absolutely beside myself to announce the winner of this month's Traveling Beachcomber! Drum roll please .... **The Blue Man Group!!** How absolutely freaking bad ass cool is this picture? Thank you gentlemen for taking the time for this pic! Special shout out to **Betsy Winsett** for making it happen! We are all going to A-J's when you get here!!! Check out our Facebook page for other Traveling Beachcomber faces! We have gone uber national: Canada and Mexico! Woo Woo!! Read on my friends ...



# BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge

## Burke's Beach Rentals



June is perfect timing to sit down with Jimmy Burke of **Burke's Beach Rentals, Inc.**, to chat Bizz Buzz. I was floored to learn that Burke's Beach Rentals has been in business since circa 1952! Wow!! How many businesses do you know of that have hung in for over 64 years? Let's start from the beginning ...

In 1952, Harold Black, Jules Paderewski, Aaron Weiner and Jimmy Burke were young up-and-comers. Teens with lots of plans ahead of them for college and life – but it was summer time and the boys wanted to shuck and jive – make some summertime money and meet the girls. They joined their funds and bought five umbrellas and some floats. Back then you could rent a float for 50 cents (I had to spell that out as my computer does not have a 'cent' key). The boys did well that summer and kept coming back for season time to run their business. At that time, the business did not even have a name (IRS would have a conniption fit today).

As the years went by, the boys opened surf shops throughout the low country. Where MacElwee's is now located is where the first surf shop began, offering boogie boards, bathing suits and beach stuff. Over the years, the boys have gone off to their different careers, but the Burke name is a Tybee name. The Burkes ain't going anywhere. Jimmy kept on with the business and got his family involved.

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2	Th	6:05a 7.3	6:35p 8.5	12:15a -0.2	12:33p -1.0	6:18a	8:26p	4:26a	5:47p	
3	Fr	7:04a 7.4	7:31p 8.7	1:14a -0.5	1:27p -1.2	6:18a	8:26p	5:12a	6:55p	
4	Sa	8:00a 7.4	8:24p 8.9	2:10a -0.8	2:21p -1.3	6:18a	8:27p	6:03a	8:02p	
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- Walk the beach
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- 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
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- Go shopping in our many unique shops
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- Take in a live performance at one of our theaters
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints

# THE Sports Bookie

By Patrick Sauers

I can't exactly remember where I heard the phrase, "if you're an adult and at the end of the day you're not absolutely exhausted; you're not doing it right." I might have heard it in a movie or television show. Hell, it sounds like a line pulled from the deepest parts of Larry David's mind while scripting an episode of Seinfeld; but no matter where it was, it truly resonates with me. Exhaustion can bring many unwanted things into your life, and the one feature that is destroying the inner workings of my creative muse happens to be writer's block. It's bound to grab hold of anyone who has ever picked up a pen, pencil or quill. Yes, I am subtly suggesting that Benjamin Franklin had a crippling case of writer's block as he crafted Poor Richard's Almanac.

Typically, the only way to break out is to start thumping on the ol' keyboard. One of my favorite episodes of Seinfeld was "The Bizarro Jerry." Everything was the complete opposite of real life and that is how I feel about baseball at this precise moment in time. The Atlanta Braves have started the season off completely pitiful. Their .226 winning percentage is bad, in fact it is the worst in the league and could be on pace to be a historically bad season. Even more disturbing, their record is 1-16 at home. Wow, someone needs to let Fredi Gonzalez know that home is where you should pick up wins. Turner Field is in its last season as the Braves home base and it is looking to end its 20-year run in style. I had a feeling that the season was going to be bad, but this is incredible. God bless those guys for really loving the game enough to just play, because losing that horrendously kills your soul. I know because I had a tough season of coach pitch when I was six that still haunts my dreams.

The "Bizarro" effect comes into play when you look at Chicago. The Cubs or the White Sox? How about both? The Cubs have the best record in baseball at 25-7. That is literally the complete opposite of Atlanta Braves. On the other side of town, the White Sox are holding the second best record in baseball. That puts both of these teams on top of their respective leagues, making Chicago one greedy city when it comes to winning teams. Chicago has the Blackhawks, who have won 3 Stanley Cups since 2010, so I think that's enough championships for a while. It really seems like Chicago finally found where Steve Bartman attached a fake mustache and bought him season tickets for the 2016 Braves season. Never heard of this guy? He was the scapegoat that the 'Second City' blamed the Cubs implosion in the 2003 NLCS. His 8th inning stretch for a foul ball caused Moises Alou to not catch a routine fly ball. Immediately

after the incident, the Marlins went on to win the series and he was forced to become a recluse for fear of his life. It's really a sad story, but he still carries the bad luck that could seep into the Braves through osmosis. That could explain how relief pitcher, Dan Winkler, fractured his elbow throwing a pitch. How does that even happen?

With the way that Atlanta has started out the season, it may not be far-fetched that the **Savannah Bananas** will have a better inaugural season. I have mentioned it throughout my career as a writer for this magazine, but I will reiterate. I have been a lifelong Braves, but sometimes you just need a break. While my tomahawk collects more dust in the closet because it only makes playoff appearances, I will turn to our brand new baseball team in Savannah. The journey will start out when the Bananas take the field on opening day, May 31st, which will be played in Martinsville. The first opponent that will take on the fearsome Bananas at home will be the Lexington County Blowfish. If you can find anyone to give you action on this team, go with the Bananas winning more games than the Braves at home. This would complete my "Bizarro" theory for the baseball season that is upon us.

I may be reaching for too many correlations between Seinfeld and life, but it does allow for some very interesting theories within my head. The show about nothing can typically cure a case of writer's block within minutes, and when I know that I am doing my job right as an adult, any stretch of imagination helps to get the words on the paper and kick exhaustion to the curb.





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# Who's Got Your Back in the Atlantic?

## THE COAST GUARD!

By Alaina Loughridge - Photos by Wen McNally

So, I had an epiphany to call the Coast Guard and ask if I could write a story about them. You know, hook up on a ride-along, ask some questions, poke around, find the bodies, get the dirt on what is what. Well, to my horror they said Yes! I am not very military savvy and knew I was going to make an ass of myself ... and I totally did, but I recommend it for everyone! We had a very educational and fun experience. However, as usual I am getting ahead of myself ...

It was a dark and stormy morning ... nah, it was 9:00 am on a gorgeous Tybee day and Wen McNally, photographer extraordinaire, Nell Klein, personal assistant to the stars, and myself were on a mission – get to the Coast Guard station at Fort Pulaski. So we pulled in and these two jerks driving a truck and pulling a boat trailer were blocking the gate. Dudes, I have a time schedule and you are in my way. So I started honking and gesturing to get outta my way. Well, they did and proceeded to stop us with hand gestures of their own. Yep. Little did I realize that these were the guys we would be spending the day with. All you can do is LOL.



After about a thousand horrified giggles and apologies, we made it to the OinC (Officer in Charge) aka the Commanding Officer. Ron McCready is the man and he was happy to meet with us newbies and fill us in on the guts of the Coast Guard business. Let's chat about Ron first: He has been in the CG biz for over 24 years. He has been stationed here at Tybee for the last three years and is very much the guy you want in charge. Calm, self assured and knows his business. He also makes sure that everyone else knows their business and is quick and efficient about it.

We chatted for a few and it was time for a tour and then a boat ride!!! Thank God Wen was there, otherwise I would have never known the 'female head' was the restroom. Like I said ... Anyhoo. We met our crew: Blake Roberts, Will Holtz and Joey Noreikas. Gentlemen all the way and very professional. This crew was on it! We got jacketed up and off we went. Very exciting for us newbies!

We boarded 45738, a high tech master of the universe water craft, and traversed up the Savannah River. Nell got to drive the boat and was so excited she turned and told me she was driving. Yikes! Eyes up front girl! As Nell was cruising the boulevard for us, I got to question Blake, Will and



Joey. Good guys all of them (see FRONT COVER)! They love being a part of the Coast Guard and being a part of protecting the ocean and people (mainly from each other). A good thing about being a part of the CG is that there is always a ladder to climb. Granted, you go into basics and you eat your humble pie, but up you go and you are your only limit.

Let me give you some dirt - The Coast Guard is a unique branch of our military service for a number of reasons: Protecting our nation's coastline and other major lakes and waterways, there are only 42,000 active duty members. That is about the size of the NYPD. There is only one basic training camp at Cape May, New Jersey, which is where everyone gets their training. They have complete autonomy. They can pull you over for a 'safety check' for no reason. That may sound pretty severe, but when it comes down to the nitty gritty, you should be behaving yourself anyway and welcome the check. If you are a bad guy, you are going down

Additionally, I had no idea that the Coast Guard has their own little planetary space at Fort Pulaski – a community all unto itself. It's awesome! The units located on the base here are the CGC CHINOOK, an 87 ft. cutter (ship), responsible for the waters offshore the coast of Georgia, and the CG Aids to Navigation Team Tybee, which is responsible for the buoys and lights on the waterways for the safe navigation of vessels. In addition to our traditional CG, the Volunteer Coastal Auxiliary runs out of the same space. These folks provide boating education, licensing and classes. This day and age is a far cry from the 1800's when one officer walked 10 miles to meet another officer who had just walked 10 miles for the safety check!!!

Our locals have 40 miles south and 40 miles west from St. Helena, Sapelo, to Brunswick, plus an additional 50 miles off shore. They travel in

sets of four to each boat. Everyone has their own sector. I am not going to bore you with the bits of it, but just know, the CG has your back out and about on the big H2O.

Out of all of this information, I think I was most fascinated by the fact that the CG is the only branch of the U.S. military service that has ever passed their financial audit. That is not only exceptional, that is a tight ship!!!

We really appreciate the ladies and gentlemen that made us feel so welcome and informed us about what the Coast Guard is all about. Thank you especially to Ron McCready, Blake Roberts, Will Holtz and Joey Noreikas. You gentlemen have our back!





There is hardly a day that goes by that I don't shrink myself down and mind-surf those clean 3 inch breaks that lap our Tybee shore. If I were just the size of a little lego man, they would be the longest, fastest, cleanest waves to ride... Perhaps its not your first thought when looking at the ocean, but who can deny the beauty and grace of clean peeling barrels rolling through the water? Ocean waves have been an age old, exhaustive study. They are conceived by quite an elaborate relationship of elements, a recipe far out of our control, or so I thought until **Kelly Slater** came onto the playing field.

Slater, a Coco Beach, Fl native, is a world famous surf champ and now, a revolutionary in wave technology. Instead of sitting back and waiting for the perfect surf to arrive, this innovator took matters into his own hands. Exercising this amazing age of resources and technology, Slater honed in on, literally, the driving force of his passion - wave dynamics. The Sultan of Surf unveiled to the world a ridiculously realistic artificial wave pool just this past December, an amazing creation not to be taken so lightly. This is not another cheapo wave pool experience you get nixed off of after 10 seconds of water up your nose. It is the first rolling, artificial wave that generates enough power, speed, and energy to whip a trick off of, this is if you decide to break out of the 4 foot tall, 30 second long, peeling barrel ride that would contest with any natural wave.

Slater made himself a perfect wave that can be accessible whenever the itch for surf arises. It's what he is calling a freak

of technology, but really for the wave-loving world it is more of a breach. The wave was 10 years in the making, developed by an a-class team of fluid dynamic scientists and engineers (water nerds). The expectation bar was raised as high as possible for a maximum performance wave, and they certainly achieved it. The patience for quality was important and 100% worth it when Slater invited some of his surf mates to be the first to test out the clean, controlled, man-made barrel. Many of these hugely accomplished surfers were mind blown by the technical perfection of the wave and the sheer enjoyment of the rides that they were getting. The experience got an A+++ from all who got the golden ticket to the pool. You can check some of these stoked rides out at [kswaveco.com](http://kswaveco.com).

The sport and theme park industries cannot wait to get their hands on this technology. The biz side of Slater's project will definitely compensate for the multi-million dollar facility. Not only will this wave open up surfing to inland communities, but it has the potential to become a new tool in surfing contests with its predictable breaks and unaltered formation. It creates a more than fair playing field for surf contestants. This technology may even be responsible for the final push for surfing to be included as a sport in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. We shall watch and see the impact of this new technology blossom right before our old school, ocean-surfing eyes. It is undeniable that this new wave is going to change the sport of surfing as we know it.

There are still many concerns and comments on the sacrilege of surfing without the connection to nature, but this is all very dramatic. Perhaps a supplement when times are flat, but the wave pool won't come close to the classic experience of freedom in the ocean ... Slater assures that; the project was a challenge to create a wave for the fun of surfing and now the technology can be taken and implemented anywhere, expanding the sport from the exclusive coastlines, and sharing the gift of surf to landlocked wave seekers. A true advocate of surfing, Kelly Slater has given a great gift to humanity with his incredibly high standards and ambition to create the most incredible artificial wave in existence. What a ride. Check it out [kswaveco.com](http://kswaveco.com).



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# COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz and Morgan Mapel



Hello Everyone! Welcome to the June edition of “Combing the Beach.” Looking at the pictures that make up this article made me realize how fun this Spring has been! I have had so many good times with so many people this past month; I can’t even imagine what this Summer will be like. It’s recess on the Tybee playground! I think we all have been having a great time.

**1** I was at the right place at the right time when this picture of **John** and **Brett** was taken, when I finished last month’s article. John has been back on Tybee a couple of times recently! It’s always good to see him. John owns **AOK Watersports** and he, Brett and other staff members have actively been getting ready for this coming season. Brett has also been working at Huc **A Poo’s** and that’s good news! We haven’t seen John or Brett in here in a while. Cute stance, guys.

**2** There is some serious trivia at **Coco’s Sunset Grille** every Tuesday at 7 p.m. It’s fun for the whole family; I go with my mom. Here is a photo from the last time we played with **Yogi, Joyce, Trina, Sheila** and **Janet**. Get a team together and go like we do!

**3** Sometimes I like to go in for happy hour at **Tybee Time Bar**. This is **Jamy**, who is as sweet as she looks. I just called there and verified - she has been bartending there for 11 years! Another bartender there, **Jenny**, has worked there for 12 years! There is something to be said about that! Great job, girls! Keep those daiquiris and sports coming!

**4** Here is my friend, **Lanny**, who is holding a hand-painted “Tybee Island 2016” crab. We’re playing around. Lanny is a little older than I, but when we’re together you can see we both act around the ripe age of adolescence. I even got to meet his family when they just visited and trust me, they’re just as amusing. Thanks for the invite, Lanny and tell the family hello!

**5** You passed **Fort Pulaski National Monument** (U.S. National Park Service) to your left right on your way on to the bridge to Tybee. After all these years I finally went. After my visit and research I learned there are so many activities going on there year round. And the history! Check out their website, [www.nps.gov/fopu](http://www.nps.gov/fopu) or their Facebook page and I’m sure you’ll find something happening there that interests you. There’s even yoga sessions there! **Laura** was extremely nice and helpful even after I admitted that I had no idea what took place historically at Fort Pulaski.

**6** After Fort Pulaski I stopped at another spot that I’m embarrassed to say I had never been to before, the **Lazaretto Creek Fishing Pier**. There you can catch a gorgeous view of **Coco’s Sunset Grille** and **Captain Mike’s Dolphin Tours** from the other side of the water. I know **James** was having a good day fishing here. I wish I could’ve hung out with you longer!

**7** **Judy** is at **High Tide Surf Shop**. They’re “Bringing the surf lifestyle and stoke to the East Coast since 84,” selling quality surfboards, skateboards and apparel. I’m gonna go get a sweet pair of Reef flops I saw there that day! That shop is tight!

**8** You’ll find **Boogie Scooter Rental** right behind High Tide. That sounds like a fun way to get around Tybee! Go see or call my smiling boy Dale for rates. If you can’t see the number it’s 912-472-4266.

**9** I met the owners of **Royal Palm Motel** on Tybee once a few years back and I was impressed. The Royal Palm has a great location, it’s affordable and it is clean. What a value. The pool looks nice too. This is **Eleura** at the front desk. Eleura also works at our **Tybee Market IGA**. I can relate and respect balancing an active work ethic!



**10** This is **Ron** at **Beach Bites** located on Tybrisa about a block away from the Tybee Island Pier. Besides ice cream, I recommend the loaded hot dog. In fact, I used to call Beach Bites the ‘hot dog window,’ but don’t worry, you can sit down.

**11** **La Dolce Vita Italian Grill** at Hotel Tybee has opened the the poolside tiki bar. Here’s **Alex!** I love having a cocktail while tanning!

**12** I have been waiting to capture a shot of this man. Here is one of the very first people I met on Tybee over 20 years ago, **John O’Neill!** He works at **Hotel Tybee** and he’s one of my dad’s best Tybee friends. We’ve got quite a history. Everyone around here knows John and he knows about everything around here. I like having a cocktail with him and catching up. I was glad to catch a classic moment like this because I’ve been watching him sing at special occasions such as this one for years.

**13** Owners of **Latitude 32**, **Jen** and **Keith**, were enjoying cocktails with a view. Thank you both for the picture and the bottle of sparkling wine! We’re saving that bottle by the way, it’s beautiful! Nice people!

**14** **Dr. Pamela Dee Gaudry** and **Kelly** are two very important people in my life. Pam, “America’s Romance Menopause Doctor” doesn’t need much introduction around here and now she is even more of a star! She and **Tytan Pictures** recently invited cast, crew, family and friends to a test screening of her feature length film **“Love, Sweat and Tears”** at the **Tybee Post Theater!** It’s on its way to the Illuminate Film Festival in Sedona, Arizona! I went, I saw and I loved it! Kelly is one of my very best friends and without him I wouldn’t know Pam. Thank you both for EVERYTHING you do for me. Love you both. That pic is a keeper too, for all of us.

**15** This is **Emmalee** at **Spanky’s Beachside**. She made picking up chicken fingers on Cinco de Mayo fun and festive!

**16** What? This is not your typical **Doug** at **Wind Rose Café**, but this is how he used to dress in the 70’s. You are one of my favorite listening to music partners and bartenders. I more than appreciate you, Doug. Thank you for a real good time!

**17** I’ve never gotten a picture of couple **Lindsay** and **Frank** together. Thank you Frank! They were at the **Tybee Island Social Club** watching one of my favorite local bands, The Accomplices. They’re a “lowcountry string band” and they’re amazing. If you get the chance definitely go see them. Everyone that I’ve taken to see them loved them.

**18** I went with my dad and friends to the **SCAD Sand Arts Festival** at our North Beach. It turned out to be a really fun and memorable time! Look at this sand sculpture!

**19** **Russ**, **Eric** and **Harold** got together for a picture for me at **North Beach Bar & Grill**. Russ owns **North Beach Rentals** and is a local celebrity musician; Eric is working there as well this summer. Harold works for **North Island Surf and Kayak**. Glad they all got this break. Thanks friends!

**20** **Saralyn** and **Moses** pulled up in this beautiful 1954 MG! Thanks for the couple rides! That was an enjoyable happy hour too. Perfect ending to a perfect day!

I’ve heard quite a few people say they think this is going to be an epic Summer. I have a feeling it is too.

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## June Fishing Forecast

### TYBEE PIER FISHING

Now is the time to be catching fish. Just about every species can be found somewhere along our surf now. If you want an easy day of fishing, grab some double dropper rigs and Shrimp and find a quiet spot near the jetties or anywhere along the beach and you're sure to catch some Whiting, Bluefish, Ladyfish and a chance at some Pompano. If you are willing to do some chasing, use a straw rig, spoons or Gotcha Plug; you can have a blast when you find the big schools of Spanish, Bluefish and Ladyfish that will be moving up and down the beach chasing bait.

### INSHORE

The Flounder, Redfish, and Speckled Sea Trout are all feeding and this month is a great time to target the Flounder in the shallow waters on the creeks. Fishing the mud and sand near any kind of structure will give you a chance at finding these fish. 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. Live Shrimp have been tough to find in the area. I hope by the end of the month they begin to show up.



King Mackerel

### NEAR SHORE

The waters are warm and the fish are here. This is your last chance for Cobia for the year; the season closes on the 20th. Live Eels have been producing some quality fish this year. The King Mackerel are showing up as well. 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 Spanish Mackerel, Black Sea Bass, Triggerfish, Spadefish, and many other bottom fish to be found right now.



Grouper

### OFF SHORE

The temperature breaks are a little harder to find but they are around. Sometimes much closer in than you realize and it can be easy to pass the fish up. Many days I have seen the Mahi and Wahoo in as close as 25 miles. Watch the water color and keep an eye out for schools of Flying Fish and Bonita. The fish won't be far from it. Amberjack can be found near structures and ledges. Have a few butterfly or speed jigs on board to add to the excitement of catching these powerful fish. 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.

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# TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk

Its already June, the season is in full swing. Memorial Day has already happened. Beach Bum Parade has come and gone ... hopefully everyone had a blast.

As a cab driver, I am asked a lot of the same questions. One of my favorites is, "Do the police mess with you much?" I have an arsenal of witty answers for this question. Breezy is on the road 24/7, so our exposure is high, but the true answer is no they do not. Having said that, we are not out there disrespecting or disobeying the law. Our police force have enough to deal with. Every summer the police all around the country have these random check points, safety checks, DUI check points, whatever you want to call them. (FYI, you should never drive under the influence.)

Couple summers ago I was headed to Savannah to pick up a local birthday girl, her boyfriend and two of her friends from outta town. I got to Bryan Wood and Hwy 80 and Boom! A check point. I pulled up, showed my driver's license, all was good, and I was on my way. I arrived downtown to find my group of four that had grown to a group of six.

Legally my car can only carry 4 passengers, but I say leave no solder behind. I loaded them up and told them about the check point in case ... well you know. I figured we would go Johnny Mercer instead of 80, with there being a chance of no check point. WRONG!!! We got to Bryan Wood Rd. and there was GSP, Chatham County, Armstrong University, and a whole bunch of K9s. This scene always makes my heart rate increase, but when you know you're bending the rules, you can see my heart beating in my neck.

I crept up slowly, as one officer was telling me to speed up, while another was telling me to slow down. I stopped at the officer in charge. She was a little chick with a big attitude. She was very displeased with the number of passengers I was transporting. I used to keep a blanket between the front seat, so when someone was sitting there it was a bit more comfortable. We called it the Bunker Seat.

"Oh my gawd! That ain't even a seat she is in. Pull over, I smell alcohol."

"No shit! We just left a bar, that's why we are in a taxi."

She then asked, "How many people do you have in there?" I answered, "Do the ones in the trunk count?" (Sometimes I just can't help myself.) They asked for all of our IDs. Why they wanted my passengers was beyond me, but I supposed they had the authority.

Some of the IDs came with commentary: "Hey, I am on parole." "Hey, mine are suspended." She asked, "Why are you telling me this?" "Just don't want any surprises. Just so you know." Of course, I was asked to step behind the vehicle. I was getting the third degree from a couple of sergeants, while they told me, "Oh, you thought you'd get that extra \$20 by stuffing the vehicle, huh?" I explained to them that that was not the case. The charge was the same regardless of how many people, and these guys were also my friends and I didn't want any of them driving to Tybee.

I received two tickets, basically for the same thing - unsafe vehicle and too many people in the vehicle. These were my first traffic tickets in about 20 years. Whatever. Then they told me that I had to leave ... yeah, leave two of my passengers behind. What?? So we called an owner of a North end bar. Yes ... he was home and most likely sleeping (we will call him ET). ET agreed to come and get two of my passengers. However, I didn't want to just leave them standing on the side of the road. We would wait. No, we wouldn't. The cops insisted we leave them behind and proceed to Tybee.

Everyone needed cigarettes, so we stopped at a store on Wilmington. After we finished in the store and got back outside, there was ET and the two left-behind passengers. They got out of his car and got back in the cab. I went from six to four and back to six again. We were on the right side of the roadblock, so back to Tybee we went.

My court date arrived. It was a 1:00 pm court session. The courtroom was full and the Honorable Judge W. was filling in for the day's proceedings. Right off the bat I could tell this was a fair judge. I don't know if his lunch was exceptionally good or if he had one fantastic afternoon delight; either way he was in a great mood. He was dropping speeding tickets down 10-15 mph, having college students write 2000 word essays in lieu of fines ... completely fair. By the time I was called up, I was feeling relaxed and confident.

I had been in the courtroom my fair share of times, and have made some pretty idiotic statements. I have dropped the "F" bomb in traffic court, and I made a really bad joke in family court once. Sometimes I can't help myself, I love to make people laugh.

"Mr. Goralczyk, I see that you have a very clean driving history." I replied, "Yes sir. The last twenty years, the first few not so much." The judge pondered my case and said, "Mr. Goralczyk, I don't understand what was unsafe in your situation." I explained that the Crown Vic will legally sit four people, not six. I also explained that they were my friends and I did not want anyone to drive, even though I knew I would be going back through that checkpoint. He asked if any of the passengers that night were in court with me today. Okay, pressure was on. Should I make a joke or just simply answer 'No Your Honor?' So I said, "No Your Honor, if you get too many Tybee people in the same place, a party is likely to break out." He laughed. I laughed. The courtroom laughed. Finally! Laughter! His response was, "Okay, I am going to drop this one ticket all together and drop the other to Too Fast for Conditions. No points will be on your record." He added, "I don't care how many drunk people you put in your cab. You are keeping the streets safe and providing a public service." I thanked him and said, "You can judge me anytime, Your Honor!"

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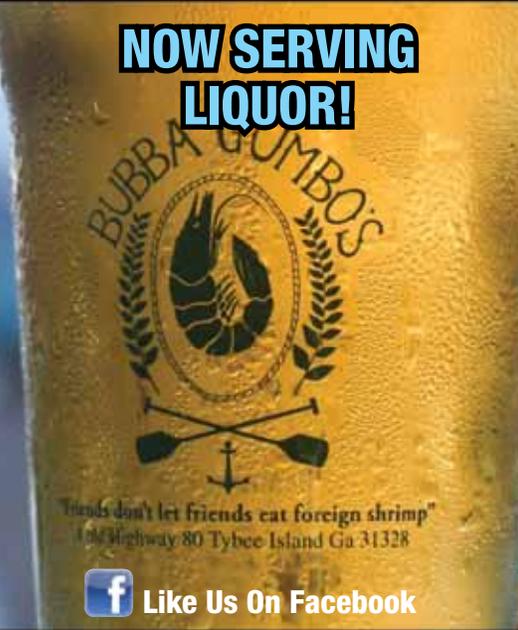
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**Coo Coo for coconuts!!** I'm not one to jump on the bandwagon of the latest health and nutrition fad, but every now and again something will give me pause. I am the carb queen!! I love sugar. I love baked goods. And I loooooove fried food. However, I don't love diabetes. I don't love all the chemicals and preservatives in store-bought sweets or grease floaters at the deli counter. And I reeeally don't love 'muffin top'. (Disclaimer: Exercise still required.) Boo. Hiss. So, the need to get excited about healthier options to shove down my gullet is pretty important. Enter coconut oil.

Since forever, we have been told saturated fats are the devil incarnate and that our heart will clog up and seize like it's in a rear naked choke. And yes, coconut oil is very high in saturated fat. But the change in how our food is grown, manufactured and processed has made a difference in how we need to think about "What the hell is this I'm eating?"

In moderation (haha), coconut oil has many potential health benefits such as: controlling blood sugar, raising good HDL cholesterol and easing digestion, as well as containing vitamin K, vitamin E and iron. Coconut oil is easy to find. Usually it's non-GMO and organic. I even found an organic, non-GMO brand available at the big brick store that you're allowed to camp in their parking lot whilst travelling. Most vegetable oils are not non-GMO and/or organic. Olive oil is also a healthy choice and easy to find organic and non-GMO but there is one teensy problem, it cannot do the high temperatures for fried yummys. Therefore, it is my favorite for just about everything else. It just so happens coconut oil has a smoke point of 350 degrees which is right around the perfect temperature for frying stuff. I remember it like it was yesterday...the perfect scallop! I've always had a toilsome, not to mention expensive, time cooking the perfect golden, crispy-edged scallop until I tried coconut oil. It was a very happy day. Now everything I fry is golden and crispy. And if you're worried about the taste of coconut overpowering your dish it won't, coconut oil is very mild and unobtrusive.

I hope I peaked your interest in coconuts. There is tons of information available and you can decide if coconut oil is for you.

Lest we forget I am the Carb Frau, I shall include a sugary recipe using coconut flour:



## ZESTY LEMON BARS

### Ingredients:

- 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups flour
- 1/3 cup coconut flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup cold butter, cut
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- Zest of whole lemon
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 cup flour

Combine 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups flour, coconut flour and powdered sugar. Cut in butter. Press in 13x9 pan (I like more corner pieces so I make it in 2-11x7 or 2-8x8). Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until light brown.

Whisk eggs very well, add sugar, lemon juice and zest. Stir in baking powder and 1/4 cup of flour. Whisk mixture. Pour into hot or warm baked crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or light brown. Dust with powdered sugar when cooled. Enjoy and contemplate a little guilt-driven exercise too.



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# FOOD SPY

By Mike Manitta - Photos by Wen McNally



It's pretty safe to say that everyone knows **Wet Willie's** for their awesome daiquiris, those sweet and refreshing frozen treats that really pack a punch. What you may not realize is that Wet Willie's started right here in Savannah back in March of 1990, and has since grown to over a dozen locations scattered throughout the south and even as far north as Atlantic City. They are also committed to giving back to their communities by supporting countless, I mean countless, charities on a local and regional level. I had no idea how involved they are in so much that happens in our community and it's great to know that monies spent there are also supporting organizations that help impact our lives locally. Hat's off to you and Thanks for the great example. That being said, what you also may not realize is that they also have some pretty killer food!

Not only does Wet Willie's serve up some delicious bar favorites like wings and burgers, but I was pretty stoked to find out that they also serve breakfast, til 2pm even. Coming from someone that works in a bar, I love me some breakfast options at noon time.

The day Wen and I stopped by, we did so in the late morning so we would have a good excuse to sample some breakfast items as well as the regular pub menu. I was particularly excited to see they offered Eggs Benedict on the regular breakfast menu, hands down one of my all time favorites, and not something you see served everywhere on a daily basis. In addition to Eggs Benedict, we also sampled the Chicken Fajita Omelet, Big (over) Easy Burger, Cheeseburger on a stick, Chopped Salad with Chicken, and Sunset Quesadilla with Chicken. Yes, we needed several to-go boxes.

First the **Eggs Benedict**, poached eggs on English muffins with Canadian bacon and hollandaise sauce, served with home-fried potatoes. I was not disappointed, the eggs were poached perfectly, not overdone, and I can't get enough of that hollandaise, I wiped my plate clean with those home fries, yummy.

Next, the **Chicken Fajita Omelet**, grilled chicken breast, onions, bell peppers, Monterey Jack and Cheddar cheeses, topped with sour cream, served with a side of salsa, toast, grits AND home fries. A lot of food at a more than a fair price. That omelet



was packed full of ingredients and I have to say the flavors complemented each other perfectly with a dab of sour cream and salsa, very tasty.

Now we move on to lunch, we started with the Big (Over) Easy Steak

Burger and Cheeseburger on a Stick. You expect to find burgers in a bar but these are not a typical frozen burger, they are hand pattied and thick and juicy, bursting with flavor.

**The Big (Over) Easy** is a half-pound of fresh sirloin and chuck, char-grilled and topped with Applewood Smoked Bacon, Cheddar cheese, and an over-easy fried egg, served on a gourmet brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, red onion, dill pickles and fries. I've had the burgers on many occasions and they are always delicious and I usually



have to save half for later. **The Cheeseburger on a Stick** is also a scrumptious burger option, perfect for sharing or to save for later if you know you won't be tackling the whole meal at once, three "Old School" sliders, melted American cheese, tomatoes and dill pickles served with



fries. I'll tell you, these guys are super tasty and filling, I can never finish all three at once.

On a lighter note, next we shared the **Chopped Salad with Chicken**, chopped lettuce, grape tomatoes, English cucumbers, red beans, red onion, bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, topped with a grilled chicken breast. Everything was super fresh and I have



to say grape tomatoes are my favorite, tender and sweet, they make a salad to me, plus the red beans were also a nice additional protein kick that you don't find everywhere. I was impressed.

Last, we struggled to find room to taste the **Sunset Quesadilla with Chicken**, a giant tomato-basil tortilla filled with pepperjack cheese, red



beans, bell peppers and chicken. Served with pico de gallo, guacamole, sour cream and salsa. This puppy was huge. A pleasant twist on your average tortilla with melted cheese, this guy was packed full of ingredients and you would be hard pressed to finish this one on your own.

All in all, I think you will be pleasantly surprised at the quality of ingredients that go into the food at Wet Willie's. Not at all typical of what you think you would find on a bar menu, you can really notice the thought that was put into creating each dish and all offered at a price that is more than reasonable.

Wet Willie's is located at 16 Tybrisa, right smack in the middle of everything. They serve breakfast from 9am – 2pm and the lunch menu starts at 11 am. From wings to tacos and tenders, even breakfast, they have a wide variety of food options that will keep your taste buds happy visit after visit.

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## Doc's Bar... A Tybee Tradition

By Pam Smith

Have you ever loved something so much that you just couldn't find the words to fully express why? Well, let me try...

For almost 25 years I have been bartending at **Doc's Bar**. I can't help but wonder what it was like opening a bar in 1948 on Tybee. What was Doc Wall's vision? Would he approve now? Hmm... Maybe he just wanted a place to have all his friends gather and at the same time, make a living (double salt on the rim, please!).

The bar has had its share of ups and downs, its losses of amazing patrons, entertainers and good ole boys. But it has been a true survivor... a die-hard place of camaraderie and brotherhood. Whether it's a homecoming, an introduction to a relationship, a gathering for a music venue, or a salute to someone passed on, it is a Tybee tradition. If walls could talk!

Anyone who has "grown up" (I use the term endearingly) on Tybee has their own stories of how they were introduced to Doc's by their parents or grandparents. My first memories are the old shuffleboard bowling game and the jukebox that took nickels (there was some "twistin" going on in those days!). And yes, there was a bumper pool table!

My step-dad, T.D. Wilson, was a friend and patron to Doc Wall. He was known to have locked-up and hidden the proceeds when Doc had had enough and wanted to go home. Doc was a pilot and there are some rumored stories of how he flew his plane under a bridge and landed it on the beach. Don't know how true that is! But you can imagine!

Through the years there has been counseling, consoling, and lessons learned. And I've had the honor of being able to be a part of the history in the making. But the best part is the people, some of which I have worked with and for.

This June marks two years that I have worked for Steve and Bethany Kellam. I wish Doc could have known them. I can see him and Steve having a beer and a cigar, and exchanging stories. I can imagine Doc's first impression of the bar now and what it was 68 years ago. But he would see that the heart of the bar is still ticking. The appearance has changed slightly, but the people keep coming back, generation after generation. And they all know that "Doc's is a family tradition!" Did I hear a "Hell yeah!" (And please pass me another White Russian!)

I love Doc's Bar!

**Happy two year anniversary Steve and Bethany!**

And happy 68 years to Doc's!

# THE WILD AND WACKY GAME OF HALF RUBBER

By Polly Wylylly Cooper - co-author of *Tybee Days* and *Sand Between Our Toes*

According to Dan Jones' book, *Halfrubber: The Savannah Game*, this quirky sport originated in the early 1900s in Savannah. It is also claimed by some chest-thumping Charlestonians that it was played first on South Carolina sand. These sister cities each jealously claim the honor.

The game, similar to baseball, is played with a broom stick and a rubber ball cut in half. In the 1930s, the game was popular at Tybee. The concrete seawall was an ideal backstop. A favorite half rubber story from Bill Lyle Jr. goes like this: "In the 50s, we guys were playing half rubber in Calhoun Square. A limousine stopped for passengers to watch this curious game. The car continued on, leaving the game in progress. Soon it returned and a nice lady got out, walked up to me and handed me a whole ball!" laughed Bill. "She must've thought we poor cracker boys couldn't afford a whole ball."

Another story was that some tourists from New York asked why only half a ball? The tongue-in-cheek reply was, "Well, you Yankees took all the money outta the south, so we have to use half a ball!"

Alex Cann gave permission to use his poem, written in 1944 in Tybee Days. Here goes.....

## The Game Called Half Rubber

She said abruptly, "Go straight to your room!" The subject in question was Aunt Margaret's broom. Cousin Alex and I had cut the stick, We needed a bat, simple and quick. A broom minus handle is not much use, When you need a bat, you can take the abuse.

The ball we had bought at Chinaman Chu's, A quarter then, but my mathematics are loose. Cut in half, two balls were twelve and a half cents. Such a deal as that we've never seen since! The Adams family taught us to play, Competition was keen on a sunny day.

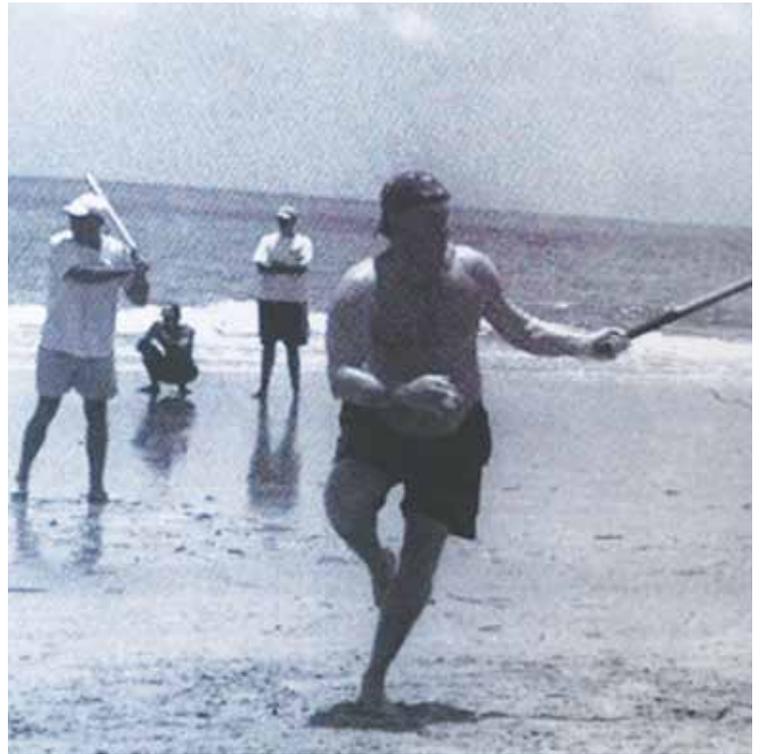
Uncle Alex really never could hit, But his tongue was sharp, so was his wit. John was the best with his turn at bat, Then followed by the older Pratt. The wind was a factor, making balls rise, Judgment was critical, squinting your eyes.

Lines were drawn in the moist beach sand, Singles, doubles, triples were counted by hand. Sometimes gnats got us, but we played on. Oft times it was hard to tell who really won. On occasions there were forced timeout lulls, Caused by inquisitive, swooping gulls.

But we would play on with intense passion, While the waves, low at first, began crashing, And the lines were erased, halting the game, Half-rubber it was; no one knew a better name. Those were the times, and I remember now, Aunt Margaret loved us, as only she knew how.

She'd go back to Tybee Market and buy a new broom, And set it aside in the very same room. When we needed a stick, we knew exactly where. The broom was always placed with the greatest of care. Love was awaiting us there!

*In my article last month entitled "Tybee was more fun than Camp," I want to apologize for my error. The photograph of the lovely girl on the horse was not Nancy Bishop Hughes, but was actually Paulette Hosti.*



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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?

The City's Development Authority/Main Street Program presents movies in 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 Jurassic World at dusk on June 18. Movies are projected on an inflatable screen in front of the Gym wall and, in case of inclement weather, will be moved indoors to the gym.

For those of you reading this magazine that might be a first-time visitor to Tybee, Memorial Park is centrally located behind city hall and features a covered 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, Jurassic World is a great family film, rated PG-13. It tells the story of a new park, Jurassic World, open 22 years after the original Jurassic Park failed. After years of studying genetics, the scientists onsite genetically engineer a new breed of dinosaur in the hopes of drawing in corporate sponsors and park visitors, but when this unknown creature escapes, no dinosaur or person is safe in its path!

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](http://www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com). The Tybee Island Main Street FB page is updated on a regular basis as well. We invite you to like it.

**On behalf of our Board of Directors and Community Partners, thanks for all you do to keep Tybee Tybee! Brenda & Chantel**

*Article contributors: Brenda Marion, Board Director / Promo Liaison and Chantel Morton, Executive Director*

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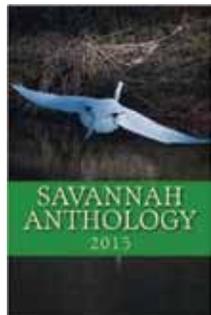


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# BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein



## Savannah Anthology 2015

The Savannah Author's Workshop, founded in 2011, presents **Savannah Anthology 2015**, which is a book of selected writings by various authors from all over the South. The judging for the book of short stories was done by blind process, meaning the judges didn't know the names of the authors who entered the contest.

The 22 winning stories were narrowed down from an astonishing number of entries from 5 states. There was a 1st place winner, a tie for 2nd place, 3 honorable mentions and 16 notable winners. I obviously can't review each story, so I will tell you about the ones that stood out for me.

First and foremost, the winner was "**Helen**," by Tybee's own **J.R. Roseberry**. It's the story of a chicken who takes up residence at a riverside cabin for many seasons and is cared for by the owner that resides there. It's a lovely story of getting to know each other and learning to live together. It's both heartwarming and comical and our congratulations go out to J.R., our very own resident author.

My next favorite story was "**Cat's Cradle**," about a cat who takes up residence with a grumpy old man and the changes it makes in him. In fact, my favorite stories in the book involved animals, but there were many other topics. There was a fake psychic who really helped people and found love herself; an amethyst ring that helps you see ghosts; a sci-fi story about a city where you live in towers connected by bridges to stay away from the monsters below; an old man who just wanted a comfortable chair to sit in, and many more subjects.

I was invited to read this collection of stories and I'm so pleased to pass it on. It's not really a book to sit down and read all at one time (but you surely could if you wanted to), it's more a book to sit on your coffee table or end table and read a short story when you need a little pick-me-up. Each story is delightful in its own way and I'm sure you will enjoy reading them all and picking your own favorites.

Until next time, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!

*Nails by Maranda*

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# OUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR

By Micheal Elliot

It's great to be in this temperate zone.

Someone said that you forever love the weather of the month you were born.

My wife was born in May, which in many ways reflects Spring; the dying of winter, the coming of new blooms, fresh air sweeping out the old and an emerging warming of things once cold.

I was born in July and everything about me shows it.

I love open windows, ceiling fans, lit grills, everything in full bloom at once, and the sun casting thousands of diamonds on the morning sea.

I love beach walks, setting up camp in the sand for all the kids, body surfing, searching for shark's teeth and taking one last look from the crosswalk as we make our way home from a day on the beach.

I love music from the Pier at night, sitting on the back deck talking or listening, Palm Trees dancing in the breeze, seagulls squawking and the splash Pelicans make when they hit the water.

I love boat drinks, beer and wine, a constant stream of beach music, live bands, crowds with good vibes, and I love to dance with the girls.

I love watching kids play in the surf, families fish in the waves, boys looking at girls and girls looking at boys as they troll the beach,

I love kids drawing with chalk on the driveway, water fights in the yard, the fact they always miss a spot with the sunscreen and using every single towel in the house when we get home from the beach.

I love shooting stars, the roar of the waves at High Tide, hot dogs with mustard and onion, grilled shrimp and potato chips.

I love girls in their bikinis.

And I love there's summer holidays and we get to do it all again because it's summer.

Summer time's here.

Our favorite time of year.

# MusicProfile

By Todd Tilson

## FAREWELL TO PRINCE



I recently had a chance to get tickets to see the world's most talented musician and decided that I didn't need to go this time because he would be touring for the next year; so naturally, I didn't go to the show. Little did I know, the performer at this particular show played five encores and played all his hits. Just the sheer fact that he was even in the same state I was in should have made me jump to see him play songs about corvettes, women, and even the Pope.

Growing up with musicians in my family, I got a great grasp on what good music really is and was, and let me tell you this guy could do it all. I remember watching him on Saturday Night Live, the Grammys, and even calling in a favor from God to make it rain during his performance at the Super Bowl. I'm talking about the one and only **Prince**.

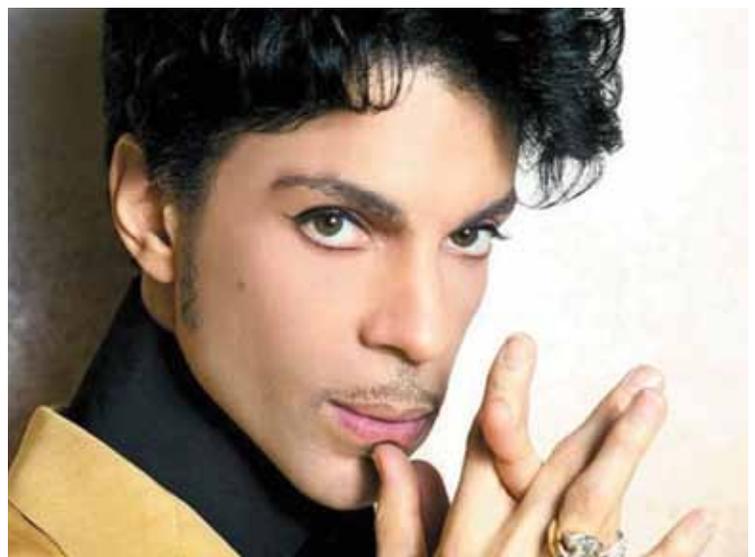
This year has been a terrible year for well-known and very talented artists checking out early to the big gig in the sky and leaving fans like myself feeling like they should have gotten to see them when they had the chance. With Lemmy and Bowie dying this year, it really made an impact on me wanting to see some of the artists I grew up listening to when I was young, but when Prince died, it really hit home. He, like other great artists of the times, really filled a gap of time for music and paved a road that seems to be opening up for someone new to take his place. I personally don't think that gap will ever be filled.

If you know me, you know I drive a cab and the day he died I just listened to the radio and what others had to say about his life after death, and what I learned that day about Prince made me respect the man that much more. First of all, if you don't know about Prince he was not a drug addict. Many musicians struggle with addictions, but not Prince. He was addicted to music and women - he basically said it in his music. Secondly, with his flamboyant style, Prince was very

well kept and super shy. At the age of 19 he had a chance to show a major label his work after producing and writing an entire album by himself. He just walked in the office, never said a word, and was signed the next day. That was Prince, with a smirky smile on his face, knowing what he was about to let out into the world was as platinum as the day is long. He knew it and was ready to share it with the rest of the world. That is the Prince I knew. He has literally put out music and has been performing for every year I have been alive and I am in my 30s now. That to me is talent, and Prince had every drop of talent running through his veins. I mean, when you show up to a gig and just play a piano all night with no backing band and can still capture the whole audience's attention, you must be gifted. That's all he played for a whole tour and from what I have heard from others that was one of his best shows of all time. I can't wait to hear what he has kept in his vault, and trust me, it will be heard by the public. In that vault he had a very extensive music collection as well, which just shows you how passionate he was about his craft. I mean he literally played 25 plus instruments and played them all well. Oh, and he was an actor, starring in his own film.

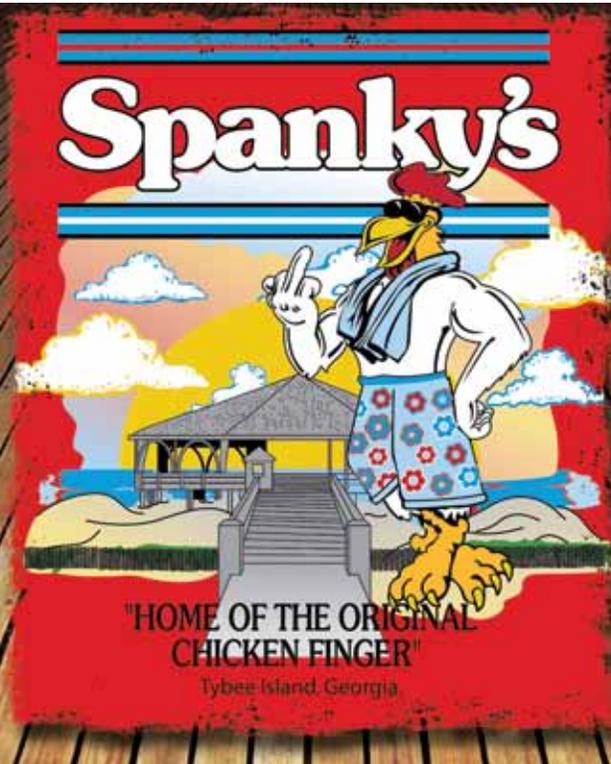
This guy has done everything under the sun in the music and entertainment world and is still known as one of the best guitar players to this day, even after death. All around, Prince is probably hands-down, the most influential artist in the past 30 years and has repeatedly blown the minds of all the people in the process. There are so many stories about Prince and all of them tell how much of a real person he truly was on the inside. On top of that he was more loyal to his fans than anyone out there by playing free concerts, helping communities grow, and even kicking a Kardashians off stage because he didn't like how superficial they were. All in all he never gave up on himself or his fans.

So how do you send off a great individual such as Prince? You never forget how much of an influence he had on everyone who has ever heard or experienced his music. You tell the younger generation about who this musical genius really was, and never let anyone go without knowing who he was in the past and the present. Lastly, go out and find out for yourselves what his music means to you, and if you do these things, his legacy will last forever. Look at Elvis, when you are the *King* you will never be forgotten, but when you are the *Prince* you will always be remembered.



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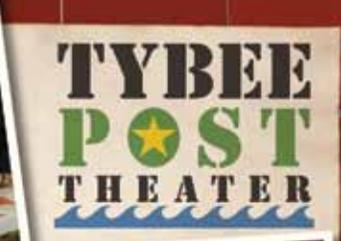
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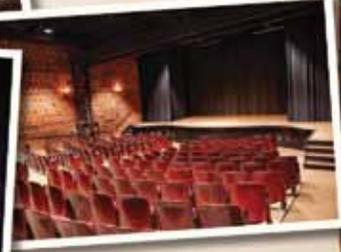
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# A RIDE-ALONG...AMONGST THE PALM TREES WITH TYBEE'S FINEST

By Alaina Loughridge

I am not even going to lie: I was a bit nervous about asking Chief Bryson to participate in a “Ride-Along.” I would have to behave myself, be sober, ask appropriate questions, sound intelligent, and the list goes on... Oh and not to mention I would have to pass a background check! Yikes!!!! Worth all the effort though. I showed up at 9:45pm on a Saturday night in March, pitying the poor officer that was going to be stuck with me. Well, Sergeant Erica Coreno, Shift Supervisor and bad ass girl cop, was first up. Poor thing!

We started out cruising the boulevard (Butler) to find some bad guys. Slow night, so I got to grill our Sergeant. Erica started out working for a private investigator in Southern California. She managed to find her way to Savannah working at Armstrong University and then the best place on earth, Tybee. She has been here for five years watching the tides come and go with drugs and people behaving not good and not getting any better.

On a brighter note, she loves chasing naked people and Lord there are some stories!!! Unfortunately, as we cruised said boulevard there were no naked people. Dammit.

Next up, I got to ride with Officer Ian Dauphinee (the FNG) who has been on the force for just over three months, but is not that guy - the one that wants to bust everyone’s ass just for any small infraction. Officer D has police family history and knows the deal (not to mention he has PINK handcuffs!!). Treat people like you want to be treated. He has gone out of his way to meet and greet the locals and learn the rules and regs of a tiny island that has its own sense of what is and what ain’t (not that we are always right and 9 out of 10 we aren’t – but at least listen). Anyhoo ...

Naturally, we ran into some trouble! Woohoo!!! We got a Code Whatchmacallit (my fault) for pills, pot and cocaine. 10-4 Rubber

Ducky. On it! Yeah, he went to jail.

Next up, we had a man running across the street dodging the Beach Patrol. Nope, he wasn’t naked (bummer). They got him and so did we (I mean Officer Dauphinee – I’m not that cool). He was so drunk that it was kind of sad. I had flashbacks. Sigh.

Next up we had a potential drunk driver. Nope. Then we had a possible heart attack. EMS was right behind us. Then we had a potential diabetic attack. Same EMS right behind us. Professional and concerned, Officer D and the EMS crew were on it. I sat in the car the whole night, but I know fo sho that if I was going down with an attack of anything, I want THESE GUYS!

Last call for my night was a DUII. I felt so sorry for this gal. She turned the wrong way down the Strand parking lot and it was over. Car towed, jail time, lawyer’s fees, lost driver’s license and \$10,000 later (if you’re lucky). Damn people! Don’t do it!!!

After that last depressing pull over, I went home and took stock of my liquor cabinet (not gonna lie).

The moral of my story is this: Tybee is fun and a great place to live and grow your children. However, the big, bad world is interceding. Police are wearing Kevlar, you need to lock your doors, behave yourself and/or not get caught. We are on a small rock. Let’s have regard for one another, and this goes both ways. When you get pulled over, keep your hands on the wheel, turn on interior lights and don’t go rootling through your glove box for your insurance card until asked. In this day and age, anything will, can, and does happen. Breathe and do not do anything stupid.

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# From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

While I initially jumped at the opportunity to contribute to this publication, it wasn't until after contributing a series of submissions that I realized how difficult this task would become. Like a spouse grown tired of the recitation of the same stories told repeatedly over time, I find myself being bullied in the vacant schoolyard of my mind by the calendar - & joined by the evil twins 'repetition' & 'redundancy' - every thirty days. So let's try something different this month!

Has anyone noticed that life on Tybee seems to be lived in an environment comprised of 'story season' & 'question season'? Please allow me to explain. . . The more I ponder these concepts, the more clearly I become convinced that these notions are not unique to the campground, or the outdoor hospitality industry, in general.

"Story Season" (Oct - Feb) is comprised of our listening to & sharing of tales, (some taller than others), depicting one's journey to Tybee, the length of the visit, how long since the first visit, etc. This time of year allows the pace to be slower, and as such, allows us to build a repertoire with our newfound comrades. Customer experiences during this season include tales of children, grandchildren, pets, a unique hobby, a possible book review, and at least one anecdote of how life is lived elsewhere.

In stark contrast to this seasonal phenomenon is the season we currently find ourselves enthralled within - "Question Season." Anyone who has lived here any length of time understands this notion, immediately. If you have any personal questions, feel free to conduct the following experiment: come home from work, change into your workout clothes and insert earbuds in your ears as you try to exercise. . . Watch what happens next - (& feel free to keep score on your own):

- For every lost tourist that asks directions - 1 pt.
- For every time you're stopped in mid workout & asked where beach is located - 3 pts.
- If stopped on Fort Street, Van Horne, or any numbered street east of Butler - 5 pts.
- If car w/ Chatham Co. tag asks for directions to The Social, or North Beach Grill - 3 pts.
- If requesting directions to location on other side of the island - 5 pts.
- If directions involve U-turn, or turning around in a large, rented, or borrowed vehicle - 5 pts.

(Feel free to make up your own scorecard, and draw your own conclusions! This should be fun for all of us as we enjoy our island, our summer, make new friends, and get in shape - even if we can't always do both at the same time.) For extra credit, collect how many different pronunciations of 'MacElwee's' you hear over the summer!

The campground staff, like the rest of the island, also receives its own set of standardized questions during this season. For example, each of us will be asked an exponential number of times each summer how to reach the interstate without traveling through downtown Savannah's tree-lined streets in a motor coach with multiple roof mounted air conditioners atop! After achieving this feat, finding the beach & the Tybee Market is a piece of cake! We like to have some fun with our campers, as well. For example, my all-time favorite prank to tell children during check-in is that "we've moved the beach since last year." That is, until the 'new' water tower was erected to drill the new City water well. Among our best so far is that the green wall around it is a miniature Fenway Park that's 'under construction' - and that the tower will eventually serve as a zip line to Hilton Head! We'll see you under the oaks!

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6/2 **Cyndi Lauper** – Charleston Music Hall – Charleston

6/5 **Savannah Songwriters Series** – Various Artists- Tybee Post Theater

6/4 **10,000 Maniacs** – City Winery Atlanta - Atlanta

6/4 **Dolly Parton** – Infinite Energy Center – Duluth, GA

6/7 **Ellie Goulding** – Volvo Cars Stadium - Charleston

6/8 **Journey/The Doobie Brothers** – Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood – Atlanta

6/9 - 6/12 **Bonnaroo** – Manchester, TN

6/10 **Dead & Company** - PNC Music Pavilion- Charlotte

6/11 **Georgia Legend Joel Aderhold w/ the New South String Band** – Tybee Post Theater

6/14 **Death Cab for Cutie** – St. Augustine Ampitheater

6/15 **Tybee City Limits** – Various Artists – Tybee Post Theater

6/17 **Chris Cornell** – Florida Theatre – Jacksonville

6/24 **The Cure** – Aarons Amphitheatre at Lakewood – Atlanta

6/25 **Collin's Barefoot Comedy Club** – Tybee Post Theater

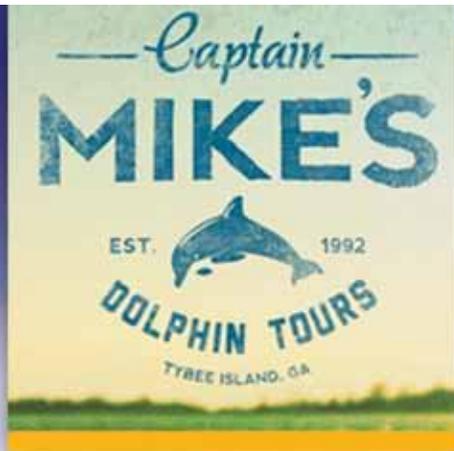
6/30 **Boppin' Swingin' Jazz w/ B-3 Hammond Dynamo Tony Monaco** – Tybee Post Theater

7/26 **Dave Matthews Band** – North Charleston Coliseum – North Charleston

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# WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

By Elizabeth Jones

## Activities for June!

There will be no shortage of sunshine and warmth this June. The weather forecast is showing 83-90° throughout the month with limited thunderstorms. That means great beach weather in our future. However, don't forget to check for rip tide warnings and weather forecasts before planning your trip, we are in hurricane season so be safe out there.

### FEATURED ACTIVITY FOR JUNE

Fort Pulaski Centennial Event (Bark in the Park)

June 19

Adults: \$7.00, children 15 & under: free

Fort Pulaski National Monument just celebrated its 100th birthday and will host a special Centennial Series on the third Sunday of each month. This series encourages guests, travelers, and members of the local community to come out and be active in the park. This month's event will be Bark in the Park and guests are encouraged to bring their fluffy friends to visit the park, hike the trails, and even visit the dog friendly beach. This is a special treat for dogs and owners alike. Please be responsible with your dogs and clean up after them as well.



## THINGS TO DO!

### Sesame Street Live

June 7th, 10:30am and 6:30pm  
Savannah Civic Center

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### Father's Day Riverboat Cruises

June 19th

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Dinner: 7pm-9pm Adult: \$59.95, kids: \$35.95

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### Tybee YMCA Summer Camps

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**Day Camp:** ages 5-12, May 23rd-August 3rd

**Surf Camps:** ages 8-16, June 6th-10th & 20th-24th, and July 11th-15th

**Waterman Camps** (surf and kayak): ages 8-16, June 27th- July 1st & July 25th-29th

**Stand Up Paddleboard Camp:** ages 8-16, July 18th-22nd

**Culinary Arts Camp:** ages 12-17, June 13th-17th

For more info visit

<http://ymcaofcoastalga.org/ymca/tybee-island-ymca-summer-day-camp>

# Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms



HELLO  
SUMMER

goodbye winter

Remember being young, looking forward to summer break? The excitement of it! All the possibilities available! I could be anything! Go anywhere! Do whatever I wanted! Of course, I would most likely spend the three-month period watching ALF, listening to Bon Jovi on my Walkman, and stuffing my face with good ole 1980s era junk food: Kudos bars, SPAM, and white bread (of course, back then we thought white bread was health food).

Even though I haven't had summer break for many, many years, I still feel that same excitement, that same potential for anything, when the weather turns warm enough for flip flops. Its summer, what's not to love?

For one thing, you don't have to wear as much clothing in the summer. Clothing is highly overrated. I mean, pants, what's that even about? Who invented those buttons and zippers? They're so much work. But it's summer, so we're good with a bathing suit and a cover-up, or maybe just a big tee shirt. Who cares? And put the socks way, way in the back of the dresser. They suffocate my feet and my puppies need to breathe in the summer sun.

No need to fix hair or put on make-up in the summer. The hair will most likely be soaked in salt water by the end of the day and the make-up will melt off with sweat. But it's all good. From time to time it's nice to walk around just looking like...you know...yourself. Plus, you'll be all tanned and relaxed, beautiful without any help from hair and make-up.

Then there's the grilling out. Grilling out is the best and you only get it in the summer! The women get to sit back and watch the men show off their grill master skills. Everyone wins in the end with juicy hamburgers and dripping steaks, beer-butt chicken and buttery corn on the cob.

Not that we need an excuse on Tybee, but summer is much more tolerant of any, ahem, over-consumption of alcoholic beverages. If it's a nice enough day, you can start consuming as soon as your feet hit the sand, or the floor right by your bed. No rules. All bets are off when the sun's high in the sky, the music is pumping on the radio, and good vibes fill the air.

And if summer days are good, summer nights are even better. Sitting on the porch with friends, talking about nothing and everything at the same time, enjoying the last beer of the evening (maybe one more, just one more), skin red and tender and warm, the air finally cool, a pleasant fatigue in your body and contentment in your heart because if it wasn't a perfect day, then it was damn close to it.

Cheers to Summer, may it last all year.

## Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in June By Mom

**6-2 Opening Night for the Savannah Bananas** Gates open at 6pm at Grayson Stadium. Come support our new baseball team!

**6-2 Eddie Venegas & the Lowcountry Latin Jazz Collective** 8-10pm at the Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. For more info call 912-472-4790.

**6-7 Tybee Lite Shrine Dinner** 5-8pm every Tuesday through June. Dinner is served at 7pm and this event is at 35 Meddin Dr. This is a Shrine Children's Hospitals fundraiser. Help our children thrive.

**6-10 & 6-24 Sunset Tours 2016** After hours tours of the Lighthouse at 30 Meddin Ave. Call 912-786-5801 for reservations.

**6-12 Mom's Birthday** Happy Birthday to ME!!!

**6-12 TRY-BEE Triathlon** 7am-2pm at 1401 Strand Avenue. Sprint, Swim, Bike and Run. For registration and more info go to [www.runsignup.com/Race/GA/Trybeelsland/TrybeelslandSprintTriathlon](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/GA/Trybeelsland/TrybeelslandSprintTriathlon).

**6-12 Market at the Lighthouse** 10am-4pm at the Tybee Lighthouse Grounds, 30 Meddin Ave. Vendors will be selling their wares from art work, pottery, jewelry, crafts and more. Support our local vendors!

**6-13 thru 6-24 Tybee Arts Association's Kids' Theatre Summer Camp** Kids from age 6 to 16, have an opportunity to learn acting. Call Renee DeRossett at 912-596-4992 or Kim Trammell-Schneider at 912-228-0357 for further info.

**6-18 Movies in the Park** 8-10pm 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 *Jurassic World*. Contact person is Chantel Morton at 912-472-5071.

**6-19 Father's Day** Call your Dad!

**6-19 Ft. Pulaski Centennial Series** Every 3rd Sunday of the month through December 2016 at Ft. Pulaski, Hwy 80. Each month will have a different event. This month is *Bark in the Park*. Contact Joel Cadoff at 912-786-5785 ext. 1208 for more info.

**6-26 Alaina's Birthday** Happy Birthday to You!!!

**6-27 TIPD VIP Luncheon – Neighbors Helping Neighbors** 11am to noon at the Old School Cafeteria, 204 5th St. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Chief Bryson at 912-472-5091 or email him at [rbryson@cityoftybee.org](mailto:rbryson@cityoftybee.org) for further info.



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## Behind the Tape...

By Jessica Wright



An Officer was dispatched to a local restaurant in reference to an intoxicated female that had locked herself in the bathroom and refused to come out. Upon arrival the officer heard laughter and profanity. Outside the bathroom was where her friend, Ms. B was located. The officer asked her to back away from the door, then knocked and announced himself as an Officer with the TIPD and asked that she open the door. At that time, again the officer heard laughter, and her jiggle the door and yell "No!" The officer then asked Ms. B if the individual in the bathroom was her friend, and she stated, "Yeah, why does that matter?" The officer asked Ms. B if they had been drinking alcohol, and she stated, "Yeah! She's wasted and won't get out!" Ms. B knocked on the bathroom door and screamed, "Get the F out! The cops are here!" The officer asked Ms. B to please walk away so that they could handle the situation properly, without having profanity being shouted in a family restaurant. Ms. B refused and said, "Or you're going to do what?!" The officer stated to Ms. B if she refused to leave after giving her multiple orders to do so, that she would go to jail for obstruction.

When she continued, the officer explained that she was being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and gave her verbal commands to put her hands behind her back. Ms. B screamed, "F you, I did nothing!" She began actively resisting arrest and pulled away from the officer, striking the officer with her right hand; then again with her left hand, shoving the officer in the chest. The officer called in for back up assistance. The officer was ultimately able to secure Ms. B in handcuffs. Ms. B continued to attempt to kick the officer, successfully doing so a few times.

The Shift Supervisor then arrived on scene and made a forceful entry into the bathroom. After a short resistance, he placed Ms. A in handcuffs and escorted her out of the restaurant to his patrol vehicle, where she was placed under arrest. The officers then escorted Ms. B to the back of the original officer's patrol vehicle to prevent her from spitting on them.

Ms. A and Ms. B were transported to the Tybee jail. Upon arriving, Ms. A cooperated, but Ms. B continued to make threats towards both officers, continuing verbal and physical abuse. They were then transported to Chatham County Jail. Ms. B was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication, Obstruction and Simple Battery on a Police Officer. Ms. A was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication and Obstruction.

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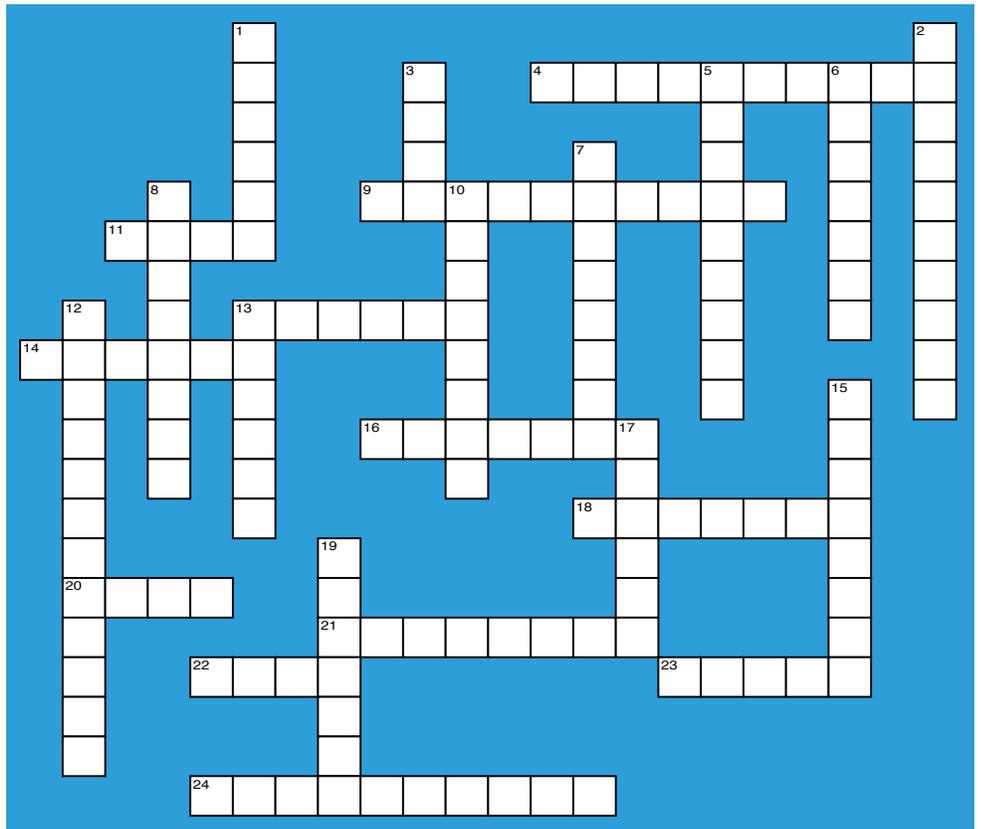
# Cross Word

## ACROSS

- 4 The Savannah Game
- 9 Food Spy locale (2 wds.)
- 11 This bar is a Tybee tradition
- 13 Favorite time of the year
- 14 Music Profile tribute
- 16 Special day for these men
- 18 Savannah's team
- 20 \_\_\_\_ in the Park
- 21 Tech Talk will help you with this
- 22 Jurassic World will be shown here
- 23 Chicken in Book Review
- 24 They've got our back on the water (2 wds.)

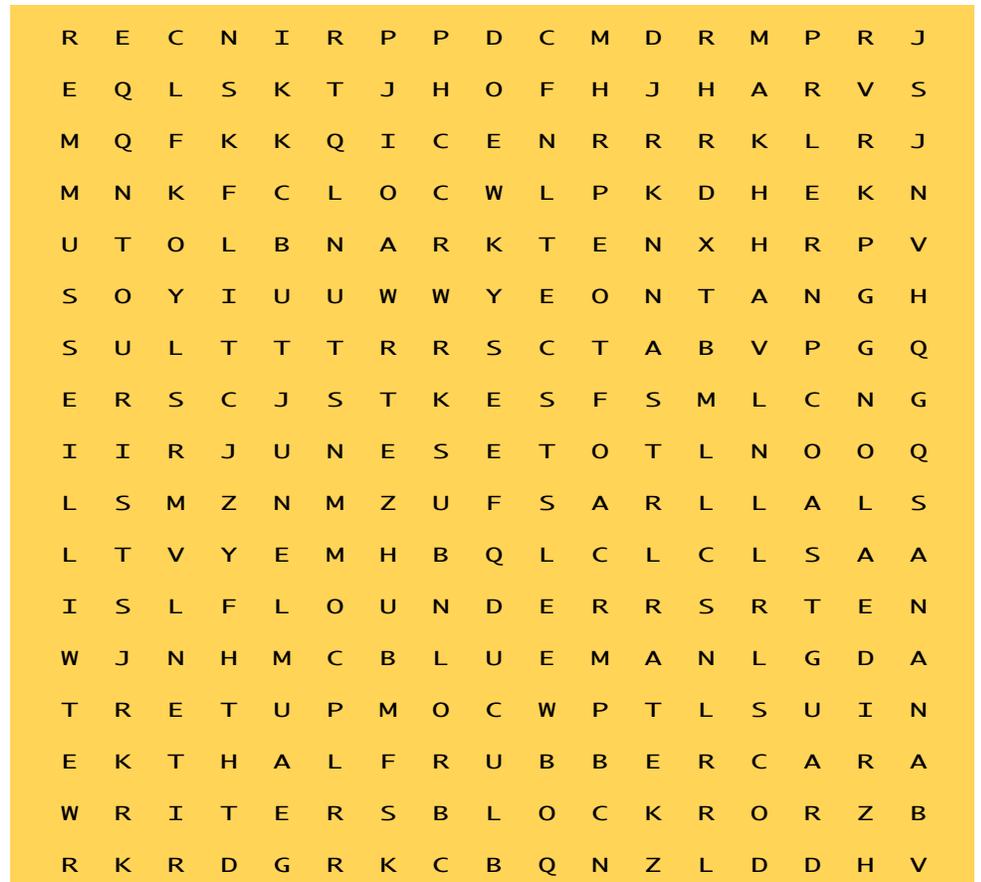
## DOWN

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Beach Rentals
- 2 Pedestrians should use these
- 3 Sixth month
- 5 Alaina did this with police dept. (2 wds.)
- 6 Traveling Beachcomber group (2 wds.)
- 7 Fish for these in the shallow waters
- 8 Rem is coo coo for these
- 10 Visitors to Tybee
- 12 Sports Bookie has this (2 wds.)
- 13 Bike route is on this avenue
- 15 Woody says we are currently in this season
- 17 He created a perfect wave
- 19 Taxi Tales got two of these



Created by Margie McLellan

# Word Search



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- BANANAS
- SECOND
- BARK
- SLATER
- BLUEMAN
- SUMMER
- BURKES
- TICKETS
- COAST GUARD
- TOURISTS
- COCONUTS
- WET WILLIES
- COMPUTER
- CROSSWALKS
- DOCS
- FATHERS
- FLOUNDER
- HALF RUBBER
- HELEN
- JUNE
- PARK
- PRINCE
- QUESTION
- RIDE ALONG

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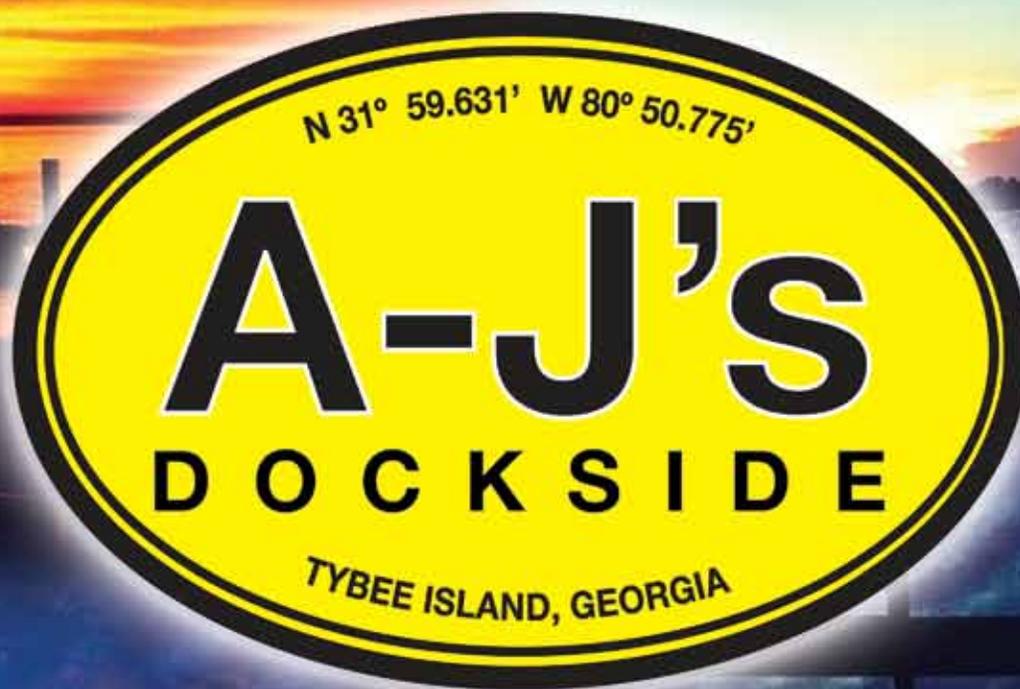
- 4 - Versatile at 10 pm
- 5 - Marshpuppy at 1 pm on the back patio
- 9 - Anne Allman & Michael Moody at 6 pm
- 11 - Versatile at 10 pm
- 12 - Marshpuppy at 1 pm on the back patio

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- 19 - Marshpuppy at 1 pm on the back patio
- 23 - Anne Allman & Michael Moody at 6 pm
- 25 - Third Class Citizens at 10 pm



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