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From the EDITOR

HAPPY MAY Y'ALL!

With the weather keeping us on our toes and looking at one of the busiest years I have seen in my tenure here, I offer some words of advice: Dress in layers, brake at the pedestrian crosswalks (I have seen and done some things! YIKES), be kind and don't forget your sunscreen! Last but not least, leave nothing but your footprints!

That being barfed out, let's get down to the dirty. *The Easter Egg Hunt* was as usual super entertaining. The answer to the most frequently asked question is Yes. There is an Easter Egg on Chief Bryson's shirt insignia. I'm telling y'all, Rick is getting cleverer as we go! The winner of the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt is **Heather Sheffield** and she will be receiving a \$50 gift certificate from Latitude 32 for all of her hard work!!!! Thank you and all the other entrants for being super bored and submitting your entry!!!

Now, on to the *Tybee Signature Cocktail Contest*. I would first like to give kudos to Stephen Palmer of Stephen Palmer Weddings for coming up with this brilliant idea! Not only can he get you married, he is a super smart guy and thinks of fun things to do! This particular contest is brilliant and I am thrilled to announce the winner is **Spanky's Beachside!!!** Their drink is the **Beachside Peach** and is made with peach vodka, splashes of pineapple, cranberry and lime juice. Shake it all about and top with ginger ale! Voila!! If you are lacking peach vodka, substitute straight voddy with peach schnapps! It is absolutely delish and I now officially proclaim and announce that Spanky's Beachside is the official maker of the 2018 Tybee Island Signature Cocktail!!! A plaque will be delivered to them proclaiming said announcement forthwith (i.e., when Rick gets it done – so eventually!!). Thank you to everyone who participated! It really was a close call and I actually had to do work to count the votes!

May is the best month to be alive! Beach Bum is finally here so let the good times roll! I am so excited to spill all of my secrets I've been keeping to myself (haha)! Go read the feature story for all of the details and the inside scoop on our Big Kahuna, Queen and Grand Marshall!!! Now that y'all know what they look like – aim your squirt gun at them!!! With love!

This month's *Traveling Beachcomber* winner goes to **Ann Currington**, who happened to be in Orlando, FL at the Jimmy Buffett concert when Jimmy looked over to check out Ann and what she was reading!!! I fell over!!! Great picture Ann! Maybe Jimmy will go to A-J's with Ann?? Keep on keeping on Jimmy! Beachcomber will make you famous! Turn the page my friends...

BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

SEA SCAPES FLOWERS & GIFTS

All the locals know about **Sea Scapes**, but for the tourists and maybe the locals that haven't been in for a minute, let me get you updated. Sea Scapes has got some really cool stuff!!! Not only do they have a gift for every occasion, they also put together the most amazing flower arrangements for any occasion. Managed by Mike Hosti, Sea Scapes is run by the fabulous Patsy (aka Sweet Pea) who has extensive floral experience.

I wandered upstairs to Sea Scapes (which is attached to the IGA on the right) one lovely afternoon to see what I could see. I was delighted to discover a variety of gifts from quirky beach décor, to jewelry, wind chimes, frames, coffee mugs and a diverse selection of unique gifts that will fit right into any home. Oh, and don't forget Christmas! They have that too!



The main gift that Sea Scapes offers are their flowers. Not only do they provide and deliver all of the Tybee church arrangements every Sunday, they also prepare a beautiful array for weddings, including everything from the bouquets to the boutonnieres and corsages. Additionally, you can get a plant as a gift or for any event, and you can also special order different flowers that may be out of season and in any style arrangement. Delivery is available, but I recommend you ask when you order to get all of those details.

If you haven't been into Sea Scapes for a minute, or have never been in to Sea Scapes, you must stop by. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm. You can also call them on the IGA phone at 912-786-4601, ext 201.



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Marvelous May

Winter has worn us well Tybee. March blew us away. April Showers soaked us. Now we await the mystical May warm days and warm nights.

May is the month that this 50 year old Queen was born and as I celebrate, I ask Tybee to celebrate with me. I spent my 50th year of Life here on Tybee and it's been amazing! I just want to say thank you to all my Tybee angels for helping me transition. These damn Hot Flashes, I swear they have already heated up, so here's a big, big hug from me to you. I am grateful and I thank you.

You know it's May when the birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the families are vacationing and the pets finally get to free themselves from those ugly ass sweaters. It's also the time when the cellulite will be revealed, the tube around the middle has dropped another level, the bones are scrubbing and that damn knee needs some movement. This is a great time to try to get fit and take advantage of that free track we have called the beach.

Life has many joys in it. Sometimes we have to look deep and sometimes we can just take a look in the mirror. Make sure this month to take a look at yourself. I hope you like what you see, and if not, the person in the mirror is the only one that can fix it. Life is lived by your choices...

Have a marvelous May!



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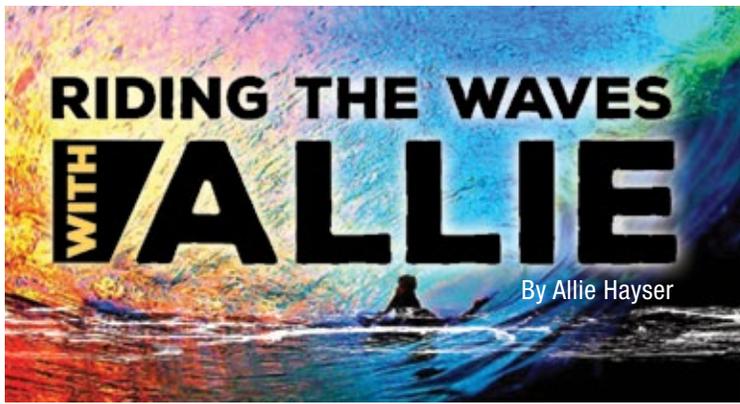
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- Read the Tybee Beachcomber!
- Beach Bum Parade
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Go see a live theater production at the Black Box Theater
- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints



SURF LOVIN, CHARITIES, & NONPROFITS

Being a part of a local coastal community, we can all agree that the ocean/surfing can seriously heal your soul, empty or sort out your mind, and leave your body feeling worked and healthy. For surfers, this is such a magical personal experience that we have to ourselves. But what if it was more than that? What if these feelings, these movements, these ideals, this passion, knowledge could be THE GAME CHANGER for someone or somewhere else? Maybe you are one of us that truly feel like the ocean or surfing saved your LIFE somewhere along the way.

You can start local: donate, fundraise, and learn how to reduce your plastic waste at a manageable pace for your lifestyle, support the Tybee Island Marine Science Center, and join a beach sweep (tidy up your home break!). Here are some cool organizations that can allow you to commit a little or a whole lot, buy your friend a gift that gives, listen to a playlist that makes the ocean some moolah, or rep some swag that keeps plastic out of fish bellies:

Surfrider Foundation

Mission: The Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network. Their directed programs ensure beaches are accessible, work to keep our water clean, protect our ocean, preserve our coasts and keep plastic from polluting our waterways.

Involvement: <http://www.surfrider.org/volunteer> Sign up to connect to your local chapter and find out about upcoming events. The webpages have some links to contact your elected officials about current environmental issues. MARK that calendar: International Surf Day is in June of every year, a day to share the stoke and love on our mama ocean. This year it will be on **June 16th, 2018**.

SurfAid

Mission: To improve the health, well-being and self-reliance of people living in isolated regions connected to us through surfing.

According to their history, SurfAid began in 2000 when a group of surfers, whose hearts were broken by the needless suffering and preventable death in the Mentawai Islands, pulled together their resources, got with the Indonesian government, connected with leaders of those local communities to help the islands battle malaria, water contamination, sanitation, natural disasters, malnutrition, and mother and child health issues. With their "hand up" not "hand out" philosophy, the foundation aims to teach rather than tell, in order to instill self-reliance and respect the cultures and customs of the communities.

Involvement: <http://www.surfaid.org/getinvolved> Be ambitious, start a fundraiser with your wolf pack! Give a gift, have people donate to the cause for your birthday, or shop on their website! A Spotify playlist, called "Surfify" automatically raises money every time a song is played.

You can play it on your surf commute, while you catch your zzz's, or listen once and pass it along!

Surfers for Autism

Mission: The Surfers for Autism mission is to unlock the potential of people with developmental delays, support advocacy for autism issues, and scientific research. Their focus is to eliminate stigma through public awareness and education and to unite communities through volunteerism.

Involvement: Behold the best beach days of your life! Surfers for Autism hold events on beaches all around the USA for children with special needs. These events have two to four skilled surf instructors for each kid to help them into waves and navigate surfing. There's paddle boarding, kayaking, beach cookouts, live music, games, and community tents. Lunch is given free. These kids get a chance to work in a different medium, a different world than they experience on land, which may make the WORLD of a difference for them (and YOU)!

Surfers Healing

Mission: To enrich the lives of people living with autism by exposing them to the unique experience of surfing.

Parents Israel and Danielle Paskowitz found surfing had a profound impact on their son Isaiah, who lives with autism. In 1992, they created Surfers Healing to expand the impact of surfing, with the weightlessness and rhythms of the ocean offering a therapeutic experience for those living with autism. They hold beautiful camps in the US on east and west coasts, but also Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Involvement: www.surfershealing.org Volunteer for a surf camp event, sponsor a child/family that needs it, or donations that will allow for supplies! Pack the car, invite the surf family, load the boards, and hit the road on your coast to get your hands in there!

One Hundred Miles

Mission: To preserve, protect, and enhance Georgia's 100-mile coast to envision a future where coastal Georgia has thriving communities, protected landscapes, and secure wildlife. We have 378,000 acres of salt marsh, 90 miles of beaches, and 1,655 narrow remnant maritime forest beach hammocks along the coast of Georgia with a 6-10 foot tide. We are so fortunate to be located in these areas where we are so connected and immersed in the sea.

Involvement: First, stop by the Tybee to pick up a reusable bag that supports 100 Miles (and maybe a cup of cold brew in an insulated travel cup!). You can sign up for a membership, get into their workplace payroll reduction program and ask your employer about their matching gift program, attend a workshop, or snag some merchandise from their website: <http://www.onehundredmiles.org>.

Others to check out: Waves For Water, Operation Amped, Surfers Against Sewage, WildCoast, Save The Waves Coalition, Sustainable Surf, Maui Ola Foundation, World Surfing Reserves, Waves For Development, Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, the BYOB project from Tybee Island, Ogeechee Riverkeeper, Tybee Island Sea Turtle Project.

Thanks for reaching into the surfin' ocean-y nonprofit depths with me. You alone can do BIG things and give back SO much to the community and our oceans. **Appreciate y'all!**

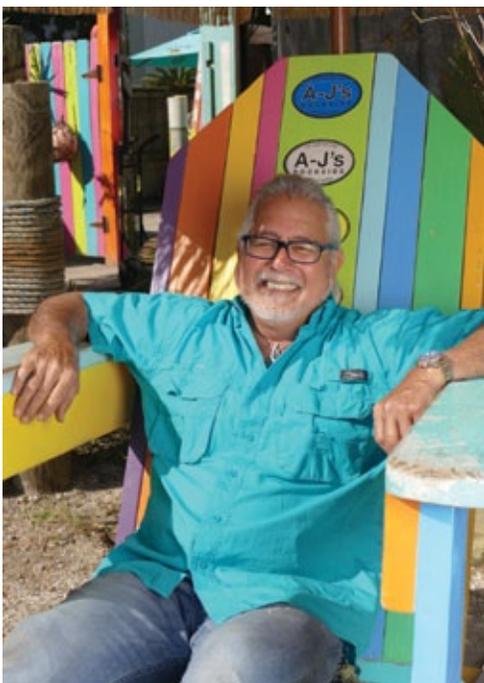
Tybee's 32nd Annual Beach Bum Parade

Introducing the Grand Marshall

By Alaina Loughridge - Photos by Wen McNally

It is that time of year again and I am flat out delighted to announce the worst kept secret in all the land! Each year, founder and master planner of the Beach Bum Parade and surrounding events, Jack Boylston, swears everyone involved to secrecy until the Coronation event. Well, we are on Tybee and there are no secrets here! However, for those of you that actually mind your own business and keep your nose out of others', here is the official Officials of our 32nd Annual Beach Bum Parade: **Our Grand Marshall is Johnny Herald aka The Bug Man!** Our **Queen is Esther Guy aka Essie!!** Our **Big Kahuna is Alan Burn aka A-J's Dockside!!!!** What a fantastic team of people to lead us all in our quest to get absolutely drenched and have a rip roaring good time! I had the absolute pleasure of sitting down with these three long time Tybee people and finding out what earning this majestic (dubious?) honor means to them.

The Big Kahuna: Alan Burn has been on Tybee since 1972! Born in Savannah at Hunter as military brat, the family moved everywhere, but eventually returned here to stay. Alan met the love of his life, Jackie, on Tybee and early in his day he worked for Gulf Stream. Finding an opportunity on the Back River to start their own bar/restaurant, Alan and Jackie opened A-J's Dockside in January, 2003. The rest is history.



A-J's always had a float in the Beach Bum during the early years, but as the restaurant's fame and word of their fabulous food spread throughout the land, it became more and more difficult to run the float. One year, all of the employees were on the float. When the parade was over, they all (keep in mind were soaking wet) went to go open the restaurant. There was a line around the block of anxious patrons waiting to get in and nothing was ready!!!

I asked Alan what it meant for him to be asked to be the Big Kahuna and he gave me a big ol grin and said, "I feel honored!" Alan loves the diversity of the Beach Bum in that every one of all ages can come and enjoy the festivities! It's not for one age bracket or person and it's interactive. Naturally, I had to ask Alan what he was going to wear (this day and age it's a must know question, y'all). He pondered for a moment and said, 'A wet suit for sure. Maybe a mask and snorkel.' I say look for this long haired Big Kahuna wearing a kayak and aim for him!!

The Queen, Esther Guy, was up next and I was looking forward to it. Having seen Essie driving around on her motorized cooler (with real beer inside, y'all), I was dying to talk to her and get to the bottom of this fabulous lady! Esther has been a Tybeeite since 1984! She is a retired lady of leisure now, but for 22 years she was a Recreational Therapist at Georgia Regional! You know she's got some stories from that (For those in the unknow, GA Regional is a facility for those of us who cannot make wise life decisions...).



Essie says that she was drawn to Tybee because it is such a welcoming place and she has met so many wonderful people here. Unfortunately, many great friends have passed, but the memories are there and some of her fondest are of the old softball days when it wasn't just about the game, it was about surviving the damn thing! She thinks she really made it as an official Local when Earl's Grill (located at the time just up from where the Wind Rose is today), put her name on the antique mirror behind the bar. You know you hit the big time when Earl took the time to write you down!!



1 Beach Bum Parade

, the Queen and the Big Kahuna

When Jack Boylston called Essie to ask her to be the Queen, Essie initially thought it was an April Fool's joke and was shocked! After Jack convinced her it was legit, she remembers thinking that she had some big shoes to fill. They don't just ask anybody! Essie feels blessed and is looking forward to representing. She loves the Beach Bum Parade because she loves to people watch and there is such a variety of people that can participate and everyone enjoys the festivities. I asked Essie what she was going to wear. She wasn't sure. So many options! The one thing we do know, is that her squirt gun is going to be filled with Miller Lite and she will be shooting herself in the face! LOL!!

Our **Grand Marshall** is **Johnny Herald** and everyone knows him as The Bug Man. For years, I never knew his name, he was just The Bug Man. You have to love Tybee and her nicknamed inhabitants! Johnny's been a Tybee guy for going on 30 years now. Born in Savannah at Hunter (maybe he and Alan met then??), Johnny was a military brat too.



Johnny has had an adventurous life! He learned to sing and play the guitar at age nine, which was quickly followed by the piano and a variety of instruments. Music is his passion and when he got older, he made it his business - working as not only a recording artist, but also a writer and producer. He started the Johnny Herald Band and toured Europe extensively back in the day and was much touted on the radio. He also spent time working in television as both an engineer and a film director! That life sounds like a great autobiography! After what sounds like one hell of a ride, Johnny eventually settled down where he was meant to be and married his lovely wife, Rose. Retiring from the music scene, he began working for Cox

Termite & Pest Control and has been there for the last 28 years. Don't worry though, music is still in his blood and he was invited to perform at the party for the restoration of the Tybee Post Theater in 2008!

When Jack called Johnny to ask him to be the Grand Marshall, Johnny got real quiet. The responsibility of it all!!!! Then he felt the honor bestowed upon him and gladly accepted this prestigious accolade. Johnny may feel a bit nervous, but when he dons his formal raincoat attire for the parade, it's going to be with nerves of steel and big happy smile!

Kudos go out to Jack Boylston and the Beach Bum team for picking three of the best, most suited people for this task!

Now having been introduced to the Beach Bum Court of 2018, here are some need to know details:

- **The Coronation** will be held at **The Deck** (previously known as Marlin Monroes) on Wednesday, May 9th. Happy Hour starts at 5:30 with a courtesy buffet beginning at 6:30 and the grand presentation at 7:30. Savannah Steve will be providing the music and the whole party is open to one and all. Do keep in mind that these times are all on Tybee Time and it will happen sooner, later and eventually!

- **The Beach Bum Parade** is Friday, May 18th, at 6:30pm, and begins in the North Beach Parking lot. You will find the parade application somewhere in this delightful page turner and new floats and participants are not only welcome, but happily encouraged!

- Additionally, Beach Bum one of a kind T-shirts are for sale for \$20 and are available for purchase at the IGA.

It is going to be a hell of a good time and I want you to be there and bring your friends!!

Here at the Beachcomber, we do like to be somewhat responsible and keeping that in mind, we are printing our annual list of Do's and Don'ts. Please read them and adhere to them. However, in the spirit of just naughty, if you are absolutely flat out determined to spray a police officer, please have your buddy take a picture of you doing that so we can laugh and laugh and laugh at you before you go to jail! Have fun y'all!!!!



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Friday, May 18, 2018 @ 6:30PM

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*Registration with entry fee should be completed and returned no later than **Saturday, MAY 19.**

There will be no guarantee (well, maybe) of parade participation after that date.

Staging Location: North Beach Parking Lot – across from Lighthouse
Sign In & Inspection Time: Arrive at gate **NO LATER than 5:30PM**
Entry Fee: \$50 for individuals, families or groups / \$100 for businesses or organizations

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▪ persons coming to or leaving your unit during the parade	

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Circle Type of Parade Entry: Individual Family Group Business Organization

Name of Individual, Family, Group, Business or Organization Parade Unit: _____

Person Responsible for Parade Unit and Participants: _____ **Contact #:** _____

Mailing Address, Email Address, or Fax # for Return Paid Receipts (bring to staging): _____

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Beach Bum Etiquette

By Margie McLellan

It's **Beach Bum** time again! It's the time that all of us Tybeeites once again give over our beloved island to the annual pilgrimage of tourists, from parts unknown, for the summer. And what better way to do it than with a parade (everyone knows how we love parades here on Tybee).

But this isn't just any parade. Although we do have a *Grand Marshall*, *Big Kahuna* and a *Beach Bum Queen*, there will be no marching bands, Shriners, Clydesdales, politicians (well, you might see our mayor in the parade), etc. This is a one-of-a-kind all out water gun fight that is fun for the entire family. Every float will be loaded down with an abundance of water and beach bums with one purpose - to get you wetter than they get. If you plan on being here, you WILL get wet, no ifs ands or buts.

With that in mind, there are a few rules of etiquette that you may need to know:

1. Do not, under any circumstance, spray water at our Police!! They are here to keep you safe. They are also wearing very expensive equipment. This will cost you dearly – not only will you miss out on the rest of the parade, but this will land you in court with a hefty fine. So just don't do it.

2. Bring plenty of water. The water in your water gun will last somewhere around 5-10 seconds. Some ideas are: put water in your coolers, load a wagon with containers of water, get there early enough to park your car or truck along the parade route and have it filled with containers of water. If all else fails, find someone to buddy up to that brought plenty of water, and become fast friends with them.

3. Keep your valuables safe. A ziploc baggie or a sealed container works well to protect your phones, wallets, cameras, cigarettes, etc. Or better yet, leave them at home or in your car.

4. Do not use ice water in your water gun. Brrrr!! The parade doesn't start until dusk, so it's already starting to cool down. It's just downright mean people!

5. Keep an eagle eye on your children. There is a lot of traffic, tourists, drunk people, etc. Keep those little ones safe while they are having fun.

6. Bring towels and/or a change of clothes. Believe me, you will be wet and cold when the parade is over. Come prepared.

7. Make sure your water guns are in good working order. Nothing worse than getting to the parade and having your line of protection fail you. Might be a good idea to bring back ups.

8. No pressure washers or water balloons are allowed. We are here to have fun, not endanger people.

9. Drink responsibly. I'm sure this will fall on a lot of deaf ears, but try to wait until the parade is over to get your drinking on. Just don't want anyone getting in trouble! Yes, I'm talking to you ... you know who you are.

10. Have FUN and get wet!



The Highly Irritating Things (HIT) List

After I said yes to writing this month's rant, I realized I don't really have anything to rant about.

Don't get me wrong – there's plenty of things out there that are irritating. Mosquitoes. Papercuts. Passwords. These are all Highly Irritating Things (HIT). But to do a full article on Mosquitoes would be as irritating as the buzzing noise you hear when you are being bombarded by those buzzing little blood suckers. So no, that's not a good premise for an article. Ditto for papercuts and passwords.

Another item on my HIT list is the movie *Whiplash*. I love the movie. The acting is perfect, in fact so perfect I just HATE one of the characters. It's a must see. *Whiplash* features a prodigy drummer (Miles Teller) and an overbearing teacher (JK Simmons) who is a complete a**hole. (*Bonus Fact: If you think the teacher in Whiplash is a hero, you should be aware that this means you're an a**hole.*) But this isn't a movie review; it's a monthly rant! But take it from me, if you want to know if you are an a**hole, watch the movie *Whiplash*, and if you are cheering for the teacher... yah. Now you know.

Other things that fall on my HIT List, in no particular order, and sometimes accompanied by Bonus Facts:

- Smelly People. I'd like to say you know who you are, but I think it's possible some of these smelly citizens get used to it and become nose blind. (*Keep this Bonus Fact handy: If you can smell yourself, so can we.*) Now you know.

- Shaving. Not a big fan of the beard – but it beats shaving. If I could just get one of those fantastic beards without all the itching! (*Bonus Fact: Did you know they actually make beard shampoo?*) Now you know.

- Enough with the hygiene. Another item on the HIT list is when you think you have found a parking spot at Sam's Club or Walmart, only to find out at the last minute that there is one lonely shopping cart sitting perfectly in your spot. (*Bonus Fact: You cannot smash through the cart if you are in a Jeep. Well technically you can, as Jeeps can smash through many things. Be warned: your spouse will become very upset.*) Now you know.

- One thing you can't smash through, no matter what you drive, is the red light. There's a special place on the HIT list for the one red light that lets one car go and then turns red for another 2 minutes. (*There is no bonus fact here.*) It's just irritating.

- Speaking of irritating, how about when you run downstairs, pour a bowl of cereal, and then open the fridge to realize there's no milk. The agony. It's a drive of shame to the market to get more milk, but one you must endure.

- I'll confess I've done a few drives of shame in my time. I've done a few walks of shame as well. Usually the walks involve the vacuum cleaner. I'm vacuuming the floor, getting a good sweat up, but the cord is ALWAYS two feet short. Sigh. Turn off the machine. Walk of shame back to the plug. (*Bonus Fact: You can try to cheat and just yank the plug out from afar, but this will always result in a bent plug, which can sometimes be straightened, but not always.*) It only takes one bent plug to incur the wrath of someone. Now you know!

- You know I could do this for ever – so many irritating things! If you live on Tybee, then Hurricanes have to be number one irritating thing on all our lists. Walking outside into a hurricane is highly irritating. (*Bonus Fact: Don't do this! Unless you like the teacher in Whiplash.*) If you're pro *Whiplash* teacher, then yes, hurricane walking is a perfect hobby for you. Enjoy your stroll! And yes, now you know!

FRAMES WITH JAMES

By Jimmy Prosser



As we slowly roll into summer like a burning tire careening down the side of a mountain, it's important to remind everyone you love them, because in three weeks' time it's going to be 110 degrees, with 99% humidity and we're going to want to kill each other. On that note, I thought I would highlight some of the people who work hard on this island (but still have fun) to ensure summer is a great experience for locals and visitors alike. Enjoy!

- 1** I think this shows all our readers just how hard we work. There's little time for fun or games. **Alaina** had to stop in this Food Spy at **The Crab Shack** to take a very important call on her shell phone.
- 2** When **Caitlin** (of **Bubba Gumbos**) isn't busy stealing your wife or girlfriend, she can be found solving crimes, such as "who stole my damn seagull?"
- 3** I stopped in to the **Rivers End Campground** to guilt the staff into letting me take their photo. It wasn't working until **Shawn**

(center), the City Manager, walked in. **Tiffany** (L) and **Jessica** (R) reluctantly agreed to be immortalized in the **Beachcomber**. See ladies, it wasn't that horrible.

- 4** I stopped over at **The Deck** to grab a quick drink and ran into **Colin**, one of Tybee's best bartenders! Not only can his man sling a mean cocktail, get him warmed up and his goofy side comes out.
- 5** I think this is an important lesson, NEVER drink and drive, always walk or call a cab. And if you must walk, make sure you're wearing high visibility clothing, especially if it's after dark.
- 6** Now this may just look like an awesome family, but they are much more than that! Without these beautiful people, **The Beachcomber** would be nothing! **The McLellan Clan** - (From L to R) **Paige, Margie, Mac, Hollie, Zachary, Mike** and **David**.
- 7** This bubbly lady is vital to Tybee more than I think she knows. **Madison** is a liquor rep with **National Distributing**. I ran into her tasting the new **Three Olives Rose Vodka**. Ask your favorite bartender if they carry this product. It's absolutely wonderful!



8 I was at **Nickie's**, and then I had this picture on my phone. This group was having a lot of fun! (L to R) **Johnny, Rob, Sarah, Chris, Calvin, and Melissa!** Good looking group if I do say so myself!

9 How could I not include this awesome family! (L to R) **Brighid, Shane, Finn, and Rebecca** own and operate North Island **Surf and Kayak**. Although Brighid can often be found helping out next door at Bubba Gumbos.

10 While shopping at Tybee Oaks, I had the pleasure of meeting **Casey** of **Casey Jones Photography**, who happily allowed me to take his picture in front of some of his awesome prints! I know where I'll be doing all my gift shopping this year!

11 Up next - **Jeannie, Lori, and Julie**. These lovely ladies work at and run **Tybee Island Rentals**, as well as **Tradewinds Realty**. I have to say from personal experience this is a great company, and I send countless business their way (they may also be my landlords).

12 So, this one time, at **The Quarter** (which is about how 90% of my stories start out), I ran into The Three Beautiful, Incredible, and Amazing Musketeers - (L to R) **Smoot, Carolyn, and Wen** (The Beachcomber's very own lovely photographer).

13 I was on the north end of the island and thought I'd bug some of **Tybee's Finest** for a photo! (L to R) **Cpt. Hayes**, Clerk of Court **Kaitlyn** (holding back a fugitive who was just picked up running down the beach), **Sgt. Hattrich**, and **Sgt. Coreno**. Thank you for your service!

14 I stopped in at the *NEW* **Tybee Island Pizza**, located at 1605 Inlet Ave. across from the Late Arby's. **Rick** is now open for business! Nice to have a pizza place on the south end!

15 This good lookin' fella is none other than **Coco's** very own bartender, **John!** Not only will he make great drinks, but he will make your entire experience (although the fantastic food gives him an unfair advantage)!

Oh, and if you can identify the two individuals wearing cones on their heads, you win a prize, like a high five. I'm not in a position to be giving away free stuff.

Wet Willie's

It's always fun to go do the Food Spy! Especially somewhere that is not specifically known for their food, but more for their frozen daiquiris. Well, I am delighted to set the record straight on this daiquiri bar's kitchen! Once again, with our intrepid photographer, Wen McNally, and my lovely assistant, Jimmy Prosser, at my side, we ventured out to **Wet Willie's** on Tybrisa to get the scoop. Manager, Sean Ensign, was prepped and waiting for our arrival, along with one of the best servers on Tybee, Tonya Lee (and just to take a moment to wax lyrical about Tonya Lee, this lady was bad ass!!!! She can literally run food, drinks and balance a Carmen Miranda do on her head while looking like it's no problem whatsoever!!). She is amazing!!

As it was still morning, our first course was **French Toast with Home Fries**. We added bacon to it because we could. Their French Toast will actually make you like breakfast again. It was just like Grammy used to make back in the day. Their home



fries are cubed, seasoned potatoes and the bacon! That bacon is smoked cherry wood and they grill fry it. It is simply the best bacon in all of the land. Very reasonably priced, you will welcome breakfast back into your life happily! Breakfast is, after all, the most important meal of the day (especially if you can get a daiquiri with it).



One cannot really truly dine anywhere without ordering an appetizer. I

mean, if you are going to do it, do it right. We ordered their **Giant Onion Rings** and no lie, I could have worn one as a necklace had I wanted to be chased down the street by everyone. Dipped in a Panko batter and served with a tangy, sweet Dijon dipping sauce and a lemon wedge, those O Rings will get you in the mood to throw your diet out the window and chow down.



Next up was the **Willy Philly**. This big old sloppy yummy town is served on a toasted (yet somehow still fluffy) Brioche bun. Tons of meat with both



Provolone and American cheeses and onions, it was a mess of good times! Make sure you ask for extra napkins because you are going to need them. All of the sandwiches are served with fries (crispy coat) or kettle chips. We got the fries because fries

are good for you. Along with the Willy Philly we had to have a cocktail (hey, it was five o'clock in my mind). **Sex on the Beach** was ordered and was a perfect fit!

Next up was the **Chicken Slider**. Now, I'm relatively new to this whole "Slider" experience. What does it mean and why is it called that? No more. I now know what I have been missing - those Chicken Sliders were phenomenal!! And there is really nothing to them! Crispy fried chicken with romaine lettuce, throw in some sliced pickle on a little fluffy bun and you have solid gold! That slider was the best thing ever!!! It didn't even need mayo or mustard. You can add that if you want, but why ruin something so perfect??? The chicken was crunchy and juicy in all the right places. Wen, Jimmy and I exchanged eye glances that need no words, but said it all: Can we get more?

At this point in the game, we were still solid hanging in, although thinking about fading fast. Another slushy was ordered (**The Monster Melon**) and the three of us were getting our second wind and feeling happy and confident and ready for whatever Sean had lined up for us and oh my! It was a Build Your Own cheeseburger: A ½ pound of high grade Angus hand-patted exquisite shove-into-your-face perfection! We added jalapenos, sautéed onions and that BACON!! (I wanted to add blue cheese crumbles but was shut down.) I am hugely biased on my cheeseburger scene, but no lie, the **Wet Willie's Burger** is hands down a five-star daiquiri dining experience!!! That monster never stood a chance between the three of us! I am so looking forward to going back for that bad boy and this time I am adding blue cheese crumbs, along with extra bacon, and I am going to add some BBQ sauce and a necklace hanging O Ring too!!! While I



am at it, I am going to order a Call A Cab. I will then order a stretcher to assist me out of the building, but it is going to be worth every second!!!

Sigh. So happy with everything from breakfast to dinner! Y'all have to go to Wet Willies for food! The daiquiris for me were simply a happy ending, but for you they could just be the start to getting your happy on! Wet Willie's is located at 16 Tybrisa Street and is open Sunday through Thursday from 9am to 12am, with the kitchen closing at 11pm. Friday and Saturday 9am to 1am, with the kitchen closing at midnight. Breakfast is served daily from 9 to 11am. If you have any questions, feel free to call them at 912-786-5611. Managers Sean Ensign and Ellie Rosen are always available to assist and their bartenders and servers are top notch! Now I'm signing out! That bacon is screaming my name!

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Tiny Living WITH Big Things Part 3

By Amy Callaghan

The hardest part of minimizing our life was the 'doing it' part. I pride myself in the lack of discipline to commit to anything (other than my career and husband, he's cute af). It's a lot easier to be complacent and comfortable than it is to get out of one's bubble of security. We had paid for our tiny home (2014 Bighorn 3855FL, google it) with no way of moving it off the lot. And now came the lesson on the pains of procrastination.

FACT: We knew that our home weighed 12,000 pounds dry (meaning it weighed that much with NOTHING in it).

KIND OF FACT: We estimated our worldly possessions, adding up to another 2,000 pounds (we guessed on that number).

The joke of the situation was that we only wanted to spend no more than fifteen thousand dollars for the truck! Anyone who has bought, or thought about buying a truck for hauling, you should get the funny part. We were bonkers to think that amount would be enough to get the vehicle we needed for hauling our "tiny" lives around. We agreed on increasing our truck budget to twenty five thousand dollars.

Back to the insane amount of research and YouTube tutorials. Learning from other people's mistakes had become our pastime at this point (I highly recommend taking the time if you're as gung-ho as we were, get your poison of choice and full steam ahead!).

I was oblivious to the concept of GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating). In a nut shell, all vehicles have a maximum weight capacity set by the automaker. That's a thing? Reading further, I learned why you don't want to overload any vehicle. Reason being: the vehicle may be able to go, but it won't be able to stop safely. Engine and transmission ratios are also important to know the correct vehicle you need for the job. My husband and I don't know that much to pass on anything relevant other than the higher the number for the ratios, the better. However, the GVWR felt like the most substantial evidence that we knew nothing, other than the aforementioned facts.

With more important information in our brain holes, we proceeded to investigate what older truck had the highest GVWR and lowest price. We would see a truck for sale and after a search of specifications, another X on the list.

After a few agonizing days scouring the interwebs, we had leads on 3 different trucks. All Dodge Ram 3500s, years ranging from 1998-2006. The first two trucks, HA another joke in itself. Combined they had almost two hundred MILLION miles and horrible condition. Third was not quite the charm, but I think the urgency of the situation got the best of us. Visibly it looked in great condition and ran superbly, and the odometer read one hundred forty thousand miles. The guy finally admitted to Robyn that they believed the odometer had been tampered with, so they reduced the price from twenty thousand dollars to sixteen thousand.

With room in the budget and a truck ready for hauling, it almost felt like winning the lottery. Until 3 days later. It wouldn't turn over! It sounded like a normal start process, but without the vroom to signify victory. We had it towed off to the dealership and it turned out that the fuel pump was bad. We had financial room for something like this to happen, so we had them fix it.

Two weeks later, we got the truck back. Started right up, everything seemed in order and they even took care of all the recalls. It was really happening, we were ready to pick up our home that weekend!

Two days before picking up our home (insert Sam Kinison scream), IT WOULDN'T START! Robyn went back to the dealership and spoke to the mechanic. He believed it was the fuel pump regulator now?! We NEEDED this truck to retrieve our home in Myrtle Beach by the next morning. With no rental options available, the mechanic gave us a can of spray that's least likely to cause "runaway" (it was equivalent to starting fluid, but less likely to cause your engine to blow up, in which you runaway).

We now had the vroom that signified victory, and we were off to get our home...



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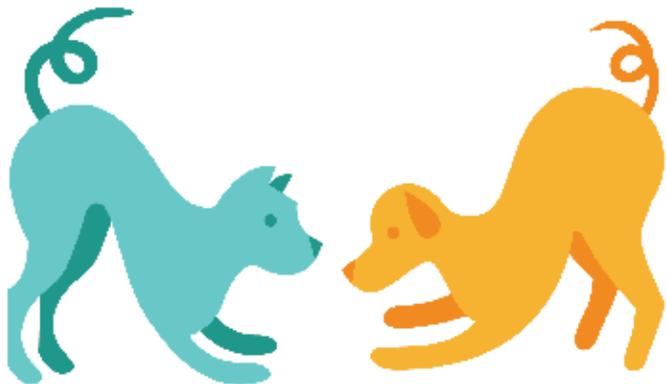
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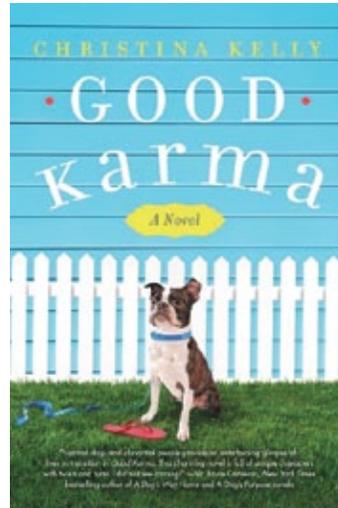
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BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein



GOOD KARMA

By Christina Kelly

A few weeks ago, the Savannah Morning News had an article about Christina Kelly, who resides in Savannah, and has just published her first novel. Always wanting to showcase local authors, I gave *Good Karma* a try. This book is best suited for retirees and soon-to-be retirees, like me (come on July 2019!), but I think just about anyone would enjoy it.

After 40 years in New Jersey, Catherine and Ralph, along with their Boston terrier, Karma, are uprooting their lives and relocating to Seven Oaks, a gated community off the coast of Savannah, Georgia. After only a few months it appears that the couple are worlds apart in their vision of retirement. Ralph plays non-stop golf and poker with his new buddies and even has time to become enamored of Audrey, their flirtatious real estate agent. That leaves Catherine to find a niche for herself. She becomes interested in her quirky neighbors, including Amity, who breaks into other people's houses just to see how the other half live. And then there's Ida Blue, the self-proclaimed pet psychic who has issues of her own. But soon, Catherine drifts farther and farther away from Ralph and her marriage.

Finally, Catherine meets Fred, a recent widower with a Great Dane named Sequoia. United by their love of their dogs, Fred and Catherine embark on a friendship that could turn into something more, and soon Catherine must make a decision affecting her marriage and her chance for future happiness.

I give this book 4 roses. It was a delightful book to read with its quirky characters, adorable dogs and it even had a little paranormal activity. I suppose retirement can be quite an adjustment and this was a very lighthearted and comical version of the things that can go wrong. I only hope that my own retirement goes a lot smoother!

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

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Behind the Tape...

By Cpl. Richard Dascal



Well, as everyone has undoubtedly realized at this point, the summer is creeping in. Spring Breakers from all over have taken over the beach. Maybe by the time you read this it'll even be hot out. Things have definitely stepped up for us over here. Our shifts are moving and staying busy from the time we clock in right up until we are able to go home. I was trying to think of a good story to give you guys this month, but unfortunately everything since St. Patrick's Day has become a blur of dealing with drunk people and parking complaints. So I thought instead of giving you a story, I'd try to offer up some advice for the coming summer months.

To start with, the beach is packed just about every day that has nice weather. If you're planning a beach day and you can't walk there, I'd recommend calling a cab or getting there early to avoid any parking headaches. We have all our beach rules posted on signs at every crossover and public entrance. If you've never taken the time to read them, next time you go out, take a look. That will avoid you having to deal with us while you're trying to enjoy your day. And if you plan on having some drinks while you're out there, try to work some water in there as well. Even the most experienced drinkers can get overcome by that mix of sun and booze. No matter how much fun your friends say you are when you're drunk, the rest of us are sick of it.

Finally, if you are going to hit the booze, make sure you're not driving. So far this year, our traffic unit has met 36 people who thought it would be alright if they drove. If we catch you, we will arrest and take your license. The island is small and there are a ton of cab companies around who will be more than happy to drive you home. It definitely beats out all the money it costs and how awkward it is to see the cop who arrested you all the time, because again, this is a really small island.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer, and as always let us know if you need anything.

The Y's Happy Helpers

By Cindy Orr - Tybee Y Board Member

Imagine a list of your accomplishments:

- Picked up trash on Tybee Beach.
- Provided food to the Rising TYde food pantry for families in need.
- Brought amusement and gifts to the elderly during the holidays.
- Planted a community garden.
- Made survival-kit appreciation bags for area police and rescue members during Saint Patrick's Day weekend.
- Constructed a Kindness Tree for others to pull leaves and spread kindness in our community.

Imagine the list continues to grow each week.

Imagine writing this list before your 5th birthday.

This is the list of the members of *The Happy Helpers*. Happy Helpers is a service-learning program at the Tybee Island YMCA & Recreation Department for young children (toddlers & preschoolers). The Helpers meet every Wednesday during the school year to complete volunteer work that serves the local community. The program introduces students to common community challenges that help to advance thinking and develop compassion through project-based learning. These young citizens earn a sense of accomplishment by making real contributions to our Tybee Island Community.

If you know of a child who may be interested in participating in The Happy Helpers, registration will open in August. If you are interested in volunteering or helping fund the program, donations are gladly and gratefully accepted via our Annual Campaign. Contact Laura Schmarkey at the Tybee YMCA & Recreation Department for information at 912-786-9622 or Laura.schmarkey@ymcaofcoastalga.org.

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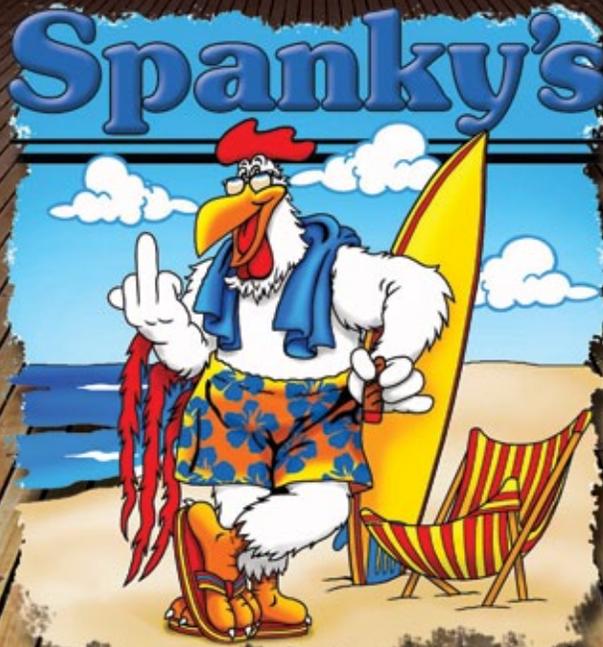
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PIER FISHING

Pier fishing is improving. The Whiting, Bluefish, Black Drum, Redfish, Pompano, Sheepshead, and Spanish Mackerel should all be around. For most of these, you can fish the bottom with shrimp or cut mullet and do pretty well. Shrimp is always the number one bait of choice. But if the Spanish are around, you will want a Gotcha Plug, Kastmasters or Clark Spoons. Work them as fast as you can, while keeping them under the surface of the water. This will trigger the natural instinct of a fish to attack. You can catch more than Spanish Mackerel on these as well, so make sure you have a few in your tackle box.



INSHORE

Fishing season has started and most every species can be caught on a regular basis now, such as Redfish, Speckled Sea Trout, and Flounder. For all three of these species I would use a jig head and a Gulp bait. I like the Swimming Mullet in a 4 inch size. My favorite colors are white and smoke. The local bait shop also carries Vudu shrimp made by Egret and they catch fish, plain and simple the best imitation shrimp I have ever seen. For live bait try Mud Minnows, Shrimp or Mullet. Live shrimp is still hard to come by.

NEAR SHORE

We can rejoice as Cobia season is here and open for harvest this year. They have to be one of our largest meat fish to target. Due to changes to regulations, all must be 36 inches fork length. As far as a sports fish, these are right up top. These fish can get over 90 pounds and its pretty common to catch them in the 30 to 40 pound range. These fish can be found on the near shore wrecks and almost any large structure. Jigs, live Eels, live Menhaden and Squid are some choice baits. Many times I can sight cast to the one we want and watch them eat the bait. The Black Sea Bass are still fired up, as with many other bottom fish. Spanish Mackerel will be around the nearshore reefs, as well as shipping channels, and near the end of the month King Mackerel will be showing up. These fish can be caught free lining live bait or slow trolling.

OFF SHORE

The offshore fishery is about as good as it gets. This time of year Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Blackfin Tuna, Barracuda, Cobia, and Amberjack is just a start to what you can land while trolling offshore. The bottom fishing is great as well. Grouper season has opened and fishing ledges and wrecks can be a great way to start your day. Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, Black Sea Bass, Grunts, Porgies, and Amberjack will also be thick around the same areas. A day out here this time of year can fill your freezer for the whole year.

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

SEAFOOD

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

STEAK

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

CHICKEN

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

VEGETARIAN

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

Children's Menu Available

FAJITAS

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

QUESADILLAS

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

AGAVE SPECIALS

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

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Underwear, Parachutes & Papayas

By J. Beeks

The other day I was catching up with my son, who is a sophomore at college, and he was dealing with the complexities of laundry. “Dad,” he exclaimed, “I figured out if I buy a packet of underwear, I won’t need to do any laundry until Spring Break and then I can just bring it all home and have Mom do it.” I must admit I was very impressed, as I realized that: 1.) He was thinking ahead, and 2.) He had clean underwear. Both of these were happy observations for me, and I all I could say was, “Son, you are brilliant - just like your father.”

But as my son went to implement his master plan, he failed in one critical area: the purchase of the new underwear. For those of you who haven’t been underwear shopping lately, let me tell you, buying underwear is a big undertaking. I mean, there are a lot of choices. And even most importantly, there are a lot of price points. And my son, being the youngster that he is, foolishly bought a packet of the cheapest pair of Fruit of the Looms that he could find. And my guess is he is now walking around with his twigs and berries compressed into a permanent wedgie and probably talking two or three octaves higher ala Mickey Mouse. Cheap underwear should come with a label that says these are “very small and very tight underwear.” And every guy on the planet will tell you – small and tight is never something you want in underwear.

I realized, as my son does now, that there are some things in life you just don’t skip on. I mean, don’t get me wrong, price does play a very important part in many purchasing decisions. I’d love to drive a Bugatti Veyron, because I think everyone should have 1200 horsepower at their command. But that’s not really in the budget. And yes, a rock star house with a pebble tec pool would be great, but that’s not exactly in the budget as well. So I manage my money, just like the rest of us. But dammit, there are some things that I’m not going to skip on. And Underwear is one of them.

I’d also like to think that if I ever found I needed a parachute, I would buy the most expensive, highest quality parachute known to man. Yes, I’ll take the Bugatti Veyron of Parachutes for me, please. I’d just float to earth like a butterfly in the breeze, with my expensive underwear flapping gently against the wind.

But that’s just me. If you read my articles, you know I take great pride in peer reviewed articles, so naturally I asked some other friends and family what the one item is they won’t skip on. My buddy, who is an avid cyclist, tells me to never skip on a bike seat or tires. My dad echoes the never skipping on tires. He endorsed the bike seat as well, even though he doesn’t bike. But his logic is sound: if it is the only thing between your ass and pavement – never skip. Solid advice. Probably applies to parachute purchases as well.

My bartender tells me to never skip on buying a bra. Good to know. The wife tells me to never, ever skip on buying a mattress, which is really good timing for her, because I think we need a new mattress. And some dude just leaned across our table and told us to never buy cheap heroin. I think he was joking, because his girlfriend told us she won’t sleep with someone who has a dirty bathroom or has cheap toilet paper. So add toilet paper to the list. And for her sake, I’d add quality condoms. Just saying...

You know, despite our middle class means, there’s actually a lot of things we don’t skip on. Sort of makes me proud to be an American, you know? We don’t skip on the important stuff. Which brings us to the most important thing that you can never skip on buying - papayas. Pay the money. Go organic, top shelf, all natural papayas. If there is a Bugatti Veyron Papaya, that’s the one you want. Only the best papayas for you.

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We are looking to avoid the Beach Bum Parade, but specifically we do not want to get wet? Any ideas what we should do?

Ok, first off; lame. Beach Bum Parade is AMAZING. It’s a tradition, it’s a rite of passage. It’s the moistest event on Tybee. (*Fun Fact #1: I instantly regret having used the word moistest, GAHHHH, I did it again. Make it stop, make it stop.*) But if you’re going to be like this. Moist. Here’s what you should do:



Step One

Stay indoors, stay away from the windows and doors. Don’t go anywhere near faucets, taps, spigots, sinks, tubs, showers, toilets, drinking fountains, bidets, or floor drains. The water wants to find you, and if I’ve learned anything from multiple Hurricanes, it is this; water always wins. Moist.

Step Two

If you must venture out into the world, I would wear a garbage bag over my head. Some folks might tell you to use a clear trash bag so you can see, but those tend to be thinner and more likely to rip. If you really don’t want to get wet. Moist. I would use a black garbage bag, one with draw strings. Put it over your head, pull the strings, and suffocate. Suffocate like you are suffocating the fun out of yourself. Who doesn’t want to get wet in The Beach Bum Parade? Moist.

Step Three

Leave. Just get off the island. Leave under the cover of darkness, drive to Hilton Head. Have you been there? They have a Zaxby’s. Zaxby’s is AMAZING. Their chicken is moist. Moist. Their fries are perfection. That sauce. Oooh, let me tell you about that sauce. It’s delicious. And what does Tybee have? An abandoned Arby’s which is starting to look like an archeological dig of a fast food restaurant. Off topic! Moist.

I think I have given you some great examples on how to avoid getting moist. And if I haven’t, just be glad you don’t pay for this advice. Moist. Moist. Moist. Moist. Moist.

Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

SEA PANSIES

By Dr. Joe Richardson

I love it when someone sends me a picture of an animal they saw at the beach, and asks, "What is this?" One of the most frequent I get asked about is the **Sea Pansy**. For some reason, it is one of my favorite Tybee beach animals, maybe because it is one of the weirdest. I especially get excited when we find a live one during our beach ecology trips because I get to talk about it!

A Sea Pansy is a purple round disc with a stalk extending from its bottom side. There is a slight indentation in the round, cushion-like disc where the stalk is connected. The stalk can range in size from a short little nub to a longer stalk an inch or two long. A Sea Pansy is a great example of a "colonial" animal. A colony-type animal is a single organism, but it is composed of many smaller individuals, all of which are connected to each other. In the case of a Sea Pansy, the disc and stalk is one individual, but it buds off numerous small anemone-like individuals (polyps) that extend upward from the top surface of the disc. Usually, when you find a Sea Pansy washed up on the beach, the small polyps are withdrawn down inside the disc so all you see are numerous tiny white patches on top. But if you will put it in some seawater and wait a little while, the polyps might extend out where you can see them, and the surface of the disc will look fuzzy because of all the tiny tentacles that the polyps have.



Sea Pansies are classified as a type of soft coral. Like other corals, a Sea Pansy is a colony of many tiny, connected polyps. In the case of hard, stony, reef-building corals, the polyps produce hard, solid limestone cups around each polyp. But with soft corals, only small scattered fragments (spicules) of limestone are produced around the polyps, so the colony is softer and flexible. And if you want to get really technical, Sea Pansies are further classified as Octocorals because each polyp has 8 tentacles.

When you find a Sea Pansy on Tybee's beach, it has probably washed in from offshore where it was living in the sandy bottom. Offshore, a Sea Pansy sits with its disc on top of the sand, and its stalk digs down in the sand and serves as an anchor to hold it in place. With the disc sitting on top of the sand, the polyps extend upward into the seawater, and the tentacles catch small, plankton-size food. And since all the polyps are connected to each other down inside the disc, when one polyp catches some food, it can share it with all the others. That's one of the benefits of being a colonial animal!

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



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Foodie Finds

By Cheryl Kerby

GIANT SAMOA COOKIE



Ingredients:

2 cups flour
 3/4 tsp. salt
 1 cup room temp. unsalted butter
 1/2 cup confectioners sugar
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 3 cups sweetened coconut, shredded
 1 1/3 cups chocolate chips, melted

*3 1/2 cups soft caramel candies
 *3 tbsp. milk
 *1/4 tsp. salt
 OR
 1 bottle Hershey's Caramel Syrup

For cookie base:

- Beat butter until fluffy. Add confectioners sugar and vanilla extract. Beat well. Mix in flour and salt until just blended (I used my hands to keep from over-mixing). Shape into circle, wrap in plastic and refrigerate about 1 hour.
- Roll out onto floured surface to about 1/4 inch thick. Using a bowl or plate, cut into large circle (make sure your circle fits on your baking sheet). Transfer the circle to a sheet of parchment paper, place on baking sheet, slice a smaller circle out of the center, creating a ring. Prick the surface with a fork several times.
- Bake at 325 for 20 minutes, or until edges are just starting to brown.
- COOL COMPLETELY on the baking sheet (I put mine in the fridge overnight).

For topping:

- Sprinkle the shredded coconut evenly onto parchment lined baking dish. Bake at 350 for 7-10 minutes, until coconut is toasted. Careful, it goes from toasted to burnt quickly! SET ASIDE.
 - Melt chocolate chips. Flip cookie over and spread all but 1/3 cup of the melted chocolate onto the cooled cookie. Be sure to cover the entire base. Transfer to freezer to set chocolate while you make the topping.
 - *Place soft caramel candies, milk, and salt in pot, stir constantly over medium heat until melted (I did not do this because IGA was out of caramels, so I used a bottle of Hershey's caramel syrup).
 - Spread some of the caramel onto the NON-chocolate side of the cookie base. In bowl, mix toasted coconut with caramel until moist but not liquid. I only used about half the bottle of the syrup.
 - Spoon coconut mixture on top over caramel side of cookie, building up evenly around the cookie.
 - Drizzle remaining chocolate on top of the coconut. Put in fridge and let set about 15-20 minutes. Refrigerate any leftovers.
- Recipe from *tastemade.com*. It's also on my Facebook page.

On Going Happenings

Agave Bar & Grill - Happy Hour 5-7pm, 2 for 1 12 oz. Margaritas. On May 5, Cinco de Mayo Party - from 5pm to 2am there will be free tequila shots every hour on the hour. 402 1st Street.

A-J's Dockside - Happy Hour 4-7pm, Live music Friday thru Sunday, Lunch 7 days a week 11am-5pm, Dinner 7 days a week 5-10pm. 1315 Chatham Ave.

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

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

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

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

Rogue Waves

By Russell Robertson, CFP

Investing - Make Your Money Work for You

Here's a question you probably haven't heard from financial media before: When shouldn't I invest in a 401(k)? Conventional wisdom would tell you that's absurd - everybody knows the best thing to do is invest as much as possible for as long as possible because "compound interest is the most powerful force in the universe" (Einstein). But this article is called "Rogue Waves" for a reason, so let's look at that question from a different angle.

Einstein is not wrong about compound interest. Let's say you invest \$5,500 per year into your 401(k) or IRA, and it grows long-term at 7%:

Time	Total amount saved (\$5,500 per year)	Actual ending account value (at 7% annualized returns)	"Free" money from compound interest
5 years	\$27,500	\$31,629	\$4,129
10 years	\$55,000	\$75,990	\$20,990
20 years	\$110,000	\$225,475	\$115,475
30 years	\$165,000	\$519,534	\$354,534
40 years	\$220,000	\$1,097,993	\$877,993

Let that chart sink in for a second. For most people working today, "full retirement age" is 67. That means most millennials have close to 40 years before retirement. Want to have a \$1 million nest egg so you don't have to work through retirement? Invest \$385/month and you're there. Take that, gravity.

Longer investment horizons are also great for smoothing out market volatility. What does that mean? It means that if you have 20+ years until retirement, you care a lot less if the market crashes this year than someone who is retiring in June.

That last scenario is a justification I hear for why people don't contribute to a 401(k) - they are close to retirement and don't trust the stock market. Unfortunately, that is a terrible excuse. Every 401(k) plan has a money market or stable value fund you can put your money in - this money isn't invested in the stock market, it's just cash. Pretty much every 401(k) plan also has a company match. If you don't contribute, you can't get the match, and that means you're passing up on free money (never a good idea).

So when shouldn't you invest in a 401(k)? There are two scenarios:
1) Don't put after-tax money into a Traditional 401(k) or IRA. I have seen this option both on a workplace benefits website and as a question I get for what to do with year-end bonuses. Don't do it, you'll just end up paying tax twice on that money (that's over 60% if you're in the top brackets!).
2) If all your savings are tied up inside your 401(k) plan. Let's say you're late 20's/early 30's making \$60k/year and putting 8% into your 401(k). Great start! Just be a little bit careful here about something - 401(k) and IRA money usually carries a 10% penalty if you touch it before age 59½. A lot of expenditures tend to come up between ages 30 and 60: buying a house, getting married, having kids, paying for said kids to go to college... Paying a 10% penalty because all your savings are inside a 401(k) or IRA is not ideal. The best thing to do is have a standard brokerage account alongside your retirement savings. That way, your money is still working for you but is also accessible penalty-free when needed.

The earlier you start investing and putting your money to work the better off you'll be down the road. Just make sure you're not setting yourself up for any unnecessary detours or roadblocks as you go.



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By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the April 2018 Beachcomber.
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Chapter 10 – Today Was a Good Day Day 0

Spring break is known for frat boys or “bro boys,” as we like to call them. Today only encouraged that stereotype. Captain Nick took six spring breakers out on a charter and, bros will be bros, they wanted to catch some sharks. Much to the bros dismay, Nick only indulges customers who want to target shark with “catch and release.” After Nick explained that they could take pictures before releasing the sharks back into the ocean, they agreed. They caught 19 sharks that spanned 7 different species. The largest, a 300lb Mako, took an hour and fifteen

minutes to reel in. It was a very successful day for Captain Nick, but again, bros will be bros, and the tips were at a minimum. Although he owns the charter operation for the love of the water and of fishing, he was a bit perturbed with the lack of gratuity.

First Mate Garrett works on a competitor’s boat. His charter today was exciting, fun, and very lucrative. It was an inshore excursion. A family of five, husband, wife, and three kids ranging in age from 9 to 15 wanted to catch some local fish that they could bring back to Ohio. The parents didn’t fish. They were getting enjoyment out of watching their kids have the time of their lives. They were extremely impressed with Garrett’s knowledge of each species and his handling of the equipment and the fish around the kids. They were even more impressed with his interaction with the children and the constant, and seemingly never-ending, flow of facts about each fish and their place within the unseen ecosystem of Georgia’s coastal estuary. After Garrett had cleaned the catch and said his goodbyes to the kids, the father walked up to Garrett and handed him a \$300 tip. He told Garrett it was the best day of their entire vacation.

After cleaning the boat and packing up the gear, Garrett stops and looks out into the water. He takes a deep breath and exhales. Days like today can make any of life’s mundane problems seem like mere child’s play. He walks down the dock humming Ice Cube’s “It Was a Good Day” and spots Captain Nick tying up his boat. As he approaches him he waves and calls out “How was your day, brother?”

“Fishing was good but the bros got on my nerves. What about you?”

“SHA-WHEAT! We did some inshore fishing and the family that we took out has about 27 pounds of fish to take back to the great state of Oh-hio.”

“Wanna head to the bar for some beers?”

“Sure man. I just need to drop off this gear at the house. I could use

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a few Angry Orchards right about now AND I believe it's a Doug night at the Rose."

"Alright G-Man. I'll meet you there in about an hour."

"Hey man!" Garret says while pointing at Nick. "Today was a good day."

Garrett walks into the Wind Rose Café about an hour later, sits down next to Captain Nick and says, "Wassup?"

"Not much," Nick answers without enthusiasm. "Just hoping a few beachwood aged Budweisers are going to wash the taste of the frat boys away."

"Oh, come onnnnn. It CAN'T be that bad," Garrett answers, as Doug makes his way down the bar to where the two are sitting.

"What can I get for ya Garrett?" he asks when he arrives.

"How about an ice cold Angry Orchard my good man."

"Here you go G-man," Doug says absently, as he sits the bottle down on the bar.

"Why thank you, kind sir," Garrett responds and bows his head.

He sips his apple cider like it's a fine wine, sighs, and says "Ahhhh vintage..." He looks at the born date on the bottle. "March 28th.

Exquisite." He looks back toward Nick, inclines his head to demonstrate his undivided attention, and says, "Please, continue."

"Dude," Nick starts. "My day was full of testosterone, high fives, Bud Light, and an ass ton of unwarranted whooping and hollering."

"You sound like a grumpy old man, brother."

"I'm just tired of the spring break crowd."

"It's cash money dude!"

"Dude."

"Bro..."

"DUDE!"

"BRO!"

"Say bro one more damn time and see what happens Garrett."

"Chillax brother. It's all gravy."

"You're right. Oh, we did bring in a 300 pound Mako."

"Right on, man!" Garrett says while nodding his approval. "We, and by 'we' I mean the three kids on my trip, caught 38 fish in 6 hours. It was groovy."

"300 pound Mako versus 38 guppies. I'd say the Mako wins the 'groovy' contest Garrett."

"Oh, so what you're saying is, catching one good fish you have to throw back is better than loading a 48-quart cooler full of meat?"

"No. I'm just saying you can't bring in a 300 pound Mako."

"You need to center your chi, brother man. You're in some kind of mood."

"Well the only way my chi will get re-centered is if I get on the water without the bros."

"I've got an idea," Garrett says as his face lights up. "Why don't we go back down to the dock, hop on your boat, and have a good ol' night fishing competition? After we stop at the Chu's and pick up some beers to go, of course."

"You challenging ME to a fishing competition?"

"If that's what it takes to put my friend back in a good mood... yes."

"You have a charter tomorrow?"

"Only a sunset dolphin tour, man."

"Okay. The biggest single fish caught between now and 1pm tomorrow pays for the fuel, beer, and food."

"So," Garret begins while stroking his chin. "What you're saying is size does matter?"

"Is it a bet?"

"Sure is brother man."

Nick and Garrett stop at Chu's and make their way to the dock. After loading the boat with their supplies, they ease away from the dock.

"I'll even let you pick our destination," Nick says. "Even though I ALWAYS know where the fish are."

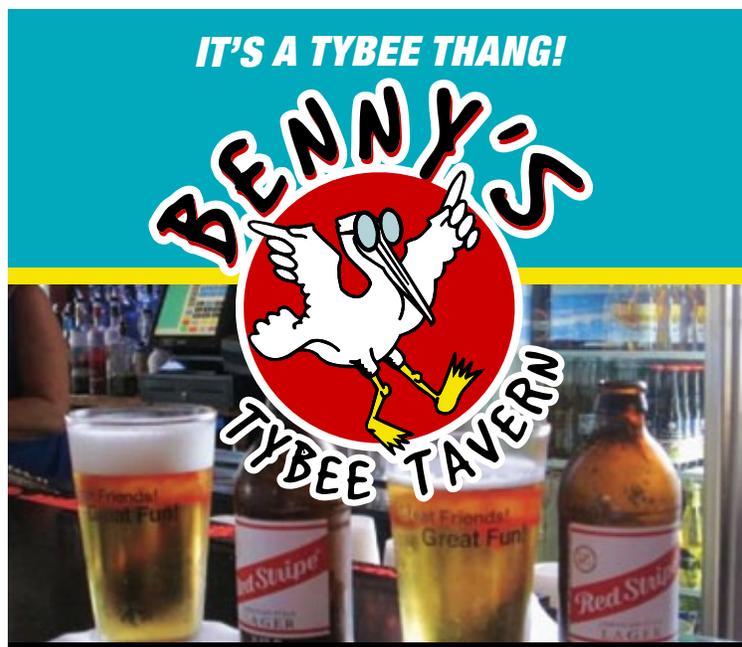
"Right on man. Why don't we head out to the Triple Ledge out past the R7 Naval tower? We can be there by midnight and have over 12 hours of fishing time before we have to head back in."

"Sounds good to me. But don't blame me when your mood goes south when I'm catching all the fish out there."

"Now you're sounding like the Bros you took out on your charter earlier today." Garrett looks out toward the horizon and opens an Angry Orchard while Nick points the boat toward the Ledge. "Brother, nothing can ruin my mood when I'm out on the water."

Little did they know that their lives were about to change forever. Hell, the whole damn world was about to change and it all starts with that first bite.

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TAXITALES

By Joey Goralczyk



Breezy Drivers

I've always heard good help is hard to find. I never knew how true that was until we started Breezy. It seems like a simple enough straight forward job. Don't lose the phone, answer the phone. Drive to pick-up customers, take them where they wanna go, get paid. Repeat. Of course, it's not always so simple. As we have highlighted in these stories, hiccups and misfortune are never far away. Finding people who can handle it is like finding a needle in a haystack. God knows we have a great core crew now, but it's always been a struggle.

The hiring process for Breezy is a bit different than other places. We don't really do applications, so to speak. As it turns out, GA will give a license to just about anyone, at least once. Hell, they gave me one! You may be the world's safest driver, but if you have the personality of a floppy piece of asparagus, things just aren't going to work out for you (while asparagus is delicious, it's not the best conversationalist and has a tendency towards stupidity). Almost all of our best drivers now were not hired for a spotless driving record. They were hired because they are funny, interesting people who aren't idiots. Funny, interesting people make much better money than asparagus.

We've had veggies drive for us before and they've never lasted long. Once, about 3 or 4 years ago, after about a month of tolerating just all the stupidity that we could from one of them, we decided it was time to fire one of our first hires. I was given the honor. Having never fired anyone before, I was a bit nervous, and decided that a beer or two to knock down some of those nerves was in order. She must have known it was coming, because that particular day she just went straight home instead of coming back to headquarters as usual. No worries, I had a phone and knew how to use it. So I made the call. It did not go well. She had also grabbed a few beers after work, and was as tipsy as I was. So there I was, standing outside a local establishment screaming into a phone and getting screamed back at even louder. Sweat was pouring and curse words were flying. I was mad. She was madder.

After the call, I was sitting in a chair, smoking and mumbling to myself ala Joe Pesci in *Home Alone*. About this time, the bartender's boyfriend, who I knew but not great, came to check on me. They had heard me in the bar and thought I might have stroked out. He asked what was up, and I ranted that the problem was that no one on this god forsaken Island was capable of driving for three days in a row without screwing up Breezy completely. So screw it. I didn't need sleep. I'd just do day and night shift on weekends and sleep it off Monday. Then, miraculously, this man coolly replied that he would love to pick up some weekend shifts, and could use some extra cash. Bless you Stephen Cope, bless you. He has truly been a Godsend.

After many Bored Meetings at the Wind Rose, we came to find out that Stephen had a couple of friends, really cool friends, who were interested in driving for Breezy. What a blessing! First we added Martini. I don't need to say anything. He is Martini! Not long after that we added Kelly to the family, who fit like a glove! We are on a roll! Finding needles in haystacks is not that hard! Trust me, we have been lucky (except around Hula-ween ... damn Hula-ween!).

Let me close by thanking my boys for all their hard work. Breezy wouldn't have made it here without you guys. Stephen, Martin, Kelly, Mike, Sean, Cameron, and John, we love you guys! Let's keep it up!

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Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Program Staff Director

HAPPY PRESERVATION MONTH!

Although preservation is celebrated every day around here, May is officially Preservation Month. Over a decade ago, the National Trust for Historic Preservation designated May as a month for communities to recognize & celebrate their history.

Thanks to the work of so many people – YOU, the city’s Historic Preservation Commission, Dev’l Authority/Main Street Program, Historical Society and other partners, Tybee’s identity is authentic and remains progressively preserved. Each year, Tybee’s Preservation Month is celebrated in a variety of ways.

Following are a few pics of ways that #presmonth has been celebrated on Tybee the past few years:

2007: Preservation Matters photo shoot around town.

2014: Direct mail brochure about Tybee’s historic districts, etc.

2015: This Place Matters tags.

2017: Placemats with historic cottages that kids could color while at restaurants.

2016 & 2017: Panels about Tybee Elementary placed at the Old School breezeway & panels about the Girl Scout Headquarters placed at Jaycee Park.



There are so many ways you can celebrate your appreciation for Tybee Island’s history this month. A few ideas are: by sharing photos (thing heart bombs) – and sharing memories of your beloved historic Tybee spots on social media with #presmonth and #ThisPlaceMatters, and partaking in activities that are happening throughout the month, such as visiting a few of the timeless, classic historic Tybee homes while on the Tour of Homes on May 5. Check out more about celebrating Tybee’s historic places that make Tybee authentic on the Historic Tybee Island FB page.

As always, feel free to contact members of the Development Authority/Main Street Board of Directors or me with suggestions and/or concerns re: economic vitality and preservation.

Take time to enjoy “Tybee time” and remember why those of us who live and work here are “lucky enough” and those who visit love returning.



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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in May By Mom

5-3, 5-4, & 5-6 I Can Only Imagine 7pm on 5-3, 5-4, 5-6, including 3pm on 5-6 as well. This film will be showing at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. An inspiring and true story of MercyMe's chart topping song. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

5-4 & 5-11 Sunset Tours At the Lighthouse at 30 Meddin Drive. Experience the after-hours tour and the view of Tybee. Call 912-786-5801 for more info.

5-5 Interstellar Echoes Present Pink Floyd 8pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Interstellar Echoes performs a Pink Floyd Tribute. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

5-7, 5-14, 5-21, & 5-28 Tybee Island's Farmers & Artisan Market 4-7pm every Monday through October at 30 Meddin Dr. Fresh veggies and artistic treasures will be available. Don't forget to shop local.

5-5 21st Annual Tybee Tour of Homes 10am-4pm. This fundraiser will benefit the Tybee Island Maritime Academy. For more info go to www.tybeetourofhomes.com or call Heather Harvey at the Maritime Academy, 912-395-4060.

5-9 Beach Bum Coronation Come watch the crowning of the Grand Marshall, Queen and Big Kahuna at The Deck, 404 Butler Ave. Happy Hour cocktails start around 5:30pm. Entertainment by Savannah Steve, free appetizer buffet and cash bar around 6:30pm. Presentations and Awards around 7:30pm. All times are subject to TYBEE TIME CLOCK.

5-11 & 5-12 Anne of Green Gables 7:30pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The FEFC's Youth Theater Ensemble will perform their adaption of the beloved Anne of Green Gables. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

5-11 SCAD Sand Arts Festival This year's annual event is held at the Pier and Pavilion. The SCAD Sand Arts Festival is a combination of SCAD students, alumni, faculty and staff. Go and cheer your favorite sand artist. For more info contact Susan Hopp at shop@scad.edu.

5-12 2018 Beach Bum Open – EVP Pro Volleyball Tour 9am-5pm on the beach side (of course) of 16th St. At each event you will not only get to watch the Pros in action, but you will be able to interact with them by participating in contests and promotions. Contact Bradley Gadeck, 847-924-5090 or bgadeck@comcast.net.

5-13 Mother's Day Don't forget to call your mother!

5-17 Date Night: Beach Blanket Bingo 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. One of the most popular beach party classic films of all time. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

5-18 Beach Bum Parade 2018 6:30-8pm, the yearly Beach Bum Parade begins the trek down Butler Ave. A word to the wise, if you don't like being wet, don't be on the street! Otherwise, join in on the fun at this free local event.

5-18 thru 5-20 White Box Gallery Art Show 9am-5pm at Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. For all events go to www.tybeearts.com or call 912-786-5902.

5-25 thru 5-27 The Great American Trailer Park Musical 7:30pm on 5-25 & 5-27, with 3pm showing on 5-27 at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Savannah Community Theater will be performing under the direction of Tom Coleman III. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

5-26 & 5-27 Art Show & Sale 11am-5pm at Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. For all events go to www.tybeearts.com or call 912-786-5902.

5-28 Memorial Day Take a moment to reflect and give thanks to the men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.

5-31 Girl's Night Out: "The Long Hot Summer" 7pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Classic film with Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912- 472-4790.

Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

Not Yet Ready for Primetime Beach Body OR Antarctica or Bust

On January 1st, I did the thing that's done. The thing that many of you dear readers probably did as well. I vowed to lose 15 pounds by summer. For reals. It was on like Donkey Kong back in the glorious few weeks of New-Year-New-You. Well, it's May, summer is nigh here, and I've been working hard. Only 25 more pounds to go...

But this past month I've been serious about it. Like seriously serious. I mean, a couple of donuts followed by a couple bottles of IPA in January was no big deal. I could merrily stuff myself into elastic-banded sweatpants, merrily pull on Husband's hoodie and kid myself that I still looked great. Spring clothing, alas, is not as forgiving and I've seen the error of my winter-time-diet ways. So, I have two choices: move to Antarctica or get into shape.

Moving to Antarctica, it turns out, is a lot of work. First I would have to become some sort of scientist, then I would have to have some kind of thing to study that required I go to Antarctica, then I would have to

compete with other scientists (apparently, there are a lot of people who don't want to wear spring clothing) to even be allowed to go and let's face it, science was never my thing, or competition, or any kind of weather below 70 degrees.

So, diet and exercise it is...

First up: Whole 30. That's right. Whole freaking 30 baby. I'm talking 30 days (30 days!) no processed food, no dairy, no beans, no wheat, no sugar, no alcohol (!), no grains. I did okay on this. Really, I did. I lasted way longer than I thought I would. Almost an entire day. Eventually, though, as happens in my life, I tripped and fell into a few beers. When this happens on Whole 30, you're supposed to start over again, but 30 days! It was too daunting. Just, no.

Next up: Smoothie cleanse. Yes! Exactly what I needed. A cleanse. It sounded so...well...cleansing. I actually totally enjoyed this. Seven days of smoothies and really delicious soups. It was pretty fantastic, I was barely hungry, and I did the whole seven days and then...promptly filled my house with oreos, chips, ice cream, and fried chicken. I had no choice in this. The devil on my shoulder made me do it...

Okay then, exercise. Clearly, I had no control over what went in my body, but I could 100 percent control how I moved my body, right? So, fueled by IPA and ice cream, I went on a run. I used to run regularly and even, once, years ago, completed a half-marathon. So, I decided on an easy three-mile jog. OMG! Do you know how long three miles is?! It's practically the distance to the moon! My body totally freaked out. It was all like: We had a deal here, Hollie! You were going to sit on the couch and eat cheesy puffs and in return I was going to turn all of your food into fat cells.

So, what's a girl to do? Starve herself? Work herself do death? Maybe, make peace with her body? Getting to Antarctica has to be easier than any of that.



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The Season

By Paxton Willis



Oh the season. We all have our definition of "Season." Those of you who may lay your eyes on this little soliloquy probably define it just as I do, or at least something close. Let's explore this concept a little further though, let's step outside of ourselves and discover another perspective.

To us, the season, just like the tide, is an axiom. We know when it's coming in, we know when it's going out, it's the Circadian rhythm of Tybee, to scale. Whether you're in the service industry, vacation home renting, kayak touring, tee shirt spray painting, bicycle renting, turn your yard into parking space...ing, we know that this time of year is our most lucrative. It doesn't define us, but it's our process.

Like little squirrels we toil and hustle while the sun is shining, we stash our acorns and prepare for the impending winter. Personal relationships may suffer in the interim, but when we all reconvene, when we find ourselves again, when we return to our intimacy with each other, the sun sets, and we all reflect together. We re-discover our comradery, and it unifies us all, even if we don't realize it.

This isn't anything new to us though, it's our life, and it's not a bad one, everything considered. While we're afforded the opportunity to live here year round, our home is a place that most people view as their getaway. To some, our little town is an escape from a structured, rigid, mundane day-to-day struggle. Our little town is the reward of their work - the tangible, physical, provable manifestation of being an honest person who just needs to facilitate an escape for themselves and their family. They find peace in that, they find a motivation in knowing that they will be rewarded with a day or two of sitting on the beach, eating somewhere besides Chili's, meeting genuine people, and escaping their norm. We welcome that, we all understand them on a basic level, they remind us of how good we have it, and we remind them that value exists outside of their comfortable construct.

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By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

For those of you living on Little Tybee and other non-news receiving planets, I have a big announcement for y'all!!! Sting Ray's has finally opened their brand, spanking new upper deck! Offering a fab view of Butler and just in general people watching, the new deck offers so much more and I was delighted to be invited up to check it out!

Not only is there a fully stocked bar up top, but a variety of events scheduled to keep even the most jaded local and tourist appeased with good times. Fully staffed and ready to make you jaw dropping cocktails, the upper deck has got it going on. When I was there, I had a chance to try two of their signature cocktails, *The Peachy Princess*, which is a perfect blend of rum and more rum tinged pink with an edible rose included, and *The Tybee Barbie*, a handmade blueberry concoction made from pure happiness. Those were only two of the many available to get your happy on.

Upstairs has huge plans! Not only are they going to be having *Thursday Night Wine & Dine with Jane* (which includes complimentary cheese and fruit trays and ½ off specialty bottles), but there will be Shot Time (which is exactly what it sounds like and is on the house), *Theme Nights*, *Parade Events* and just lounging on the couch enjoying the weather nights!! Love those nights!

When you get to the top of the stairs, you will find one or four of these ladies: Jane Sanders, Kirby Thompson, Rebecca Beier, Courtney Grooms and/or Kiley Lightle ready to sit you down and get you one of their own specialty cocktails (The Princess is Courtney's special go-to and the Tybee Barbie is Jane's masterpiece), as well as food. Not only does upstairs serve full menu from downstairs, but they have their own 'To Go Section' for those on the move!

Sting Ray's is open 7 days a week from 11am until and so is the deck upstairs. You can't miss them! Located on the corner of 14th & Butler, go check out the new scene with a new vibe! The view is stellar, the drinks are fab and the service is spot on! It will be the year round go to party place!



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May's Bartender of the Month is truly a Tybee gem! Not only does she act like she sprouted from a mermaid pod, but she has the best personality of a laid-back chick living the life on the beach. **Lee Fussell** of *Nickie's Bar & Grill* is our girl and I swear if she can't make you smile, then you best head back from whence you came. I had a chance to hook up with this blonde enchantress and get not only her go-to cocktail (my God, I was bent after two of those), but get the scoop of the month.

Born in Verdun, France (ooh la la), Lee hit the world as an Army brat. Her daddy had traveled around a bit, but after Lee was born, moved the family to Atlanta where she was raised with her sister. DeKalb County was home for Lee's formative years and after she graduated from high school, it was clear to her that she was meant to be in the industry. Slinging drinks at

18 years old in Tucker at C.W. Shaw's, life just happened and happily so. Five years later moving on to Long Horn's Steak House, Lee spent 20 years there working her ass off as everything - waitress, bartender, oh and a corporate trainer! That's some know-how and dedication to the job right there, y'all.

Four years ago (and after years of working to get here), Lee FINALLY ended up on Tybee! She has been coming here as a kid while babysitting her cousin and always knew in her guts that Tybee was going to be it for her. Well damn girl! Took you long enough!

Here are the deepest secrets of Lee's life:

Tybee Life: Four years

Passion: Life, the beach, and the deck at her house

When she grows up: Nope, not doing it

Spirit Animal: A Mermaid! Loves the ocean and hey, who said the Spirit Animal had to be based in reality and who says a mermaid isn't???

Lee's go-to drink is called a *Sneaky Blonde* and I have to say, that cocktail sneaks up on you. I had two and went to stand up and there went me being graceful and debonair as I damn near fell on my face. Loved every second of it!!!! Watch out for Lee! She is a sneaky blonde! Go see her at Nickie's Bar & Grill. You'll happily regret every moment.





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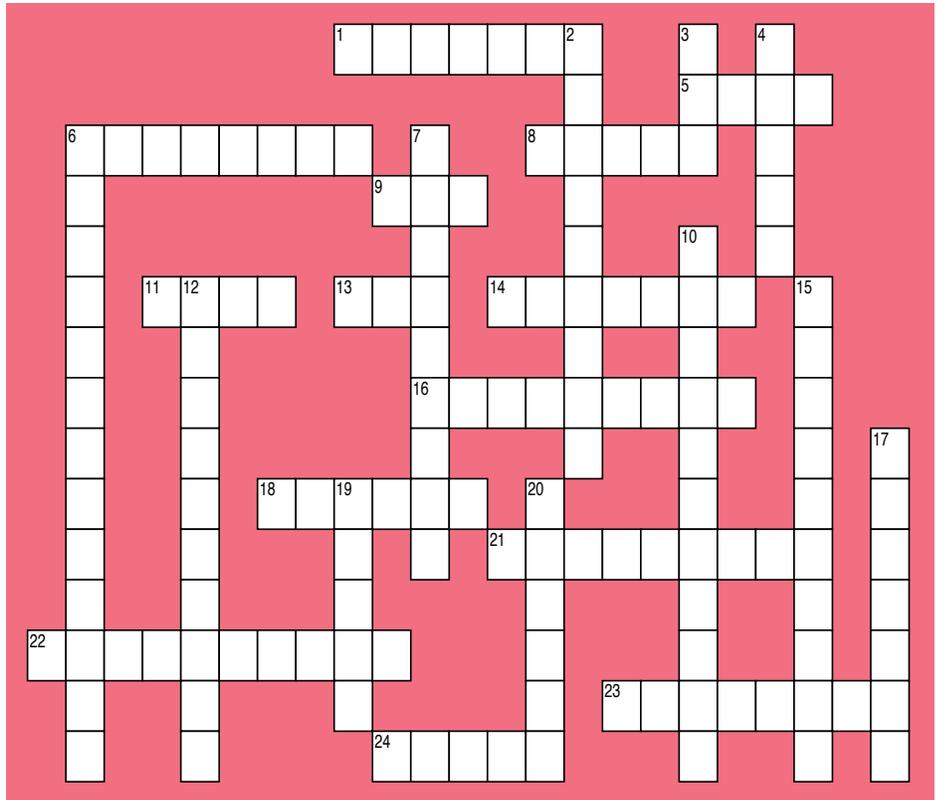
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- 5 Big Kahuna
- 6 Wet parade (2 wds.)
- 8 Helpers at the YMCA
- 9 Traveling Beachcomber winner
- 11 SCAD will be using this for art
- 13 Bartender of the Month
- 14 Easter Egg Hunt winner
- 16 Paxton writes about this (2 wds.)
- 18 Grand Marshall
- 21 Book Review (2 wds.)
- 22 Food Spy (2 wds.)
- 23 Beach Walks subject (2 wds.)
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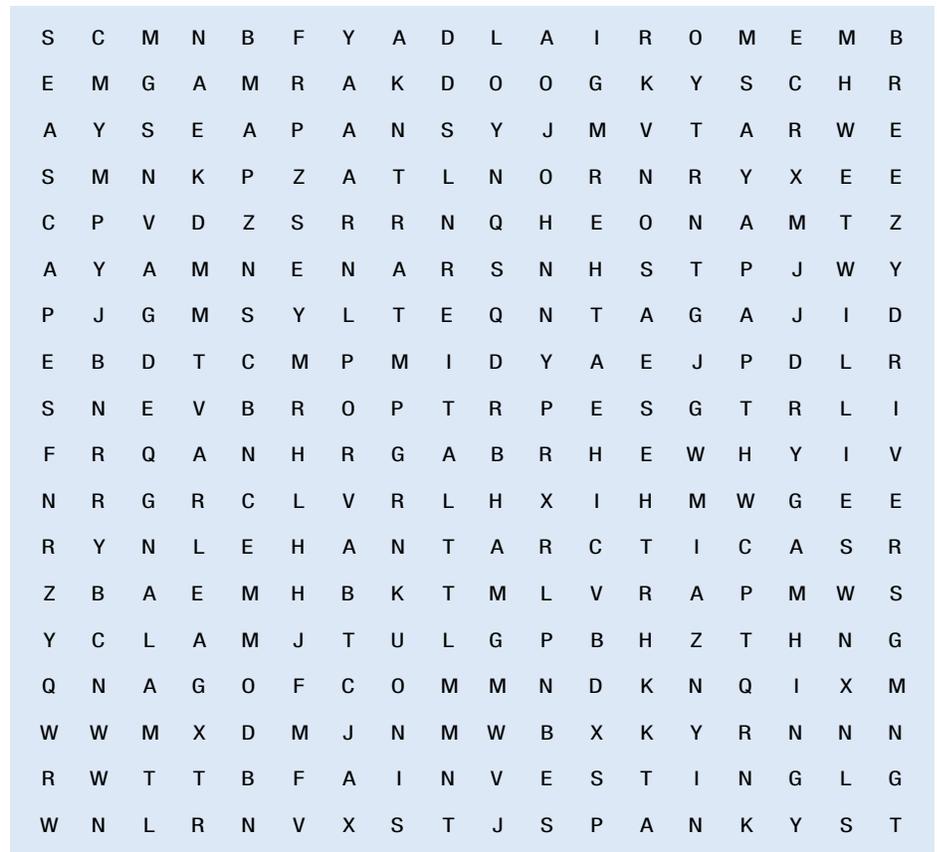
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- 2 Bizz Buzz (2 wds.)
- 3 5th month
- 4 Giant _____ Cookie (Foodie Finds)
- 6 Taxi Tales topic (2 wds.)
- 7 Rogue Waves gives tips on this
- 10 Holiday in May (2 wds.)
- 12 Reflections might have to move here
- 15 Monthly Rant wrote about these things
- 17 Tybee Signature Cocktail Contest winner
- 19 Tybee Tour of _____
- 20 Don't forget to call her on her day



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