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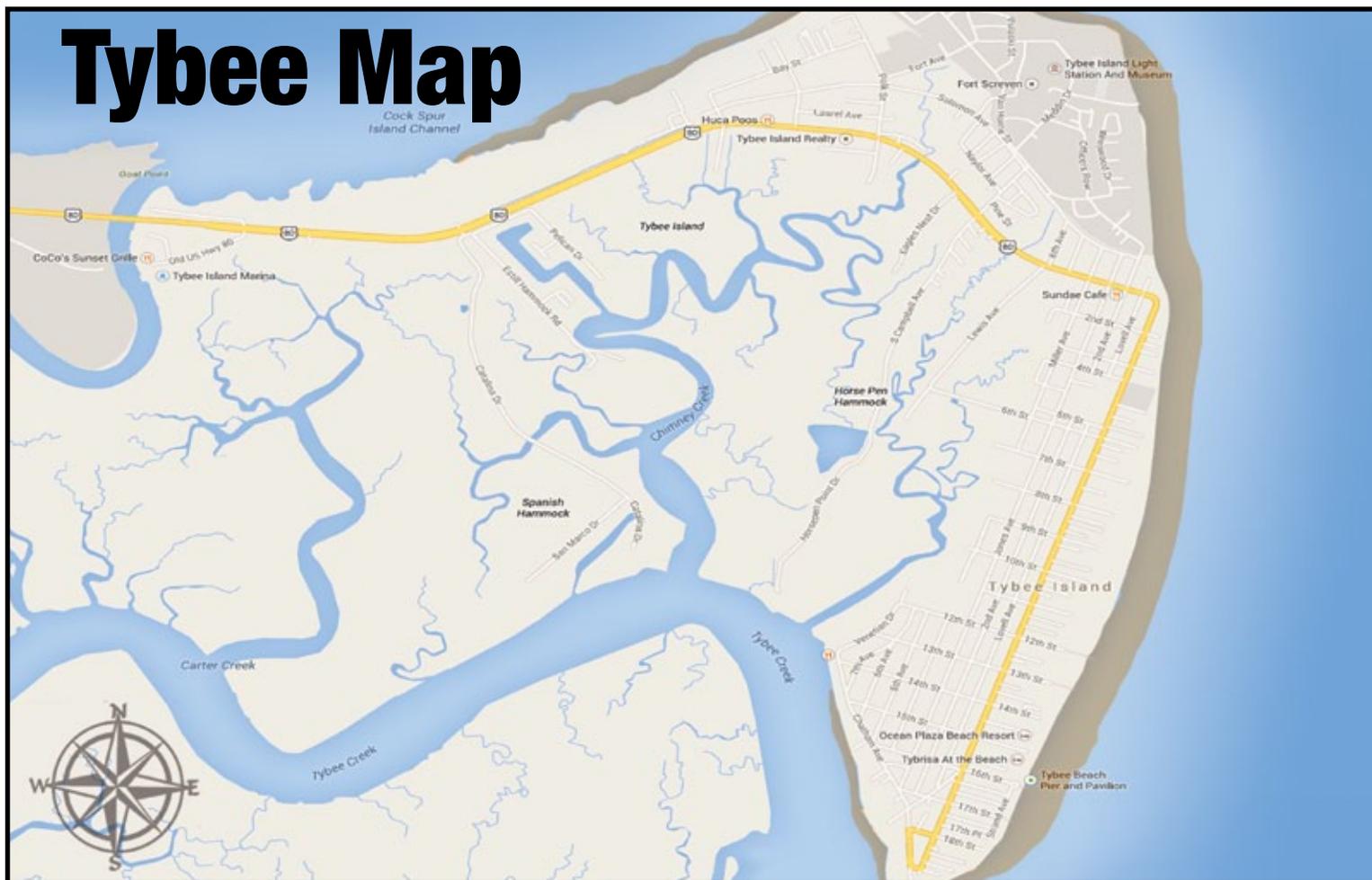
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From the EDITOR

Ahh, Sweet September. The weather is just starting to cool down, the kids are back in school, the island is *Back to Normal*...well, depending on what your idea of Normal is. We have made it through another fun and busy season. Now on to the next adventure...

I want to take a moment to say thanks to all the people that have stopped me in the street, work, called or written saying good things towards the Beachcomber. This team of crazies is trying hard to provide stuff that's fun and informative. We are delighted that you are happy!! We will keep on keeping on.

I can't help but mention September 11. Remember, respect and let's move on to better ourselves and our country. Take a deep breath and let's be better humans.

So ...

Tybee let's have a great month! Enjoy your parking space. Read the Beachcomber. Pick up your litter and say something nice to someone... it goes a long way to making someone's day.

One more thing...Please see ad below because Tybee has a new service in town...Here Kitty Kitty.

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Trolling for Mermaids

By Micheal Elliot

We're shark fishing in the mouth of the ocean between Little Tybee and Tybee.

There are lots of sharks.

If you've never been shark fishing it is quite the rush!

"I haven't had this much fun since Vietnam!" our Captain screams hauling in a five footer.

Having missed Vietnam to be a Hippie I have no idea how to respond.

Nevertheless we're catching sharks like crazy.

Sure...sometimes we hook a Stingray and those devils put up quite the fight...an occasional Tuna...lots of Whiting...Cobia...Grouper...Flounder.

Though let's be honest...on Tybee we mostly troll for Mermaids. They're in the water...on the beach...cruising the bars...dancing to the music.

There are lots of fish in the waters of Tybee but...only in the water...well...or the restaurants where they're cooked up any way you want them.

Mermaids are harder to catch.

It takes longer and costs more.

The last time I was shark fishing we landed a six footer and...there's no easy way to say this but you have to make sure it's dead as soon as you catch it...the meat stays fresh this way.

Don't tell that to the shark...it puts up a Hell of a fight!

Even when it's clean and you throw the luscious meat in the bottom of the boat, it still flips around which scares the Hell out of me.

But damn...that's some good stuff!

Almost as good as the Mermaid I got.

Maybe the Mermaid caught me.

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Behind the Tape...

By Officer Marella Eaton



Citizens Police Academy

A great way to see and experience firsthand all of the duties and functions of the Tybee Island Police Department is to enroll in our upcoming Citizens Police Academy. The next session begins September 21st and goes through October 26th. It is a one hour per week session and will cover the day to day operations of the Department and the Divisions that make it work. If you are interested contact Jessica Wright at (912)786-5600 or jwright@cityoftybee.org and she will get you pointed in the right direction.

***Reminder-** Please lock your vehicles! There has been an increase of entering auto reports lately and if your vehicle is left unlocked with items of interest or value then you WILL be a target. Please remove all items of any value from your vehicle when not occupying it, park in well-lit areas, and lock your doors.

A leopard can't change his spots- Officers encountered a drunk and disorderly male several times in the Tybrisa Street area and advised him to go home for the evening and not to come back out while intoxicated. Under the assumption that he left the area, they continued patrol. About one hour later the officers spotted the subject again, but this time he had gone to great lengths to change his identity by changing his clothing and shaving off his 10+ inch beard... Of course he gave an incorrect name to the officers and upon arrival at the jail for being Disorderly and Publicly Intoxicated, he began to strip all of his clothing off. He was transported to Chatham County Detention on his charges.

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	Tu	1043am 8.6	1113pm 8.3	447am -1.1	511pm -0.6	659am	748pm	959pm	1006am	
2	We	1139am 8.5		536am -0.9	604pm -0.2	659am	747pm	1044pm	1112am	
3	Th	1210am 7.9	1238pm 8.3	627am -0.6	700pm 0.2	700am	745pm	1130pm	1217pm	
4	Fr	108am 7.5	137pm 8.1	720am -0.2	759pm 0.7	701am	744pm		119pm	
5	Sa	206am 7.2	235pm 7.9	818am 0.1	903pm 1.0	701am	743pm	1218am	217pm	3rd
6	Su	304am 7.0	332pm 7.7	919am 0.4	1008pm 1.1	702am	742pm	109am	312pm	
7	Mo	401am 6.9	428pm 7.6	1021am 0.6	1107pm 1.1	702am	740pm	201am	401pm	
8	Tu	457am 6.9	522pm 7.6	1118am 0.6		703am	739pm	254am	447pm	
9	We	551am 6.9	613pm 7.7	1200am 1.0	1211pm 0.5	704am	738pm	348am	528pm	
10	Th	642am 7.1	700pm 7.7	1248am 0.8	100pm 0.5	704am	736pm	442am	606pm	
11	Fr	728am 7.3	744pm 7.8	131am 0.7	145pm 0.5	705am	735pm	536am	642pm	
12	Sa	811am 7.4	824pm 7.7	211am 0.6	228pm 0.5	706am	734pm	629am	715pm	
13	Su	850am 7.5	902pm 7.7	249am 0.6	309pm 0.5	706am	732pm	721am	748pm	New
14	Mo	928am 7.5	939pm 7.5	325am 0.6	348pm 0.6	707am	731pm	813am	821pm	
15	Tu	1004am 7.4	1015pm 7.3	400am 0.6	426pm 0.7	707am	730pm	905am	854pm	
16	We	1040am 7.3	1051pm 7.1	434am 0.7	503pm 0.9	708am	728pm	957am	929pm	
17	Th	1116am 7.2	1130pm 6.9	509am 0.8	542pm 1.1	709am	727pm	1050am	1006pm	
18	Fr	1157am 7.1		545am 0.9	623pm 1.3	709am	726pm	1144am	1046pm	
19	Sa	1213am 6.7	1243pm 7.1	625am 1.0	710pm 1.5	710am	725pm	1237pm	1130pm	
20	Su	102am 6.6	136pm 7.1	712am 1.1	804pm 1.5	710am	723pm	131pm		
21	Mo	156am 6.6	232pm 7.3	807am 1.2	905pm 1.5	711am	722pm	224pm	1218am	1st
22	Tu	253am 6.7	331pm 7.5	910am 1.1	1008pm 1.2	712am	721pm	315pm	112am	
23	We	352am 7.0	431pm 7.8	1016am 0.8	1108pm 0.8	712am	719pm	405pm	210am	
24	Th	452am 7.4	530pm 8.1	1121am 0.5		713am	718pm	452pm	312am	
25	Fr	551am 7.8	628pm 8.4	1205am 0.3	1221pm 0.0	714am	717pm	538pm	417am	
26	Sa	648am 8.3	724pm 8.7	1259am -0.2	119pm -0.3	714am	715pm	622pm	524am	
27	Su	743am 8.7	816pm 8.8	152am -0.6	215pm -0.6	715am	714pm	705pm	633am	
28	Mo	836am 9.0	907pm 8.8	243am -0.9	309pm -0.8	715am	713pm	749pm	742am	Full
29	Tu	928am 9.2	959pm 8.6	333am -1.1	402pm -0.7	716am	711pm	834pm	852am	
30	We	1021am 9.1	1051pm 8.2	423am -1.0	454pm -0.5	717am	710pm	921pm	959am	

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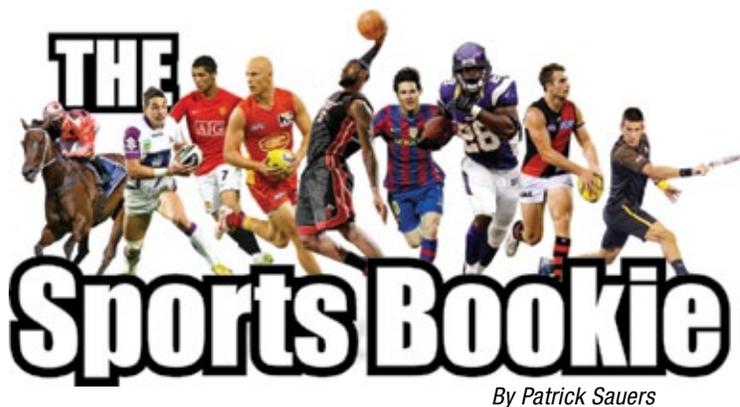
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Tybee Island Bucket List

- Labor Day Beach Bash and Fireworks
- Third Thursdays on Tybee for great music at the Roundabout
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise or sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing!!! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Take a golf cart tour
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints



THE Sports Bookie

By Patrick Sauers

I have waited 234 days for college football. It has been a long, arduous wait. I have had to endure a grueling baseball season, several months of the NBA Playoffs and witnessed a horse make history. I've also witnessed one of the most exciting runs in PGA history that hasn't been seen since Tiger Woods was, well...good. I know that sounds harsh, but Tiger Woods isn't going to shake the rust off any time soon. Regardless of how impressive Jordan Spieth's run has been, it still does not compare to the excitement of game day.

Ahhh, I get goose bumps just typing the word out. *Game Day*, that's what gives us a reason to ice down a case of beer, throw a slab of meat on the grill and pull up a fold out chair decked out in your team's colors. It brings us together with people we haven't seen in months. Game day is the reason to have parties that last from 10 a.m., also known as Corso time, until 2 a.m. because no one wants to watch the recap of the Hawaii game in the morning.

There was a time in my life that college football didn't peak my interest (Queue up the gasping from my audience). Now you are probably questioning as to why you should continue reading this article about sports, written by a naysayer of college football. Hear me out and give me a chance to redeem myself. I enjoyed college football, but I didn't care if I missed games. It may have been because I didn't grow up playing the sport as a child, but instead was so immersed in baseball that I always looked beyond the fall to the spring towards opening day.

It wasn't until I started going to Georgia Southern that I found out what game day was all about. Just to clarify, when I refer to 'game day' I am talking about Saturday. I know the NFL's game day is Sunday, but come on, how much better is Saturday in general compared to Sunday? During football season I learned the art of tailgating. It started out rocky at first, usually containing a couple of chairs, a few coolers, a couple bags of chips and copious amounts of tailgate fuel. As my friends and I matured in the art, our tailgate plan became much more extravagant. We added tents, grills to cook actual food and tradition. More people would show up to our section of Georgia Southern's campus and we would face blistering heat and freezing rain to see our beloved Eagles take the field. I don't get to nearly as many games as I would like to now because my life has gotten a bit more complex, but I still count Saturdays in the fall as

the best days of the year. Georgia Southern showed me how to be a football fanatic and there isn't anything that can turn it off.

As fall creeps in the weather begins to turn favorable once again. Football rules the season and it takes a little bit of the crowd out of Tybee on the weekends. However, fall is the season that makes this little island gorgeous. It is my favorite time of the year here and there is much activity to prove my point. On Saturday, September 12, the *17th Annual Tybee Island Sea Kayak Races* will be held to benefit the Tybee Island Marine Science Center. There will be three races with staggered start times that can be seen from AJ's Dockside. Races vary in length and can be participated in by anyone who has a kayak. If you don't have one, but still want to test your sea legs, you can rent one when you sign up for the event.

Another great fundraising event this time of year if you are more of a land lover is the *Paint Tybee Pink 5k Walk for Breast Cancer*. The walk will be held on September 19 and proceeds will go to the Breast Cancer Patient Assistance Fund. This fund is set up for patients that have a difficult time dealing with bills due to treatment at the Anderson Cancer Institute of Memorial University Medical Center. This is something that can give patients some relief when they are dealing with something so traumatic. The key thing to note with this event is that it is a 5K walk, and walking is a sport that most anyone can take part in. So, step into your fundraising shoes and get out on Tybee to enjoy the marvelous weather.



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A DAY ON THE WATER WITH THE FISH WHISPERER

By Alaina Loughridge



I do not like to fish. Have zero desire. Ugh. So many better things to do with my time!! Like lay on the couch!!! However, **Captain Nick Shreves** is something else. I have been out with him before on the boat and had a great time, but I was good. I did my time...or so I thought. And then Captain Nick crooked his finger and out I went again. Along for the ride was Partner in Crime, Rick, Photographer in Crime, Wen, and then there's Logistically Awesome Beegee. All on a boat in the middle of the ocean. Holy hell!!!

8:00 A.M.!!! I am not about early and not about fishing. Please don't make me do this!!!! Alright. Fine. Here I am. Grumpy and ugly...and then holy beautiful! Being out on the water with the sun coming up and the dolphins and seagulls doing their thing was something out of a Hemingway novel. It was perfection...so peaceful and awe inspiring.



So...off we go. Cruising the boulevard. Stop for a moment and right out of the gate my line is jumping. Nick hands me the pole. All of a sudden I wake up!! Line is jumping and singing! I grab that pole and start sailing around that boat. Bow to stern! I was running. Get the hell outta of my way! Coming through and I ain't got time to be nice about it. I shoved that pole right into my right gut and started dipping

Being out on the water first thing in the morning is just such a blissful, peaceful experience. It reminds you of beginnings and of just being a big, huge, deep breath of life.



and reeling. I got a bruise the size of Nebraska on my ovaries! Stabbing that pole into my gut is something else!! 20 minutes later: One Ginormous Sting Ray.

Big big! Sigh. Not gonna eat that. Had fun catching it though. Got a selfie and threw it back....

Wandered on. Stopped. Rick's line starts jumping....Then Beegee's line starts hopping. Love it!!! The breeze is blowing, the lines are dancing and all is well on this Sunday morning. Life is good. There is nothing like being out on the boat with good friends and good people. Oh, did I mention there are bean bags?



Personal service is excellent. It's not 20 people and you are just some random person caught in the way wondering what to do. It's one on one and YOU are the one. Some little booger caught your bait?

No probs. Bait is reattached and line dropped back into the deep in a heartbeat. You will catch that little boog. Nick will make sure you do!!

Serves up to 6, but 4 is awesome! Nick Shreves has some secret sonar. He is truly The Fish Whisperer. Fishing and boating since four (4) years old, Nick knows. I just sat there and loved every minute.

We all caught fish, sunburns, rain and laughs. What a great time despite myself. On the way home, I sat on the bow like a dog with her face out the window driving down the street. I am still treasuring my sunburn and my sting ray selfie!

My advice is to call Captain Nick and book the fishing experience of your life. Big Fish Charters will tailor your experience to your fishing fantasy!

Thank you again Captain Nick!

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COMBINING THE BEACH WITH HILARY

By Hilary Junewicz



I'd like to start off by saying this article isn't for me. It's for everyone that gets the pleasure to experience Tybee; we're so fortunate, this is a special spot. It may seem as if my material is limited on such a small island, but the people make what I cover and every day is a new day. I would also like to recognize that many of you help me complete this project in numerous ways so, again, this is for you.

1 What can I say about **Jack** and **Speegle** at **Nickie's**? Awesome. Jack is one of the very first people I met when I moved here and he's never been anything but nice. He works for the City of Tybee and I enjoy the waves from his work truck every time he passes by. Speegle is an amazingly smart man and continues to blow me away with his witty jokes and one liners. I love seeing both these guys and seeing them together is even better.

2 **Wanda** is a major character on this Tybee stage and she bartends at **Benny's**. Definitely go see her if you don't know her; she's got great stories. You're a trip, Wanda!

3 It was nice to see **Steve** in **Benny's** too as I hadn't seen him in a while.

4 I love my afternoons in the **Wind Rose**. Tybee is a place where everybody gets along. I got to kill two birds with one stone with this pic finally capturing **Donna** and **Daniel**!

5 **Rachel** and I must run in the same circles because I have so many pictures of her! As much as I like her I can't get away from her! Rachel is everywhere! Being a driver for **Breezy Riders**

doesn't help the situation either. But she's photogenic as Hell and I want to put this in. Look at **Rachel** and **Chris**!

6 Here come the next generation of Tybee; brothers **Ben** and **Grainger**. I've always liked these kids and their friends. I must say Grainger is a friendly and polite young man. Hey, I dig a few members of this family!

7 **Sara** bartends at **Nickie's** and is currently there Saturday nights and Monday days. You look great behind that bar, Sara and your look is very appealing!

8 I've had a couple of appointments at **Tybee Teeth** recently. I'll admit I was nervous. Really nervous. I'm a horrible patient. But I made it through my last appointment with the patient dental hygienist, **Lacy**. Enter as strangers, leave as friends here folks! Lacy says next time I get a valium too!

9 The pier hosted the **Craft Brew Battle at the Beach**. **George Anne** was serving up a great huge smile along with beer samples. She made it easy to come back for more.

10 I got to meet **Kimmie** and **Gary** that evening and they were just as nice. Don't you love it when people make it easy to meet them for the first time?!

11 I know this photo is a little on the dark side, but I got to meet an owner of **Coastal Empire Beer Co.**, **Chris**, with **Marc** and I think that's a big deal! Just another example of how we all come together around here since he has been one of our advertisers. I'm honored to meet you!



- 12 Sean and Al were at the **Rock House** helping someone get home safe. Al is the owner of **Tybee Turtle** and was training Sean that night. Great first night for you.
- 13 Here's some more coming together. **Eric** is the owner of **Huc A Poo's**. He does so much for this community and his work is never done. Lucky he has **Mike** to help secure that down!
- 14 Speaking of **Huc A Poo's**, meet "Poo Crew" member, **Kate**. I watched her hold the fort down solid that day. The Poo was extremely busy and being one of two on the floor she was running and still made time to make this shot! Damn good work girl! Make that money!
- 15 Looks like **Blair** had a good time at **Tybee Time!** Blair works hard and just graduated with a degree in Engineering so he deserves a night out!
- 16 **Bernie's** has been so much fun this summer with great live music on the weekends. **Jennifer** is working there and looking really pretty here!
- 17 What a combo! Here's **Gintare** from **Rock House** with **Stephen** from **Waves!** The distance across the street is too much for them.
- 18 Tybee's Mother Earth, **Ashley** held a Save the Planet party at **Huc A Poo's**. Nice of Eric to allow her to do that, thank you! I'm warmed that Ashley and I became friends because we share the same passion: the environment. It was beautiful to

- see so many come together to support her efforts. We appreciate you Ashley! It is more than evident that you work so hard to make a difference.
 - 19 **Natalie** and **Will** made the party. We all did!
 - 20 Like I said, the people here will come together and make things happen for each other. It's always fun to get out on the water and enjoy our surroundings. **Clint** and **Rita** assisted in getting me over to Little Tybee.
 - 21 And side by side with **Brian**, **Melonie**, **Ross**, **Danielle** and **Ryan** we all got over there. Melonie, you nailed that moment for me!
 - 22 My friends **Tyler** and **Tracey** just celebrated their 25th anniversary. Milestone Congratulations!
 - 23 It was nice to see **Joel** taking a break from the **City of Tybee's Water and Sewer Department** at **Nickie's**.
 - 24 Woo hoo! I got a good one of these two **Tybee Time** bartenders together, **Kimberly** and **Brian**.
 - 25 Ha ha, I wonder if **Stan** was at the brew battle too? It would make sense taking to-go food home from **Spanky's!**
- What an interesting little subculture Tybee is. We can all live, work, play and come together to get 'er done. Don't forget to look for more pics and information on our Facebook page and like us!

THE Fish Whisperer



Captain
Nick Shreves

September Fishing Forecast



TYBEE PIER FISHING

The pier should be getting pretty good as soon as the mullet start to get thicker. Spanish Mackerel, Jacks Trout, and Redfish are going to be the main species to target. This is my favorite time of year to bring a top water plug out to the pier. I fish the schools of mullet and wait for the predators to attack.

INSHORE

The water temps should be starting to fall soon and with it the fishing should begin to improve. The Redfish, Flounder



and Speckled Sea Trout should all be feeding pretty heavy as fall begins. Shrimp are in the creeks, as are every type of bait fish you can think of. It's time to really get out there and try everything you've got. Go get your line wet and bring some fresh fish home for dinner.

NEAR SHORE

This time of year I target two main species; Spanish Mackerel and then, at the end of the month, big Bull Redfish. Fall is on its way so the baitfish and small newborn fish will all be flushing out of the creeks and rivers during the outgoing tides. This is when the bite can go nuts. The Spanish Mackerel will be waiting along the rips for all these fish to come by and when they do it's a feeding frenzy that will make anyone addicted to fishing. As the month goes on and the water continues to cool down, it will be time to catch those big old Bull Redfish. This has got to be one of my favorite to target. These fish can really pull some line and when you find the school it's not uncommon to have double digit days.



OFF SHORE

The bottom fishing is picking up again as the water temp begins to drop and the baitfish return. Black Sea Bass, Triggerfish, Grouper, and many more will be putting on the feeding bags as the month passes and will only get better as time goes on. Amberjack are still thick and will hit almost any live bait you put in front of them. Kingfish, Mahi Mahi, Wahoo and Sailfish will all be out there. Some will be easier to find than others; but find the bait and you will find the fish. **To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**



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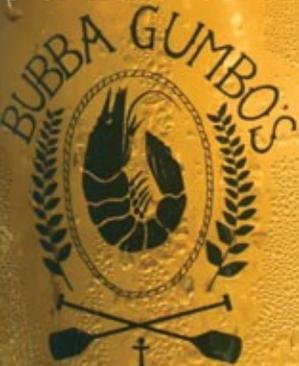
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TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk



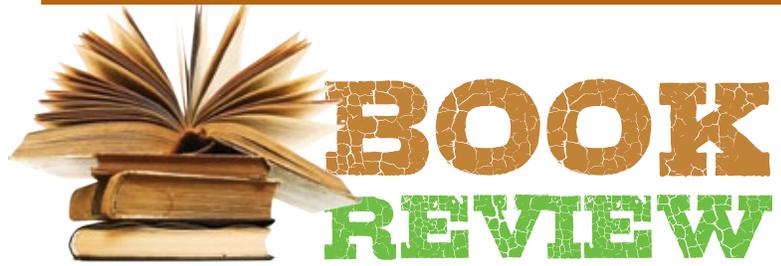
At one point in time Breezy had one golf cart, Jenny, Tybee's only topless taxi. The cart was topless and there may or may not have been many topless customers. I'm not at liberty to divulge that information.

Year two, Breezy got a brand new cart and this one was not topless. I was transporting a couple of regulars to a popular north end bar where I always used the dirt road. I was driving and having a conversation with the young man riding shotgun. We both noticed at the same time that our second passenger was not on the cart anymore...or was he? This crazy guy was on top of the cart! He put his face on the windshield in front of me and yelled BOO! Did I scream? YES. Yes I did like a little girl. I'm not saying we approved of this behavior but...as with everything that happens on Tybee, word got around that the roof was a fun ride.

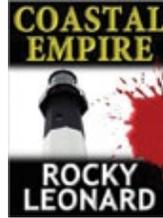
We had a regular customer that happens to be one of Tybee Island's female bartenders (her name shall remain anonymous). Leigh and I were chilling out on our second story front porch one evening, enjoying some adult beverages, when I heard the cart coming from the parking lot on 14th St. Then I heard "Faster Joey, faster!" Next I heard a woman's voice yelling "Get down from there!" This was the first time I was seeing, from a bird's eye view, someone riding on the top of the cart. It looked dangerous and scary to me, but Leigh thought it was funny and encouraged her to keep on keeping on and to hold on while Joey raced around the public parking on the Strand.

Year three we got a cab. I never really thought about anyone riding on the top of it, but here we go again. I was loading the car with the maximum number of people at a bar on the north end. Two of these people were the original "Teen Wolves." We went rolling down the dirt road and one of the female passengers started screaming. The guy sitting next to the window seat had just disappeared. One of the front seat passengers and myself knew exactly where Teen Wolf was. We were shouting at him "Show your face!" and of course he did, upside down and looking at us through the windshield. That really didn't make the young lady or, for that matter, any of the tourists, feel at ease. But hey, it's Tybee and that's how we get around.

Joey will tell you a story of me riding on top of the cab on the south end of the island. I don't believe him, but just in case it's true, I stopped drinking Fireball. He also keeps the windows locked when our teen wolves are riding. This is dedicated to all of our *Tybee Teen Wolves!* You know who you are! I only wish I could post pictures...



By Nell Klein



Coastal Empire

By Rocky Leonard

When deciding which book to review this month, I didn't have to go far for this one. Someone dropped off **Coastal Empire** in the Wind Rose library and I'm so glad that they did! I wasn't sure what to expect, but judging by the Tybee Lighthouse and the splatter of blood on the cover, I had a feeling that I was going to enjoy it. I was not disappointed.

Wealthy Sarah Reid suspects her husband, real estate mogul Barry Reid, is cheating on her so she hires private detective Robert Mercer to find out the truth. Is he really guilty or has his identity been stolen? Little does Mercer know that he's about to find himself in the middle of a jewelry theft and an illegal real estate scheme involving some very expensive properties on Tybee Island. With the help of his German Shepherd, Ox, a pot smoking surfer dude named Nick, John Sutlive, an old Marine buddy, and Kelly (who has a few secrets of her own), Mercer digs for the truth.

The book takes place in Thunderbolt, Bonaventure Cemetery and a lot on Tybee. It is very fast paced and full of interesting characters. It has several seemingly unrelated stories that eventually come together into one great story. There's also a hint of the supernatural that goes well with the surroundings. And just when you think it's over, it starts up again! It's full of twists and turns that will keep you turning the pages until the very end. Another interesting thing in the book is a website (that actually exists because I looked it up) where you can go to find out personal information about properties on Tybee.

I give this book 4 roses and 1 dandelion because I think he could have come up with a more inventive title. But other than that minor detail, I really enjoyed this book.

Rocky Leonard was born in Savannah. He has a degree from the University of Georgia and was a computer programmer before becoming a writer. This is his first novel, but his second novel *Secondhand Sight* is out and I'm looking forward to reading it. We have a copy of *Coastal Empire* at the Wind Rose Library for anyone who's interested. In the meantime, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on to a friend!



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Surf Song Bed & Breakfast Makes the List

By Hilary Junewicz



Innkeeper Cindy Sukal called me recently with some very exciting news. Turns out Tybee's **Surf Song Bed & Breakfast** has just been awarded one of the top 10 U.S. Island B&Bs by *BedandBreakfast.com!* The inn was featured in an article in their weekly newsletter that reached over one million people, as well as onsite and social media. Surf Song

was visited and chosen by guest judge Los Angeles Times Travel Editor, Catharine Hamm. Judging was based on criteria such as traveler reviews, special amenities, value, location and the quality of the guest rooms. Surf Song is obviously doing something right!

Surf Song Bed & Breakfast is located on the north side of the island at 21 Officers Row. The house was built circa 1898 and has officially been in business for two years as of August 1, 2015. It is owned and operated by sisters Cindy Sukal and Sherry Stipp. The sisters haven't lived near each other in 35 years and now they get to live together again! The property was completely renovated within 10 weeks by family and friends in a heart and soul venture. It is truly breathtaking. Cindy lives on site and there has even been a pool added!

Cindy and Sherry have always strived to accomplish nothing but the best. With the B&B they wanted to offer guests everything that they could possibly want at the beach. There are 5 guest rooms: Sunrise Suite, Starfish, Sand Dollar, Seashell and Tropical Gardens. All rooms come with their own bathroom. Every morning there is an amazing home cooked full breakfast. There are snacks and beverages such as water, sodas and tea available at all times for guests and they'll find cookies or cake at night.



Cindy and Sherry are the face of the business and run the inn with the help of Innkeeper Patti, who is Cindy's right hand! Cindy's stepdaughter, Olivia, and granddaughter, Kelsie, also assist.

I had a really pleasant visit with Cindy on location as she shared all this information. Thank you for the phone call and congratulations! Y'all have made Tybee proud and famous! Well done!



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Surfers for Autism

One of my favorite feelings on this blue planet is stepping out of the ocean after a righteous surf session. It's an inspiring sense of euphoria, providing lighter steps, deeper breaths and insurmountable gratitude. The water itself is a basin of good health; add the waves, and you are delivered with heart lifting adrenaline and boundless potential. This is a feeling and lifestyle worth sharing and just around the corner is an event in our own small surf town to help spread these positive properties of surfing.

Rocking a 9'4" Jim Stevens' Underground Board Works himself, Jason Buelterman, Our Surfing Mayor of Tybee Island, proclaimed September 9th as the official date for **Surfers For Autism (SFA)**,



a grand experience taking place right out front on our handsome island. This year the event will fall on September 12th and it will be a wave to admire.

SFA has changed the lives of not only the kids participating in the event, but also the thousands of volunteers and hundreds of families involved. It is a compassionate introduction into surfing, geared toward children K-12 with autism. Patrick Fields, who has been involved in SFA for over 5 years now, explained that he has been kicked, bit, and punched by the kids that have been over stimulated

by their social and physical interactions during this event. Patrick shared, "once you get them out in the water, their frame of mind changes, just like a surfer's frame of mind, it just relaxes you." He also noted that their draw to the ocean is an unexplained, but non-the less, amazing result in breaking those tough social and physical barriers. The effect this has on a hopeful parent's dream for their loved one is tremendous.

By daybreak the beach is flooded with a swell of volunteers, families who have prepped their anticipating young surfers, newcomers and



veterans alike, arriving from all over the country. There is a buzz of excitement being exchanged throughout the beach.

Despite it coming together harmoniously every year with meals provided, donated raffle items, coordinated set up, local business support, and most important of all, a growing line of participants, putting together such a large event is no easy task. Various degrees of fundraising, event coordinating and communicating is whirring behind the scenes seaming it all together! Awesome job crew! You guys rock!

The reward in sharing the tools of surfing and being able to see its positive effects on an individual is priceless. SFA has taken



sharing to the next level by reaching out to those kids that are less likely to get this opportunity on their own. It's an important effort that brings a lot of people together in the light of expanding individual boundaries and congregating

for a greater cause. There are certain things in this world that we can do to bring each other closer together, and this is one of those things. It's an opportunity to be involved in others and their happiness and progression. It's a therapeutic practice for people in every spectrum of life. Get involved, check it out at www.surfersforautism.org. See you in the water.

Bartender of the MONTH

By Alaina Loughridge

Renee George is our gorgeous bartender of the month! You can find her at **Bernie's Oyster House** behaving badly:) Renee has been on Tybee for so long she worked at the amusement park when she was 12 years old at the Sand Art kiosk. What?? I am so jealous!!!!

Born in Savannah and raised on Tybee, Renee has worked always: Not only at the amusement park, but also at Dizzy Dean's Daiquiri



Factory. Long ago. It's called the 'good old days' for you young un's. It's also called working hard.

One fabulous husband (Super Dave) and four children later, Renee can be found at Bernie's Oyster House. However, not only is she working there, she has started her own business and has been going strong for the last ten years: Coastal Housekeeping Services, which does house cleaning for all the islands. This girl is a worker bee!!!

I asked Renee the 3 questions of Life:

Tybee life: 23 years.

Passion: My kids (ages 3, 14, 15, 17), being outside and music

When I grow up: Financially responsible

Renee's go to drink is the Blue Unicorn. I had two and I actually saw a unicorn. It was blue. It was running down Tybrisa. I hopped on its back and we rode off into the sunset. It was a beautiful thing. I need a moment. . . .o.k. Anyhoo, go see Renee. Get your unicorn on. You will never be the same. . . and you will be delighted!!!



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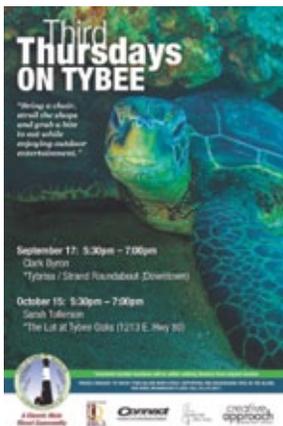
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Here's to you and keeping Tybee, Tybee!

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Main Street Musings



Ah, September on Tybee!

The temperature starts to dip, kids are back in school, and the beaches aren't as crowded. From the Labor Day Beach Bash with music and fireworks at the month's start, to Tybee Art Association's Coastal Arts Festival and Tybee Idol at Huc-A-Poo's closing out the month, there is constantly a lot of fun to be had on Tybee!

Plan to join us as we highlight the arts outdoors this season during **Third Thursdays on Tybee**. This month the fall

performance kicks off on Thursday, September 17 from 5:30pm to 7pm at the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout with **Clark Byron**. With two (2) critically acclaimed CDs to his name, you won't want to miss his unique blend of music featuring a mixture of country, folk, pop, and gospel! A fixture of the local music scene, Byron has played with the Savannah Folk Music Society, weekly jams at Doc's Bar on Tybee, Tybee Church, and many more area gigs. Businesses throughout the area welcome you to stop in while you are listening to the music. So, bring a chair, stroll the shops, and grab something to eat while enjoying this family (and dog!) friendly experience. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be moved indoors to a restaurant close-by. Check out Third Thursdays on Tybee's FB page for updates.



And definitely plan to partake in the 4th Annual **Tybee Community Day** on Sunday, September 27, starting at 1 pm in Memorial Park. This

island-wide event celebrates the tradition of "Return to Normal" for our residents and merchants while showcasing the various non-profit groups that contribute to our island paradise. This is your day to relax,

take a breather, and enjoy true "Tybee Time" as we gather for a fabulous day of community spirit with a backyard picnic setting for the town!



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Johnny Wyllly - A Race to the Fishing Drop

By Polly Cooper Wyllly



Heading across the Back River in the “Tin Can,” Johnny anchored on “Doc’s Drop” or “Double Dave” or up in “Carter’s Creek” or at the mouth of “Oyster Creek” before other fishermen at home finished their coffee. This was back in the 1960s.

When Tom Bradley owned the marina on the Back River, Johnny, Arnie Seyden, Pierre Hoppe and others fished off the docks. They dropped their bait, which was fiddler crabs, down alongside the pilings covered in barnacles. Striped drum were plentiful and easy to catch.

John Curry was Doc Fullmer Holton’s fishing guide. He knew the creeks well and rarely let the doctor get “skunked” on fishing trips. Doc Holton was a local Tybee physician.

Kitty Daniel Roberts asked Dr. Holton to be her escort to a debutante party in 1960. Dr. Holton put his fishing clothes aside, got his tuxedo out of mothballs, searched for his shoes and willingly obliged.

Often with a full moon, high tide, and strong nor’easter, much of the island flooded and Doctor Holton had to make house calls by boat.

Before learning to use a rod and reel, children were taught with hand-lines. Hand-lines were just string wrapped around a stick and rigged with a hook and sinker. Younguns lowered their bait, a fiddler crab or a shrimp, to the bottom, keeping tension on the line which looped over their “pointy” fingers. When something “tickled” the bait, a short jerk might set the hook.

Bottom fishing yielded many mysteries of the deep - alligator garfish, stingrays, conchs, stone crabs, croaker, yellow-tail, baby sharks or an ugly toadfish, also called a dogfish.

Blowfish were the most fun. With their adorable “kissy” baby faces and prickly bodies, a child could puff into its mouth and watch in awe as the little fish ballooned into a perfect round ball, its protection against predators. These were not “keepers” and were always released.

Casting a rod and reel was the next goal. Adults learned to duck flying hooks and lead sinkers before the child’s cast became smooth and graceful. Children were also taught to undo their own tangles or “backlashes.”

Robbie Harrison, Dan Bradley and Heyward “Cheesehead” Gignilliat often caught bonito in the spring by trolling over wrecks and rocky bottoms.

Today, Johnny Wyllly and “Fifi,” his canine fishing buddy, are still fishing. Locals recognize him and Fifi another way. He’s the tall handsome man with the white poodle driving around the island in one of his tiny Nash Metropolitan cars!

Tybee Island Maritime Academy

By Brenda Marion

Whether you are a visitor to Tybee or a resident, you can’t help but notice the LED sign on Butler with the big ship proclaiming “*Sailing the seas to higher learning*” that announces the site of the **Tybee Island Maritime Academy (TIMA)**. This is the charter school’s 3rd year in operation, and last year produced its first generation of 5th grade graduates.

Depending on the time of day, you might see the students enjoying a break on the playground, weeding the school’s garden, walking to the library for story time with Tybee’s amazing librarians, or (perhaps most enjoyed by the students!) heading to the beach or marsh to study the maritime environment all around us on Tybee.

Even if you do not have a student at TIMA, there are lots of ways that community members can help, from volunteering your time, to saving and donating box tops, to choosing TIMA as your Parker’s Pump Pal gas program recipient, to tying your Publix and Kroger cards to the school. You can even designate TIMA as a recipient for the Amazon Smiles program, which is just like regular Amazon, but they donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the school. In addition, we have partnered with *Five Guys Burgers and Fries* on

Whitemarsh Island for a monthly fundraising dinner. Skip cooking, grab some of their delicious burgers (don’t forget the peanuts!), and they’ll donate 20% of all proceeds for the night to TIMA!

As a small island, with a small school, we have the flexibility to do things a little differently. Major fundraisers include the annual *Spelling Bee* in October; an amazing catered dinner by *Elizabeth on 37th* in January; *SAL Pancake Breakfasts*; *MRS Chicken Dinner*; *Tybee’s Tour of Homes* in the spring; and perhaps the most fun of them all, *Huc-A-Poo’s Tybee Idol*, scheduled this year for Sunday, September 27. If you haven’t had a chance to attend this crazy event in the past, you will definitely want to do so this year. Islanders sign up to sing karaoke-style and the audience rewards their favorite performances by stuffing the entertainers’ tip jars. The performer who raises the most money wins Tybee Idol. Can you think of another school that gets to claim such a beautiful home and receive such amazing support from its community?

For more info., check TIMA out at www.tybeeislandmaritimeacademy.com.



American Legion

By Chuck Bolen - Commander American Legion Post 154

It is hard to believe that it has been 14 years since the September 11 tragedy. For many of us, the pain is just as strong today as the day it happened. Perhaps spending time in thought, prayer and fellowship with family, friends, and veterans...remembering...will keep us strong, especially on September 11. We will all take time to say prayers, and say "we do remember."

The American Legion will be hosting a **Patriot's Day Memorial Ceremony** on September 11 at 6:00PM, Post 154. Please join us for this more important than ever ceremony. We must honor our fallen, our country and our flag.

Please join us in showing support for our troops. Wear **RED** on Fridays!! The mission of redshirtfridays.org is to show support for our servicemen and women. They do not care whether or not one supports or does not support the war. They care only about making our support of our servicemen and women known to our fellow Americans and the world. We need to let our servicemen and women know we support their sacrifice and we will not forget them and we will do this by wearing red on every Friday.

The month of August was very busy with events showing support of our veterans. There was the fundraiser for the Veteran's Memorial on August 30. We hope you were all able to attend. You may continue to show support for veterans by purchasing a brick that will be placed at the Veteran's Memorial. Contact the Post for more information. We are hopeful for completion and a rededication of the memorial on Pearl Harbor Day.

We are showing support for and trying to use veteran supported and owned businesses. Currently, we are showcasing a new brewery, *Service Brewing Co.* They are a veteran owned and operated craft brewery in Savannah Georgia, dedicated to honoring those that have put their lives at risk and their country and community first. They will donate a portion of their revenues to assist charities that support service, such as the Wounded Warrior project.

Many do not know that veterans of the Vietnam War took a personal pledge to never let another veteran, old or young, no matter what war, go without knowing that they are important and appreciated. Veterans will always be supported, cared for and appreciated.

Veterans are anyone, male or female, that have served during time of conflict. There are many folks since World War II, Korea, Vietnam

that are veterans, such as serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm, and other conflicts. If you have served just one day in the military, you are a veteran. Please join our ranks as we continue to support and honor our veterans...that means YOU!!

If you are not a veteran, but any male member of your family served in the military you may join the Sons of the American Legion.

American Legion Post 154 is always a place of fellowship and support for our veterans and their families. Our post is also a constant source of support for the Tybee Community.

The Legion and Auxiliary meet on the second Monday of each month, with social hour (and food) starting at 6:00pm. The meeting is at 7:00pm. The Sons of the American Legion meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm, social hour at 6:00pm. As always the canteen opens at 5:00pm every day except Sunday. We close on Sundays unless there is a special event. Always be on the lookout for events and opportunities to join us in support of our military, active and retired.



Mother Earth Wants YOU!



I would never do it now, but I'll admit I may have littered a few times in my life at a much younger age. I probably threw down my cigarette butts or tossed a fast food cup or something from a car window. I haven't thought about it in so long but I'm disgusted with myself to think I could've done that. I grew up close to a river and a park system ran along side of it-- for miles. My mother suggested we assist in a litter clean up along the river. I'm glad she did because

it changed my life immediately. To see all of the trash washed up everywhere was heart breaking. Not only was the habitat for the many creatures that lived there threatened (and probably still impacted years later), but it was so unsightly along such a beautiful river and park area. C'mon! How did people allow that to happen? We collected bags of trash and took them home. Unfortunately, it was so long ago recycling movements hadn't really swept the nation yet and the recyclables were also thrown in the trash. We didn't know any better yet. That sucks. Nowadays I would've made sure the recyclables were recycled. I swear I would've.

When I started college my curriculum required me to take an environmental science class. I loved it! I learned so much about recycling and the importance of it. I also learned about the effect on the environment when people don't recycle. So I started right away, not only recycling but trying to teach others to. During breaks from school when I'd return home there were no neighborhood recycling pick-ups. So I started collecting all the aluminum cans I could find and storing them in bags to take to one of those corner recycling crushing machines. Ironically, my mother was a little upset with my recycling bags in the garage because they attracted those gross silverfish bugs. Sorry, mom. It took me quite a while to convince the family to start recycling. It only takes one second. The difference is detrimental to the earth! I just don't get why one wouldn't recycle. Do non-recyclers think they're better than recyclers? I don't know, I can't figure it out and it infuriates me!

So, now I live on Tybee. On an island with an ocean surrounding it. I see litter everywhere on Tybee. I pick up trash, recycling materials and plastic bags (we've got to do something about the plastic bag situation!) off the streets, dunes and beaches all the time. I'm tired of it. I'm tired and upset that I keep having to clean up after everyone. And yes people, cigarette butts ARE litter and the beach is covered with them.

I feel like all the time I've spent on Tybee the litter has gotten worse. Thankfully there are people like me that pick up the trash and recyclables after litterers. But why do we have to? I've been to a lot of beaches: I think ours is pretty bad. Who wants to live somewhere/ ANYWHERE with trash everywhere? Who wants to go on vacation and look at trash? Can we ALL come together and do something/ anything about this? Pick something up, stop littering, start recycling, cuss/inform/educate a litterer, get a reusable bag...recycle your empty cigarette packs, recycle the empty roll from your toilet paper, don't throw a cigarette butt in the water or on the ground; or anything else for that matter. Please?

I don't have children. But I want to know that this beautiful earth will be here for generations to follow. I've heard this argument too, that the earth has its natural process of filtering out the harm we've done. It's too much! Doesn't everyone want this earth to be here for their generations to come? Let's all do our part to keep Mother Earth beautiful.

Foodie Finds

German Potato Salad

By Mark Klein

This recipe was from our church pot luck dinners. Mrs. Roemer, a German woman, would make 50 lbs. of this salad. Only one helping per person, and there were never any leftovers. I've changed two things from the original recipe: (1) Vidalia Onions and (2) Cider Vinegar instead of white vinegar. Our family has enjoyed this recipe for decades.

Ingredients:

8 slices bacon

3 Tbsp. flour

1 medium yellow or Vidalia onion, finely chopped

2/3 c. cider vinegar

2/3 c. water

1/2 c. sugar

2 tsp. kosher salt

1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

1 tsp. whole celery seed

3 lbs. cooked, peeled and chopped potatoes



Fry bacon until crisp. Remove from skillet and drain, reserving 1/4 c. drippings. Crumble bacon.

To 1/4 c. bacon drippings add flour and onions. Stir in vinegar, water and sugar. Add salt and pepper. Cook until medium thickness. Add to potatoes. Add crumbled bacon. Mix carefully so you don't mash potatoes. Serve warm.



FOOD SPY

By Mike Manitta



Photo by Wen McNally

Marlin Monroe's Surfside Grill has been serving Tybee locals and visitors for the last 7 years or so. Located at Beachside Colony, they have been serving up fresh seafood and other fine fare in a picturesque setting positioned poolside with a great view of the ocean, as well as a beautiful deck right in the dunes. Their menu has something to offer for everyone, including fresh seafood, salads, and sandwiches, as well as hearty entrees, specialty drinks and homemade desserts.



Photo by Wen McNally

Some of Marlin's signature dishes include Fried Plantains, Coconut Shrimp, Shrimp Nachos, Flower Pot Bread, Jalapeno Grouper Fingers, Ahi Tuna Salad, BBQ Sliders, Mojito Chicken, as well as Shrimp, Fish or Steak Tacos and Low Country Boil and Crab Legs. So much to choose from, which is great, I love choices. This particular beautiful afternoon Wen joined me and we indulged in **Jalapeno Grouper Fingers, Ahi Tuna Salad and Marlin's Baja Taco Platter with Chipotle Shrimp.**

We started with the Jalapeno Grouper Fingers, moist Grouper with a panko and Jalapeno breading served with a ginger orange marmalade chutney. They had bit of a kick from the jalapenos but I have to say that the marmalade chutney was a great compliment to the spiciness. I was a little hesitant about it at first but definitely

pleasantly surprised, I would totally get them again.

Next came our entrees. I'm a sucker for an Ahi Tuna Salad, and this

one was no joke. A super generous portion of Ahi Tuna served with green and black olives, tomato, hericot vert (green beans), sliced egg,



Photo by Wen McNally

buffalo mozzarella and capers served over mixed greens with a balsamic vinaigrette. The tuna was cooked perfect, nice and rare, how I like it, very moist and tender. The green and black olives and mozzarella, as well as hard boiled egg, were all great compliments to the tuna as well. Never had Ahi Tuna served that way and I totally enjoyed it.

Meanwhile, Wen was enjoying Marlin's Baja Taco Platter, which offers your choice of Fried or Grilled Grouper, Carne Asada or Chipotle Shrimp. We went with Chipotle Shrimp served with



Photo by Wen McNally

pineapple radish salsa, baja red rice, guacamole and a lime yogurt sauce. Three generous size tacos with just enough Chipotle to add flavor without being overbearing at all. I am definitely a fan of pineapple in food and the salsa gave me the perfect salty sweet combo that always seems to work for me.

By now, our tummies were pleasantly full but I still had to take a peek at the dessert offerings. Key Lime Pie, Bourbon Pecan Pie and even grilled Pineapple Kabobs w/caramel mango dip were all up for grabs. What really caught my eye was the Frozen Pina Colada Pie made with Myer's Rum, must be 21 to enjoy it! I'm totally in on my next trip, I love a Pina Colada on a hot, sunny day.

We had a great visit and Vicki and Ellen took more than good care of us, thanks again ladies! Marlin Monroe's Surfside Grill is located at Beachside Colony, 404 Butler Ave, Tybee Island, GA. They are open Wed-Sun, 11am-10pm, and if you have never been by, you need to make a point. They offer live entertainment as well as Oyster Roasts in the fall with one of the most casual and scenic atmosphere's on Tybee.

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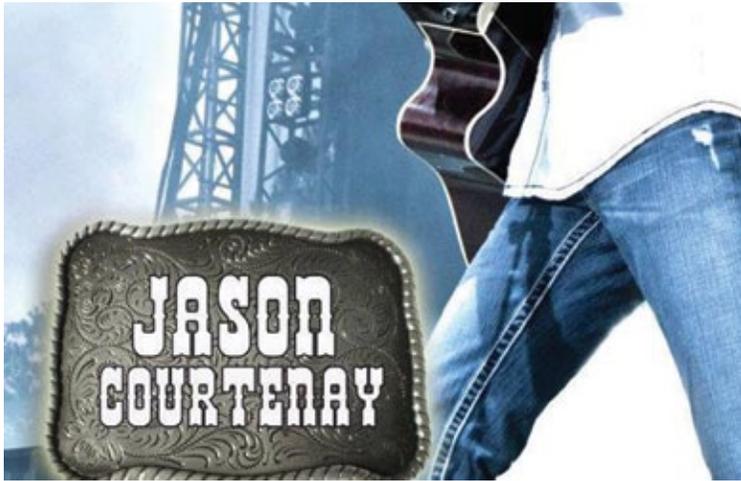
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GO LOCAL MusicProfile

By Mike Manitta



Tybee local favorite **Jason Courtenay** has been entertaining Tybee since 2008. Music has always been a great way to convey a story and his cool, soothing vocals and guitar playing are perfect for complementing storytellers by the likes of George Strait and Randy Travis to James Taylor and Garth Brooks. With music practically running through his veins, his destiny of becoming a musician was almost inevitable.

Born in Savannah and raised on a cattle ranch in Florida, as a young boy he would find himself and his brother, Chuck, touring the hotel concert circuit of those days alongside their father, Chuck. Dad would be jamming to the likes of Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis at a time when the line between country and rock was much more blurred

and would bring each of the boys up on stage to perform a song and then back to the room they went. While his country influences are undeniable, his real love of music comes from the storytelling aspect of a song. His voice is smooth and comforting and draws you into a song and makes you really hear the lyric.

The family moved back to the Richmond Hill area when he was around 15, and during his freshman year of high school, Jason took up guitar and soon formed *The Courtenay Brothers* with older brother Chuck. They made the rounds for the next five years or so before venturing out on his own in his early twenties. Jason and his brother Chuck, who is an accomplished musician in his own right, still keep the family



tradition alive by playing together at least once a month or so at various spots in the Savannah area.

While Jason permanently relocated to Tybee about five years ago, his musical talent has taken him on the road to venues from Florida all the way up through Tennessee, as well as opening for artists such as Billy Currington, Luke Bryan and Lonestar. "I'm most proud that I've been able to make a good living while having the time to raise my son," says Courtenay, "being there to take him and attend school activities, sports and such."

If you're not spotting Jason cruising the island on his bike then you might find him playing at local Tybee haunts such as Doc's Bar or The Sand Bar, as well as gigging a couple of times a week during the season at Sting Ray's, where he has found a second home.



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Reflections / **TEACH A MAN TO FISH**

By Hollie Sessoms

Learning how to fish can teach you how to live. Simple wisdoms can be found while holding a rod and reel and sitting in front of a body of water and simple wisdoms are always the best wisdoms.

- 1. Be prepared.** It's hard to accomplish much in life or fishing if you're not prepared. Have what you need to get the job done.
- 2. Know what you want.** It's good to have an idea of what you would like to catch before you head out for a day of fishing so you can be better prepared to catch it. Likewise, in life, you should know yourself, know what you're going after, so you can find your path to get there.
- 3. Be open to what you get if you don't get what you want.** Sometimes you head out for a day of fishing hoping to catch one thing and end up catching something else. And that is okay. Be open to what the universe is willing to give you.
- 4. If it's more fish than you can handle, admit it and cut the line.** It's okay if something's out of your league. Lots of things are out of your league. There are things out there that you simply cannot do. Make peace with this fact.
- 5. Be prepared to wait.** A lot of life is a waiting game. Learn how to wait with grace. Learn that the waiting is as much a part of fishing as the baiting, casting, and reeling.
- 6. Savor the silence.**
- 7. Sometimes you come up empty, don't sweat it.** It's the experience, the journey, that really matters. No day is ever wasted. There are always things to be appreciated. Lessons to be learned. You're still making yourself a better fisherman on the days you don't catch anything.
- 8. It's okay to get a little wet, a little dirty, a lot muddy.** Those are the times of your life that you'll remember. That's where the gold is.
- 9. If there's one that got away, move on, remember all the ones that didn't get away.** Those are the only ones that make a difference.
- 10. It's easy to let a fish slip through your hands.** It's harder to hold onto it, but the things that are worth holding onto always take more effort.

From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

From Anecdotes to Analytics

For those of you who are visiting from out of town, or those who are new in town, August – October is when every new local or discoverer of Tybee is indoctrinated into the *'Tybee Creation Story.'* It starts like this, "Legend . . . (or legendary Tybee folk) has told us that in the old days, there was a 100 day season: Memorial Day – Labor Day." If you aren't privy to the local folklore, relax – you'll certainly have your own testimonial soon enough.

Another rite of passage is the one-act show performed within our taverns after a few cocktails at various hours of day/night. Subject matter may include the loss of the island's 'identity' due to an overreliance upon tourism, the loss of one's birthright as a result of the island's popularity, 'that movie that shall remain nameless' that brought about this dreadful fate, and usually includes a couple of well-primed caveats. These vary on the performer but include topics such as the Holy Trinity, government regulation or 'intrusion,' the role of each in the harvesting of shrimp, and/or unsought opinions on anything from the Electoral College to City-Manager form of government.

Only a few short years ago, well intentioned locals implored one another to 'just hang on' because when school started, it meant that life would soon return 'to normal.' These words and the conversations that followed were deemed perfectly-timed anecdotes on making it through the tourist season. Ironically, since many of these were shared from a barstool, this made for one of the strangest 'passing of the baton' exchanges in history. People who were there didn't know what they were missing. . . We all learn a valuable lesson on Tybee – looks can be deceiving. Beware visitors, for the unorthodox sage sitting next to you is a business wunderkind schooled in the art of retail survival – a customer-service Ninja! These unorthodox sages recognize that the waning of tourist season is more than just the 'last leg' of a proverbial 'marathon' but an opportunity to reflect on the previous season, and plan for the next one – a Hospitality Halftime Show!

At the campground, we make several adjustments because our demographics – those variables that define our customer – change drastically between June and November. Who we want to come to the park, knowing how they receive information, and sending an accurate, appropriate message are common considerations that have to be determined well in advance of the arrival of each season, and each guest. For example, most of our summer guests find us to make reservations by phone or our website from their workplace. However, customer expectations are evolving and a target audience that we are devoting more of our time and resources toward is the active traveler in order to increase occupancy during our shoulder and low season. These guests use their tablet as opposed to a desktop or laptop, and have no trouble making reservations from their smart phone. Due to these

dynamics, it's important for us to keep up to date on new technologies, trends in our industry, and strategies for improving the guest experience – even those that haven't happened yet! It's just a matter of time before the expectations of the niche markets of today becomes the mainstream target audience of tomorrow like air conditioning, cable television, and WIFI more recently. WIFI is now considered the fourth utility expected by RV travelers after electricity, water, and sewer service.

Summer reservations at River's End are confirmed an average of three months from the date of arrival, shoulder and low season reservations are confirmed an average of three days prior to check-in. Some of this could be explained by the market demand being greater in the summer for a campsite at the beach predicated the need to make reservations earlier. However, such a seasonal difference is still a viable indicator of opportunity to reach the more mobile market of fulltime RVers, business travelers, sudden flights of fancy and quick getaways, etc. Several other contributing indicators have potential for a positive impact on River's End such as the rapid entry of baby boomers into retirement, their proficiency with new technology – and 'Generation X' is now the fastest growing demographic in RV ownership.

The days of just *'hanging out your shingle'* are definitely history – no matter where you live. While Tybee folklore is entertaining, we don't want to be whisked away in the changing tide of history because we didn't adapt our methods or allow our marketing to evolve. I love listening to the stories about the days of yore on Tybee – as long as I don't become the central character in one. One day soon enough, I'll have my own one act play to perform but until the screen rises on opening night, we'll keep rehearsing and revising the script to be more of a comeback story than precautionary tale.

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- 9/10 - 9/13 **Lockn' Music Festival** - Arrington, VA
- 9/12 **Ed Sheeran** - Phillips Arena - Atlanta
- 9/15 **Blues Traveler** - Variety Playhouse - Atlanta
- 9/18 - 9/19 **Music Midtown** - Elton John/Sam Smith/ Van Halen - Piedmont Park - Atlanta
- 9/24 **REO Speedwagon** - Florida Theatre - Jacksonville
- 9/24, 9/25, 9/26 **Umprey's McGee** - The Music Farm - Charleston
- 9/26 **DAWES** - Charleston Music Hall - Charleston
- 10/9 **Third Eye Blind** - Family Circle Magazine Stadium - Daniel Island
- 10/14 **Buddy Guy** - Florida Theatre - Jacksonville
- 10/15 - 10/18 **Magnolia Fest** - Live Oak, FL
- 10/17 **Def Leppard** - Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena - Jacksonville
- 10/30, 10/31 **Perpetual Groove** - The Charleston Pour House - Charleston
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- 9-4 **First Friday Fireworks** 9:30 start time for Fireworks on First Friday. Event is along River Street.
- 9-5 **Run for Jane** 8:15am with 8:30 start time on Rosenberg Ave. on the Isle of Hope. The St. Joseph's/Candler Leukemia Cup Series invites you to join us for the Run for Jane 5K Run/Walk; a run held alongside the Skidaway River in Isle of Hope. Contact Dana Whitfield at: Dana.Whitfield@lls.org or call 912-436-3274.
- 9-5 **Forsyth Farmers Market** 9am-1pm at south end of Forsyth Park, each Saturday through September. Produce and products will be available for purchase.
- 9-5 **Savannah Art Walk** 4pm every 1st Saturday. A free event to visit with artists and galleries starting at the Bohemian Riverfront Hotel and Andaz at 102 W. Bay St.
- 9-5 **2015 Savannah Craft Brew Fest** 1-5pm at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, 1 International Dr. More than 200 different beers from 68 different breweries. For more information about tickets or the event, go to www.savannahcraftbrewfest.com.
- 9-6 **Reptiday Savannah Reptile & Exotic Animal Show** 9:30am-5pm at Alee Shrine, 100 Eisenberg Dr. Learn more about reptiles and exotic animals at live seminars and demonstrations. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at www.reptiday.com.
- 9-10 **Savannah Live!** 8-10 pm Live Variety Show at the Savannah Theatre, 222 Bull St. This show will be multiple dates in September. Call 912-233-7764 or go online at savannahtheatre.com for more info.
- 9-12 **Free Family Day: Owens-Thomas House** 1-4pm at the Owens-Thomas House 124 Abercorn St. Garden tea party with games and a tour of the house by costumed interpreters.
- 9-19 **YMCA'S 26th Annual Heart of Savannah** 5K, Survivor's Walk, and Kid's Run 8:40am This year's event will feature a 5K Run, 1 Mile Survivor's walk and a 1/4 mile kid's run with a YMCA style party held after the races. Proceeds from the event will support the Y's newest program, LIVESTRONG at the Y, a free 12 week program, to help cancer survivors regain their physical and mental strength after treatment through exercise programs specifically for cancer survivors. For information packet and registration contact the Habersham YMCA at 6400 Habersham St. or call 912-354-6223.

9-20 thru 9-27 **34th Annual 2015 Jazz Festival** Starting at Forsyth Park. There are multiple times and locations. For more information on the weeklong event go to savannahjazzfestival.org. The Savannah Jazz Festival brings the best in international, national, regional and local jazz talent. Sponsored by the City of Savannah, the festival is free and open to the public. Food Vendors on site.

9-26 **Walk to End Alzheimer's Savannah** 8am registration at Ellis Square for this fundraiser to end Alzheimer's. 201 W. Bay St. For more info call Casey Corley at 706-836-3461 or email ccorley@atz.org.



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WHAT TO DO FOR KIDS AND YOU!

By Elizabeth Jones

Summer Events

THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER!

5th Annual Coastal Empire's Surfers for Autism Beach Fest

September 12, 9am-4pm

This is a safe and fun event for registered participants and their families. Surfers will be carefully guided by trained surf instructors. Other activities include live music, paddle boarding, face painting, fire engine tours and games. A catered lunch is provided for registered participants. This is an amazing opportunity for children with developmental delays. They'll be able to interact with peers and show off their capabilities.

Registration is currently full; however, there is a waiting list. Visit surfersforautism.org to register.

The sponsor resort is Hotel Tybee. Visit hotelttybee.com for rates and reservations.

Tybee Beach Sweep

September 21, 9am

This is a great opportunity to keep our beaches clean and more importantly it's a great way to teach the kids responsibility for the environment. Keeping the beaches clean is not only important to make your experience more enjoyable, it is crucial for maintaining a safe environment for the ocean wildlife. And of course volunteering for the sweep will count towards any required community service for school.

The Beach Sweep begins at the pier.

Activities for SEPTEMBER!

The kids are back in school but there are still plenty of things to enjoy at the beach. Make sure you spend your weekends in the sand and sun before heading back to work on Monday and of course don't forget there's one Monday we still get to enjoy, September 7th is Labor Day! Enjoy your long weekend with us out here on the Island where you're always on "Tybee Time" and I'm pretty sure we just skip Mondays all together.

FEATURED ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER:

Tybee Community Day

The island is winding down and it's time for our locals to celebrate keeping the island running for yet another successful tourist season. On September 25th Tybee Community Day will begin at 1pm at Memorial Park and festivities will continue through 5pm. Come down to Tybee's giant block party for games, live local music, and some good food.

You especially won't want to miss the tug of rope competition. Whether you participate or watch, this is sure to be a fun activity. Plenty of other games and fun will keep kids of all ages entertained.

You'll also be able to learn about local businesses and community programs, visit the dunk tank, and hear from local bands like the Lazaretto Creek Band.



On Going Happenings

AJ's Dockside - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Live music. Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm. 1315 Chatham Ave.

American Legion Post 154 - Canteen open 5pm Monday-Saturday, Bar Games Tuesday and Thursday 6-9pm, Line Dancing Wednesday 7pm, Thursday dinners 5:30-7:30pm, Bingo and Karaoke Friday 8-10pm. 10 Veterans Dr.

Benny's Tavern - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 10am-7pm. Live music Monday thru Wednesday 7-10pm, Open Pool Tuesday 7pm, Pool Tournament Wednesday 8pm, Karaoke Thursday thru Sunday 9pm. Kitchen open daily from 4pm until? 1517 Butler Ave.

Bernie's Oyster House - Bernie's Mason Jar Bloody Mary, 7 Draft Taps to choose from, Home of the "Pop Rock Jello Shots," Drink Specials/Daily Specials, Happy Hour Monday thru Thursday 4-7pm, Late Night Kitchen Friday and Saturday, Outdoor patio, with Billiards and 65" HD TV, Live music Friday & Saturday. Come by and get your Blue Unicorn from the Bartender of the Month! Check us out! 13 Tybrisa St.

Bubba Gumbo's - Happy Hour 4-6pm daily, \$1.50 off beer. 3 Old Hwy 80.

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

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

Marlin Monroe's - Live music on Weekends. Bloody Mary Bar every Sunday at 12:30pm. 404 Butler Ave.

Nickie's 1971 Bar and Grill -Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 11am-7pm. 9 Ball Pool Tournament Sunday 7pm, Texas Hold Em Monday and Tuesday 8pm, 8 Ball Pool Tournament Thursday 7pm, Hell Yeah Trivia Thursday 8pm, Karaoke Friday 9pm, Live Band Saturdays 9pm. 1513 Butler Ave.

North Beach Bar and Grill - Live music. 33 Meddin Dr.

Spanky's - Home of the Original Chicken Finger! 1605 Strand Ave.

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

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

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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in September

By Mom

9-1 **Tybee Lite Shrine Club Dinner** Fundraiser dinners open to the public Tuesdays 7-8 pm. The funds will benefit the Shriner's Hospital for Children. 33 Meddin Dr.

9-4-&-9-18 **Sunset Tours** After hours tours of the Lighthouse at 30 Meddin Dr. Call 912-786-5801 for reservations.

9-5 & 9-6 **Living History at Fort Pulaski** 9am to 5pm. Join Fort Pulaski's return to summer and fall of 1861. 1st Georgia Volunteers will garrison the fort for the Living History Weekend. Fees start at age 16 and up \$7.00 per person, under 16 free. For more info call Joel Cadoff at 912-786-5787 ext. 114.

9-6 **Market at the Lighthouse** 10am-4pm at the Tybee Lighthouse Grounds. Vendors will be selling their wares from art work, pottery, jewelry, crafts and more. Live music. Support our local vendors! 30 Meddin Dr.

9-6 **Labor Day Beach Bash** 7-11pm at the Pier & Pavilion. Live entertainment and fireworks. 1 Tybrisa St.

9-12 **5th Annual Coastal Empire Surfers for Autism Beach Festival** 9am-4pm at the Pier & Pavilion. Surfers provide a fun "judgement free" day for those with autism. Activities include stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, and games. Live music will be provided as well. 1 Tybrisa St.

9-12 **17th Annual Tybee Island Sea Kayak Races** Races at AJ's Dockside starting around 8am. There are 3 races with staggered start times. 1315 Chatham Ave.

9-17 **2015 Fall Series: Third Thursdays on Tybee** 5:30pm at the Tybrisa St. and Strand roundabout. Enjoy a complimentary show by Byron Clark.
9-18 & 9-19 **Tybee Island Book Festival** 6-9pm on the 18th and 10am-5pm on the 19th. This is an inaugural literary event with 40+ authors. 900 Butler Ave.

9-19 **Paint Tybee Pink 5K Walk for Breast Cancer** 3pm at Memorial Park. Sponsors are Mermaid Cottages, Southern Eagle Distributors and Seaside Sisters. Check online at www.paintgeorgiapink.org for registration and more info.

9-21 **Tybee Beach Sweep** The Tybee Beautification Association is sponsoring a Tybee Beach Sweep 9am. Meet at Tybee Pier & Pavilion for supplies and directions.

9-25 **Coastal Arts Fair** 12pm at 204 5th Street. Vendors needed to submit one piece of art for consideration. One award will be given. Sneak preview cocktail party fundraiser. Sponsored by the Tybee Arts Association. For more info call 912-786-6920.

9-26 **Fall Festival 2015** 12-5pm located behind the Lighthouse. This annual event is sponsored by The Historical Society. Family friendly activities with games, hotdogs, popcorn and more. For more info call Vikki at 912-786-5801.

9-26 **Jimmy Wolling Band** 7pm performance at 3rd walkway at North End Tybee Beach.

9-27 **4th Annual Tybee Community Day** 1pm at Memorial Park. Enjoy community "Tybee Time" with games, live local music and more. Contact Chantel Morton for more info at 912-472-5071.

9-27 **A Nickel Bag of Funk** 7pm performance at 3rd walkway at North End Tybee beach.

9-27 **"One of Our Own" Benefit** 8pm at the Wind Rose Café. There will be a cake auction, bake sale, live music, silent auction, baskets of cheer, and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds go to Nate Edging, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Let's show Nate that we do take care of "one of our own."

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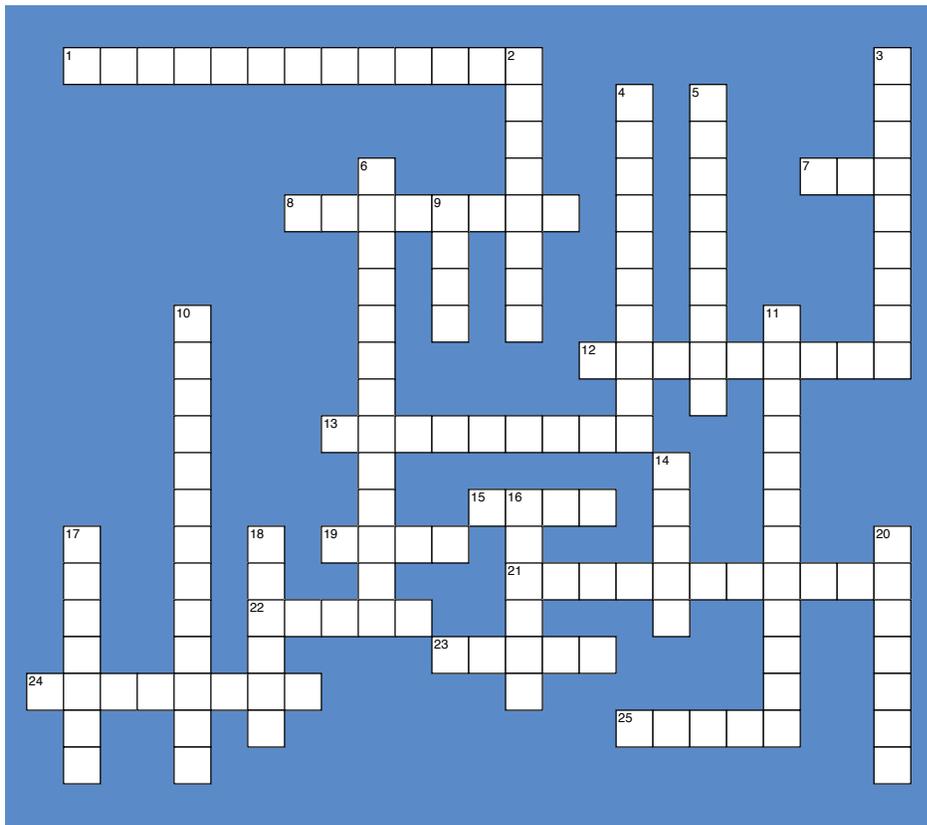
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- 1 Food Spy locale
- 7 Wear this on Fridays
- 8 Puffy marine animal
- 12 Light show on the beach
- 13 Rant subject
- 15 Season
- 19 We will paint the town this color
- 21 Fishing improves when this drops
- 22 Bartender at Bernie's
- 23 Music profile man
- 24 Holiday
- 25 Breezy's first golf cart

DOWN

- 2 Award winning B & B (2wds.)
- 3 Children fished with these in the 60s
- 4 Patrick learned the art of this in college
- 5 Ninth month
- 6 Nell's book review (2 wds.)
- 9 Learning how to do this will teach you how to live
- 10 Nick has earned this name (2 wds.)
- 11 Block party in September (2 wds.)
- 14 We will do this to the beach on Sept. 21
- 16 Surfers for _____
- 17 Micheal caught one (or maybe it caught him)
- 18 Back to _____
- 20 He can't change his spots



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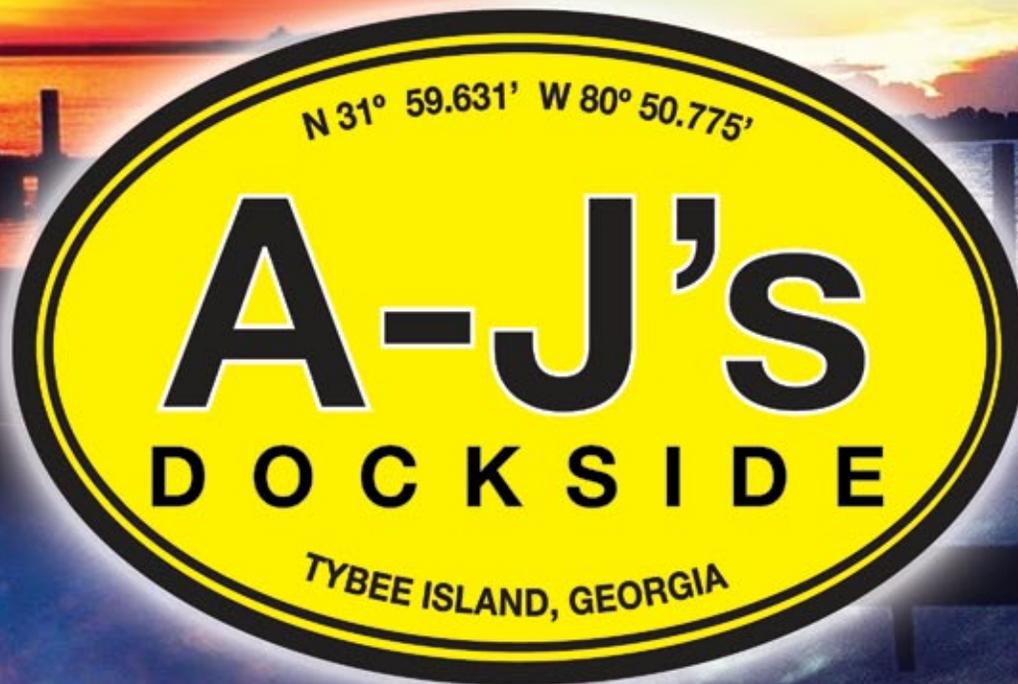
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