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## Psalmist Samuel Adams

The sun rises in the east. Wise Men came from the East. The Tabernacle faces east with a river flowing east from it. Ezekiel's vision of God's glory came from the east. The Garden of Eden is planted on the east side. Many faith's all around the world face towards the east when praying. It is written in ancient texts that the "door of heaven" is in the east. The magnetic currents under our feet flow from East to West. Tybee Island's Easter sunrise service begins facing east.

Easter is a special time of year, bringing in the new season of spring. Flowers begin to sprout, the birds sing and nature begins its new life. A time of love and fertility.

Folks all around the world celebrate the wonders of this special time of year.

There are so many explanations and traditions surrounding Easter. Surely it is more than the Easter Bunny, Easter cross, Easter bonnet, Easter basket, Easter parties, Easter egg hunt, Easter lily, Easter chocolate, Easter bow, Easter dress, Easter suit, Easter hat and Easter Sunday. What came first the chicken or the egg? Religions seem to have their answers to why they celebrate this Easter season. Where did Easter come from? What is the truth? We ask these questions as we define our own truths in life.

### Where did "Easter" come from?

1. The word "Easter" - "Eostare" or "Ostern" - It is a teaching said to have been the goddess of sunrise and spring. The direction of the sun. East is named for her.
2. The word Pesach - a Latin word the Hebrew (Passover) - Jews celebrated Passover, the anniversary of the day God delivered them out of Egyptian bondage.
3. The early Roman Church soon after Christ's resurrection combined their Holy Days together with Christians and 2000 years later the church today still celebrates Easter as the remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection.

Our own faith will guide us unto the presence of the Almighty. Search our hearts and there we will find within a peace that passes all understanding. The giver of Life, the maker of dreams and our divine soul.

These are the google facts. Let us search within ourselves and may we find our own truths.

***Be still - Breathe - Listen - Relax - Let Go - Be in the Moment - Receptive Heart - Divine Flow - One with God.***

Let us embrace this season together as we Tybians face east with our toes in the sand. May the Spirit of God be upon you.

Happy Easter!

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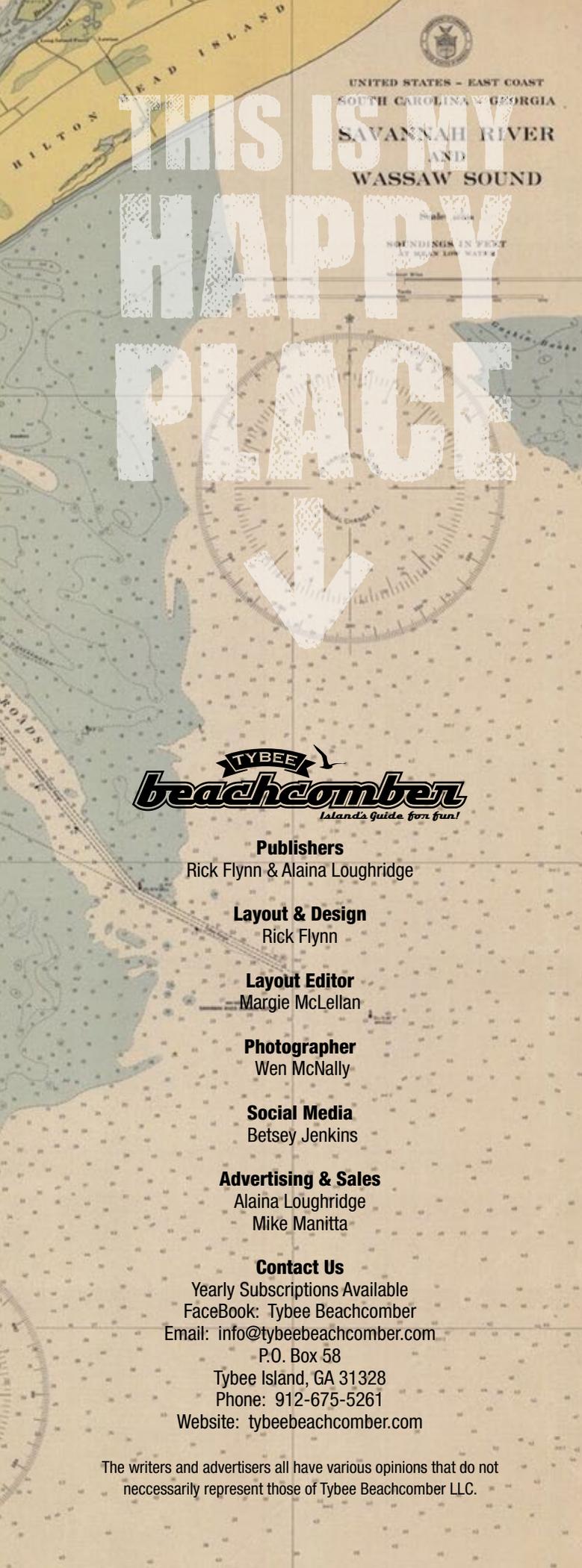
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# From the EDITOR

Time is flying!!! I can't believe it's already April! All my New Year's Resolutions are down the toilet, what I gave up for Lent I am drinking now, and with spring in the air, the cleaning ain't getting any cleaner with my help. As Speegle says, "I dust my stove once a month whether it needs it or not." I need a man. Nope. I need an Alfred - A servant of Batman. I need that butler from Mr. Deeds - The one that likes to rub feet. I need a moment to reflect on how awesome that would be ... O.K. I'm good. Not sure where I was going with that. Ah, I need some will power. That's where I was going.

Welcome to Spring Y'all!!! Now that our winter is over (like it ever began), we are already kicking and screaming ourselves into spring breakers, day drinkers, crazy traffic, and the usual mayhem and chaos that is beach town living. Whoop Whoop!! Let the games begin!

Speaking of games, we are excited to announce our annual **Beachcomber Easter Egg Hunt!** Rick is absolutely delighted to hide 50 Easter eggs throughout this month's issue. Eggs are everywhere and Rick is getting super sneaky on hiding them. Find all 50 and email the key to [info@tybeebeachcomber.com](mailto:info@tybeebeachcomber.com) by April 10, 2017, no later than 7 pm. I am not sure what you are going to win yet, but it's going to be great! We always have awesome prizes and we will not let you down this time!

**The Traveling Beachcomber** continues to make us giggle. This month's winners are **Catfish & Ellen Wilson**, who realized they had forgotten the magazine - so got creative with cardboard in Key West, Florida. Now that is using your noggin right there! They also sent me an audio of both of them crying with laughter at their ingeniousness. It was great! We also have co-winners, **Bill & Brandy Trout**, who also forgot their magazine, but took a picture of the picture on their phone at Hamel Family Winery in Sonoma, California. We love people who, lacking the proper material, get the job done anyway! Off to A-J's we all go!!!

Alrighty! Let's get it on! Go find some Easter Eggs and have a fun read while you are looking!



# BIZZ BUZZ

By Mike Manitta - Photo by Wen McNally

## Wen McNally PHOTOGRAPHY

**Wen McNally** has been sharing her unique, intimate photography with the Tybee and Savannah area for the past five years now. Always showing an interest in the graphic arts, Wen's father purchased her a pawn shop camera at the age of 14 and from then on she was bitten by the photography bug. With a couple darkroom classes under her belt, she had her own darkroom by the time she was 15. High School brought involvement in all of the yearbook photography and by the time she was able to take a few photography classes, the instructors had her teaching the students about the darkroom.

After High School, Wen found her interests gravitating toward music photography which led her to meet her husband, Sean, and they were married a year later. To overcome her extreme shyness, Wen found herself teaching scrapbook classes and saving up to build her first studio. Sean being a videographer, the family business was born. While raising five kids in Virginia, the McNally's focused mainly on family and senior portraits. As the kids grew and the times changed, Wen and family were also looking for a change and Google maps brought them to Tybee.

Now the beach is her studio, and Wen's primary business is weddings and portraits. With lighting in tow, she's able to capture unique action photos



which showcase the beauty of the beach as well as the personalities of her subjects. Her photographs demonstrate an intimacy and originality that truly make them unique.

The McNally's are thrilled to call Tybee their home and Wen is now offering photography classes, both locally and online. You can email her for info at [wen@wenmcnally.com](mailto:wen@wenmcnally.com). She also has a personal blog: [behappywen.com](http://behappywen.com), as well as her photography website [wenmcnally.com](http://wenmcnally.com). Sean McNally can also be found all over the Savannah area fronting Tybee's own Irish punk band, "In For a Penny."

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1	Sa	12:27p	7.0		6:25a -0.5	6:43p -0.6	7:12a	7:44p	10:50a	
2	Su	12:51a	7.9	1:28p 6.8	7:21a -0.1	7:40p -0.2	7:10a	7:44p	11:44a	12:54a
3	Mo	1:53a	7.6	2:31p 6.6	8:24a 0.3	8:45p 0.1	7:09a	7:45p	12:41p	1:54a 1st
4	Tu	2:55a	7.4	3:35p 6.6	9:32a 0.4	9:53p 0.3	7:08a	7:46p	1:41p	2:49a
5	We	3:58a	7.3	4:38p 6.7	10:38a 0.4	10:59p 0.2	7:07a	7:46p	2:41p	3:39a
6	Th	5:00a	7.2	5:38p 6.9	11:37a 0.2	11:59p 0.0	7:05a	7:47p	3:41p	4:24a
7	Fr	5:58a	7.2	6:34p 7.2	12:30p 0.0		7:04a	7:48p	4:39p	5:05a
8	Sa	6:51a	7.3	7:24p 7.4	12:54a -0.2	1:18p -0.1	7:03a	7:48p	5:37p	5:42a
9	Su	7:38a	7.3	8:08p 7.6	1:43a -0.3	2:02p -0.2	7:02a	7:49p	6:33p	6:17a
10	Mo	8:21a	7.3	8:48p 7.7	2:29a -0.4	2:43p -0.2	7:00a	7:50p	7:28p	6:51a
11	Tu	9:01a	7.2	9:26p 7.7	3:12a -0.3	3:21p -0.1	6:59a	7:50p	8:23p	7:25a Full
12	We	9:39a	7.1	10:02p 7.6	3:52a -0.2	3:57p 0.0	6:58a	7:51p	9:17p	8:00a
13	Th	10:17a	6.9	10:39p 7.4	4:30a 0.0	4:31p 0.2	6:57a	7:52p	10:10p	8:35a
14	Fr	10:55a	6.6	11:17p 7.1	5:07a 0.2	5:05p 0.4	6:56a	7:52p	11:03p	9:13a
15	Sa	11:36a	6.3	11:57p 6.9	5:44a 0.5	5:40p 0.7	6:54a	7:53p	11:54p	9:53a
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17	Mo	12:42a	6.7	1:07p 6.0	7:06a 1.0	7:02p 1.1	6:52a	7:54p	12:44a	11:24a
18	Tu	1:31a	6.5	1:59p 5.9	7:55a 1.1	7:54p 1.3	6:51a	7:55p	1:31a	12:13p
19	We	2:24a	6.4	2:52p 6.0	8:51a 1.1	8:55p 1.3	6:50a	7:56p	2:17a	1:06p 3rd
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- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Take a golf cart tour
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints

# THE SportsPage

By Woody Hemphill

Each year, as soon as the Super Bowl ends, I begin an unofficial countdown of sorts that culminates with the onset of April. Despite hearing throughout life that 'April showers bring May flowers,' this countdown ends with The Masters Tournament, or as they say in Augusta, GA – the "Tuna Mint." According to many residing in much colder climates, the broadcasting of this tournament on CBS each season is the annual rite of passage that lets the rest of the country in on a little secret - Spring is almost here!

This year, however, the news out of the Augusta National is that the azaleas are already in peak bloom, meaning that when the tournament is played April 6 – 9, the folks in colder climates may be viewing less color than in other years. One of the highlights of my life as I was growing up in the CSRA (Central Savannah River Area) was the annual pilgrimage of people who loved golf, the beauty of the course, and the community pride derived from the friendly galleries. An interesting similarity of growing up in a community that holds an international event for one week a year, as opposed to Tybee Island – a seasonal destination, quickly becoming a year-round locale – was how people relied upon others to provide a pleasurable experience. Some would rent their homes for the week, and take a vacation. Others would bring food, fresh towels, or other services to enhance the renters stay while in town ... and the windfall of revenues bestowed upon the community always seemed to arrive at the most optimal time.

Another of our societal rites of passage taking place within the sports world is the ending of March Madness. This annual tourney starts with a field of 64 teams, and 'plays itself out' via single elimination over ten days to determine the 'Sweet 16.' For those of you keeping score at home, this means that you need to win two games on a 'neutral court' in order to proceed ... easier said than done. Interestingly, each year 20% of the US workforce completes a 'bracket' – an office worker's prognostication of how the tourney will unfold. Another statistic heard around this time of year is that this causes a loss of over a billion dollars in American productivity! Nevertheless, Warren Buffet offers each employee an opportunity to receive a million dollars for a perfect first-round bracket. It's unclear if anyone has ever won this prize, but the chances of picking a perfect tournament bracket is over a trillion to one!

In other sports news, the baseball season is fast-approaching, and NASCAR has 'cranked-up' already, as well. Supposedly, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. is contemplating retirement after prolonged bouts with concussions, although he was quick to stipulate that this would be an option IF he wins the Chase. As a casual fan, the folks at NASCAR have tweaked the format in the sport to the point that it's no longer obvious who their winners are. It would certainly be another blow to the sport if one of the most recognizable stars in the sport was to take their riches, and call it a day. After alienating the region that made them relevant, it's unclear how the sport would, or could recover.

Ultimately, the only certainty during this sporting season in Georgia is that the Atlanta Braves will field a team that will not play their games in Atlanta – as if traffic wasn't bad enough. Until next time, catch a game, enjoy your seasons, and may all your teams win!

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# Wassaw Island... A True Georgia Gem

By Bert Wyatt - Photos by William Harrell

After years of traveling the United States fighting wildfires - from Arizona to Montana, east to Virginia and south to the Everglades, I have really seen some of the most beautiful aspects of this country. Well, I thought I had until I set foot upon **Wassaw Island**. Nothing comes close to Wassaw. By far, the best sunset in the south.

Wassaw is a wild paradise. Although there is limited access to the island, it has been preserved for its wildness. This 10,050-acre island is primarily a refuge for migratory bird species. Wassaw has two smaller sister islands located close by, Pine Island and Flora Hammock, also known as Little Wassaw Island.

A hop, skip, and a jump (on a boat) from Tybee Island, this barrier island is said to be the best representation of what Georgia's barrier islands looked like before Europeans arrived: WILD.

When you arrive on the island, it is almost like stepping back in time. In fact, there is quite a fascinating history of this place. Native Americans are believed to have used Wassaw Island for hunting and fishing, and archeologists have found artifacts dating as far back as 500-600AD.

The first recorded history of Wassaw began with Anthony Odingsell, a black planter who owned Little Wassaw Island during the early 1800s. In an attempt to escape a cholera epidemic, Odingsell brought 300 slaves from Liberty County, Georgia to Wassaw. Sadly, those slaves, with limited resources, suffered and died in isolation. According to Georgia records, all were buried on Big Wassaw, although their burial sites are unknown.

During the Spanish-American War, Battery Morgan was built on the north end of the island to protect the southern approach to Savannah.

During the Civil War, Wassaw was successively occupied by both Confederate and Union troops. A mass of cannon balls have been found along the north end of the island. Throughout the years of a continuous



northeast wind blowing on the island, an unmarked grave of a Civil War soldier was unearthed. The soldier was buried with a .56 caliber bullet and a uniform button from the First Georgia Regiment.

In 1969, the islands Big Wassaw, Little Wassaw and Pine Island were sold to the Nature Conservancy to preserve and protect this unique barrier island, who later deeded the land to the U.S. Department of Interior to be managed as a wildlife refuge by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Wassaw is home to a variety of residents and migratory wildlife species. It is comprised of 76% salt marsh and only 24% of upland maritime forest. As you walk the trails on this island, some of the most amazing features of Georgia's maritime forest shine through, such as the beautiful Live Oaks, the tall dominating Slash Pine and Loblolly Pine, Red Cedars that mimic Live Oak growth, and the ever perseverant Cabbage Palm.

Wassaw is also home to a plethora of wildlife, both terrestrial and marine. On a regular visit here, you may come across White-tailed Deer,



Raccoons, Blue Crabs, Ghost Crabs, Sea Turtles and even River Otters! Depending on the season, one may be lucky enough to spot seasonal Wood Storks, Roseate Spoonbills, Piping Plovers, or even a Bald Eagle. One may also be lucky enough to spot a Painted Bunting! However, please be aware that the island does contain, on a continuous basis, American Alligators, Cottonmouth Snakes and other sneaky predators. So, walk cautiously and always be aware of your surroundings!

USFW manages the island to keep it wild. That is not always as easy as it sounds. Wildfires are quite common to this area. With that being said, the USFW manages to ensure wildfires are contained within areas that do not pose a threat to any structures that still exist on the island.

I had quite the experience a few years ago with a wildfire on the island during a November deer hunt. It was about 2 in the afternoon and all was calm. A hunter came to the HQ and asked if I could go to the north end to retrieve his broken bike. I said sure. Heading north on the UTV on the main road, a hunter told me he saw smoke, but wasn't sure if it was a shrimp boat or what. I assumed it was as there hadn't been any lightning in the area in months, so I headed on. Then I was approached by another hunter that informed me that indeed there was a fire on the island! I was still in disbelief. I got to the far north end by the old fort from the Spanish war, looked south and WOW! There was a raging wildfire heading south, proceeding to burn down half the island!

I called Pete, the refuge ranger, and in disbelief he raced to check it out. He immediately evacuated the hunters from the north end of the island. I headed south to ready the water pumper and dozer and then called the fire crew in Savannah with a size up report: 25-30mph winds with a relative humidity of 15% - ingredients for a perfect fire danger or red-flag warning situation, which was in effect.

Then I paused on my way south and figured out it was possible for me to stop the fire!! Armed with a hand rake, I noticed it wasn't burning

through the salt marsh. So I started scraping a line and had to adjust as the fire was moving quickly. I found some dead palm fronds and lit them along my scrape line to back burn to the oncoming fire front. And it worked! After containing the fire, I went and ran the Savannah half marathon the next day!! Of course, more resources arrived to make sure the fire was out for the next several days.

Then there is the alligator story that I am all too familiar with. It was about 10 am when a group of hunters came to headquarters to tell us that a huge alligator was sprawled across the main trail and wouldn't move. Normally they will scatter, but not this one. We headed out on the trail and found a 10 ft. stubborn, half-blind, one-eyed gator. I nervously grabbed his tail as someone else gave him a long log to bite down on. We dragged him off the trail and he was ticked! About an hour later we found him back in the exact same spot. We ended up having to move him all over again!

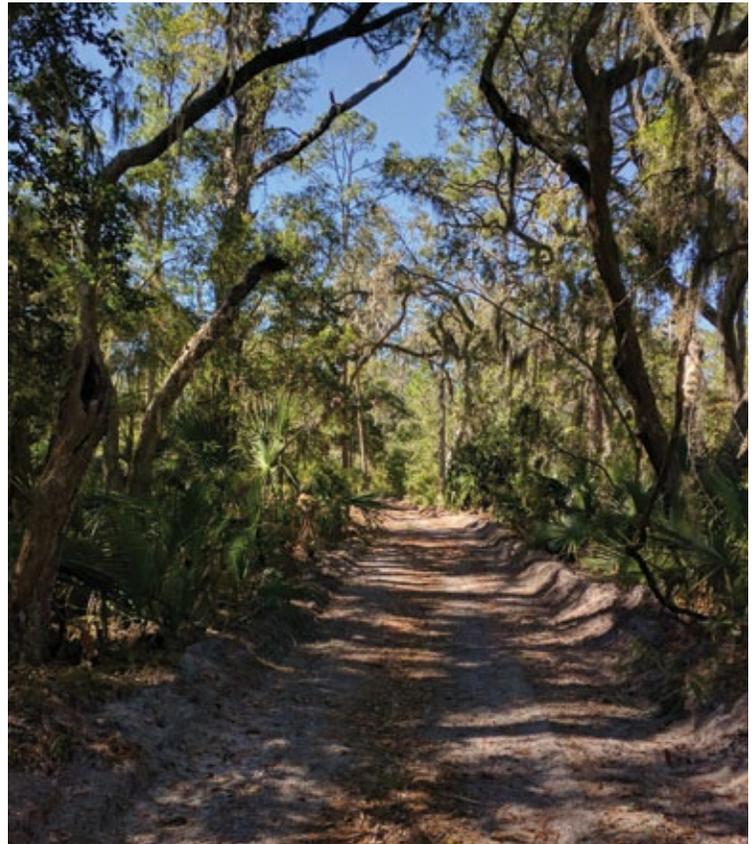
The following morning, we found out that a hunter was riding his bike during the early morning hours and ran into the gator, flipping him off his bike! Needless to say, he was a little shaken up. I'm glad it was cold or there could have been another ending to this story.

Gators are stubborn on Wassaw. I've actually had one strike and hit the rear drive shaft of a Kawasaki UTV mule. Clank!! I found another route. He won that one.

Wassaw is open to the public seven days a week, during daylight hours only. No overnight use camping is allowed. Pets are not allowed; this rule is important to protect the wildlife of Wassaw. Access to the island is by boat only, with limited dock accessibility. These regulations are put in place to preserve Wassaw as the natural wild barrier island that it is.

Seasonal hunts do take place, please visit webpage for more info: [fws.gov/wassaw](http://fws.gov/wassaw). These hunts are put on as management efforts to control the White-tailed Deer population on the island. These hunts take place twice a year.

All in all Wassaw Island is truly a Georgia Wild Gem. It is a wild place where you can really experience what it like on one of Georgia's wild barrier islands.



# RAW INGREDIENTS

Living on such a small island for such a long time, it can get challenging to make that hard pressed important decision on where to eat lunch. While we have an abundance of excellent choices right here on our island, sometimes you just crave something you can't get out here, and my go-to was almost always sushi. So you can only imagine how excited I was to hear that Tybee was finally getting a sushi restaurant. We waited anxiously with high hopes that this was going to be our new lunch spot and boy were we right.

**Raw Ingredients** delivers some of the freshest, most delicious food I've ever eaten, period. The word spread like wildfire when they were first opening, and I happened to pop by the first hour they were open, so I feel somewhat of a VIP. I also am pretty sure I ate there everyday for the following week or so, sampling just about everything on the menu. I wasn't the only one, I would see the same familiar faces over and over too, and not a one with a bad word, which says a lot. Sushi, salads, sushi bowls, even bubble tea, all unique and all delicious.

On this visit we sampled all of my favorites and we started with a **Sashimi Appetizer**, Fresh Salmon, Tuna, Yellowtail and Smoked Salmon. Four big pieces of fresh fish that pretty much melted right in your mouth. So good.

A **Ginger Salad** was our next treat. Fresh romaine, tomatoes, cucumbers and carrots served with fresh homemade ginger dressing. The produce was crisp and delicious and the ginger dressing both sweet and tangy, its one of my favorite salads, freaking awesome.

Next, we dove into the **Spicy Tuna Lettuce Wraps**. I have to say that these are one of my top picks and find it hard not to order them on every visit. They are like romaine and tuna tacos. Three fresh leaves of romaine stuffed with loads of spicy tuna topped with tomatoes, avocado, fresh mango and mango sauce. So scrumptious and so filling. I order them a lot so sometimes I add chili sauce and shrimp sauce just to mix it up. They have so many sauces to choose from, which is another thing I love about this place.

We also shared a **Tempura Shrimp Bowl**. They offer custom rolls, salads and bowls. We went for the bowl, which comes with rice and you pick the ingredients. We went for crispy tempura shrimp, avocado, seaweed and cucumber with shrimp sauce. Warm rice with crispy tempura, piled high with our hand picked ingredients. So good and I dare you to finish it all.

Of course, there was no way we were getting out of there without having a couple rolls. First the **Crazy Roll**, tempura shrimp, crab, cream cheese and avocado. Rolled up perfect, hearty and delicious. The **Thai Mango Beef Roll** is up next, and I've been stuck on it for a minute. Shrimp, avocado and mango with seared beef and chili sauce on top. This roll is so filling and combines my favorite flavors with just the right amount of spice and the rare beef is to die for.

To end our meal we tried one of the specialty **Bubble Teas**. With a variety of flavors to choose from, from Earl Grey to Chai and an array of fruit flavors, we went for Mango and I have to say it was sweet, creamy and decadent, with large pearls of tapioca, a great complement to a great meal.

Raw Ingredients is located at 18 c Tybrisa Street , right in the middle of all the action, and are open Noon – 9pm, Mon – Thurs, Noon – 10pm, Friday and Saturday and 1 – 9pm on Sundays. You will find an extensive menu packed with fresh, wholesome ingredients that make the choices of combinations seem endless. If you like sushi then make a stop to Raw Ingredients a priority, you'll be happy you did.



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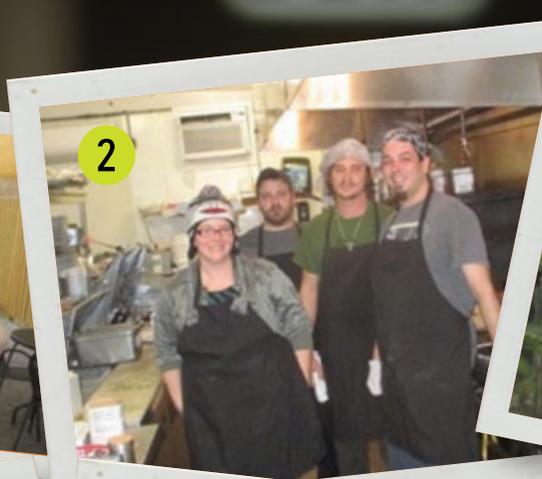
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# Breezin' AROUND WITH RON

By Ron Goralczyk



**A**laina asked me if I was interested in doing an extra article this month. I said absolutely, as if my plate is not full enough. So here I am the day before it's due. Not one damn picture. Think Ron think. Only thing I can think is I'm hungry, almost hangry. With all the great choices we have on Tybee to choose from, it's never an easy choice.

**1** Here at **80 east** we got **Chris, Cody, Nick, and Kayce**. Cody gave me a sample of the Shepard's Pie and Cabbage. As usual both were a home run. I was surprised to find out Chris had anything to do with these dishes. I played softball with him and never saw him score, let alone hit a home run.

**2** Next stop **North Beach Bar and Grill**. **Jessica, Forrest, Kyle and Brandon** were busy at their stations. Chef Chris walked in the kitchen right after the picture was taken. It appeared they were not working. Totally my fault. I guess he is the kitchen person that can take a break whenever he wants.

**3** I ran up to **Coco's**. **Aric, Kwame, Leland and Brian** were in the kitchen. I told Brian I hoped he cooks better than he plays darts. Haha, dudes been playing darts since he was like seven.

Shrimp and Grits were a bull's eye.

**4** Next stop **Bubba Gumbos**. I know they have oysters on Sunday. **Caitlin, Cameron, Justin and Gordon** were in the kitchen. Thank goodness Gordon prepares food better than he rides a motorcycle. I recently witnessed him crash trying to miss a cat chasing a bird. He missed the cat but the bird ran out of luck.

**5** I ran into **Chris** in the parking lot of the **Crab Shack**. I explained what I was doing. I did not realize they have multiple kitchens. Now I know why they have walkie talkies and how they feed so many so fast. Chris had **Matt, Kyle, Ryan, Niki, Tommy, Russom, Jeremy, Skyler and Travis** lined up for me faster than most can eat a crawfish. I was nearly blinded by a crawfish. I pinched its head and was sprayed with hot juices. Totally worth it! I still had one good eye.

**6** Here at **Huc-a-poops** we've got **Heather's Angels - Gee, Brett and Brett**. I watched Gee and Brett make seven or eight pizzas while we were waiting on Brett to return to the kitchen.



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7 I took a swing through the Quarter Bar and saw Trent. This place is the island's dinner table. Every islander knows if you want food in the wee hours this is the place.

8 I found two of *The Breakfast Club* guys, Jodie and Justin playing pool at *The Quarter*. Ryan tells everyone that his dad doesn't work anymore. That's not the truth. I see these two every afternoon prepping for the next day's morning. All I know is the Wind Jammer cannot be eaten in one sitting.

9 Nell and Andrew can be found at the *Wind Rose*. I wish I could share all three pictures. I cracked a joke to make Nell smile. I should choose my jokes better when dealing with the owner of a restaurant. The secret ingredient is love.

10 *Spanky's*, home of the chicken finger. I recently purchased a tee shirt because I'm all about giving people the finger. Big Tony, Joshua, Matt and Daniel were taking care of business. They have a huge menu. One of these guys are in witsak and can be hard to find at times. Big Tony can hide and/or find him at any given time, so order what you want.

11 Daniel at *Pizza on Wheels* is always working when they are open. I asked Yan how he found such a dedicated employee. He gave him an apartment right next to the restaurant and put this poor guy on a leash. He has enough rope to go to the Chu's next store, but no farther.

12 *Sundae Cafe*, only the best restaurant I have ever been to. The creme de la creme. I did this article thinking I would get the secret to their Southern Oyster Rockefeller and or the secret to the pasta salad. I thought I could finesse my way into the kitchen and find out the top secret recipes. No such luck, Ronnie and Juan knew what I was up to right off the bat. I forgot I had asked them during a dart match. Come to find out they told Daniel, David and Kelvin my real intentions. I may tell A.J. how rude you guys were.

13 Back to the south end. *Sting Ray's* is the reason I no longer have a driver's license. They recently built the most beautiful double decker deck. Last year I may or may not have run over a couple waiting for a table. Is it really my fault they were sitting in the middle of 14th St? I guess the judge will decide who was at fault. Edward, Phil, Nick, Josh, Ocean Ryan, and Andy said it was the couple's fault.

# THE Fish Whisperer



Captain  
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## April Fishing Forecast

### TYBEE PIER FISHING

Tybee Pier and Surf fishing have continued to improve as the waters have warmed up. Whiting, Black Drum and a few over-slot Red Drum should be around this month. Every day the water temperature will continue to rise and more species will continue to migrate up to our coast from Florida. Once the water starts reaching 65 degrees, things will really get going, to include Pompano and Bluefish. Most all these fish will eat Shrimp. If you want to catch an over-slot Red Drum, it's better to use some cut bait such as Mullet, Blue Crab, Whiting or Menhaden.

### INSHORE

Inshore fishing will only improve as more bait begins to show up in the creeks. A few Speckled Sea Trout have been around, feeding on Mud Minnows and artificials. To have the best luck, you may have to pass a few of your holes to find the cleanest water you can. The tides this month and all the rain normally have the inshore waters pretty muddy; but there is always a spot with clean water. The redfish will be eating the same things as the trout - they just will be feeding in the shallower water along the mud flats, Oyster rakes and up the smaller creeks.

### NEAR SHORE

Nearshore Fishing is all about catching this time of year. Sheepshead will be around till about mid-month and, as they thin out, the Weakfish, Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel, and Triggerfish will begin to move in. These fish will show up sooner in water depths of 90 foot and slowly trickle in to the 55 foot reefs. My bait choices this time of year include Fiddler Crabs, Squid and Boston Mackerel. For the Spanish Mackerel and Bluefish, I always have some Clark Spoons and Gotcha Plugs on board already rigged up and ready to go for the first sign of these fish. They are fast movers and if you can catch the schools attention it can be a day changer, but if the rod is not rigged you could miss your chance and may not get any in the boat before they disappear.



### OFF SHORE

For those who want to know what offshore is, I will give a quick definition. I say anything past 30 miles out is offshore. The water will become a little bluer and water depths will start around the 90 foot mark and continue out past the ledges. The bottom bite has been great. The variety out here is amazing, Vermillion Snapper, Triggerfish, Porgies, and by the end of the month the Cobia should be showing up. But due to changes in the regulations, Cobia cannot be kept this year. They are a hard fighting fish that will test your reels. Cut bait and Squid are choice baits for the bottom fish. Cobia will hit the squid as well, but a live bait or a jig will draw in the Cobia and provide the best experience. The Red Snapper have been really thick out here. Do not forget to have a deventing tool and try to get every fish released in the best shape as possible.

**Thank you all for the support and hope you all have tight lines and full fish boxes. To join me on a fishing trip call me at Big Fish Charters (912) 230-4625.**

# ADOPT-A-SOLDIER

By Alaina Loughridge

So I may have lived on Tybee for a minute, but that doesn't mean one knows everything going on here. My goodness, I learn something new every day. Today I learned that the **Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Post 154** is freaking awesome! They have partnered with the **Savannah Adopt-a-Soldier** group. Our Ladies Auxiliary sends gift packages to our troops overseas every three months. Spearheaded by **Wanda Doyle**, these ladies gather together items that helps make our soldier's lives better.

So you're in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kazakhstan, middle of nowhere that we want to be, and you need stuff. The middle of the desert cannot be a good time and I don't care who you are. You need stuff: Chapstick, lotion, accoutrements that, if won't make life better, will at least make it tolerable. I know if I was in the middle of anywhere there, I would want some stuff. I had an opportunity to sit down with Wanda to get the scoop...

Every three months, the Ladies Auxiliary sends care packages. The USPS (bless their hearts) provides the boxes. There is a cost for shipping, but it is discounted and they do not weigh the boxes sent. We are pushing for a huge shipment in June. Let's get together and do this. You know you have a couple of bucks in your pocket so pony up. This is what they need:

- **Magazines:** Sports Illustrated, Fishing, Guns, People, Cosmo, Elle, Tybee Beachcomber
- **Lotions:** Not the cheap crap. You are dealing with over 100 degrees. Get Lubriderm
- **Munchies:** Protein bars, granola bars, cookies and candies (NO CHOCOLATE – it melts y'all)
- **Notepads and pens**
- **Hygiene items:** Ladies, it is what it is. We need tampons and pads. We also need toothpaste, GOOD razors, toothbrushes, etc. Don't send something you would not use yourself. Think of dry, arid conditions. Skin gets chapped and sensitive. Please do not include 'trial' size items. That stuff is typically crap and it doesn't help.
- **Also, write a letter or send a card.** It doesn't have to be epic. I will start you off: Hi, my name is Alaina and I want you to know I really appreciate everything you are doing for our country. I live on Tybee Island in southeast Georgia. Tybee is a terrific place and you really should come visit and bring your family and friends. I will buy you many beers.

See? Easy. Now go get some items and drop it off at the Legion after 5pm. If you have any questions about what, where and when, call Wanda Doyle at 912-667-9844. Please remember if it weren't for them ...

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# TAXITALES

By Becca Smeltzer



Whenever I get a call that involves the police station I am a little weary. If it's a pick up AT the station it's probably some idiot who is still drunk from last night and has no idea where his wallet is and is hoping for some charity in the form of a free ride all the way to Savannah. If I'm bringing someone TO the police station they're normally picking up a car that got too drunk last night to realize it should have stayed at Huc-a-Poos. Either way the tips fall short of what I've come to expect from my naturally fabulous and generous customers.

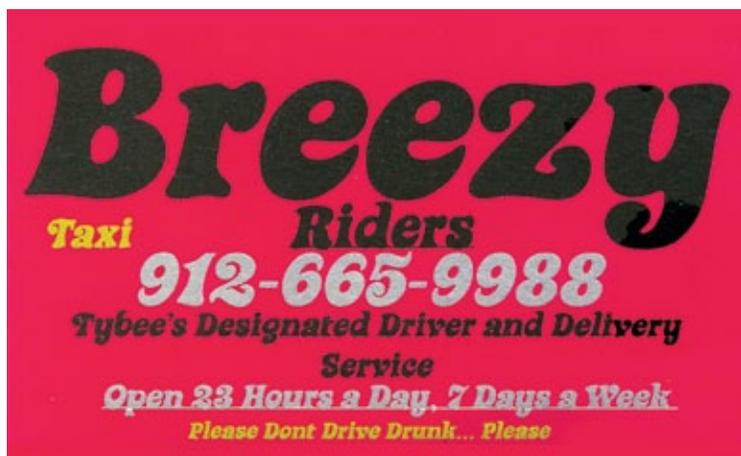
So one day I get a call to pick someone up from down front and bring them to the police station. Sigh. I get down there and I see an older gentleman sitting under an umbrella waving at me. Cool. At least he was easy to find. But he's not standing up right away. So I pull over, park, and get out of the car, wondering what level of difficulty it's going to be to get this dude in the car. You can never tell.

"Thanks for the help!" he says as I help him to the car. "I have really bad vertigo and it's just SO hot today."

I get him in the car in what I think is an extremely timely manner, thank you very much, no matter what the line of cars waiting behind me thinks. I proceed to try to get the chit chat going even though my hopes of a pleasant conversation are slim (no one is happy to go to the police station or the dentist).

"My wife left me sitting under that umbrella, because of my vertigo, you know, while she went to get the car. I've been sitting there for TWO HOURS."

Well shit. Now I'm starting to feel worse for him than for myself and the lousy tip I am expecting.



"Yeah, we had a few drinks before she left. I didn't think she had had TOO much you know? I guess daiquiris are stronger than they used to be. But I got a call a few minutes ago. She got herself arrested. That's why I've gotta go up to the station. Gotta pick her and my dog up, she had my dog with her. My dog is in jail! Can you believe it?"

I can believe it. I would need both hands to count the amount of times I've had to pick dogs up from the police station and bring their drunk driving doggo butts home.

"She apparently hit a trash truck. You know, those things smell horrible, but trash guys are normally nice. But these guys called the cops! Can you believe it?!"

Again, sir, I do indeed believe it. But I'm not going to tell him that. I'm just going to let the man tell me his story in the hopes I'll get tipped for being a good listener.

"They arrested her. Arrested a seventy-year-old woman! What kind of world do we live in?"

It's taking a lot of patience not to explain to this distraught old man that we live in the kind of world where drunk drivers get arrested.

"And then you know what she does? She resists arrest! Probably trying to get back here to me, that sweet girl. But she never has been good at communication. She probably didn't even get around to telling them that. And if she did she was probably yelling and making herself seem dangerous. She does that sometimes. And you know what she does when they finally get her in the back of the car? She starts kicking the window! Just lays down and starts kicking the window trying to get out of the car. She never did like being in the back seat. I bet if they had put her in the front seat she wouldn't have been acting so unladylike. But they haven't been married to her for fifty years. I can't blame them for not knowing these things about her."

"You know, that woman is the reason I'm alive. She's taken such good care of me. I don't care that she's a bitch and is a bit loud. She makes sure I remember my meds. That's why she finally called me. My meds are in the car. And the car is up at the station. She even had your phone number already so I could call you for a ride. How much is this going to cost me anyway?" he asks as we're pulling up outside the police station.

I tell him its three bucks as I'm helping him up the station steps to the door. His little dog is bouncing around in the lobby waiting for him. He hands me a twenty.

"Keep the change young lady," he says. And then "I LOVE that woman. I'm so glad I stole her from my brother all those years ago!"

The moral of the story is a little lost on me. It might be the simple don't drive drunk or it could be that true love is real ... if a little messy. It could be that those daiquiris are stronger than they taste. But I learned that I can't just assume a ride is going to suck if it involves the police station.

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# Foodie Finds

By Heike Simpson

## Roly-poly Chicken



As a versatile chick myself, I like chicken. And who doesn't like chicken? My quick and easy recipe combines all my favorite ingredients - chicken, bacon, cheese. So here it is:

### Ingredients:

- 4 medium size boneless chicken breasts
- 4-6 slices of bacon, precooked kind works great
- 4-6 slices of cheese (Mozzarella, Provolone or Monterey)
- Mayo
- Salt and Pepper
- Breadcrumbs
- Grated Parmesan Cheese
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Large muffin tin (6 count)

### Instructions:

1. Beat your breasts (chicken) until flat like a pancake (If too big cut in half, which means you have extra. Don't worry, you will eat it. It's chicken).
2. Salt and pepper the breasts.
3. Spread some mayo on the chicken.
4. Layer a slice of bacon and a slice of cheese over the chicken.
5. Spray the muffin tin with the non-stick cooking spray.
6. Roll up the stuffed chicken and try to fit in the muffin tin.
7. Sprinkle some breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese on top.
8. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.



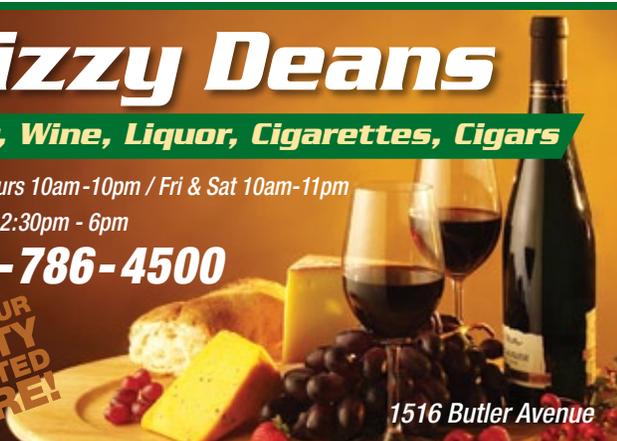
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# Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Program Staff Director

Happy spring, everyone!

Last year at this time, this article was devoted to information about the Program. This month, the article is a primer and an update of what's coming up. Enjoy!

**BACKGROUND:** The City became an affiliate of the National Main Street Program in 2010 due to the commitment of city officials, merchants and residents to economic development within the context of historic preservation. In 2014, the Mayor and City Council activated the Development Authority, which expanded the MS corridor to all areas within city limits and changed the name of the Program to the Development Authority/Main Street Program. Additional tools (i.e. funding, incentive opps, etc.) are available for the city to use and commercial property owners to pursue with the Authority activated as a portion of the Program. Various projects have been proposed by the Board of Directors for the city to pursue and low interest loans are available through the Program's office.

**HOW IT WORKS & WHAT'S COMING UP:** There are essentially four committees that work within the Program's vision and mission to balance aspects of preserving community, commerce, and culture year-round. The committees make recommendations for the Board of Directors to approve and work to ensure the "items" are achieved.



Partners are an important aspect to what is achievable. These items are incorporated into the work plan for the upcoming fiscal year that the board approves each year.

Following is a snapshot / committee (Alaina has only so much space for our article! J):

**Organization/Outreach** – maintain & improve communication, continue to assist the city with economic development and preservation projects and provide funding options

**Business Assistance** – continue hosting ribbon cutting ceremonies, strengthen the Locals Appreciation Card program, broaden the reach of the new tagline (*Shop. Dine. Do.*), manage the efficiency of the Info Hut services, continue to highlight the diversity of commerce

**Design** – incorporate design guidelines that will benefit the community and maintain the character of Tybee, continue to award façade grants, implement recommended enhancements for downtown and complete the Public Mural Art Project



**Promotions** – work with the B. A. committee to broaden the Shop. Dine. Do. tagline, support merchant activities with inclusion in the Main Street Talk e-newsletter, host community events (i.e. Movies in the Park, Holiday activities, etc.)

More details can be found @ [tybeeislandmainstreet.com](http://tybeeislandmainstreet.com). Plus, feel free to contact members of the Development Authority/Main Street Board of Directors or me with suggestions and/or concerns re: preserving Tybee's community, commerce, and culture.

Take time to enjoy "Tybee time" and remember why those of us who live and work here are "lucky enough" and those who visit always plan to return.

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# Bartender of the MONTH



I can't take it!! I must tell you all the good stuff first!! (Never have been much of a secret keeper.) O.K. So first off, our April Bartender of the Month is **Jame Collins** at **Sundae Café**. Second off, she doesn't drink, but can tell you exactly what is in a drink by smelling it. Third off, her go to drink is a White Berry Mojito!! What What to all of that??!! I was thrilled to have an opportunity to sit down with this anomaly of a bartender. Let's get down and dirty...

Jame is old school Tybee. Old school means she has been here longer than you have. She was running the calculator at the Chu's Department Store before you could run the numbers on your fingers and toes. She worked with our own Kevin Carpenter, rest his soul, at Chu's before Kevin even thought about ice cream!

Jame worked at Chu's since she was ten years old. After graduating from Johnson High, she moved to Macon where she obtained a serious resume from Wesleyan College. Receiving her Bachelor's in Psychology, a Bachelor in Studio Art and a minor in Business (what in the name of smart town is this??), all the while playing a variety of sports, Jame was and is an unstoppable force of nature. Did I mention she has complete hearing loss in one ear and only 25% hearing in the other? That she has suffered enumerable surgeries to remove benign tumors and attempt to correct this hearing impairment? I'm telling you, throw a curve ball at this chick and she is going to nail it right out of the park.

So, when she moved back after school she asked Kevin for a job in

the kitchen (she loves to cook). He flat out refused and put her to use scooping ice cream. Kevin apparently knew better than her at that time because she is now Assistant GM and Bar and Beverage Manager. She never did make it to that kitchen. You have to LOL at that!

**Naturally, I asked our super girl the three most important questions of life:**

**Tybee: Forever**

**Passion: Woodworking. "I'm a maker" and her daughter Emery (OMG so cute!!)**

**When she grows up: Work with wood and see what happens**

Jame has some serious schooling, but clearly is meant to be in some kind of bar business. She can take a sniff of a cocktail and know what exactly is in it. Wow!! Her go to cocktail is the *White Berry Mojito*. I know what's in it, but I'm not telling (for once). You won't care anyway. It is so delicious and refreshing it is like you are instantly transported to happy land.

You must go see Jame! Get your Mojito and slip into happy land. Oh, and be sure to ask her about her notches. Hee Hee!!



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# The Second Annual Tybee Bar Olympics

By Joey Goralczyk

The second annual **Tybee Bar Olympics** is in the books. The beer has been chugged and the blood spilled. The medals have been awarded and the Champions have that sacred cup. **Kevin Carpenter** would definitely be proud of what they have become. Even with those God-forsaken mini bike races, I'm not sure that you can have more fun on this island with your clothes on! It's a great example of why so many of us love this place as much as we do. You and 200 of your closest friends getting together on a Sunday morning after a hard nights work and acting a fool all day long for a great cause, Kevin's own charity **Teen Cuisine**. It's so Tybee! Now, time for a recap... Are you ready?

The festivities began at the Pier, 11 AM sharp, meaning sometime around noon. It's hard to get so many drunks together that early, so they tell us to get there an hour earlier than necessary. It's a strange sight I must say. If you're not from here, you probably think we're nuts (which is accurate). 100 "Olympians" dressed in wacky shirts, knee socks, St. Bernard costumes and anything else you can imagine. A couple of referees, designated drivers, and another 100 or so spectators cheering on those olympians as they are introduced WWE style coming down the ramp of the pier.

All this is followed by Jennifer Smoot belting out the National Anthem like a pro, and Eric Thomas giving another one of his always great and heartfelt speeches about Kevin. It was awesome. It really gets you pumped. I fully expected a fly-over when it was over! I also thought Bob Costas and Dan Patrick might show up. Maybe next year.

Events then got underway on the south end. Including **Shuffleboard, Quarters, Beer Pole Vault, a Hotdog Eating Contest** and, new this year and fun as heck, **Wheelchair Jousting**, it's a smorgasbord of bar games. Everyone is a little jittery at first. That passes by after two or three beers though. I personally failed so miserably at Quarters that I may be off of next year's team! I redeemed myself at the hotdog eating contest however, and had to endure Wiener gobbling jokes for the rest of the day. No matter. I gobble wieners and wear knee socks like a boss! Wheelchair jousting was very intriguing and really separated the contenders from the pretenders. I saw a 170lb man lift up and carry a 230lb man and the wheelchair across the finish line for the win. All adrenaline. Don't tell me these aren't athletes! Five events down, and north we go.

Now every team migrates to Memorial Park for two of the premier events, **Louisville Chugger** and, my own nemesis - **The Mini-Bike-Team-Relay-Death-Race**- challenge from hell. I'm sorry, but after I nearly bled out last year I'm a little biased against it. There is still gravel in my knee from 2016 and I dreaded it all year. I'm just too big for a little bike and I have petitioned the IOC to ban this dangerous event. I will say though, I was terribly impressed with some big guys tearing it up on those death traps. Got to give it to some of you, you make it look easy. Of course, some of us made it look as hard as it is! I remember one of the best team's rider going head on into the fence and over the handle bars, which caused me some traumatizing flashbacks. She popped right up and finished the race with blood on her shirt though. I MAY have cursed out Eric as I threw a knee on the seat and skateboarded around the track for 1 point. Sorry team, but I'm not doing ANOTHER knee surgery for that event.

As much disdain as I feel for the mini-bikes, I Loved Louisville Chugger just as much. Chug a beer, Head down on a wiffle ball bat, 5 spins, come up dizzy and start swinging for the fences! It was my personal favorite event this year and we should put together some tourneys on the beach this summer. Granted, there were some face plants, but still the Most fun I had playing baseball since tees were involved.

By this point everyone is pretty well buzzed for the home stretch, which includes **Flip Cup, Corn Hole** and the **Ghost Pepper Wing Eating Contest**. Going into those events the leaders were separating themselves from the pack, and the non-finalists were fading faster and coming to blows. Lili's was in my bracket and they were killing us, taking Flip Cup and the Wings easily to secure a spot in the semis. Appropriately, the defending champs - 80 East and Sundae's own "Carpenters" also wrapped up a spot. Little help from above maybe? Huc-a-poops was probably the favorite and they did not disappoint, dominating all day. North Beach Grill grabbed a spot late, and, maybe most



surprising, Breezy won their bracket to wrap up the last spot in the semis. I wasn't surprised, because I've seen my momma chug a beer! It was off too Poos to crown a Champion.

The semi-finals are called **The Suzie Q Server Relay**, named in honor of the very missed Susan Bartoletti. It involves an obstacle course for the server, silverware rolling, a garbage run and bag replacement, shot making and drinking, and last but not least, get a drunk guy in the Breezy. NBG, Sundae and 80 East all performed well, but a few mistakes cost them precious time penalties. Then Huc-a-poops came up and laid down an unbeatable mistake free time that was far and away in the lead. Next up came my pride and joy Breezy. The oldest remaining team posted a very respectable time that placed them 2nd and in the finals with just Lili's remaining. Lili's got their game faces on though, and BARELY edged Breezy to claim the last spot in the finals. Alert the media, Hucapoops vs. Lili's in the finals. **Garbage Can Beer Pong** for the Gold.

In the best of three match, it came down to the very end. The intensity level was high as Lili's own Brother and Sister super team Clint and Charlotte King took on Poo's Dannielle "Smelly" Raposelli and Bryce "The Gypsy" McNally in the last game of the night. Insults were traded, trash was talked, players were flashed and my own family jewels were threatened at least twice. Finally though, The Gypsy threw the perfect shot and ended the match. Huc-a-poops won! A giant cheer went up into night. I don't think the Patriots celebrated as hard for their Super Bowl victory! Grown men were weeping. Drunk people were sleeping! It was over and the torch extinguished for the year.

What an AWESOME event it was, and it raised so much money for Teen Cuisine. It's a really cool charity that benefits kids, teaches them a life skill and helps keep them out of trouble. It was Kevin Carpenter's dream and his friends, A.J. Baker and Eric Thomas, should be commended for carrying it on in his honor. As a matter of fact, Everyone who had anything to do with it should be proud. It's a great event that is only gonna get bigger and better. Can't wait for next year, Everyone train hard!!!

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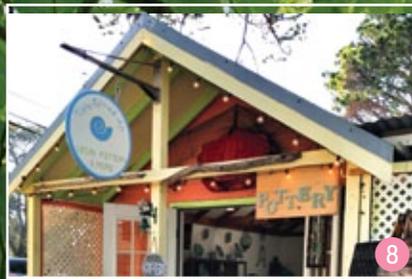
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# GO LOCAL MusicProfile

By Alaina Loughridge

## THE CHRISTY ALAN BAND



Every concert or music gig I have ever gone to, at some point in the playing, I always wonder how the band got together. How did they meet? What was the catalyst that brought these people together to bond and jam out for our enjoyment? This stuff just doesn't happen. It is a lot of hard work and you need to connect with the people who are on the same wave length as yourself. Well, as **Christy Alan** puts it, her meeting up with **Roy and Martha Swindelle** was like a 'perfect mojo exploding into one big happy unicorn.' O.k. then! This is going to be a hell of a story ...

For 13 years, give or take, Roy and Martha had been touring the planet playing Top 40 and cover songs. They were getting further and further from home. Enter circa 1994 and the duo decided to stick closer to home. Roy started giving music lessons while they both still played the local gig here and there. One day this cute blonde walked in and told Roy she needed guitar lessons. Christy, the cute blonde, was doing her own thing and making a name for herself, but she needed some extra skills. The next week rolled by and she landed a gig. Christy needed backup and called Roy and Martha. Christy's name was known from her radio show and the Swindelles had made

quite a name for themselves also – combine the two and enter happy unicorn!! The Christy Alan Band was born and off it went! The rest is history here!

Right out of the gate they were a hit, both locally Tybee style, and on the Savannah scene. One of their first gigs was Fannie's On the Beach back when Fannie's was a one story edifice. The Christy Alan Band started there and built quite a following. Now 20+ years later, people are crossing the bridge in both directions to see and hear them play! That is huge!

All three key players in the band are hands on and spot on. Like a marriage, a band has to know what the other people are thinking so as not to get put in the dog house. Martha, keyboardist and background vocalist, is considered the "Cohesive Applicator," that means glue for those that are not thesaurus inclined. Roy, electric guitarist and vocalist, is the "Evaluator and Analyzer," while Christy, lead vocals, tambourine and percussion, is the "Mood Enhancer and Audience Energizer." Everyone has their job and knows the best way to get it done. They all work superbly together and it truly was meant to be.

This group isn't about hitting and getting. They genuinely enjoy playing what makes people happy. Everything from 1960 to current day is game: Pop, country, rock, Motown, disco and even polka! They are a dance party band and want people shucking and jiving right along with them. They are truly a well-oiled and crafted machine band. "Let's have a good fun gig and make people be happy and get up and dance." Well, sounds perfect to me! I am in!

Tybee is fortunate to be able to call this band their own. These three are a must-see for any local or tourist. Believe me, you won't be disappointed!

For future band appearances, check out their Facebook page or go to [christyalanband.com](http://christyalanband.com). If you want to book the Fab 3 for your own personal gig, call Roy at 912-657-1035. If you need their references, call me!



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# Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

## That Strange Rope-Like Thing...

By Dr. Joe Richardson

At this time of year, windy weather can stir up the offshore waters, and the rough conditions can tear some animals loose from their attachment on offshore hard bottoms. Eventually, these offshore animals might get washed ashore. So along with the pleasant spring weather, this is often a good time for finding offshore species when you are beachcombing.

One of the odder looking things you might encounter looks like a spiraled piece of rope. As a kid, I thought they looked like something belonging to a snake, and I was scared to get close to them. I would always walk way around them when I saw one on the beach. But it turns out these things aren't anything to be scared of, but instead are the egg cases produced by our large marine snails, the whelks. Living offshore, an adult whelk will produce this long, spiraled string of disks and attach it to a solid object on the bottom. Inside each disk-like packet will be 2-3 dozen embryos that gradually develop and grow. Each baby will even grow its initial shell (miniature whelk shells) while still inside. Eventually a small round plug at the top of each packet will disintegrate, and the baby whelks will crawl out to begin their lives on the bottom. But sometimes these egg cases get torn loose from the bottom and wash ashore.

The names "whelks" and "conchs" are often used for large marine snails, and our local species fit into the "whelk" group. Around here, the three most common are: 1) Channeled Whelk with a smooth outline; 2) Knobbed Whelk with a thick heavy shell with large knobs; and 3) Lightning Whelk with smaller knobs and a slightly thinner shell. The Lightning Whelk is weird because it grows backward or contrary to most other snails, so when you look at it, its opening is on the left (compared to the right side for most all other snails). The Knobbed Whelk is Georgia's official state sea shell. All three of these whelks produce spiral, rope-like egg cases.

So, during your spring-time beach walks, be on the lookout (but not scared!) for these spiral, rope-like egg cases. When you find one, look closely. It may be that some of the babies did not hatch, and their tiny shells are still inside. Whenever I find one, I'll hold it close to my ear and shake it to see if I hear any tiny shells rattling around inside. If you find one that rattles, you might want to take it home and cut open a few disks, and you might get lucky and find that you've got a bunch of super-tiny whelk shells!

*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](http://www.TybeeBeachEcology.com)) and frequently posts pictures of what they are finding on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.*

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# Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in April By Mom

**4-1 & 4-2 & 4-6 thru 4-9 Good Help Is So Hard To Murder**  
7:30 - 9:30pm at the Tybee Arts Association on 7 Cedarwood Ave. Contact 912-786-5920 for further info.

**4-3, 4-10, 4-17, 4-24 Tybee Island Farmer's Market** 4pm - 7pm at their new venue at the Tybee Lighthouse grounds, 30 Meddin Dr. The Farmer's Market will be open every Monday through October. Support your local Farmers!

**4-15, 4-16, 4-22 & 4-23 National Park Week** 9am - 5pm at Ft Pulaski, Hwy 80. Free Entrance Days at Ft. Pulaski National Monument.

**4-15 Easter Egg Hunt** The American Legion will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1pm at JayCee Park. Fun for the whole family!

**4-16 Easter Sunrise Service** Join us on the Pier at sunrise (6 am) for a beautiful and inspiring start to Easter.

**4-21 Johnny Mercer on Tybee** 7:30 - 10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horn Ave. Jim Wann is hosting an evening of music and storytelling of Johnny Mercer. For more info call 912-472-4790.

**4-24 TIPD VIP Luncheon** - Neighbors Helping Neighbors 11am to noon at Memorial Park. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Richard Dascall at 912-484-8833 or email him at rdascall@cityoftybee.org for further info.

**4-29 13th Annual Tybee Turtle Trot** 7am registration with the race starting at 7:30am at the Pier & Pavilion, 1 Tybrisa St. Help save the Sea Turtles by joining in the kick off for Georgia's Sea Turtles nesting season. This will raise funds for Tybee Island Marine Science Center Sea Turtle project. Check out [www.tybeemarinescience.org](http://www.tybeemarinescience.org) for more pre-registering info and more.

## KIAH'S O2 POLKA PARTY

Announcing a benefit for **Kiah Polk** who is recovering from a serious bout of bi-lateral pneumonia. Kiah needs our help! Funds are needed for basic necessities! So, on Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 pm, the Wind Rose Café will be hosting **KIAH'S O2 POLKA PARTY!!** Plans are for a Silent Auction, Cake Auction and Sale, 50/50 Raffle and Raffles on Baskets of Cheer. There will be live music by a variety of musicians all close to our heart!

Donations of Silent Auction items are needed! We are looking for quality items that people want. Please call the Wind Rose or FB any questions you may have. Also, help spread the word. Kiah is a breath of fresh air and together we can help him get his breath back!!

Let's get together and see what we can do for one of our own!



## Scott Jackson

April 14, 1958 – February 19, 2017

If you never had the chance to meet Scott Jackson, you missed out on one of the kindest, gentlest souls. Scott was taken from us unexpectedly and when things like this happen, the ones left behind are left wondering what, if anything, we could have done. All that can be done is treasure the moments that we did have with this man. Father, brother, son and friend, Scott had a kind word for all.

Scott loved the sea. In his younger days he was an avid sailor. Many of us remember that his favorite place on Tybee was being on the pier watching the ships sail in. Scott loved to sail, fish and everything saltwater! He also loved Budweiser and could tell you some good stories while sharing a beer.

So, 'dayum,' Scott. Here is to raising a beer with you next time we see your smiling face. You know what I'm saying?



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# Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

## Get your Spring On!

I avow that spring is the best season. I'm a writer, I'm allowed to avow stuff. That's pretty much all us writers do. Spring is the best thing ever. Period. Full Stop. No arguments allowed.

I mean, the weather is freaking perfect—not too hot, not too cold. You can wear whatever you want—shorts and tees? jeans and sneakers? parka? Well, maybe not whatever you want, but you wouldn't be on Tybee if your dream was to wear a parka year-round. Amiright?

The flowers are blooming. My neighbor's flowers anyway, mine all died before I even got them home. They just decided to go in for one massive group suicide rather than endure the torture of me slowly killing them by neglect over two weeks.

Vitamin D. 'Nuff said. The stuff is legit. You need it. Get it. Get it good. It keeps those bones of yours nice and strong. This is science people!

Your skin looks great! Nice and dewy and tan. No more of the scaly, scabby winter skin, no sir, that's all in the past, never to return ... until next year, that is....

Eating (and drinking) al fresco my friend! Is there anything better than sipping on a nice beverage or digging into some cheesy fries while a nice breeze ruffles your hair and the smell of the salt water tickles your nose? No. There's not.

Fresh fruits and veggies. Put away the can of beanie weenies and have a salad instead. Wake up those long dormant taste buds with real food delivered fresh from the ground to your mouth. That's heaven on a fork is what that is.

Renewal and reinvention. What have you always wanted to do? Spring is the perfect time to try something new. The sun is high in the sky, the blood is pumping. Do something crazy with yo' bad self.

So, go out and get your spring on! Before you know it, we'll be in the dog days of summer, wishing for these mild, measured days of leisure.



## What is the Quickest Route to get from the North End of Tybee to the South End in Summer Traffic?

As a resident of Tybee, I can attest one of the most difficult parts of summer is driving from one end of the island to the other. In fact, it's not actually possible. I've never seen or heard of it being done.

Imagine, if you will, a trip from the post office, after checking my PO Box and leaving my monthly Arby's coupon on the sorting table as a display of dominance over all the other residents who received the exact same coupon. From the post office I need to make it down front, to say Spankys, for spuds. Do they sell anything else? I don't know. But Spuds are God in the potato kingdom.

From the post office, I know this trip is going to take long, so I might as well stop at Chu's, as snackage is important while sitting at the countless crosswalks on Butler (I heard if a virgin uses one of those blinking crosswalks the lighthouse will implode - although it's likely Tybee folklore). Once I'm loaded up with snacks, I pop in to 80E, is Zach working? He is damn sexy. No Zach, moving on.

As I make this sporadic and outlandish trek, it's a good idea to get off First St. and try to take the back roads. I use Jones - AKA The golf cart Mecca of middle island. This residential thoroughfare is littered with yokels putting along at 18mph and their grandchildren dangling off the back of their carts. Once I make it to the Y, that's usually my screw it point, and I flip around. Jones is a no-go. I then head back west. Might as well stop at the Quarter. No one does crab legs like Trent, and it's a perfect opportunity to harass Dave. (Fun fact #1: Make sure you tip him well and in increments of \$5 to make him ding that bell! It's worth the extra tip. I promise).

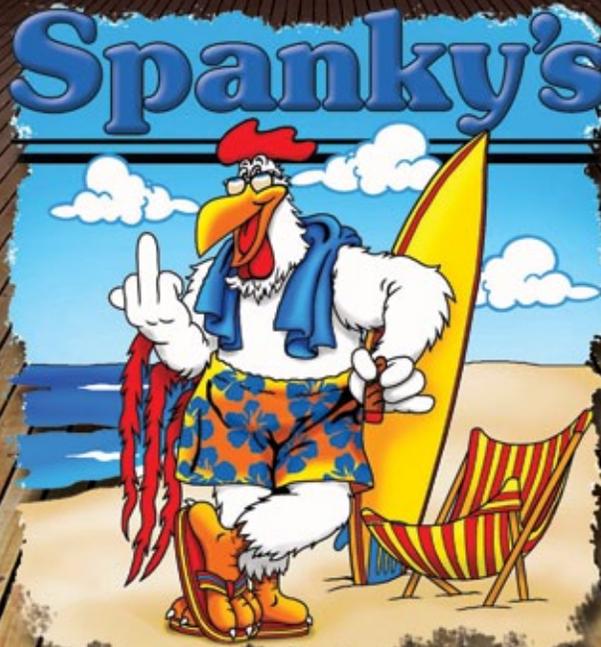
Ok, I'm back in the car. Try Lewis, there's nothing down here, except every person who actually lives on Tybee. We're not allowed to live outside of Lewis (and certain blocks of Jones). Once I've stopped and chatted with everyone I know, I've now lost a bunch of my valuable time. I press on. Lewis hits 6th, and that will take me over Jones to Second Ave.

Second Ave. Which... have you ever passed someone moving slow only to get caught with them at the next light? That's Second. Except the person you pass is on a bicycle, and the light is the stop sign every 14 feet. Which the bikes always manage to catch you at (Fun Fact #2: This is the best bet if you get a thrill out of texting and driving). After a few minutes, try to get on to Butler. If it looks too good to be true, it is. I soon find myself stuck behind some touron with out of state plates trying to find the street his rental is on. Tybee saw an opportunity to make the worst street signs in the nation and they ran with it.

When I see the IGA I always pull in. There's probably a McNally in there. If Jenn and Rick are around I'll probably get nothing done and just try to mess up whatever they are doing. Eventually I go look at

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the steaks and buy one. I get back in car. Butler is too busy, so exit out the NO EXIT in the back (if they didn't want me to use it they wouldn't have put a driveway there). I go back home, put steak in fridge. Drive to Sundae cafe, stare at desserts, then remember I am horribly out of shape.

I head back towards the south end. Make it to 11th & Butler, and have to stop, again. There is actually a written ordinance that states all residents must go to the IGA a minimum of twice a day. On Second trip, I go in the north door, shout hi to Anita, then straight out the south door get back in car and leave.

This time I take Butler and park near Sting Rays, grab a vodka soda. Venture further south. Moving on. Walk past Sunrise and tell myself I will eat there in the morning (Fun Fact #3: I don't). Head down to Tybrisa. I make a comment under my breath about all the tacky tourist crap, and who actually buys that stuff? So after I spend \$87 on said tacky tourist crap, I go to Wet Willie's. I get the Superman - you should too. Remember I left my phone in my car. Double back. Notice my favorite Tybee bachelor has his bike outside of Sting Rays, go back inside. Finally remember to get my phone, walk to Wind Rose, Patty working? Hell yes! Get a to-go drink. Walk to pier with a Vodka Soda - contemplate if Patty actually put soda in there. Look at couples being all romantic on the pier. They make me sick. Double back, now I'm on to Tybee Time, Jenny AND Deb are working? This day just keeps getting better! Order something frozen, and tell Jenny I don't want popcorn while simultaneously pointing at my empty popcorn basket. Realize that I am now toasted. I call Breezy, and give them horrible directions like: "I'm outside of that place, it's painted a color, I need a ride home," but I do not disclose where home is, Breezy knows all. And they will get you there. Always. Toss Martin a five, stumble to bed, and remember I didn't make it to wherever the hell I said I was going. I hope you found this is useful.

# CONCERT CALENDAR

- 4/1 **Jason Isbell** – Johnny Mercer Theatre – Savannah
- 4/1 **Collin's Barefoot Comedy Club** – Tybee Post Theater
- 4/8 **Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers** – Trustees Theater
- 4/8 **The Wood Brothers** – Ships of the Sea Museum – Savannah
- 4/9 **Tybee Family Ties: Island Throwdown Benefit** – Tybee Post Theater
- 4/14 **Sister Hazel** – The Stage on Bay – Savannah
- 4/14 **Red Hot Chili Peppers** – Phillips Arena – Atlanta
- 4/19 **Jeff Dunham** – Savannah Civic Center
- 4/20 - 4/23 **Wanee** – Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park – Live Oak, FL
- 4/21 - 4/23 **Sweetwater 420 Fest** - Atlanta
- 4/21 **Johnny Mercer on Tybee** – Tybee Post Theater
- 4/28 **Sister Hazel** – Georgia Theatre - Athens
- 4/29 **Tybee Youth Council Talent Show** – Tybee Post Theater
- 5/6 **St. Paul & the Broken Bones** – Lucas Theatre – Savannah
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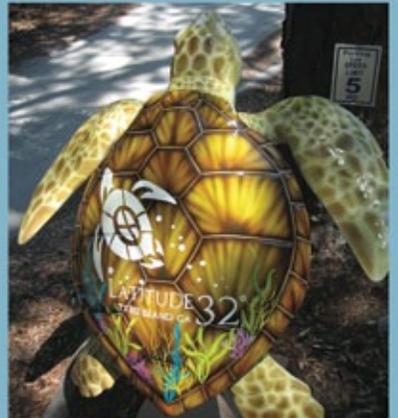
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The ancient sands of the Appalachian Mountains are constantly shuffling and dancing under salty waves and ocean breezes. These morphing formations house many species, all depending, maintaining, and contributing to the vitality of the beach. The animals on and in the beach are what make it so dependable. They are the cleaners and weeders, some year-long habitants and some just passing through. When walking on the beach, I try to acknowledge all of the layers of life above my head, under my feet, and the busy hosts of ecosystems working around me. Now, we can all do some serious relaxing and enjoy the result of their constant cycling of nutrients.



Whatever plot of beach you choose to stick your umbrella, it has likely been a nesting ground, resting ground or a feeding ground to numerous species ranging from aviators to reptiles to crustaceans. We are already seeing seriously early nesting activities from our sea turtles this season. Florida has witnessed nesting sea turtles in February of this year and we have seen many roaming in our waters through this mild winter. It is time to be especially conscious of our impact on their nesting grounds, especially the endangered sea turtles sensitive nesting practices.

Set yourself up with a red light for your night time beach walks, as to not disturb the nesting and hatching sea turtles this season. Red cellophane and a rubber band will work just as well on a regular flashlight. This frequency of red light won't be so distracting to these reptiles. Look for small stakes sticking out of the sand wrapped in tape that says Tybee Sea Turtle Project, these are set to protect the endangered species nesting sight, a project that works hard to conserve Tybee's sea turtle populations. Keep trash levels down or at the very least contained; besides the ticket fine, this will be a great way to diminish our ghastly amounts of plastic and other non-decomposable materials inhibiting the health of the oceans and wildlife.

Tybee Beach has also played a large role in our human activity and has long hosted old comers and new comers racing to the island; it has generously provided us a place of sanctuary and playing ground. The human population coming to Tybee as a destination for vacation is steadily rising and weighs heavy on the rest of existing beach life. It pushes us to be even more conscious and efficient in our beach practices. When you set up camp, be aware of your footprint, because you are far from being alone on the beach, even when it appears desolate. It is our unique responsibility to be aware of our impact on the environment that provides for us. If we do not practice this we will stomp on some very fragile things, like eggs. It takes us all to help keep this small strip in balance...See you in the water!



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# From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

Welcome back Islanders, and part-time island dwellers... Wherever one finds their 'news,' and regardless of the side of the Lazaretto bridge you call home, it's getting harder and harder to refute that there's something going on with the thermostat around here. Our latest Winter season will certainly be remembered as one of the warmest in history. In keeping with humanity's contrarian politics, while serving as stewards of the planet, even the trees and bushes are apparently confused about 'change' at this point. Meanwhile, those residing on islands may soon need to look into growing gills.

Change to the folks on Tybee is about more than the token-like objects to be placed within the parking meters. Rather, we pride ourselves on retaining one small remnant of an experience – a 'piece of something' - that can be mutually agreed upon as a 'slice of paradise,' but this becomes more difficult as more people discover the island to live, work, and play. Between storms that come ashore taking millions of dollars of freshly pumped sand back out to sea, to the inevitable regulation that some feel is necessary— this island is in an ever-changing, constant, state of flux from a variety of natural and manmade occurrences alike.

Of course, change is an ever-present aspect of our world – but when change 'comes ashore' on Tybee, it's customary to be accompanied by a news crew, a litany of public service announcements – or serve as the catalyst for yet another festival to be observed, on an annual basis. People on and off the island hold onto their Tybee experience because it represents something significant to so many. When change arrives however, this is usually met with resistance, despite its inevitable evolution. It's like death and taxes – as ol' Ben Franklin once told us. You'll recall this was the same guy that also bestowed such wisdom as "Beer is proof that God loves us, and wants us to be happy!" Yet, he also wanted our national symbol to be the wild turkey, as opposed to the eventual symbol – the bald eagle. If even our founding fathers 'missed the mark' at times, then let's all give ourselves a break as we go through the Spring Break season. Besides, something tells me ol' Ben probably made that oratory offering with a 'snoot full,' and a French maiden waiting to 'powder his wig!' Yet, I digress...

Like America, this island has served for generations as a constant reminder to the folks who live, work, and visit here that it is unique in its mere existence. Due to change and our perceptions, it's common for people to differentiate between the former and the current.

A unique byproduct that we see on the island each year is how those folks who live in other locations and experience different facets of life come share their stories with us. These anecdotes may be dispensed around campfires, a beach blanket, along a pool deck, or within the aisles of any of our quirky island shops. An annual rite

of passage is for the island habitants to hear tales of life and how it's lived in exotic locales on the other side of the bridge. One thing's for certain, if you can't be entertained on Tybee – you just may find yourself to be a boring soul. For an extra splash of favor, our locals can also weave a colorful tapestry of tales that are sure to keep you enthralled during your stay, as well.

Finally, as we proceed through this month of 'showers' leading to 'May flowers,' let's all remember to enjoy dancing in the rain a bit more. Whether your life has returned to normal, or you're still trying to recover, let's all remember to take care of ourselves while keeping on keeping on. There's a long season ahead of us, with plenty of opportunities for teachable moments, and plenty of options to come out on the other side with stories to be shared later on – and if we're lucky, for many years to follow!

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# Tour of Homes

By Alaina Loughridge

I was delighted to be asked to write a blurb about the Tybee Tour of Homes! I have a chance to get the inside scoop! Be the first to see what there is to see! Yep! You read it here first kids! I was invited to get the first glimpse at a primo home on Van Horne: The Dreamland Depo. The name is an homage to Coney Island (original origins of the homeowners) and being on the Depo land part of Tybee. I think it's a perfect fit!

Tiffany and Lee O'Brien bought their home a couple of years ago. They wanted to get out of the hustle and bustle of NYC and move to a better climate and a slower pace. Yo Tybee! Their home is a perfect Tybee. Lots of light and airy space – perfect for Tiffany to paint to her hearts delight! The Dreamland Depo is a perfect addition to the Tybee Tour of Homes. Do not miss out on wandering through this delightful abode. It's the purple house on Van Horne. You simply cannot miss it! While you are there, definitely check out Tiffany's artwork! And definitely check out the Tybee Tour of Homes on Saturday, May 6th! Proceeds will go to the Tybee Island Maritime Academy.



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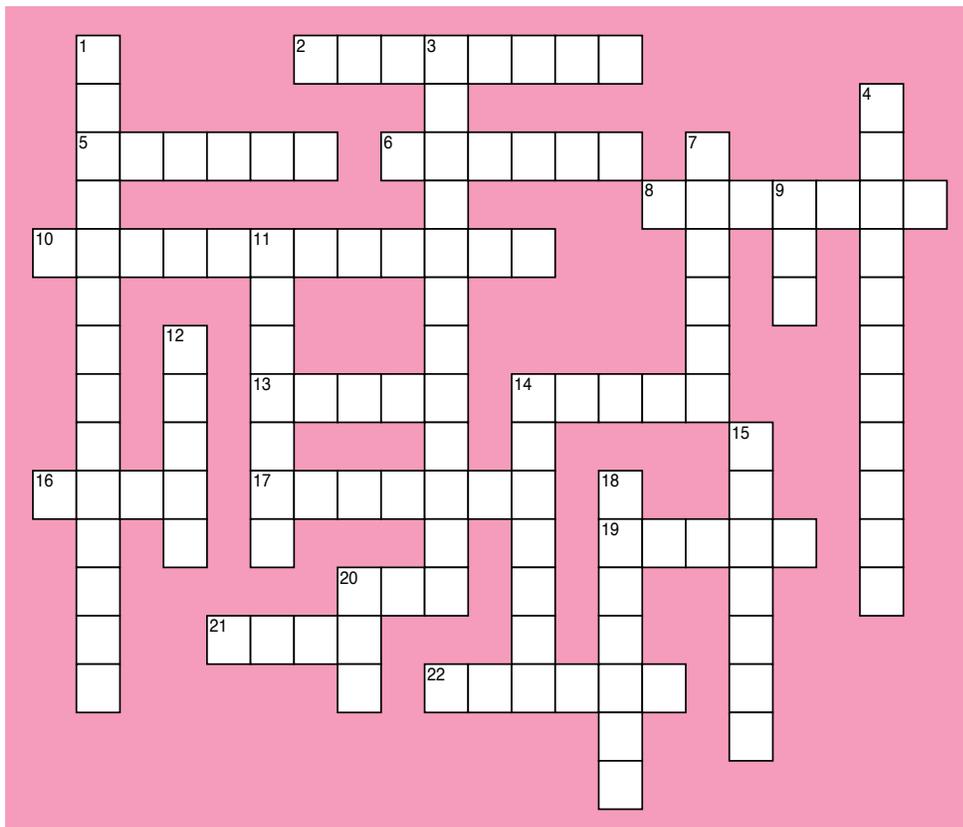
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- 2 Winner of Bar Olympics
- 5 A true Tybee gem
- 6 Get your \_\_\_\_\_ On!
- 8 They bring May flowers
- 10 Georgia's official state seashell (2 wds.)
- 13 This fish cannot be kept this year
- 14 Number of eggs to find
- 16 Shop. \_\_\_\_\_. Do.
- 17 Adopt-A-\_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Fourth month
- 20 Breeze Around with him this month
- 21 Bartender of the Month
- 22 Holiday

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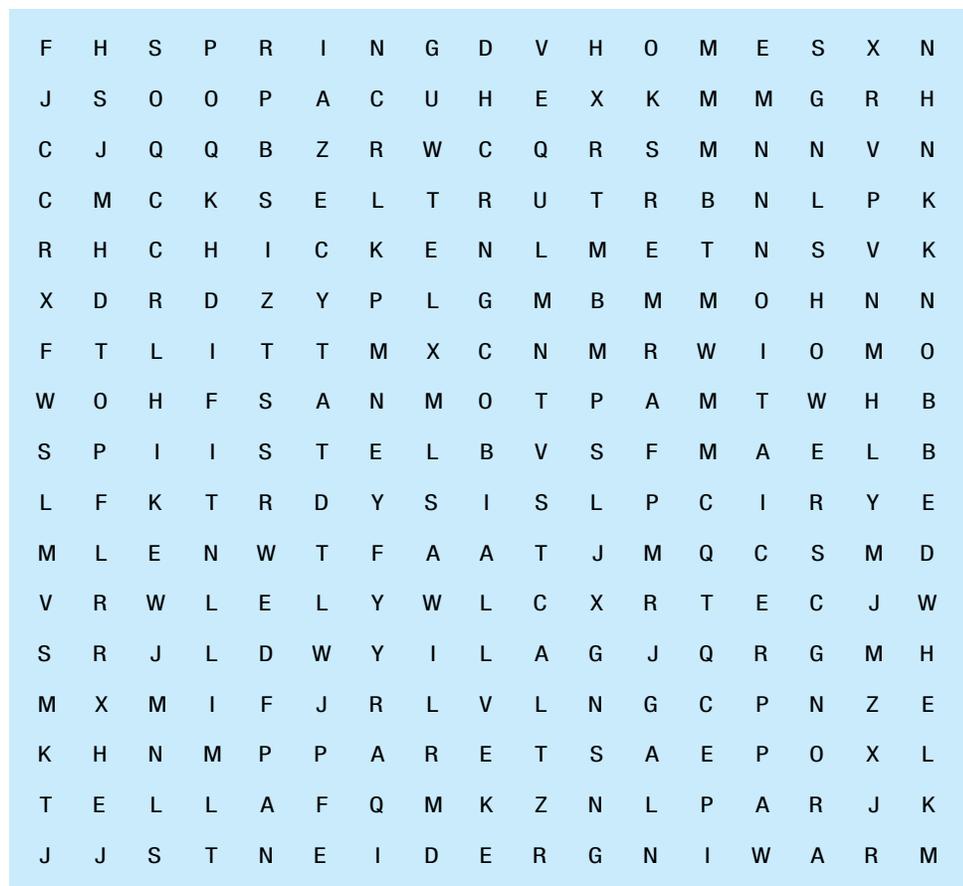
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- 4 Go Local Music Profile band
- 7 Captain Nick says offshore is considered this many miles out
- 9 Bizz Buzz girl
- 11 That strange rope-like thing (2 wds.)
- 12 Tybee Tour of \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 This market will be held at the lighthouse every Monday
- 15 Roly Poly \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 Tournament in Augusta
- 20 Use this type of light when you walk the beach at night

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