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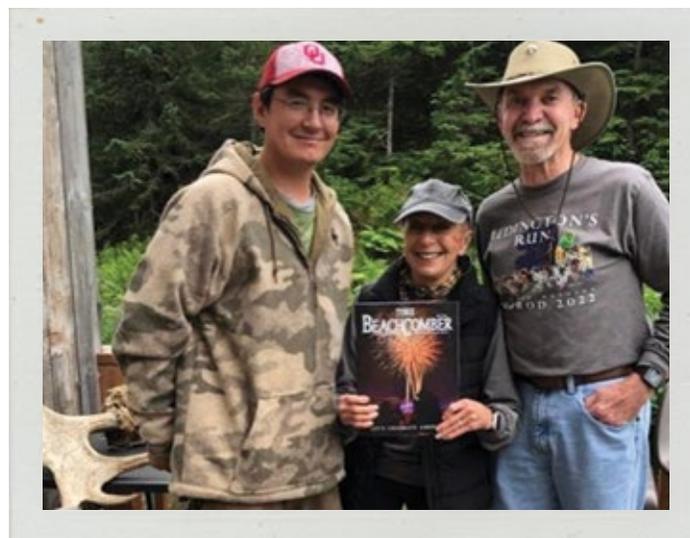
Happy Birthday to The Tybee Beachcomber!!! February 1st is our seventh birthday!!! Seven years old!!! Just WOW!!! As I sit here with my ginormous bottle of vodka and take a moment to review the highlights, it really is a big deal. The fact that I haven't murdered Rick and Margie hasn't murdered me and Mac hasn't murdered all of us is really something special! Not to mention the writers! That there is a murdering group of people when the procrastination, the writer's block and the season all collide in one big explosion of profanity and lethal intent. LOL!!! I'm just kidding of course! We are all one big happy family and we couldn't be happier in reviewing the last seven years of our lives. Here's to fingers crossed that no itching sets in ...

I would like to thank a few people for helping put the awesome cover together! As always, **Billy Harrell** is the Drone God! I don't think he can take a bad drone shot! To **Tim Arnold and Ashley Stille** with *Fight Dirty Tybee*, who got together all of the toys from the beach that had been collected over the years. Yes, those toys are litter that the clever folks at Fight Dirty Tybee now recycle in different bins around the island. And a big thanks to **Amanda Hatcher Walters**, who had no idea what I was doing, but asked if she could help and we had the best time. I haven't laughed that hard in ages (ask her about the 'window incident').

Last month must have been a tough one for me. I made a huge error and I can't believe no one caught me! I called my favorite cocktail from A-J's a Strawberry Margarita, when everyone knows it's Watermelon! I am sorry about that error and it will never, ever happen again!

The Traveling Beachcomber never fails and this one is super fun! **Anni and Paul Sereni** took us to *Girdwood, Alaska* where they hooked up with **Ryan Redington**, a champion top rated sled dog musher! How cool is that? We've never been mushing in Alaska before! Thank you, Sereni family!! See you at A-J's!!

Now, raise your glass to toast the Tybee Beachcomber a Happy Birthday and turn the page...



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Main Street Matters

By Cassidi Kendrick | Main Street/ Development Authority Director - Photo by Wen McNally

You're probably wondering who the new kid writing the monthly "Main Street Matters" article is... Allow me to introduce myself! I'm Cassidi Kendrick, the new Main Street/ Development Authority Director for the City of Tybee Island. I grew up in Augusta, Georgia with three sisters and frequented Tybee Island with my grandparents every chance I got. I graduated from Georgia Southern University and pursued a career in marketing and business development. I married my high school sweetheart and we have three fur babies. Most recently, I served as the Main Street Director for the City of Enterprise, Alabama.

Tybee has always been a special place for my family. I grew up coming to this place many summers with my sister and grandparents and I am so excited to be back and in a position to serve the community and local business owners on this fabulous island! Already, in the short time that I have been in this position, I have learned so many new things that make Tybee such an eclectic place.

With introductions out of the way, I want to remind you why Main Street Matters! There are so many reasons! Most importantly, the money spent stays in the local economy. When you shop locally, you are supporting an individual in your community and their family! Small businesses can offer a more personalized shopping experience and are extremely knowledgeable of their products and their business. Lastly, purchasing gifts from small businesses are typically unique and sometimes handmade, making the gift even more special. Tybee Island is full of a wide variety of types of businesses, ready to help you find that perfect gift, enjoy a nice meal, or by providing a service.

If you are interested in learning more about the Tybee Island Main Street Program or the Development Authority, don't hesitate to give me a shout! I can be reached at cassidi.kendrick@cityoftybee.org or at 912-472-5103.



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HOME SWEET HOME

By Tommy Thompson

What is Real Estate...really?

Well, have no fear, there is a multi-trillion-dollar industry waiting to assist you in your search for the perfect answer...*well, maybe not you, after all you live on a three-square-mile island, surrounded by water, at the dead-end of US Highway 80.*

But, I digress... Reference sources broadly define Real Estate as the Buying, Selling, Renting, and Leasing of real property as opposed to personal property and as such, "constitutes the largest sector of the United States' economy with the GDP value added of \$1.898 trillion, accounting for 13% of the national GDP."

Now, for most of us, the concepts of trillions of dollars and a GDP of 13% doesn't figure into our daily conversations or factor into our monthly budgets. These statistics are abstract to us in our everyday lives and certainly don't reflect the reality of the economics of living on Tybee.

For example, the average long-term renter on Tybee is most likely budgeting 30% of their monthly income, at the minimum, for a shelter over their head. So, let's put all of these national statistics back up on the bookshelf and deal with the concept of a home.

In today's world your home may be in a house, condo, apartment, RV, sailboat or trash dumpster. Yes, there is a guy in NYC that turned a dumpster into a home...Google it!

Another news account that I saw on the internet (it must be true) titled "Meet the Modern Nomads," indicated that in 2018 there were more than a million American's living full-time in their RV's and another account of an estimated 50,000 to 100,000 people world-wide living full-time on sailboats

So, what makes a house a home? As opposed to the rather "sticks and bricks" definition of real estate, as the property and improvements thereupon, a home can't be defined with surveys and square feet of living space. While the details of what you own or rent are necessary and important to have accurately documented, a home is your place of refuge. A place where you feel safe emotionally and physically. Also, your sense of home doesn't end at the enclosed walls that protect you from the elements, it's being comfortable with the neighborhood, the town, and the region that you call home.

The trusted old saying that the three most important things in real estate are location, location, location, still rings true today. On an island, access to the ocean, rivers or creeks may be the premier locations. However, Tybee has a limited availability of waterfront or water view properties. So, in choosing a home, considerations like who are your neighbors, preferences for the North or South end living, the proximity to churches, TIMA school, Tybee Market IGA, the Y, the Legion, and restaurants/bars, take on more importance.

Of course, a home is not a home until you can personalize it with your own decorating touches and expressions of your personal interests. It's your happy place. So, even if your relatives and friends hate your classic framed Rolling Stone "tongue" posters, or poke fun at your obsession with having the best lawn in town and a fresh painted picket fence, it's ok.

I recently saw a story about a "transparent home" in Japan, it's a three-story home with no solid walls, a see-through house? Whatever floats your boat!

Some pundits are saying that the American Dream of home ownership is dead. I don't think that's necessarily accurate. The younger generations may be a little more cautious about going into debt, but I'm seeing more of them starting families and wanting to be in a home of their own.

Tybee, like many other ocean resort towns, has housing issues and it has not escaped the notice of the scholars of Harvard University. A study of "The State of the Nation's Housing 2020" has recently been released in the annual report from the Joint Center for Housing Studies. I'm not sure that Tybee made it into the study, but I will check into it and report back.

Remember, if you're lucky enough to live on Tybee, you're lucky enough!

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By Nell Klein

BLOOD IN THE LOW COUNTRY

By Paul Attaway

I'll be the first to admit that in my quest to find books of local interest or books by local authors, I have been burned at times. Some were so bad that there was no way I was going to try and push them off on you, the readers. So, when I saw *Blood in the Low Country*, a book set in the deep South, I was skeptical, to say the least. But I decided, what the heck, I'll try it out. Surely it's not all bad. Well, to say the least and much to my surprise, this book is really good! And now I'm delighted to pass it on to you.

The year is 1973 in beautiful Charleston, S.C. Monty Adkins is an up-and-coming lawyer with a small but flourishing practice, married to the love of his life, Rose. They are raising two boys, Walker, their biological son, and Eli, Rose's son from her first troubled marriage. Everything is going along nicely until a young woman is found brutally murdered and all fingers point to Eli. It seems that Eli and the girl were seen fighting earlier in the night that she was found dead. Rose saw Eli come home early in the evening, which establishes his alibi, but she won't tell the police for some strange reason. Instead, she encourages Eli to run from the law, even though she knows he's not guilty. At this point we need to back track a little bit to get the whole picture.

Now we go back all the way to the year 1953, when 18-year-old Rose is crowned Miss Junior Alabama. She has had a terrible life, growing up in poverty with an over-bearing father and an abusive older brother, and she is sure that winning the title is her way out of all of this. The title comes with enough money to put her through 2 years at the University of Alabama, where she can finally get as far away from her current life as possible.

After a while at college, Rose is introduced to a handsome young man named Rathbone (Rath for short) who sweeps Rose away. When she becomes pregnant, she and Rath hastily get married and Eli is born. Of course, Rath turns out to be the worst of the worst in husbands with the drinking, abuse and screwing around, so eventually Rose has the courage to leave him. At this time, in walks Monty Adkins into her life. He is the opposite of Rath and soon he sweeps Rose away to get married and he adopts young Eli as his own. Soon she adds another son to the family named Walker.

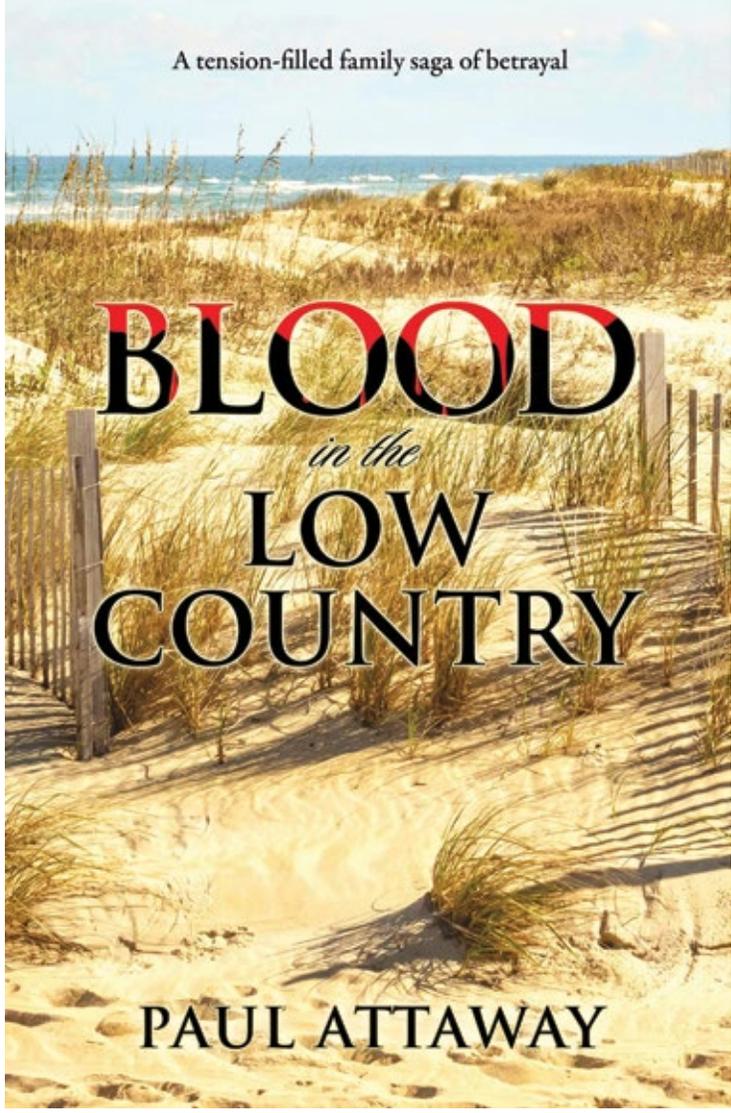
Rose turns out to be the epitome of bitches! Nothing Monty or Eli does pleases her. She dotes on Walker and alienates both Monty and Eli. I hated her so much! She treats Eli like he is the spawn of the devil himself! So when the tragic death of Eli's girlfriend happens, Rose figures it's the best time to get Eli out of her life once and for all.

That's all I can tell you without giving anything away, but this was a really good read in the long run and it was pretty close to home. They live on John's Island (where my sister lives) and they visit James Island (where my niece lives), and their attorney lives in Savannah. This book is Charleston resident Paul Attaway's debut novel and I highly recommend it. It's full of lies, betrayal and corruption! All the things that make for an unputdownable read! I give it 4 roses, it's a debut after all. There's always room for improvement.

Now on a personal note, I want to thank Sara Spicer Henderson for the amazing book review last month. She did a really great job and now maybe I can retire! (Just kidding Alaina.) Sara even thanked me and gave me a copy of the book! No, thank you Sara, it was my pleasure to have a month off! I have since read *Surviving Savannah* and it is really an unforgettable story.

If you'd like to read it, I happen to have a copy! So, until next time...

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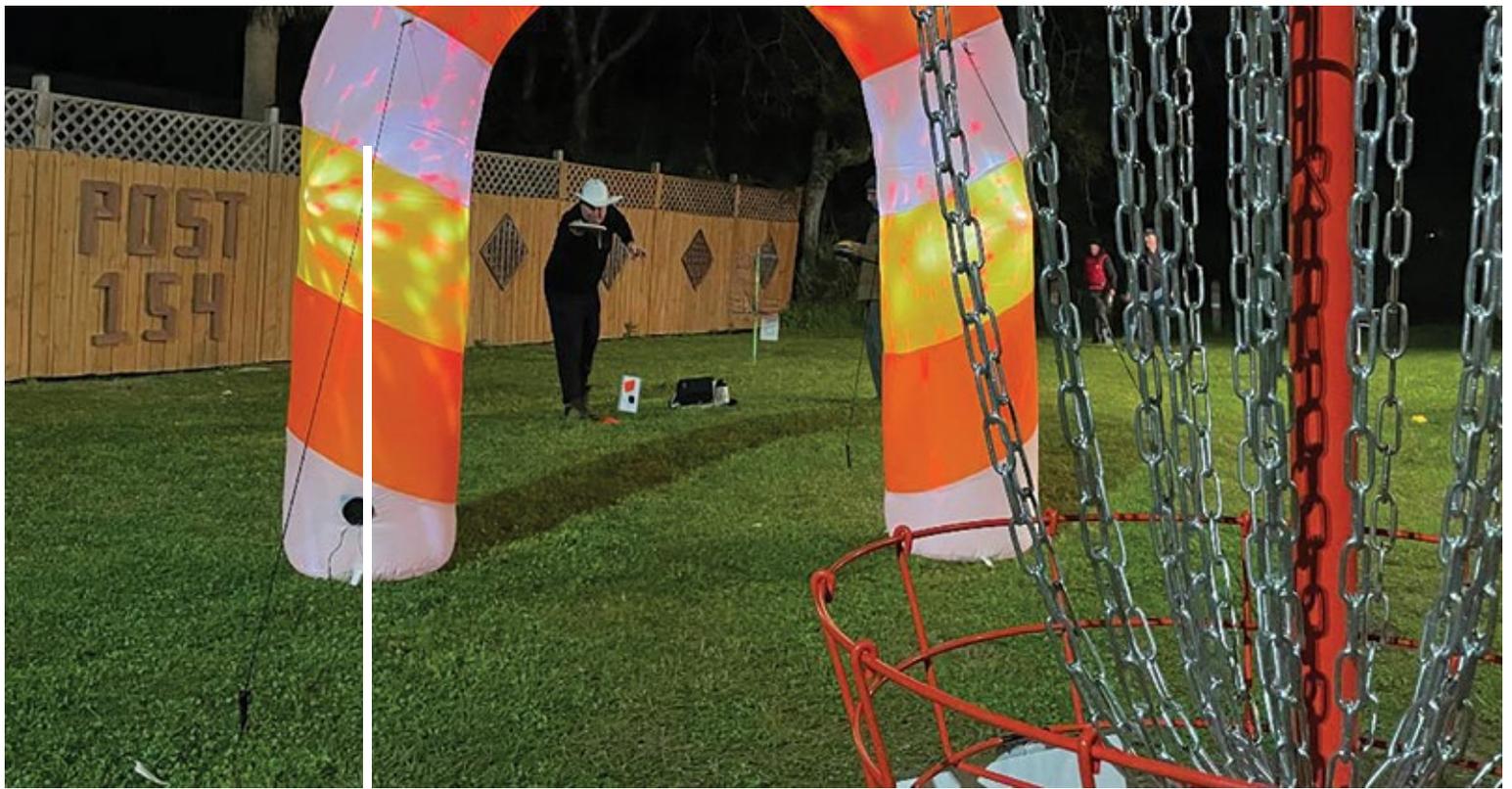
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By Jennifer Ochoa

Haven't tried Disc Golf yet? What are you waiting for?

Disc golf is no longer just the hippie-loving, joint-toking pastime it used to be known for. It's growing into a larger national sport that is amazingly addictive and approachable for really anyone - men, women and kids alike.

Tybee added its own disc golf course at Jaycee Park around two years ago, and the city has been a great support in seeing the course develop. Within the past year especially, a loyal following has started to form, with many players coming out to the course multiple times a week.

One of the great aspects of disc golf is that it is a very social sport, and any day of the week, you'll see many groups and individuals alike throwing at Jaycee Park – and most are always open to having new players join them, beginners and experienced alike. Unlike the ultra-competitive nature of some other sports, you will generally find (and especially on Tybee) that more experienced disc golf players really encourage newbies to get into the game and are excited to help pass on their tips and advice.

Our own TIMS Bikes, Beach & Disc Golf has embraced the love of the game – even adding it to the business name – and is continuously encouraging the growth of a Tybee disc golf family. To add another dimension of play during the cooler (and shorter) winter days, TIMS has started a Winter Putting League, held every two weeks at Tybee's American Legion. Open to literally anyone – from pros to those who have yet to throw their first disc – the Putting League events are a great way to try your hand for the first time or to greatly hone in on your essential putting skills.

Started in December, there are two more events for the Winter League planned for February 9th and 23rd starting at 6pm, and everyone is greatly encouraged to come out and get their hands in the game. Set up on the outside grounds of the Legion, the putting course strives to be both challenging and rewarding. Each week the set-up varies slightly and includes up to six putting baskets with different obstacles, based on distance and mandos (aka mandatory directions). The goal is to give you a real perspective of the game and is a great way to meet other enthusiasts and connect in to the comradery within the growing disc golf community. With just a \$5 buy-in each week, cash and gift certificate prizes are given out to the weekly top scorers. The overall winner of the six weeks wins an in-demand pair of patented disc golf shoes by the League's national sponsor, IDIO Disc Golf Footwear. Not to mention that you can have a famous Legion beverage while you play. Everyone at the Legion – staff and members alike – have welcomed the Putting League with open arms.

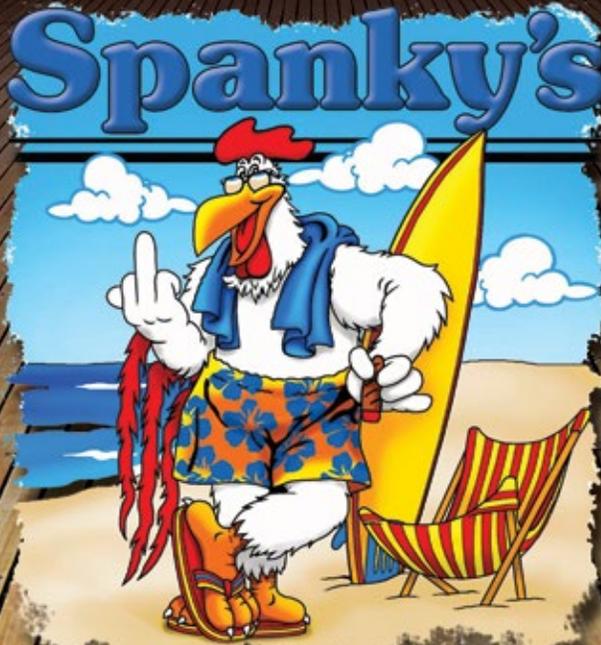
Curious about the Jaycee Park disc course itself? Tybee's course is a Par 3 with technical challenges, including tree lines, water hazards, and left/right handed obstacles. There are nine baskets throughout the park with two tee pads per, creating an 18-hole course. While all 18 tees can be completed in under two hours, you'll often find the addictive nature of the game calling players to go up to two to three full rounds in a day.

If you're in need of discs or disc bags, swing by TIMS north shop (at 1101 Hwy 80) to peruse the full stock of putters, mid-range, and driving discs for sale, including Dynamic Discs, MVP, Legacy and Gateway, plus Georgia-based companies EV-7 and Prodigy.

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A vertical photograph showing two divers in a dark, deep underwater environment. They are positioned vertically, one above the other, with their bodies silhouetted against a bright, vertical beam of light that passes through the water. Bubbles are visible around the divers. The overall color palette is dark teal and black.

MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

THE DEEP HOUSE

Ah, the movie review! My fave article to write! This month we are going to chat The Deep House. I stumbled over this trailer the other night and was instantly enamored with the house. The first hint of a great chateau in any movie and I am instantly Hallmark hooked! The fact that this gorgeous house was underwater only added to my interest.

The base story is a young couple, neither of whom you know, travel around exploring different cool locations for their webcast. The boyfriend heard about this lake in the south of France that has a complete house entombed in it and wants to check it out. Now, in my previous movie experience, some of these foreign films can get super funky really quick. For example, Hostel and The Human Centipede, both of which have sequels and all four of which will haunt me till the end of my days. Keeping that in mind, I went forth.

The couple get to this lake and it's not what they expected. It's not secret or hidden away. There are tourists everywhere with ski boats, enjoying the water. The BF hooks up with a sketchy local who tells him that there really is a secret lake and he can take them there. Side eye and creepy to follow while they drive and then walk two-miles into the location. They suit up, leaving creepy on the dock, and in the water they go.

The house is awesome! They find their way in and then it just gets really scary. I was genuinely terrified and it didn't help that the BF was always screwing around scaring the GF, so when it hit the fan, you really weren't sure if he was kidding. Then you realize he isn't kidding. The combination of underwater and haunted chateau is superb, and throw in the running-out-of-oxygen situation and I found myself breathing shallow.

As we are in France, let's do two bottles of 2000 Lafite Rothschild 6 L (Imperial), at the modest sum of \$22,695 (no tax!) because the concept is just cool and the house is magnificent! Two bottles of Chateau Cos d'Estournel 2018, priced reasonably at \$234.99 because I was hooked and scared, and one bottle of Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages 2020, at the el cheapo price of \$13.99 because the ending could have been better.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Submitted By Vicki Lyn Butrym



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SPORTS TEASER

By George Hassell

Hello Sports Teaser fans and welcome to February, the shortest month of the year. It happens to be my birthday month, so I'm going to celebrate all 28 of these wonderful days.

Speaking of celebrating, you may have heard (as I shouted from every rooftop on Tybee) that our Georgia Bulldogs did the unthinkable: they won the freaking national championship in college football for the first time in 41 years. I was a future UGA student-to-be of only 16 years old when they last did it in 1980 and every year I, along with many thousands of other fans, had thought this day might never come again (I even had a business plan of selling "1980 was a long damn time ago" bumper stickers that I could have retired from, but never acted on). It did come! We did beat the beast that is Alabama and Nick Saban in the frigid city of Indianapolis in the middle of January (did they really have to appease the Big 10 that much?! We have every right to get in their face and anybody else who has given Georgia and its alumni and fans grief for this stretch of a little over 4 decades, that we are the champions. Go Dawgs!

What happened on January 10th was unbelievable. After being manhandled by Alabama in the SEC championship just a month before, we had another shot at them and at redemption. After a back and forth field goal fest for 3 quarters, the Bulldogs finally turned it on in the fourth quarter, scoring two touchdowns late to put the game away. Stetson Bennett IV, the much-maligned walk on quarterback, stepped up and played the game of his life and now will never have to buy a drink or a meal in the state of Georgia again. Many Georgia fans, including me to some degree, questioned his ability to do anything more than manage a game and let the defense take over to lead the Dogs to victory. The fact that he stepped up in the fourth quarter after a questionable fumble call to give Alabama a one-point lead, speaks volumes to his abilities and Kirby Smart's confidence in him to be the leader of this team on offense. The Mailman delivered, and the Dogs are national champions once again. Alabama may have many more championships than Georgia, but we won, we are champions, and no one can take that away from us. They can Roll Tide all they want, but we got the best of them this year #TrollTide!

The future for Georgia football could not be brighter. With multiple top five recruiting classes, it can only get better and stronger on the heels of this national championship. It remains to be seen who will play quarterback next year, but Stetson Bennett is eligible to come back, and many think he will. He has proven that he can win, and I don't see any reason why he wouldn't be the starting quarterback Labor Day weekend against Oregon in the Mercedes-Benz stadium in Atlanta. We will lose some players to the NFL and to the transfer portal, but there are many young players ready to step in and step up. We have finally caught Alabama in size and speed and strength and numbers. It should be an epic next few years and hopefully longer than that. But keep in mind, some say that it's harder to stay on top than it is to get there. But we are there and damn it feels good. Go Dawgs!

Well, I have about run out of space and all I did was talk about Georgia, but no apologies here. It's been a hell of a few months, with the Braves winning the World Series and Georgia winning the national championship. 2022 is off to a great start and I can't wait to see where it goes from here. I might talk about the Masters and pimento cheese next time!

See you in March folks!



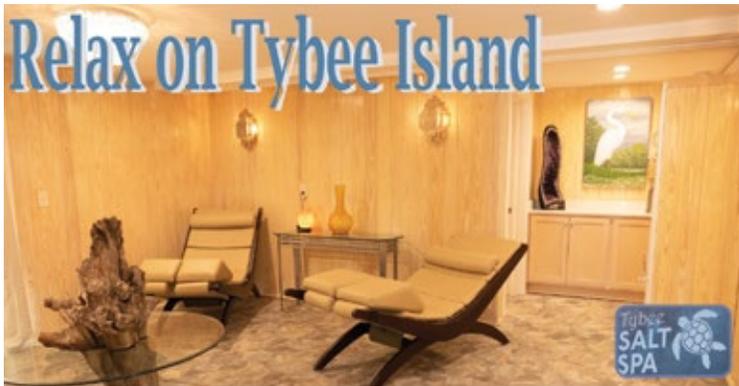
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2/11 (Fri) - Josephine Johnson

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2/17 (Thurs) - Spec Hosti Band

2/18 (Fri) - Adam Nye

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BE BOPPIN' WITH BLAIR

By Blair Whalen



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I'm not one to day drink, but with it being a new year, I decided to give it a go! Though it was a beautiful day for drinking, there were not many people out and about. With that being said, I have to give props to all the bartenders on the island for dealing with all of our shenanigans.

- 1 **Jarrett "Long Dart"** was spotted at *The Sand Bar* telling a terrible joke that only he would think was funny. Good thing he's wearing a funny shirt.
- 2 **Taylor, Kasey, and Jeremy** were just getting started at *Huc A Poos*.
- 3 **Chris, Kyle, Sam, and Eric** were caught in the *Huc A Poos* kitchen. I couldn't tell if they were working hard or hardly working!

- 4 **Katie and Dakota-Rolla** were all smiles at *Nickie's*. I found it doesn't take much to make these ladies laugh!
- 5 The friendly faces of **Jeff, Jessica, Katie, and Cameron** are taking a short break from working on the *Rose*.
- 6 **Paris** had an early start at *The Wind Rose*, leaving **Ariel** to take care of him.
- 7 Stopped in at *Doc's* and **Bama** wasn't having it. One thing I know for sure is that he is not a bartender you want to upset!



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8 If you get a chance, stop by *Tybee Time* and see these lovely ladies, **Jamy and Ashlynn**.

9 What's a little day drinking if you don't stop by the bar window at *Fannie's* and grab a drink from **Melissa and Joe T?**

10 Day drinking is never any fun if you don't have a group of **Cackling Gal's** at *The Sand Bar*!

11 Towards the end of the day, I stopped by *The Quarter* and ran into one of my favorite people to throw darts with, **Reno!**

12 Nothing but Love and Laughs from the crew at *Sea Wolf*. Thank you **Paul, Lexi, and Ryan!**

13 **Wanda, the "One Arm Bandit"** was slinging drinks for us at *Benny's!*



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MEET TYBEE'S NEW CHIEF

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

Introducing Jeremy Kendrick

Tybee has a new Fire Chief! Jeremy Kendrick is the man and I had an opportunity to sit down with him for a chat and find out more details than just what the numerous degrees and awards on the wall could tell me. I had first met Chief Kendrick during my stint as Elf on the Shelf and had found him instantly approachable and professional. Nothing changed in that initial opinion, except a growing admiration and respect for a lifelong die-hard firefighter, dedicated to the profession. Let me set this interview on fire...

Born and raised in Augusta, Georgia, as soon as he could think about such things, Jeremy knew he wanted to be a firefighter. It was an immutable fact; embedded in his blood and bones and he never wavered in reaching his goal. Most of his family worked in the family business, Kendrick Paint & Body, but there were a few members that branched off and became firefighters and police officers. As soon as possible, Jeremy became a volunteer firefighter and his first paying job was as a firefighter with the Augusta FD. When the Chief asked him what his goals were, Jeremy said, "I want to be where you are." That was in 1996. In 2005, Columbia County Fire and Rescue beckoned with a promotion to Sergeant and Jeremy began working his way up the ladder.

9/11 had a huge impact on him and for years he felt the need to get involved in the fight against terrorism. In 2010, Jeremy subcontracted with the military and was immediately sent to Iraq as a Fire Captain, initially at Camp Falcon and then later at Kirkuk Air Force Base. Returning home a year later, he started working with the Augusta Regional Airport Fire Department as a Sergeant and rose quickly through the ranks to Captain and then Assistant Chief.

In 2019, California beckoned. The Kendricks have family there and a change of scenery can be good. Moving to Victorville, in San Bernardino County, Jeremy was the Division Chief SCLA Fire Department/Mission Aviation Fire Rescue for two years. Finding California to be, well, California, he started looking for another job back on the East Coast. With family in Savannah and being familiar with the area, applying for the position of Fire Chief on Tybee was an easy decision to make. When he sent in his application, he faced 70-80 contenders. Then there were two. Now, here we are.

Chief Kendrick is coming in swinging! His first priority on Tybee is to streamline the department. Get everything and everyone in its place and ready. His priority list continues: Community outreach is of major importance. Get Tybee and her people involved. Continuous education and improvement in all aspects, as well as a commitment to better usage of administration, management, personnel and cost savings are of equal importance. Obtaining an advanced service care for medical situations, like EMS licensing, is already in progress and this is less than a month in. With Beach Safety and Emergency Management also under the Chief's jurisdiction, that is a lot going on and he has a plan for that too. One department with one division using the same plan for the lifeguards as the FD.

Throughout his life, Jeremy has been a big believer in continuing education and has proved it with his multiple degrees. With a Bachelors in Fire Administration from Columbia Southern University, an Associates in Fire Science from Keiser University, Certificates from Texas A & M for Fire Service Chief Executive Officer, as well as numerous other certificates and accolades, the man is smart and if he says he can get Tybee's house in order, that is exactly what he is going to do.

The Chief is a total family man. Married to his wife, Angel, for 20 years, the couple have three children, Zack, Karri and Tyler. All of the kids have since graduated from college and are off and about on their own, leaving the Kendricks ready to start a new chapter of their lives at the beach. The Chief is all about being a part of a team, fellowship, comradery and family. I think he and the family will fit right in.

Welcome to Tybee, Chief Kendrick!



LOVE, NOT ACTUALLY

A Love Advice Column by a Boy and a Girl Who Should Not Be Giving Love Advice. Ever.

The question this month is: My boyfriend never wants to hang out with my family. How do I get him more involved?

Girl's Advice

I have a couple of questions about this situation. The first one being, exactly how much time do you spend with your family? I appreciate a tight knit family situation, but if you're over at Mom and Dad's every day, doing whatever it is you're doing, I can see his problem with this. Secondly, what do you do when you're together with the fam? Do you run marathons or have drinking marathons?

Either way, you need to just straight up ask him. Maybe he doesn't like your family. Maybe he's just not that into you. Maybe he wants time alone so he can do something shady.

Ask him without being accusatory. If he responds on the defense, something funky is going down. Good luck!

Boy's Advice

Ok, from my point of view, I get it. He's in a relationship with you, not your family. He works hard all week making money to pay for the house, car, insurance, savings, food, and the like. He wants a break! He's tired. He needs to refuel so he can go and do it all over again on Monday. Maybe he wants to spend his free time enjoying the fruits of his labors and not going to your mom's house to be judged by your family.

Communication is key. Ask him why he doesn't want to hang out with your family. Hell, for all you know, he was probably at your mom's house last night!

Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in Feb By Mom

2-2 Groundhog Day Did you know that Groundhog Day is the most watched weather forecast of the year?

2-4 Front Porch Improv 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Be prepared to interact with the quick witted comedy act. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-4, 2-11, 2-18, & 2-25 Coffee and Conversation with the City Manager 9-10am at Memorial Park screened pavilion behind City Hall. Zoom is no longer an option.

2-4 & 2-5 Critz Tybee Run Fest Starting 6pm at 15th St. This is an annual event and recommend checking out website for the various races, times and places. This event benefits local organizations that foster education and healthy lifestyles. Go to www.runfest@critz.com.

2-5 Tegan & The Turnarounds 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Teagan is a Savannah based singer. She is also a recipient of People's Choice Award at Savannah's American Traditions Competition in 2020. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-6 Tybee Talks: Why are Marine Biologists Fascinated by Tybee? 4pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Tybee Beachcomber's own Dr. Joe Richardson will be giving his insights on the ecology of Tybee. This is a FREE event. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-7, 2-14, 2-21, & 2-28 Evening Chat with the City Manager 7-8pm online at <https://bit.ly/eveningchat>. Meeting ID: 845 6121 7790 and Passcode: 904050.

2-11 I Will Always Love You – An Evening Celebrating Dolly Parton 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Savannah Stage Company will be performing Dolly's greatest hits. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-11 thru 2-14 Women's Wellness Weekend Taylor Street Retreat is on schedule for Women's Wellness Weekend. Various packages available that will assure you will be relaxed and fulfilled when it's time to go home. Call 912-657-0228 or go online tybeewellnessretreats.com for more info.

2-14 Valentine's Day According to History.com, the oldest record of a valentine being sent was in the 15th century. Happy Valentine's Day!

2-17 & 2-18 Imitation of Life (1934 and 1959) 6pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. These films, 2-17 for the 1934 version and 2-18 for the 1959 story is in partnership of MLK Tybee. There will be a post-show discussion with Dr. Beatrice Berry. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-19 Crys Matthews 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Crys performs a blend of Americana, folk, jazz, blues, bluegrass and funk. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-21 President's Day Fun Fact: George Washington was the only president unanimously elected.



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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

MERMAID'S NECKLACES (AKA PLUMED WORMS)

Among the most diverse groups of animals represented on Tybee's beach are the Polychaete worms. They are Annelids, like earthworms, and their body is a series of repeated segments. Each body segment has a pair of bristle-like appendages sticking out on each side, so they look slightly fuzzy, if you have good eyes! The name "Polychaete" means many bristles. Some of our nearshore Polychaete worms actively dig around in the sand, but lots of others are more sedentary and build themselves some sort of tube to live inside. It's actually pretty amazing the variety of materials that these worms use to make their tubes.

One of my favorite tube builders is the Plumed Worm. It's named that because it has feathery (plume-like) gills that extend along each side of its body near its front end. Plumed Worms live in the sandy bottom, just offshore from the normal low tide line. As it digs its hole into the sand, it produces a lot of slime that becomes a paper-like tube or straw. Inside this long tube, the worm can move up and down and can move water through, but sand doesn't get in.

Even though its tube might extend a few feet into the sand and stick up into the water an inch or two, unlike lots of other worms, the Plumed Worm doesn't stop construction with just this papery tube. The Plumed Worm will extend out of its tube and catch shells, plant debris, seaweed, and anything else drifting by, and then attach these objects to the outside of its tube. So the upper few inches of its tube are reinforced with these building materials to give it added strength to hold it up into the water above the bottom. This firm structure sticking up above the bottom also provides a rough surface for drifting seaweed to become attached,



and for small animals to colonize and hide in. These small animals and seaweed then become food for the Plumed Worm. So the worm not only constructs a chimney for its own tube, but also produces a food magnet!

Occasionally, the top part of a Plumed Worm's tube will get torn off, or old tubes will get washed out of the bottom, and they will get washed up on the beach. It might look like a small chain of shells, or it might look like a thick string of plant and seaweed fragments, or it might look like a thin rope of a combination of these things. The nice ones, that look more like a string of shells are sometimes known as a "Mermaid's Necklace."

During good low tides, down near the water line, you might just see some of these Mermaid's Necklaces sticking out of the sand, in place. Just remember, there is still a Plumed Worm living down inside! So, only collect ones that have washed ashore. And then enjoy your new piece of jewelry from the sea!

Dr. Joe Richardson is a retired marine science professor with 45+ years of research and teaching experience along GA and the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Besides research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips (www.TybeeBeachEcology.com) and frequently posts pictures of what they are finding on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.

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By Alaina Loughridge, Photo credit goes to Sandra Moreno and Alaina Loughridge

Job: Cashier at IGA

I was actually kind of floored when Mike Hosti said I could work at the IGA as a cashier for the month of January. Clearly, he doesn't know me that well or the random things that come out of my mouth without any instigation whatsoever. Either that or he was prepared to handle whatever I could shovel out. However, that is for another day. Let's get started with the IGA!

I've never been a cashier before. I've never worked for a large, but small company with so many moving parts. The IGA is a complex machine of a thousand working parts that cannot break down without affecting the other 999 parts. Yikes! So here I am and picture this:

• **First Day - New Year's Eve. Friday Morning.** Training Day. To say that I was nervous is an understatement. I was a quivering mess. Especially when I saw the lines at both side doors at 8:45 in the morning. When both side doors opened at 9:01, I said 'Holy Shit' and I meant it. My fabulous trainer, Kim, elbowed me in the gut and told me to get my jaw off the floor and pull myself together. Yes, ma'am. There were three registers open. It began.

Kim started me off bagging, which is a thing unto itself. You can't just throw stuff in a bag all willy nilly. There is a technique to it and you can't be slinging packaged chicken in with just any old thing. You have to keep the colds with the colds and paper sleeve the breakable bottles and not squish the bread and make sure the eggs don't break on the way home. It may seem stupid, but it isn't, and it takes some logistical prowess to make sure that when your customer gets home, they don't come right back and punch you in the face because their tomatoes are under the unwrapped chicken and their wine bottle broke because you didn't care enough to wrap it and you forgot to sling half their stuff into the basket because you were too busy being a Chatty Cathy.

Kim got me on the computer about an hour later and thank God that computer system is a good one. Fairly easy to learn it and I was cruising along nicely. That's a good thing because there was zero down time. The lines were long and consistent. I had one smoke break and then felt super guilty about it. Almost like I don't know how Kim survived before me, bagging her groceries and helping her out. I still don't know how she does it! LOL!

So, balls to the wall and I literally knew every local that was walking through that door! Yippee!!! Many people I haven't seen in forever, and it was so cool to see them and know that all is well in the neighborhood. No time for chit chat today though, so move your ass along and I'll catch you later!

Lunch time was coming and I was starving!!! Kim had already told me to order early from the deli so my sandwich would be ready by the time I was ready. Oh, best best part of this job!!! The deli is ½ off for working employees! I wept tears of joy as I skipped through people to get to my sandwich. I had 15 minutes. I grabbed my sandwich, my smokes, and Little Deb (in that order) and ran out to the outside table. There is a break room upstairs, but that involves stairs and I didn't have time for all of that. Little Deb was very sympathetic to me as I cried about my back, knees and feet as I choked down my sandwich and smoked a cig in record time. I think I was still swallowing pastrami when I clocked back in with Kim. The line had not stopped. Nor did it when I left at 3. Still going.

I hobbled to the wine section and grabbed the nearest bottle. Mike came by and asked me why I was yawning. Dude. This job was kicking my ass. I love it though!

• **Day 2 - New Year's Day.** Well, bless my heart I was in bed by 10 the night before, so no hangover for me and I was ready to kick some grocery ass! I was on my own and yes, I was nervous, but confident. I could do this.

I was in the middle lane where the bags are in a carousel and that did make me a little worried because of the roundabout of it all and I hadn't dealt with that before.

Right out of the gate, I got a check from a customer. I didn't know how to do that.

Second customer had a vegetable that no one had seen before.

Third customer had some problem that no one else had seen before either, and I was feeling out of sorts. Thankfully, Anna was right next/behind me on her register and held my hand through the worst parts (she also had the most excellent gummy worms that helped my sugar high).



Can't I just get a shopper with normal, scannable products ready to go? It all worked itself out as it went. I did run into problems though, and my biggest one was my inner yakkity yakker came out.

Do you know how hard it is to maintain a running commentary, ask about the kids, the significant other, New Year's, Christmas, listen to their response and return it with some sort of intelligent reply, scan groceries, enter produce, bag items in a manner that will not get you punched in the face, take money and return the proper change/receipt without missing a beat? It's freaking hard!!!! Yeah, I failed twice.

The first failure I felt bad about, but not that bad. I forgot to give these three party guys their pineapple juice. They came right back for it and were cool. Technically, in my opinion, it was their fault. They kept talking and since the conversation included me, I kept responding and I got sidetracked. They were really good looking too. So, their fault.

The second fail will haunt me forever. It was an older couple, maybe late '70's. The guy was sick with a cold (maybe Covid, who even knows anymore) and was buying lozenges and sick stuff. We started talking. I scanned everything and put it in a bag. I took their cash. I gave them change. I wished him to get well soon and they left. Ten minutes later, I realized I hadn't given them their stuff. It was still sitting in the bag in the carousel right in front of my face. We were closing soon. I felt awful about that. Ugh. That poor couple. I am so sorry. Call me and I will buy you a Hall's or some Vick's Vapo Rub.

I went home and consoled myself with my second pastrami sandwich in as many days and that new (to me) pasta bacon salad situation! Oh, hell yeah! Happy New Year to me!

The rest of my time there flew by! I really enjoyed the job. My only complaint is the standing of it all. My body ain't what it used to be and after six hours of solid standing, my back and feet all had something to say about it. It did get easier as I went, but I swear after that first day, I literally slid out of my truck and hit the ground with a grunt. I hunched to my couch and laid there with my bottle of wine and wondered where my life went wrong.

The most important lesson learned here is that IGA is Tybee's lifeline! The people that work there are the hardest working individuals I have ever met and all deserve praise. I worked in the 'off season' and thought it was busy. These people work year-round and it can be non-stop all day, every day. So, thank an IGA employee today!

A huge thank you to Mike Hosti for the honor and to all the staff for putting up with my questions and chit chat.

On a side note from me, please do try to bring in your own bags for your groceries. I've seen the amount of plastic bags walking out the door and the sheer number is overwhelming. Let's do our part, Tybee!

On another side note from me: The IGA Deli is the best deli in all of the land and y'all need to tip your deli people! Those sandwiches are made with love! See y'all next month at my next gig!



By Paul Cales & Becca

Continued from the January 2022 Beachcomber.
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CHAPTER 53 – OH SHIT! THERE'S SOMETHING IN HERE WITH ME.

DAY 4

Sarge makes his way down front, carefully avoiding small groups of zombies along the way. He considers trying to make his way to the roof of Hotel Tybee to spot the tank from above, but decides there may be too many zombies in the hotel for that to be safe. He finds an unlocked beach cruiser in front of Benny's Tavern that seems to be in good, working order and hops on it. Making his way around the south end cautiously, he eventually ends up near the back river where he hears what he believes to be a M2 machine gun.

"That's got to be the tank," he thinks. Straining his ears to listen, he hears the distinct whine of the fifteen-hundred horsepower turbine engine of an M1 tank winding up.

"Found you, you son of a bitch," he whispers smugly to himself. He parks the bike at the top of Alley 3 and creeps through the abandoned yards to the left of the boat ramp to get a look at what's going on. As soon as he gets a clear view of the tank, he sees a huge amount of smoke pouring out of the engine's exhaust. He doesn't think they spotted him, so Sarge knows they're masking themselves from someone else. Either that or the engine is about to blow up.

As the smoke begins to clear, Sarge sees Joey standing on the front slope of the tank and Doug pulling himself out of the back river. He stays in his hiding place for a few more minutes, just watching the scene to make sure it's safe to approach. When Doug and Joey have both climbed inside the tank, he stands up and approaches cautiously. He pulls his pistol from its holster and bangs the butt of it on the skirt of the tank.

CLANK! CLANK! CLANK!

"What the hell is that?" Joey says and looks around the tank.

Tony looks up. "Someone's pounding on the outside of the tank." He scans the periscopes on the tank commander's hatch. "I don't see anyone on the top of the tank."

"That's a good thing... right?" Joey asks.

Tony looks over at him, amused. "I'm going to go see who's out there." He racks the slide on his 9mm and slides the safety to the off position. Then he pops the hatch open. "Who the hell's out there?" he shouts.

"It's Sarge! Where's the rest of the damn army?" Sarge responds, before mumbling under his breath, "Pfft. Army. We wouldn't still be in this mess if they had sent the Marines."

"It's me, Tony," he says and looks over the side of the tank. "I've got Doug

and Joey in here with me."

"What? Couldn't survive the apocalypse without having TWO bartenders with you?"

Joey speaks up from inside the tank, "Even in the apocalypse you're an angry old curmudgeon."

Jimmy runs across the street toward the Funky Fish. Out of breath, he slows down to a brisk walk and looks back toward the hotel. The zombie that was in the elevator lobby is running across the street directly toward him.

"Jesus!" he shrieks. "This one's fast!" He pulls on the door handle to the Funky Fish and it opens. He dashes inside and looks around for something to slide through the door handles to secure the doors. He notices fishing poles standing up in a cardboard display. He grabs two of them and puts them through the door handles.

He nods and thinks to himself, "Quick thinking." Then he runs around to the other two doors and checks to see if they're secure. They are. He walks to the drink cooler, grabs a Pepsi, opens the bottle, and takes a huge sip. "Ahhhhh."

BANG BANG BANG.

He swings his head toward the door he came through and sees the zombie from the hotel banging on the door, trying to get in. "Looks like I'm going to be in here for a while," he thinks. "At least until this asshole leaves."

Clink. Clink. Clink...

"Oh shit. Something is in here with me." He scans the store, looking for the zombie that he is SURE is in the store with him. They all just clamber around, bumping into everything. He's amazed that they've spread their infection so far when even he can tell when one is in the room with him. Their evolution might be helped if they were a little sneaky.

A rack of t-shirts falls over and he gets a glimpse of the zombie, then he looks to his right and notices a door. He sprints toward it, catching the zombie's eye. It lunges toward him and just misses as Jimmy reaches for the handle. He opens the door and jumps inside, locking it behind him.

He takes a deep breath and looks around. "Look at this!" he thinks, as he smiles. He's in a closet with all the soda, candy bars, and chips he could ever want!

BANG! BANG! BANG!

"Geeze," he muses. "He sounds QUITE angry. Looks like I'm stuck in here for now. Might as well have myself a little snack!"

After countless candy bars and sodas, Jimmy is bloated and ready to get out of the closet and go find Sarge. The clawing and banging at the door has subsided, so he reaches for the door handle and slowly turns it. "Please be gone, please be gone, please be gone," he begs the universe.

He pulls on the door slowly and carefully peeks through the crack.

The zombie slams into the door immediately, almost making his way into the storage closet. Jimmy pushes back with all his might, trying to get the door closed again. He turns and puts his back against the door and his feet against the wooden shelf at the back of the closet for leverage. He lets out a yell and shoves into the door so hard he sees stars in his eyes. It works and the door SLAMS shut, cutting off the fingers to one of the zombies' hands. He turns, locks the door, then slumps down to the floor.

"I'm never getting out of here," he sighs.

To be continued...

Now, go back and read the rest of the damn story will ya! You can read the previous 52 installments of the serial drama known as "Tybee Island Zombies" and all the other wonderful articles that you've missed FOR FREE @ <http://tybeebeachcomber.com/magazine>.

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The Tybee Island Optimist Club

By Benjamin Goggins

Party February 3, in Old School Cafeteria

This next October, The Tybee Island Optimist Club will be 72 years old. Back in 1950, the Club was formed. Among the original members were T.S. (Ting Shan) Chu, John Hood, Henry Buckley, John Falligant, Father Kehoe, Fred Haar, Mike Hosti, Frank Leopold, and Richard Solomon.

Over the years the club has been devoted to community service, especially projects that are focused on youth. The Fresh Air Home, the 4-H Club, the Tybee Maritime Academy, the Police Cadet program, Operation Starlight, bicycle clinics, and others have long benefited from Optimist support.

The Optimist Creed says it all:

Promise yourself

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.**
- To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.**
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.**
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.**
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.**
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.**
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.**
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.**
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.**
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.**

Thursday, Feb 3, is Worldwide Optimist Day, so Tybee's local club is having a party at the Old School Cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, sliders, sweets, and fruit and veggie trays. Meet the local club members. See the Optimist Proclamation issued by Mayor Jason Buelterman and other Optimist memorabilia, like the original club roster that lists members' addresses simply as The Brass Rail, Kozy Korner, Miller's Grocery, Crusoe Island, Ocean View Hotel, Tides Apartments, etc. We hope to see you there!

A Letter to the People of Tybee Island

By Wanda Harrison

I'd like to share with your islanders how your lovely island changed our family's loss into an amazing family annual event.

There are four of us siblings, along with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that make up our clan. Even though we are scattered throughout Florida, Georgia and Texas, we remain very close.

Throughout the years our family always came together for holidays and special occasions as often as possible, always celebrating at our family home, the home where we grew up. Sadly, in 1999 our father passed away, then our mother followed him home five years later. So, when the first Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays without our parents came along, we went through the motions but we knew it would never be the same.

So, before the following Thanksgiving, we decided to come together somewhere other than a relative's home. I'm not sure who made the suggestion, but we all agreed to meet on **TYBEE ISLAND**. We rented a home in Tybee's North Beach area. On Thanksgiving Day we all met at this house to celebrate all our blessings and to remember Mom and Dad. We had an amazingly fun stay and we knew a new tradition was born.

This was in 2006 and we've been there every year since. We have stayed in several beautiful homes and experienced sensational sunsets.

Our family has grown and we've added new traditions into our Tybee experience. Almost immediately we added *Saturday Football and Seafood Day*. We eat shrimp and oysters and watch college football games all afternoon.

With everyone arriving at different times on Thursday, we celebrate Thanksgiving on Friday. Soon, everyone was tired of the traditional Thanksgiving turkey. So we decided to put a theme to our annual gathering.



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2020 was a sad and scary year for many people. Our family was no exception. Two family members were not able to attend that year because of COVID, but we were truly blessed that all recovered then, as well as later in 2021.

Keeping with our Thanksgiving theme even in quarantine!

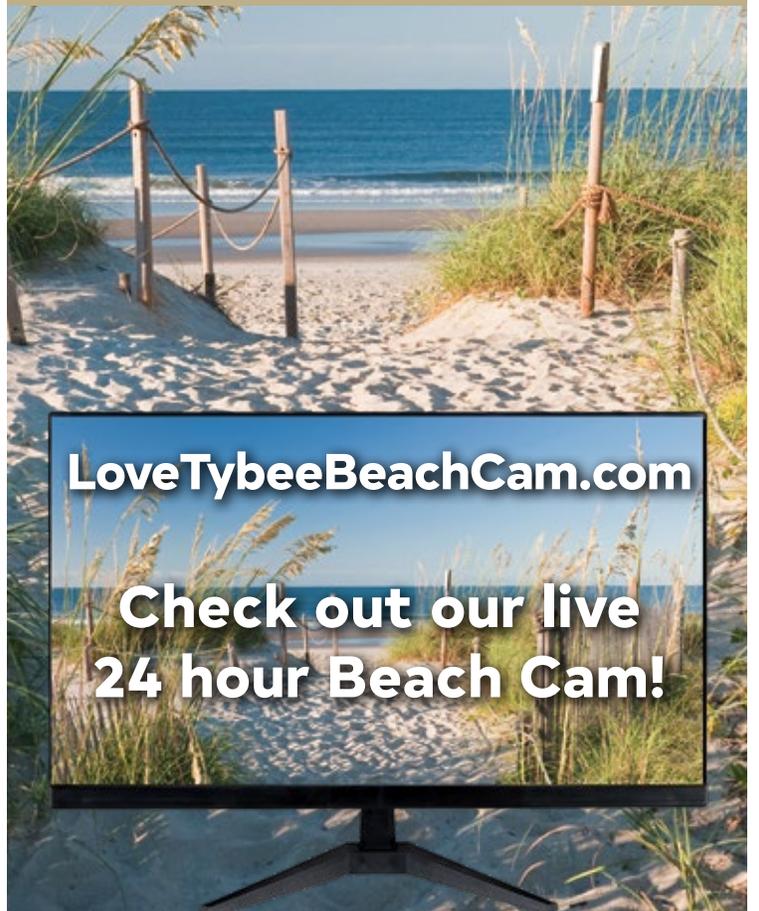
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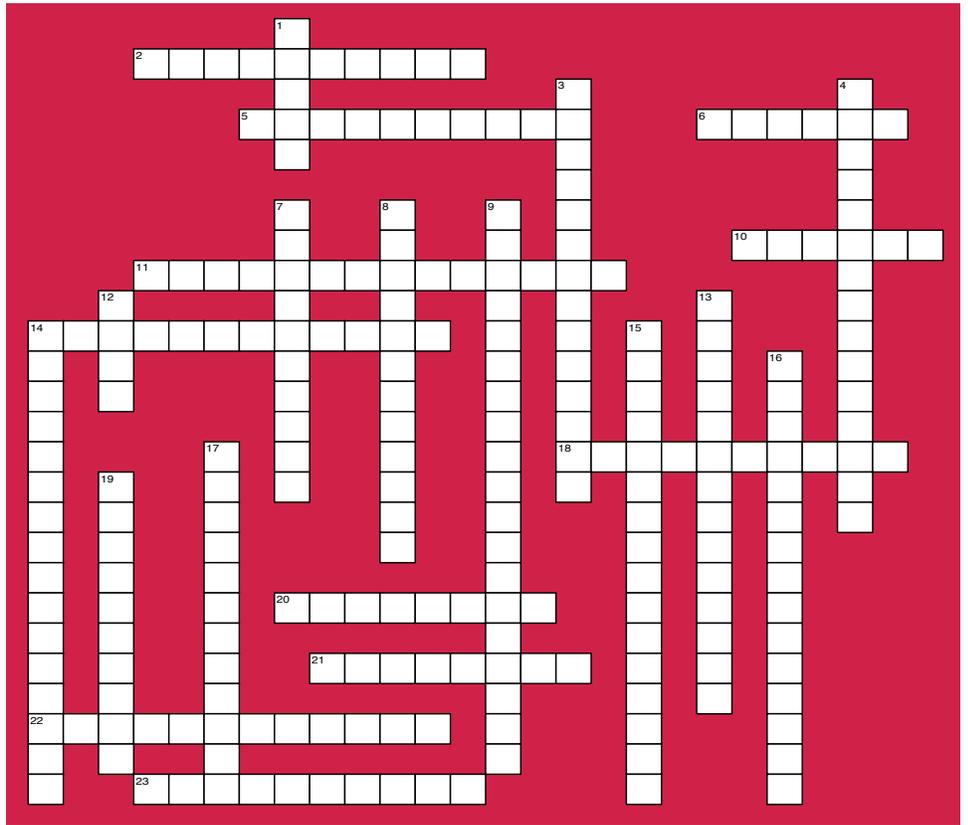
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- 2 Tybee added a disc golf course here (2 wds.)
- 5 The buying, selling, renting and leasing of property (2 wds.)
- 6 A _____ to the People of Tybee Island
- 10 In Love, Not Actually, girl wants to get boyfriend more involved with her _____
- 11 Traveling Beachcomber winners went here (2 wds.)
- 14 The most watched weather forecast of the year (2 wds.)
- 18 Book Review takes place here
- 20 Shortest month
- 21 This club will be 72 years old in October
- 22 Movie Review (3 wds.)
- 23 This means many bristles

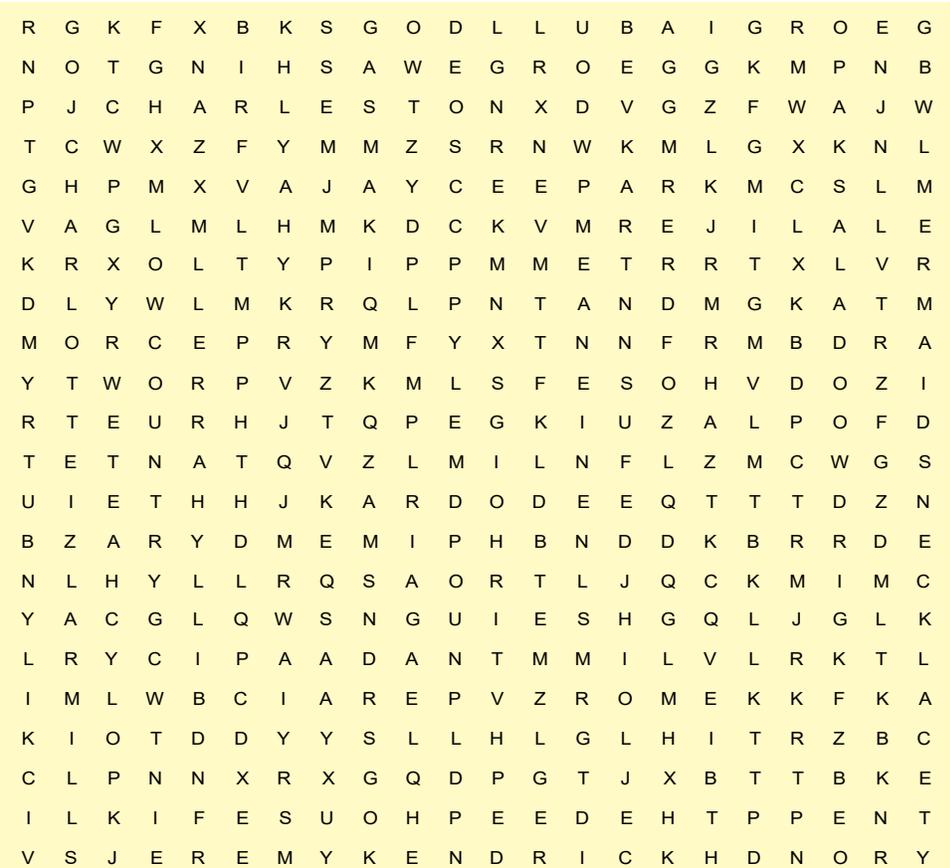
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- 1 The Tybee Beachcomber is _____ years old
- 3 Tybee's new Fire Chief (2 wds.)
- 4 They won the national championship (2 wds.)
- 7 Blood in the _____
- 8 Location of national championship game
- 9 Pervy Pet of the Month (3 wds.)
- 12 Your place of refuge
- 13 She submitted the Photo of the Month (3 wds.)
- 14 The only president unanimously elected (2 wds.)
- 15 Plumed Worms are also known as this (2 wds.)
- 16 Tybee's new Main Street/Development Authority Director (2 wds.)
- 17 The Drone God (2 wds.)
- 19 Day for lovers



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CHARLOTTE IZLAR MILLS	INDIANAPOLIS	REAL ESTATE
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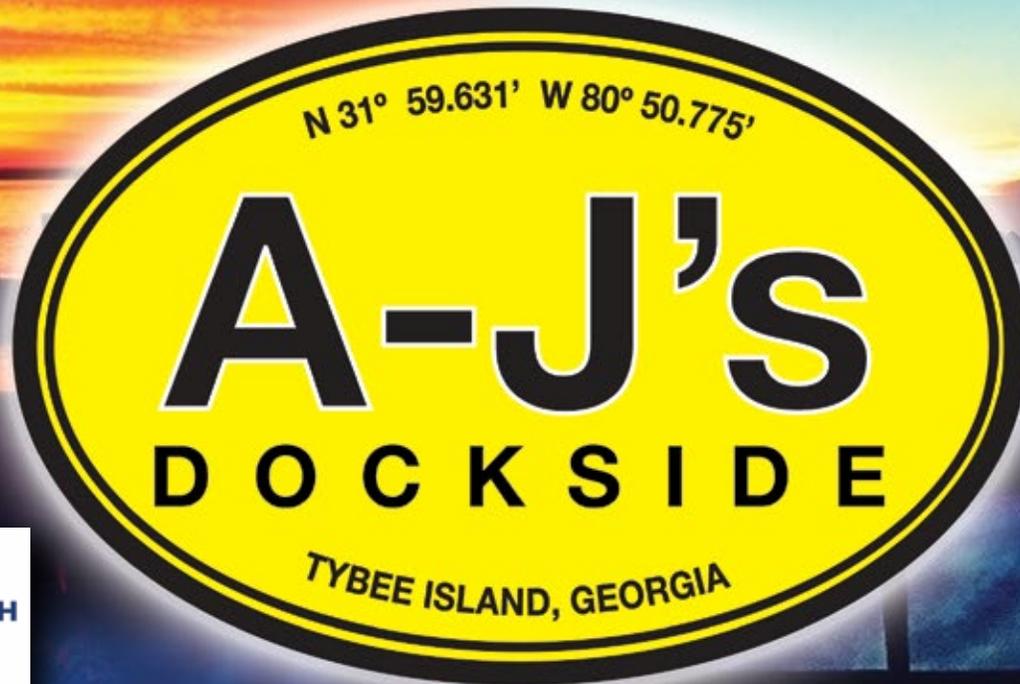


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