

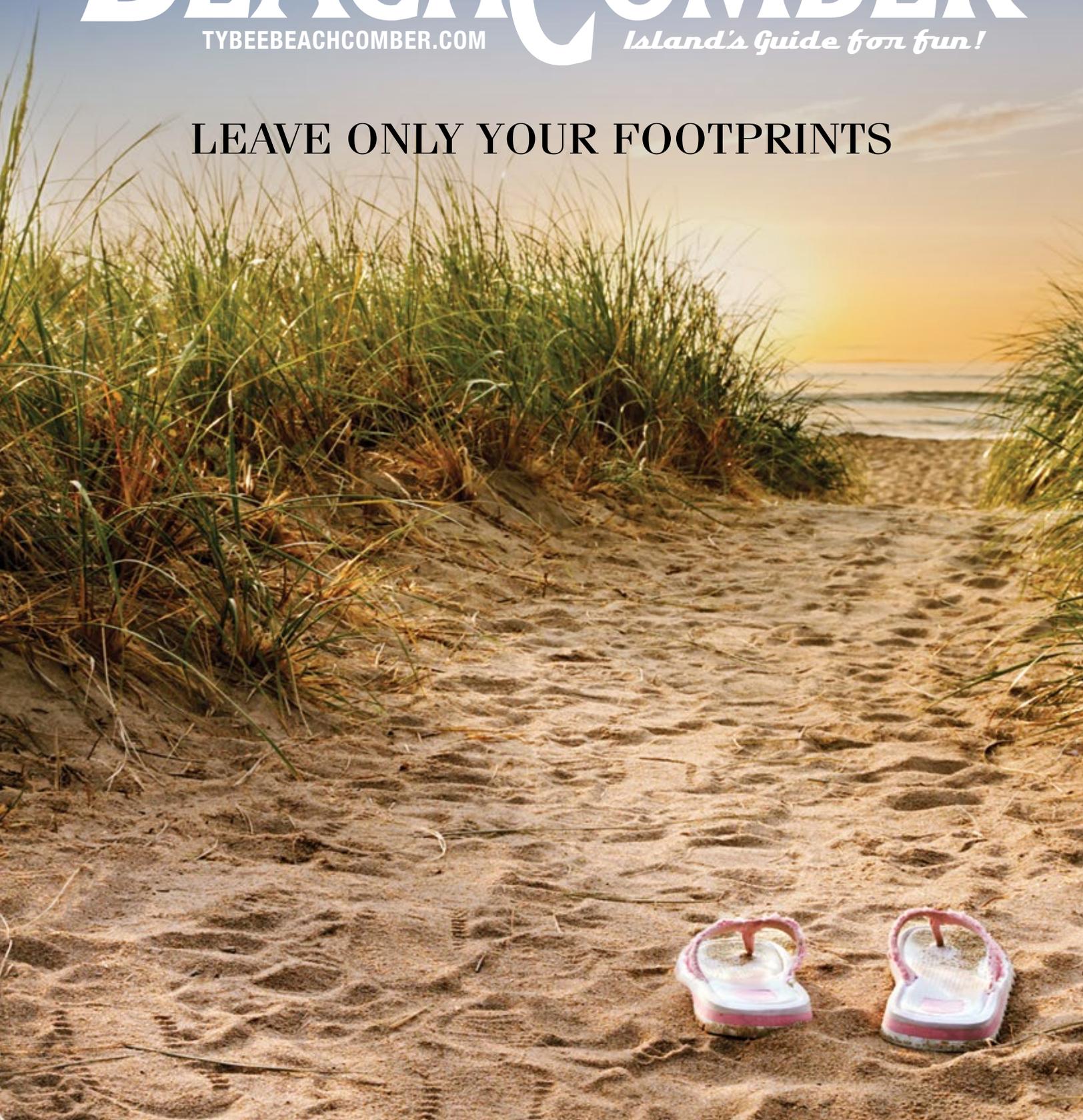
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- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Do a Beach Sweep
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

Summer is here!! Time to grab your crew, coolers, SPF and hit the beach! If the previous couple of months has taught us anything, it's going to be a busy season. Traffic is definitely frustrating, as is parking. Everyone practice their patience getting on and off our fair rock and watch out for people on the crosswalks. Nothing takes the fun out of a beach day like a visit from the police or a trip to hospital. Slow still gets you there.

Beach Bum was a huge success and after a two-year hiatus, a much-needed release to get some of that aggression out by firing a water cannon at your least favorite person. Hopefully, this signifies the return to some kind of business as usual and we can carry on in our typical fashion of fun and debauchery.

Also, Father's Day is June 19th, so don't forget your daddy. They are part of the reason why you're here!

A big shout out to **Jenny Orr of Fannie's on the Beach!** 30 years old on June 20th! That's pretty epic! Make sure you stop by and celebrate all month with the Fannie's crew!

The Traveling Beachcomber never fails to disappoint and this month is epic! **Perb and Kay Fortner, Ron and Teresa Bossick and Alan and Kim Robertson**, all took us with them to the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania!! How cool is that?? Thanks, y'all! It takes a village! A-J's awaits you!

Now, turn on your air conditioning, make me a cocktail and turn the page



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June 2022 Tide Chart

Georgia, Savannah River Ent.

N 32° 02.0' / W 80° 54.1'

Date	Day	High Tide		High Tide		Low Tide		Low Tide		Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	We	10:33a	7.1	10:42p	8.5	5:02a	0.5	4:59p	0.4	6:19a	8:26p	7:44a	10:42p	
2	Th	11:06a	6.9	11:15p	8.3	5:37a	0.7	5:33p	0.6	6:19a	8:26p	8:35a	11:29p	
3	Fr	11:42a	6.8	11:52p	8.1	6:09a	0.8	6:07p	0.8	6:18a	8:27p	9:30a		
4	Sa	12:23p	6.7			6:42a	0.9	6:44p	0.9	6:18a	8:27p	10:27a	12:12a	
5	Su	12:36a	8.0	1:12p	6.8	7:18a	0.9	7:27p	1.1	6:18a	8:28p	11:25a	12:49a	
6	Mo	1:27a	7.9	2:05p	7.0	8:00a	0.9	8:19p	1.2	6:18a	8:28p	12:23p	1:22a	
7	Tu	2:20a	7.9	2:59p	7.2	8:50a	0.8	9:21p	1.2	6:18a	8:29p	1:22p	1:53a	1st
8	We	3:14a	7.8	3:53p	7.6	9:47a	0.7	10:30p	1.1	6:18a	8:29p	2:21p	2:21a	
9	Th	4:09a	7.8	4:50p	7.9	10:47a	0.5	11:37p	0.9	6:18a	8:30p	3:22p	2:50a	
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28	Tu	8:56a	7.2	9:12p	8.6	3:17a	0.6	3:14p	0.2	6:21a	8:35p	5:41a	8:38p	
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DAY DRAAANKING

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With Alaina Loughridge and Blair Whalen
Special Appearance by our DD: Charlie Brown
Pictures by Alaina, John Yarbrough, Scott Naftzger and a couple of other
people that I don't recall – it's all a little hazy

Where were we? Oh yeah... Charlie poured us into the golf cart at Sundae Café and off we went to Cockspur Grill!

Every time I walk in the door at **Cockspur Grill**, Ashley gives me the eye: the 'do you want me to put on coffee? eye.' Why, yes, ma'am, I do! Throw that caffeine into a martini glass with some vodka and some chocolate syrup and my life is complete! We shall call it the "**Cock a Tini**" and all is glorious in the world! I was a happy girl! Gotta go!

The **American Legion** was next and I'm not quite sure what happened here, but Charlie rounded us up and then there we were. Tess was slinging drinks and her contribution to the cause was a flat-out-kick-your-butt "**Margarita!**" Via Con Dios, y'all!

Onward to **Sea Wolf!** Now, I want to apologize to Andrew for us just showing up and trying to be coherent. In my defense, I was only running on about three cylinders at that point. Andrew represented though and at first, I was like 'Holy Bloody Mary,' but looks are deceiving and this cocktail turned out to look like something it wasn't. It was better! Created in colonial Rangoon, Burma, the "**Pegu Club**" is described as a citrusy, elegant, bittered, gin daisy. My description is it was minty and fabulous and I loved it! I would have had another, but I couldn't find my crew and time was becoming of the essence.

Bubba Gumbo's was awesome! There was some indecision about which drink to have and since no one could make up their mind, we had two! The first was the "**French 75.**" This cocktail was named after the French 75-millimeter handgun during WWI. Apparently, it packed a punch and so does the resulting cocktail. It involves gin, a splash of champagne and house made sour. The second cocktail was the "**Tiki Punch**" and that delightful concoction was happy rum heavy with some juices thrown in for a nice, refreshing flavor. One could also add champagne to that for a "**Tiki Mosa.**" Whatever you decide, it's the right decision.

Crab Shack is just a hop and skip down the road and I'm not going to lie; I was ready for bed. Granted, it was only 4 in the afternoon, but that's not the point. However, a couple of bars were still on the list and I am nothing if not thorough in my research. Rhonda served up the "**Big Kahuna**" and with three different rums and a splash of a couple different juices, this cocktail is definitely one of my favorite beach go-tos! I was getting my second wind.

I needed help at this point (professional). The answer appeared at **Fannie's** in the form of the best "**Bloody Mary**" in all of the land and seriously the best hangover cure ever invented. Bri put this bad boy together and between the BBQ bacon cheeseburger slider, the tomato juice, okra, olives and Svedka, the planet re-tilted on its axis and all was right in the world again.

One more place to go and tbh, I was fairly excited by this. I'm not as young as I was yesterday and this liquor situation tends to hurt more and longer as you go. Although, if one never quits drinking, one will never have to suffer the consequences of their actions. Anyhoo, I digress ...

My favorite cocktail in all the land is, of course, the "**Watermelon Margarita**" at **A-J's**. I totally saved it for last, knowing if my fatty liver fell out of my body on my way to bed, that at least it would happily be marinating with a sugar rim! Freshly squished watermelon and tequila. What could possibly go wrong?

What a great day(s)! We had the best time (from what they tell me) and I highly recommend that everyone set aside a day drinking day at least once a week to wander around and sample fine liquids from Tybee's awesome bars and restaurants. Make sure you get your DD lined up. Nothing ruins a day drinking expedition quite like a DUI. I'm headed off to rehab, but call me if you need someone to go with you!





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BIZZ BUZZ

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IV Savannah

Have you ever just stretched your body too thin? Whether that be from work, exercise, stress or too much of those Tybee liquor drinks? I never have (flat out lie), but I've heard of it happening to others. The good news is, help is available! When I heard about this IV Savannah scene, I was instantly interested and you will be too. I had the opportunity to meet **Rhonda Jones**, owner and operator of IV Savannah, and get IV'd up. What an experience! My body felt great and yours will too.

Rhonda Jones has always wanted to be a nurse. It is part of her family legacy; with her mom and aunt leading the way, Rhonda has accredited so many licenses and certifications that I was having a hard time keeping up with all of the initials. Add a couple of degrees from Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State and a ton of on-the-job training and we have one very smart lady.

All of the above is why I had no problem sitting down and being needled up with an intravenous bag full of good, happy things to kick start my body. There is a variety of vitamin mixtures available for you to select. From **Dehydration to Immune Booster, Detoxification Blend, Hangover Cure Blend** (Tybee Alert!!! Tybee Alert!!!), **Energy, Migraine and Pain Blend, Exercise Recovery Blend to Weight Loss, Anti-Aging, Acne Blend, Beauty Infusion and more.** I opted for the **Detoxification Blend** (because I need it and you probably need it too) and the **NAD Infusion** (Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide) (because I need that too). NAD infusions help people feel less fatigued and more alert. NAD is a natural "bio-hack" that does wonders for our DNA, bodies and minds.

Rhonda came to my house at 9:30 in the morning. I had invited Joy Horn over because when I explained what I was doing, she was all about it and wanted in. So, Joy was on the couch and I was on the ottoman. We got comfy and Rhonda set up with her IV bags and poles. We each got needled and then it was just a matter of hanging out and talking while the drip did its thing. Because we did two bags each, it took about two and half hours for the entire process.

After all was said and done, I felt a little nauseous and I was jittery. I don't think my body knew what to do with this kindness I was inflicting upon myself. Joy said she was a little jittery and then she danced out the door. As the day progressed, I felt better and better. Rhonda said I wouldn't really get the full impact for at least a day or two and it would last at least a

week or two. I slept great and the next day, I felt like I had been dusted off. I had energy that I knew I had been missing and my brain felt clearer. Almost as if I had taken an Adderall (from what I hear anyway) for my body and my brain. Still in my two weeks going along, I have been more productive. I have been drinking less (truth) and honestly alcohol doesn't have the same taste or appeal, which is both awesome and a bummer.

This procedure, for lack of a better word, may not be for everyone. Do your research. Check out Rhonda's website. Read the testimonials. Call her with any questions. The point here is to feel good and be good to your body. Why keep plodding along when you can be dancing along?

Pricing is very reasonable and discounts are available. Rhonda is a Tybee girl, but will travel across the bridge to Savannah, Rincon, Pooler, etc. This isn't a new idea across the country, but it's new to Tybee and I cannot think of a better place to kick start this program or a more knowledgeable, better lady to run the show. Check out Rhonda Jones at www.ivsavannah.com. Call her at (912) 457-7267 or email her at rjones@ivsavannah.com. Find out if this is right for you. Your body will most definitely thank you!



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BEACH RULES

By Margie McLellan

Welcome to summer on Tybee Island! Whether you are a tourist or a local, I'm sure you will be spending a fair amount of time on our beach. With that in mind, please be aware of our beach rules. They are located at each crossover and are posted for your safety:

- 1. Obey the lifeguards** – They don't just sit in their chairs to look cool (even though they do). They work hard to keep us safe.
- 2. Swim within 50 yards of shoreline** – You endanger not only yourself, but those that have to save you.
- 3. Litter must be contained** – Leave only your footprints. Please!
- 4. No Smoking on the Beach** (Takes effect June 1)
- 5. No glass or breakable containers** – It's all about broken glass, folks.
- 6. No pets** – No one wants to step in doggy poop or get bitten.
- 7. No motorized vehicles** – The beach is an awesome place to ride your bike, not so much for motor vehicles.
- 8. Do not remove any live marine animals** – sand dollars, starfish, etc. Let's respect our ecosystem. Live and let live.
- 9. Stay out of the dunes** – Our beautiful dunes are there for a reason. They are our first line of defense against coastal storms and beach erosion. Believe me, we are still having nightmares about Hurricane Matthew and Irma.
- 10. Surf and fish only in designated areas** – It's all about safety!
- 11. No fires or camping on the beach** – We have a beautiful campground for that.
- 12. No disorderly conduct, kegs, or nudity** – We are a family beach, just saying...

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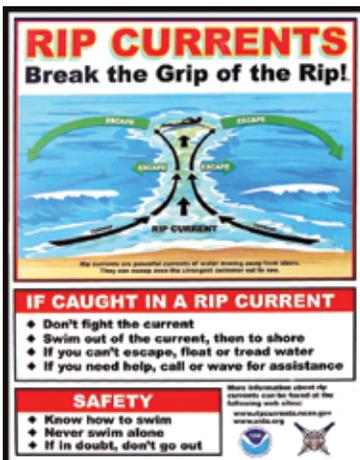
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BEHIND THE TAPE

By Lt. Emory Randolph

I wasn't lucky enough to be born on the coast, but I've been here a good, long while. It seems to me that as time goes by, more and more visitors make the same journey I did all those years ago. Winding their way along Highway 80, traveling through the salty air of the marshes, past the long silent Fort Pulaski and over Lazaretto Creek. It's a good thing too, because tourism is the lifeblood of this little piece of paradise. While there are many reasons that Tybee has earned a reputation as a popular vacation destination, there is one thing in particular that keeps people coming back above all others...the beach. With "World Oceans Day" right around the corner, I wanted to talk about some of the biggest problems that our team sees on the sand week after week:

- As I'm sure you've probably guessed, the item at the top of our list of commonly committed offenses is **LITTERING**. Any given morning during the summer, you can step out onto the beach to catch the sunrise and spot the heart wrenching sight of shorebirds foraging amongst soda cans and cigarette butts. Of course, it's not just traditional trash that's the problem, either. Items like discarded fishing line end up in the bellies of local wildlife, while abandoned beach toys can present an obstacle that becomes a death sentence to baby sea turtles. I don't care what anyone says, there's simply no excuse. The men and women of the Tybee Island Police Department welcome you to the island. We invite you to enjoy the beach, but we insist that you take ALL of your trash and belongings with you when you leave.
- Oh, and, speaking of trash, there's few things that will ruin a day of surf, sun and fun faster than receiving cuts on your feet. For that reason, the "powers that be" made the decision long ago to ban **Glass on the beach**. Keep in mind that it doesn't matter if it's a beer bottle or a pickle jar, bringing glass containers of any kind will lead to a hefty fine!
- Lastly, as I'm sure you've noticed, there's no shortage of shopping on the island. Whether you're looking for local art, or a t-shirt to commemorate your summer vacation, we've got it all. With that said, **LIVING CREATURES ARE NOT SOUVENIRS!** The sand dollars, starfish and other wildlife that wash up on our shores all play an important role in our ecosystem. Should you be walking along the beach and find any of these guys still alive, don't take them home. Instead, put them back into the ocean where they can continue to thrive!

Of course, this all seems like common sense and at this point, many of you are probably wondering why I took the time to write this article. Like I said, I wasn't lucky enough to be born on the coast...but its home. What started as an adventure ended up as a calling, and I've come to care deeply about the people, the culture and the environment. While some people believe the answer to the problems listed here is in more enforcement, I believe the key actually lies in more people taking personal responsibility. Working together, we can build a better, cleaner community in which to live, work and play!

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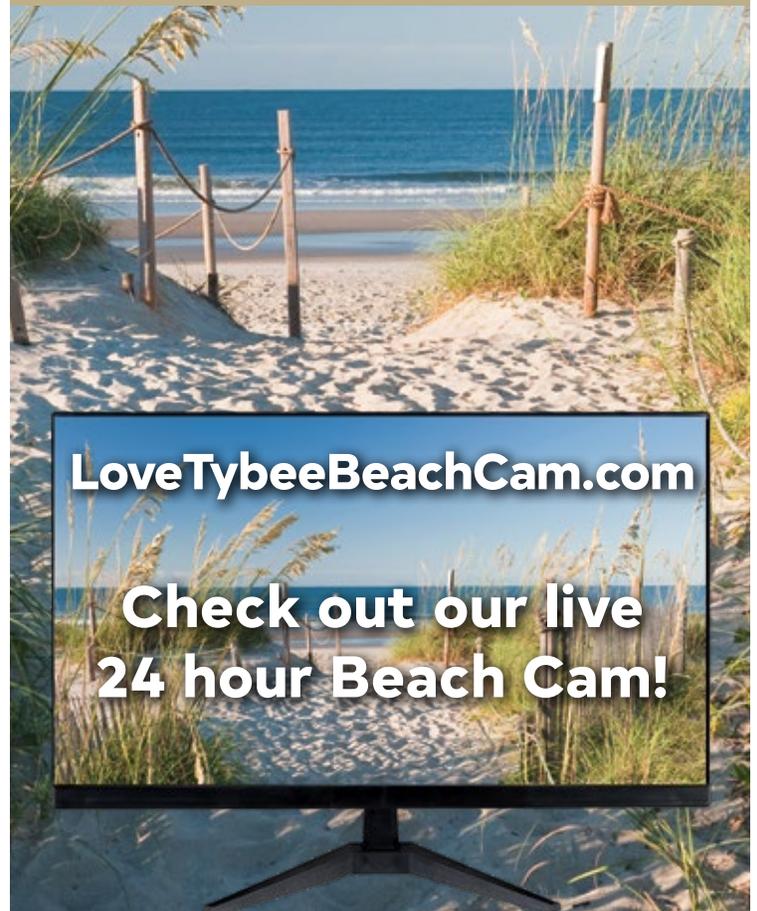
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By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Terry Collins

JOB: SALES ASSOCIATE AT DIZZY DEAN'S

I've been wanting to work at Dizzy's for a good long minute. I mean, how hard could this possibly be? You're surrounded by all things delightful and fun, people don't hang out for any longer than necessary (get your liquor and get out – no camping), and there is a lot of lounging around on the employees' part as far as I can tell. Not to mention the free sampling of it all! What more could a girl ask for??

I really wasn't nervous at all on my first training day. Honestly, I know my liquor. I drink, therefore I know. Yeah, right. Sunday was my first training day and Terry drew the short straw as my first trainer. We had fun. She is very knowledgeable and really legitimately enjoys her job. All sorts of people from every walk of life came in (like gasoline, everybody needs liquor). That day I learned that I don't know shit about liquor.

Tuesday was my next and last training day and David was the lucky trainer this day. David always makes me laugh with his running commentary. We had a great time and again, I was schooled on my lack of knowledge about alcohol and just things I assumed I knew and had hidden in the reserves of that big lump of clay located inside my noggin.

The true test began when I was flying solo. There is so much product there, that it is impossible to learn it all in two days, much less a month. I walked the store constantly, cramming information into my head about what we had, how much it was and what exactly I was going to get with my 30% discount. The latter being far more important than the former. People were ebbing and flowing and the vibe was good.

The whole month really did fly by. I met some great people who are now my bffs on Facebook and then I met some others who I seriously hope I never see again. Specifically, every person from Kentucky who wanted to argue with me about bourbon, the price of said bourbon, the lack of certain bourbons, and other bourbon related bitchery that I wanted nothing to do with. Dizzy's has an excellent supply of bourbon and being on an island 3.5 miles long, as well as being in a post-Covid era, I was damn proud of what Dizzy's had for sale and for how much it was priced.

The other person that sent me over the edge was from California and loudly proclaimed how our Malibu Rum prices were twice as much as what California prices were. I openly laughed out loud at her and told her to get. I loathe when people lie directly to my face (although it's ok for me to do it to them).

Overall, it was a really great experience. I want to thank Todd Morrison for making me laugh every time he walked in the door with stories about his day, as well as giving me this opportunity and I also want to thank Joy Horn and give her a special shout. That lady truly knows her alcohol. She is whip smart and I am very impressed with her overall knowledge and just fun wit and verve for living. Also, thank you to Terry and David for doing their best with what they had to work with. I still only know marginally more than when I walked in the door, but what a great experience!

Stay tuned for my next embedded experience ...





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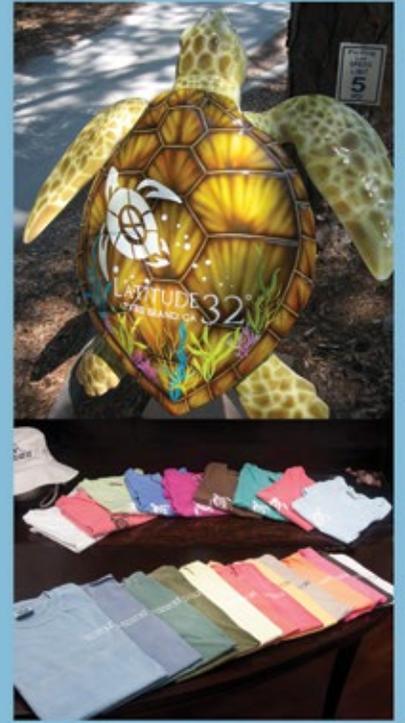
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Tybrarian Talk

By Sara Spicer Henderson



Beachcomber's monthly Book Review always produces a flurry of interest in the chosen book, but though it may be hard to believe, even whirlwinds like Nell need a break sometimes! Instead of recommending a read for the month, I'm here to recommend that you come down to the Tybee Library and pick one of your own.

When I tell people that I work at the library, all too often I hear, "Does anyone even go to the library anymore?" and I'm delighted (sometimes aggressively so) to tell them that, yes, people do come into the library, some of whom come multiple times per week! Obviously, the word "library" immediately brings to mind shelves and shelves of nothing but books, and that's definitely what you'll see when you walk in. We may be a small branch, but I'm constantly amazed at the selection of books that we have available, with new titles coming in several times per month. Should there be a book that peaks your interest that we don't have on our shelves, we would be delighted to put it on hold from one of the many branches in the Live Oak and PINES system that makes up the majority of our Georgia public library family, and it will be sent to Tybee for easy pick-up.

We also have computers for public use and, should you prefer to do your online work at home, any PINES card holder can check out a laptop or Wi-Fi hotspot for up to 3 days.

For those of you that sorely miss browsing the shelves at Blockbuster, we even have an entire aisle of DVDs to peruse!

The Tybee Island library is truly a mini-community within the wonderful family that is Tybee. Not only do patrons come to enjoy books, use computers, and send faxes (yes, we even fax), we welcome any and all who are interested in the programs within the library. Nell mentioned our Book Club in April, and we got a flurry of responses and questions about the reading schedule. The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month, at 3:00, and is always a fantastic hour of conversation and friendship.

We've also become the newest branch to be included in the Live Oak Seed Library program. Patrons are invited to "check-out" up to 3 seed packets per household each month, and take advantage of the beautiful weather to try out a new hobby. Don't worry, we don't expect the seed packets to be returned, but we'd love to see pictures of your gorgeous gardens!

Finally, as the school year is coming to an end, keep your kids' minds active this summer by enrolling in the Summer Reading Program. In addition to the time spent with books, the program also encourages other activities to stimulate curiosity and learning, all while earning prizes! Come out to our Summer Reading Kickoff party on Monday, June 6th for more information and some special surprises!

I know that I'm extremely biased, but the Tybee Island Library is one of the best, and definitely cutest, in the world. You'll always be welcomed with a smile, and we'll do our best to make sure that you leave with one as well. Sign up for a library card; it's completely free, and how often is that the case anymore? As Nell always says, "Read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on." If it's a really good book, pass it on to Nell, and you might see it in a future issue of the Beachcomber!

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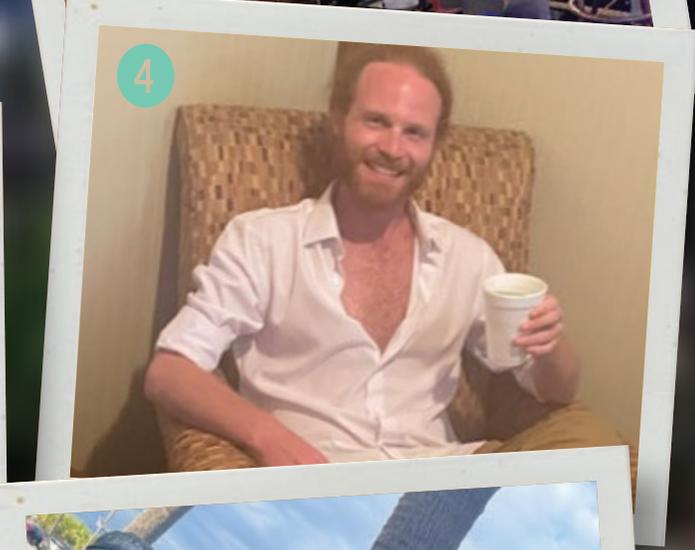
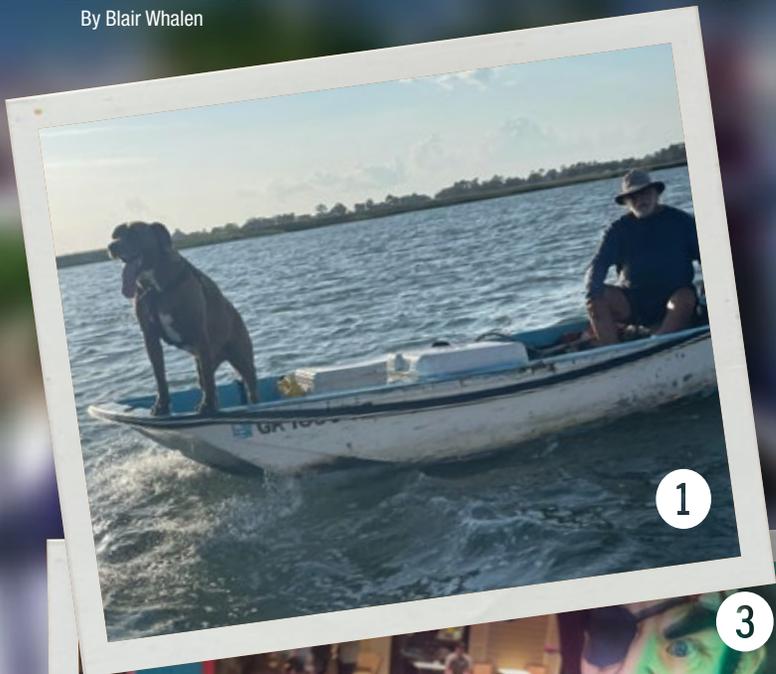
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BE BOPPIN' WITH BLAIR

By Blair Whalen



1 It was a beautiful day for a boat ride. **Rusty** was helping his hooman, **Edwin**, navigate to Little Tybee.

2 I caught the **AI Gore Rhythms** playing a surprise show at **Benny's**. They are awesome, by the way!!

3 As I stumbled into the **Wind Rose**, I spotted **Lynn** who could not keep her hands off the Captain in the corner!! He is sexy!

4 After two years of being gone, this ginger decided to grace us with his presence. We miss you, **Mike**!! So good to see you again!

5 I stopped at **North Beach Grill** for some tequila shots from **Austin**. Always a fun time with this guy!

6 I managed to get these two crazy kids off the south end for a day of fun. Thanks for being such troopers, **David and John**!



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7 Check out the smile on **Kolten**! I walked into **Sea Wolf** for an awesome cocktail and was not disappointed! Their drinks are spot on!

8 If you have ever wondered what the inside of a painter's vehicle looks like, wonder no more. The fact that **Rudy** can drive down the street in this s&*t show and not be driving up on the sidewalks is truly a Christmas miracle.

9 **Island Brands** and **Southern Eagle** teamed up with **Tybee Clean Beach** to spend some quality time helping pick up litter. Thank you to everyone that came out and pitched in to help! It takes a village, y'all!

10 I don't know who this guy is, but I want him in my life! Now that **T.S. Chu's** sells wine and beer and this guy is selling it, I will be there!!

11 Tybee has many fantastic artists! **Charissa Murray** and **Olivia Morrison** are two of our finest. They rocked that mural on the Pier!!

12 Look how happy **Chris** is changing his flat with a busted up leg! That's Tybee spirit right there! Nothing matters as long as you're on the beach!



Fannie's on the Beach Celebrating 30 years!

By Jenny Orr - Photo by Wen McNally

Monday June 20, marks 30 years in business for Fannie's on the Beach.

What a FUN time we have had! I believe that being lucky enough to do business on Tybee Island is one of the keys to our success. The other is being lucky enough to do business with generations of families, to watching a generation grow up and start their own families who come to eat and hang out too. I think of all the hundreds and hundreds of students that have worked at Fannie's and all the fun they brought us and our guests over the years, plus the very hard-working and funny staff we have had, not to mention our managers that hold it all together. Our patron saint KATIE LOVE, everybody knows she was the reason we made it!

A huge thank you to The Christy Alan Band, Christy, Roy and Martha, who played here every weekend for at least 25 years, as well as our Friday "Bored Meeting" members, who weigh in on everything Tybee Island! All the "Best Fannie's" for the good laugh!

To all our gone but never forgotten "Bored Members," Tybee regulars, and to the families who support businesses like mine when they are getting started,

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Jenny Orr

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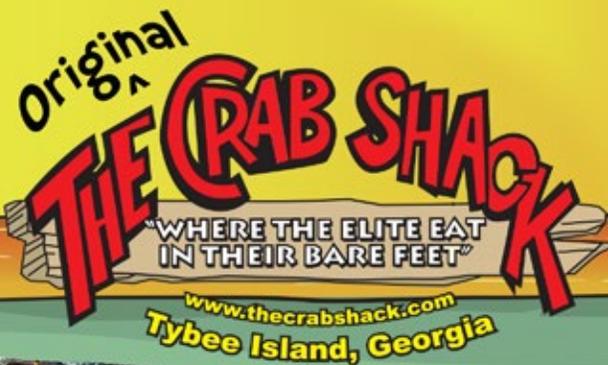
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WHAT THE HECK IS JUNETEENTH?

By Allen Lewis, Jane Bridges and Pat Leiby

Do you recognize the word, wonder what it means or its origin? It's a combination of June and nineteenth. But why?

It took 29 months and 19 days after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation for the enslaved people of Texas to learn on June 19, 1865, that they were free. The army of Texas, after the last battle of the Civil War, surrendered in Galveston on June 2, 1865. Union army General Gordon Granger was then placed in command of all the troops in Texas. Part of his duty was to announce to all the people of Texas that, in accord with Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation January 1, 1863, "All slaves are free." Granger's General Order #3 was announced in Galveston June 19, 1865, and freed 250,000 enslaved Blacks. Granger also proclaimed in his order that now all persons, former masters and slaves, were equal. It echoed the Declaration of Independence. Slavery and forced labor were prohibited, although it took until December 6, 1865, for the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution to be ratified, abolishing all slavery in the country. Even so, years of delay, terror and violence followed.



So what makes the Juneteenth story significant? The freed slaves finally had a date to celebrate their own freedom. It was like their July 4. Beginning the following year, June 19 became their annual Rite of Freedom. What is now known as Juneteenth was originally known as "Celebration Day," celebrating the end of slavery. It is an important holiday in the African American Community, as it ended slavery in the United States. It is the "People's Holiday," begun by freed slaves on June 19, 1866, and continued by their descendants and others.

The holiday slowly spread from Texas by traveling with friends and family across the country. From the beginning, celebrations included church services where attendees were reminded of the solemnity of the occasion, the long struggle and their right to pursue legal equality. Parades, picnics, speeches and sermons have been a staple of the celebration from the beginning. Today, Juneteenth is a holiday celebrated in communities across the nation. The celebration reminds successive generations that this event triggered a series of events that define the challenges and responsibilities of future generations.

Tybee Island's first Juneteenth celebration was held on June 19, 2015, sponsored by The Tybee MLK Human Rights Organization. There were about 15 people who met inside the North Beach Gazebo: Mayor Jason Beulterman (mayor of Tybee at the time); former Savannah mayor Edna Jackson; soon-to-be mayor of Tybee, Shirley Sessions; members of the Masjid Mosque in Savannah; members of First African Baptist Church in Savannah; and a sprinkling of Tybee residents. Each year, the event has grown. When the gazebo began to overflow, the group met on the deck of North Beach Bar and Grill, and then to the beach. This year, 2022, the remembrance will be held on the Walter Parker Pier on the south end of Tybee. The Juneteenth remembrance also celebrates the historic Tybee Wade-Ins and the brave Black youth from Savannah who desegregated the beach at Tybee in the 1960s (that story is depicted on a display by the Tybee Museum). June of 2021 was the first year that Juneteenth was designated a city holiday, a few months before the Federal government made that designation.

Now that you know where Juneteenth started and what it represents, come out to the pier for a two-day event on June 18th and 19th where you can enjoy vendors, music and more. The Juneteenth Wade-In celebration will take place Sunday, June 19th, at 9:00 am on the south end of Tybee Island near the pier. Use the 15 1/2 Street crossover to join the group on the beach. Bring a chair.

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CHAPTER 56 – A TRIP TO THE TACKLE SHOP

DAY 12

“See,” Tony says. “I told you I heard something.”

“Dude, I think that may be...” Sara starts saying before a new voice joins the others.

“It’s me, Jimmy!” They hear from behind the door. “Don’t shoot!”

“Hold your fire,” Tony says. “Becky would kill all of us if we shot Jimmy.”

“Get that door open!” Johnny says. “Let’s get him out of there.” He tries to open the door without any luck.

Tony sighs, “Jimmy. Unlock the damn door.”

“Oh shit,” Jimmy says. “That might help.” He unlocks the door and slowly swings it open, hands held high, shielding himself from the barrage of bullets that may or may not be coming his way. “Don’t shoot. Don’t shoot,” he blusters as he emerges. “It’s just me... Jimmy.”

“Don’t worry buddy,” Sara says. “We only shoot zombies, Richie, and Crabber Brian.”

“You...” Jimmy looks at her. “You shot Richie and Brian?”

“Not yet,” Sara says matter-of-factly. “But it’s on my to-do list.”

Tony pats Jimmy on the shoulder and draws him out of the closet.

“We’ve got a lot of catching up to do, bud.”

Johnny steps forward toward the closet as his view into it expands. “Would you look at that? This thing is full of candy, soda, and snacks!”

“Well, yeah,” Jimmy says. “How do you think I survived seven days in there?”

Sara gags and pinches her nose. “Oh god! That smell though, Jimmy.”

“It’s been seven days with a stalker zombie trying to break this door down. It’s not like I could call ‘time out’ and use the proper facilities.” He watches as Johnny moves into the closet. “Just don’t look in that five-gallon bucket. Eating candy for seven days makes you pee out of your butt.”

“Damn it Jimmy,” Sara says, fanning the air around her with a free hand. “No need to be so graphic.”

Tony claps his hands. “All right folks, we’ve got a mission. Let’s grab the fishing gear and everything in this closet. I’m sure the guys on the ship and the folks in the house will appreciate the sodas and snacks.”

“Everything but the bucket, Tony...” Jimmy says, stepping away from the closet and taking a deep breath of fresh air. “Wait... you guys have a

ship?”

“A bad ass stealth ship and a phat ass house on the bluff at Spanish Hammock,” Johnny says as he pulls boxes of candy bars out of the closet.

“Whaaaaaat?” Jimmy says. “That’s what I’m talking about. Zombie apocalypse and all, and you’re still living in style.”

Sara looks back toward the front door. “You guys think that loud shriek our dead friend over there let out was loud enough to attract his friends?”

“Good point,” Johnny says. “My ears are still ringing a bit from that... and all the gun fire.”

“Let’s hurry this up so we don’t have to find out,” Tony says.

The foursome quickly load the hummer with all the gear, food, and soda and get back on the road. Just a few moments pass before Sara speaks up.

“Oh shit!” she points behind them. “Look what’s running this way!” They can all see about thirty zeeks running down Highway 80 from the north.

“Johnny!” Tony says. “Hop your ass up on that fifty and take those bastards out! We’re getting the hell out of here, so hold on!”

“Gotcha!” Johnny says, and slides up through the skate ring and charges the M2. Sweeping from left to right, he fires on the horde, taking most of them out in the first two sweeps.

Sara shouts and points again. “Look on top of the DeSoto! It’s an SZ!”

“SZ?” Jimmy shouts, confused and scared.

“Super zombie, Jimmy,” Tony says as he drives. “Johnny, get that bastard on the roof.”

Johnny swings the M2 to the right and takes aim on the SZ. It leaps from the roof, down to the parking lot, and takes off out of sight. “Damn it,” he says.

“Did you see that?” Jimmy exclaims, looking around at his companions.

“Keep an eye out over there,” Tony says. “Shout if it comes back into sight.”

Sara hops on the radio. “Patch, this is Hummer. We’ve engaged about thirty zeeks running down Highway 80 from the north at Funky Fish. One SZ escaped and one liberated inside the store. We have a new passenger, an old friend of ours, Jimmy Williams. Over.”

Patch’s voice comes over the radio, “Roger. Any injuries?”

“None. Heading toward the south end of the island. Continuing recon. Over.”

“Roger. Careful of the SZ that got away. He may be stalking you.

“Roger, out.”

Travis comes over the radio, “Patch, this is BFC, passing the lighthouse. We see about fifty or so zeeks around the north end batteries. I think we may have just found where they’re hiding out. If the batteries are full, there could be hundreds in there.”

“Roger. Continue around the island to the Back River. Keep an eye out. There’s been a SZ spotted near mid-island in the vicinity of the DeSoto.”

“Roger, out.”

The rest of the recon mission concludes without further incident. Both teams meet back up at the house on Spanish Hammock.

“Holy crap!” Cheryl says, as they get out of the hummer. “Would you look at this? Who would have thought that our favorite server has survived the zombie apocalypse for 12 long days?” She gives Jimmy a big hug.

“To be fair... I was stuck in a closet for seven of those days, surviving on candy and soda,” Jimmy says into her shoulder.

“There’s candy and soda?” she asks.

“A whole hummer full,” Johnny says with a big smile.

“Hey Travis,” Tony says. “Grab some guys from the ship. We’ve got a lot

of soda, candy, and fishing gear for the guys.”

“On my way,” he says and moves toward the ship. “The guys are going to be super stoked about this.”

Tony turns and looks at Becky, “What did you guys see at the old fort batteries?”

“There were lots of zeeks there. On the roof, around the base, inside I’m sure. I’d say at least fifty. Could be more.”

“Do you think that’s where the SZs are hiding out as well?” Patch asks, as he approaches the group.

“Couldn’t tell where it was, but we heard one.”

“You think it was the one from the Funky Fish?” Sara asks.

“I doubt it,” Tony answers. “Being out on the water and that far away from us, I doubt you could have heard the one from inside the store. But, DAMN, it was loud. After it shrieked, about thirty or so zeeks showed up, along with an SZ.”

“So it’s confirmed,” Patch nods. “They are communicating with each other.”

“We need to double up on security tonight,” Tony says. “I don’t know if that SZ followed us or not.”

Joey’s voice crackles over the radio, “There’s something pacing back and forth at the end of the road.”

Tony grabs the radio, “Joey, go to 10X power day sights and get a closer look. Is it a zeek or not?”

“It’s... It’s... a super zeek!”

To be continued...

Now, go back and read the rest of the damn story will ya! You can read the previous 55 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>. You can even print them all out and use them as a tablecloth for easy clean up at your next crab feast!



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Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

HORSESHOE CRABS

We are into our sea turtle nesting season! These giant turtles live out in the open sea, but during the summer, mature females come ashore along southeastern beaches to lay their eggs in sand. Usually, they come ashore at night, so it is unlikely that we get to see them. But during early summer, there is another, even stranger-looking animal, that also comes ashore to lay eggs in the sand, and we have a good chance of seeing them. That animal is the Horseshoe Crab.

While walking Tybee's beach during this time of year, it's not uncommon to see a Horseshoe Crab (or two) washing around in the surf or partially buried in the wet sand. Now is the time when these animals move from offshore onto the beach to pair-up and lay eggs in the wet sand.

A Horseshoe Crab is not really a crustacean or even a crab. But rather, they are primitive members of the Arachnid group of animals that includes spiders and scorpions. Like other Arachnids, they have a hard outer exoskeleton for protection. Although they look scary, they are actually harmless. The long, pointed tail doesn't have a stinger, and its main purpose is for turning itself back over if it gets knocked upside down. The pinchers at the ends of the legs are not really strong, so they don't have much of a pinch. Its mouth is in the middle, where all the legs come together. Living offshore, Horseshoe Crabs burrow through the bottom searching for food like clams, snails and other smaller animals.

If you like this kind of stuff, you can tell if it's a male or female! Check the legs. A female has pinchers on all the legs, including the first pair, so that first pair looks like all the others. A male has pinchers on all the legs except for the first pair. His first pair of legs has a "hook" instead of pinchers. Those hooks are used to hold on to a female when they are



laying eggs in the sand.

Not much of anything eats Horseshoe Crabs because there really isn't much meat inside, and the hard exoskeleton provides strong, effective protection. But in some places they are harvested because they produce a valuable biomedical product. After capture, they are taken to a lab where some of their blood (or body fluid) is extracted, and then they are transported back to the sea and released. Horseshoe Crab body fluid is bluish-purple, because it contains copper rather than iron. This fluid has a property that can detect certain impurities in our blood, so most all human blood products, artificial joints, and other body parts are first screened with Horseshoe Crab blood extract to be sure they aren't infected with dangerous micro-organisms.

Be on the watch for Horseshoe Crabs in the surf or on the beach. If they are partially buried in the sand, they will probably be okay til the tide comes back in.

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FOOD SPY

By Alaina Loughridge
Photos by Betsey Jenkins
Random Commentary by Francis German

BENNY'S TYBEE TAVERN KITCHEN EDITION



As Tybee's most intrepid reporter, I always have my ear to the ground searching for the latest and greatest that Tybeans need and want to read about. Well, I'm not sure how I dropped the ball on this one, and I sincerely apologize for that, but y'all need to get down to Benny's and get your fried chicken face on immediately. It was so good; I've been dreaming about it and I'm not the only one. Let me start from the beginning...

Betsey, Francis and I met up at Benny's on a lovely Sunday afternoon to get to the bottom of this chicken rumor I'd been hearing about. Brenda Turner is the Master Chef and as we sat down and perused the menu, Brenda made several recommendations and off we went.

We started in the Munchies section with a nice, big pile of **Fried Okra**. A perfect serving of fresh and crisp that will satisfy anyone craving a southern staple. We plowed through those fairly quickly and moved on to the **Fried Mushrooms**. Again, a fair heaping portion of just juicy and tender. Those were just to get us started.

The **Fried Chicken Sandwich** was next and was paired with **Corn Nuggets**. None of us had ever had corn nuggets, much less heard of them, so we tried those first. A total sweet surprise of corn kernels battered and deep fried. We tried dipping them in hot sauce for a thrill and all three of us were happy with our new discovery! We can't forget about that sandwich either! A big, ol' fat piece of juicy, slapped between two buns, with fresh lettuce, tomato and onion, and you can take that to any chicken cooking contest in the country and walk away a blue-ribbon winner! It is that good!

Staying in sandwich mode, the **Burger** came out with a happy mix of **Shoestring Fries** and crispy, and perfectly fried **Tater Tots**. Not everyone offers tots, so those were a real treat! The burger itself was the perfect bar burger: flavorful and a belly filler that is a brilliant idea, whether you are pre or post hungover!

Now, drum roll please... Brenda slapped down this four-piece **Chicken**

Extravaganza with a side of **Mashed Potatoes**. This chicken was so good, there was a literal beat down of who was going to get what off that plate! Words were said that can never be unspoken. Feelings were hurt, but it didn't matter. It was worth the loss of friendship. A breast, thigh, leg and wing were inhaled in minutes. Super juicy inside with a crispy outside, that even the haughtiest of fried chicken connoisseurs will appreciate the magnificence of. The mashed potatoes were an excellent side - super smooth and not gravy stingy. You will be so full after this meal that you will have to call Breezy to take you home.

Naturally, we had to grill Brenda on exactly what was in her chicken batter recipe. She was reluctant to talk, but after we water-boarded her, this is what we know: It's not a batter, it's a dry, hand breaded situation. It does not include bread crumbs or flour. That's all she would say and trust me, we tried to get it out of her! To give you an idea of how good this chicken is, even owners of others restaurants who sell their own chicken situation go to see Brenda!

Benny's menu isn't huge, but it's got a good selection of something for everyone and the food is excellent! It's perfect for a beach picnic too, if you don't want to hang out at the bar. Although, if you do want to hang out at the bar, Benny's is a full bar and offers cocktails, wine and beer.

Benny's Kitchen is located inside Benny's Tybee Tavern (Coldest Beer in America) located at 1517 Butler Avenue and is open Friday and Saturday from 7pm to 12am and on Sunday from 12pm to 12am.

On a side note, Brenda runs her kitchen separate from Benny's. You can combine both your bar and your kitchen bill, but Brenda does not receive a tip if you do that. Please keep that in mind when you are paying. Great food and service deserve a tip! We will see you there!





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Submitted by Jenny & Tree Rountree

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HOME SWEET HOME

By Tommy Thompson

A month ago, I was at the American Legion Post 154, on Tybee, and overheard a conversation that, to me, embodied the essence of that venerable proverb: *"Necessity is the mother of invention."*

The quote is attributed to the Greek philosopher Plato, circa 380 B.C., but over the generations, after many translations, it appeared as the English proverb above.

Enough history, let's get back to my story. A local retired couple, we'll call them David and Kay, were living in Dublin, GA and back in the early 2000s, as they were contemplating retirement, they decided they would like to retire along the GA coast. So, they bought a big comfortable boat and had it brought to a Thunderbolt marina, to use as a weekend get-a-way on the water.

The plan was working just fine until Kay had a serious medical reaction to a horsefly bite that landed her in the emergency room. So, as we Southerners know, horseflies, gnats, mosquitos, and other flying, creepy crawling creatures, can be intolerable pests at certain times of the year, especially on the water.

This unfortunate incident was David's "mother of invention" and he started on a quest to find a bug repellant that would protect his wife from future encounters with any harmful bugs. He researched the available products on the market, but was concerned that the chemical ingredients in those products may be harmful to his wife's health.

So, David began a phase-two search for a non-chemical bug repellant that contained only non-toxic, natural ingredients and he found one. However, it had a very offensive odor. Kay agreed that it seemed to keep the bugs away, but she wasn't about to put that smelly stuff on her skin.

That started a phase-three research project that lasted almost a year, where David experimented with combinations of various essential oils, etc. David's investment of time and effort was a labor of love to protect his wife, as opposed to inventing a product to sell.

Well, one day he finally succeeded in coming up with an effective natural bug spray, that Kay liked and she proclaimed its name to be... "NO NATZ."

David would mix the ingredients in their home in Dublin, and on the weekends they would give it away to their fellow boaters at the marina. During this time, because it was so effective, some people were suggesting that they should market it and sell it in retail stores.

It was never their plan to create a business, but with enough encouragement, they embarked on the enormous task of understanding the legal entities, liabilities, contracts, federal, state and local regulations, barcodes, labeling, packaging, etc., that are required when offering a product for sale to the public.

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David and Kay retired the big boat for a smaller one and now reside in a home on Tybee.

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

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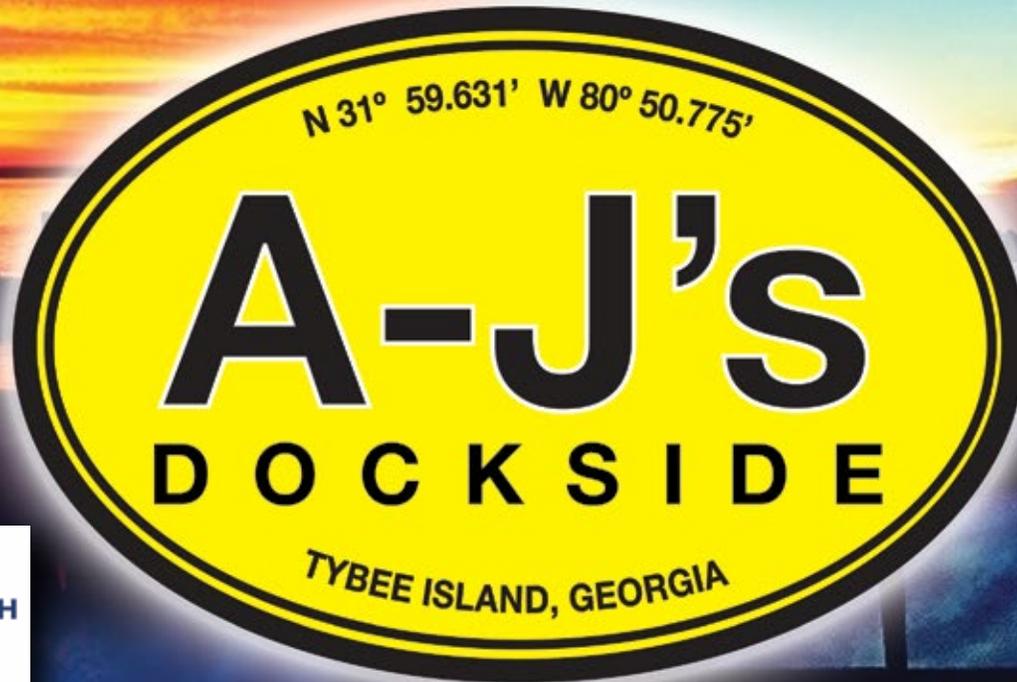


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