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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

Happy 8th Birthday Tybee Beachcomber!!! What a ride and continuous adventure! I'm not even going to lie about some of the shady things I have done for this magazine and some of the shady things I've seen that are going to haunt for a minute, but worth it? Absolutely!! Thank you to all our local Tybee friends and businesses, our many visitors, all of our advertisers and people from as far away as Antarctica supporting this baby. Can't forget to mention the writers and contributors who make the Tybee Beachcomber fun and entertaining or painfully crossing the line or pushing the envelope (depending on your point of view). Print has not died out yet and I will be holding on by my hairy knuckles for another 8 years and beyond!

All that having been barfed out, let's talk about that freaking cover!!! **OMG!**

The *Traveling Beachcomber* has been traversing the globe with our readers for 8 years. We've gone to some amazing places with them. Seen some amazing sights. We were pretty proud of ourselves for hitting 6 of our 7 continents, but always wanted to get that last one – **Antarctica**. Well, the fates have smiled down on us. **David Sessoms**, son of Mike and Hollie Sessoms and grandson of Mac and Margie McLellan, joined the Coast Guard last year. His first adventure is currently aboard the *USCGC Polar Star*, an ice cutter used to cut shipping lanes to Antarctica. Thank you, David, for taking us with you and now we are going to take you with us to go party at A-J's when you get back, to celebrate this momentous occasion.

So, off we go on another 8 years of adventures!! Make me a cocktail and turn the page ...

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Tybee Island Bucket List

- Read the Tybee Beachcomber!
- Walk the beach
- 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
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints

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Georgia, Savannah River Ent.

February 2023 Tide Chart

N 32° 02.0' / W 80° 54.1'

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
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opened for business November 11, 2022, at 11:00 am. Now Robbyn's dream is a reality and her little shop is perfect! She gets to choose what to create, sell and make. It is all personally and hand selected. There is new and vintage furniture, handmade jewelry, watercolors, charcutier and cutting boards, wooden sea turtles, sweet grass baskets, vintage posters and just really cool stuff. Now she is able to present Tides of Times. The name reflects her journey and how the tides got her to where she is today.

The Childs want to meet all of their Tybee neighbors and are offering a 10% discount to all that stop by and introduce themselves for the month of February. Their winter hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11am to 5pm and you can find them right next to Tybee Teeth at 1016 U.S. Highway 80.

Now, I just have to find room to put more awesome things!

BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

Tides of Time

We have a super cool new business on the island and if you are a home collector and like funky different décor items, you are going to love this store! Showcasing items that aren't your every day run of the mill, Tides of Time is the place and if you don't buy something for yourself, it's a perfect place to find a gift that's not per usual.

Tides of Time is the brain child of Robbyn Childs and it took a minute, but she and her hubby, Andy, finally made it and it's if the Childs were meant to be here. Everything they've done to this point, was to get them to Tybee, and this journey started in Chicago. After a minute there, Greentown, Indiana became their hometown for 21 years until the kids went to college and Andy got a job transfer to Columbus, Georgia. All during this time, Robbyn, while still working a full-time job, had gotten bitten by the antique bug and worked very hard traveling to different shows with her candles and furniture, setting up her booths and living her side dream. When Andy got transferred to Georgia, Robbyn did all the rounds with the shops and promoting her ideas and love of restoration, never losing sight of her dream of one day owning her own store. While touring the charming State of Georgia, they found Tybee and it brought back every childhood beach memory with the grandparents and the decision didn't take much time to make.

As the dream grew for Robbyn, Andy became inspired too and a mutual love was born; they began refinishing and repurposing what is now known as Barrel Furniture. They have been making barrel furniture out of mainly Jack Daniels whiskey barrels for about 11 years now. Together, as a unit, Robbyn comes up with the design and Andy puts it together. They work with every part of the barrel from the rings to the staves. They have made full size bars with whiskey barrels, as well as pub, poker, side and sofa tables. Truly a unique idea and not just what every store has to offer or what you would find wandering down the street and antiquing.

Fast forward a couple of years and the universe waved its magic wand and Andy was offered an opportunity to move to and work in Chatham County. They jumped! The following week, Robbyn got a little niche at Merchants on Bee. After a year of just trying to make a go after this post Covid delight we've all enjoyed, Bee closed and Robbyn went to Tybee. It was truly meant to be because she found her new shop location for Tides and they officially

FEBRUARY TOP 10 SONG LIST

"It's the Month for Love and I'm Seeing Red" List

By D.J. AMP

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." — Charles M. Schulz

Turn it Up!!!

1. **Red Rain** - Peter Gabriel

2. **Little Red Corvette** - Prince

3. **Red Rubber Ball** - Cyrkle

4. **99 Red Balloons** - Nena

5. **Raspberry Beret** - Prince

6. **Red Red Wine** - UB40

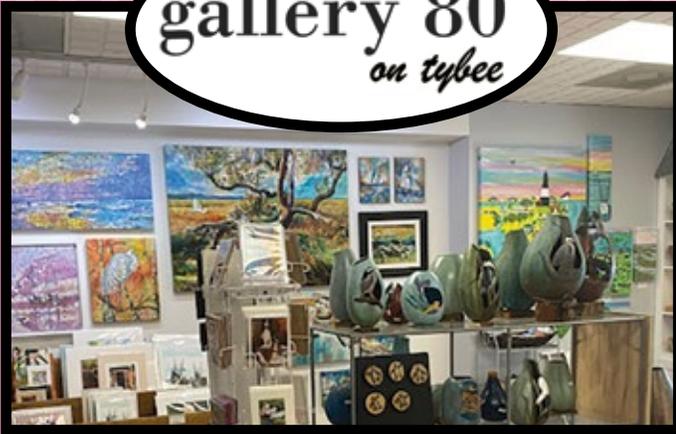
7. **Red Barchetta** - Rush

8. **Cherry Bomb** - The Runaways

9. **Little Red Rooster** - The Rolling Stones

10. **Red Storm** - Styx

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MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

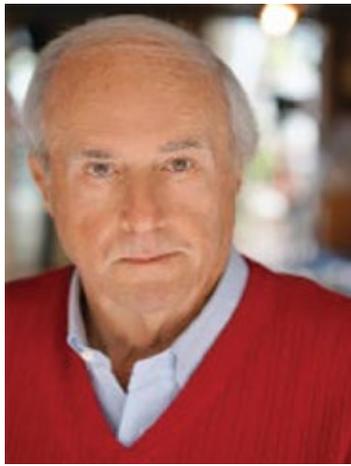
THE LIE

This little gem of a nightmare movie was released in 2018 by Amazon and I stumbled upon it one boring evening when even Lord Uhtred, Son of Uhtred, couldn't get me out of a Last Kingdom funk (if you know, you know). The front cover of the movie is enticing and when I watched the trailer of one kid seemingly pushing another kid off an icy bridge into racing winter water, well, I was in.

So, Dad, Peter Sarsgaard is taking his daughter, Joey King (who was The Prince in Bullet Train) to a dance retreat camp with her bff in a snowy wilderness. BFF has to pee and Dad pulls over because what really are your options? The girls don't come back and Dad goes a looking. When he finds his daughter and asks where the BFF is, she admits to pushing her off this bridge into an unsurvivable fall onto the ice and into a rushing river. What would you do as a dad? You have to protect your daughter.

The rest of the movie is Peter connecting with his ex-wife to cover this situation, while the BFF's dad is coming around wondering where his daughter is, and Peter's daughter is being a total unappreciative bitch about exactly what her parents are doing to cover her bony ass for what she has done. Murder. Juicy murder.

Super messed up!! I give this movie 5 bottles of 2013 Taste of Diamonds for 2.07 million dollars per bottle because I don't have kids and this movie is why.



Life on the Bike Path

By John O'Neill

As most of you know I don't talk much about politics here, but from time to time something will pop up which just begs for some attention. In case you don't know, I am a staunch supporter of free speech; always have been. Recent revelations surrounding Twitter, Facebook, and other social media outlets have raised questions about the government's involvement in censoring what we say on those platforms. But it's not just the government we need to watch out for. For example, the news media doesn't seem to be bothered by the fact that the FBI has been doing the dirty work of the "Left" for years, resulting in the filtering of information we are allowed to read and view. This should outrage everyone, but it doesn't. Some of you may be wondering what in the world this has to do with Tybee. Probably nothing, I just needed to say it.

Moving right along. Unless you've been living under a rock, no doubt you have seen plans for the two "new" bridges connecting Tybee with Wilmington Island. Folks, this is a government cluster of monumental proportions brought to you by good ole GDOT. What the plans don't contain are four lanes of traffic. Yep, after decades of talking about the need for it, there will only be two lanes. But wait! There's more! What it WILL contain is a pedestrian lane, two wide shoulder lanes, and a multi-use lane, whatever the hell that is. And, on the eastside of Bull River it all dumps into the same ole two lane causeway. Brilliant. Keep in mind that this plan is the product of the same people who last year erected "Draw Bridge" signs at the east bound entrance to the Bull River bridge. The pedestrian lane will encourage more people to walk or ride their bikes to and from Tybee, creating an even more dangerous environment than already exists there. But of course, on the bright side, it will make it easier for Urban Outdoorsmen, aka the homeless, to enjoy squatting at the beach.

Until next month, Love and kisses from the Bike Path.

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Feb. Entertainment Calendar

Tuesdays: Joey Manning (music; 7-10 pm)

Wednesdays: Tony Abruzzio (music; 5-6:45pm)

Trivia 7-9 PM (\$50 gift card to winner)

Sundays: Eric Daubert & Friends (music; 2-5 pm)

Live Music - Thurs, Fri & Sat: 7-10 PM

2/2 (Thurs) - Spec Hosti Band

2/3 (Fri) - Turtle & Joe

2/4 (Sat) - Jason Bible

2/9 (Thurs) - CC Witt

2/10 (Fri) - Stan Ray

2/11 (Sat) - Free Spirits Orchestra

2/16 (Thurs) - Spec Hosti Band

2/17 (Fri) - CC Witt

2/18 (Sat) - Anders Thomsen Duo

2/23 (Thurs) - Savannah Parrothead Allstars

2/24 (Fri) - Eric Daubert

2/25 (Sat) - Josh Johannson

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Foodie Finds

Cooked by Joy Baker and Collated by Alaina Loughridge

Jake Baker's Spatchcock Chicken

When I first heard about this Spatchcock Chicken situation, my first thought was, "Is this food porn? Sounds porny." Technically, it's a split roasted chicken with a snappy, eye-catching name, but Neighbor Joy and I are always down to try something stupid and potentially yummy, so off we went. Lots of trial and error occurred, so I'm going to cut to the chase of the best way to do this versus four hours of asking why the potatoes and carrots are still hard as a damn rock.



Ingredients:

- One whole chicken (we used a 3 lb. chicken) split in half – go see Matt at the IGA. He knows.
- 3 Teaspoons of minced garlic
- 1 Teaspoon Sea salt (Kosher works too)
- 6 Tablespoons of softened butter
- 1 Tablespoon of Italian seasoning
- 1 large lemon, zested (grate the peel, y'all)
- After you've pillaged that zested lemon, squeeze the juice out
- ½ tablespoon black pepper
- 24 ounces of baby red potatoes, cut in half
- 8 ounces small, peeled baby carrots
- 8 ounces Brussel Sprouts, trimmed and halved

Set your oven to 450 degrees.

Mix your garlic and salt into a paste. Then add butter, seasoning, zest, juice and pepper.

Grab your 11x13 glass casserole dish (ungreased). Place your split chicken in the middle. Tuck the wing tips UNDER the chicken to prevent burnage (new word Urban Dictionary!!) and surround it with your potatoes, carrots and sprouts.

Take your paste and just get down and funky with your chicken! Rub and massage it, pour everything all over your veggies and don't be shy. Cover that bitch with tinfoil and set your timer for 30 minutes.

Have a cocktail. After 30 minutes take a peek and all should be bubbling along nicely. Reduce your heat to 400 and bake for another 20 minutes uncovered. Have another cocktail.

Pull out your scene and leave it to bubble for a moment in contentment. Keep your oven on and throw some garlic bread in. Put together a side salad. Or not and just rip off that tin foil and dig in. The chicken falls off the bone. No knife required. Maybe a fork. We are not animals after all ... If you're hoity toity, I recommend an oaky cabernet for accompaniment.



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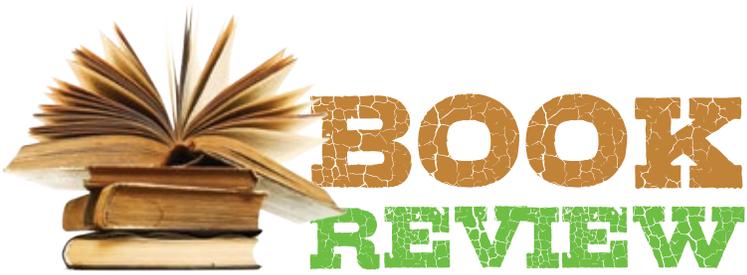
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By Nell Klein

THE LOVE HYPOTHESIS

By Ali Hazelwood

It's February and 'tis the season for romance. I usually dread this book review because I'm more of a thriller/murder mystery gal. But, when my Book of the Month club offered me a free book for Christmas, I noticed that one of the offerings was "The Love Hypothesis." Bingo! Sounded like a good February book review and it was free! But, alas, I still dreaded reading it. So, when I left my Kindle in North Carolina over the Christmas holidays, I was forced to read a real book! I decided to bite the bullet and read my free rom-com and I was very pleasantly surprised. It was a really good book and, in spite of the fact that there were quite a few scientific terms that I knew nothing about, I thoroughly enjoyed it and it's my pleasure to pass it on to you.

Olive Smith is a candidate for a Ph.D. in science at Stanford University. She is a brilliant girl who has lost everyone that she loves and is very reluctant to let any romance enter her life. Her two best friends, Anh and Malcolm think that the one thing that Olive needs is romance. So, she has a couple of dates with Jeremy just to please them but she's totally not into him. She soon finds out that Anh is into Jeremy, but won't go out with him because she doesn't want to hurt Olive. One day when Olive is going to the lab, she sees Anh approaching, so she grabs the first male that comes by and plants a big ole kiss on him to convince Anh that she has moved on and has a boyfriend. Anh falls for it, so now she is free to date Jeremy. All seems well until Olive realizes that the guy that she kissed is none other than Professor Adam Carlsen, good looking, unapproachable and a well-known asshole!

Dr. Carlsen gives Olive a real hard time and threatens to report her with a Title IX complaint. Noooo! Olive begs the good Dr. to please not do that, it was just a terrible misunderstanding. It would destroy her chance of her career in science and she's worked too hard for that to happen. Olive then explains the whole situation to him and he suggests that they have a fake relationship just to convince Anh that Olive really is in a relationship. Olive can't fathom why Dr. Carlsen (you can call me Adam now) would want to do this and it turns out that he has his reasons too. It seems that Stanford is withholding some grant money from Adam because they heard that he was leaving the school to go to Harvard and they don't want to lose the funding. Adam thinks that the school will release his grant money when they see that Adam is in a relationship and going nowhere anytime soon. So, Olive and Adam agree to some terms and begin a fake relationship where they meet once a week at the school coffee shop for 10 minutes just so they can be seen together by everyone.

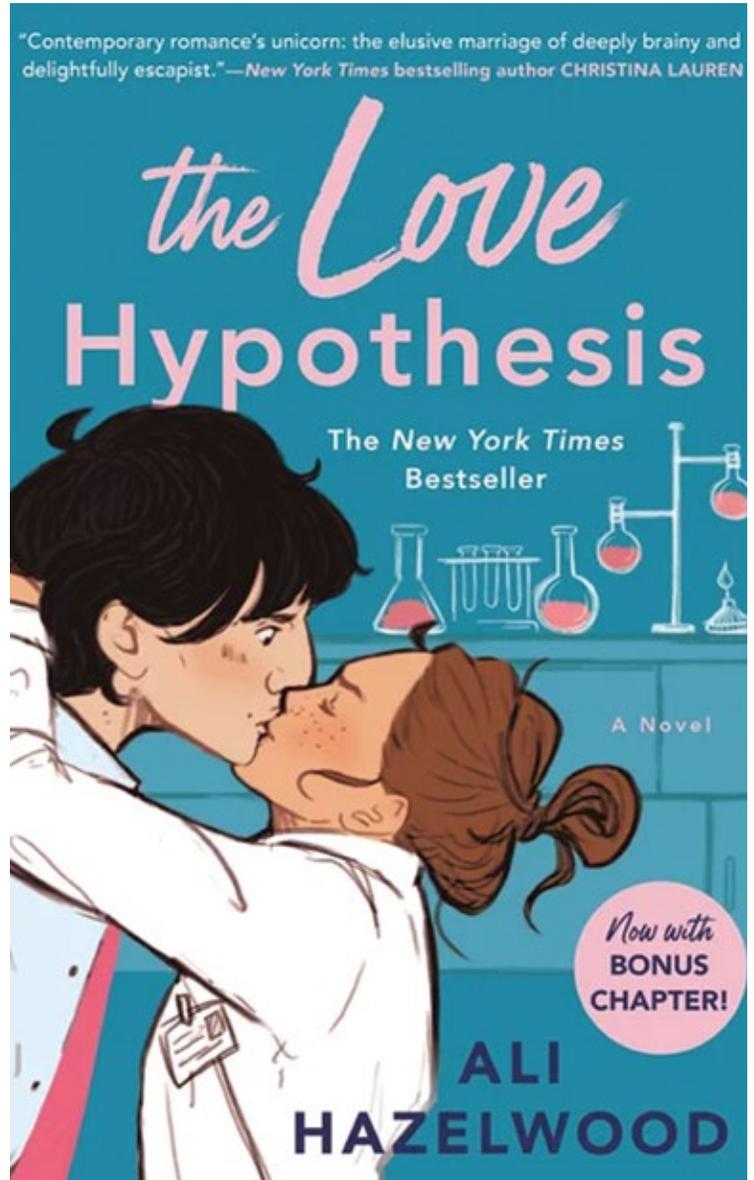
Of course, I'm sure you can see where this is headed. I don't think I've ever read a rom-com that didn't end in romance and a happy ending, but getting to that point is quite a comical story. I adored Olive! She is nutty and funny and of course can't believe that Adam could possibly have feelings for her. She misreads everything!

I give this book 4 roses only because of the scientific terms that are way over my head but it didn't ruin the book by any means. Turns out the author is a professor with a Ph.D. in neuroscience! I think now she can probably call herself an author as well.

Anyway, "The Love Hypothesis" is a delightful read and I highly

recommend it. I hope the year has started off well for you and I hope that February brings a little romance into your life.

In the meantime, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!



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SPORTS TEASER

Welcome to the February sports teaser my loyal readers and subjects. Hopefully, everyone had a happy and safe New year and 2023 is going great for everyone. February is the shortest month, but that doesn't mean that it's not packed full of sports and that's what we're here to do, talk about them. Let's get started folks.

A little something happened on January 9th that we all hoped would: Our defending national champion **Georgia Bulldogs** won the **College Football Playoff and the 2022 NCAA Football championship again!** Yes, that's back-to-back championships, something that hasn't been done in over 10 years since that team from Tuscaloosa managed the feat. While many of us felt that Georgia would be extremely competitive and probably make the playoffs this year, there were still lots of doubts as to them having the success that they ultimately did after losing 15 players to the NFL draft alone. The season was full of dominant victories over Oregon and Tennessee and so-so performances against Kent State and Missouri that ended up in wins. But after a dramatic, one point win over Ohio State in the semifinals, when a 50-yard kick sailed wide left to salvage a Bulldog victory, they absolutely, as Chris Fowler said on ESPN, bludgeoned the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian 65-7. Not only was it the largest margin of victory in the short playoff history but in any bowl game in the history of college football. To say it was a one sided beatdown doesn't even come close to describing what happened at Sofi Stadium in LA that glorious night. Although Kirby won't say it, I firmly believe the Bulldogs have an excellent shot at a three-peat next season. Georgia has a very favorable schedule, with the toughest game, on paper at least, being at Tennessee and then the SEC Championship game. UGA will lose some players on both sides of the ball, but not as many as last year. Quarterback is obviously a question mark. But there are three four and five-star guys that played behind Stetson Bennett for two years and one of them should be ready to go. Lastly, but not least, what can you say about Stetson Bennett, the Mailman. He will probably go down as the most legendary player in Georgia football history. Yes, greater than Herschel Walker. An unbelievable story that everybody knows by now culminated with two national championships on the biggest stage in college football. It's great to be a Georgia Bulldog!

We will be on the eve of the Super Bowl when you read this column and hopefully, the NFL playoffs will have been full of great games and great moments. Our local teams, the Falcons and Jaguars, ended up with very different seasons this year. Jacksonville won six of their last eight games to finish 9-8 and win the AFC South, and even host a home playoff game. The Falcons won their last two games but still finished under .500 for the fifth year in a row and look forward to next season, a disturbing but not surprising trend. While Jacksonville has their QB for many years to come, Trevor Lawrence, it remains to be seen if the Falcons stick with Desmond Ridder as their signal caller or work a trade for a veteran quarterback. One thing for sure, my prediction of Green Bay being in the Super Bowl was flat out wrong. I'm pretty sure I had Kansas City though.

Well, that's a wrap on this month's sports teaser. Hang in there, Spring is just around the corner so let's enjoy our local time while we can. See you in March!



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Franklin Edenfield

A Tribute to a “Backwards Southern Lawyer”

By Taylor Edenfield

When my Daddy (Franklin) and stepmom (Dabney) first decided to retire to Tybee Island, Daddy called me with a request. He had come up with a slogan for Tybee and he wanted me to have it made into a t-shirt. That slogan? “Welcome to Tybee. We don’t give a s**t what you do or who you sc**w.” I knew at that moment he had found his place in this world.

What started as an opportunity to be closer to kids and grandkids quickly became a new way of life for Daddy and Dabney. My siblings and I often joked that our parents were much cooler than we were; they were often out dancing and partying at Doc’s, Nickie’s or Fannie’s long after their adult children had thrown in the towel for the night. The close-knit community they found on those dance floors back in 2012 became even more invaluable to us later in his life.

Daddy was a self-professed ‘backwoods southern lawyer’ for most of his life. He even wrote a column of that same name for this very magazine, offering readers legal advice peppered into his charming stories. He loved his column and was honored to write for the magazine that served his beloved island.

When he first got sick, there was no better medicine than a glass of Johnny Walker and a cigar at Nickie’s after toasting the sunset on his deck with his beautiful wife. When he got *sicker*, there was no better medicine than the visits from countless Tybee friends who, at this point, had become family. This island stepped up when we needed you guys the most and saying thank you will never be enough.

My Daddy was often a man of few words, but everyone knew when he spoke, they better listen because it was either very funny or very important. He had several “Franklin-isms” that I try to follow in my everyday life. One is “just because you can, doesn’t mean you should,” and granted, the first time he told me that, he was referring to me getting far, far too many speeding tickets, the message it carries applies to all facets of life.

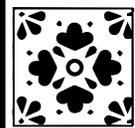
The single most important thing my Daddy ever taught me was this: “Do what you can with what you have where you are.” Right now, as we all navigate life without the greatest man we’ve ever known, my family and I are actively doing *what we can*. *What we have* is a support system that is larger, stronger and more compassionate than anything we’ve ever known and we are all so grateful that *where we are* is Tybee Island.



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American Legion Post 154

By Jerris Bryant, Commander

CHIÈVRES, Belgium -- This year marks the 77th anniversary of the sinking of the SS Dorchester (SC-290583) and the legendary acts of selflessness of four Army chaplains who were aboard. Four Chaplains Day, as U.S. Congress has declared, honors the four chaplains who went down with their ship and gave their life jackets to other passengers.

It was known as Torpedo Junction, the U-boat infested, icy waters of the North Atlantic during World War II. On Feb. 3, 1943, the USAT Dorchester, an old coastal steamer, was slowly making its way through those waters bound for Greenland.

Most of the men were seasick. Because they were in submarine waters, the captain directed the men to keep outer gear and life jackets on at all times. Moving among them were four Army chaplains: George Fox (Methodist), Alexander Goode (Jewish), Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and John Washington (Roman Catholic). The chaplains talked with and listened to the men - soothing apprehensions, offering encouragement or sharing a joke. By their concern, their camaraderie with the men and one another, and their very presence, they brought solace.

An enemy submarine, stalking the ship undetected, fired a torpedo toward the ship's stern. The missile exploded in the boiler room, destroying the electric supply and releasing suffocating clouds of steam and ammonia gas. Many on board died instantly. Some were trapped below deck. Others jolted from their bunks and stumbled their way to the decks of the stricken vessel. Taking on water rapidly, the ship began listing to starboard.

Because security reasons prevented the use of distress flares, escort vessels, still close enough to assist, pushed on into the darkness unaware that the USAT Dorchester was sinking.

Overcrowded lifeboats capsized. Rafts drifted away before anyone could reach them. Men clung to the rails, frozen with fear, unable to let go and plunge into the dark, churning water far below.

The four chaplains calmed the frightened men, got them into the spare lifejackets and urged them over the side. The supply of extra jackets ran out with men still waiting. Having decided to remain with the sinking ship, the four chaplains either gave to or forced upon frightened servicemen their own lifejackets.

Too quickly, no more lifeboats could be launched and many men were left aboard, but there was more for the chaplains to do. When last seen, they were standing together on the deck leading the men in prayer. With arms linked in friendship and heads bowed in prayer, they sank beneath the waves.

"No casting director in Hollywood could have selected a better cast of characters than these four to portray the basic unity of the American people," said Monsignor John McNamara, former chief of chaplains of the U.S. Navy, remarking upon the chaplains' religious diversity.

The self-sacrifice of the four chaplains was a heroic act. It was not the only heroic act aboard the Dorchester. But it was the identity of these four young men, representing three great faiths of the American people, that adds symbolism to their sacrifice.

So, on February 3rd, let us honor these four young, heroic chaplains and their heroic acts of bravery.

BE BOPPIN' WITH BLAIR AND LOUNGING WITH

By Blair Whalen and Alaina Loughridge



1 I spotted this **sexy MF** on a bike ride. According to **AI**, that is what all his ex-girlfriends call him!

2 During a pit stop at **Sea Wolf**, **Becca** was all smiles and thumbs up! What's in that 7up Can, Becca?

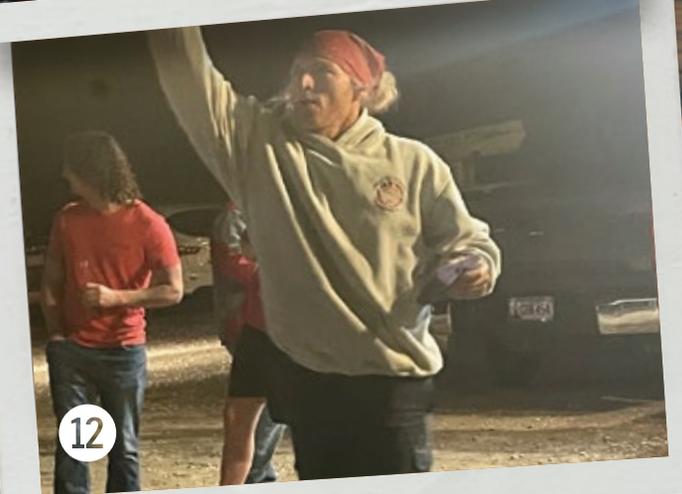
3 In the midst of my adventures, I caught the **Hadley's** cheating on their home bar at **The Quarter** with **Rudy and Erika**!

4 **A-J's** has a really great crew, but just the one doesn't know how to smile! Thank you **Nebb, Todd and Cill**.

5 We all know **Nickie's** is the place to be for any Georgia game! By the look on **Crystal and Calvin's** face, Georgia was winning! **Go DAWGS!!**

6 Don't let this face fool you! **Benny** was secretly thrilled to have his picture taken. He even made me take it with him standing under the **Benny's logo**!

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7 Day drinking can be fun, especially as I show up and say something to make you laugh – **Amanda, Tripp and Lea!**

8 **Ansley and Matt** couldn't stop smiling after claiming **The Belt** at the **Huc-A-Poos Corn Hole Tournament!** Sorry **Bob-O!!**

9 I have to give credit to these two lovely ladies who were willing to ride around in the cold for my random adventures to catch photos. Thank you, **Evie and Casey**, for taking one for the team!

10 Looky looky who was cruising Tybrisa the other day?! None other than **Alan and Shirley**. Now, I don't want to say they had been day drinking . . . but you know how these things happen. Oh. Wait. It was me. I had been day drinking.

11 I love **Jimmy** so much sometimes I can barely breathe when I look at him. That's probably because his hands are wrapped around my neck, but that's just semantics. Look how happy he makes **Neighbor Joy!** If you don't know Jimmy, he's got a free house to stay at in Jacksonville. Gotta get through the door first . . .

12 This picture would increase its value by 100% had **Eric** been shirtless! Sigh. Next time.

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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in Feb . By Mom

2-2 Groundhog Day Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? This fun day held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania by German settlers in the 1700's.

2-3 & 2-4 YMCA Critz Tybee Run 6:30pm on 2-3 and 7am on 2-4 with various distance runs to choose from. For more information go to www.ymcaofcoastalga.org.

2-3, 2-10, 2-17, & 2-24 Coffee and Conversation with the City Manager 9-10am at Memorial Park screened pavilion behind City Hall. Bring your coffee and we can chat about Tybee.

2-4 Swamptooth & The Yellow Dandies 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. It's all about Bluegrass! For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-5 Fort Pulaski 9am-5pm at Ft. Pulaski, 101 Ft. Pulaski Road. Free Pass Day in Honor of Presidents Day.

2-5 Sacred Waters – The Okfenokee in Peril 4pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Free screening of this award-winning film. There will be a brief roundtable discussion after the film, featuring leadership from OPA (Okfenokee Protection Alliance). For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-6, 2-13, & 2-27 Evening Zoom Chat with the City Manager 7-8pm online at <https://bit.ly/eveningchat>. Meeting ID: 845 6121 7790 and Passcode: 904050. City Manager, Shawn Gillen will have a special guest to join in to discuss Island topics.

2-9 Bachelors of Broadway 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Modern and Classical music from the Theaters on Broadway. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-11 Walkin' After Midnight: An Evening Celebrating Patsy Cline 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Sounds of Patsy Cline by Savannah Stage Company. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-14 Valentine's Day Happy Valentine's Day Y'all!

2-15 & 2-16 Everything-Everywhere-All at Once (film) 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Adventurous film about an aged Chinese immigrant, discovering lives she could have led. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-17 Karen Mills, Comedian 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Karen Mills has been touring nationally, spreading humor and laughter for us all. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-18 Part-Time Blues Band 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Back on Tybee playing those blues. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-19 I Am A Town (Documentary) 4pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. This documentary is about Provincetown, MA by Director/Producer, Mischa Richter. He will be available for Q & A after the film. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-20 President's Day There are 35 national parks that are named after Presidents.

2-24 The Mad Hatters-Tom Petty Tribute 8pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers tribute. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-25 Charlie Fog Band 2023 7pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Charlie Fog Band is back to rock out music of the Grateful Dead and Jerry Garcia. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-26 An Evening of Irish Music & Humor with Harry O'Donoghue 4pm at the Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Traditional, contemporary and original Irish music, along with humorous observations. For all events go to www.tybeeposttheater.org or call for further info at 912-472-4790.

2-27 International Polar Bear Day Did you know there are about 22,000 polar bears left in the wild as of 2022? And there is about 60% that live mostly in Canada!



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Out with the Old (habits) and in with the New (habits)

By Makenzie Mullins

The start of the new year is a great time to look at all your current habits and decide whether they can be tweaked and turned into healthy habits. With that in mind, the YMCA of Coastal Georgia, and our local Tybee Island YMCA & Recreation branch, are happy to share some healthy habits with you to make sure your 2023 is off to a great start.

One of the first things to evaluate is your phone use before going to bed and the quality of sleep that produces. It may be one of the hardest habits to break – lying in bed, the comfort of the blue glow on your face as you scroll mindlessly through the internet. Studies show that looking at your phone before snoozing can have negative effects on your quality of sleep. Since sleep is just as important for your health as any other activity, we suggest powering down your device a few hours before bedtime.

Choosing nighttime activities which promote sleep, like practicing meditation or relaxation techniques can have a drastic change on your morning routine.

When those mornings arrive, identify whether you find yourself hitting the snooze button to prolong your sleep. If so, instead of reaching for that snooze button, make it a habit to get up and get a productive start to your day. Try placing your phone or alarm clock on the other side of the room before you go to bed at night, which will make you physically have to get out of bed to turn off your alarm.

Plus, putting a pause on snooze gives you more time to enjoy a longer morning routine, which could consist of healthy habits like exercise or mindfulness activities.

If you are starting to dread your workouts, then maybe it's time to switch them up. Getting stuck in a workout rut can possibly lead you plateauing or quitting your routine all together. If you're starting to roll your eyes at the thought of lacing up your sneakers, we encourage you to try a new group exercise class or workout format than what you're used to.

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With the new year, maybe it's time to try a fitness format you've never tried before or that you're not familiar with – you just may find your new favorite and reignite your passion for exercise.

The last thing we recommend looking at is your daily sugar intake.

We get it – that caffeinated soft drink or large sugar-filled latte sure sounds like a good pick-me-up when the mid-afternoon slump rolls around. However, cutting out these sweet treats and replacing them with water can do wonders for your daily sugar and calorie intake. When this happens, you lower your chances of weight gain and other issues like high blood pressure.

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Doc's Bar - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm. Live Music Friday & Saturday 8pm, Wednesday 7:30pm, Sunday 3pm. Kitchen open Tuesday thru Sunday 11am - 6:45pm. 10 Tybrisa St.

Fannie's on the Beach - Open every day at 11am, serving Lunch and Dinner. Award winning Sunday Brunch is back! Oceanfront indoor and sidewalk seating year-round. Ocean view Dining & Bars on 2nd Floor and 3rd Floor Open Air Decks (seasonal). 1613 Strand Ave.

Huc-A-Poos - There is ALWAYS something going on at Poo's!! Live music, trivia, lunch, dinner, kids, dogs, football, debauchery and fun! Check out their Facebook page for all the details. 1213 Hwy 80, Shops at Tybee Oaks. (912) 786-5900

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Tybee Lite Shrine Club - Tuesday Nite Supper Club, \$10 homemade meal with beverages and dessert. Cash bar and snacks. Opens at 5pm for socializing and games. Invocation at 7pm with dinner following. 35 Meddin Drive (across from Tybee Lighthouse)

Tybee Time - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm. DJ Marty Friday & Saturday 9pm. 1603 Strand Ave.

Wind Rose Bar and Grill - Happy Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7pm, Daily Lunch Specials, Bingo with Sydney Wednesdays 8pm. 19 Tybrisa St.

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Main Street Matters

Cassidi Kendrick | Main Street/ Development Authority Director

Maybe things will slow down a little in February... not! Who are we kidding? Tybee always has something fun going on, from our diverse mix of restaurants and retailers, to our unique array of experiences that the island has to offer. We are planning a lot of great things for y'all to enjoy this year, so buckle up and get ready!

Go ahead and mark your calendar for the 20th Annual Tybee Island Irish Heritage Celebration Parade, set to take place on Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 3-5pm. This parade is a Tybee staple, featuring live music, marchers, floats and more! Grab your green and bring the whole family out to Tybee for this festive annual event. The parade will start at City Hall and ends at Tybrisa Street.

If you haven't already noticed, the historic renovation of Tybee Island City Hall has begun! Construction crews from contractor RW Allen have already uncovered some interesting finds while renovating, including original hard-wood flooring, a hand painted mural and uncovered 14 ft. high ceilings in some areas! You can keep up with the renovation and see photos by following the Tybee Island Historic Preservation Commission & The City of Tybee on Facebook. As a reminder, during this construction, City Hall services are housed in modular buildings on 4th Street.

As always, if you are interested in learning more about the Tybee Island Main Street Program or the Development Authority, or looking for volunteer opportunities, don't hesitate to give me a shout! Also, be sure to follow Tybee Island Main Street on social media to stay up to date with our projects and events! Our program is always looking for feedback and ways to continue to support the local businesses and our community. I can be reached at cassidi.kendrick@cityoftybee.org or at 912-472-5103.



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FOOD & PHOTOS WITH WEN AND BETSY

By Alaina Loughridge - Photos by Wen McNally

LOCATION: SEA WOLF

I'm always looking for new and different ways to change up the Beachcomber and after having a confab with Wen and Betsey, I thought, let's do a Food Spy combo with how to take pictures of food for the Instagram freak in all of us all, whilst eating fantastic food! Wen and I contemplated for all of five seconds before she said Sea Wolf and I said YES! Their food is a perfect combination of colorful, different and fabulous, so let's sit down and eat with them and see how this works out. When I proposed the idea to Caroline, she said Sea Wolf was totally in and my thought was 'how am I gonna write this?' So off we go!

Right out of the gate, the people at Sea Wolf are just flat out cool and very knowledgeable. Lexi was serving, Kasey was bartending and Sarah and Dell were head cheffing. Even the customers are chill. We got into our little corner with Wen, Betsey and Wen's assistant, Jeremy, and me. Wen pulled out her iPhone 13 Pro with a pedestal and light to hold the phone (Amazon find) and a hush fell over the table.

We started off with a cocktail (yippee!!) called **The Painkiller** and the lessons began. The closer you hold the light, the shadow gets softer, so shoot zoomed in close. Do not do wide angle while coming in closer as it will distract for what your point is. When you zoom in, your phone will automatically set up yellow boxes pinpointing for you what it thinks you're looking at. Touch the screen on a specific point of interest and your phone will automatically auto focus for you so you can actually see the sweat on the side of that cup.

After we drank that yummy drink to the dregs, we started on food: **The Pirate Dog**, which was not only screamingly delicious, but the color contrast was also perfect. Big, fat skirt steak on a big, fat bun, drenched with a variety of peppers, onions, white cheddar, sriracha aioli and cilantro. Wen took several different shots of that beautiful Dog and the tricky trick to food is closer is better. If you need to reset your phone, pull it back from what you're aiming at and it will do it by itself for you. Take several shots. When it gets darker, just keep your finger on it. Your phone is thinking and just like you, that takes a second. Patience, apparently, is a virtue that even your electronics must learn.

The Classic Dog was next and my personal favorite. This big, fatty dog has just enough ketchup, mustard, kewpie mayo, relish and pickled onion on it to make anyone just fall over with happiness (I had a side beer and I seriously could have died right there and been okay with it). Oh, and the bread! I need a minute here. Take that picture full up in the frame.

Okay. So, I'm going to segue way here to the photo tricks of the trade that all foodie people use. We had both the dogs propped up by pickles behind them. That is not even on the radar of things that photographers use to make food look more photogenic. That ice cream picture you looked at in any magazine is more than likely mashed potatoes. Toothpicks hold everything together. Vegetable oil makes everything look juicy. Dish soap makes drinks fizzy, shaving cream is better than whip cream and the list goes on! Now, we didn't do anything more than pickle propping here, but if you want to get gnarly with your pictures, the possibilities are endless and usually gross. Moving along ...

The Smorgasbord was next and it was beautiful. The cured meats consisted of smoked holiday duck, roasted pork rilette and spinata picante, while the Artisan Cheese display was casia a roma, thomasville tomme and carr valley mobay. The Dips and Pickles portrayed marinated olives, cantelope curry jam, kalamata salad and assorted pickles. Now, do I know what any of that is? Nope. I do know it's delicious and all four of us fell on that board like starving animals.

Now, with this Smorg picture, Wen had her yellow boxes focus on the meats, which made the bread a little out of focus. You can still see it's there, but who wants to see a picture of bread? She slid over the bread, which made a great drop to the red of the meat, red of the tomato, green of the pickle, etc.

We were belly round by then, but another cocktail? Talked me right into it with the **Samoan Dillweed**: "A magical blend of rums, almond orgeat, lemon and dill." That was served up with the **Oysters on the Half Shell** (Beau Soleil, Swinomish, and Blackberry) and all of a sudden, we all had room to eat just one more thing. Now, get right up in there with your phone and have it pop those yellow boxes up. Focus on that ice with your fingertip and it will all come together. If you are doing an overhead shot, the box will broaden its outline. Just try it and keep trying different ebbs and flows until you get your phone and your vision in sync. Oh, and Wen says 'never use your flash. Ever.' Yes, ma'am!

We all had the best time! Sea Wolf is just mellow yellow and when you go and eat their Smorg boards, it is just an explosion of flavor, but really more than that. It's a bringing together your table of people that you went there with to begin. It's a conversation and a family event. It makes you put your phone down (well, except us of course), and pay attention to what is going on at your table. It's a coming together with a mutual love of food and the mixing of it and trying new things.

Sea Wolf is a dining experience that you must take the time to enjoy. Every week is a new culinary delight, based on what mood the Chef is in and can range from Asian, to Moroccan, to Italian and beyond. The Dogs are a usual staple and a must have! The cocktails are hand-crafted and clearly made with love. If you haven't been, drop what you're doing and get there.

As far as the photography part of this happy shin-dig, Wen McNally is the one. There is so much yet to learn and you can from her mypocketpix.com site. A lesson learned every day to help you make the most of your pictures. You don't have to be a professional, but you potentially could be ... or at least learn a thing or two to make your pictures look like you are.

See you in the food/photo section next time!! And most definitely at Sea Wolf, located at 106 S. Campbell (behind the Post Office) and open from 4pm to 12:00am daily.



Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

WEIRD WINTER FISH: STARGAZER

“Hey Dr. Joe! Something in the sand moved under my foot!” This is what a young lady was yelling as she came running during a Tybee Beach Ecology Trip for her school class during a nice mild winter day. We were checking out the tide pools along the jetty rocks when she felt something moving under the sand. After some careful digging, we realized it was a fish down there. As soon as I saw it, I warned everyone not to handle it. She had found a Stargazer.

Every now and then, during the colder months, we will encounter one of these strange looking but interesting fish. It doesn't happen every year, but it occurs frequently enough that I'm sure they are regular residents of our shoreline water during the winters.

It's named a Stargazer because its little eyes sit up on top of its large head, so it appears that the fish is always looking up at the sky. Its mouth is also turned upward so when a Stargazer has its mouth open, it looks like a hole on top of the front end of its large head. Even the openings for its gills are located near the top of its body. It's hard to decide whether it's ugly or if it's funny looking!

All these body parts are located on top of its body because of where and how it lives. Although they aren't flat like flounders, that bury themselves just under the sand, Stargazers have many of the same behaviors as flounders. While a Stargazer's body is round and bulky, looking generally like a giant tadpole, it is still able to bury itself in the sand. It's comical to watch one as it wiggles from side to side creating a pit for itself. It also uses its fins to move like shovels to help burrow itself deep enough until only its eyes on top of its head are barely exposed sticking up above the sand. Buried underneath, the Stargazer will wait until some unsuspecting prey (small fish or other small animal) passes too close, and then it will quickly ambush it and gulp it down. Stargazers are not fast swimmers, so they rely on a “hide and ambush” strategy for feeding.

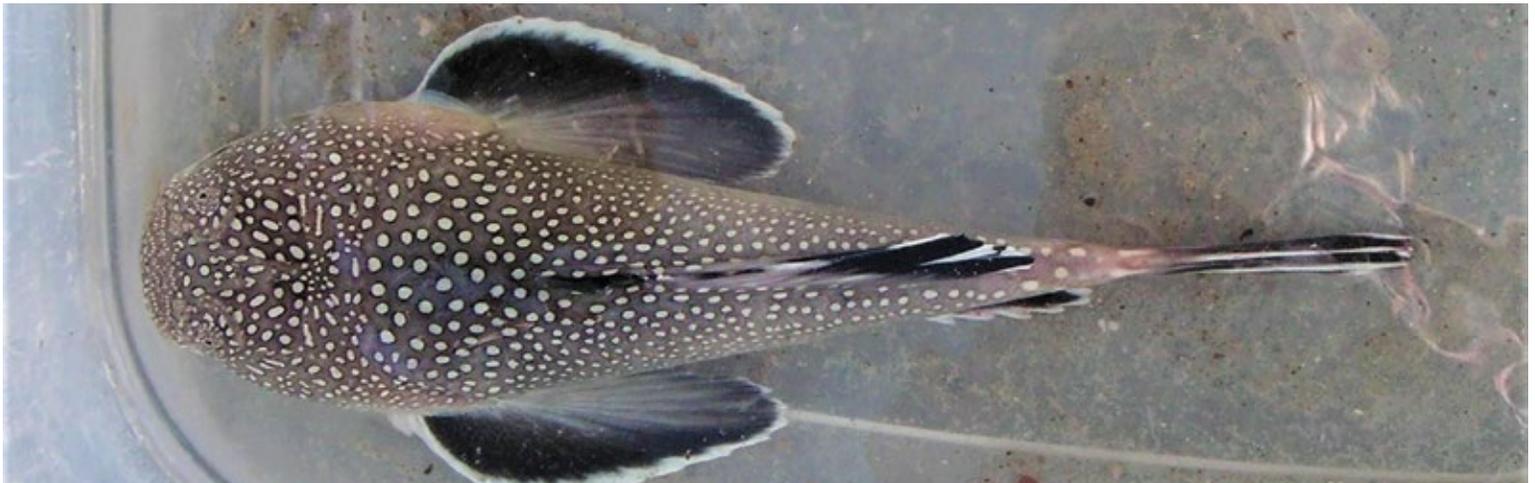
Hiding is not their only adaptation for protection. Located just behind those little eyes on top of its head are a couple of small, specialized organs that are actually electrical plates. And those electrical plates can produce a surprising and powerful shock. Some studies have indicated that a Stargazer's shock can be as much as 50 volts. So I don't handle them myself! I know folks who have

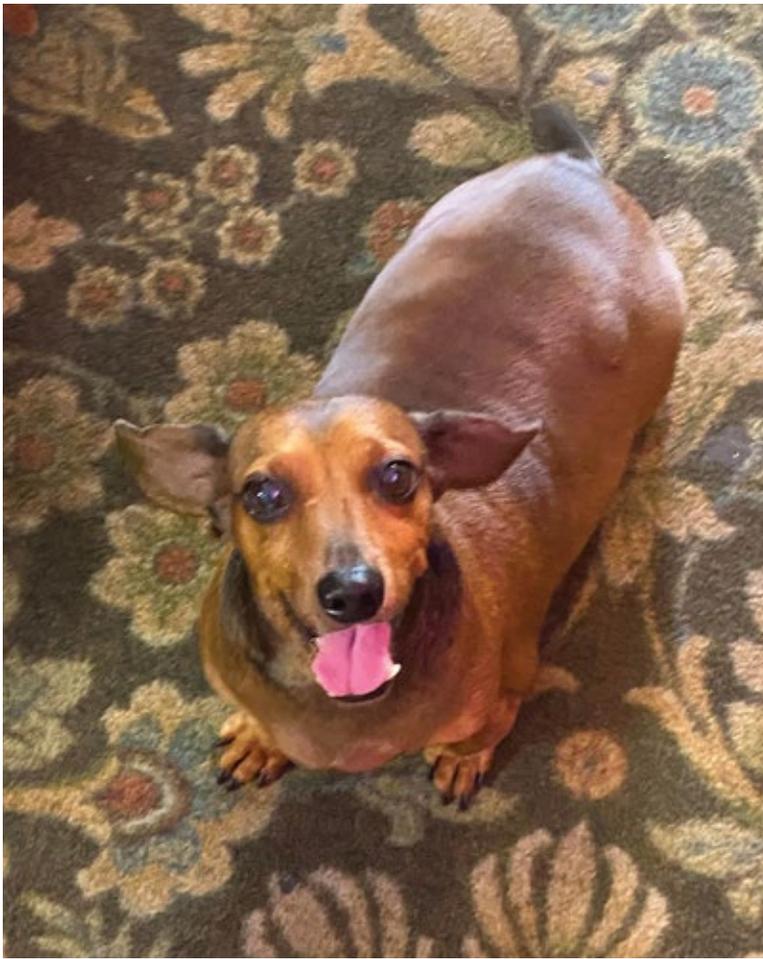


received some real jolts when handling them, so I'll take their word for it!

Although they are great at hiding just below the sand, this is the time of year when we will sometimes come across these funny looking, amusing fish during our beach ecology trips. But even when we do, you won't see me holding one!!

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.





PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by David Satterfield

Oscar

Oscar is a standard, red, short-hair dachshund. When Oscar turned one, his family was unable to care for him, so

I took him in. He has lived on Tybee his entire life and he is the best doggie decision I have ever made.

He is well-mannered, super friendly, rarely barks, always happy and his tail never stops! He loves all animals and the majority of humans. He does not like fireworks or thunder.

Oscar's favorite thing to do is hop in the golf cart and ride around the island.

On a separate side note, his owner isn't too bad either.

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WELCOME TO TYBEE NIGHT TRAIN!

By Alaina Loughridge - Photos by Wen McNally

Calling all you bachelorettes, bachelors, and party people on Tybee!! We got your round-trip ticket to Savannah now up and running: Welcome to the Tybee Night Train! The only first-class way to go on an adventure downtown!

Everybody knows Breezy Riders are our people. However, due to the high demand to keep Tybee locals and visitors rotating around this rock, it has become harder to get people downtown. This is where Stephen Cope steps in. Stephen actually drives for Breezy and most nights you can find him behind the wheel of the Breezy bus and that's where the Night Train idea was born. A lot of hard work later, and Tybee Night Train has arrived.

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Cash, credit card and Venmo are all accepted and it's a beautiful thing. Call Stephen today to help with your dates and party plans! (912) 417-0486!



Tybee Island Irish Heritage Committee
Established 2003
Chairman Jay Burke

20th Annual Tybee Island Irish Heritage Parade
2023 Parade Entry Application

The Purpose of this parade is to celebrate Irish Heritage and recognize Irish contributions to our community, state, and nation. Parade Entries are expected to conform with the Purpose of this parade. Parade Entry Applications are subject to evaluation and final approval by the Committee.

Parade Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Parade Time: 3:00 PM

Application Deadline: Friday, February 24

Parade entries begin to assemble and organize at 1:30 PM near Memorial Park.

Irish Societies march from 6th Street, and all other units march from 5th Street. The Parade proceeds along Butler Avenue (US Hwy. 80) and ends at the Pier/Strand parking lot. Come and enjoy bands, bagpipes, floats, families, and other groups.

Organization / Name: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Tee Shirt Sponsor: ___ Fee \$125.00 – Due January 15

Parade Entry: Business - ___ Fee \$300.00

No fees for: ___ Band, ___ Church, ___ Family, ___ School, ___ Gov't Official, ___ Performing Group, ___ Non-Profit

Entry Description: _____ # of Participants _____

PARADE SAFETY RULES: DO NOT THROW ANYTHING. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED.

******Prohibited Items or Actions may result in Confiscation or Ejection from Parade.******

Release from Liability: In consideration of the Tybee Island Irish Heritage Parade, Committee, and sponsors allowing my organization or persons entered as a parade participant, I hereby covenant the parade committee, volunteers, and sponsors of and from all claims resulting from bodily and personal injuries, damages to property, and the consequences thereof resulting from participation in the parade. I also agree to uphold and actively enforce all safety rules as they relate to the parade participants represented by this entry.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Mail completed forms and checks payable to "Tybee Island Irish Heritage" to:
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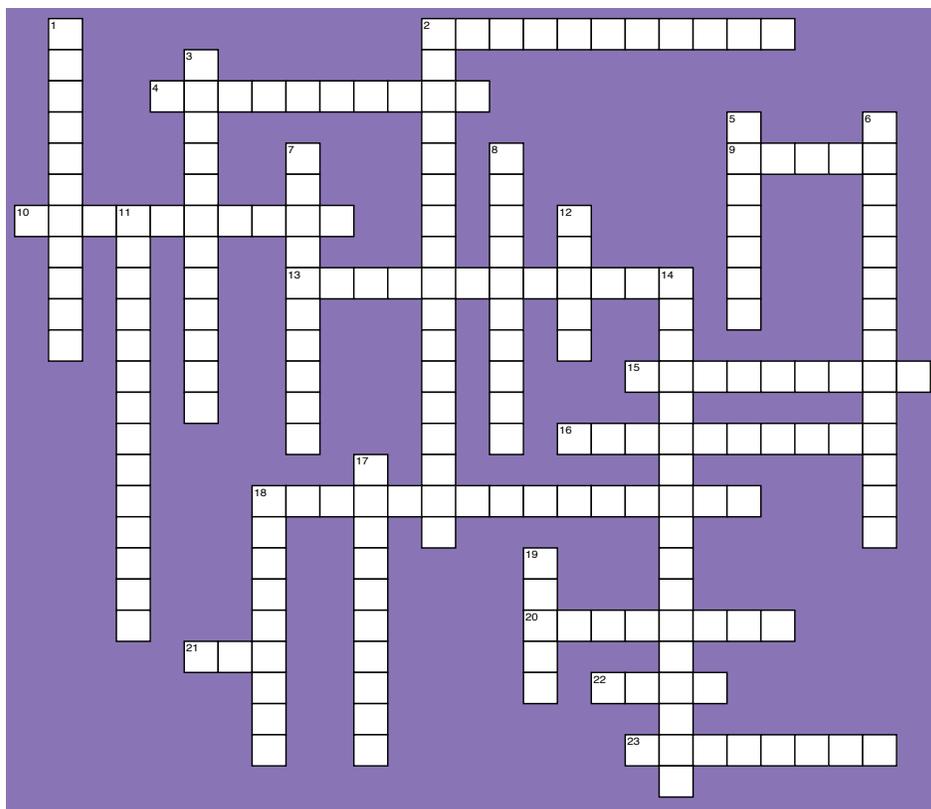
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- 2 Bizz Buzz (3 wds.)
- 4 Day for lovers
- 9 Tybee Beachcomber is celebrating _____ years
- 10 Main character in Book Review (2 wds.)
- 13 Bizz Buzz was the brainchild of _____
- 15 It's a weird winter fish
- 16 Welcome to Tybee _____!
- 18 They won back-to-back NCAA Championships! (2 wds.)
- 20 In case you haven't noticed, the historic renovation of Tybee Island _____ has begun
- 21 Key word in February Top 10 Song List
- 22 They are sharing some healthy habits with you to make sure your 2023 is off to a great start
- 23 Shortest month

DOWN

- 1 Free pass day here on February 5 (2 wds.)
- 2 Book Review (3 wds.)
- 3 Traveling Beachcomber winner (2 wds.)
- 5 Food and Photos location (2 wds.)
- 6 Sports Teaser says he's the Mailman (2 wds.)
- 7 Traveling Beachcomber took us here
- 8 She gives us a lesson on how to take pics of food (2 wds.)
- 11 Photo of the Month was submitted by her (3 wds.)
- 12 YMCA Tybee _____ Run
- 14 Jake Baker's _____
- 17 There are 35 national parks named after them
- 18 This fun day is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania
- 19 Pervy Pet of the Month



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