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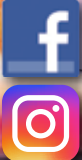


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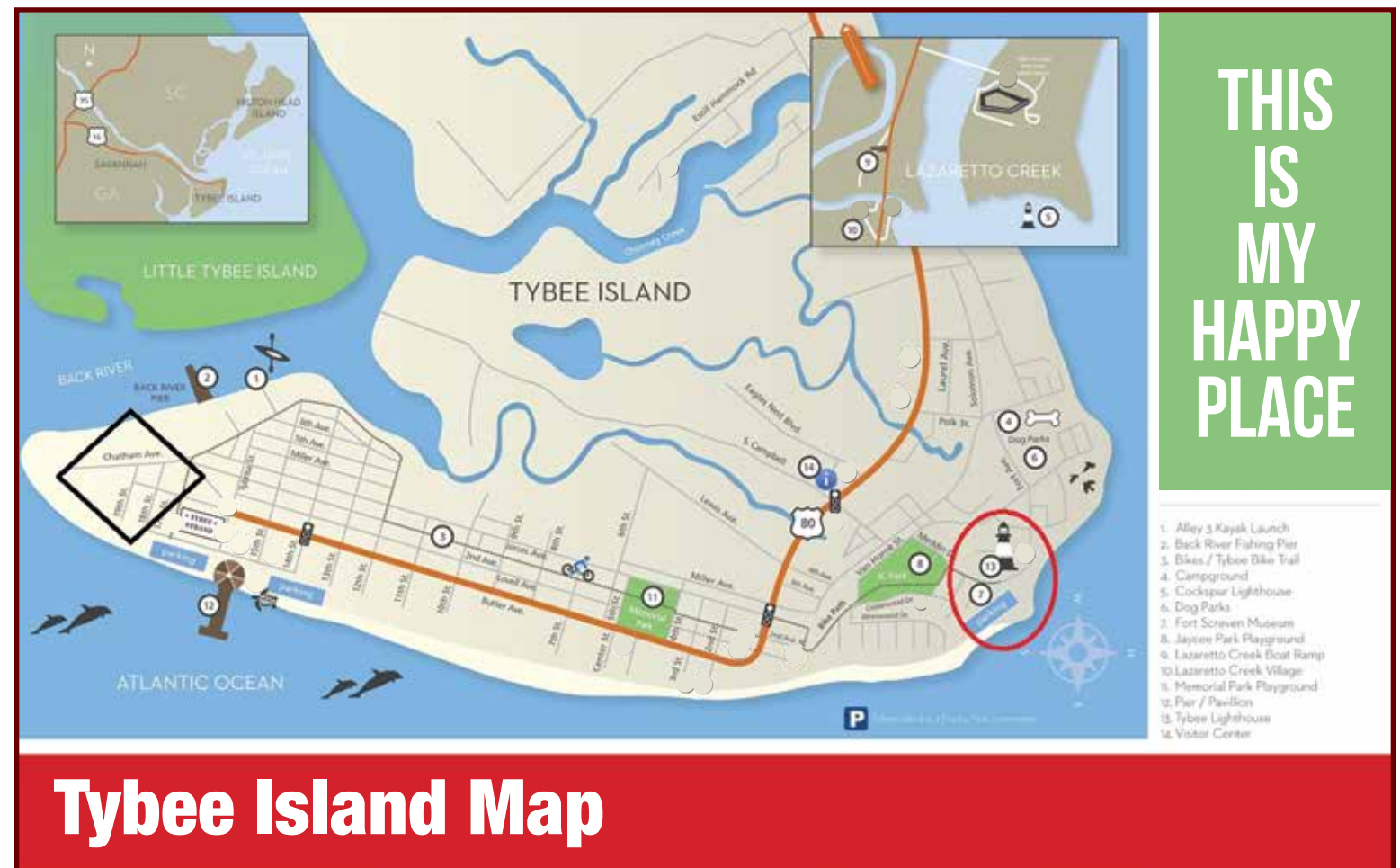
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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

Happy New Year, Y'all!!! 2024 is going to be our year! So, let's dust off those time worn and treasured yearly resolutions, put them back in our schedule for the next two weeks and see what shakes out! And while we are shaking those out, better dust off our sweatpants and hoodies too. May have to turn on your heat as well. It's gotten brrrr! Come on summa time!

Last month's **Ornament Contest** was tricky tricky! Rick made those ornaments almost transparent! I am delighted to announce **Kecia Adams** is our big winner! Off to dinner at Crab Shack! Thank you to everyone who took their time to struggle through that visually challenging contest!

As far as the **Pickle Contest** goes, I have yet to hear back from the person who grabbed that magazine. We put it in the IGA box, so I know someone has it and you can't miss that pickle! Let me know if it's ever recovered.

Last but not least, the **Traveling Beachcomber** continues to entertain, and this month's winners are **Cathy Lewis and Kathy Salter** in Vancouver, BC. They brought their guys Randy and Steve, respectively, along to pay the bills. They left on an Alaskan Cruise celebrating retirement for Randy, Steve, and Kathy, as well as their daughter, Stephanie and son-in-law, Kyle, for their 10th wedding anniversary. So, lots of reasons to party! Bon voyage, to you Cathy and Kathy. Meet you at A-J's for pictures and cocktails!

Let's get to it! Make me a cocktail and turn the page ...



























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2	Tue	12:34	6.4	12:46	6.9	6:45	1.1	7:05	1.0	7:23	5:32	
3	Wed	1:21	6.5	1:33	6.7	7:35	1.3	7:50	1.0	7:23	5:32	
4	Thu	2:09	6.6	2:21	6.5	8:32	1.4	8:40	0.9	7:23	5:33	
5	Fri	2:58	6.8	3:11	6.4	9:33	1.4	9:34	0.8	7:23	5:34	
6	Sat	3:50	7.0	4:05	6.3	10:34	1.2	10:31	0.6	7:23	5:35	
7	Sun	4:46	7.3	5:03	6.4	11:32	0.9	11:28	0.2	7:23	5:35	
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RAMM BYTES

By Michael Bodine

GRANDMA, I'M IN TROUBLE...

The number of scams keeps growing. For every step forward in technology, the crooks find more ways to part people from their money. With the billions of people in the world on whom to practice, the stories get better, sounding more and more like the truth instead of something made up.

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For those of the much older scammed generation, there is no Irish Sweepstakes anymore. Publisher's Clearinghouse still operates, but if you didn't enter, you certainly did not win – they come to your door with balloons if you do.

Now, we find an explosion of news about artificial intelligence. AI makes a voice that sounds just like your grandkid. Deep fakes can generate video of your least favorite political leader confirming every nasty rumor you ever heard about them. Plausible news stories can be written by computers that can convince you that flying saucers, piloted by Big Foot, have abducted your favorite pop star. Combine this spectacular effect with efforts to prove that all news is fake, and it becomes easier to distrust factual reports and to trust crazy narratives that no one would ever have believed just a few years ago.

This doesn't mean there is no hope nor truth in the world, but you do have to treat all communication with strong skepticism. The more urgent the conmen make it sound, the more skepticism you should have about their claims. Don't call any numbers you are given, but GTS – Google that sh*t - and confirm that the number on the web matches the number you are getting from the crooks. Written words, phone calls, radio news, television – you are not paranoid if you think you're under attack. People living on Tybee are losing thousands of dollars every month, and having to change their account and credit card numbers to prevent the bleeding! Please, please, please, be extremely wary of EVERY communication you receive on your phone or your computer.

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TOP 10 JAN. SONG LIST

By D.J. AMP

“A career is wonderful, but you can’t curl up with it on a cold night” Marilyn

Our first fall living here, we had a cold spell at the end of October. I was already in my pjs when I went out on our back porch to gaze at the full moon. I went inside and told my husband to come out before he went to bed. It was beautiful. Now, he does not sleep in pajamas, so out he went in his bathrobe and bare feet. Then we discovered we had locked ourselves out of the house. At midnight!!! Off we went, knocking on doors to use a phone and of course, no one would answer.

Finally walked up to a hotel on Butler and the night clerk called a locksmith who could not get there until 10am the next morning. She was kind enough to lend us a king-sized comforter, so we spent the night wrapped up together like a burrito on the porch and slept (after laughing for what seemed like hours).

You should have seen us marching down Butler. My husband in his robe and bare feet. That’s how we met our neighbors the next day. I don’t remember ever being that cold. Brr.

So, I decided to put together a list of cold songs. Hope you enjoy, and as always ‘turn it up.’

1. Cold as Ice - Foreigner
2. She’s so Cold - Rolling Stones
3. Cold Sweat - James Brown
4. Cold, Cold, Cold - Little Feat
5. Cold as it Gets - Patty Griffen
6. Stone Cold Crazy - Queen
7. Cold Shot - Stevie Ray Vaughn
8. Cold One - Eric Church
9. Cold Beer Conversation - George Strait
10. Cold, Cold Heart - Hank Williams

Cooking with Neighbor Joy

By Joy Baker – Story & Photo by Alaina Loughridge
Recipe from The Cozy Cook w/adjustments

Unfortunately for this story, I was not there when it was all going down and so I’m just going to wing it and add my own personal commentary when I see things going south. Off we go!
Joy decided to make this stew for the Soup Er November Soup Contest to support National Epilepsy Awareness Month. It did not win, but it’s still excellent, so let’s get it on.

Tuscan Chicken Stew Crockpot Style



Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 4 boneless chicken breasts – uncooked and cut into bite size pieces
- 5 tsp. Italian seasoning
- S & P to taste
- 4 large red taters – we used 1 baker and 5 small reds
- 2 cups baby carrots
- 1 cup celery, diced
- ½ cup green beans – fresh or frozen – we used frozen
- 1 26.5 oz. can of Cream of Chicken soup
- 2 cups of whole milk – do not sub low fat – it’s a crockpot thing
- 2 cups ½ and ½
- 2 oz. dry ranch dressing mix

Instructions:

- Start out first by cubing your chicken and mixing it in with the Italian seasoning and adding salt and pepper to taste.
- Melt the butter on the bottom of the crock pot. Add the olive oil, veggies and chicken mix. Stir to coat.
- Mix together the soup, milk, ½ and ½ and ranch seasoning. Pour that goo on top of the chicken.
- Cover your crock and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours. Low and slow is the best with milk and dairy products.

The Cozy Cook recommends serving over biscuits, but the soup all by itself is going to fill you up and get you on the couch with your blanket, dog/cat and a good movie. The biscuit idea is way overkill.

There really is nothing like a good crockpot meal! Your house will smell amazing, you can do your day and come home to din din done and a warm belly after all is said and consumed.

On a side note, I was drinking vodka and diet coke when I tried this soup. I would recommend a nice red blend instead. Oooh, and maybe a tiny side salad.

Cheers and happy eating into the New Year! It’s gonna be our year!



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MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

BARBIE & LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND

Ladies and gentlemen, you are once again lucky lucky lucky!! I fell into another twofer situation, and it became more of an act of desperation on my part to fill the column after I watched Barbie, so I just kept going: ‘25 words does not a column make’ as my illustrious editor would say. That having been said, let’s start with Barbie.

Barbie
Currently being spewed out on Prime for \$5.99, I watched Barbie with one of my oldest friends from high school (so long ago in a land far away) because I wanted to make sure that it wasn’t just me. Both of us had heard so many great reviews about it and no bad reviews AND it’s the #1 movie in America right now. We were having trouble wrapping our brains around that. So, here goes...
It was dumb and stupid, and it grew on me like a fungus. Would I watch it again? Never. However, if you have a young daughter, I say go and see it with her. My friend said there was a positive girl power message to it, but it was just so ... cheesy. And pink. And dumb.
I give this movie 2 bottles of Jack Daniels because the message is great for young women today, 1 bottle of Jim Beam because everyone has problems (even Barbie and Ken), 1 bottle of Evan Williams because looking at Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling for an hour and 54 minutes is not hard, 1 bottle of Barbie because the world is going to hell in a hand basket if this movie is #1 and Super Mario Bros is #2, and I’m throwing in an extra bottle of Kentucky Gentlemen because once you take Barbie’s head off, it does not go back on, no matter how much duct tape your mom uses.

Leave the World Behind
I almost let this one slip by as it has Julia Roberts and Ethan Hawke starring in it and I’m not really a fan of either one of them. But Netflix is good at reeling me in and after I watched the preview, I was hooked, lined and landed. Well, that and it was also free, so off we go!
You’re pretty much in it after 15 minutes. The family is on a rare vacation and when a cargo ship almost runs into them on the beach (I know, some people need it right in their face before they haul ass) and then communications go down, and no one really knows what is going on. It keeps your interest and then when G.H. (Mahershala Ali – the guy from Green Book) shows up at the house with his daughter, the suspense ratchets up and then you really really have no idea what in the hell is going on!
My thoughts were apocalypse meets Narnia meets an M. Night Shyamalan flick. My friend said she liked it but didn’t like the ending, as it is kind of a brain scratcher. We both agreed Julia Roberts dancing is a bad idea.
I give this movie 2 bottles of Gentlemen Jack because as another ‘we are all gonna die movie’ it was quite good, 2 bottles of Maker’s Mark because the premise, although not new, was a good rewire of other stuff going on and 1 bottle of ugh because Julia Roberts should not be dancing. Ever.

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THE EXCHANGE

By John Grisham

I've made a few New Year's resolutions for 2024, but unlike previous years, I have one that I intend to keep. This year I am going to read and review more "guy" books. I'm easing myself in a little slowly with John Grisham because he is really a unisex author, but it's the sequel to "The Firm!" That was my first (and favorite) read by John Grisham and 30 years later the saga of Mitch McDeere and his wife Abby is just as engrossing as The Firm. Although, in The Exchange, only 15 years have passed, but we'll discuss that later on. Also, if you have never read The Firm, don't worry about it. There's enough in the new book to let you know what happened back then. If you did read The Firm then you know that Mitch and Abby exposed crimes committed by Bendini, Lambert & Locke, the law firm that Mitch worked at in Memphis. Although I couldn't see how they were going to get away from the bad guys, they did somehow escape and in The Exchange, you learn what happened to the couple after their narrow escape.

15 years later, Mitch is working in Manhattan at Scully & Pershing, the largest law firm in the world and Abbey is a cookbook editor. They now have 8-year-old twin boys, Clark and Carter, and they couldn't be happier. The law firm where Mitch works has offices all over the world and the one in Rome is run by an old friend of Mitch's, Luca Sandroni. It seems that Luca is very ill and he needs Mitch to come to Rome and help him with a case that he's representing for Lannak, a Turkish construction company. The company was hired by the Libyan government run by Colonel Gaddafi to build a bridge over a man-made river in the Sahara Desert. Needless to say, the river never happened, but the bridge was built anyway because Gaddafi wanted it built. Of course, after Gaddafi realized what a mistake he had made, he didn't want to pay the Lannak company the money that was owed them. Lannak wouldn't even start on the project until the Libyans deposited five hundred million U.S. dollars in a German bank, but the 4 year project turned into a 6 year project because Gaddafi kept changing his mind. Now the Libyans owe Lannak four hundred million and they won't pay, so Lannak is suing them.

Everything seems cut and dry, because Lannak has all the records to support their case and all Mitch has to do is go to Libya, see the project and then represent Lannak in court. Easy peasy. Of course, things go haywire when Mitch and his group of fellow attorneys go to see the bridge and one of his party is kidnapped. The ransom is beyond what anyone can pay, but it's up to Mitch to find a way to get his friend back.

This book is as suspenseful as The Firm was, and you won't be able to put it down! I also hope that they make a movie out of this story and of course, Tom Cruise will recreate his role of Mitch McDeere in this movie. The only problem I see with that is that the book is 30 years later, but the story is only 15 years later. That means that the Mitch in this book is only 42 but Tom Cruise is 61! But if anyone can pull it off, Tom Cruise can!

I give this book 5 roses because it's that good and it's John Grisham! I hope that all of you men (and ladies) will find the time in the new year to enjoy this exceptional book! Happy New Year ya'll!

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

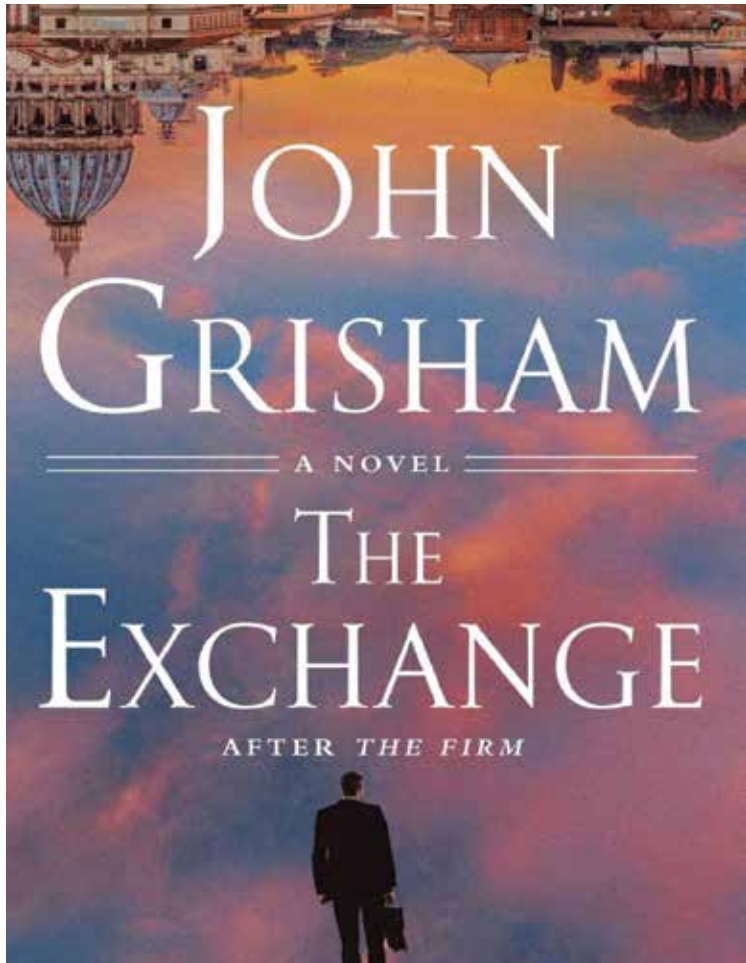


PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Elaine McGruder



Hello Sports Teaser fans and Happy New Year! Let me be the first from all of us here at the Sports Teaser column to welcome you to 2024. I know that it's going to be the best year ever. Maybe! Our crack staff here at the Sports Teaser can't wait to get 2024 rolling with all the great sports action that is ahead. Hopefully, you've started (and are keeping) your New Year's resolutions, warmed up from the Polar Plunge, and put all the debauchery of the holiday season in the rearview mirror. That being said, let's get started on our sports journey in the New Year.

By the time you read this award-winning column we will be down to the final two teams in the 2023 College Football Playoff. Unfortunately, as we know, our Georgia Bulldogs did not make the four-team playoff, as they lost to their bitter rival Alabama in the SEC Championship Game. Bottom line, the Bulldogs brought their B game against a late season surging Crimson Tide team. After marching down the field to go up 7-0 on the opening drive, the Bulldogs offense stalled on the next several series and found themselves down 17-7 at halftime. The second half started with much of the same, but the defense began to play better. Georgia cut the lead to three a few times, but in the end, Alabama won out as they ran the clock out with some key first down runs by Jalen Milroe and won 27-24. Georgia found themselves on the outside looking in of this final year of the four-team playoff format. Was Georgia one of the four best teams? Yes. Was Georgia one of the four most deserving teams? Probably so. But in the end, the committee weighed heavily on the fact that Texas had beaten Alabama in Tuscaloosa and Alabama had beaten Georgia in the SEC Championship resulting in both having to be included, along with the undefeated Michigan and Washington teams. This will all become a moot point when the playoffs expand to 12 teams starting next season. It should have been 12 teams this year but some of the lesser conferences (ACC included) decided to form an alliance to block the implementation of the format and delay it until 2024. The bottom line, folks, is that Georgia had a hell of a run, winning 29 games over three years and two national championships. This old columnist never thought he would see another National championship after the Bulldogs won in 1980 but it happened. Twice! It's disappointing to not make this year's playoff, but it's great to be a Georgia Bulldog! Can't wait until Labor Day when we play Clemson in Atlanta.

We have one more regular season game before the playoffs in the NFL. And my August prediction of Baltimore and Dallas in the Super Bowl still has a chance. San Francisco seems to be the cream of the crop, but don't forget the Eagles in the NFC. Baltimore is currently the top seed in the AFC, but anything can happen with Miami, Kansas City, Jacksonville, and a host of other teams having a shot. The NFL wanted parity and boy do we have it for the most part this year. There are a few really good teams and a lot of OK teams, but far too many bad teams. This year has seen a tremendous number of quarterbacks go down with injuries in a league where there were only about a dozen decent ones to begin with. Regardless, playoff football is here, so let's enjoy it.

I hope 2024 brings you and your family Prosperity, Health, and Love! (And some great sports too.) Happy New Year and we'll see you in February.

OUT & ABOUT

By Blair Whalen and Alaina Loughridge



- 1** Total unexpected treat when Sean showed up on Tybee and sang karaoke! We love our **McNally's**!
- 2** I saw **Jaime** and **all of her littles** after the lighting of the tree. What a great night that was!
- 3** **Joann** was so excited about her purchase from one of our local artists! It's not always you see her outside of the bar! LOL!

- 4** Here's a fantastic local artist right here! **Kayleigh** is so talented and was clearly having a good time during the **Tybee Art Festival**.
- 5** Another super talented artist was boothed up at the **Tybee Art Festival** and it is our own **Baylie McNally**! Two McNally's in the same article!
- 6** **Mikell** was super happy to see me walking through the doors at the **Rock House**. Love this girl and her happy smile!

- 7** **Howard and Rudy** were clearly up to NO DAMN GOOD when I saw them leaving the Sand Bar. Last thing I heard from Rudy was that he was coming for Alaina! P.S. On a side note from **Alaina**: Yikes!!!
- 8** **Hunter and Kathleen** have literally sun beaming smiles! Great times at **North Beach Grill**!
- 9** **Kecia** makes shopping at **Transcendent Treasures** fun. If you haven't been by this shop yet, drop what you're doing and get there.

- 10** **Shannon** at **Chamacos** was all smiles. I'm sure she's on Santa's Nice List!
- 11** I ran into **Marsha** at the **IGA**! Looking great dressed for the chill and in all the right team gear!
- 12** You seriously can't take this girl anywhere in public!

Time to bundle up, don't forget your plants!

Here we are, officially in the winter season. Although the temperatures have been fairly mild thus far, our plants are counting on us to be prepared for the dangers of cold weather and frost. Inevitably, every year I lose a plant or two because I forgot to protect it from a damaging winter freeze and kick myself since it only takes a few minutes to save a plant! So rather than staring at the dead thing all winter and waiting until spring to dig out the dead thing and replace it, try a few of these easy suggestions for saving your plants during the winter months:

Containers - Plants in containers are the most susceptible to damage of freezing.

Small containers: If the container is small enough to move, ideally place it in the garage or a shed during the danger of frost, move it back out after danger of frost has passed. If this is not a possibility, pack them together as close to the house as you can and wrap the pots with a blanket or heavy sheet to protect the roots. A lighter sheet can be draped over the plants to shield them from the direct frost. Try to make sure the sheet is not touching the leaves by using stakes to keep the sheet from direct contact. Depending on your motivation level to go out in the cold, just placing the plants under the cover of a porch can often provide enough cover to avoid detrimental damage.

Large containers: If the container is too large and heavy to move the best bet is, again, to wrap the container in a blanket or heavy sheet to protect the roots. Like with the smaller containers, a lighter sheet can be draped over the plant to shield it from frost keeping the sheet from direct contact with the foliage.

Landscape Plants/Young Trees

Generally, both established and young landscape plants need a layer of mulch during the winter months. Place leaves, grass clippings, sawdust, straw or peat moss in a layer around the base of the plant or tree. Make sure the mulch layer is wide enough to cover the roots. Now we're out in the yard and the thought of draping sheets all over the trees and plants seems a little wackadoodle. Fortunately, the world of landscaping must have thought of this and created a handy dandy product called 'reemay.' Reemay is a cloth-like material that allows in light, heat and moisture, while it prevents harm from bugs, wind and frost. It's still a little on the sheet-like side but definitely has a more 'professional, I care about my plants' look.

Taking a few minutes to protect your plants and landscape investment is worth the time. Plants are expensive, especially trees! While sheets and blankies may save the plant or tree, I suggest spending a few bucks and getting the reemay that can be reused for years to come. Plus you don't have to wash or throw away dirty sheets and blankets, adding to your list of spring cleaning. Just fold up the reemay and store it for next year.

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The Former Cockspur Grill has New Ownership

By Tommy Thompson

The proprietors of Tybee's popular North-end neighborhood restaurant and bar, the Cockspur Grill, decided, after much consideration, to sell. John Branigin & Michael "Spec" Hosti, have sold the Cockspur Grill to Calvin Ratterree, owner of Nickie's on the South-end. Many of us North-end residents are hopeful that Calvin will keep the neighborhood spirit of the Cockspur Grill in his new restaurant/bar.

John & Spec created an authentic neighborhood gathering spot, reminiscent of that popular TV series "Cheers," that aired from 1982-1993. Like Cheers, Cockspur had a cast of regular local characters. The Wednesday night trivia brought in the locals plus a few tourists to the Cockspur Grill and on most trivia nights it was the best comedy show on Tybee.

On most days and nights, a regular crew would stop in on their way home to Savannah or the Islands after work, and/or people that were coming back home to Tybee made it a stop before heading home and that helped to make Cockspur the neighborhood place to meet.

John retired from the corporate world to Tybee and had been involved with music in college so, in addition to sharing the management duties, his mission was to make Cockspur the home for live music on Tybee and his efforts were a success.

Spec has been on Tybee his entire life and was responsible for keeping everything running smoothly, as well as being the "goodwill ambassador," drawing in his many friends and relatives (they could fill up the bar alone), spreading around good cheer and making music with his Spec Hosti Band, once or twice a week.

John has quite a video library of the musical performances at Cockspur over the last three years, so check them out on YouTube, just search for Cockspur Grill.

Spec will continue, as he claims to be "Awesome & Spectacular" and be part of the Tybee music scene. While they may feel some nostalgia from time to time, for the fun they had and new friends they have met over the past three years, I don't think either one will miss managing the day-to-day challenges of operating the Cockspur Grill.

I know if you are under thirty, the reference above to the TV show "Cheers" may not mean much, but the lyrics in their theme song was "where everyone knows your name."

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Go Local Music Profile

By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally



JEREMY RIDDLE

If you haven't heard Jeremy Riddle sing solo around Tybee and Savannah or with his bandmate, Ross Etheridge, calling themselves Literal Ginger, then you need to get out more. Literal Ginger is an eclectic mix of funky bluegrass hooking up with an island vibe, while Jeremy solo is total island vibe, taking familiar songs, adding a genre twist and making them his. Together or separate, Jeremy rocks the place! He also has a genuine love of life, laughter and enjoying every moment and you can tell the minute he opens his mouth!

Jeremy started out in Dalton, Georgia with a very musical oriented family that got him started early on piano, guitar, violin and bass. Everyone in the family was involved and it just all came together and all by ear. After high school, he moved to Savannah and met up with other music-oriented people; got involved in a band and started doing gigs around town. After about five years of Savannah, Jeremy moved to California to check out the west coast music scene. Good times were had in California, but nothing that stuck, so back to Savannah he came in 2013. Hitting the ground playing and reintroducing himself to his music kin, Savannah turned into the place to be and now Jeremy has a strong following of fans and supporters, and you can tell why.

Currently you can find Jeremy in the Savannah/Tybee/Bluffton areas. You can also find him at the Sand Bar every Wednesday at Open Mic night. This is his favorite as he can play with a variety of different musicians and improve and learn from them. Jeremy says every show is new and he likes to add different notes and always wants to try something different. He is definitely fine tuning his craft as he goes.

Jeremy's future is open. He loves his solo gigs but is also enamored with his Literal Ginger partnership. Each jam opens opportunities for having a great time, being creative and being a part of the party with energy and crowd participation. "The whole part of my job is to go out and have a good time and have those around me have a good time!" Jeremy said, and as a music listener, I'm down with all of that!

Jeremy is constantly writing his own original stuff and has a compilation going that hopefully we will get to hear soon. With a strong reggae influence implanted when he was growing up and taking all of the feedback he has learned over the years, it's going to be great!

You definitely need to hear this guy. You can find him on Facebook under Jeremy J. Riddle and see posts of all of his upcoming shows and where you can find him. If you are interested in setting up a private gig with him, just send him a message and he will get right back with you. See you at the next jam!



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BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge - Photos by Betsey Jenkins

Southern Saltwater Adventures

I am always happy to run into my favorite people and **Daniel Simmons** is one of them. I had interviewed him for our In the Kitchen With ... article back in February 2020. One of the things that stuck with me was when I asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. I had to write: **“He told me and it’s FREAKING AMAZING, but I can’t tell you. Seriously sworn to secrecy. Y’all know I suck at that so realize it is killing me not to barf my guts out, but just know it is going to be EPIC!!!! (Call me and give me money).”**

When I saw him at the IGA last month, I had to know how the ‘growing up’ part of his life was going. After years of being one of the island’s best chefs, he decided to follow his dream and open his own business on the water. It’s really one business with three different branches. Southern Saltwater Adventures is the name, and the *Susie Kate* is our girl and the main boat he co-owns with fellow **Captain Jon Braun**. A perfect 6 person set up for a deep-sea fishing, get your buddies together and hit the water all day gig. Then there is the Hook and Cook Service where Daniel takes everything to your house AND COOKS IT FOR YOU AND SERVES IT TO YOU! The third and the one I jumped all over is the Sunset Tour. Daniel said he would take me out, so I ran home, grabbed my BFF’s, Betsey and Joy, and ran to the marina (although we stopped by the liquor store first)!

We had THE BEST TIME!!! First of all, he helped our uncoordinated butts into the boat and as we were busying faffing around storing our purses and opening champagne bottles, Daniel asked what music we liked, and we all screamed “Yacht Rock!!” On came the Yacht Rock, we all got settled in and off we went!

What a fantastic tour! It’s so beautiful being out on the water and even if you live on Tybee, there’s not always opportunities to get out there and enjoy where we live. Between the daily shuck and jive of life, it’s just hard sometimes. Well, this was a much-needed moment! As we sipped our champagne, Daniel took us out nice and slow past the Cockspur Lighthouse.



The water was kind of choppy, so we didn’t get around to the front of the Pier, but the sunset was absolutely glorious, the dolphins were playing, the company was fun, and it was a perfect Tybee moment!

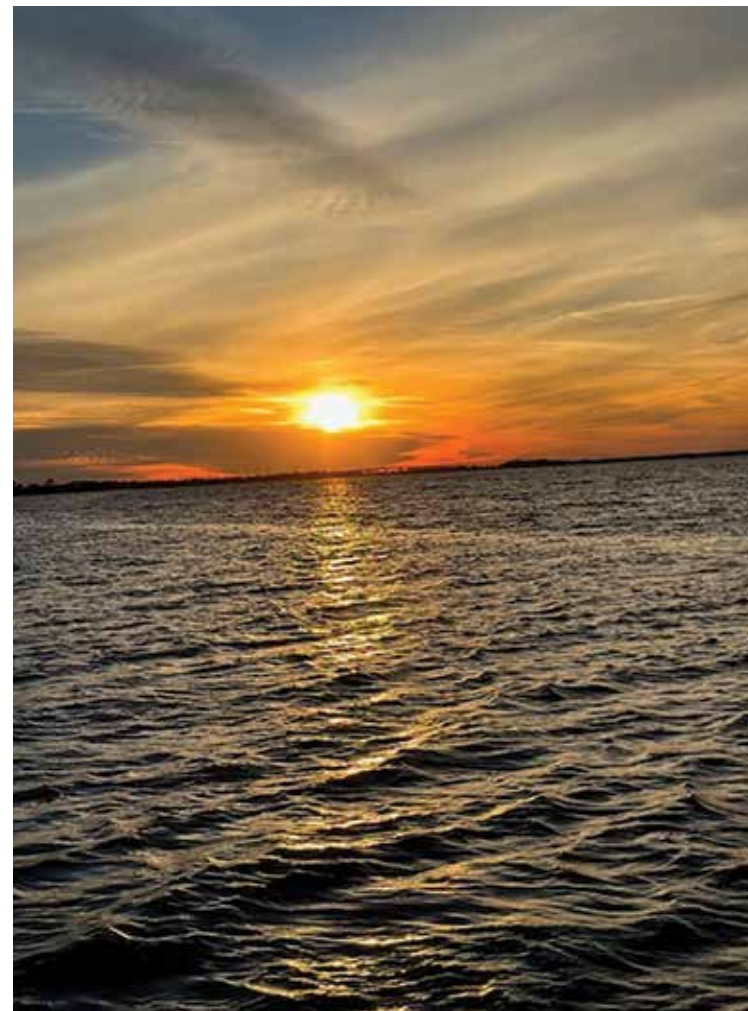
The whole tour took about 2 hours and if you’re touring, that’s really all you want it to be. We got back to the marina and unloaded and off we tottered talking about our journey and what a great time we had.

In sitting down and chatting with Daniel, he’s living his best life now. He gets to be out on the water doing his fishing and then going home and cooking – his favorite things. We got into the details on the Hook and Cook Services, as one of my favorite things is food and I want details. So, when you go out fishing with him, y’all bring your catch in and he will filet it and prep it for dinner; stopping by the IGA on the way to your house, Airbnb, Vacation Rental or whatever. He brings the fish you caught, two starches and a veggie and the most important prop of all! His cast iron skillet. The man knows how to use a cast iron skillet. After he prepares and serves your meal to you, he said most times he’s invited to sit and eat with everybody, which is just flat out cool. You spend all day with people, and you become part of the family. Suddenly, you’re in their kitchen cooking for them and meeting the kids, etc. Family oriented and everyone can bond over food.

Captain Simmons and Captain Braun have got a great thing going on. Prices are extremely affordable, and the experience is priceless. To all our Tybee visitors and to our Tybee locals, this is a must book event. Whether you are in for a six-hour tour or a two-hour tour, it’s just an unforgettable adventure that you and the whole family can enjoy.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH - Casey Jones



Hello everyone, I'm Casey Jones. It is so great to live and work on Tybee Island because it is a photographer's paradise. I love roaming around our little island capturing scenes that make this place so special. While I photograph events and family portraits, I absolutely love landscape photography. There is so much coastal scenery to see on Tybee, like a colorful sunrise at the pier, waves crashing in under the pier or the amazing view you see from the top of the Tybee Island Lighthouse. There are photo opportunities all around us.

Tips:

- Shoot during the "golden hour." That's the one-hour period after sunrise and before sunset when the lighting is softer and much more flattering.
- Try a prime or fixed lens. Not having a zoom lens will force you to move around and hopefully inspire creativity in framing your shot.
- Use the rule of thirds for a balanced photo. Look at your viewfinder as nine equal rectangles and put your subject on one of the lines instead of the center of the screen. This will help with composition.
- Don't let photos live on your phone. Get those special moments printed and hang them in your house so you can enjoy them every day.

Get out and go shoot. You can check out my prints and the work of other talented local artists at Gallery 80 on Tybee.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By Alaina Loughridge and Margie McLellan

(Top 10 Epic Fails)

- 1. Lose Weight** – Hahahahahahaha! I'm sure most of us have made this resolution at some point in our life, especially the older we get. Our advice to you: Hahahahaha!
- 2. Quit Smoking** – We are talking about the day after you have spent all night drinking. There is no way you are NOT going to have a cigarette with that Bloody Mary.
- 3. Drink Less** – What's another word for Hahahahahahaha?? Face it, we live on Tybee.
- 4. Save Money** – Bitch please! We've just had Christmas and New Year's!
- 5. Spend more time with Family** – Didn't I just leave that nightmare at the Christmas table???
- 6. Less Stress** – Let me grab my cigarettes and a drink, and then review my credit card statements first...
- 7. Learn Something New** – I don't know about you, but my head is already crammed full of useless information and there's no more space right now.
- 8. Become a Better Person** – You expect me to do this after quitting smoking, drinking, and spending money??
- 9. Get Organized** – Why bother relearning something new when I know where everything is right now?
- 10. Travel to New Places** – I can't afford that! Refer to #4.

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Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in Jan. By Mom

- 1-1 New Year's Eve Fireworks** 11:59pm-12:10am (1-1-2024) at Pier & Pavilion, 1 Tybrisa St. Join in with family and friends to ring in the New Year!
- 1-1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024** Happy New Year Y'all!!
- 1-1 Tybee Polar Plunge 2024** 12-1pm at Tybee Pier & Pavilion on Tybrisa. Join in the fun with the Gang of Goofs costume contest and parade. Brave souls will be getting psyched up to jump into the Atlantic. Cheer them on! Registration comes with a 2024 Tybee Polar Plunge t-shirt. For more info, go to www.cassidi.kendrick@cityoftybee.gov.
- 1-1 Just For Fun Day** Today is Z day. Those with last names beginning with Z go first instead of last.
- 1-3 Just For Fun Day** National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day. Not my personal favorite but I'm sure it makes others happy.
- 1-6 Just For Fun Day** It's National Bean Day. Any beans will do. Did you know we've been cultivating legumes/beans since the early 7th millennium BC?
- 1-8 Just For Fun Day** Elvis Presley's Birthday. His records have sold over one billion, worldwide. Yet he never performed outside of North America.
- 1-10 Lunch and Learn: Embedded in Brick: The Legacy of African-Americans at Fort Pulaski** 11:30am-1pm at Mission Hall, All Saint's Episcopal Church, 804 Jones. Bring your own lunch. Lunch is at 11:30am. Speaker is Frank Middleton, Education Coordinator of Fort Pulaski National Monument. Iced Tea, coffee and cookies provided. For more info, email patricialeiby@gmail.com.
- 1-10 Just For Fun Day** National Houseplant Appreciation Day. I have to appreciate houseplants giving off fresh oxygen, no matter how small they are.
- 1-14 Just For Fun Day** National Dress Up Your Pet Day! I would like to think I have better things to do than bleed all over my cat's outfit!
- 1-15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day** MLK Jr. is known for many things, especially the inspirational speech of "I Have a Dream." His legacy continues to live on and inspire people to this day.
- 1-20 Just For Fun** National Penguin Day. Who knew that a group of penguins in water is called a raft, but on land they are called a waddle?
- 1-22 Just For Fun** National Answer Your Cat's Questions Day. Good luck with that.
- 1-29 Just For Fun** National Puzzle Day. I can do this!



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Reflections

By Hollie Sessoms

The Gift of the New Year

Christmas is over. The shiny ribbon and glittery tissue and carefully selected wrapping paper are put away. The Santa stuck waving a gloved hand in a snow globe of perfection is bubble-wrapped and stored. The stockings are empty and limp once more. The evergreen scent is slowly dissipating from the air, that smell of everyday home life taking over again. The chocolate doesn't seem as festive to me as it had days before, now it's just calorie-laden. And that nagging feeling of disappointment sits heavy in my stomach. I've never understood this disappointment. I've had it following Christmas for as long as I can remember. The feeling of something promised not quite being delivered. The feeling that Christmas day never has and never could live up to all the hype surrounding it.

Lucky for us, we have New Year's Day right around the corner. What the perfect opportunity to put aside what was and make way for what's new. Find comfort in building something from scratch or else adding on to what we've already been building. But instead of resolving to lose ten pounds or save more money this year like every year, maybe this is the year to try a new approach:

- **Resolve to be more compassionate.** Yes, people can be too much sometimes. They annoy you, they attack you, they do inexplicable things you will never understand. But what if, instead of condemning those people, we feel compassion for them and thank God that we are able to live such peaceful lives, while they are stuck in strife.

- **Resolve to relax.** There's so much pressure around New Year's to be and do more. What if, instead, we decide to be and do less and feel harmony about that. What if we decide that we already have enough, that we already are enough, and there isn't anything else that needs to be added to our lives? What then?

- **Resolve to do something nice for someone else.** So much joy and satisfaction can come from volunteering our time and energy to help make someone's day better. It feels so good inside to do something for someone else with no expectation of reciprocation. We should take time this year to make a difference for someone else.

- **Resolve to learn something new.** We start dying when we stop growing. Never stop being amazed at all the things there are to learn in this world. We couldn't learn it all if we had ten lifetimes. But take some time this year to learn one new thing. Don't believe the line about old dogs and new tricks. That's bull. It's never too late to pick up a new talent. What have you always wanted to know how to do? This is the year for it.

- **Resolve to pay attention.** The real gifts of your life are all around us. They weren't wrapped in shiny paper under the Christmas tree. The real gifts are our family and friends. The community of people we've surrounded ourselves with. The real gifts are the quiet moments alone when the dryer is humming and the sun is shining through the window and you have a cup of hot tea in your hands and all feels right with the world. Pay attention to those things, really notice them and watch how everything else just falls into place.



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PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Tonya Reed of Henry's Plumbing

Thor

Thor is our big boy's name. We homed him from a family in Florida. Upon seeing pictures of him, we thought that he would weigh around 35lbs. Much to our surprise, he was 85lbs of love.

His day job is head of security and company mascot for Henry Plumbing and has a big fan club. On his days off, he enjoys getting his belly wet in the pool, sunbathing on our deck, snacks and kisses. Everyone who meets him loves him.

He is also a great big brother to his little sister, Lance, a One Love Rescue.

Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

INVISIBLE COMB JELLIES

My wife just walked in, saw me staring at my blank screen, and asked, "What are you thinking about?" My reply was, "How to start this month's article." I'm sitting here pondering: How do you introduce an animal that is nearly invisible in the water, without structure so much that it will slide between your fingers when you hold it in your hand, and it is also really slimy? So, with that, I'll introduce this month's animal, the Comb Jelly.

Comb jellies are practically invisible. They are so clear that most folks don't notice them when they are washed up. And when they are in the water, you pretty much don't see them at all. A Comb Jelly is a fragile, gelatinous, gooey, clear glob; but it is a living animal. When washed up, they appear only as a small, thin, flat, clear round area lying on the wet sand. If you haven't ever found one, don't worry, most go overlooked.

If you do find one lying in the wet sand, the best way to examine it is to carefully place it in a clear plastic bag with a little seawater. In water, the Comb Jelly will retain its normal shape. You will still have to look carefully to see it because it is so clear and transparent. You should be able to notice that it is generally shaped like a football with 8 lines running along its body, like the seams on a football. Each of these lines is actually a row of tiny comb-shaped structures having microscopic hair-like cilia forming the "teeth" of each comb. These comb-like structures are called "ctenes" (the "c" is silent). And the scientific name for Comb Jellies is thus Ctenophores. Sometimes it's possible to see the waves of movement of the microscopic cilia along the rows, and you may get lucky to see them make a moving rainbow of color due to the tiny cilia diffracting the sunlight.

Comb Jellies are not true "jelly fish" but rather belong to their own group in the animal kingdom (Ctenophores). They don't have tentacles and don't sting. Using the rows of tiny cilia to glide through the water, they eat microscopic



plankton. Most Comb Jellies live in the open ocean, far from shore, but we get a couple of species in our near shore waters. One is the football shaped "Sea Walnut," and the other is shaped more like a cup with a rounded bottom.

One of the things I find most interesting about Comb Jellies is their ability to produce flashes of bioluminescence, or flashes of light. Lots of deep-sea animals produce bioluminescence for a variety of reasons. Our inshore Comb Jellies retain this characteristic. Ours produce flashes of turquoise blue light along their comb rows. If it is a dark night and the water is calm, it's possible to see occasional flashes produced by Comb Jellies in the near shore water. If you've got one in a bag of seawater, set in the bathroom sink, and then later that night, with it totally dark, give the bag a shake. You might get a little light show!

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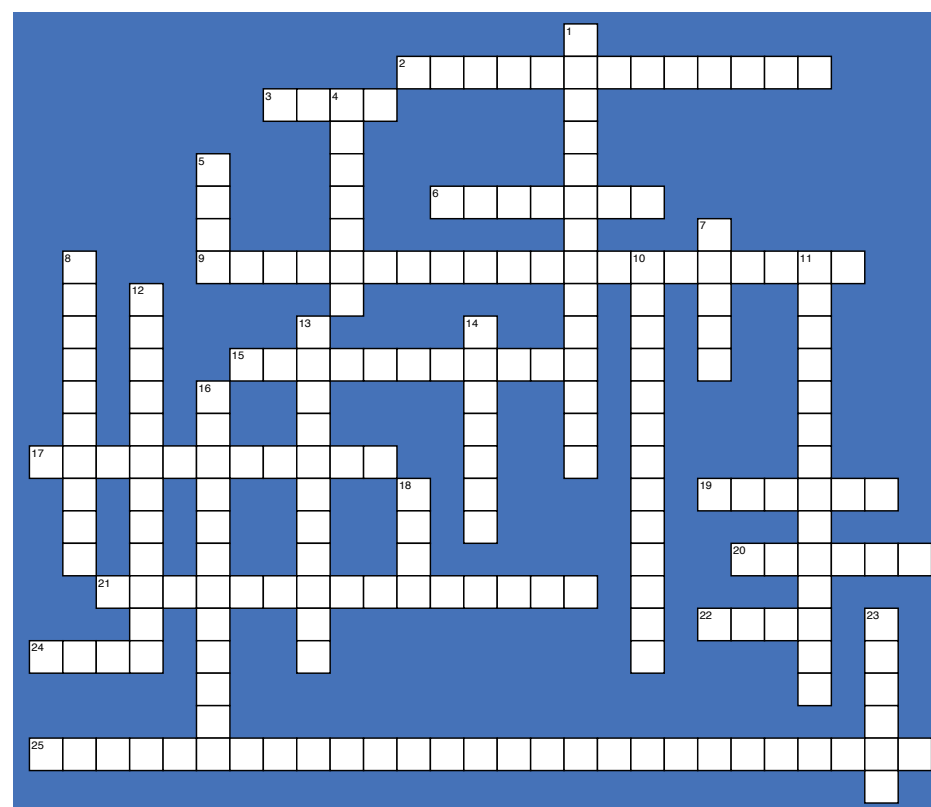
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ACROSS

- Name of band that Go Local Music Profile plays with (2 wds.)
- These jellies are practically invisible
- Don't forget to ask Bizz Buzz about Rule #1 No _____
- Cathy and Kathy are our _____ winners
- Book Review (2 wds.)
- Author of Book Review (2 wds.)
- Joy made _____ Chicken Stew Soup
- Supposedly the #1 movie in America right now
- They lost the SEC Championship Game to their bitter rival, Alabama (2 wds.)
- DJ Amp put together a list of _____ songs
- Pervy Pet of the Month
- Bizz Buzz (3 wds.)

DOWN

- New owner of the Cockspur Grill (2 wds.)
- Baggage that weighed Serial Single down when she went off to college
- A group of penguins in the water is called a _____
- Leave the _____ Behind
- Artist of the Month (2 wds.)
- Pervy Pet's day job is head of security and company mascot for _____
- Photo of the Month was submitted by her (2 wds.)
- What we say on January 1 at midnight (3 wds.)
- Winner of our Ornament Contest (2 wds.)
- 1st month
- Go Local Music Profile (2 wds.)
- Part 9 of Serial Single
- Season

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