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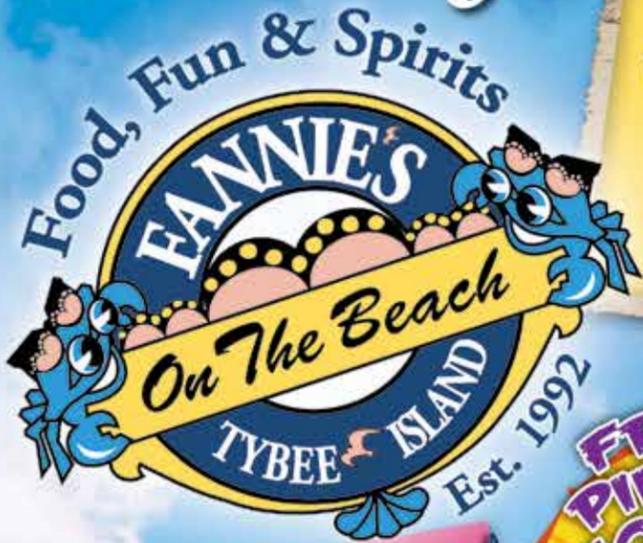
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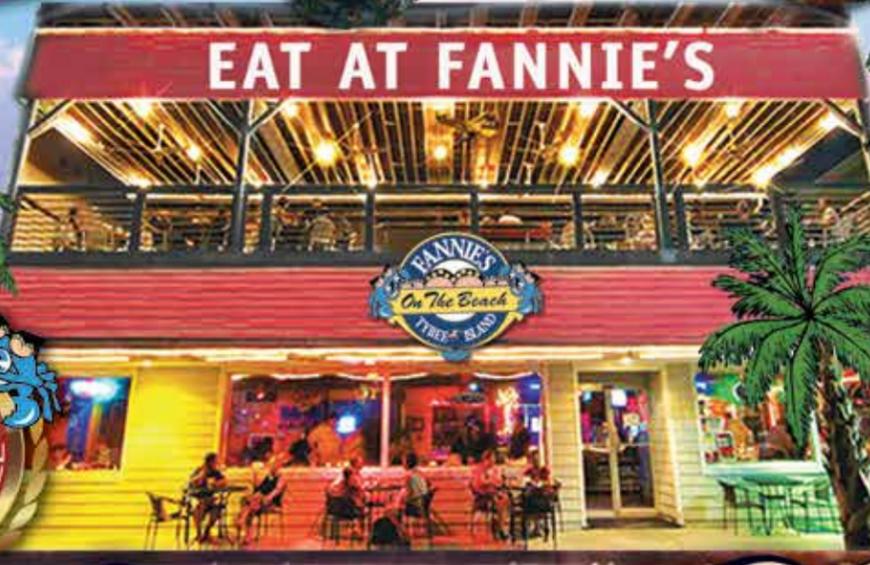


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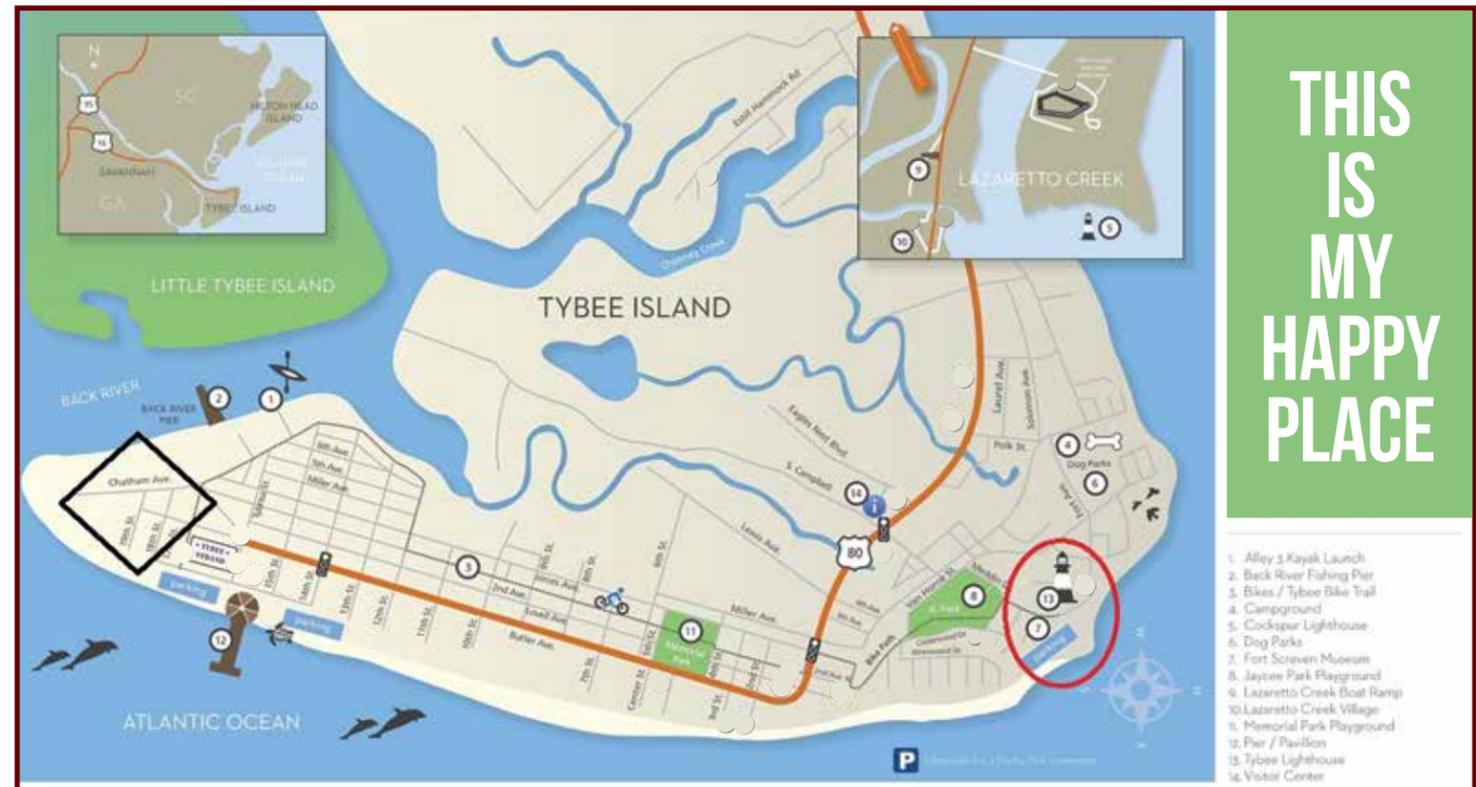
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From MS...ALAIN...EOUS

The Irish are coming! The Irish are coming! Yippee!! St. Patrick's Day is upon us and so are brighter days ahead. This cold has got to go. Quite frankly, I think we have all had enough.

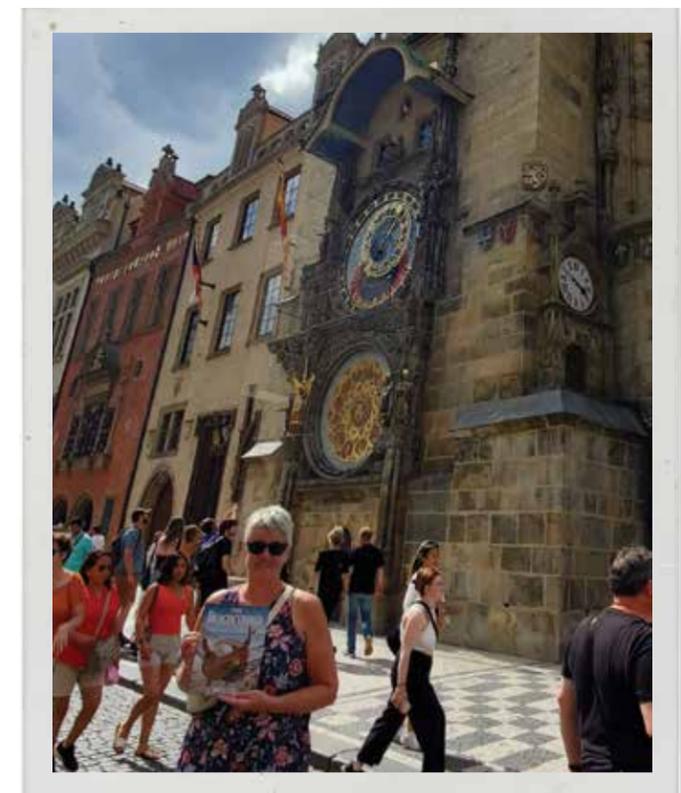
Stepping forward, I am delighted to announce the **City of Limerick Pipe Band** will be coming back this year to represent! That band is epic! As are the **Junkanoo Tribe**, who are mesmerizing! 2026 is the year to be here!

Traveling BC is up next, and I'm delighted to announce our winner, **Laurie Gulbranson**, who took us with her to **Prague, Czech Republic**, and stood in front of the **15th century astronomical clock!** How cool is that? Thank you for taking us with you and off to **Sundae Cafe** you go! I highly recommend the **Espresso Martini** and their **Banana Cheesecake**. Both are fall over fantastic! And fat-free! HaHa!

It's time to party Tybee and Savannah! Brush the dust off your beads and boas and shake your butts down to Butler on the 14th! It is going to be epic!

Now, make me a drink and turn the page ...

P.S. The crossword/word search remains to be seen. Could go either way!



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March 2026 Tide Chart

Georgia, Savannah

N 32° 02.0' / W 80° 54.1'

Date	High				Low				☀️		☾	
	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	Moon	
1	Sun	7:07	8.5	7:35	7.9	12:42	-0.8	1:19	-0.5	6:51	6:22	☉
2	Mon	7:55	8.6	8:22	8.2	1:35	-1.1	2:06	-0.8	6:50	6:22	☉
3	Tue	8:39	8.6	9:05	8.4	2:24	-1.2	2:48	-0.9	6:48	6:23	☉
4	Wed	9:19	8.5	9:45	8.4	3:10	-1.1	3:28	-0.8	6:47	6:24	☉
5	Thu	9:57	8.2	10:23	8.3	3:52	-0.9	4:04	-0.6	6:46	6:25	☉
6	Fri	10:35	7.8	11:01	8.1	4:33	-0.5	4:38	-0.3	6:45	6:25	☉
7	Sat	11:14	7.4	11:40	7.8	5:12	0.0	5:12	0.1	6:44	6:26	☉
8	Sun			12:56	6.9	6:51	0.5	6:48	0.5	7:42	7:27	☉
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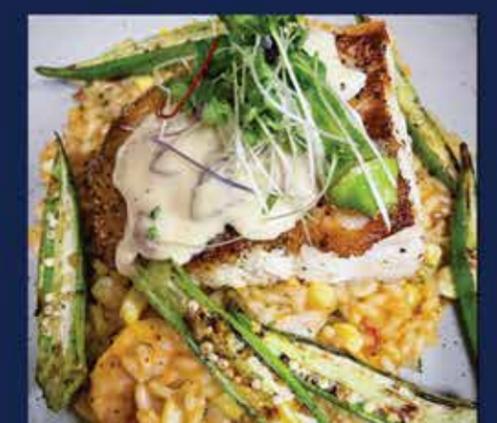
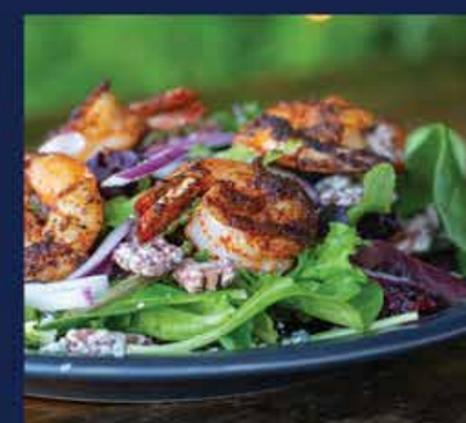
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TOP 10 MAR SONG LIST

By D.J. AMP

Happy Saint Patrick's Day, Tybee!
One of my favorite parades and holidays of the year!
We went to a Savannah Bananas game one St. Patrick's Day, and it was so windy that the bagpipers' kilts were being blown up by the wind. We got a kick out of that. Since St. Patrick's is a popular drinking holiday, I've put together my top 10 drinking songs. Enjoy, and **Turn It Up!**
Be sure to call Breezy Taxi if you've had one too many. After all, it's cheaper than a DULL.

- 1- Raise Your Glass - **Pink**
- 2- One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer - **George Thorogood**
- 3- Tequila - **The Pretenders**
- 4- Double Vision - **Foreigner**
- 5- A Case of You - **Joni Mitchell**
- 6- We Oughta to be Drinkin' - **Sheryl Crow**
- 7- One Margarita - **Luke Bryan**
- 8- Tennessee Whiskey - **Chris Stapleton**
- 9- Red Solo Cup - **Toby Keith**
- 10- Whisky in the Jar - **Metallica**

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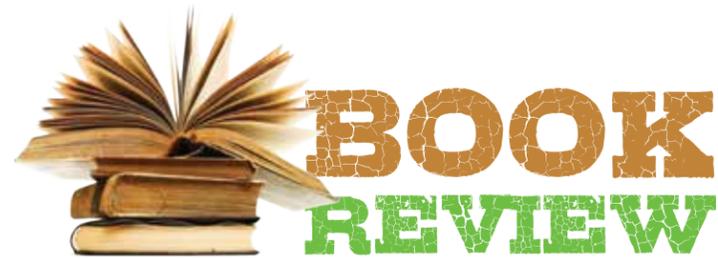
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By Nell Klein

WIDOW'S POINT

By Richard Chizmar and Billy Chizmar

I'll be the first to say that this book would make a perfect October book review considering it's about a haunted lighthouse. But, being from Tybee, I thought a story about a haunted lighthouse would be a good read any time of year. Besides, I didn't want to wait until October to share this really killer read, so let me tell you all about it (without spoilers!)

Widow's Point Lighthouse was constructed in 1838 in Harper's Cove, Nova Scotia. During the construction, three workers were killed in mysterious accidents; in the decades that followed, there were over a dozen deaths in and around the lighthouse. The deaths included murder, suicide, the slaughter of an entire family, and the death of a Hollywood actress who was filming on the grounds. The residents of Harper's Cove believe the lighthouse is cursed and haunted, so it was shuttered tight in 1988 and a security fence erected around the property.

Then in 2017, a podcaster named Thomas Livingston decided to enter the lighthouse to search for proof of supernatural power and to make a big name for himself. He tells the stories of the all the mysterious deaths, including the story about the whole family that was killed. Of course, Mr. Livingston vanished after a very harrowing few nights spent in the lighthouse.

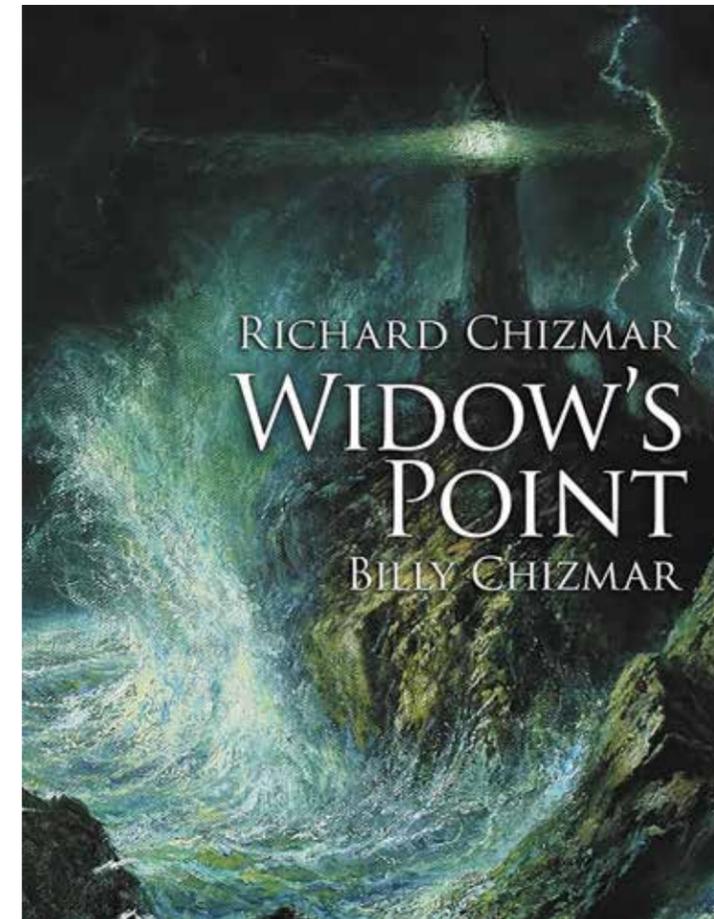
Next, in 2025, a new group of podcasters decide to enter the lighthouse for the same reasons Mr. Livingston did. They also want to find out what happened to Mr. Livingston. They somehow get permission from Mr. Parker, who is in charge of security of the property, and told him to lock them in and not come back for them for three days. The group includes a cameraman, a professor of anthropology history, a ghost hunter, and a few others. The entire 2017 part of the book is recorded on a voice recorder, and the 2025 version is on a handheld camera.

In each section of the book, these people are cut off from the outside world, and although no one has stepped into the lighthouse for many years, they are not alone.

This book is a ghost story, and it will creep the bejesus out of you. The authors, a father and son duo, did a wonderful job of a truly scary and creepy tale. It will make you think about what happened in these old places, and if they are truly haunted. Do they find ghosts? Do they find out what happened to Mr. Livingston? Do they all survive their ordeal? Lots of questions!

I give this book 5 roses. It was so good, I couldn't put it down and I couldn't wait until October to tell you all about it. So, happy reading and I hope March is the end of our cold weather and we can get ready for spring. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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



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Salt Water Heals (Almost) Everything

By Brandy Trout

The first thing the salt water does is sting. It is subtle. Barely noticeable at first, but if you have even the smallest cut, it finds it. The ocean has a way of doing that. It does not ask what you are carrying or where you have been. It just shows up exactly as it is and meets you there.

Most days, I walk on the beach without an agenda. No podcast. No music. Just the steady rhythm of waves that do not care how busy the week ahead looks. I tell myself I am doing it for the benefit of exercise, but that is never true. I walk because the ocean does not require me to explain anything.

Some weeks, I arrive carrying more mental anguish than others. Decisions that did not land cleanly. Conversations I replay inside my mind too many times. The quiet pressure of being the one people expect answers from... often before I have given myself time to reflect on the question. I do not bring those things intentionally to the ocean; they just come along with me, tucked somewhere behind my ribs.

Those are the days when the walk feels heavier at first. When my feet drag slightly through the sand and my thoughts run faster than the tide. I have learned that when my mind is loud, it is usually because I have been holding too much for too long... decisions that needed space, emotions that did not get named, expectations I absorbed without questioning whether they were mine to carry or not.

I do not come to the beach looking for answers. I have learned the ocean does not offer those on demand. What it offers instead is honesty. It reflects on whatever I bring with me to the beach... urgency, fatigue, resolve... and asks me to stand with it long enough to see it clearly. Breathe in the salt air, hold it inside my lungs, pause, and release the pressure once it reminds me of my own presence. No commentary. No urgency. Just breathing the salt air and the quiet recognition of what is truly present at that moment.

The water does not try to fix any of it. It moves in and out, repeatedly, as if to remind me that consistency matters more than force. That healing is not rushed. That there is a difference between pain and damage, and that not everything that stings is meant to harm you. Leadership thinkers often talk about consistency over intensity, about showing up repeatedly when progress feels invisible. The ocean has been practicing that long before we tried to name it.

I have learned that salt water does not heal by erasing what happened. It cleans. It clarifies. It leaves you a little more exposed than before, but also a little lighter. The things that do not belong eventually loosen their grip. *Brené Brown* reminds us that clarity often comes only after we allow ourselves to feel what is uncomfortable. The salt water seems to agree.

There is something humbling about standing at the edge of the tide, barefoot, and unremarkable. Out here, titles do not translate well. Accomplishments do not echo. The ocean does not ask what you do; it simply invites you to be still long enough to notice what is true. *Anne Morrow Lindbergh* wrote in *Gift from the Sea* about the shoreline as a place that strips life back to its essentials, where the noise falls away and only what matters remains. Standing on the beach, her words resonate.

On some days that I visit the beach in what is true is exhaustion. Other days, it is gratitude. Or uncertainty. Or the quiet realization that the thing I have been trying to control might be asking for space instead. The ocean has taught me that strength does not always look like forward motion. Sometimes it looks like waiting for the next wave to finish what the last one started. It looks like trusting that erosion, over time, reshapes even the most stubborn edges.

I used to think healing was supposed to feel peaceful, gentle, and clean. But salt water tells a different story. Healing can be uncomfortable. It can sting before it soothes. It can require you to feel what you would rather move past quickly. Yet every time I leave the water, I feel steadier. Not because everything will be resolved by a beach walk, but because I remember that I do not have to resolve it all at once.

I notice the difference most clearly after I leave. In how I speak a little more slowly. In how I listen without interrupting. In how I resist the urge to rush someone else toward resolution simply because I have learned to tolerate my own discomfort. The ocean does not make life easier, but it does make it clearer. It reminds me that steadiness is often more useful than certainty, and that presence matters more than performance.

The beach always looks different on the walk back. The light shifts. The sand settles. Tide has left an impression on the sand. What felt unfinished on the way out feels less demanding now and not because it is resolved, but because it has been given room to breathe in the salt air. I have learned to trust that shift. To let the tide do what it does best without narrating the process.

The tide never rushes, yet it always returns. The shoreline is never the same twice, yet it holds. There is a kind of wisdom in that. Perhaps a reminder that progress does not always announce itself loudly. Sometimes it looks like you are showing up again tomorrow.

By the time I turn back toward the dunes, the salt has dried on my skin. The sting fades. What remains is clarity. Not answers, exactly, but perspective. The sense that whatever needs healing will come in its own time, wave by wave.

Salt water heals (almost) everything. It reminds you that discomfort and healing often arrive together. What does not resolve immediately finds its proper weight and distribution with the tides of your life. That is when you begin to learn which things are yours to carry... and which are not.

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The author often walks Tybee's shoreline, listening to what the tide has to say.

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MOVIE REVIEW

By Alaina Loughridge

I CAME BY

I tripped over this Netflix mayhem a few ago and am still disturbed. I think more so because Hugh Bonneville, the Earl of Grantham (Downton Abbey), is the bad guy (seriously oog bad) and I'm used to him playing an agreeable Earl. Superb acting on his part because I freaked out when he did what he did.

The plot is a tagger and his buddy break into rich people's homes and take what they want, leaving "I Came By" tagged on a wall in spray paint. So, when these two early 20's boys break into Hugh's house, Hugh is displeased because he has a secret to hide. A huge secret.

Without spoiling the plot for you, everyone dies in a not nice ways. The one with the 2x4 was spectacularly wrong and after I uncurled from the couch in horror, I made a cocktail and kept watching.

I give this movie 4 bottles of Jägermeister because it's not right, and 1 bottle of Fernet's because the 2x4 scene is not cool at all.

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MONTHLY RANT

By Alaina Loughridge & Jummy Williams

I have written about this before, but due to the number of emails I have been receiving from McAfee, Norton, and Webroot, (in one day) regarding them "renewing" my account with coverage ranging from three to four years has gotten absolutely outlandish.

Today was for a grand total of \$1,231.43! Yesterday, my transaction fees were \$956.71. Allegedly. Please call this number or hit this button if this is in error.

Right. Thankfully, my card continues to go through. HaHa!

These scammers are getting completely out of control. Nigerian warlords are still looking for victims, German widows want to send you money, as well as that guy on Facebook who is in the military in some foreign country and wants me to send money immediately, or his young, motherless, children are going to starve to death due to the government shutdown. (I got that particular gem when the government wasn't even in a shutdown.). Another guy wants me to watch his kids and then go for "long walks in the woods." Umm. No. The only one walking out of that forest is going to be me, and I'm not even kidding.

Sadly, these scammers continue on - not because no one takes the bait, but because thousands of Americans fall for these scams every day. Working in a bank, I can tell you the more absurd the scam, the more likely someone is going to fall for it.

If the sheriff's office calls you to tell you you missed your jury duty summons, and you're going to be imprisoned if you don't pay them \$4,000 in Best Buy Gift Cards, chances are good that's actually a scammer. If Verizon Wireless tells you your phone has been hacked, and the only way to keep you safe is if you put all your money in a Bitcoin ATM, believe it or not - that's a scammer.

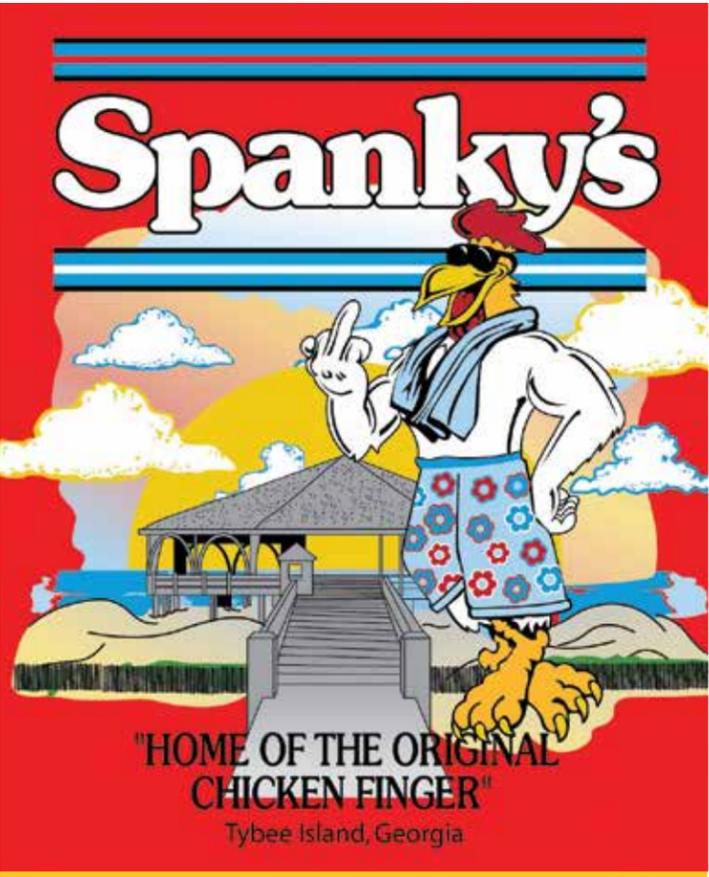
The one that amazes me time and time again is the FBI will call you to tell you your bank is stealing your money and personal information, so you need to wire your funds out of the country to "keep it safe." Allow me to let you in on a secret. This is some top-secret insider bank employee information that will blow your ever-loving mind: your bank already has your money, and your information. We don't have to steal it. Your money is in your account, secured with your social security number and your mother's maiden name. Additionally, we're insured - YOU ARE INSURED - until the money leaves your account. You participate in the withdrawal; you are responsible for the withdrawal. The only place where your money is safe and guaranteed is in your bank account!

FUN FACT: (Golly, remember when I used to do fun facts?) Your safe deposit box in the vault - not insured nor is it fireproof. Your cash isn't safe in that long, tin box. It is only safe in your account. Leave it there. I repeat: Your safe box is not insured; it is not fireproof. Do not store cash in there.

I want to leave you with three things:
One: Publisher's Clearing House went bankrupt and is no longer in business - you did not win. Stop falling for that scam.

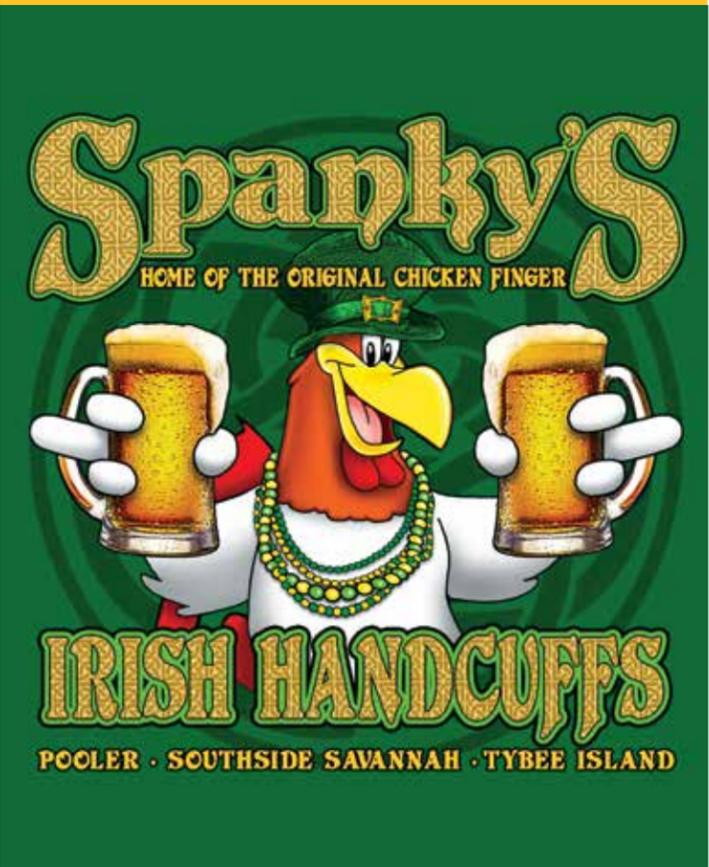
Two: If Georgia Power, your bank, Amazon, or whomever calls and tells you there's a problem with your account, hang up. 100% of the time. Hang up. Call them from a number you know - not a number they provide you with. If you call Georgia Power and a person answers, isn't that suspicious? Don't you typically have to press 1 for English?

Third: Please, please, don't lie to your financial institution. We have to sit through so much training on how to protect you and your money. If you are instructed to lie to us, that should be a major red flag. We don't care if you need \$40,000 cash for hookers and cocaine. We don't judge. We just don't want to see you get scammed. Please. The paperwork on our end is so damn annoying when you do give all your money to the scammers.



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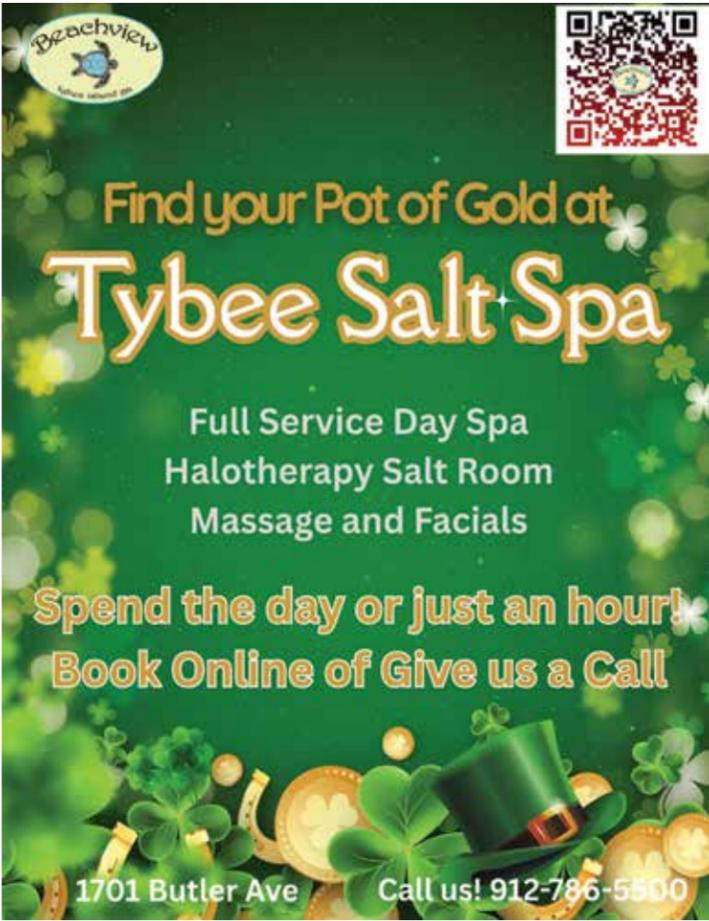
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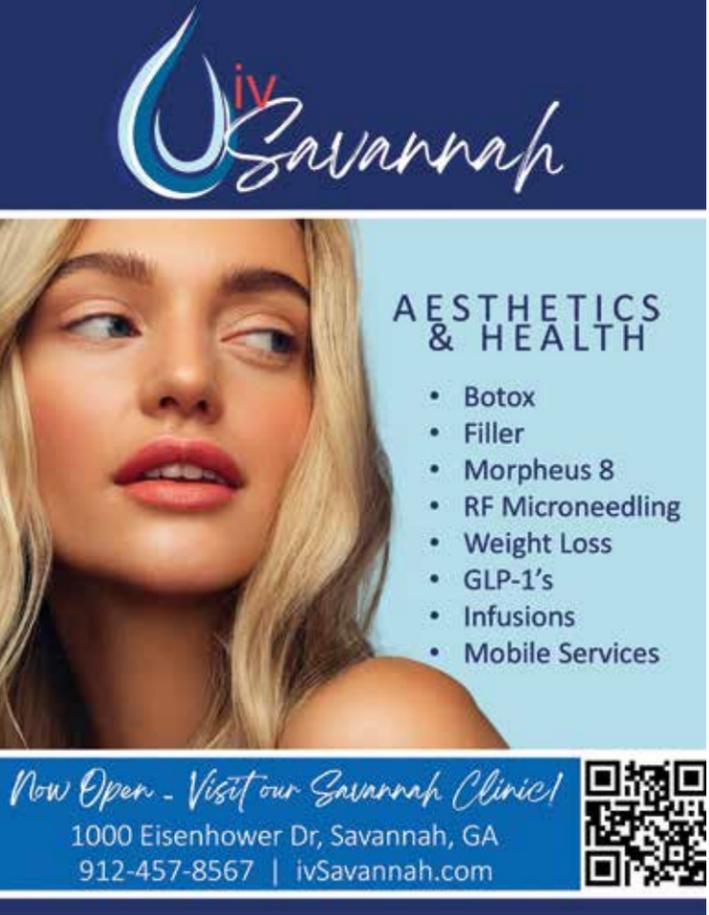



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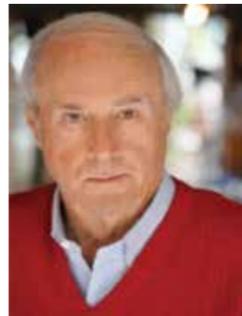
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH - Jan Will



I like to mix things up—different mediums, repurposed materials, and plenty of curiosity. You can contact me at geiret@bellsouth.net.



Life on the Bike Path

By John O'Neill

Happy March everyone! Hopefully we are done with the cold weather.

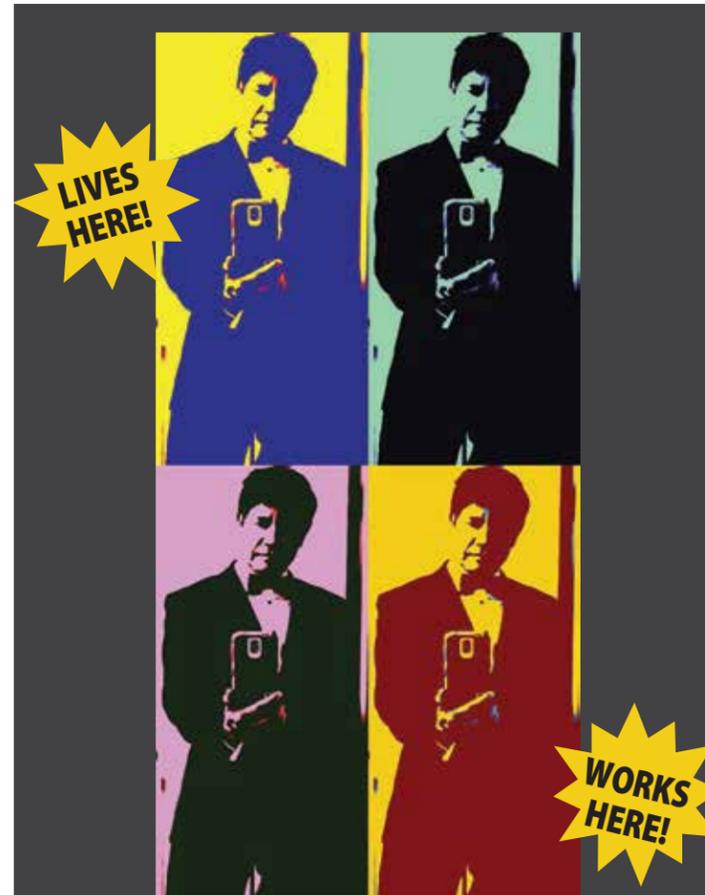
March is always amateur month in downtown Savannah, but here on the island we prefer a more civilized approach to our Irish heritage. March is also the kickoff of our spring season here on the beach. Most of you don't remember the days when Tybee was open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and that was it. Fortunately for our local businesses, that is no longer the norm. We are a year-round destination; no longer relying on illegal gambling, and illegal Sunday sales of whiskey for survival. (Allegedly.) Yay!

Moving right along...

Several years ago, I posed something of a homework assignment for our readers. The question was a simple one: How come the drive-thru ATMs have braille on their keypads? To date, I haven't received an acceptable response. Just sayin'.

These days folks seem to be going bat crap crazy about artificial intelligence, and I'm not talking about certain members of Congress here either. You do realize that because of A I, we as a society can no longer rely on video clips or photographs to prove anything. Think about it: Demery Bishop doesn't even play the trombone for Petes' sake. Who is Pete anyway? There have been numerous movies that address this. Trust me: We are asleep at the wheel on this one folks, and it may very well be our demise. BTW: Guess who was the first group to jump on this insanity? Yep! Telemarketers. Hell, we never even get a live body on the phone to cuss out anymore. It's a sad day for America indeed.

Until next month peeps. Don't let the idiots get ya down.



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American Legion Post 154

By Jerris Bryant, Commander

Service leaves a mark—on history, families, and on the hearts of those who remember. The American Legion's Memorial Brick Program exists to ensure those marks are never forgotten.

As the March 31st re-order deadline approaches, we invite veterans, residents, and businesses to take part in creating a permanent tribute to not only the men and women who answered the call to serve, but to our residents and businesses that supported their families while deployed. Each engraved brick placed in our Memorial Garden tells a story—of courage, sacrifice, love of country, and lives forever changed by service.

The Memorial Garden is more than a collection of bricks. Surrounded by plants and flowers, with a memorial bench offering a place to sit and reflect, it is a space where memories live on. Names etched in stone stand quietly, season after season, honoring veterans and members of our community, and those who are deeply missed.

Available brick options are 4" x 8" engraved brick for \$100 or 8" x 8" engraved brick for \$150.

Time moves forward, but remembrance does not have to fade. Orders placed by March 31st will be included in this installation, ensuring your tribute becomes a permanent part of the Memorial Garden. This is more than a re-order deadline. It is an opportunity—to pause, to remember, and to leave a lasting memory that speaks long after words fall silent. Forms are available at the American Legion, 10 Veterans Drive, Tybee Island.



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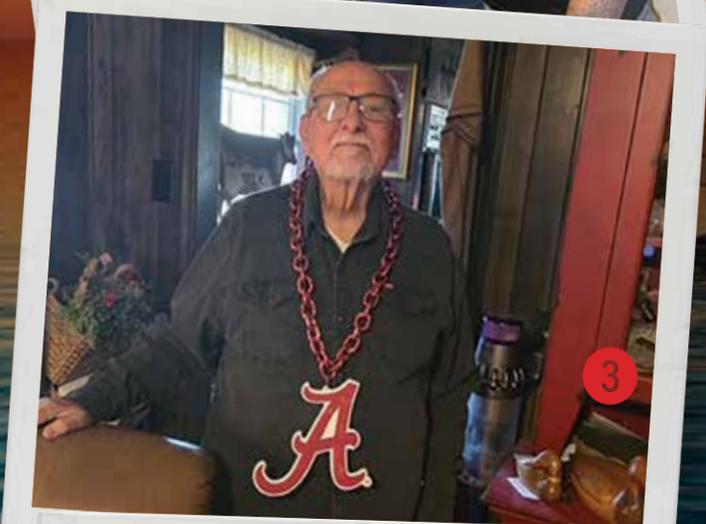
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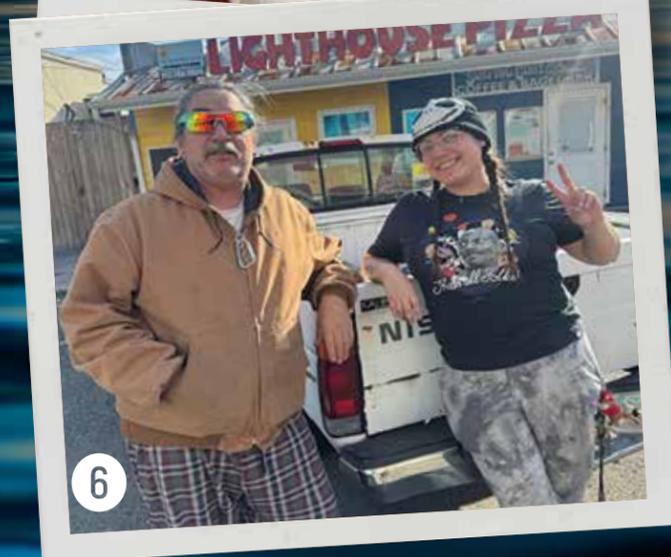
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1 Kylie, Laila, Amber, and Katie were having a great night after hustling at the dinner rush at Salt Island!

2 Addy McLellan is a heartbreaker in progress!

3 Happy 80th birthday, Joe Davis!!! Your son, Bama, is an absolute delight.

4 Ginny was happy to show me some of her favorites at XYZ!

5 I spotted these two handsome fellas, Luis and Winky, at Agave. They look like they are up to no good.

6 Never a dull moment when you run into Garrett or his daughter, Daynelle. Seriously! They are always smiling!

7 Tybee's finest hanging out at The Quarter! Love every single one of these people!

8 If you are staying at the Sea & Breeze, their staff is amazing! Katlynn is always happy to help a guest!

9 Pistachio is the bouncer at Poo's and you better not mess with him! Photo courtesy of Vik

10 Pam was helping Doug celebrate his 21st birthday at the Sand Bar! Happy Birthday, Diablo! Photo courtesy of Ash.

11 This entire picture is nothing but trouble!! Sydney, Tracy, Jess, and Betsey were having the best time at Sydney's 30th Birthday/Getting the Hell Outta Dodge party at the Wind Rose. Photo courtesy of Betsey.

12 Leave it to Rudy to ruin a really good picture! Seriously can't take that idiot anywhere.



PERVY PET OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Joey Spalding – Local Squirrel Whisperer

Jett & Cooter

The Dobie vs. The Squirrel! What a great picture. Jett was featured in the November 2023 edition and has, unfortunately, crossed the rainbow bridge.

Cooter, on the other hand, is a handful. He was rescued at a job site.

He likes pecans, pecans, and pecans. Cooter does not like strangers and will bite them.

Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

By Dr. Joe Richardson

MUSHROOM JELLYFISH

Before we get too far into early spring, I want to mention one more of our cold-water species that shows up on Tybee's beach during the winter. As the days get longer and the water starts to warm up, our winter inshore marine flora and fauna will be making their final appearances until next winter. Last month we took a look at one of our winter jellyfish, Lion's Mane. This month we will consider our biggest jellyfish, the Mushroom Jelly, that we see here during winter.

You've probably heard me mention before that I'll often see a variation in the abundance of some of these seasonal species from one year to the next. Usually, the same species tend to be present during their particular season from year to year. But often I'll find that one or another animal or seaweed will be unexpectedly abundant one year, and then the next year, something else will be more common than it normally is. There are many different possible reasons for this, ranging from environmental conditions during a critical life history stage, to seasonal ocean current patterns. But this variability in abundance keeps coastal ecology around here interesting because you never know what is going to be most common from one season to the next.

A good example of this year-to-year variation in abundance among our winter-time beach animals is the Mushroom Jellyfish. Mushroom Jellies are the largest jellyfish that we find on our beach at any time of the year, and fortunately, they are harmless and don't sting. Like a round bell forms the "cap" that make this jellyfish look like a giant mushroom.



Although the long finger-like mouth extensions might look like thick tentacles, they are not actually tentacles. The stinging tentacles of a jellyfish most often are attached and hang from the outer rim of its bell, and not from the middle mouth area. With Mushroom Jellies, there aren't long stinging tentacles hanging from the outer rim of the bell; so they really don't sting. When a Mushroom Jellyfish washes up on the beach, lying in the wet sand, it will look like a big, round, clear dome with some long, clear, finger-like extensions sticking out.

Our winter Mushroom Jellies come in a variety of sizes. Small ones will be four or five inches across, and large ones may be more than a foot across. Now is the time they should be showing up, so we will just have to get out on the beach to see if this is a big winter for our biggest jellyfish!

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



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From the Mayor's Desk

Mayor Brian West

March 2026. It's already here. With the many projects and plans taking place this year on Tybee, we will soon wonder how 2026 passed so fast. We had a few chilly days this winter, but as puritan poet Ann Bradstreet said, "If we had no winter, spring would not be so pleasant." And spring on Tybee is going to be very pleasant due to one of my favorite celebrations of the year – the Irish Heritage Parade. It will be March 14th this year. Green up, slap on those beads and shake and shimmy on down to Butler to participate in the shenanigans.

So, what are some of the projects?

North Beach Dune Restoration. On a recent visit with our legislators, Representative Jesse Petrea, Senator Ben Watson, Senate Appropriations Chair Blake Tillery, and Economic Development and Tourism Chair Drew Echols, we were able to secure \$1 million to restore the dunes in front of the properties along Bay Street. We were struggling to allocate the money for this area of our island, which is not included in the FEMA grant. Our representatives saved the day. This project should begin this month or in early April.

Infrastructure Improvements. We continue to make improvements to our critical water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater systems. At the end of the summer, we will begin construction of a 60-inch stormwater pipe under 15th Street, from the east side of the Island to the west. This pipe will eventually connect into a large stormwater reservoir under the 14th Street Parking Lot.

Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan committee will have its second stakeholder meeting this month. The Plan covers 2026 to 2031 and includes a Community Profile, Vision and Goals, Needs and Opportunities, Land Use, Transportation, Broadband, Community Work Program, Housing, Economic Development, and a Report of Accomplishments.

Memorial Park Master Plan. Efforts to redevelop our Memorial Park began last year, but we are looking forward to a major step in the process early this year. The city will select a contractor to provide a comprehensive detailed plan for the park. One important first step is relocating the Fire Station to Butler Avenue. That will begin this year. We are looking forward to meeting our goals for the 9-acre park area – a Community Center to include the YMCA, a new home for TIMA, better sports facilities (including pickleball courts), and more useable recreational and green space.

JC Park. A project will begin to clean and revegetate the canal that flows through the park.

Beach Nourishment. The big deal! This \$20 million project is set to start at the end of this year, but it may be a little late. Beach erosion is significant. We will be advertising the best parts of the island to enjoy the beach at high tide, and alternative activities for visitors.

I continue to promote positive experiences for our Residents, Businesses, and Visitors. Our Tybee residents are phenomenal. Our resident retirees hail from diverse and talented backgrounds. We are fortunate that they are here. We also love and want our young families and their children, who need specific services to remain viable and support our island's future. Our businesses are all locally owned or operated, all unique, and all need our support in winter. I know they are looking forward to spring. Our visitors love the beach, the quirk, and hate to pay for parking. Let me tell you something - \$40 bucks for a day at the beach with your family is a bargain! Try going to a bounce park with less than \$40.

I have found there is a 4th element to consider for our success - the Environment. Without a sustainable environment, we have none of this. And as we look ahead, I invite you to help us preserve, protect, and sustain this extraordinary place for generations to come. And... Erin Go Bragh! Get out there and enjoy the parade – and the spring weather.

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American Legion - Canteen open Monday-Saturday 5pm, Bar Games Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday 6-9pm, Line Dancing on Wednesday, Friday Bingo. Dinners as advertised on Thursday, Pizza on first Monday of the month. Last Wednesday of the month Birthday Party. 10 Veterans Dr.

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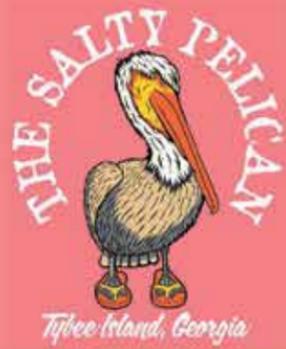
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Cooking with Cowart - Cabbage Casserole

By Lynn Cowart

*St. Patrick's Day and the official season of leprechauns is here! Green beer, Jameson, and Corned Beef and Cabbage are upon us! I wanted to share a favorite in our house that puts a spin on a cabbage side dish that will have you going back for seconds every time; it will also make you feel all warm and cozy with no regret. Better than what those Jameson shots and green beer are gonna do to you!
(Trust me - you will have regret!)*

Erin Go Bragh!!

Ingredients:

1 head of cabbage cored and thinly sliced
1 yellow onion thinly sliced
1 can of cream of chicken or mushroom soup
1/3 cup of mayo
1/3 cup of sour cream
Salt, pepper, garlic powder
1/2 stick of butter

Toppings:

1 cup of shredded sharp cheddar
1 sleeve of Ritz crackers Crushed
3 tbsp melted butter

You will also need 2 or 3 clean hand towels or a roll of paper towels (we will get to that later).

This recipe sounds intimidating mainly because you're thinking, "I cannot screw this up or my southern ancestors will be rattling chains after me!" Truth be told, it is about as simple as they come, but in true southern kitchen fashion we season with our hearts or when the spirits tell us to stop, so don't come after me with my seasoning antics. Let's do this!

Instructions:

Pre heat your oven to 350 and grease a 9 or 13 inch casserole dish. In a frying pan, melt butter, and sauté cabbage and onions till wilted but still crisp.

In a mixing bowl mix soup, mayo, sour cream, seasonings (remember we season till it feels right), add cabbage and onions. Mix well, pour into your casserole dish and sprinkle cheddar across top. Then mix butter and Ritz and top casserole with mixture.

Bake for 30 minutes or till bubbly.

Let sit five minutes and then enjoy! Remember folks, green beer is all fun and games till your head down in the porcelain throne or texting your ex!



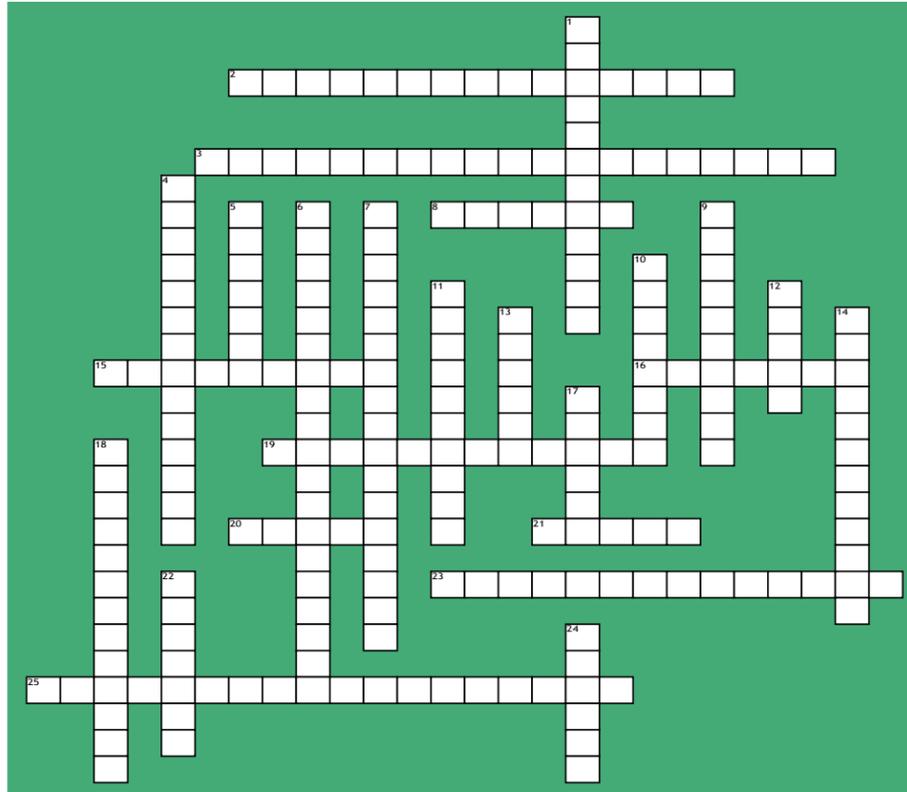
Crossword

Across

- 2. Sundae Cafe has an awesome _____
- 3. The Mayor's favorite celebration
- 8. Spanky's is home of the original chicken _____
- 15. Dog at Poo's
- 16. On 03/12 and 03/26 what is happening at the library
- 19. Per Lynn, what is one of the things you will regret
- 20. Luis is hanging out with who
- 21. Erin Go _____
- 23. Photo of the month submitted by
- 25. Offers the only timeshare on the coast of Georgia

Down

- 1. Per O'Neill, March is the kick off to what
- 4. What is coming back March 2nd
- 5. #3 in Top 10
- 6. What is happening March 8th?
- 7. Cold water species
- 9. Salt Water Heals (Almost) _____
- 10. What is the Monthly Rant ranting about
- 11. Where is the lighthouse in Widow's Point?
- 12. Nickie's has _____ Tuesday and Thursday
- 13. At Poo's there is _____ something going on
- 14. Four bottles of what for "I Came By"
- 17. Pervy Pet name
- 18. Traveling BC winner went where?
- 22. Artist of the Month
- 24. What is happening March 14th



Word Search



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| Tybrisa Beach Resort | Jägermeister |
| Pistachio | Czech Republic |
| Winky | Tacos |
| Farmer's Market | Finger |
| Espresso Martini | Always |
| Irish Heritage Parade | Nova Scotia |
| Spring season | Elaine McGruder |
| Jan Will | Cooter |
| Tequila | Parade |
| Everything | Scammers |
| Mahjong | Bragh |
| Daylight Savings Time | Jameson shots |
| | Mushroom Jellyfish |

Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in March By Mom

Shout out to our own American Legion Post #154. They always have something going on. Line dancing, card games, Mahjong, and more. Balance and Strength training caught my eye. It's every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Call 912-786-5356 for more information. Support our local Legion!

3-1-Meet up at 10th St. Tybee Clean Beach

4:30 to 5:30pm with meet up at the beach entrance of 10th St. All equipment will be provided.

3-2, 3-9, 3-16, 3-23 & 3-30- Morning Craft at the Library

10:30am to 11:30am for morning craft (2+ in age) at Tybee Island Branch Library, 405 Butler Ave. Call 912-786-7733 for more info.

3-4, 3-11, 3-18 & 3-25-Storytime at the Library

10:30am at Tybee Island Branch Library, 405 Butler Ave. Stories, songs, bubbles and crafts for your preschooler (1+ to 5 years). Call 912-786-7733 for more information.

3-6, 3-13, 3-20, & 3-27- Music & Movement at the Library

10:30am to 11:30am at Tybee Island Branch Library, 405 Butler Ave. Music & Movement for 2+ age group, sing, dance, play instruments. Call 912-786-7733 for more info.

3-8-Daylight Savings Time

Spring forward one hour...again. Yip ee.

3-11-Uniquely Lunch & Learn: The Chu Family on Tybee

11:30am to 1pm at Mission Hall, All Saint's Episcopal Church, 804 Jones St. Bring your own lunch. Speakers will be Bobby Chu and Mola Chu. Tea, coffee, and cookies provided. For more info, email patricialeiby@gmail.com.

3-12 & 3-26-Mahjong at the Library

10:30am to 12:30pm at Tybee Island Branch Library, 405 Butler Ave. Free play for all levels. Instructors will be available, but participants should have a basic idea on how to play the game. Call 912-786-7733 for more info.

3-14-Tybee Island Irish Heritage Celebration Parade

3pm to 5pm, starting at Tybee City Hall on Butler and ending on Tybrisa. Tybee Island is hosting the first parade of the St. Patrick season. Family friendly floats, music, marchers and more. Don't forget to wear your green!!

3-15-Tybee Tour de Art – Seasonal Art Market

12pm to 5pm at the North End Arts District. Shops, Galleries, Restaurants and more. Maps available to direct you to your favorite businesses and artists.

3-15-Beach Clean Tonight – Starting at 6pm!

6pm to 7pm with meet up at 1509 Strand. All equipment will be provided.

3-19-BYO Sew at the Library

4pm to 5pm at Tybee Island Branch Library, 405 Butler Ave. Bring your own sewing project. Peer support and instruction as needed will be provided. Thread, needles, buttons, and polyfill will be available. Call 912-786-7733 for more info.

3-19-Tybee Island Optimist Club turned 75 – Party Time

5:30pm - Bring the kids and join in for a pizza party at the Old School Cafeteria. Food and drink free, but please bring a can or two to donate to the Rising Tyde Food Pantry. Pantry director Roxy Hogan will say a few words. Club president John Hood will show some historical club memorabilia.

3-29-Back River Clean Up Today!

Join us at 6 PM at the Chatham Avenue beach entrance as we fan out across the back River stretch of Tybee's southern end. All equipment provided!



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