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Fishing on the bridge

Crossing Church Creek, the common sight of men fishing off the bridge signals us to slow down and recognize that we're returning to a special place called Wadmaw. However, that feeling of a "place apart" is often marred by the amount of unsightly litter along our roads. Perhaps you would like to help in some way, but don't know whom to contact. If so, the new "Keep Wadmaw Beautiful" affiliate (see adjoining article) will offer a fresh, broad-based approach to dealing with this longstanding problem. Please consider contributing whatever time you may have, however limited, to this broad, new effort to ensure our island remains the unique and beautiful place we call "home."

WADMALAW TO BECOME "KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL" AFFILIATE

Since November 2015, over seventy island residents have braved speeding traffic and soaring temperatures to rid Maybank Highway of unsightly litter. By all accounts the community pick-ups have been successful. Eight miles of Maybank Highway were officially brought into the South Carolina Department of Transportation's (SC DOT) Adopt-A-Highway system. Recently, Wadmaw residents were awarded the Community Pride Award by the SC-DOT and Palmetto Pride. A huge thank you to all island residents who have worked so hard and to the WILPC, the Wadmaw Island Community Center and the Coastal Conservation League for their organizational support!

Unfortunately, quarterly pick-ups are not doing the job in keeping Wadmaw litter free. We all share the frustration that after a pick-up, Maybank looks great for about a week. Then, slowly but surely, the bottles, cans and plastic bags start to accumulate, and our beautiful road returns to trash and blight.

That is the bad news.

The good news is that one year and 800 bags of litter later, the Wadmaw community is ready to launch the next stage with its Keep Wadmaw Beautiful campaign.

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ISLAND-WIDE LITTER PICK-UP SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Join your neighbors to help make Wadmaw beautiful. Volunteers should meet at 8:30 AM at the Community Center, 5605 Katy Hill Road.

Dates for 2017 are February 4, May 6, September 9 and November 4.

Please join us!

LAND TRUST HELPS PRE-SERVE WADMALAW FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Wadmaw Land Planning Committee (WILPC) works to preserve and maintain the cherished character of Wadmaw Island. A key partner in this effort since 1989 has been the Lowcountry Land Trust. For more than a quarter century, the island has benefitted from rural zoning that sets limits on small lot development, and more than 70% of the island is now zoned AG-15, requiring 15-acre minimum subdivided lots.

Twenty-seven years after the Land Trust's first easement was completed, the Trust now protects

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WADMALAW ISLAND CHURCHES

Grace Chapel

Chapel of Ease of
St. John's Church
Rockville Township
Services in June, July and
August at 9:00 AM

Little Rock Baptist Church

6522 Maybank Highway
Rev. James Peterson, Pastor
Services at 11:30 AM
Bible study and prayer on
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

New Bethlehem Baptist Church

1945 Liberia Road
Rev. Zachary Williams
Services at 11:00 AM

New Jerusalem A.M.E. Church

6179 Bears Bluff Road
Rev. Joseph Swinton, Jr., Pastor

New St. James Bethel A.M.E. Church

5305 Maybank Highway
Rev. William R. Jones, Pastor
Services at 10:00 AM

New Webster United Methodist Church

4755 Bears Bluff Road
Rev. Leonard Huggins, Pastor
Rev. Tony Richardson, Sr.,
Associate Pastor
Services at 10:15 AM

Rockville Presbyterian Church

2489 Sea Island Yacht Club Road
Rev. Mark Hunt, Pastor
Services at 10:00 AM

Salem Baptist Church

5768 Bears Bluff Road
Rev. Martha Florence Brown,
Pastor
Services at 11:00 AM

Salem Presbyterian Church

5591 Maybank Highway
Rev. Robert L. Capers, Pastor
Services at 11:00 AM on 2nd
and 4th Sundays, 9:30 AM on
1st and 3rd.

NEW JERUSALEM A.M.E. CHURCH

The first in a series of profiles on island churches and pastors



Rev. Joseph Swinton, Jr.

The history of New Jerusalem A.M.E. is one of unceasing expansion and renewal. It was started in 1886 when members of St. James Bethel A.M.E. on Maybank Highway felt that they had a ministry of their own and preferred to not have to make a long journey to worship. Attendance grew and the building in which the first services were held was replaced with a new church building completed in 1913. A parsonage was constructed to accommodate traveling ministers obliged to stay overnight. There was no bridge in those days so travelers came to the island by boat, which was subject to the tides.

The Rev. John H. Baldwin was appointed pastor in 1957. He was concerned by the physical state of the building and the need for modern amenities; also the lack of a church cemetery. Under his leadership, land was purchased from the White family of Tacky Point for Jerusalem's cemetery. In 1968 the church's ceiling, wall paneling and the first indoor restrooms installed. Further improvements were made and by 1976 the entire church was remodeled. It was renamed New Jerusalem and a new cornerstone laid.

Improvements continued to be made, including air conditioning, new floor and carpeting, under the tenure of the Rev. Clyde Corbin. But the history of the church is more than about a physical building. Rev. Corbin also formed the Male Chorus and reorganized the Youth Choir. His successor, the Rev. Theodore Gates, began the Pastor's Aide Society and the Voices of Inspiration Mass Choir. Pastor Gates also started a Building Fund for roof repairs and new stained glass windows.

The church's ministry expanded further under the pastorate of the Rev. Lawrence E. Gordon, who oversaw the purchase of a 15-seater van, the construction of a playground area with a swing set and basketball court for young people, and the organization of a young adult choir, a youth choir, a Girls' Dance Ministry and a Boys' Step Team Ministry.

In 2002, New Jerusalem embarked on a one-million-dollar renovation that was completed in 2003. Through tithing, gifts and pledges, it paid down an \$800,000 mortgage in five years. The church added more space for multi-purpose rooms, fellowship hall expansion and kitchen storage room. The result of all this is what one sees today at 6179 Bears Bluff Road.

We met with New Jerusalem's imposing pastor, Rev. Joseph Swinton, on October 14 at his office to learn about the church, its mission and his career. He was

appointed pastor of New Jerusalem in 2010. Born in 1948 in Mt. Pleasant, the pastor served two tours of duty in Vietnam and Germany after graduating from high school; and worked for 18 years at the Charleston Naval Shipyard as a boilermaker. He related that in the Army the soldiers laughed at him and called him "Geech" because his accent was strange: his grandfather, born in 1896, spoke Gullah and as a child the pastor was used to people speaking Gullah in Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. Swinton earned a welder certificate from Manpower Technical College and attended Trident Technical College where he studied for a degree in Business Administration. In addition, he has a BA from Allen University, and attended the L.R. Nichols Seminary Extension and the Cummins Theological Seminary.

He felt a call to serve God early. As a child, he was a dreamer. He says he constantly saw the life God wanted him to follow but he didn't want to embrace it. But God spoke to him through others and made it clear that He wanted him to serve Him. He became a Christian in 1977. "God revealed everything in an instant," he says. In 1984, he became a pastor. Since then he has served at St. Phillip A.M.E. (now Greater Middleton Chapel) at 5 Johnson Street in Charleston; Mount Nebo A.M.E. in Awendaw; Ebenezer A.M.E. in Holly Hill; Francis Brown A.M.E. in Charleston and Bethel A.M.E. in Summerville before coming to New Jerusalem.

His belief is that we "need to apply ourselves and make ourselves available to God through prayer, reading and studying the Word." The preacher gives context to the meaning of God's Word. He views his role as pastor as trying to equip his flock spiritually by teaching and preaching the Word of God, setting a Godly example of what His expectation is, and expressing the love God has shown us. "By faith you will go forward," he says. "The Journey is for everyone who will accept: you only have to believe."

The pastor is married to Rev. Rosetta Gant-Swinton. They are the parents of four children and have six grandchildren.



New Jerusalem A.M.E. Church

HURRICANE MATTHEW – SURVIVING THE STORM



Many of us have been through hurricanes before. Some of us haven't. The time for storm preparation is well before the storm. Here are some tips and things to think about before the next one comes, and there will be a next one.

BEFORE:

Evacuation - If you can, go. It's not an option for everyone, for a variety of reasons. When it comes down to personal safety, this is by far the best choice. Anything else is a roll of the dice. Successfully weathering the storm doesn't mean that you're more resilient or better prepared; it just means you're fortunate or perhaps blessed.

Ice - You're going to need it. Many were not prepared for ice to be in such short supply after the storm. If you had frozen a few jugs of water in the days before the storm, like their Granny used to do, they would have been better off. A bag of crushed ice will be mostly gone by the next day, a solid block in the cooler will last for days.

Boarding up – Yeah, it's a pain but it greatly lessens the likelihood of minor damage becoming a major loss. Family stress level goes down tremendously after boarding up and for that reason alone, it is worth it. Like they say, "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

Secure loose items in the yard – everything out there is a potential missile.

Cooking – If you want something that can't be grilled, cook it ahead of time and you will only have to worry about reheating. There is less to go bad in the fridge and freezer too if it's already cooked. Most of us have a gas grill, make sure you have propane for it. Have food on hand that is grill-friendly.

Water – Fill the bathtubs, you'll need water to flush toilets. Buy drinking water or put some up in clean containers. Make sure you have some Clorox for disinfecting drinking water if necessary. Add 2 drops of regular Clorox per quart of water and allow the treated water to sit for 30 minutes.

Light - Flashlights, candles, lanterns. You have to be able to see. Careful with those open flames, this is no time for a house fire too. I like those little tea lights in a clear glass, they give just enough to see

by and are easy to carry from place to place. LED lights are great, good light and long battery life.

Generators – You can make it without one, but it surely is nice to be able to power a few things when power is lost for a few days. If you have one, keep it well serviced or it won't do you any good when you need it.

DURING:

Find a strong structure and hunker down. Team up with your family and neighbors and weather the worst part of the storm together in the strongest structure between you. Games to occupy children and yourself can really help you get through this stressful time. It can be tempting for some, but don't get out in it while it's still raging. Plenty of time to assess damage after it's over.

A battery-operated radio is great for getting storm updates and news. Smart-phones allow you to monitor the storm in real time, which is great. Get the Berkeley Coop SmartHub app on your phone so you can report power outages and see where the outages are.

AFTER:

You've survived the storm. As you begin to take stock and survey the damage, be very careful, there are many dangers still. Trees and limbs can continue to fall even after the storm. Stay away from any downed power lines. Take great care when evaluating any damaged structures. If you suffer an injury now, you're likely on your own. It will be a while before any emergency assistance can get to you. Take stock of your friends and family in your immediate area to ensure everyone is OK.

All in all, Wadmalaw Island came through the storm fairly well. Some of us had more damage than others but many had none, other than a mess to clean up in the yard and a good excuse to clean out the refrigerator. There were many examples of our community coming together to help each other out where it was needed and we are hopeful that that spirit will continue, even when there is not a storm.

WADMALAW TO BECOME “KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL” AFFILIATE *(continued from front cover)*

Wadmalaw is to become an affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) program. KAB is a national non-profit, community involvement organization that focuses on three key issues: litter prevention, waste reduction and community greening and beautification. This affiliation will provide our island with critical funding for litter cleanup supplies, prevention, education, collection and enforcement. Sister communities such as Edisto Island and Meggett are KAB affiliates and have made great strides in litter prevention.

KAB requires that an affiliate create a steering committee to develop a one-year strategic plan. Michelle Sinkler, Fred Holland, Pat Kohler, Mike Regan, Scott Truesdale and Robert Siedell have agreed to be part of this initial group. The Wadmalaw Community Center has graciously agreed to be the

host organization. SC State Representative Robert Brown also lent his vital support with a letter of endorsement.

The draft one-year strategic plan includes partnering with Edith Friarson Elementary School on an education campaign, purchase of supplies, and an incentive-based weekly litter collection program for the “Bridge to the Fork” section of Maybank Highway.

The KAB plan is in it's beginning stages. If you have an interest in being a part of this effort, please contact the steering committee leader, Michelle Sinkler, at: michellesinkler@comcast.net. Even for those with limited time to contribute, there are ways that you can support this program.

Some say it takes a village. To keep our roads and neighborhoods clean, it will take an island. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

55 properties totaling more than 6,600 acres and comprising 30% of the island. Charleston County, also an important partner in preserving the natural beauty of Wadmalaw, has designated the majority of the island as a "Resource Management Area" and a "Rural Priority Area" within the Charleston County Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan. The Land Trust's protected Wadmalaw lands support the goals within the Comprehensive Plan, but importantly, extend beyond transitory zoning protection to permanent and lasting protection.

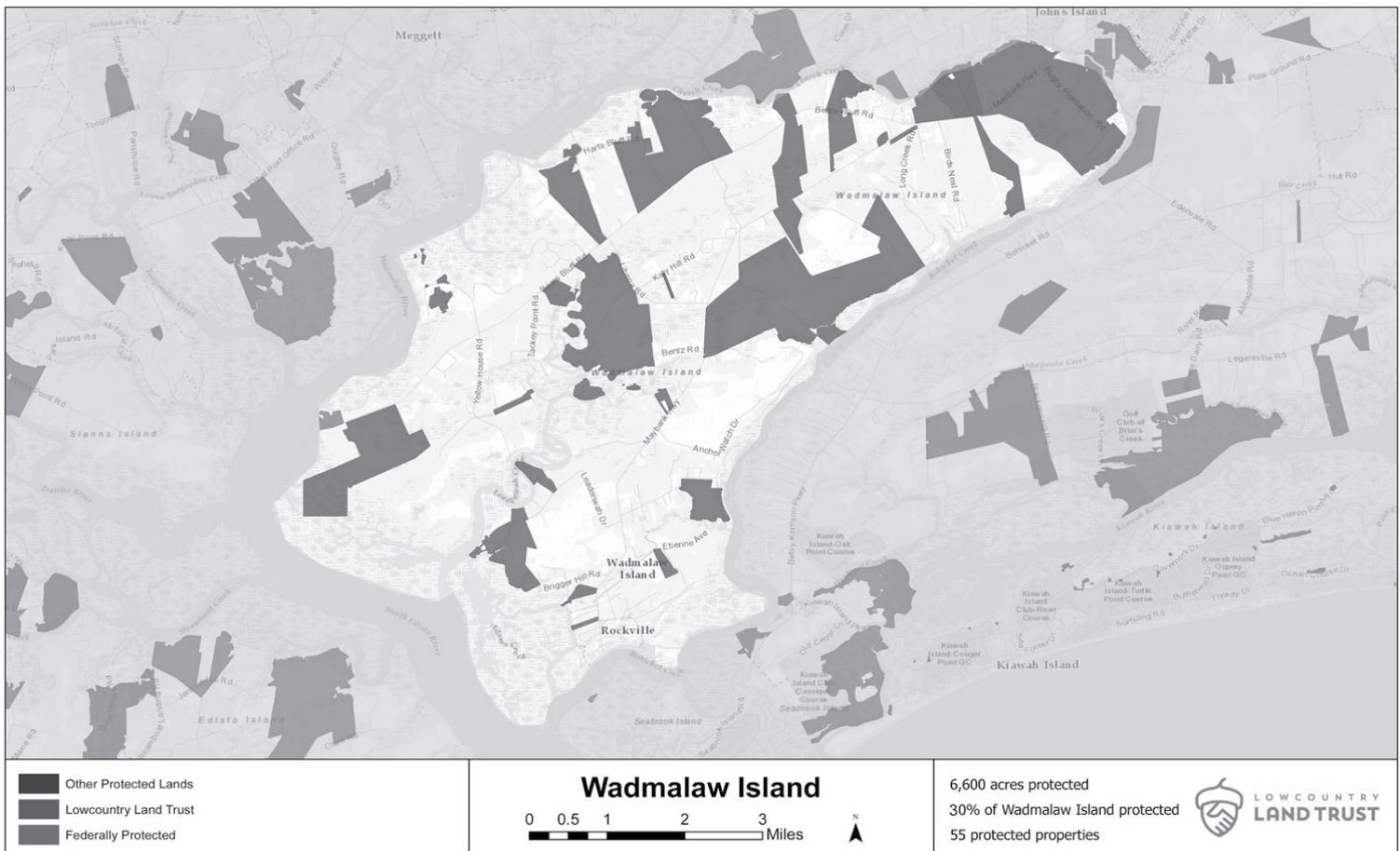
The principal tool used by the Land Trust to protect Wadmalaw has been voluntary conservation easements donated by private landowners. In recent years, supplemental funding has been available to allow for bargain sale purchase (percentage of fair market value) of conservation easements. The Land Trust staff works with property owners to design easements that preserve the natural landscape and protect wildlife habitat, water quality and historic resources while promoting traditional uses such as agriculture, hunting and forestry. General guidelines used by the Trust in considering easements include but are not limited to: whether the property possesses

particular natural habitat, open space, scenic or historic value; and whether the landowner demonstrates an interest in permanently protecting the property's resource values through sound management.

The accompanying map highlights areas on the island now protected by conservation easements along with other privately protected or public (State and Federal owned) property on Wadmalaw. Together these protected lands make Wadmalaw one of the most successful areas of rural land preservation in the country.

A donation to the Lowcountry Land Trust offers individuals the opportunity to help further the objectives of the Trust as well as member benefits such as the Trust newsletter, its annual report and invitations to member events. Depending on individual circumstances, member donations may be tax deductible as charitable contributions.

For residents interested in potentially preserving their property on Wadmalaw for future generations through a conservation easement, or if you would just like to learn more about the Lowcountry Land Trust, please visit its website: www.lowcountrylandtrust.org or call their office at 843-577-6510.



REAL ESTATE SALES (AUGUST 1 – OCTOBER 17)

Vacant Land	Acres	Date Sold	Price	Vacant Land	Acres	Date Sold	Price
12 Selkirk Plantation	66.94	8/3/16	\$975,000	1055 Chokecherry Lane	1.9	9/23/16	\$60,000
Lot 2 Percial Ross Lane	1.01	8/10/16	\$32,500	0 Cotton Island	2.71	9/29/16	\$290,000
49 Anchor Watch Drive	4.98	8/11/16	\$384,000	Residences			
38 Anchor Watch Drive	3.7	8/12/16	\$146,000	6185 Ranch Road	.92	8/2/16	\$499,000
34 Anchor Watch Drive	3.0	8/29/16	\$55,000	2816 Anchor Watch Drive	3.02	8/17/16	\$710,000
1 Bloody Point Road	5.02	9/7/16	\$299,000	1415 Martins Point Drive	6.82	9/23/16	\$690,525
1963 Liberia Road	5.0	9/14/16	\$92,000	5668 Maybank Highway	5.59	9/23/16	\$825,000
Lot 4 Percial Ross Lane	2.01	9/19/16	\$37,500	6317 Maybank Highway	.78	10/17/16	\$95,000

DEER SEASON IN FULL SWING



Deer hunting is very popular on Wadmalaw and responsible hunters always demonstrate proper hunting etiquette and follow hunting regulations. The season is in progress and lasts until January 1st.

Deer hunting on Wadmalaw is on private land and permission from the owner is required by State law before proceeding to hunt.

Wadmalaw is in Game Zone 3 and information on limits can be found on the web at: <http://www.dnc.sc.gov/regs/deer/privatelands.html>.

Hunting Regulations:

Legal hunting time for deer is the time between one hour before official sunrise until one hour after official sunset.

It is unlawful to hunt, shoot or in any way kill deer from a motorboat, raft or any other water conveyance, or to molest a deer while any part of the deer is in the water. Possessing any deer with the head detached while in transit from the point of kill is prohibited.

It is unlawful to hunt deer with a firearm within three hundred yards of a residence when less than ten feet above the ground without permission of the owner and occupant. The provisions of this section do not apply to a landowner hunting on his own land or a person taking deer pursuant to a department permit.

Archery muzzleloaders and crossbows are allowed during gun hunts.

Regulations regarding hunting Antlerless Deer can be found on the web at: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/deer/index.html>

Hunters or other residents who observe violations of the above regulations should report them to Game Wardens by calling the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources at: 1-800-922-5431.

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Community Center Facebook:

Wadmalaw Island Community Center

WILPC Email address: comments@wilpc.org

Wadmalaw News: wadmalawnews@gmail.com

DUMP RUN!



Sandy Sharp welcomes residents to Liberia Road facility with a smile.

Most residents are grateful to have a recycling center so conveniently located here on Wadmalaw. When the garbage is piling up and the smell is rising, it is a relief to know we can load it up and get rid of it at the island dump. Charleston County Environmental Management is responsible for our recycling center on Liberia Road and it is open several hours every day.

The dump underwent change recently when it added a large recycling compactor, replacing the smaller bins in the back. It takes two weeks to fill the large compactor while the smaller bins needed to be emptied two to three times a week.

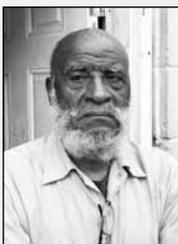
Additionally, the recycling center now uses an independent contractor to dispose of yard debris.

Living on a small island, community is everything. The two staffers at the dump, David Ladsen and Sandy Sharp, are part of our community, although neither lives on the island. They run the compactors, direct those who are unsure of what goes where and make every effort to keep the cars flowing. David, a father of two, just recently moved to North Charleston, having lived in Charleston his whole life. He suggests more public education is needed to teach folks about recycling. He also would like to see school children on field trips to the dump to learn how things work. His most recent challenge was managing debris coming after Hurricane Matthew. Many residents appreciate David's help when having trouble heaving bags and boxes into the receptacles.

Sandy has been at the dump for three years and says, "I know everybody! I might not know your name but I know your car!" She lives close by in West Ashley and also has two children. Some people have commented on her Fort Payne, Alabama accent. Fort Payne is home to the country music band Alabama. Sandy's grandmother used to cook for Jeff Cook, one of the singers in the group. She also recalls having "fiddler's conventions" at her home. Her mother called it a "singing."

Workers are subject to being rotated to other sites, a common practice in Charleston County. Sandy really enjoys Wadmalaw Island and its residents and is happy to have been here long enough to get to know us. Hopefully, David will be here long enough so we can get to know him even better as well.

SMALLS' GARAGE



James C.D. Smalls

The auto repair business at 4433 Maybank Highway, near the Bears Bluff Road fork, was started in 1965 by James ("Jimmy") C.D. Smalls, Sr. Born on Wadmalaw in 1945, he attended the Nine Mile Fork School for two years and went on to Haut Gap on Johns Island from third to 12th grade. As a child, he worked on the family farm, plowing the fields with horses and gathering the crops. He learned to be an auto mechanic using the three L's method ("Look, Listen and Learn") and by watching Big John Robinson work on cars. Mr. Smalls started his business as a gas station and mechanic shop in 1965. From 1975 to 2015 he operated Smalls Trucking business as well, delivering fertilizer to farms and nurseries in Kiawah and Seabrook, but also as far afield as Georgia and North Carolina. He drove at night from 3 a.m. before returning and opening the repair shop. (Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Telephone: 843-559-9026.)

Services provided include tire repairs/changes and minor repairs. Mr. Smalls notes that mechanics nowadays rely on diagnostic machines to repair cars. He is old school and knows the fundamental basics. Although there is no sign to indicate that it is a repair shop, everyone knows about it and its owner. There are always cars parked there, sometimes quite a few. The business has a pool table and sofa in the back and is a popular place for islanders to congregate. Mr. Smalls enjoyed racing cars in his day, and says he likes to help people. He is married to Sara Smalls and they are the parents of Damon, Melissa, James, Jr., Tiffany, and Edward.



Smalls' Auto Repair, 4433 Maybank Highway

WADMALAW PROFILE - JUDGE LEROY LINEN

The first in a continuing series of articles about Wadmalaw residents



Judge Leroy Linen

Leroy Linen is a lifelong resident of Wadmalaw Island. When he was nine, his family moved to his grandfather's family property on a road now called Judge Linen Road. He attended Edith Frierson Elementary and Haut Gap schools. Upon graduating, he went into the Army and served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. His first job was driving a truck for the George A. Raymond Trucking Company, while he attended Palmer College at night to study criminal law.

In addition to his family, his job and his education, church has been a very important part of Judge Linen's life. He belongs to the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, which consists of station churches and circuit churches. A station church has one pastor, while a circuit church has more than one, and they rotate. On those Sundays when the pastor is absent from a circuit church, the church members and officers lead their own worship service. One Sunday, 25-year-old Leroy Linen was speaking to the congregation about how the Lord had impacted his life and the ways he had been blessed. He was unaware that Esau Jenkins, a well-known community leader, was in the audience. Mr. Jenkins was looking for someone to fill the position of magistrate on John's and Wadmalaw Islands. He was impressed with Leroy's speech, and told Leroy he wanted to recommend him for the position. Humbled by the faith Mr. Jenkins showed in him, Leroy agreed to do it. He later admitted that he didn't know exactly what a magistrate was at that time. He serves as the magistrate for John's and Wadmalaw Island, and as the Associate Chief Magistrate of Charleston County. He is currently the Senior Summary Court Judge in the State of South Carolina.

In his early years of service, Judge Linen was responsible for finding his own place to hear cases. This meant holding court in whatever space was available in the community, mostly trailers. For years, he endured leaky roofs, floors falling through, and even the theft of an air conditioner as he moved from one site to the next. Judge Linen recalled a trailer during the construction of Sea Island Community Housing. The development was completed and a certificate of occupancy was granted. Once that happened, the construction trailer by ordinance had to be closed. Judge Linen was scheduled to hear a case in the trailer that evening. No one told

Judge Linen that the electricity had been cut off, so when he arrived that evening, he found himself in the dark. He simply met the parties outside and held court on the hood of a car, using the security light that lit the parking lot. Despite the informal setting, he never lost his ability to maintain authority and moved the case to a satisfactory conclusion.

In more recent times, the courtroom was moved to a small house across from St. John's High School. In 2006, a new courtroom was built adjacent to the EMS station. It includes benches for the public, tables for the two sides involved in the case, six chairs for the jurors and a magistrate's bench, elevated as in traditional courtrooms. He now feels he has been given the necessary tools to operate and looks back on his past accommodations with a smile and a shake of his head.

Judge Linen says that no matter where he held court, he never had a problem maintaining authority. Speaking about his mentor, Judge William Simmons, Judge Linen said, "He took me under his wing and trained me. I have been blessed with all kinds of people who came into my life and assisted me through this job."

As for his 43 years as magistrate, Judge Linen states, "I was meant to do this. Every day when I am on the bench, I try to be as fair as I can to make sure that justice is served. I never put myself in charge. God put me here for a reason and I have to do the right thing."

While working as magistrate, Judge Linen also worked for the Post Office. He retired from that position after 31 years. Judge Linen looks forward to each day left of his tenure as magistrate, from which he must retire in three years. Then he plans to do more to foster community involvement and continue his work in the Fishers of Men organization. Judge Linen has been married for 48 years, has five children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

2016 WILPC MINUTES SUMMARY

JULY - It was announced that the application made to the Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department for a special exception Event Venue permit at the Wilson Point property off of Yellow House Road was withdrawn. The Committee offered its thanks to all residents who voiced their opposition to this application.

SEPTEMBER - It was discussed that the Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department is considering changes to the criteria that affect special events on Wadmalaw Island. WILPC is providing input to this process to discourage large commercial events that are incompatible with the intent of our existing zoning guidelines while still allowing smaller, non-disruptive events to take place.

Rev. Eric Mack, our district school board representative, suggested that a community-based committee be formed to support efforts to increase enrollment at E. L. Frierson Elementary School. The committee would also be tasked with looking into other options for the school. Kelly Skinner, WILPC education sub-committee chairman, is looking for volunteers to support this committee. Additional information will be made available to those attending upcoming WILPC meetings.

Thanks to all who participated in the litter pick-up along Maybank Highway on September 10th. 190 bags of trash were collected. This activity, sponsored by the WILPC and the Coastal Conservation League, will be ongoing.

CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PLAYS FOR EDITH FRIERSON STUDENTS

The students, faculty and staff at Edith Frierson Elementary School were treated to a performance by a small ensemble of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, October 25. You could hear a pin drop as musicians prepared their instruments. The young audience sat quietly at attention as accomplished musicians played classical pieces for 45 minutes. Lovely music swirled through the hallways and cast a spell on listeners.

According to the Charleston Symphony, groups of musicians visit schools across the tri-county area every year. It is an effort to "foster a deeper appreciation and understanding of instrumental music, teach students about the mechanics of different instruments, introduce student to musical and instrument terminology and provide an intimate setting for students to meet musicians."

The music ended, the students returned to their normal schedules and the atmosphere was lifted by the after effect of the concert.

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AN UPDATE MESSAGE FROM DR. DEBORAH DAVIS-FINKLING, NEW PRINCIPAL AT EDITH FRIERSON

E. L. Frierson School of Technology's mission is to develop confident life-long learners who are competent, responsible, and self-motivated. We provide a safe environment where parents and teachers support children as they explore an integrated, culturally diverse, and innovative curriculum that fosters critical thinking and creativity. We have begun this journey engaged in many wonderful activities to enrich the lives of our students. They work daily using the highest levels of technology, and are exposed to a full curriculum that encompasses the Arts in collaboration with the greater community. During the first quarter, students at Frierson performed in the annual Sea Island Festival, watched a performance of "Ferdinand the Bull" by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, participated in a week of Fire Prevention activities with the John's Island Fire Department, rode in the John's Island High School Homecoming Parade, and joined the school district in its goal to end bullying by participating in "Unity Day". At E. L. Frierson we embrace every opportunity to grow as we experience the world before us.



Edith Frierson students at Johns Island High School Homecoming Parade

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MY ELF FAMILY!