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PEACEFUL BEARS BLUFF ROAD



Wadmalaw has many peaceful stretches of roads that are a pleasure to drive. Unfortunately, too many are blighted with litter. If you have family members or friends that throw trash on our island roads, please ask them to help us keep Wadmalaw beautiful.

WILPC ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

The Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee was founded in February 1987. It consists of no more than 18 members who must be residents or property owners of Wadmalaw and are interested in maintaining the unique character and beauty of the island. Members deal with issues such as zoning, safety, adequate resources for all residents and protecting the environment. The meetings are held at the Community Center on Katy Hill Road on the second Tuesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Committee members serve for three years, and may serve another term after being off for a year. Unless there are special circumstances and a vacancy is created, membership changes occur at the end of the calendar year. In December 2016, six members retired from the committee. They are:

Darnell Brown (Vice Chairman)

Henry Holst (Secretary)

Pat Kohler

Patricia Miller

Kelly Skinner

Monica Smith

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WHERE IS THE GHOST BIKE?

Ghost Bikes are an internationally recognized symbol placed at the site where a bicyclist's life is lost. It is a scrap bicycle that has been stripped of any usable parts and painted white. They are placed to recognize the loss and to serve as a reminder to use caution and watch for cyclists as we travel local byways.

In the fall of 2016, a proposal was made to the community requesting support to place a ghost bike on Bears Bluff Road at the place where a cyclist died. With support from the community and the victim's family, a ghost bike was installed in conjunction with a "Share the Road" DOT cycling sign.

Unfortunately, over the summer, the sign was uprooted and the ghost bike disappeared. It is hoped that the bike is in safekeeping and the community asks that it be returned to the site so that it can be reinstated. Work is in progress with the SC Department of Transportation to reinstall the sign and bike.

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MIDDLETON'S STORE – AN ISLAND INSTITUTION



Middleton's Store

Jerome Robinson

The old Burger beer clock is still hanging on the wall above the wood burning stove in the Middleton Grocery Store on Maybank Highway. It has been there as long as anyone can remember.

The store was built in the early 50's by Wadmalaw resident James Middleton. When he retired in the early 60's, he asked his nephew, James "BB" Middleton, to take over the store. BB ran the store and lived in the house behind it until his death in October of 2015.

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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 AME Church

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

New St. James Bethel AME 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.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH PLANNING EXPANSION

**137 Year-Old Church Led by Rev. Martha F. Brown
is Growing with the Wisdom and Grace of God**



Rev. Martha F. Brown of
Salem Baptist Church

Plans are underway at Salem Baptist Church on Wadmalaw Island to significantly expand the building and double its seating capacity to accommodate a growing congregation. When completed, the church will be able to seat up to 120 people.

Salem Baptist Church began in 1885 as a congregation of 50 members who gathered to pray, sing and seek God's guidance in a little wooden house on Bears Bluff Road. In 1902, the church was deeded a one-acre tract of land. In the early years of the church, the pastor would visit every three months to baptize and give communion to the congregants. On other Sundays, the flock was ministered by local preachers and deacons. The church set up a "poor treasure," of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to help those in need.

Rev. Martha Florence Brown has been the pastor of Salem Baptist Church since 2005. Under her leadership, the church has grown through its Outreach Ministry, Hospitality Board, Missionary Board, Usher Board, Pastor Aid Board, Trustee Board, Youth Choir, Male Choir, and Adult, Teen and Youth Sunday School. The Church motto: "Where there is unity there is strength".

A Wadmalaw native, Rev. Brown attended the Metropolitan School of Infant and Geriatric Care in New York. She worked for 11 years in the field of infant care. She transferred her membership

to the Faith Memorial Baptist Church in the Bronx, and served faithfully on several church boards, or committees, there.

Rev. Brown returned to the area in 1973 and renewed her membership with New Bethlehem Baptist Church on Wadmalaw. In 1991, she became a Licensed Missionary at New Bethlehem. In 1992 she was ordained to the ministry and, in 1996, she became a reverend, which allowed her to give communion and perform the services of baptism and marriage. She describes Salem as traditional Baptist. She says, "At services, we sing, clap, dance and praise the Lord. That's the way church should be." She holds a Bachelor of Ministry from Andersonville Baptist Theological Seminary in Georgia and is certified in Pastoral Care through Trident Health Care's Stephen's Ministry.

She is married to John Brown and they have two daughters, Yolanda and Dee, and two grandchildren, Cooper and Avery. She lives in St. George and commutes to the island.



Salem Baptist Church

MIDDLETON'S STORE – AN ISLAND INSTITUTION

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B B's store sold gas, kerosene, groceries, snacks, beer and soft drinks. It had a pool table and a pin ball machine. If customers couldn't pay for their purchase, BB would generously extend credit to them. He called his customers by name as they came in, and could give out sound advice when needed.

BB remained open on holidays, so there were always large community gatherings at the store on Labor Day, Memorial Day and the 4th of July.

BB's brother, Porter, also had a store on Maybank Highway just past the Tea Farm on the right. The structure is still there but is no longer in use. Porter and BB's sister, Mary Frances Brown and her husband James, still live right across the highway from Porter's old store.

As B B's health began to fail, he asked his nephew Jerome Robinson to help him out. Jerome remembers as a little boy going to the store and BB always giving him something: candy, a snack, or maybe even a soda. Jerome continues to run the store today, and it remains a gathering place for the community, especially for watching sporting events on TV. Jerome and his wife, Latonya, have 4 children.

They don't make Burger beer anymore, but stop by Middleton Grocery sometime for a visit and "have one" under the clock by the potbelly stove and catch a ball game.

A POTTER FOR WADMALAW



Bette Mueller-Roemer

Elizabeth Mueller-Roemer, better known as Bette Mueller, has the distinction of being Wadmalaw Island's only resident potter. From her studio on Tacky Point Road, she produces bowls, vase-like cylinders and wall sculptures using a technique known as raku, which has a rapid firing and cooling process. "It's less controllable and predictable [than normal pottery], and a lot of fun," she says. She also produces unusual

books which feature hand-made paper with ceramic covers.

A native of Spartanburg, Bette discovered pottery while in graduate school at the University of North Carolina. She liked to draw and paint but "the idea of working with a new material was appealing." After graduation, she started teaching at an American school in Germany. During summer breaks, she would travel to North Carolina's Penland School of Crafts to study ceramics. She earned a Master's degree in Art from East Carolina University.

Bette and her husband, Walter Crocker, lived in Summerville prior to retirement. They resided on Bette's parents' property, a former tea farm established in 1890. It was the only commercially successful tea farm in America, and many of the plants were later transplanted to the

Wadmalaw Island tea plantation. By the time her father bought the property, however, only the house remained. After her parents died, Bette took care of the garden, and she found inspiration in the shapes and patterns found in plants.

After retiring from teaching art at both Stratford High and Charleston Southern University, Bette returned to pottery with a renewed vigor. She and Walter moved to Wadmalaw in 2010 and were drawn to the island's marshland. Her raku creations are decorative rather than functional. They are delicate to the touch and are not made to hold food or water.

Bette's work is in steady demand. Her pottery is sold at the Surface Gallery on John Street in Charleston and her books can be found at Standing Room Only on Queen Street. In April, she will participate in the Art in the Barn event that draws artists from around the Charleston area.

Bette's other passion is her twin granddaughters, aged nine, who live in Connecticut. "They love making things out of clay," she says. "It's a great medium for children because they aren't afraid of it. I think as adults, we make up our minds about what we can and can't do, and have a harder time trying a new experience."

Visit Bette's website at www.bettemuellerroemer.com to see examples of her work. For details about her upcoming two-day raku workshop, email her at: bettemr@earthlink.net.

WICC HOSTS BROADWAY AND TIMES SQUARE...

Not quite Broadway, but over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, our Wadmalaw Island Community Center hosted the Nia Theatrical Production Company of New York. They presented *Death of Barber*, a tragic story of lost souls, family secrets coming home to roost, and shady "lawyers" scheming and plotting their fame.

Directed by L. Earl Ford, native son of Wadmalaw, the play cast actors from New York, the Caribbean and around the country. They delivered emotionally charged performances that brought laughter, gasps, and maybe just a little discomfort as the audience realized that this can and does happen in the lives of our friends and neighbors.

Additionally, the audience was treated to insightful and tender poems written by cast members and read by resident Alice Brown. There was also a heart-warming and funny rendition of *Gullah Theater* performed by our neighbor Sarah Smalls. Mrs. Smalls taught us a valuable lesson: "Do not put your 'ligion' down for long... the Devil will jump right in!"

Mr. Ford, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Smalls are brother and sisters, showing yet again the remarkable treasures our island and its families hold. On that Thanksgiving weekend, everyone had another thing to be grateful for: the privilege of seeing New York theater at our very own Wadmalaw Island Community Center.

Mrs. Smalls is scheduled to be at the Center in February 2017 with another performance of *Gullah Theater*. Don't miss it!

JOHNS ISLAND LIBRARY - DID YOU KNOW ?



The John's Island Public Library at 3531 Maybank Highway offers numerous programs for all ages. They are free, but some require registration. To name a few:

- Weekly Story Time for children, from babies to pre-schoolers.
- Computer Classes that begin with the basics (using a keyboard) and progress to creating folders and storing files.
- Book-A-Librarian: 30-minute sessions to answer all your questions. Call ahead.
- Teen Zone: M-Th 3:00-5:00 in the auditorium.
- Small Business Counseling with SCORE.
- College Admission Assistance (Ages 19+) How to get a H.S. certificate or GED as well.
- Knit and Purl: A casual knitting group.
- AARP Income Tax Preparation: Held on Saturdays.
- Affordable Care Act-Tax Related Assistance-Saturdays. Call 1-888-998-4646 to register.

There are movies for teens, an Anime! Club, SC History Series on Civil Rights in Charleston (1866-1870), book clubs/discussions for all ages, and a forum for residents to explore their African American Ancestry.

Stop by or call (843) 559-1945.

WILPC ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

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At this time we would like to introduce the six new members who were selected to begin their terms in January of 2017, with a little bit of information about each one.

Madge Hallett's parents had a cottage on Wadmalaw, and she has been coming to the island all of her life. About 4 years ago, she and her husband Jimmy moved to the island permanently. They have 2 grown sons and a dog. Madge works part-time at the College of Charleston, and enjoys doing needlepoint, sailing, boating and traveling. They love the rural feel of Wadmalaw and want to do what they can to help preserve it.

Rev. Michael Johnson is a lifelong Wadmalaw resident. He joined the Committee in hopes that he can make a difference and preserve the quality of life on the island. He volunteers at Edith Frierson Elementary School, getting to know the students and assisting them with their homework. He is the Assistant Minister of Little Rock Baptist Church on Maybank Highway.

April Long and her husband, Bob, built a house on Wadmalaw in 2008 and were able to retire here in 2013. She enjoys yoga, walking their Boykins, gardening, making pickles and jam, dining with friends, and watching the birds and other wildlife stroll through the yard. She volunteers one morning a week at L.E.A.R.N. Horse Rescue in Meggett. They have 2 grown sons, one on John's island and one in Ithaca, N.Y.

Pam Skinner grew up in the Lowcountry and often came out to the island to pick tomatoes with her parents. She wanted to live on Wadmalaw one day, to take in its culture, serenity, waterways and agricultural nature.

In 2011, she was able to make her plan a reality. Pam works for PwC as a security consultant. She and her husband, Kelly, have adopted a stray kitty, Sammy. Pam believes that education offers each person the opportunity to follow their dream.

Scott Truesdell moved here 2 years ago with his wife, Sheryl, and her parents to open up the pastoral retreat, SonShine Oaks on Wadmalaw. Having worked in Christian Ministry for over 40 years, they created a place for rest, renewal and fellowship on 13 acres off Brigger Hill Road. He enjoys the historic surroundings and diverse wildlife found in the Lowcountry. He and Sheryl have 2 grown daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 2 Cairn terriers.

Robert (Bob) Cox is a returning committee member, having previously served once before. He recently organized and led island volunteers in a cleanup of the park adjoining the Community Center. Bob and his wife, Donna, are long time residents of Wadmalaw and live on Harts Bluff Road. They own and operate a landscape business, Landscapes Limited of Charleston, Inc.

The Committee also elected new officers to fill vacancies created by retiring members. Kevin Richbourg is the new Vice Chairman and April Long now serves as Secretary.

There is currently an additional vacancy created by the resignation of Louise Turner. If interested, please contact a WILPC member.

We want to thank the retiring members for their service, and congratulate the new members. May we all keep working to preserve this island we love.

A NEW REASON FOR HOPE



Hope Chapel

A small Prayer Chapel, named "HOPE", is to be built at SonShine Oaks Retreat in honor of founder Pastor Donald C. Miller.

The chapel will be located near Rockland Cemetery, which runs along the border between the retreat and the neighboring Rackley property on Brigger Hill Road. It was part of

the area known as Rockland Plantation, and had fallen into disrepair over the years. The cemetery apparently has its roots from the area on Brigger Hill at one time known as Rockland Plantation. Under the vision and direction of the nonprofit organization co-founders, the late Pastor Don Miller, his wife Yvonne Miller, Scott and Sheryl Truesdell, and associate and long time friend Annie Talian, volunteer efforts have been successful to begin to restore dignity to the neglected cemetery. Neighbors such as Linda Rackley, James and Mary Frances Brown, Stephanie Washington and family, Evelina Washington and son, James, sister, Georgianna "Margie" Durant and her granddaughters, Lexi and

Lisa, and cousins, Sally and Margaret, and many other relatives and local volunteers have been active in this process. 30 marked graves, and many unmarked graves have been located.

The chapel will be a place of hope, prayer, encouragement in God's Word, and personal reflection for the guests of the Retreat, friends and relatives of those who are buried in the cemetery, neighbors, and the larger community.

Local Architect, Patti Wilbourne, has worked with the ministry to design the chapel to fit into its surroundings and invoke the feeling of having always been there. It will contain wooden pews, a restroom and small kitchen, and will be accessible to the handicapped. Many other volunteers are standing by to begin the work. Plans have been submitted to the County Building Division and construction is anticipated to begin in early in 2017.

SonShine Oaks Retreat, begun in February 2015, has two guest cottages and provides a place of rest and renewal for pastors, missionaries, ministry leaders, and the faith-based community in general. For more information call (843) 559-1393, or visit www.SonShineOaksRetreat.org.

ISLAND-WIDE LITTER SATURDAY PICK-UP DATES FOR 2017

MAY 6, SEPTEMBER 9 & NOVEMBER 4

Meet at 8:30 AM at the Community Center,
5605 Katy Hill Road.

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FIRE CHIEF PROVIDES FREE SMOKE DETECTORS



Fire Chief Colleen Walz

Some people important to our community do not actually live on Wadmalaw. For close to four years, Colleen Walz has been Chief of St. John's Fire District, which consists of Wadmalaw, Seabrook, Kiawah and John's Island. The following is a recent interview by *Wadmalaw* with our Fire Chief.

Before you became Fire Chief, what position did you hold?

Before coming to St. John's, I was Deputy Chief in the city of Pittsburgh, PA.

How many years have you been involved in a Fire Department?

I have been in the Career Fire Service for 30 years.

What is your background in the Fire Service?

I started as firefighter, pulling hose, fighting fires, throwing and climbing ladders. Then I was competitively promoted to Lieutenant, still fighting fires, and in charge of a ladder company. Next I became a Captain, still fighting fires and in charge of a station and its personnel. I became a Battalion Chief, then a Deputy Chief, before I accepted the position at St. John's. I am also a certified fire instructor.

Tell me about your family and interests & what you think about Wadmalaw?

I have two sons. They are also fire fighters, and my husband is a retired fire battalion chief. Besides my family, I love my dog Molly- she is a hoot. I like working out, hiking, and dancing. As for Wadmalaw, I think it is beautiful, quiet and simple in many aspects, and complicated and difficult in others.

What are your responsibilities and how large is the St. Johns Fire District?

I am responsible for the planning, directing and organizing of all aspects of the fire district, which includes budgeting and future strategic planning. There are 135 employees who may work in the St. John's district. We have 126 budgeted firefighter positions.

Any information about the fire station on Wadmalaw?

Station 3 on Wadmalaw is our newest fire station, replacing a very outdated and inadequate facility located on the same property. The new station opened in October 2014.

Could you give a brief overview of the kinds of calls you get?

St. John's responds to all types of calls, such as structure fires, medical/basic life support, gas leaks, wildfires, water breaks, flooding, vehicle accidents and rescues. St. John's is an "all hazards service."

Where and how are fire calls dispatched?

Calls are dispatched from the Charleston County Dispatch Center. St. John's participates in an automatic aide agreement with several of our regional partners. This means that if St. John's needs additional help, it is already headed our way via the automated system. It also allows for the availability of more technical equipment, such as hazardous materials assets, if needed on a call.

Any other information the community would benefit from?

Free of charge and upon request, our firefighters will bring and install smoke detectors in your home. They will also provide a general home safety inspection to help you identify potential areas that could be dangerous to the homeowner. We are always recruiting for local talent. We send qualified candidates to fire school at the State Fire Academy, then bring them back and train them to be Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) certified. They start their career in the fire service. We offer benefits and salaries that are competitive to most area fire departments. If you know of anyone who may be interested, the process starts with an application. You can find out more at: www.stjfd.org.

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Thank you for your support.

WHERE IS THE GHOST BIKE?

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The Bears Bluff ghost bike represents John Darrel Jones, the son of Mrs. Geneva Shaw and a veteran of the United States Air Force. We are thankful for his service to our country and we want to honor his memory.

St. Louis, MO is home to the first ghost bike, placed in 2003. Since then there have been more than 600 bikes installed in more than 200 locations throughout the world. Charleston County's very active cycling community supported the bike placement to memorialize Mr. Jones. There are also two ghost bikes honoring cycling victims on either side of the Stono River Bridge and another on Riverland Drive.

Let's get Mr. Jones' bike back where it belongs.

MEET OUR NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



Edith Frierson's Red Ribbon Week

Dr. Deborah Fickling is proud to serve as the principal of Edith L. Frierson Elementary School. A native of South Carolina, she calls herself "an army brat". She adds, "My life mission has been to prepare our children to serve the world. I have five fantastic daughters, and I consider them my best work. My eldest is a DSS staffer, my second is an emergency room nurse, my third is a financial analyst, my fourth is a senior in college and my fifth is a senior in high school." She holds Bachelor Degrees in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education and Psychology, a Master's Degree in Supervision and Administration, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Curriculum Instruction.

This is her 33rd year as an educator; 17 of those years have been spent as a School or District Level Administrator in elementary and middle schools. She began her career teaching in the public schools of East Harlem, New York, and continued teaching in the inner city schools of Newark, New Jersey, until she returned home in 1998. Coming back to South Carolina has allowed Dr. Fickling to share her strong love of family and the South.

Dr. Fickling states, "My life's goal is to empower the children we serve so that they will not overpower us with apathy. Working together, I know that we can ensure that 'Failure is not an Option.'"

RECEPTION HONORS MRS. FLORETHA WARD



Mrs. Floretha Ward

Mrs. Floretha Ward was honored at a large reception in December for her longstanding dedication and commitment to the Wadmalaw Island Citizens Improvement Committee and its mission. Over eighty people gathered at the Community Center, including, as a surprise, her youngest daughter from North Carolina. SC State Representative, Robert Brown, Sandy Tecklenburg, and Christopher

Cason were among those attending.

The Wadmalaw Island Citizens Improvement Committee was organized in 1957. Their purpose was to educate residents of Wadmalaw Island in the process of voter registration skills, allowing them to become more efficient in the election process. Its mission became broader in scope as the years passed, expanding to include the general welfare of the community and assisting with social, political, health, recreational, and family needs. During the 1990's their mission was revised again. Its primary focus now is to support the community by providing space and resources for programs that address the needs of Wadmalaw Island residents. The WICIC strives to encourage economic development while maintaining the rural nature and unique culture of the community.

Ongoing programs include youth activities (Little League, Sewing Club, Youth Workshops, etc.), the Senior Citizens Program, and Gullah Theater. Space is provided for these activities at no charge. The Committee meets on a monthly basis at the Community Center Building to monitor and assess its ongoing programs. The idea to have the Committee housed in its own building was born in 1973 by Mr. Anderson Mack Sr. Mrs. Floretha Ward served as the first Board Secretary, representing Salem Presbyterian Church. She is the only living member of the original Board of Directors for the WICIC.

REAL ESTATE SALES

(DECEMBER 2016 - JANUARY 2017)



Vacant Land	Acres	Date Sold	Price
5233 Maybank Highway	1.0	12/01/16	\$44,000
0 Boy Scout Road	8.0	12/14/16	\$100,000
2590 Cherry Point Road	5.2	01/27/17	\$90,000
6353 Oak Grove Plantation	2.0	01/30/17	\$450,000

Residences	Acres	Date Sold	Price
6205 Sadie Lane	1.5	12/15/16	\$38,000
6217 Rockefeller Road	3.2	12/22/16	\$150,000
6112 Josie Ridge Road	11.7	1/27/17	\$1,192,000

DON'T MISS THE 2ND

ART IN THE BARN!



Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual "Art in the Barn" that will bring together a group of celebrated artisans from the Charleston area and around the Southeast. Potters, painters, wood craftsmen, and textile, floral and jewelry designers will all be showing their wares on the following two days:

Saturday, March 18th: 11:00am-6:00pm

Sunday, March 19th: 12:00 noon-4:00pm

LOCATION:

Ruby Ranch

1556 Tacky Point Road, Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487

INFORMATION:

E-mail: artinthebarnchs@gmail.com,
or call Emily Bates at 321-230-4387.

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/
events/1223646761063295/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1223646761063295/)

***There will be live music, beer and wine,
and complimentary hors d'oeuvres!***

HOUSEHOLD PEACE

A full-time mother of two, new resident Elizabeth De Sa is an advocate and instructor for 'peaceful parenting,' a commitment to non-aggression in parenting practices. Before becoming a peaceful parent, Lizbeth says that her life as a mother was somewhat chaotic. She sometimes yelled and physically disciplined her children. She had heard that it was OK to treat them this way, but felt it did not make any sense. She cites studies that have shown that yelling at children, as well as hitting, can detrimentally affect emotional and intellectual development. She now believes that children are as capable as adults in being reasoned with using attractive incentives.

As a peaceful parent, a commitment is made to stop initiating aggression – no more yelling, threats, restraint, coercion, shaming, or hitting. Instead, incentives are used to make life fun for children (screen time, outings, edible treats, tokens that are redeemable for rewards, etc.). These are used to encourage good behavior, or can be taken away for disciplinary purposes instead of aggression.

When she first switched to peaceful parenting, Lizbeth was afraid she would be powerless. Instead, she now feels that her family life is more calm, loving and fun, and that she has become the mother that she always wanted to be. If you would like additional information on Peaceful Parenting, you can email: elizdesa@gmail.com

2016 WILPC MINUTES SUMMARY

OCTOBER

No meeting due to the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

NOVEMBER

A letter of support was sent to the Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department. They are proposing to change the existing criteria pertaining to Temporary Special Events on Wadmalaw Island. In addition, it is proposed that Special Events be removed as a principal use in AG-15 and AGR zoning. The goal of these proposed changes is to discourage large commercial events, while still allowing traditional events to take place on Wadmalaw Island.

The Johns Island Community Association is actively working with the Charleston County School District to create a model school. Volunteers are needed to be part of a Task force to create a better school system. The Association's web address is: www.johnsisland.org.

DECEMBER

A notice regarding the application for a permit for the sale of beer at Deep Water Vineyard was brought to the attention of the committee. After some discussion, it was unanimously decided that a letter of objection be sent to the Department of Revenue.

Full details can be found at WILPC.org.

WADMALAW RESIDENT WINS FIRST PLACE IN CHARLESTON HALF-MARATHON



*Dante David (right) of
Wadmalaw (right) with Steve
Philips at the Charleston Half
Marathon on Jan. 14.*

Dante David, of Harts Bluff Road, won first place in the 80 and up age group in the Charleston half-marathon (13.1 miles) on January 14. The run started at Joe Riley Stadium and ended near North Charleston High School in North Charleston. His time was three hours and 45 seconds. It was his third half-marathon. Dante, who trains every day, has completed 17 full (26 mile) marathons, including four in New York City, two in Boston, and four in Miami.

Wadmalaw ONLINE

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN *WADMALAW*?

The **Wadmalaw** newsletter invites you to advertise your business to the 1300 households and 2900 residents who receive this newsletter every quarter.

Ad placements will begin with the May issue. If you have merchandise or services that would be of interest to Wadmalaw residents – there is no better way to reach them --- and you would be supporting our community newsletter!

Examples:



Rates: 1" X 2.5" inch ad - \$25 per issue. Larger ad space available.

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We will contact you promptly about advertising your business in **Wadmalaw**.