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ST. JOHNS HS STUDENTS SELECTED FOR NYL PROGRAM



Left to Right: NYL Forum Bound Students: Tracey Washington, Jah'Kira Gadsden, Charnae Patterson with St. Johns HS Principal Steve Larson

Three St. Johns High School students from Wadmalaw have been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, DC. Ninth grade students Tracy Washington, Jah'Kira Gadsden, and Charnae Patterson were chosen due to their outstanding scores on PSAT, administered by College Board of South Carolina. The forum will run for 6 days during the summer, where students can discover their passion and explore various career paths, such as law, forensics, or medicine.

Tracy Washington has expressed her desire to become a professional photographer. She hopes that the forum can help her define a career path that will utilize her skills and interests in this field.

Jah'Kira Gadsden enjoys working with children, and wants to enter the field of medicine. She would like to become a pediatrician or Ob-Gyn, and plans to explore these areas more fully during the summer forum.

Charnae Patterson has been interested in the field of law since childhood. It is her dream to attend Princeton or Yale after high school, receive a law degree, and eventually become a judge.

Principal Steve Larson stated that he was very proud of the accomplishments of these three young students. We congratulate them on their achievement, and wish them success in future endeavors.

COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN PROTECTS WADMALAW

Residents of Wadmalaw are aware of the natural beauty and rural environment that we enjoy every day. This is protected by a Charleston County Future Land Use Plan and the zoning requirements set by the county to execute the plan. The Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee (WILPC) is committed to ensuring that these zoning requirements are followed to protect Wadmalaw as we know it.

On February 22nd of this year, Council Member Anna Johnson held a session for Wadmalaw and Johns Island residents to explain the way

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VISIT THE FISH HATCHERY

Most who have lived here for a while will agree that Wadmalaw Island has many treasures. Some are grand and obvious like our beautiful forests, marshes and waterways. Others are smaller and less noticeable, such as a fleeting glimpse of a fox crossing the road at dusk or a trail of turkeys working a field for bugs in the morning sunlight. There are even some man-made treasures here and believe it or not, one is provided by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It's the Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery (BBNFH), located at the end of Bears Bluff Road. The address is 7030 but you won't need to know that, just drive 'till you run out of pavement, then go a little further and you're there.

The site was previously owned by the State and programs carried out by the Charleston Museum once took place there. Later the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), operated the facility. More recently, studies involving oysters and shrimp were conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA), until finally the site came under the control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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ISLAND-WIDE LITTER PICK-UP

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

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

**PLEASE JOIN US TO
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Grace Chapel

Chapel of Ease of
St. John's Church
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New Jerusalem AME Church

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New St. James Bethel AME Church

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

New Webster United Methodist Church

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Services at 10:15 AM

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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.

HISTORIC ST. JAMES BETHEL AME CHURCH PLANS NEW LIFE CENTER

Part of a continuing series profiling Wadmalaw churches and their pastors.



More than 100 years ago, residents of Wadmalaw, Edisto and other surrounding areas decided to meet to worship in Jesus' name. This church, known as St. James Church, started out as a "Bush Tent" on Rosebank Road, adjacent to the present structure. It was located near a white congregation, and after the abolition of slavery, the whites sold one acre of land to St. James. Construction began on a building in 1879, and was completed in 1880. The sills of the church were hand-made, and the roof was pegged instead of nailed. The shingles of the roof were also made of wood. The name "Bethel" was added to the name of the new building, as a remembrance of Jacob's vow at Bethel in the Scriptures of Genesis 28:10-22.

During the history of St. James Bethel, some of the members who lived farther away, such as Edisto and Bears Bluff, decided to build another church closer to them. In 1886, Mother Bethel gave birth to her daughter church, Jerusalem, located on Bears Bluff Road. The same minister pastored both churches.

In November 1903, a group of church leaders acquired the Old Gervais Church sanctuary through a land purchase. It included the old Gervais church building and eight and five tenths (8.5) track of land, for \$100.00. The new church came to be known as Greater St. James Bethel AME Church.

By the 1950's Bethel had seen many trials and tribulations, but she continued on. The building was old and in need of many repair and the roof leaked.

In 1969, St. James Bethel went under a total renovation, and the new building was made of brick instead of wood. In 1979, the front porch and two additional restrooms were constructed, and ceiling fans were installed in the sanctuary.

Over the years, different ministers had different visions for the church. In 1996, a new edifice was constructed. Next came a push to liquidate the mortgage, which happened in the year 2000, many years ahead of time.

Greater St. James Bethel is rich in history and tradition. Many great ministers and pastors got their humble beginning there: Evangelist Chisolm, Rev. William Smith, Rev. Charles Brown, Sr., Rev. William Brown, Rev. Robert Peterson, Rev. David B. Mack, Sr., Rev. Leon Bolton, Sr., Rev. John Mack, Rev. John P. Harrison, Rev. Robert K. White, Rev. William

R. Jones, Rev. Bernard Brown, Rev. James Mack, Jr., Rev. Augustus Aman (of central Africa), and Itinerant Deacons Rev. John McIntyre, and Rev. Harriet Mazyck.

After the retirement of Rev. James Coaxum, the congregation prayed that God would send them a new leader with a vision to take them higher in the Lord. Their prayers were answered in 2009, when Bishop Williams sent Rev. William R. Jones back home to St. James Bethel, which he had left years earlier.

Rev. William Richard Jones is the 6th of 10 children of the late Benjamin and Marie Coaxum Jones. Born on Wadmalaw Island, he is a graduate of Rockville Elementary School (now Edith L. Frierson) and Haut Gap High School (now Haut Gap Middle). Rev. Jones joined the United States Army in August 1969 and served in the Vietnam War. He married the former Mary L. Dickerson in 1971, and in 1972 received an honorable discharge from the Army. That same year, he became the proud father of Marlon William Jones. He attended Rice Business College and Trident Technical College, where he majored in Computer Technology. In 1985, he was called to preach attended the L.R. Nichols Seminary from 1985-1993. Rev. Jones' first charge was as Pastor of St. Matthews AME Church in Cross, South Carolina. Other charges were in South Carolina churches in Mt. Pleasant, Estill, Sheldon and Summerville. He is currently in his seventh year as Pastor at his home church on Wadmalaw.

St. James Bethel has been blessed both spiritually and financially with Rev. Jones at the helm. Since his return, several improvements have been made to the external building and sanctuary. The most important thing, however, is that souls are revived, members are returning to bible study and prayer service, and Church School attendance is steadily increasing. In addition, plans are in process to construct a Life Center for the up building of God's kingdom.

Rev. Jones has served his community as a member of Charleston County School's District 9 Constituent School Board, and on the WILPC. In 2015, he received the Good Citizen Award for Community Service from Charleston County Public Works. In 2011, he was appointed by Councilwoman Anna Johnson to the Charleston County Transportation Advisory Board.

From a Bush Tent in the woods to a beautiful, domed sanctuary of worship, St. James Bethel AME Church has endured to teach the Word and serve God. Its legacy continues to be: "Preserving Our Past, Embracing Our Future".

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COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN PROTECTS WADMALAW

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Charleston County approaches land use planning. The program was conducted by Director Joel Evans and Deputy Director Andrea Pietras, of the Charleston County Planning Department.

The term "Growth Management," as defined by Charleston County, is ongoing planning to ensure that as the population grows services needed are provided (water, sewer, roads, trash pick-up, recycling, police, fire, EMS, libraries, etc.) to meet the increasing number of residents. It also includes protection of natural spaces, enough affordable housing, preservation of buildings, and spaces for business.

As part of the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan announced in April 1999, County Council adopted a development growth strategy that established an Urban Growth Boundary. This is a line on a map that defines two distinct growth management areas in Charleston County:

- 1) Urban/Suburban Area: Intended for high intensity growth, where public services are provided to support this level of development.
- 2) Rural Area: Intended for rural and agricultural uses, with low density residential development and less services provided.

The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in our area has changed over time, but since May 2004, it has followed Brownswood Road on Johns Island. Areas east of the line are designated "urban/suburban" and those to the west are designated "rural". Future land use recommendations to manage Charleston County growth are proposed by the county planning department to County Council based on the UGB.

The County's current Future Land Use Plan designates Wadmalaw Island primarily for park/open space, conservation management, resource management, rural residential and agricultural preservation. Wadmalaw has rural zoning and is mostly zoned AG-15 and AGR. In an AG-15 zoned area, parcels within 1,000 feet of the OCRM Critical Line can have a Maximum Density of one dwelling unit per three acres with a minimum lot area of three acres. Parcels more than 1,000 feet from the OCRM Critical Line must maintain a density of one dwelling unit per 15 acres.

For parcels zoned AGR - Agricultural Residential (Rural), there is a maximum density of one dwelling per acre. Zoning regulations for Charleston County can be accessed utilizing the following link: http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/zoningplanning/zldr/CHAPTER4_All.pdf

Any changes to the Future Growth Plan and associated zoning regulations can impact the rural environment we now enjoy on Wadmalaw. The WILPC zoning committee monitors all zoning change requests. They report these at the monthly WILPC meetings, held on the second Tuesday of every month (except August) at 7:00 PM at the Wadmalaw Island Community Center on Katy Hill Road. All are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions.

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"FOOT" LEADS WILPC



Shoe size 18 EEE. When he played Offensive guard for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1982, Leroy Robinson's teammates called him "Foot".

Leroy grew up on Wadmalaw Island off Katy Hill Road, and his grandmother lived next door. Every morning, she would come over and knock on his bedroom window, saying, "Get up. Day clean (Gullah for "broad daylight"). You're not going to make anything sleeping in that bed."

Upon entering St. Johns High School, Leroy played drums in the marching band. One day, football coach Biggerstaff stuck his head in the band room and said, "Robinson, you're too big to play in the band. Come play football." So he did.

Leroy went to SC State on a football scholarship. He started 3 years, was All Mid-East Athletic Conference, and was elected to the SC State Hall of Fame. Upon graduating, he played one year for the Eagles in the NFL.

After football, Leroy worked with his father and brothers at Robinson's Trucks and Tires. On the side, he coached football for four years at Burke High School. He developed a mobile music, DJ, catering, and event planning business that he still runs today. When he has time, he helps Jerome mind the store at Middleton's Grocery. He has served as Chairman of the WILPC for the last 2 years.

Leroy volunteers to help students with reading at Edith Frierson Elementary School, and tells them stories about himself. He said that as a youngster, he was interested in football, but knew very little about it. So he went to the library, read books on football, and learned about the sport that took him to the NFL. He shows them, and tells them, that anything is possible. Dream big.

How great it is to have a gentle giant like Leroy Robinson-and his family-on Wadmalaw.



Leroy Robinson is the current Chairman of the WILPC

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VISIT THE FISH HATCHERY

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The hatchery is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 4 PM. A self-guided tour is available and directs guests around the 31-acre site where beautiful examples of some of the Lowcountry's natural habitats can be seen. It's a great walk for the dog, but keep him on a leash as you walk around freshwater ponds as sightings of alligators are possible. Bird watching opportunities abound, so a pair of binoculars can be useful and the stroll across two boardwalks will get you right into the marsh for a view that normally would require you to get a little muddy. If you take time to read the signage you may even learn a little about the estuarine ecosystem that is such a huge part of the natural beauty of the Lowcountry.

The friendly and knowledgeable staff of four manage six salt and freshwater ponds, nine recirculated intensive culture systems, three egg incubation/larval rearing systems and numerous holding and intensive rearing tanks. The staff has their hands full managing their projects and research, but on Tuesday through Thursday, they are happy to take the time to give a tour of the facility and talk about the interesting and important work they are doing there. Much of the work at the hatchery revolves around five fish species.

American Shad – Raised in ponds during the Spring. Adult specimens are caught in the South Edisto River and spawn is collected. The resulting fry are chemically marked and returned to the South Edisto as part of a long-term stock enhancement program.

Anadromous Sturgeons – Examples of this ancient fish, at all stages of growth, can be seen at the hatchery, the largest exceed 200 lbs. BBNFH is working on the development of techniques to spawn adult shortnose sturgeon.

Bonnethead Shark - Researchers are collecting age and growth data to assist with the management of this increasingly popular fishery species.

Cobia – A popular game fish in the southeastern U.S. for both commercial and recreational fishermen. BBNFH is exploring culture techniques to improve management of the fishery at a national level.

Red Drum – Also known as Redfish, Spot Tail Bass and Channel Bass. A favorite of many fishermen, over 500,000 fingerlings are raised in the ponds in late Summer and released into the North Edisto River near Wadmalaw Island.

Habitat restoration is another important area of study and service that is provided. Freshwater projects include island restoration/stabilization where staff from BBNFH has teamed up with the Wadmalaw Island Fish and Wildlife Conservation, SCDNR biologist and Santee Cooper Power to plant water willow, *Justicia Americana*, around eroding islands to naturally stabilize shorelines. Parts of Lake Moultrie now thrive with new growth that increase habitat for a variety of aquatic species.

Saltwater habitat projects include restoring the eastern oyster by constructing reefs using oyster shells that are collected and bagged in a project that partner with SCDNR and local citizens. These reefs increase suitable substrate for larval oysters and also improve habitat for fish and

other aquatic species. The BBNFH is now a public drop off site for oyster shell. **Citizens are encouraged to drop off their oyster shells at their convenience.**

Other research is conducted on fresh water mussels known as Savannah Lilliput. There is even a small greenhouse that is used to raise marsh grass for oyster reefs as well as Milkweed to enhance the habitat for Monarch butterflies.

Do yourself a favor and plan a visit to the Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the day in this beautiful, peaceful location. You'll meet some friendly folks, see some wonderful things and learn about some of the important work going on there that have direct impacts on the quality and diversity of our ecosystem and directly contributes to the many commercial and recreational fishing opportunities that this area is known for.

Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery

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WADMALAW COUPLE DESIGNS ‘KHALIMA” COPPER LIGHTING



Coppersmiths Lindsay and Robert MacLeod own and operate a custom light business from their home on Wadmaw Island. Khalima Lights is headquartered in their garage on Harts Bluff Road and is both workshop and production line.

Lights of different sorts hang from the rafters and wall hooks, including one designed by their son. Every aspect of the manufacturing process is conducted there, from the design idea to packaging the lights and sending them off to their final destinations. Business is conducted strictly online, and they ship domestically and internationally. Initially, they kept track of each country where their lights were shipped, but the list grew so long they have stopped counting.

Lindsay MacLeod apprenticed with John Gantt of Charleston Gas Lanterns. Mr. Gantt's lanterns can be found on many Charleston landmarks, including the William Aiken House, the Sword Gate House and the old Charleston Market Hall, to name a few. Her husband, Robert, has a construction background and had metal-working experience building copper cupolas and pope's caps for chimneys. Robert may have been an artist at heart from an early age, however, as one of his first gifts to his girlfriend (now wife) was a light made from Orangina bottles! That was before either of them had learned the trade.

The MacLeods first rented a workshop at Nine Mile point, the convergence of Maybank Highway and Bears Bluff Road. Some may know this spot - it

was the white house with the tomato painted on the front. They called the business Nine Mile Copper Lanterns. When the building became unavailable to rent, they had to move and rename the business. (Note: The house has since collapsed due to a car accident.) Lindsay and Robert spent countless hours devoted to finding the perfect name, one that would be beautiful and express their vision of light and copper. They googled and prayed, in equal shares. They found that the word for beauty in the Greek language is Calima. They preferred the slightly softer sound of Kh, so the name Khalima Lights was considered. They also needed to ensure the name was unique to their business. Being Christians, they wanted the name to reflect their faith. They learned that Khalima was an Arabic word meaning light, or the presence of Allah or God. Jesus is described this way in John I in the Bible. With this discovery, they believed their prayers had truly been answered, and Khalima Lights was born. A name so painstakingly chosen, it embodied their passion for crafting these beautiful lights and illuminated their devotion to faith.

Ten years later, various MacLeod designs hang from the rafters in the shop. Robert explained that some of the lights are inspired by friends on Wadmaw. The Waycaster, for example, is named for a friend on Katy Hill Road. It is distinguished by clean lines, a simple design and some artistically added rust. Another light is crafted from driftwood picked from the shore near their home (their son's idea). In addition to local inspiration, Robert and Lindsay may visit a home or business to get ideas for a design. Underlying their work is their faith. Lindsay explained that they know when they are doing something inspired by the Lord when the work comes easier, as if it was meant to be. It comes together in a way that makes perfect sense.

To find out more and view their work, go to: www.khalimalights.com

RE-OPENING DECORATION DAY FOR ROCKLAND CEMETERY



Memorial Day - Monday, May 29th
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
2426 Brigger Hill Road

Come view progress of restoration work to remember and honor those who have passed.

Enjoy food, music and fellowship while learning about cemetery's history and future plans to preserve and protect it

READING PARTNERS – INSIGHT FROM A VOLUNTEER



For the past seven months, I've been tutoring a student at the local elementary school who doubted her ability to progress in reading. The mid-year testing had just been completed, and her scores were sitting in the folder

in front of us. She learned that she scored a grade above her results just a few months before. She sat forward in the chair and her face lit up with a surprised smile. "Look what you accomplished," I told her. I could see confidence and resolve in her facial expression.

She and I are participants in the Reading Partners program, which is a nationwide literacy program that provides tutors for students who are not reading at grade level. It uses a thoroughly researched curriculum which teaches the skills necessary to read and comprehend what is being read. Amanda Henderson, the site coordinator at Edith Frierson Elementary School states, "We have the data to prove this program works."

If you are interested in becoming a reading tutor, please go to the Reading Partners web site: (<http://readingpartners.org/location/south-carolina/schools/>) The program provides the necessary training, which can be completed in just a few hours. Training sessions are held at the Johns Island Library. Site coordinators at each school will then help you in the classroom itself. Depending upon your availability, you can volunteer for one 45-minute session per week, or sign up for multiple sessions on several days.

As anyone who has ever volunteered knows, you get as much as you give in these situations. *Wadmaw resident Jerrie Vane tutors at Edith Frierson.*

A UNIQUE VINEYARD AND WINERY ON WADMALAW



Andrea and Jesse Freiwald

A year ago, the Irvin House Vineyard at 6775 Bears Bluff Road was acquired by Jesse and Andrea Freiwald. Nestled among the majestic live oaks of Wadmaw, this 48-acre winery and vineyard has something for everyone: a gift shop, walking trails, friendly animals, a garden, a large pond, and Firefly Distillery next door. It is the only domestic winery in Charleston, and a popular destination for Lowcountry tourists.

The Freiwalds, who were born and raised in South Dakota, say they always wanted to own a vineyard when they retired. Jesse and his dad made wine as a hobby. The process is the same now, except the quantity is much larger. In 2012, after "having enough snow to last several lifetimes," they began to search for somewhere they could raise their three young boys with adventure, intrigue, and purpose. The search was over when they visited South Carolina. Two years after moving south, they were dared by some friends to inquire about the Irvin House Vineyard, which was up for sale. In the subsequent year, they learned a lot. They love the island, and think it is a wonderful place to raise their sons.

The couple spent six months with Jim Irvin, the former owner, and produced a last batch of wine together using his recipes. They now use their own recipes. Jesse prefers a drier wine that is not so sweet, and is hoping to introduce some other varietals soon.

Jesse and Andrea grow and harvest the grapes as well as make and bottle the wines on site. Remaining true to their predecessors' Southern roots, they grow only muscadine grapes, a thick-skinned fruit native to the southeastern United States which has been cultivated since the 1700's. Once thought of as "the fountain of youth", muscadines have been praised for their significant levels of resveratrol, an organic molecule and

powerful antioxidant. A study by the National Institute of Health found that muscadine wines have seven times more resveratrol than other wines.

Because of their thick skins, muscadines are also very resistant to pests and require little weed control. Regular vineyards lose around 10% of their grapes to pests. The loss is much smaller with muscadines. Another feature of muscadines is that they are picked individually, like berries, rather than in bunches.

The vineyard produces 3,000 cases (36,000 bottles) of wine a year on 11.5 acres. The majority (85%) is sold on the premises, with only 15% sold at local stores. You can find a list of places that carry Deep Water wines on their website: www.deepwaterwinery.com. Wine may also be ordered over the phone and shipped to customers (843-559-6867,) but not online.

Deep Water produces five different labels from four varieties of grapes. The wine is made to be consumed early, and has a two- to three-year shelf life. The five offerings are:

Low Tide: a semi-dry smooth white wine made from the Tara Scuppermong.

Magnolia: A sweet white wine made from the Carlos Scuppermong grape.

Lowcountry Red: A dry red wine made with the Ison muscadine grape. It is fruity and fully flavored.

High Tide: A light-bodied red wine, made from the Noble grape. It has a robust muscadine flavor and nose.

Deep Water Blend: Uniquely created each year, this wine showcases the versatility of the grapes.

The vineyard is open year-round, Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m. except during harvest time in late August-early September.

Jesse and Andrea embrace the hospitality and southern charm that embodies the mystique of Lowcountry living. They feel "incredibly blessed and are continually humbled by Jim and Ann Irvin's transition of this property." They hope everyone who has grown to love the winery will continue to visit and help them take the next steps as they dive deep and re-brand it as Deep Water Vineyard

VOLUNTEERS HELP RESTORE ROCKLAND CEMETERY



A large group of Wadmaw volunteers worked to restore Rockland Cemetery on March 6th.

REAL ESTATE SALES (FEB 2017 - APR 2017)

Vacant Land	Acres	Date Sold	Price
5680 Maybank Highway	25.9	02/24/17	\$400,000
2428 Rockland Avenue	1.27	03/24/17	\$85,000
42 Josie Ridge Road	5.0	03/24/17	\$124,000
22 Anchor Watch Drive	3.02	03/27/17	\$66,000
1689 Lonnie Taylor Lane	0.7	02/24/17	\$60,000
Residences	Acres	Date Sold	Price
2441 Brigger Hill Road	11	03/17/17	\$351,000


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2017 WILPC MINUTES SUMMARY

JANUARY 2017

Zoning: No new issues of concern.

Fire Department: Mrs. Jones reported during the month of December, there were 172 fires/callouts on Johns Island, with 39 on Kiawah, 29 on Seabrook and 28 on Wadmalaw.

Concerns were raised from the Floor regarding the intersection of Bears Bluff and Maybank Highway. Everyone agreed to request a DOT traffic study to see if it warranted some improvement.

The owners of Deep Water Vineyards introduced themselves and discussed the permitting process and potential plans to operate a microbrewery once Firefly Distillery relocates to another site. All of the committee members welcomed their input.

FEBRUARY 2017

Environmental: Mr. Regan commended everyone for another successful litter pickup on Saturday, Feb 4.

Zoning: The committee agreed to submit a letter regarding the Charleston County Planning Commission's proposed amendments to Section 6.7 ZLDR "Special Events."

Old Business: Chairman Robinson reported that DOT will conduct a "crash report history" of the intersection of Bears Bluff and Maybank Highway and then proceed after data is gathered.

New Business: It was brought to the attention of the group that several local St. Johns High School students had been recognized for their outstanding test scores (PSAT/College Boards). They will be attending a six-day workshop at George Mason University near Washington DC to study law, forensics and see the Supreme Court.

A concerned parent reported that (on more than one occasion) a car had passed the stopped school bus as her daughter was starting to cross Maybank Highway to board the bus. Everyone was alarmed, and told her to call the Sheriff's Departments as well as urge the bus driver to send in a report. The committee will also call the authorities.

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Zoning: The County Planning and Zoning Committee deferred the discussion and decision concerning Section 6.7 (defining Events/Special Events) until next month.

There are new plats on Polly Point Rd, Tacky Point Rd. and Brigger Hill/McCants that meet all zoning requirements.

Tori and Seth Bolt were introduced and welcomed. They are interested in building on Wadmalaw and wanted to meet and speak with residents about life on the island.

New Business: A letter has been submitted by the Property Owners Association of Polly Point concerning their interest in having a cell phone tower erected on Wadmalaw. The committee asked for more information.

Two citizens from Johns Island expressed their concern for the building of a "Party Barn" on Chisolm Rd. Suggestions were made as to how they can proceed in their fight against this venue. The committee agreed to submit a letter of support for their cause to the BZA.

BARRIER ISLANDS CLINIC PROVIDE CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED

Free medical care is available to qualified residents who live on Johns, James or Wadmalaw Islands at the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic. Serving people who do not have insurance or Medicaid, the clinic is located at 3226 Maybank Highway, Suite 1-A and has a variety of doctors, including specialists, who provide care. If a doctor determines that lab work, imaging or scans are needed, Roper St. Francis provides these free to patients. The office works much like any doctor's office. Call (843) 266-9800 to make an appointment. On the first visit, new patients will need to fill out paperwork. The clinic is in a small, older house and space is a little cramped at times. The volunteer staff does its best to keep things comfortable and moving.

The clinic was opened in 2008 by two physicians, Drs. Arthur Booth and Charlie Davis, who saw a need to provide for the "health and wellness of the uninsured, low income adults who live or work" in this area. A variety of volunteer physicians and nurses staff the clinic and provide a range of care: cardiology, dermatology, urology, psychiatry, internal medicine, gynecology, podiatry, orthopedics, neurosurgery, diabetic care, health and wellness education and nutritional counseling. The charge nurse speaks fluent Spanish, and if she is not available, there are several other interpreters at the clinic. There is also a translator available by phone. Community resources are available to guide the patient in the right direction if care cannot be provided at the clinic. Several area pharmacies also provide prescriptions at a very low or no cost.

There is more information on the Clinic web site: bifmc.org, or type Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic in any search bar. The clinic is open for scheduled appointments Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A podiatry clinic is provided every other Monday afternoon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There is also a walk-in clinic held on Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is first come, first served.

The clinic welcomes donations and is a 501c3 non-profit entity. Eighty two percent of all donations go directly to patient care.



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Teen Zone (grades 6-12)

Mondays -Thursdays throughout May from 3-5 pm

Play the Xbox 360, listen to music, play board games, or just sit and chat.

Teen Movie Tuesday (grade 6-12)

Tuesdays 3:00-5:30p.m.

May 16: *A Monster Calls*

May 23: *Arrival*

May 30: *Magnificent 7*

Saturday Movie Matinee

Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m.

Surf's Up 2: Wave Mania.

Teen Trivia: Fandoms! (grades 6-12)

Friday, May 26 from 3-5 p.m. JICPL Auditorium

Bring your knowledge about *Doctor Who*, *Supernatural*, *Harry Potter* and more. The teen with the most points will win a grand prize!

Club Anime! (grades 6-12)

Saturday, May 27 from 3-4:30 p.m.

March Comes in Like a Lion. Japanese snacks will be served.

Book-a-Librarian (adults)

Throughout May

Have a technology question? Need help with a resume or job application? Want to learn how to use the library's media on your own electronic devices? Call 843-559-1945, and make an appointment with a librarian for a 30-minute one-on-one session.

Medicare and More Assistance (adults)

Thursdays, May 11 and June 8 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Trident Area Agency on Aging counselors provide health insurance information to help Medicare beneficiaries, along with other resources (ESAP, SNAP, Free Tax Preparation, LIHEAP and Emergency Rental Assistance). Call 843-554-2275 for an appointment.

Aquí Estamos

Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Documenting the history of Latino immigrants in the Low Country. Bring your photographs, diaries, family recipes, documents, and cherished objects to be digitized and viewed online in a digital archive.

Queremos documentar la historia de los inmigrantes latinos en el Low Country. Traiga sus fotografías, diarios, recetas familiares, documentos, álbumes de recuerdos y objetos queridos pequeños. Los digitalizaremos y después los pondremos a disposición del público en un archivo digital.

Tuesday, May 16: 2p.m. Sea Islands Book Club (adults)

Still Alice, by Lisa Genova. A story about Alzheimer's.

Wednesday, May 17: 2:00-3:30 (adults) **Pinterest 101**

Learn how to search this site and create your own "board". Demonstration only. No registration required.

Knit and Purl: A Casual Knitting Group (adults)

Thursday, May 18: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Bring your knitting and join in with fellow crafters. All skill levels welcome!

Asian Pacific Children's Festival

Saturday, May 20: 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate Asian Pacific heritage with film and food.

Wednesday, May 24: 12:30 (adults) Round Table

Discussion with Councilwoman Anna Johnson

Five Wishes (adults) **Thursday, May 25 at 11 a.m.**

Lutheran Hospice representatives explain the Five Wishes program, designed to help terminally ill patients communicate their desires to relatives and caregivers. Simple and easy to understand, the document becomes legal when signed by the patient and notarized. A South Carolina Notary Public and witnesses will be available.

DISPLAYS

Roses Display - Throughout May

Charleston Roses Society displays a variety of roses.

Painting Exhibit -Throughout May

Thomas Geyer displays his abstract paintings

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