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## RECORD LAND SALE ON WADMALAW

As reported in the *Post & Courier* on June 9, 2017, much of the "Point Farm" property that was owned by members of the John Walpole family has been sold to the "Point Farm Investors, LLC", a company that is affiliated with the American Timberlands Company. American Timberlands specializes in the selling and buying of timberland, recreational properties, hunting properties, plantations, and farmlands and is based on Pawley's Island. The tract sold for \$18.36 million. Residents who did not see the *Post and Courier* article may view it online at: [http://www.postandcourier.com/business/acre-tract-on-rural-lowcountry-island-sells-for-million/article\\_6abbda20-4579-11e7-b74f-ff6485d2c885.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/business/acre-tract-on-rural-lowcountry-island-sells-for-million/article_6abbda20-4579-11e7-b74f-ff6485d2c885.html) The website for American Timberlands Company is: <http://www.americantimberlands.com/>

Exact plans for the property are not known. Thomas Rowland, the president of American Timberlands, mentioned that they would like to use it recreationally for hunting, fishing, creating a park, and constructing a lodge for entertainment purposes.

The area is zoned agriculturally, AG-15 (Agriculture Preservation, generally allowing one residence per 15 acres) and AGR (Agriculture Residential, which allows one residence per acre). The WILPC Zoning Committee and others on Wadmalaw will be keeping a close eye as the plans for this area are made known. WILPC Zoning Committee members, Melinda Lucka Kelly and Kevin Richbourg, can be contacted at the following email addresses: [MLucka@FinkelLaw.com](mailto:MLucka@FinkelLaw.com) and [KRichbourg@comcast.net](mailto:KRichbourg@comcast.net)

## WICC TO CELEBRATE 35TH ANNIVERSARY

The Wadmalaw Island Community Center will soon celebrate 35 years of service to the community! Please come out on October 28th at 4:00 PM to the Center located on 5605 Katy Hill Road. The featured speaker will be Pastor Kay Grimboll-Colleton, Senior Pastor and Overseer of Manna Life Center on Johns Island. Pastor Colleton has a BA from Claflin University and a Masters in Divinity from Canaan Bible College, and has been a pastor for 17 years. She is the founder of the Manna Life Center, established in 1999. The author of two books, "Blessings Birthed Out of Buried Passions" and "My Soul Crieth Out," Pastor Colleton is a respected and highly recognized member of the clergy. WICC is honored to have her speak during this milestone celebration.

**Contact:** WICC 843-789-4885 for more information; email [wicic5605@gmail.com](mailto:wicic5605@gmail.com) or visit our FB page for updates @Wadmalaw Island community/senior center

## CROSSING THE ESAU JENKINS BRIDGE



*The only way "on" and "off".*

Residents of Wadmalaw cross the bridge that connects our island to Johns Island numerous times each week. Many people, especially newer residents, may know that it is called "Esau Jenkins" but not the history behind the man for whom the bridge is named.

Esau Jenkins was born in 1910 and lived most of his life on Johns Island. With very little formal education, he became a businessman and noted civil rights leader. Jenkins founded the Progressive Club in 1948, which encouraged local African Americans to register to vote. It also housed the Citizenship School for adult education and political awareness.

In 1959, Jenkins organized the Citizens' Committee of Charleston County, dedicated to the economic, cultural and political improvement of local African Americans. With the personal motto of "Hate is Expensive, Love

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## ISLAND-WIDE LITTER PICK-UP

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

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

**PLEASE JOIN US TO  
KEEP WADMALAW BEAUTIFUL**

## 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. Tony J. Slater, 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.

## HISTORIC GRACE CHAPEL HAS HELD SERVICES FOR 177 YEARS

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



The Chapel on the Rock - now Grace Chapel in Rockville - was built in 1840 for 1500 dollars. It had white-washed walls, rafters, a roof, and pews. No belfry, steeple, porch or paneling. It was located on the

corner of Grace Chapel Lane and Maybank Highway, facing the highway.

In 1884, it was rolled 500 yards on Palmetto logs, and rotated 90 degrees, to its present location facing Bohicket Creek.

The Chapel was almost totally destroyed by the earthquake of 1886, and then the hurricane of 1893.

Grace Chapel was restored in the late 1890's. A Tiffany stained glass window, depicting Christ walking on the water and reaching down to save a drowning St. Peter, was placed behind the altar. It was given anonymously by a wealthy lady from New England.

The Rev Barnwell Sams was the rector during this time. It was said that on Sundays, he would take a boat to Trinity Church on Edisto Island, then a horse and buggy to St Johns on Johns Island, and back to Grace Chapel for evening prayer. He hoped (prayed?) that he would get dinner (lunch) somewhere along the way. The Reverend would schedule the times for the 3 services according to the direction of tides and wind.

Grace Chapel holds worship services at 9:00 am on Sundays during the summer, and has a service on Christmas Eve and an Easter Sunrise Service.

Come join us.

## RESIDENT PROFILE: EDUCATION ADVOCATE ERIC MACK



Residing among us on Wadmalaw is the Rev. Dr. Eric L. Mack, Sr., who is a passionate advocate for education. He served three consecutive terms on the Charleston County Constituent School Board District Nine (1996-2008). In 2014, he was elected to the Charleston County School Board of Trustees. But education is not his only focus. He is also the Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Charleston, and a business data coordinator in the radiology department of MUSC.

He is a son of Wadmalaw, having been born and raised on the island. He attended schools on Wadmalaw and Johns Island before going on to acquire both Bachelors and Masters degrees from Andersonville Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Divinity from International Seminary.

Readers of this newsletter know that there is a question mark hanging over the future of Edith L. Frierson School on Wadmalaw. Attendance is declining as families move away. How can this situation be turned around? "Frierson is on a downward trend," he says. "Schools are being built where houses are being built. Frierson is out of the range - but it is possible to change its direction."

Dr. Mack believes the solution is to make Frierson a Montessori school. "The Montessori concept is

happening throughout the county," he continues, citing instances in West Ashley and Mt. Pleasant. "Montessori schools have a one-on-one approach to learning. Kids are not held to lesson plans and they personalize each student's profile. They don't hold one child back while others advance."

Dr. Mack loves Wadmalaw. "It is a rural area, and an opportunity to get out of the busy city," he says. His family has always lived here. He is a cousin of the late Anderson Mack, the respected community leader who was instrumental in starting the Wadmalaw Island Community Center.

Dr. Mack needs as much peace and quiet as he can get. Besides being a School Board trustee, he has been the full-time pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Charleston since 2003, as well as working for MUSC. With a congregation of 225 members, Bethany Baptist has weekly services on Sundays and Bible classes on Wednesdays. In addition, it has an outreach program to take the Gospel beyond its walls into the community.

Prior to joining the School Board, Dr. Mack worked on several political campaigns and ran for the State House of Representatives Seat 116 in 2006, and the Charleston County Council Seat Eight in 2010. He is the past president of Wadmalaw Island Precincts I and II as well as past executive committee member for the Charleston Democratic Party.

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## BEE HIVES – INCREASINGLY COMMON ISLAND SIGHT

Having ready access to sweet honey and other bee products has lured people to beekeeping for thousands of years. Cave paintings found in southern Spain show a man gathering honey from a hive. Bees pollinate flowers and trees, and produce honey, pollen, wax and royal jelly. They also make a substance called propolis from the resin of pine trees, that they use to seal gaps in the hives. According to local beekeeper, Thai Trinh, people have used propolis to make medicinal tinctures or to mix into cocktails.



Getting into the Hive

Wadmalaw residents, Thai Trinh and his wife, Melissa, began beekeeping several years ago after watching a TV program about the decline of bees. The show highlighted how important they are to our food supply. The Trinhns had been trying to get the zucchini in their garden to bear fruit. The plants bloomed but never produced zucchini, so they thought the problem might be a lack of pollination. Raising bees seemed like the answer, but more importantly, it would benefit all flowering plants and trees in the area. While their zucchini plant never produced fruit, the Trinhns are happy to harvest honey from the hive. Bees feed within a two-mile radius, so the Trinhns feel gratified to know that their bees may be helping to pollinate more gardens and flowerbeds than just their own.

According to Mr. Trinh, starting a beehive requires buying the hive equipment and a package of bees. Finding a good spot in the yard comes next, and the bees (affectionately known as “the girls”) do the rest of the work. Most honey bees are female. After the hive is established, beekeepers need to check the hive weekly to look for the following: the queen is laying eggs; there is enough room in the hive; the bees are collecting nectar and pollen; and that there are no other insects getting into the hive. Beyond that, the bees do the work they were meant to do. The Trinhns harvest honey and propolis, and use beeswax to make products such as lip balm, lotion, and candles.

The same hive can behave differently depending on the time of day and weather conditions. Mr. Trinh says that he can tell when the bees are not happy and might be more prone to sting if he inspects the hive. Although beekeeping is not a full-time occupation for the Trinhns, they do feel personally invested in their small enterprise. They spend time and money to keep the bees, so they want them to thrive, pollinate a lot of plants, and produce honey. The Trinhns and other beekeepers on



Capped honey ready for extraction

Wadmalaw are responsible, in part, for helping beautiful flowers and fruit trees grow successfully. If you see a honey bee on your plants, it might be one of “the girls”. Give her the respect she deserves. She’s working hard for all of us.

## EDITH FRIERSON TO BUILD ON 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR PROGRESS

According to Principal Deborah Fickling, 2016-2017 was an awesome year for Frierson scholars. The teachers did a phenomenal job of moving students to greater academic success. Students benefited from a strong partnership with the “Reading Partners Program” and “Math Buddies”, and showed wonderful gains in both areas.

Edith Frierson faculty members are excited about next year. This summer they began training to become certified as “Gifted and Talented” Instructors. This is a two-year training program with the College of Charleston, and will enable them to teach all students as “Gifted and Talented”.

This fall brings the addition of two staff members. Ms. Avis Duplantis will be teaching 5th grade, and Ms. Deborah Landry-Benjamin will be a Kindergarten instructor. Ms. Jennifer Patrick; last year’s teacher of the year, will loop with her third graders and become the new 4th grade instructor.

Dr. Fickling is looking forward to a new school year, and wants to thank the community for their wonderful support of EF students, staff and school. She states, “Please remember that we enjoy showing off our great students and school. Come and visit us any time!”

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**Wadmalaw News**

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## CROSSING THE ESAU JENKINS BRIDGE

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is Progress,” Jenkins helped his community to grow and prosper. He founded the Community Organization Federal Credit Union and served on many local boards and committees. The father of a large family, he died in 1972.

The only bridge over Church Creek that links Johns Island to Wadmalaw bears his name -- a fitting tribute to an outstanding local citizen who dedicated so much of his life to helping others.

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# 2017 WILPC MINUTES SUMMARY

## APRIL 2017

**Zoning:** A recent meeting of the Charleston County Planning Commission was attended. The Commission continues to discuss proposed amendments to County zoning and land development regulations (ZLDR), Table 6.1-1 and Article 6.7, Special Events.

**Fire Department:** Mrs. Jones reported on the Fire Commissioner's meeting. Callouts - Feb. 2017: Johns Island - 123, Seabrook - 48, Kiawah - 30, Wadmalaw - 21. Mar. 2017: Johns Island - 128, Seabrook - 29, Kiawah - 45, Wadmalaw - 36

**Education:** Mr. Johnson reported that he and several other ministers from Wadmalaw have met with the new principal at St. Johns High School to discuss ways that the churches can help students to succeed.

**New Business:** John Taylor was introduced and elected to serve on the Committee, filling a vacated position.

## MAY 2017

**Zoning:** It was reported that the Charleston County Planning Commission voted at their May 8, 2017 meeting to keep "permanent" Special Events from being allowed in the agricultural and residential zoning districts and to allow up to 5 "temporary" Special Events in these districts. The proposed changes went before County Council on May 23rd. There will be a public hearing, followed by 3 readings. A decision is expected by late summer.

**Fire Department:** April Callouts - Johns Island - 124, Kiawah - 67, Seabrook - 26, Wadmalaw - 21

**Environmental and Natural Resources/Roads:** Mr. Regan reported that the recent Litter Pickup was a success and that 84 bags of trash were picked up. The community is urged to continue to promote good stewardship and spread the word to keep our island beautiful.

## JUNE 2017

**Zoning:** Mrs. Kelley submitted a report, which included Zoning, Plats and New Property Issues. The complete report is included in the approved minutes of the meeting.

**Fire Department:** Mrs. Jones urged everyone to attend the monthly fire department meetings. It is held on the second Monday of each month at the HQ on Main Rd. Johns Island. May Callouts - Johns Island - 148, Kiawah - 47, Seabrook - 37, Wadmalaw - 38. The department installed 29 fire detectors in people's homes during May.

**Communications:** Mr. Siedell reported the next issue of our newsletter, Wadmalaw, will be published in early August. The newsletter contributors are currently working on articles and anyone is welcome and encouraged to contribute. Anyone not receiving the Newsletter is urged to contact their mail carrier.

**Community concerns and updates:** Chairman Robinson addressed the littering problem on Wadmalaw and stressed that we all need to make a conscious effort to keep our island clean and also educate others about the effects of littering. Just picking up trash in front of your own home will help. The Keep America Beautiful program has approved our funding on the state level and we await federal funding which will increase our ability to fight the litter problem on Wadmalaw Island. Litter violations can be reported to DNR in the following ways: Call 800-922-5431, Download the DNR App: DNR Tips, Text DNR at 847411. The next scheduled litter pickup is Saturday, September 9.

Decoration Day at Rockland Cemetery - 150 people came out to the event on Memorial Day to view the newly restored gravesites and celebrate their heritage.

NIA Production from New York City Presents



## A ROLE ONCE PLAYED

*A One-Woman Play with Music by Kuba*

*Directed by Evria Ince-Waldron / Music by Nick Wilson*

Wadmalaw Community Center Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1, 2017

Matinee and Evening performances at 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door

For Tickets: Contact Sara Small at 843-559-9026  
or Les Brown at 718-346-6591

This play takes place in a dingy NYC storyteller cabaret. Kymbali Craig plays the role of Shange Matilda; a washed-out cabaret singer who relives her life of lust and woe through songs and actions. Kymbali Craig takes on the roles of 13 characters, with each giving life to the woman's troubled past with her beloved and hated mother, her bewildered father, and her defeated husband. The drama is an emotional journey to self and an examination of what is family and what is love!

*(Explores adult themes and suitable for those 18 years and older)*

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Previous roles include: board member of The Sea Island Habitat for Humanity and member of the Family Services Committee; 15 years on the Board of Trustees for the Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation as an Executive Assistant Secretary; eight years on the South Carolina Advisory Board for the Protection and Advocacy for Disabled People in Columbia, SC; and past chairperson of the South Carolina Minority Rural Outreach Program for disabled people.

What impels the Reverend Doctor to undertake so much volunteer work? He says that his goal is to be of service to people and bring about an area "where we can live together, go to school together, and pray together. If I feel I have helped someone, I have achieved my goal," he states. Asked what he sees as the biggest problem affecting Wadmalaw, he says that people need to appreciate one another. "I appreciate the rich history of the past, but we need to build on where we are now and move forward for the betterment of all people." Wise words from a man who truly lives the way he believes.

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# WADMALAW FARMERS MAKE IMPACT AT JOHNS ISLAND FARMERS MARKET

The Johns Island Farmers Market is a place where people in the community can connect with and support local farmers, artisans, and entrepreneurs. It launched in January 2014, but moved locations to the Charleston Collegiate School at the beginning of 2017. The mission of the farmers market is simple and straightforward: "Produce and products must be regionally grown, locally made, or hold a sustainable theme," and that is the case for all the featured farmers, many of which are based out of Wadmalaw Island. In case you don't know much about the Wadmalaw-based farmers, here's a brief overview of each, along with where you can enjoy their foods.



Patrick & Lindsay McKinley of Thaddeus Farms

**THADDEUS FARMS** is the newest Wadmalaw-based farm to participate at the Johns Island Farmers Market, starting their booth in June 2017. Run by Patrick and Lindsay McKinley, Thaddeus Farms produces pasture-raised eggs and a variety of meats. Their farm consists of chickens, ducks, geese, quail, goats, potbelly pigs and a donkey named Chief, who serves as the farm security guard. The McKinley's started farming in 2013, and as Patrick said, they got into the farming business by accident. Patrick and Lindsay both come from families of farmers, and Patrick says they were originally just trying to be homesteaders, but ended up having more animals and more meats than they knew what to do with. The McKinley's are also very passionate about educating others and shedding light on the meat production industry. Their processes are sustainable and give the animals a happy and healthy life. As Lindsay put it, "We want the animals to only have one bad day." You can enjoy their rabbit, quail and chicken eggs at Fat Hen, La Tela, Indica, The Lot, and now the Johns Island Farmers Market! Thaddeus Farms will soon be offering butchering classes for the public. Check their Facebook page for details.

**HOLY CITY FARMS** is a family-run operation on Maybank Highway that specializes in tomatoes. It started as backyard gardening by Shawn and Elizabeth Ransford in 2010, and expanded into what is now Holy City Farms in 2013. You can enjoy their heirloom tomatoes at local restaurants such as Fat Hen, Slightly North of Broad and Vincent Chiccos downtown. You can even get their tomatoes delivered right to you! They deliver between Wadmalaw and downtown Charleston twice a week. The hot summer temperatures can be harsh on the tomatoes, so they grow cucumbers during the summer season. Check out their website: [holycityfarms.com](http://holycityfarms.com) for details.



Patrick & Lindsay McKinley of Whitemarsh Farm

**WHITEMARSH FARM** specializes in local and exotic mushrooms. The farm, run by Kevin and Michele Richbourg (with part-time help from their nephew), is located on Bears Bluffs Road. You can purchase them raw at the market or enjoy them at many local eateries, such as Wild Olive, Fat Hen, Seanachai's Irish Pub, Fischers at Bohicket Marina, the Ocean Room on Kiawah and the Gibbes Museum Cafe. Whitemarsh Farm sold its first mushroom in December 2014 and has been growing in popularity ever since.

**YAUPON FARMS** produces veggies including sugar-snap peas, beets, tomatoes, and sweet corn when in season. You can enjoy their local produce at Blackbird Market and Restaurant. They also work with Growfood Carolina, which helps connect local farmers to restaurants and retailers.



Jill Cheney of Ambrose Family Farm

**AMBROSE FAMILY FARM** began in 1976, and is the biggest farm on Wadmalaw. They grow strawberries, tomatoes, butter beans, okra, sweet corn, peas, squash, zucchini, onions, collards, potatoes, melons, and the list goes on and on. You can find their organic produce throughout the Charleston area, including their family-owned Stone Market & Tomato Shed Cafe, the Ambrose Family Farm CSA, local farmers markets, and a long list of restaurants including FIG, The Ordinary, Slightly North of Broad, The Grocery, Butcher and Bee, High Cotton, Darling Oyster Bar, 492, McCrady's Tavern and The Lot. They also distribute local seafood and eggs throughout the Charleston area. Ambrose Farms spans over 190 acres between their two locations, Selkirk Plantation Farm and Ranch Road Farm. Ambrose Farms offers "U-Pick" hours where guests can pick their own produce, such as strawberries in spring, tomatoes in the summer, and pumpkins in the fall.

Eric Rogers and his wife Kristy Bialas call themselves "**Two Fat Cooks**", and have been baking for a little over four years. It started out as a second job to supplement their income, but they are now doing it full time. You may have seen them at the market boxing up Key Lime Tarts, Turtle Brownies and Pimento Cheese Scones for local customers.

They are currently in the process of building a commercial bakery (for their business) and commissary kitchen (for rental) on River Road on Johns Island. This new construction will allow them to expand their bakery business in both volume and variety, as an inspected kitchen allows for production of items that cottage law does not. It will also allow them to expand the business to include wholesale accounts, catering, and box lunches. They will not have retail space at the new bakery but special order pick-up will be a possibility.

The commissary kitchen will be a multi-use commercial kitchen, able to support food trucks/carts, caterers and other small-scale food providers. They hope it will fill a growing need in the area for inspected kitchen rental space. The plan is to have both kitchens up and running by the end of the year.

Most importantly, the new construction will let them reclaim their own kitchen. Eric states, "Buying ingredients 50 pounds at a time and doing close-to-commercial baking in a not-close-to-commercial kitchen, led to what could charitably be called a 'little excess clutter'".


It's all yummy. Stop in and take a few goodies home.

## SUPPORT LOCAL:

Come and meet the many vendors at the Johns Island Farmers Market every Saturday from 9:00-1:00pm (summer hours) and 10:00-2:00pm during the winter.

You can find them at the Charleston Collegiate School, 2024 Academy Rd, Johns Island.

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## 20 TIPS FOR WINDOWS 10/MAC

Wednesday, October 4 from 2-3:30 p.m.: Windows users  
Wednesday, October 11 from 2-3:30 p.m. Mac users  
Bring your own laptop, smartphone or tablet (or just come and watch).  
No registration required.

## JOB SEARCH AND INTERVIEWING TIPS

(*young adults & adults*)

Tuesday, August 8 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Presented by Palmetto Community Action Partnership for those who are looking to sharpen their professional skills.

## RESUME WRITING (*adults*)

Wednesday, August 16 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Also presented by PCAP, this workshop provides job seekers with techniques for creating or updating winning resumes.

## VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

Thursday, Sept. 21 from 11-12 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 30 11.-12 p.m.

The Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration provides one-stop voter registration. Drop by to register, and receive a government-issued and approved voter ID on-site. Current voters can update their address and information, sign up for absentee voting and more. To find out if you are eligible and what information you need to register, call 843-744-VOTE.

## PALMETTO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, September 28 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Information sessions will highlight resources for basic needs assistance, self-empowerment programs and emergency services. Palmetto CAP is a nonprofit organization that collaborates with Lowcountry residents to create solutions to rid situational and generational poverty.

# FREE EVENTS IN AUGUST @ JOHN'S ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY (TEL. 843-559-1945 FOR INFO)

## ECLIPSE PREPARATION (*ages 12 and younger*)

Saturday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn about the upcoming eclipse with special guests from the College of Charleston, and make an eclipse craft.

## ECLIPSE PROGRAM (*all ages*)

Monday, August 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate the eclipse with crafts, then watch it happen live at the library. Eclipse glasses available upon request.

More information about the eclipse: <http://ccpl.org/content.asp?id=154934&action=detail&catID=5367&parentID=5368>

\*Safety glasses may be picked up from the branch beginning August 12\*

## STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime (*0 to 24 months with adult*)

Mondays, August 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (*24-36 months with adult*)

Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (*3-6 years with adult*)

Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 a.m.

## STORYWALK™ - ALPHABEASTS

Saturday, August 5- Saturday, September 2

Celebrate Get Ready for Kindergarten month by completing our StoryWalk™ book trail around the library.

## BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN (*adults*)

Throughout August

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

## NATIONAL COLORING BOOK DAY (*adults*)

Wednesday, August 2 (*all day*)

Celebrate National Coloring Book Day! Coloring pages and supplies will be available at the reference desk.

## SMALL BUSINESS COUNSELING WITH SCORE (*adults*)

Wednesday, August 2 from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Receive free, confidential counseling for your start-up idea or existing business from members of the Charleston Coastal Chapter of SCORE.

## KNIT AND PURL: A CASUAL KNITTING GROUP (*adults*)

Saturdays, August 5 and 19 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Bring your knitting materials and join us each month to knit with fellow crafters. All skill levels welcome!

## SEA ISLANDS BOOK CLUB (*adults*)

Tuesday, August 15 at 2:00 p.m.

*The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

## RESUME WRITING (*adults*)

Wednesday, August 16 from 11:00 a.m.-12 noon.

Presented by Palmetto Community Action Partnership, this free workshop provides job seekers with techniques for updating or creating winning resumes.

## GSHLES (Greatest Scavenger Hunt the Library Has Ever Seen) (*ages 12 and under*)

Thursday, August 24 - Thursday, August 31

Make the world a little weirder! Complete unique scavenger hunt challenges, post pictures of your challenges and win prizes.

## CLUB ANIME! (grades 6-12)

Saturday, August 5 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Join us for episodes of *Konosuba: God's Blessing on this Wonderful World*.

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## JOB SEARCH AND INTERVIEWING TIPS (young adults and adults)

Tuesday, August 8 from 11:00 a.m.-12 noon.

Presented by Palmetto Community Action Partnership, this free workshop is appropriate for teens and adults who are looking to sharpen their professional skills.

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION (adults)

Wednesday, August 9 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Socialize with other seniors, and enjoy some coffee.

## MEDICARE AND MORE ASSISTANCE (adults)

Thursday, August 10 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Trident Area Agency on Aging counselors provide accurate and objective health insurance information to help Medicare beneficiaries, along with other resources (ESAP, SNAP, Free Tax Preparation, LIHEAP and Emergency Rental Assistance).

By appointment only: call 843-554-2275.

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILWOMAN

ANNA JOHNSON (adults)

Wednesday, August 23 at 12:30 p.m.

Discuss concerns with Councilwoman Anna Johnson of Charleston County District 8.

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Saturday, August 5 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Join us for episodes of *Konosuba: God's Blessing on this Wonderful World*.

## CLUB ANIME! (grades 6-12)

Thursday, August 10 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Join us for episodes of *NANBAKA*.

## SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m.

*The Batman Movie*. PG;104 minutes. Sponsored by The UPS Store 3575 Maybank Hwy, John's Island, SC 29455.

## TEEN ZONE (grades 6-12)

Starting Thursday, August 17

Mondays-Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

The Teen Zone is open daily after school beginning August 17. Come in and play the Wii, the Xbox 360, enjoy an adult coloring page, play board games, listen to music, or just sit and chat.

## TEEN MOVIE TUESDAY (grades 6-12)

Tuesday, August 22 from 3-5 p.m.

*The Space Between Us*. Rated PG-13; 121 minutes.

## TEEN ZONE: FRIDAY EDITION (grades 6-12)

Friday, August 25 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Auditorium

Ms. Katharine is in the building and that means that Teen Zone will be open for everyone in 6-12th grade.

The Xbox 360, Wii, and laptops will be out for you to use.

## SUN-SATIONAL CRAFT (all ages)

Saturday, August 26 all day

Make a sun dial at the Children's desk.

## TEEN MOVIE TUESDAY (grades 6-12)

Tuesday, August 29 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

*Split*. Rated PG-13; 117 minutes.

## DISPLAYS

### PAINTING EXHIBIT - Throughout August

Deborah Barrineau displays her abstract mixed-media collages.



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## REAL ESTATE SALES

(APRIL 1 - JUNE 28, 2017)

Vacant Land	Acres	Date Sold	Price
1689 Lonnie Taylor Lane	0.7	04-07-2017	\$60,000
20 Anchor Watch Drive	3.0	04-14-2017	\$65,000
7100 Lady Elizabeth Lane	5.6	04-25-2017	\$185,000
6543 Maybank Highway	29.7	04-26-2017	\$580,000
4896 Bears Bluff Road	1.0	04-27-2017	\$85,000
0 Rockerfeller Road	2.0	05-11-2017	\$375,000
2 Anchor Watch Drive	3.0	06-01-2017	\$85,000
Residences	Acres	Date Sold	Price
1901 Longcreek Road	15.4	05-09-2017	\$812,500
5322 Peerless Drive	1.14	05-26-2017	\$475,000
1039 Harts Bluff Road	2.45	06-06-2017	\$660,000
2468 Marina Road	0.34	06-08-2017	\$242,250
6908 Bears Bluff Road	2.0	06-14-2017	\$425,000

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## WADMALAW'S FIRST DECORATION DAY - Uncovering centuries of history at Rockland Cemetery

It was a day of honoring those who have been laid to rest and their surviving families, as well as a time to uncover centuries of Wadmalaw history. There was a strong sense of pride in family lineage and having Wadmalaw Island roots. Stories were shared from friends and families about their loved ones who were buried at the Rockland Cemetery, which is located on Brigger Hill Road and lies on two properties: SonShine Oaks Retreat, and the Rackley residence. While this event on Memorial Day (May 29, 2017) was the first annual Decoration Day at Rockland Cemetery, it was certainly not the first Decoration Day, which began over 150 years ago.

In April 1865, a group of former slaves buried hundreds of union soldiers who were killed at the old Washington Race Course (now Hampton Park), when it was a prison camp. On May 1, 1865, the buried soldiers were given a proper funeral. It was a day full of singing, sermons, prayer and picnics. It was called Decoration Day, a tradition that later came to be known as Memorial Day. Now, a historical marker lies at the head of the lake at Hampton Park to honor the first Decoration Day.

This year's Decoration Day followed a similar pattern of the original day's happenings. The well-known Plantation Singers welcomed guests to the event with jubilant worship songs, including "This is the Day" and "I'll Fly Away." Families were later invited to decorate the graves of their loved ones with flowers. A scripture was read by Wadmalaw resident and neighbor Rick Jackson, followed by a prayer from SonShine Oaks co-founder Yvonne Miller. Rev. Zackary Williams of New Bethlehem Baptist Church shared a message about hope and the gospel. Scott Truesdell, another co-founder of SonShine Oaks, then read the names

of those known to be buried in the cemetery. After each name was read, friends and family of the deceased had an opportunity to share stories and memories of their family legacy.

Of the 31 names read, three were heard frequently: Johnson, Sheppard, and Middleton. Located near the front of the cemetery and placed side by side are the burial sites for Gladys Middleton (1924-1943) and her father, Rev. Isaiah Middleton (1893-1958), who served in WWI with the U.S. military and preached for years at what is now New Holmes Street Baptist Church in downtown Charleston. At least six of their relatives attended Decoration Day and shared words to honor their deceased family members.



*SonShine Oaks Founders*

Many Wadmalaw residents and organizations have been involved in restoring this old cemetery. Danny Svendsen of Johns Island created a new entry path and gate to the cemetery as a project to help him earn the rank of Eagle Scout. It was a joyous day for all involved. Scott Truesdell

remarked, "More than 500 hours have been spent working to clear and restore the cemetery since 2015. There were only a few visible grave stones then, and now, there are 31 that have been unveiled." There is still much work to be done: more burial sites to be uncovered, more families to connect with, and more Wadmalaw history to uncover.