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WADMALAW'S 300-YEAR AGRICULTURAL CROP HISTORY

As the beautiful welcome sign at the fork of Maybank Highway and Bears Bluff Road reminds residents, Wadmalaw Island was first settled by colonists in 1683.

The newcomers quickly set to work transforming the mostly densely forested island into productive farmland, always looking for natural resources to harvest and experimenting with growing new cash crops. In the over 300 years since those first settlers arrived, Wadmalaw Island has witnessed the rise and fall of numerous agricultural industries.

Deerskin harvesting, free-range cattle ranching, and production of naval stores were predominating activities in the early years of the colony. As the land was cleared, these commodities gave way to rice and indigo production, and then to sea island cotton. Products from the sea, such as oysters, shrimp, and even diamondback terrapins, have all had their heyday.

The late 1800's and early 1900's saw the rise of truck farming, with the island gaining a reputation for excellent cabbages and potatoes. Within the living memory of many islanders was the rise and eventual decline of tomatoes.

Today, a new generation of agricultural entrepreneurs is finding success in small-scale niche farming. Thanks to the organic and local food movements, local farmers are producing everything from mushrooms to pastured poultry and even solar sea salt. Investigations are being made into the feasibility of solar farms to harvest energy from the sun.

In an effort to remember our island's agricultural past and look towards preserving its agricultural character



Ears are ready! A corn field on Bears Bluff Road. Just one of the crops that have been farmed on Wadmalaw since it was first settled in 1683.

in the future, the Newsletter will be researching and writing an ongoing series of articles examining the various crops and natural resources which have shaped our history over the centuries.

Due to space and resource constraints, the articles will focus primarily on the crops themselves and not on family or social histories. However, the Newsletter's agriculture editor will still be interested in compiling any historical information pertaining to agriculture on Wadmalaw (old photos, diaries, crop records, etc.) and documenting historic farming equipment or outbuildings which remain on the island.

Please send information for future articles to: bbooker33@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from readers on this project.

TIME FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season officially started on June 1st. As the summer heats up, the risk of having to evacuate from an imminent storm is on the rise. It's important to know a few key procedures for before, during, and after a hurricane that will help keep everyone safe.

Before the season begins, people can prepare by ensuring they have enough shelf-stable food and water for every person in their household for at least three days. Make sure to have enough batteries for an emergency radio, or fuel for those fortunate enough to have a generator. It's also smart to

double-check your insurance policy to ensure you are covered for the unforeseen, as most policy changes take 30 days to kick in.

As storms are identified and named, pay close attention to local and national news sources to understand when you need to evacuate. Your evacuation plan should account for your transportation options. It should also include pets, and a safe and reasonable timeframe to return home.

If you do end up sheltering in place, make sure that your home is as protected as possible from falling

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WADMALAW ISLAND CHURCHES

Divine Church of Deliverance of Christ

5821 Maybank Highway
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New Jerusalem AME Church

6179 Bears Bluff Road
Rev. Tony J. Slater, Jr., Pastor
Services at 10:00 AM

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. Pattie E. Gordon, Pastor
Rev. Shamond Riddy, Director
of Visitation
Services at 10:15 AM

Rockville Presbyterian Church

2479 Sea Island Yacht Club Road
Rev. Fred Hope, Pastor
Services at 10:00 AM

Salem Baptist Church

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

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

MAINTAIN THE HEALTH OF YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

The following information was derived from an interview with Greg Hanckel, manager of Island Septic Systems, LLC, located here on Wadmalaw Island. This business was started in 1999 by his father, Rhett, and provides pumping, installing, repairing, replacing and maintenance of septic systems. Since everyone on Wadmalaw uses septic, residents could benefit learning more about these systems: how they work and why, and how to maintain them. Greg also provided a handout that DHEC has for homeowners about septic systems. He gave a presentation at the Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee meeting on July 11th about septic systems.

Basic information:

- Systems typically consist of a septic tank and a drain field.
- The septic tank provides the first step in treatment. As wastewater flows into the tank, the heavier solids settle to the bottom, and the lighter solids float to the top.
- The liquid wastewater from the tank flows into trenches in the drain field area where it is distributed and then treated by the soil.
- Septic tanks need to be pumped out to remove solids every four to five years for a family of 4; sooner for larger families and possibly up to 6 years for 1-2 person families. If not pumped out, solids can get washed out into the drain field and clog the soil, eventually causing the septic system to fail.
- If trees are close to the drain field, their roots can affect its efficiency. Root problems might be encountered every ten to twenty years.
- Septic systems work in dry ground, so when there is lots of rain, as often happens in the Low Country, it affects how the system works.
- Keep in mind that nothing lasts forever, and nothing is maintenance free! We should monitor our systems to make sure they are working as they should. If not, call a professional right away.

Some Best Practices

1. Maintenance, maintenance, maintenance! Preventative maintenance saves both time and money.
2. Don't use septic tank additives such as Rid-X.
3. Powder detergents are not good for septic systems.
4. Limit use of bleach, and don't use harsh chemicals.
5. Don't wash back-to-back loads of clothes. It's best to do a load a day, or at least let several hours elapse between loads.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Aug. 5th & 6th:** Rockville Regatta @ Sea Island Yacht Club
- Aug. 19th:** Grape Stomp Festival @ Deepwater Vineyard from 10AM – 5PM
- Aug. 23rd:** CCSD First Day of School
- Aug. 28th:** 4H Club Monthly Meeting @ WICC @ 4PM
- Sept. 4th:** Labor Day / No School
- Sept. 5th:** Senior Bingo w/ Charleston County Public Libraries: WICC @ 11AM
- Sept. 12th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 7PM
- Sept. 25th:** 4H Club Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 4PM
- Oct. 3rd:** Senior Bingo w/ Charleston County Public Libraries: WICC @ 11AM
- Oct. 10th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 7PM
- Oct. 15th:** Cherry Point Litter Sweep @ 2PM
- Oct. 23rd:** 4H Club Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 4PM
- Nov. 4th:** Mead-ival Festival @ Deepwater Vineyard from 10AM – 5PM
- Nov. 7th:** Senior Bingo w/ Charleston County Public Libraries: WICC @ 11AM
- Nov. 14th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 7PM

Please send any public events for November, December and January to be included in next issue to Scott Gilmore at ScottGilmore@gmail.com

6. Repair leaking faucets or toilets as soon as possible.

For more detailed information about septic systems, see information from DHEC or contact Island Septic Systems, LLC. (843) 559-3491.

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MEET KWB BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS



KWB VOLUNTEERS attend the recent annual BBQ at Wadmalaw Island Community Center: Keith Knapp, Cindy Smith-Rhea, Wayne Rhea, Martha Smalls, Maria Riva, Gregg and Gayle Karolczyk and Bob and Donna Cox

Join over 140 residents from all over the island working together to keep our island litter-free. Commitment is only 1.5 hours per month.

Email: KWB at keepwadmalawbeautiful@gmail.com or call/text 843-566-5702 to volunteer.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

There are so many interesting names for places on our island, but their origins are unknown. These are just a few that we were able to find. We would love to hear from our readers so that more of our history can be shared with everyone.

"Wadmalaw" - The meaning is really unknown. It probably came from the Native American Cusabo tribe. The Cusabos, along with the Etiwaws, Kiawas and Edistos, were among several tribes along the South Carolina coast. Unfortunately, very little is known about their languages.

Rackity Hall Road led to a farm owned by Richard Jennings. He had 13 children, and there was so much "racket" around the house that Jennings' brother moved further down the road, to a place he called "Quiet Corners".

Ho Non Wah is the name for the Boy Scout Camp off of Maybank Highway. It sits along Bohicket Creek, and means "Land of the Rising and Falling Water".

Maybank Highway was originally called Rockville Road. The 1930's Mayor of Charleston, Burnet Maybank, enjoyed driving on this road, but was frustrated by frequently getting stuck in the sand. In 1934, a grant of \$185,000 was awarded to the city, and the Mayor elected to pave Rockville Road. It was then renamed Maybank Highway.

We would like appeal to you, our readers, to submit any memories and facts on how many places on our beautiful island were named. It will be interesting, enlightening, and fun for all! **Please write to:**

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TIME FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

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trees and heavy winds. While a hurricane's wind and rain can certainly be deadly, it's the storm surge that claims the most lives. Be aware of rising water, especially if you must drive after a storm. Cars can be swept away in as little as a foot of water. Flooded roads can deteriorate quickly and you cannot determine what is under the flowing water.

If you need assistance with preparing for hurricane season, go to ready.gov. The local county preparedness website can be found at charleston-sc.gov. Besides using 911 for emergencies, a few phone numbers to have handy include:

- Charleston County Citizens Information Line: 843-746-3900
- Register for Emergency Assistance for Medical Needs: 843-953-0038
- Mobility and Disabilities Resource Center: 843-225-5080
- Berkeley Electric Cooperative: 888-253-4232 (to report an outage)
- St. John's Water Company: 843-559-0186

Be prepared and be safe!

Assist the effort Underway to Help Neighbors in Need:

Gregory Cushing is working to create hurricane emergency supply buckets that could be distributed to residents in need in the event of a hurricane or natural disaster. Donations of supplies or funds to assist in this cause are welcome. Kits will contain items such as flashlights, sanitizing wipes, pet food, snacks, water bottles, manual can openers, and other essentials to assist in an evacuation or shelter-in-place situation. The goal is to have 25 kits on hand. Please call, text, or email Gregory at 843.364.8414 or gmc2nd@bellsouth.net for a current list of items needed or to schedule funds donation. Let's take care of each other as best we can.

THE WADMALAW ISLAND NEWSLETTER NEEDS/WANTS YOU!!

Contact us at wadmalawnews@gmail.com if you fit any part of this profile!

- Resident of Wadmalaw Island
- Young or mature
- Preferably "been ya" (Born and raised here) but we'll take you even if you're a "come ya"
- Have Information you can contribute about the island and/or its older inhabitants
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“TANGLED IN TRASH: A REPORTING TOOL FOR WILDLIFE”

It's a glorious afternoon, and you're cruising with friends on Bohicket Creek. You hear the sudden forceful spray that you recognize as bottlenose dolphin exhaling at the surface of the water. All conversation ceases as you look around. There it is, rising once more just ahead of you, a sight that never gets old. A second later, you see the dolphin's tail emerge from the water, and sadly, several yards of fishing line are wrapped around it.

You love the water - that's why you're a boater. But not only that, you've developed a lifelong respect and an appreciation of the wildlife that live in and around the water. Unfortunately, in recent years, you see more trash impacting the world you love, and you want to do something about it.

Thanks to the NOAA Marine Debris Program, Southeast Wildlife and Habitat Impacts Working Group, and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, there is something you can do, and the tool that you need is literally at your fingertips.

“Tangled in Trash: A Reporting Tool for Wildlife” is now available as a smartphone app, and wildlife researchers are eager to get this new project into the hands of boaters and outdoor adventurers just like you. If you're anywhere in the Carolinas or Georgia with your smart phone in hand, you can quickly report entangled wildlife and notify resource agencies who may be able to help.

Here's how it works. The Tangled in Trash app allows you to document when and where you encounter wildlife impacted by marine debris. Using your smartphone, you quickly snap photos and describe your sighting. As you submit your observation, you are prompted to report live animals to the nearest wildlife responder who can help, and their contact information is displayed on the screen for your immediate use.

Ready to help? Search for and download the free South Carolina Aquarium Citizen Science app in the App Store or Google Play. Register your account and search for “Tangled in Trash” in the search bar. Click “new observation” and follow the prompts. While you may not always be able to save the injured animal that you have spotted, your efforts to document these interactions will help wildlife experts to identify and resolve threats posed by trash or marine debris in the natural environment.



This great blue heron was reported to have fishing line entangled around multiple body parts. Wildlife professionals were able to remove the line and the bird was released unharmed.

Photo provided by Brittany Dodge in the Tangled in Trash project.



REAL ESTATE SALES (APR 8 - JUN 5, 2023)

RESIDENCES	Acres	Date Sold	Price
1721 Etheridge Road	0.43	4/18/2023	\$219,000
1415 Martins Point Road	6.82	4/20/2023	\$1,275,000
5344 Peerless Drive	1.0	4/21/2023	\$499,000
2660 Cherry Point Road	4.7	5/25/2023	\$895,000
5311 Peerless Place	1.11	5/25/2023	\$655,000
1893 Long Creek Road	21.8	6/5/2023	\$1,280,000
VACANT LAND	Acres	Date Sold	Price
6258 Josie Ridge Road	3.96	4/14/2023	\$389,000
5432 Katy Hill Road	2.47	4/17/2023	\$120,000
6652 Bloody Point Road	5.0	4/28/2023	\$500,000
2684 Roseville Road	0.69	5/8/2023	\$94,094
0 Slim Road	2.4	6/1/2023	\$100,000



CHILDREN'S WING ADDED

The Little Free Library next to the Fire Station on Liberia Road, has added a Children's Wing.

Now children have their own easy-to-reach little library. Bring or borrow a book, share and enjoy a good read! (Special appreciation goes to Lynn Wiedeke for his carpentry skills!)

WRITERS WANTED

Would you like to write for **Wadmalaw**? Do you have a topic you would like to see in a future issue? If so, please contact us at wadmalawnews@gmail.com or write to us at **Wadmalaw**, Box 3, Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487

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WILPC MINUTES SUMMARY - 2ND QUARTER 2023

April 11, 2023 Committee Reports

Communication: The newsletter will be coming out at the beginning of May. There is a new sign to advertise our meetings. The font is bigger and has less wording.

Council member Joe Boykin will hopefully be in attendance for our May meeting.

Zoning & Environmental:

One plat was submitted by the county for a boundary survey of an existing lot on Tacky Point Road. No new lots were created.

The Planning Commission met on April 10th to go over the revisions for the comprehensive plan. Comments will be accepted throughout the summer.

Point Farm: The Administrative Law Court case for the appeal of the OCRM permit in March was ended with a settlement. Days before the trial was to take place, the parties settled the case. The OCRM permit now has approval to begin work, and the settlement withdrew the DHEC board requirement to have a sediment study identify whether any toxins are in the ponds that will be breached. The ponds were for farming in years past, and the worry is that herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers could be released into the marsh and creek.

A lawsuit was filed by Point Farm Investors against Charleston County regarding wording in the AG-15 ordinance. The suit is in federal court and a number of community members have requested to intervene in favor of the county. The county has filed a motion to dismiss the case that was filed against them.

Community Center: A luncheon was held on April 22nd at Holiday Drive in Summerville. The "Healthy Families" organization was in Hollywood, SC offering a free nutrition class.

National Community Development Week took place on April 12th.

There was a Carnival at New Bethlehem Baptist Church on May 6th.

Other Notes:

Fire Report: Total March Incidents – 306; Wadmalaw Island, 27; Seabrook Island, 8; Kiawah Island, 57; Johns Island, 84

Rockville: The town is doing well. One naval ship is docked near Rockville and is not seaworthy. The Mayor of Rockville has made contact to try and resolve this issue before hurricane season.

Bylaws Committee: The committee is currently in the process of going through the bylaws and working on a proposal for changes, which will be brought to the full committee in the future.

Total for WICC: \$95

May 9, 2023 Committee Reports

Communication: The deadline for newsletter submissions is July 13. Please send your submissions to Wadmalawnews@gmail.com or to Scott Gilmore.

Zoning & Environmental:

One plat was submitted by the county: Roseville Rd. – The request is for the lot to be divided into two parcels, zoned AGR. There isn't enough land for the property to be divided, and we are looking into it.

Point Farm: The lawsuit is on-going and in Federal Court, Point Farm Investors, LLC v. Charleston County. There has been a motion filed by the County to dismiss the case. There was a motion filed from members of the community to intervene on behalf of the county.

Rockville:

There has been no news about the naval ship docked near Rockville.

Fire Report:

There were 306 incidents reported. Wadmalaw Island: 27; Johns Island: 184; Kiawah Island: 57; Seabrook Island: 38

Other Notes:

KWB: The *Keep Wadmalaw Beautiful* Litter Brigades are looking for new members. If you're interested, please contact Robert Siedell. Concerns have been brought up about speeding on Wadmalaw.

Clean up on Cherry Point Landing takes place once a quarter. Volunteers are welcome and notices will be put on Facebook and in the newsletter.

There is a growing population of feral cats on the island. If you see these cats please call the Charleston Humane Society.

There is a white bulldog around that is killing other animals.

Total collected for WICC: \$203

June 2023 Committee Reports:

Communication: The new sign is back up despite being damaged last month. The Wadmalaw Island Newsletter was sent out in May.

A quick access phone number sheet has been added to the newsletter, with phone numbers for SCDOT, CCPW, Animal Control, and DHEC.

Zoning: There have been no subdivision plats submitted by the county.

No applications related to Wadmalaw have been sent to the Planning Commission or the BZA.

The county is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. Workshop Meetings regarding the Comprehensive Plan were held in June at locations across the county. There is more information on

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Your Connection to Wadmalaw?

We have resided on Wadmalaw Island for almost 10 years. I moved here with my husband, George, and my son, Jason, because we had a newfound love for horses after Jason's involvement with a special needs hippotherapy group, Blissful Dreams.



Carol with her son Jason

Contact Info: carol@langbenefits.com 732-282-2700 extension 303 (Office) or 843-330-2992 (Cell)

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their website that explains what the plan is and what the county is planning to do. Comments will be taken into consideration during final decisions and due by August 30th.

Point Farm: The Point Farm lawsuit against Charleston County is still going on and active in the Federal Court. Point Farm is suing because County Council clarified the AG-15 wording in the county ZLDR ordinance, regarding the 3-acre lot exception. The county moved to dismiss the case, and Island residents have asked to be named parties supporting the County's actions.

Public works: During the last meeting, the feral animal population was discussed. If these animals are found on your property, please contact animal control, who will supply the traps needed to catch the animals. You will have to set up the traps yourself and animal control will come out to take the animals away.

If you catch a wild or feral animal please call the non-emergency number (843)743-7200.

Community Center: Sheldon Farms has provided fresh squash and zucchini for the seniors.

A baby shower was held on June 3rd for expectant mothers.

Bible Study is held every Tuesday at 10:00 AM.

The Wadmalaw Island Community Center has received \$500,000 in a grant that was spearheaded by our former House Representative Chardale Murray, who is now Mayor of Hollywood. The funds will go towards repairs to the Center and for programs.

The community yard sale is still in the planning process.

4H Club meetings are held at the community center on the 4th Monday of every month from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Kids up to 18-years-old are invited to join.

Rockville: Dirt roads have been replenished by the county. There was a house fire in the village. There is still no work on the status of the naval ship docked at Rockville.

Other Notes: Mr. Taylor quickly polled the community on a potential day of the week to invite Charleston County Council Representative Joe Boykin. Monday evening was a general consensus to an alternative date due to scheduling issues of County Council meetings.

Fire Report: Total incidents reports: 354. Johns Island,184; Kiawah Island,79; Seabrook,55; Wadmalaw, 36. The Fire Commissioner Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:00 PM at the fire department headquarters. The zoom number will be distributed.

Total Collected for WICC: \$194



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WADMALAW RESIDENT PROFILE:

Mitzi Lawrence Returns 'Home'

Mitzi Lawrence is on trend, returning to her roots after almost seven decades away from "home". The oldest of three, Mitzi was born in 1944 to her military father, Samuel Leon Bishop of Johns Island, and her mother, Mamie Carolyn Middleton Bishop of Wadmalaw Island, a former teacher at Promised Land School. Her mother taught Mitzi, her cousins and many others in that three-room schoolhouse on Bohicket Road.

After many years of traveling around the country as part of a military family, Mitzi arrived in the Capital Region of New York in 1971. She had previously obtained her undergraduate degree from Hunter College with a major in Biological Sciences and a minor in Geology. This was followed by a Master of Science in Library Science from the State University of New York at Albany. She says the teachers' strike in New York City in 1968 prompted her to become a teacher, and she never looked back. She spent 39 years as an educator in New York state, wearing many hats. Her most recent job was as a Library Media Specialist for the Enlarged City School District of Troy, NY, as well as the Coordinator of Libraries for the school district.

In May 2019, Mitzi relocated back to the South, where she is currently a member of St. Stephen AME Church on Johns Island. She serves as an officer, church secretary and chair of the Coronavirus Task Force and Technology Committees at her church. Community outreach is important, and she does this with her sorority, the Charleston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Charleston (SC) Chapter

of the Links, Inc. She is also a proud volunteer for the International African American Museum opening in June 2023. She spends her free time reading, gardening and traveling to visit her four children, who reside in upstate New York, Maryland, Florida and Georgia. She also enjoys attending church meetings out of the Charleston area.

The widow of Presiding Elder James E. F. Lawrence of the AME Church, Mitzi is also known as "Grandma M", as she is a grandmother to four girls.

"When we return to our roots, we enrich the cultural soil out of which we were born," Mitzi explains. This is how she feels about returning once again to Wadmalaw Island, her "home."



Mitzi Lawrence today



Mitzi with her parents Mamie Carolyn Middleton Bishop and Samuel Leon Bishop


NEW FARMERS MARKET OPEN "JUST OVER THE BRIDGE"

Johns Island's newest Farmers Market has opened on the historic campus of St. John's Episcopal Church at 3673 Maybank Highway just off Bohicket Road (towards Wadmalaw). The Market runs every Wednesday from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. The Market is centrally located for all communities on Johns Island, Wadmalaw, Kiawah, and Seabrook residents.

Vendor Stalls will be set up on the grove within the historic campus and ample parking is available. "While shopping the market we hope guests will spend time enjoying the serenity and beauty of the church grounds or take time to stroll to the iconic Angle Oak tree located next door," Said Clark Cromwell, Director of Parish Life, who has spearheaded the new market. "There is currently no mid-week market option available for local farmers and craftspeople to sell their products directly to our sea island community. We are hoping to fill that void and provide neighbors and visitors with a variety of fresh, locally grown produce and locally made wares."

For more information about the new Farmers Market or to apply to become a vendor, please go to www.StJohns1734.org or call the church office at: 843-974-5593 or email: stjohns@stjohnsepiscopalchurchsc.org. Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/islandepiscopaliansfarmersmarket

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Joe Boykin, Charleston County Council Member representing Wadmalaw Island spoke at a WILPC sponsored gathering at WILPC on June 26th.

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Edith Frierson's Outdoor Learning Environment, part outdoor classroom and part gardening center will be ready for the upcoming school year. Clemson University architectural students worked together with Frierson students on the design of the structure. Frierson has grown from 64 to 157 students since embracing Montessori education seven years ago.

JOHNS ISLAND LIBRARY SCHEDULE

AUGUST CLASSES

Mon. August 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00-10:30a.m. AND 11:00-11:30a.m.

Baby Storytime (0-24 months w/adult)

Tues. August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00-10:30a.m.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 2-3 w/adult)

Thur. August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 AND 11:00-11:30 a.m.; Sat. August 12

10:00-10:30a.m. Family Storytime (All ages w/adult)

Fri. August 4 10:00-11:00a.m. Little Turtle's Kiawah Island Journey (all ages w/adult)

Wed. August 9: 10:30-11:30a.m. Sea Islands Meet and Greet (Adults)

Wed. August 9 1:30-3:30 p.m. Basic WORD.

Call 843-559-1945 to register. (Adults)

Thurs. August 17 10:00a.m.-12:00noon. D&D for Teens.

Thurs. August 17 2:30-3:30 Button Making for Teens

Sat. August 19 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. Golfing Through the Books (ages 3-11)

Kids and Families

Wed. August 23 11a.m.-12:00 noon. Hip Hop Dance for Kids (ages 5-7)

Wed. August 23 1:30-3:30p.m. Advanced WORD (Completion of Basic Word required). For registration call (843) 559-1945 (Adults)

Sat. August 26 10:30-11:30 STAR Therapy Dogs. Reading. (Kids and Families)



MEET LATRICE SMALLS.

Latrice is the new Interim Principal of E. L. Frierson Montessori Elementary School! She comes with 15 years of experience in education, and her goal is not just to help students succeed academically, but to prepare them for a lifetime of peace and individuality.