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## WADMALAW NEWS

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## EYE ON THE ISLAND

Island residents continue to follow with interest the Point Farm Mitigation Bank issue and associated plans by Point Farm Investors, LLC for the 2000-acre property at the end of Yellow House Road (off Bears Bluff Road) on Leadenwah Creek. There have been developments regarding both Federal and State level permits, and a new court case.

**Federal:** The mitigation bank permit was granted by the Corps of Engineers last March. It allows the sale of "mitigation credits" to public or private developers who disturb wetlands in other locations. The credits were sold to Charleston County in late 2021. A Notice of Intent to Contest the Permit was filed by organizations and individuals on Wadmalaw, but expired with no responsive changes made by the Corps. There has been discussion of a possible challenge to the federal permit.

**State:** Days before the trial contesting the issuance of the SCDHEC-OCRM state "Critical Area" permit, also granted last March, the appeal was "settled" by attorneys for Point Farm, SCEL (SC Environmental Law Project), and OCRM. That permit allows the excavation of the salt marsh and ponds that will physically create the mitigation bank. Unfortunately, the settlement agreement did away with a sediment analysis of the old farm detention ponds that, on appeal, the DHEC Board required as part of the permit. The analysis would have determined if any toxic fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides exist as



Strawberry picking time on Wadmalaw Island!

dormant in the soils that could potentially be released into the creeks when the dredging of the pond berms occurs. The parties agreed that "best management practices" will be used if toxins happen to be discovered. It was surprising to find out that a recent OCRM test of the salinity levels of the "freshwater pond" resulted in a much higher salinity level than when the permits were first issued.

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## NOW REPRESENTING WADMALAW ON COUNTY COUNCIL: JOE BOYKIN

"I had no political ambition, but I did have the ambition to serve the public." This was a statement from Joe Boykin, who was recently elected as County Council member for District 8.

Joe grew up in Camden and Edisto Island, and developed a love for the sea islands of the low country, including Wadmalaw. He and his wife Lisa live on Johns Island with their 3 children. His favorite TV program growing up was the Andy Griffith Show, which influenced him to get a degree in Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina.

In 1988, Joe became a deputy sheriff with Charleston County, working in Hollywood, Meggett and Ravenel. He met and engaged with the neighbors,

drinking soda or eating Nabs in country stores or filling stations on his breaks, or grabbing a bite to eat at the local restaurants.

From there he went on to become a federal agent with the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) department, travelling all over the country and sometimes doing undercover work wearing hippy clothes and sporting long hair and a ponytail. In 2003, he was a guest instructor teaching post-blast investigation to police officers and prosecutors from South Africa in Botswana, Zambia, and Namibia.

Joe retired from law enforcement in 2015, and ran for county council in 2018. That year, at a candidate forum on Johns Island, he met Abe Jenkins, the grandson of Esau Jenkins. Abe felt that Joe was an

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## WADMALAW ISLAND CHURCHES

### Divine Church of Deliverance of Christ

5821 Maybank Highway  
Elder Harriett Blake, Pastor  
Services at 11:00 AM

### 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  
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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  
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

### Salem Presbyterian Church

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.

## NOW REPRESENTING WADMALAW ON COUNTY COUNCIL: JOE BOYKIN

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honest person, and asked to be Joe's campaign manager. With one a Republican and the other a Democrat, they would sometimes disagree on issues, but could always come together and find a middle ground. This political run was unsuccessful, but he was later appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, eventually serving as vice chairman.

Still wanting to serve the public, Joe ran for County Council again in 2022. During this campaign, on a blisteringly hot fall day, he was asked to be in a high school Homecoming parade. Driving an old red air-cooled convertible, he and his wife Lisa were towards the front of the parade when the car overheated and just quit. Not to interrupt the parade, Joe asked Lisa to steer and he started pushing the car.

As they passed an elderly lady watching from the crowd, he heard her say, "Look at that man pushing his own car! Now **HE** should be elected!" And elected he was. Joe Boykin, thank you for your service! We're glad you made it.



*Joe Boykin, new Charleston County Council Member who represents District 8 which includes Wadmalaw Island.*

## DO YOU MOW THE ROAD-SIDE IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY?

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 7th:** Cherry Point Litter Sweep @ 2PM
- May 9th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting @ WICC @ 7PM
- May 20th:** Blessing of the Vines Festival: Deepwater Vineyard from 10AM-5PM
- May 22nd:** 4-H Club Monthly Meeting (ages 5-18, plus parents): WICC @ 4.30PM
- May 29th:** CCSD Schools Closed for Mem. Day
- June 3rd:** Community Wide Baby Shower: WICC from Noon – 3PM
- June 6th:** CCSD Last Day of School
- June 13th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 7PM
- June 26th:** 4-H Club Monthly Meeting (ages 5-18, plus parents): WICC @ 4.30PM
- July 9th:** Cherry Point Litter Sweep @ 2PM
- July 11th:** Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 7PM
- July 24th:** 4-H Club Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 4.30PM
- Aug. 5th** Back to School Supply Giveaway: WICC from Noon – 3PM
- Aug. 5 & 6:** 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:** 4-H Club Monthly Meeting: WICC @ 4.30PM

Send public event information for August issue to [ScottGilmore@gmail.com](mailto:ScottGilmore@gmail.com)



*Spring updates to the Military Garden are coming. I would like to replace all American flags as well as the various military flags or banners. The garden gets a lot of sunlight, so the flags tend to fade in about 18 months. Anyone interested in contributing either flags or funds can email [gmc2nd@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmc2nd@bellsouth.net)*



# NINE MILE FORK SCHOOL

## Historic Schoolhouse Preserved and Remembered

Wadmalaw Island is home to a special piece of American history. The Nine Mile Fork Schoolhouse, at 4680 Bears Bluff Road, is one of the few Rosenwald schools remaining in the southern United States.

In 1915, Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears and Roebuck, working with Booker T. Washington, established a matching grant fund in his name to construct better quality Black schools throughout the South. Between 1917 and 1932, his Fund assisted in the construction of over 5,000 school buildings, forever changing the rural Southern landscape. Nearly 500 buildings were constructed in South Carolina. At a time when state support for educating African American children was woefully inadequate, Rosenwald Schools played a critical role in seeking to address the problem.

Over one-third of Black children in the South in the first half of the twentieth century passed through the doors of a Rosenwald school, but many of these engines of hope have now disappeared from the landscape. In South Carolina, they fell into neglect and were abandoned because of the School Equalization Program, started in 1951 under Governor James Byrnes, which consolidated rural black schools by building state-of-the-art new Black schools in an effort to thwart integration. Other Rosenwald schools have been severely altered and still others stand empty awaiting a new life.

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# NINE MILE FORK SCHOOL

## GRADUATES 'RETURN HOME'

As with many current residents, of Wadmalaw in particular and the Lowcountry in general, there are many "been-ya's" who left for better opportunities, military obligations, or other reasons, and have now returned to their roots on this wonderful, peaceful, rural paradise we call Wadmalaw. Two of these 'returnees' are graduates of the Nine Mile School whose history is outlined in the accompanying article.

### Esther Ann Middleton

Esther Ann Middleton was born on June 2, 1932 on Wadmalaw Island and is now approaching her 91st birthday. She is the youngest of eight children of William and Carrie Middleton – six girls and two boys. She attended Nine Mile Fork Elementary School, which she walked to from Birds Nest Road with her siblings, other family members and friends. Following her time at Nine Mile Fork school, she went on to graduate from Burke Industrial High School in 1952. Esther lived in Charleston for two years, sharing an apartment with her older sister Maybell and working as a beautician.

In 1954, she moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, to help her sister Mamie, who was about to have her third child and needed help caring for her other two children.

In 1956, Esther relocated to New York City. On June 15, 1957 she married the love of her life – St. Julian Francis of Johns Island, SC. During their years in the New York City and the Newark, New Jersey area, Esther worked at various jobs: at a zipper factory for eight years, a record factory for fifteen years and as a school security guard for eighteen years. They moved back to Wadmalaw Island on July 7, 1994. St. Julian (Junior, as he was known) went to be with the Lord on June 26, 2006.

This lady of faith attended Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Johns Island as a young girl, St. Matthew AME Church while in Newark, NJ, and currently attends St. Matthew AME Church on Johns Island.

Esther enjoys crocheting, quilting, baking (especially her well-known chewies) and caring for her many, many plants.



Esther Ann Middleton

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## MEET KWB BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS



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## Retta Heyward Martin

Retta Heyward Martin says she was "born, raised and corn-fed" on Wadmalaw Island. Her parents, Rosalie and Oree "Buster" Heyward, raised their three children on Bears Bluff Road, surrounded by lots of family who, during hard times, shared EVERYTHING!

Attending Nine Mile Fork School followed by Haut Gap, Retta also worked in the fields as a child. She fondly remembers at age nine earning enough money to go to Edwards Store on King Street to buy her first pair of penny loafers, which shined with brand new pennies.

Maintaining her strong work ethic, she moved to New York City following graduation, and for seventeen years had a career with a N. Y. telephone company. Returning to Wadmalaw in 1985, Retta purchased a home on Maybank Highway and landed a wonderful job driving a UPS delivery truck for twenty-one years.

Retta loves Wadmalaw Island. Now retired, she is involved with the Wadmalaw Island Community Center and Salem Presbyterian Church, and says, "if I can do anything for anybody, I WILL!"



Retta Heyward Martin

These "been ya's" who migrated north like so many African Americans, returned home as "come ya's," but have been here so long they clearly qualify as "been ya's" once again.

## WADMALAW CHEFS

Wadmalaw has a history of outstanding chefs and great food for all occasions. On every holiday, birthday, graduation, wedding, anniversary and funeral, islanders have gathered around the kitchen, dining-room, picnic table or farm truck tailgate. There have always been cooks who loved to feed family and friends, and people who came together to share memorable meals. This beautiful blending of nature, fishing and farming reflects a deep-rooted culture that always welcomes another to join in the meal and pull up a seat at the table.

One Wadmalaw native who took his love of cooking to professional acclaim was John Bolton (1925-2006). Bolton learned the art of fine cooking in France, where he was stationed during World War I. After his service

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## REAL ESTATE SALES (JAN 7 - APR 7, 2023)

RESIDENCES	Acres	Date Sold	Price
1844 Phillis Washington Rd	13.47	1/12/2023	\$588,500
4541 Bears Bluff Road	4.21	1/12/2023	\$650,000
5620 Katy Hill Road	2.0	1/13/2023	\$412,500
1418 Polly Point Road	3.0	1/17/2023	\$897,250
2474 Sea Isl. Yacht Club Rd.	3.0	1/17/2023	\$1,375,000
1842 Long Creek Road	15.0	2/28/2023	\$1,275,000
2538 Cherry Point Road	4.56	3/1/2023	\$600,000
1814 Long Creek Road	9.0	3/1/2023	\$868,000
6130 Bears Bluff Road	1.0	4/7/2023	\$536,584
VACANT LAND	Acres	Date Sold	Price
6001 Selkirk Plantation Rd.	3.10	1/30/2023	\$775,000
O Anchor Watch Dr. Lot 6	3.01	3/6/2023	\$201,000
6258 Josie Ridge Road	4.0	4/14/2023	\$389,000
1080 Chokecherry Lane	3.93	4/7/2023	\$275,000
5432 Katy Hill Road	2.47	4/17/2023	\$120,000

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# WILPC MINUTES SUMMARY - 1ST QUARTER 2023

## January 10, 2023 Committee Reports:

**Communication:** The next Wadmalaw Island Newsletter will be out the first week of February.

**Zoning & Environmental:** No plats have been submitted. No new items on the agenda for the planning commission and zoning board that were related to Wadmalaw.

**Point Farm:** The Wadmalaw Island Land Planning Committee was involved in appealing the OCRM permit which went to the DHEC board. The appeal was affirmed with the condition of a sediment study for anything dredged. The Coastal Conservation League appealed their decision affirming the permit. This appeal will be heard by the SC Administrative Law Court in late March.

**Community Center:** The community center held its annual Chili Cook Off on January 28th, organized by Gregory Cushing. The Blood Connection blood drive took place on January 29th. There was a \$70 incentive to donate blood.

The Plantation Singers will be performing at the community center March 11th for the Taste of Wadmalaw. A community yard sale is in developmental stages.

### Other Notes:

**Passive Park:** A pathway has been established. Community members can sign up to sponsor benches, currently 8 sponsors have signed up.  
**Tree Trimming & Road Repair** - No progress has been made.

**KWB** The Keep Wadmalaw Beautiful brigades are looking for volunteers for the areas around Rockville and Anchorage Plantation. Anyone interested in joining KWB can contact Robert Siedell.

Total for WICC: \$89

## February 21, 2023 Committee Reports:

**Community Center:** The chili cookoff raised \$6000 for the community center. The Plantation Singers performed at the community center for the Taste of Wadmalaw on March 11th. A community yard sale is in development, details to come soon.

The Charleston County Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization (HNR) held an information session for the "Housing Our Future Plan" at the community center on February 22nd.

**Zoning & Environmental:** Charleston County Council adopted two ordinance revisions to the zoning code, one of which was opposed by the Wadmalaw Island Land

**Planning Committee:** Wetland buffer/setback encroachments for new mitigation banks in the County will be reviewed by the County Planning Director rather than having variances submitted to the BZA for review. This means that the affected properties will no longer be advertised or properties posted to notify the public.

The AG-15 zoning exceptions for 3-acre lots within 1000 feet of the SC Critical Line has been modified to clarify that any eligible 3-acre

lot must touch the critical line and not extend beyond 1000 feet. This interpretation has been followed for many years, but County Council wished to clear up any ambiguity. We supported the change.

The application for the sand mine on Bear Bluff Rd. has been withdrawn by DHEC. The applicant will need to restart the application process if he desires to develop a sand mine.

Proposal from State Legislature A House Bill has been introduced which would prohibit cities and counties from abolishing short term rental businesses. We opposed a similar Bill last legislative term. Our subcommittee will recommend opposing this Bill as well.

**Point Farm -** Point Farm has sued the County, challenging the AG-15 text amendment related to the 3-acre lot size exception. There are residents on Wadmalaw that will be filing to intervene on behalf of the County's text modification. A motion was approved to send a letter of WILPC's support County. The zoning subcommittee will draft a letter or similar written format to submit to the court. The County has to respond to the lawsuit within 30 days. Dana Beach provided an update summary on the case and shared a request for the community to submit letters of support.

**Education:** The location of the new elementary school on Johns Island is along Brownswood Rd. and River Rd. A community concern meeting will be held at a later date. There was a Teacher Appreciation program held at the community center by the alumni association on February 18th.

**Fire Report:** Total Incidents: 279. Wadmalaw Island – 33 incidents; Johns Island – 174 incidents; Kiawah Island – 39 incidents; Seabrook Island – 33 incidents. There is a plan for the development of a new station on Johns Island.

### Other Notes:

It was shared by members of the community that the county has been completing tree trimming work on the island.

Community concern about speeding on the island should be addressed. Total for WICC: \$127

## March 14, 2023 Committee Reports:

**Communication:** The next newsletter is coming out in May. Articles and events for the newsletter can be sent to Scott Gilmore.

The WILPC website is only going to be up until August 1st.

Anyone that knows about setting up and maintaining a website please contact members of the land planning committee.

**Zoning & Environmental:** No plats have been submitted by the County. **Point Farm:** The OCRM permit that was granted in March of 2022 has been appealed. The court hearing that was to be in Columbia on March 27th was settled. Point Farm owners have filed a case against the county for the AG-15 zoning and the 3-acre exception rule. The lawsuit

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**What do you love most about Wadmalaw?** Wadmalaw is the perfect place to raise a family, meet friends, and play outside!

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is challenging text amendment, clarifying the 3-acre lot exception to the general 15-acre rules. The case is now in the federal court and residents on the island have asked Court if they can intervene on behalf of the county.

**Public Works:** Tree trimming has begun on Wadmalaw.

**Other Notes:** Bylaws Committee: The committee consists of Dennis Vane and Melinda Kelley. Work has begun to edit the bylaws.

Military Garden: Work will be done to refresh the garden for the Spring and Summer.

WICC total: \$103

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## EYE ON THE ISLAND

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**Other major news:** Point Farm Investors, LLC, has sued Charleston County over a wording clarification of the AG-15 zoning laws regarding the 3-acre lot exception to the 15-acre lot rule. The revised text, adopted by County Council this past December, clarifies the long-standing practice that any 3-acre lot in AG-15 must touch the critical line and extend only 1000 ft. landward. Among other claims, Point Farm says that the amended text creates a "taking" of their development rights. The County holds that there can be no "taking" without legally "vested rights to an approved, site-specific development plan" on their land, which the law requires, and they do not have. This is a serious case that could jeopardize the future density and character of the Island. It is in Federal Court, and a number of Island residents with AG-15 zoning have requested to intervene on the side of Charleston County.

Residents on the Island remain concerned, but hopeful, that an overall solution can be reached on the upland Point Farm property that will maintain our rural character and protect our beautiful Leadenwah Creek and North Edisto River. Please stay tuned for more updates.

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# NINE MILE FORK SCHOOL *(...continued from page 3)*

## *Historic Schoolhouse Preserved and Remembered*

Erected in 1927, the Nine Mile Fork schoolhouse of Wadmalaw Island began as one of the original Rosenwald Schools. Following desegregation, it was converted into a private residence in the 1960s. The interior is open, light and airy. The property encompasses almost two acres with meandering trails. The present owner, Faith Ann Paulus, became intrigued with the history and beauty of the Schoolhouse and went under contract in January of 2022. Since the previous owner lived overseas and rarely spent a night there in three years, Faith Ann wanted to ensure that all major mechanicals operated seamlessly while she added her designers touch. Now, she and her life partner, Joel Hamburg, are proud to be the custodians of a piece of Wadmalaw history and are quick to point out its unique architectural features. Its orientation, for one thing: with unusually large windows on one side, the structure was laid out to maximize morning sunlight. Combined with a potbellied stove, there was adequate heat for the students in the wintertime, while the 12-foot ceilings provided a comfortable climate for the summer midday sun. Ms. Paulus also says that the building, which contains 1,785 square feet, "laughs at storms." The construction standards are high, she notes, and the windows never rattle. Her goal is to get the house listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "I want to ensure the house is preserved." She has created a Facebook page for the house (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084038311851&mibextid=LQQJ4d>), featuring pictures of the house, its setting, and activities there.

Ms. Paulus was born in Anchorage, Alaska, and was raised in East Lansing, Michigan where she worked alongside her father restoring old homes. After attending college in Michigan and Atlanta, she worked in San Diego for 20 years where she started a home renovation business, Interiors by Faith. With



*The schoolhouse is oriented to maximize the benefits of sunlight and features unusually large windows, typical of schools from the era of its construction.*



*Faith Ann Paulus*

a fine arts background and a construction license, she was successful in restoring historical craftsman homes throughout the San Diego area. Faith Ann made the move to Johns Island in 2015 where she began a Facebook page called 'Keep Johns Island Real' and stumbled upon Wadmalaw as a place to "de-stress." Islanders can be grateful for her obvious affection for the schoolhouse and the energy with which she takes care of it.

## WADMALAW CHEFS

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*Chef John Bolton with Henry's Restaurant owner Henry Hasselmeyer, Jr.*



*Kardea Brown*

France, where he was stationed during World War I. After his service ended, he to continue his culinary studies in France. When Bolton returned to the Charleston area, he applied for a cook's job at Henry's, where he had worked as a busser before the war. He served as the restaurant's chef de cuisine from 1948 to 1985, when Henry's Restaurant was deemed the finest seafood restaurant in the city. Chef John was known for his signature dishes featuring oysters, red snapper, local seafood and Gullah classics such as yam pone and batter-fried guinea squash. He remained at Henry's until it was sold.

Kardea Brown, a Wadmalaw native, professional chef, caterer, and Food Network star ("Delicious Miss Brown") has taken her love and recipes of sea island ingredients to an internet-wide audience. She spotlights her Gullah-Geechie heritage in the cookbook, "The Way Home, A Celebration of Sea Island Food and Family". Dedicated to her mother and grandmother, the book describes how Kardea grew up close to family and spent a lot of time in their kitchens. There she learned how to prepare and cook the best local foods, make recipes for every season and occasion, feed large gatherings and set an inviting table. The photographs of sea island scenes frame the stories of her book in beautiful Lowcountry style. It includes extensive notes on the history of the Africans who brought their food, traditions, and culture to America, becoming a wonderful and lasting part of life in the Lowcountry and this nation.

These are just two of the many great chefs who have called Wadmalaw home.

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## CHILI COOKOFF AT WICC A BIG SUCCESS!



Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in this year's Chili Cook-Off, which raised over \$6,000 for the community center. The fun event included over a dozen chili contestants. Congratulations to winners: **Judges Choice:** Levy Chisolm and Terrence Greene (Recipe: Seafood Chili); **People's Choice:** AllaBoard; and **Honorable Mention:** Ms. Dorothy Welch. **See you in 2024!**

## JOHNS ISLAND LIBRARY SCHEDULE

**Mon. May 1, 8, 15, 22 10:00-10:30a.m.**

Baby Storytime (0-24 months w/adult)

**Tues. May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00-10:30a.m.**

Toddler Storytime (Ages 2-3 w/adult)

**Thur. May 4, 11, 18, 25 and Sat. May 13, 10:00-10:30a.m.**

Family Storytime (All ages w/adult)

**Sat. May 6 9:15-10:00a.m.** "Kindergarten Here I Come!" (Ages 4-8)

**Wed. May 10: 10:30-11:30a.m.** Coffee and Conversation (Seniors)

**Wed. May 10 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Green Thumbs (Ages 5-12)

Nature talk given by the Clemson Tri-county Master Gardeners

**Thurs. May 11 9:30-11:30a.m.** Basic Word (Adults) Type, edit and format text. Call (843) 805-6885 to register.

**Thurs. May 11 10-10:30a.m.** Family Storytime celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month.

**Tuesday May 16 10a.m.-12noon.** Hitchcock Films: "Suspicion" (Adults)

**Tuesday, May 16 2:00p.m.** Sea Islands Book Club "We Are Not Like Them" by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza (Adults)

**Wed. May 24 9:30-11:30a.m.** 20 Basic Excel (Completion of Basic Word required). For registration call (843) 805-6885 (Adults)

**Fri. May 26 2:30-3:30p.m.** Gaming Day for Teens

**Sat. May 27 10:30-11:30** Read with a Therapy Dog! (Kids and Families)

**Sat. May 27 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m.** Community Chalk Mural (Kids and Families) Led by community artist Lisa Van Raalte.