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Code Enforcement on Seabrook



FROM THE TOWN

Joe Cronin Town Administrator

The town's code enforcement officers are responsible for identifying, investigating, and enforcing violations of the town's Code of Ordinances and Development Standards Ordinance. These locally adopted rules and regulations cover a wide range of topics, such as use of the beach, business licensing, general offenses (including animals, firearms, fireworks, and business hours), land use and zoning, nuisance abatement, short-term rentals, single-use plastics, and solid waste/dumping.

Under South Carolina law, municipal code enforcement officers do not have the authority to enforce traffic laws or criminal violations. Unlike a police officer or sheriff's deputy, they don't carry a weapon and may not perform a custodial arrest. They also do not investigate or enforce violations of private covenants and restrictions, such as those imposed by SIPOA or various regimes and associations.

The town's full-time code enforcement team is made up of Tyler Newman (Zoning Administrator/Chief Code Enforcement Officer), Mike Williams (Code Enforcement Officer) and Nichole Nettles (Short-Term Rental Compliance Manager). Our full-time staff is supplemented by additional part-time officers who work primarily during the evenings and weekends, with the highest levels of coverage during the busy summer months. Several members of the town's beach patrol have also been deputized as code enforcement officers to assist with enforcement of the town's beach rules between April 1st and September 30th.

The town's code enforcement officers strive to educate the public about the town's ordinances and, in most instances, will attempt to work with individuals and businesses to bring about compliance when a violation is observed. In instances when compliance is not achieved using lesser means, when there is a repeat offender, or when a violation poses a significant threat to public health, safety, property, or the environment, then additional enforcement methods may be employed.

The town's code enforcement officers have been empowered by the Mayor and Council to issue an ordinance summons. Any individual or business receiving an ordinance

summons must appear in the town's Municipal Court to respond to the charge. If a violation is found to have occurred, the Municipal Judge may impose fines of up to \$500.00, imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both, for each occurrence. Each day a violation continues to exist is considered a separate offense. Repeated violations may also subject a business or property owner to various administrative remedies as well, including additional fees and suspension or revocation of a business license or permit. As with any court proceeding, any individual charged with a violation is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

One of the things we frequently hear from residents is that they don't know how or where to report an alleged violation when they encounter one. To make this easier, the town has created a new web-based Code Enforcement Portal.

The new Code Enforcement Portal will be available from the town's website at www.townofseabrookisland.org beginning on July 3rd. Residents may use this portal to report an alleged violation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Complaints received via the portal will be automatically routed to a town code enforcement officer for investigation and possible enforcement action. The portal will also be a useful management tool for tracking the types and locations of violations taking place within the town.

When using the portal to report an alleged violation, users will be asked to provide the location of the alleged violation. They will also be asked to specify the nature of the alleged violation from a cascading menu containing the most common types of violations. Users may also upload pictures, videos, and other supporting documentation as part of their complaint.

Individuals reporting an alleged violation will also be asked to provide their name and contact information. This information may be used in the event a code enforcement officer needs to reach you for additional information or clarification about your complaint. The identity of anyone reporting an alleged violation will be kept confidential and protected pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-40(a)(3) unless the town is ordered to release such information by a court of law.

We hope this new tool - and the active participation of our residents - will better enhance our ability to protect what makes Seabrook Island such a special place in which to live, work, and visit.

On behalf of all of us at Town Hall, we hope you all have a safe and happy 4th of July. And don't forget... it is illegal to discharge fireworks within the town limits. If you do, you might get to meet one of our code enforcement officers in person!▲



C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

JOANNE FAGAN C.O.V.A.R. President

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the summer season on Seabrook Island, with July 4th right around the corner. With that in mind, COVAR feels it's a good time to revisit issues regarding Fire Safety and what constitutes Fire Risk in an Association or Regime.

COVAR, The Council of Villa Associations and Regimes representing 41 communities on Seabrook Island, recently sent a survey to the Association and Regime Board Presidents and their respective Property Managers regarding the use of charcoal and gas grills as well as fire pits. Regulation of grills and fire pits are dependent on regime and association rules or a rental agreement. Responses varied widely in how each association allowed their owners and guests to use these items.

Of the 31 responses received, 6 A/R's prohibit the use of any type of grill-charcoal, electric or gas. 10 A/R's prohibit the use of charcoal

grills, including 2 that do not allow the use of gas grills. Electric grills are allowed in 5 communities. Two regimes that allow gas grills restrict the type of grill that may be used and require the size of the gas cylinder to be a maximum of one pound. One regime which restricts all types of grills has provided gas grills in a picnic area for use by its owners/renters, with a second association considering the implementation of a similar grill site.

Four associations prohibit the use of portable fire pits. One association that does allow the use of a portable fire pit has explicit rules outlining the use of a flame-retardant material to be placed under the fire pit, as well as the location where it may be used.

Within the rules and regulations that each association or regime has adopted, there are specific caveats as to the location of the grill when in use.

Information that I received from Ryan Kunitzer, Fire Chief of St. Johns Fire District, which includes Seabrook, Kiawah, Johns and Wadmalaw Islands outlined the following valuable insights that are not only pertinent to our COVAR membership but all our island residents. Some of the highlights that our Fire Chief provided were:

• Under the International Fire Code, adopted by South Carolina, grills are not allowed on combustible balconies or decks except in one or two-family dwellings, or if

your deck is protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

- Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from the structure or any other combustible railings or home overhangs.
• Never leave your grill unattended and always keep children and pets away from grills.
• Make sure to keep your grill clean as grease and fire buildup can contribute to a larger fire within your grill.

Because many of the associations and regimes structures were built close to their neighbors, smart fire safety practices are extremely important. Restrictions for grilling include not placing the grill on landscaping or pine straw, in a well-ventilated area and not in a carport or on any common property.

Charcoal grills pose additional risks and therefore require additional levels of safety, which is why ten associations and regimes prohibit their use. Charcoal briquettes can remain hot for several hours after use, therefore it is recommended to completely let the coals cool before transferring to a metal container. During a previous hurricane event, considerable damage was caused to the exterior siding at Bohicket Marina Village due to the inappropriate disposal of charcoal briquettes.

Fire Pits or a recreational fire, if allowed by your regime or association, also carry regulations and safety steps to follow.

- A recreational fire is defined as a fire in a fire pit or outdoor fireplace.
• Fire Code stipulates that at least 25 feet be maintained between the fire

pit and anything combustible, with a water source available for quick extinguishment.

- Fire pits should never be on combustible balconies or decks and should never be left unattended.
• Children and pets should be strictly supervised and kept away from fire pits.

Other Fire Risks for Consideration Grills and fire pits are not the only fire risks that may be present within your association or regime.

LSVs (Low Speed Vehicles) are a part of the fabric of Seabrook Island, especially in the summer rental months. Most of the current vehicles rented are electric, with a few gas-powered models. There are several associations and regimes that restrict LSVs from parking in their lots/garages, due to concern about the charging of the vehicle, the safety risks involved, and the use of electricity and extension cords used to recharge the battery during a rental period. Those A/R that do allow LSV's may mandate dedicated charging stations to be installed by a licensed electrician, thereby avoiding long extension cords originating on a deck or outdoor outlet to the vehicle. Electric Vehicles have been observed being charged in the same manner. For those new to the island, a significant fire resulting from the improper charging of an LSV led to substantial damage to a home and complete destruction of the LSV.

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The Seabrooker will report regularly on Island happenings, as well as newsworthy events that affect property owners and residents. As Seabrooker volunteers with a common objective, we are committed to securing the facts and reporting to you in a forthright, honest and unbiased manner.

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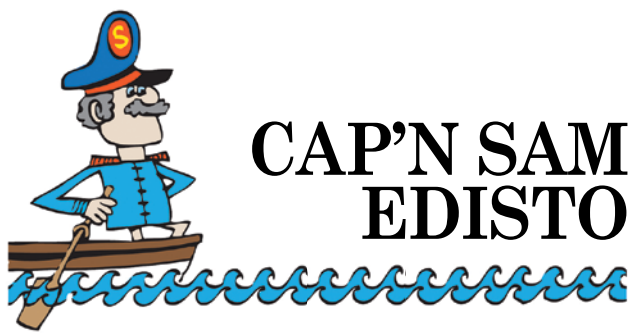
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Dear Cap'n Sam,
Seabrook Island Road – Security Gate to Roundabout
What do we know?

Seabrooker Q: The "rumor mill" has Seafields facing unanticipated construction costs that could affect the sites original plans.

Seafields: A: Not exactly sure of your source but it's completely not true. Construction has not started because Firstly, we only yesterday received a construction permit after 4 months of waiting. Secondly, we were waiting to go to the bond market until we had 75% of the property committed with deposits which we now have. Thirdly, if you may have noticed, the financial markets are going through a tough period since the rise in rates and the banking crisis. That all said, we plan to be in the market with a 200 million bond offering during the next 30 days (mid July)with the vertical construction starting thereafter. I hope this clears things up.

Richard Ackerman
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MUSC Facility A:
It's a free-standing ED and a Medical Office Building. Likely over by Freshfield due to issues utilizing the land by the marina

Matthew Severance,
Chief System Development
& Affiliations Officer, MUSC

Bohicket Marina:
Mike Shuler, Marina owner and his architecture team, presented plans for the development of the Marina to the Town's Planning Commission and Town Council at the Council's May 24th meeting. The Planning Commission meets again on July 12 and will present its recommendation for the Marina to the Town Council on July 26. The First Reading of the Council's action on future marina development will be at their August meeting on the 23rd.

Dear Cap'n Sam,

As Seabrook builds out and Amenities become crowded, there is a very simple solution: stop issuing Amenity cards to renters. It is my understanding that Kaiwah does not, so why should we? If the Lake House lacks rooms for classes and meetings, why was space taken for massages and facials? It seems to me that those belong with manicurists and hairdressers, which are readily available locally.

Our Board seems to have forgotten where we live. In planning to assess property owners for unnecessary luxuries, they seem to have forgotten that a major storm could involve major assessments for necessary repairs. It is my opinion that upgrades to Amenities should be paid for with the annual SIPOA fee, as the Lake House was.

Some people who live here are wealthy, but many are not. It's wrong to force people to move because they can't afford to pay assessments for things that aren't really needed.

Barbara Campbell

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SIRE Launches "H.O.M.E.S." a Free Education Series for Property Owners




Tom Peck




Jen Cookke

Seabrook Island Real Estate is launching a groundbreaking education series as a free service to Seabrook property owners. Each event will feature a panel of industry experts discussing a topic of pivotal interest impacting those who own property here.



"Navigating Residential Property Insurance in a Coastal Community"
Expert Panel Discussion
Wednesday, July 26th, 4 PM
The Atlantic Ballroom & Zoom
R.S.V.P. using QR code below or calling 843-768-2560



The series kicks off on Wednesday, July 26th with "Navigating Residential Property Insurance in a Coastal Community". H.O.M.E.S. stands for "Home Owners Maximizing Education Series".

"As part of the fabric of this community, our agents are engaged daily in conversations with Seabrook Island's resident and non-resident population about the state of the real estate market, the economy, rental trends, property management, carrying costs, legal issues, climate factors, and other concerns that affect their real estate investment here," says Tom Peck, Interim BIC/COO of Seabrook Island Real Estate. "With our depth of knowledge, resources, and connections, we saw an opportunity to help address this tremendous need for education and insights by providing a professional forum where people can get the answers they need to make better decisions."

"It's a critical time in real estate right now," adds Jen Cookke, SIRE's Interim General Manager, "There are so many factors coming into play. People are looking for data and advice they can trust. H.O.M.E.S. is yet another way we're able to provide that for them."

Cookke will lead the panel discussions. Her background includes asset and portfolio management, market research, capital markets, and financial and development analysis. She began her career directing corporate real estate operations for Fortune 500 companies. Her firm, F.H. French Company offers services including the acquisition and



development of commercial properties, asset management, commercial brokerage, consulting, construction management and valuation services. She received an MBA and MS in Real Estate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is on the faculty of MIT's Graduate Center for Real Estate and The Citadel, and works on global real estate issues as an expert witness. She contributes regularly to national publications such as CNN, The Wall Street Journal, and Forbes.

The educational events are framed to be very interactive and will begin with a review of relevant data, followed by a panel discussion of industry experts, and a Q&A session. Afterwards, refreshments will be served for anyone wishing to further discuss the topic with the panel of experts and Seabrook Island Real Estate agents on hand in a more casual setting. The program will likely be on Zoom also, but anyone who will be on Seabrook at the time is encouraged to attend in person

for a better experience. Either way, RSVPs are being handled through Eventbrite (use the QR code in the box) or by calling the Seabrook Island Real Estate office at 843-768-2560.

Peck elaborated on the subject chosen for the first event, "Insurance is such a hot topic right now. Everyone is feeling the effects and wondering what their best options are. Everywhere on Seabrook, whether it is on the golf course, at the Beach Club, or on social media like NextDoor, people are talking and worrying about it. We are grateful to be in a position to share SIRE's expertise in the ever-changing landscape of real estate ownership on this and more critical topics to come."

Cooke added, "So much has changed on Seabrook Island so quickly. Trends and market changes have significant impact on all of us as owners. H.O.M.E.S. is meant to help everyone learn more about the topics that affect all of us and our investment."▲



The Happy Kayaker
BY RICH BOSS



Pictured left to right: Don Dribble, Bev Colislett, Rich Boss, Martha Beck. Location is Sol Legare Boat Landing on James Island.

This is the start of an occasional series on sea kayaking around Seabrook Island and the Lowcountry.

I have been canoeing and kayaking regularly since 1985. I think it is always best to start with the "Why" and that will be the focus of this first installment.

Why do I enjoy kayaking? First, I enjoy connecting with nature – on Seabrook, we get to see various kinds of sea and shore birds that change with the season, dolphins – not just in Captain Sams inlet but Captain Sams Creek, the Kiawah River, and along the beaches, small sand sharks in the shallows, and an occasional North American mink scurrying along the rocks. There are no crowds on the water – on a typical day on the water for a few hours I might see a few other kayaks and some motorboats depending on where I am kayaking.

Connecting with nature has many benefits and it is a principal reason why many of us moved here – whether you enjoy beach walks, turtle patrol, birding, dolphin educating, biking, or sunset social hour.

I also enjoy exercise – kayaking really uses the core muscles, the ones we should all be using in our tennis and golf games. Lastly, sea kayaking can be a great social activity – I take friends on the island kayaking and I am a member of the Lowcountry Paddlers club, getting to know interesting and like-minded kayakers from all over the Charleston area and exploring new areas of town in a small group with experienced paddlers. Kayaking is always about a lot more than getting from A to B, it's about disconnecting from technology and comforts for a few hours of nature, exercise, and camaraderie.

Stay tuned, in future articles, I will cover: where to go, when to go, safety, kayaking technique, boats, gear, the weather and tides, transporting your boat, and informational resources. Along the way, I may seek to determine who is interested in an informal "Show and Go" kayaking group to paddle on a regular weekly basis. In the meantime, feel free to call me with ideas or questions – my phone number is in the Exchange Club directory.

Happy Kayaking! ▲

C.O.V.A.R. CORNER

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beaches and pools. For the rental guests, it is inevitable that most will need to do laundry at some point during their stay. One of the biggest causes of home fires is dryer lint. More than 15,000 home fires are started by dryers every year due to lint build-up, causing estimated damages of \$35 million dollars. Please make sure to provide guidelines to your guests about cleaning the dryer lint trap after each use. Do not use the dryer without a lint filter, or dry anything containing foam, rubber, plastic, or flammable substances, and do not overload your dryer, or leave it running unattended or overnight.

As a villa owner, you should also include dryer vent cleaning on an annual basis. Also, inspect your dryer vent where it exits your unit, to make sure that you do not have any unwanted tenants and their belongings! I have witnessed squirrels storing acorns in dryer vents and recently saw a bird's

nest in a neighbor's exterior vent. It is recommended to check smoke detectors twice a year. Typically, checking the detectors when one sets the clock during daylight saving and back to standard time is good practice to stay on task. The St. Johns Fire District Fire Marshall will provide a free inspection of your property to determine correct placement of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and may be able to provide smoke detectors where needed. Lastly, check your fire extinguisher to make sure that they are fully charged and easily accessible in the event of a fire.

Fire Safety on Seabrook Island requires us to be diligent and educated, while following the rules and regulations set forth by your association/regime.▲

Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island Starts the 2023-2024 School Year



As another successful Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island school year comes to a close with over 385 children and families served, we are actively preparing for the 2023-2024 school year that begins in August. Collectively, we've delivered over 15,000 bags of food between Fall 2022 - Spring 2023. The many volunteers shop, pack and deliver weekly to children and families in need. Teachers and counselors from Mt. Zion Elementary, Lambs Elementary and St. John's High School continue to tell us how much the Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island Program helps school children throughout

the year. The program, which began in 2014, is successful due to the generosity and commitment of the Seabrook Island Community. With food insecurity on the rise, your ongoing help is needed to ensure this extraordinary program meets the needs of children nearby. The Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island Challenge and fundraising campaign kicks off on August 7, 2023. Mike Gorski, who ran the challenge for the past six years is passing the baton to Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island to carry on the Challenge going

forward. With Mike's leadership and support over the last six years, the Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island Program has been able to grow more than ten-fold. The Challenge goal for this year is an aggressive \$90,000, including match from Friends. Remember, ninety four cents of every dollar donated goes directly to feeding school children. Look for the Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island Challenge Kickoff soon. To learn more, please go to our website: <https://backpackbuddiesseabrookisland.com/> ▲

Lynn Baker

CALLING ALL MILITARY



New Seabrook Island Social Club For Military Veterans and their Spouses

Our first endeavor is to inform the more than 350 veterans living on Seabrook Island about our club. If you know a fellow Vet, please ask them to register. We do not charge dues and you can select those activities you find to be fun and interesting.

I started this club, after having served for more than 24 years, because I miss the social interaction we all enjoyed when we were in service.

There is much to enjoy on Seabrook and it's even more fun when done with a group of friends.

After our initial registration period, I will email you about our first get together to be held in September, and then you will receive monthly newsletters informing you about upcoming activities and trips. Let's enjoy this time together!

Andy Grimaldi

Our charter is to unite the more than 350 veterans and their spouses who live on Seabrook to enjoy some camaradery and good times.

Login to SIVClub.org to learn more and register.



BRIDGE GAMES ON SEABROOK

Monday Morning Bridge Club

The Social Bridge group meets every Monday morning from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. You do not need a partner. Contact: lse Calcagno calcagno03@comcast.net, 843-768-0317 Seabrook Island Bridge Club at The Lake House

The Seabrook-Kiawah Duplicate Bridge Club

is a sanctioned American Contract Bridge League club where players can have fun improving their game in a friendly environment with an opportunity to earn "masters points" in the process. The club welcomes players of all skill levels and does not require an ACBL membership to play. There is an afternoon game on Monday and a morning game on Friday of each week and various special events are offered throughout the year. We meet at the Lakehouse, Mondays, 1:30 pm (arrive by 1:15) & Fridays, 9:30 am (arrive by 9:15). Contact: Paul Corkish seabrook.kiawah.bridge@gmail.com, (404) 432-6742. If you are a member of the ACBL you can view the club profile at my.acbl.org/clubs/profile/201400

Explore The Goatery at Kiawah River's Brand-New Creamery



Kiawah River Farm's creamery is officially open and ready to welcome visitors to their interactive experience where residents can sample true farm-to-table freshness.

Kiawah River's agricultural neighborhood engages residents with the rare experience of a working farm right outside their doorsteps. Walking down the trails, neighbors can walk to see the cows or pet the goats, or enjoy the rows of farmland filled with seasonal fresh produce.

As Charleston's first agritourism, Kiawah River's friendliest residents, the goats, are not just adorable farm animals, they also help maintain the health of the land and ecosystem and provide delicious dairy products. Now, with The Goatery's brand-new-state-of-the-art creamery facility, the goats will be able to produce even more exceptional goat milk and cheese for the community.

The Goatery at Kiawah River currently has more than 90 goats encompassing a variety of breeds including Nubian, Alpine and Lamancha, and the creamery will begin operating with 30 of them to produce 100 gallons of raw milk every two to three days.

Enjoy a day out with the family, a birthday or corporate excursion at The Goatery at Kiawah River.

As of right now, creamery tours are by appointment only. However, the entire area surrounding the creamery will eventually be fully landscaped with seating for visitors to pop by and enjoy a glass of wine and fresh goat cheese.

You can book a private tour or goat yoga class through The Goatery's website (<https://thegoateryatkiawahriver.com/tickets>) or find their products in Kiawah River's CSA program deliveries, local Charleston restaurants or nearby farmers markets.



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GET OUTDOORS
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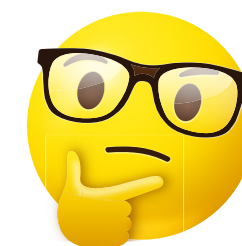
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For more info about Kiawah River: www.kiawahriver.com | 843-920-2275 and The Goatery: thegoateryatkiawahriver.com | 843-584-8044



BOB LEGGETT



Hurray! It's A New Bull Market!

We can all breathe a sigh of relief. According to a CNN story on June 8 "The S&P 500 rallied to end the day in a new bull market, marking a 20% surge since its most recent low, reached on October 12, 2022. That brings to end the bear market that began in January 2022."

I could fill this page with quotes along that line from the Wall Street Journal, CNBC, etc., that appeared around that time. One of my goals for this column is to keep things simple, but this narrative is downright simple-minded.

As we all know, the stock market discounts the future. Or more accurately, it discounts what the majority of investors expect the future of the economy and earnings will be. Stating that we are in a Bull or Bear market based on the percentage move of a stock index versus a recent cyclical high or low is of no assistance in developing investment strategies.

For instance, a more important way of determining Bull or Bear might be to compare the S&P 500 to its most recent record high mark. In late June, the S&P was around 4400, but the all-time high was 4800 - 18 months ago in January of 2022. That means the S&P is still nearly 10% below the prior high. Sitting 10% below a high achieved 18 months ago sounds more like a Bear than a Bull! Well, you might point out that the S&P 500 only represents large capitalization US companies. Perhaps smaller companies or international stocks are doing better. Sadly for those of us who maintain diversified portfolios, the S&P Smallcap has not reached a new all-time high since November 2021 and is currently more than 20% below that level. The MSCI World ex US Index (large international stocks) is currently about 10% below its last new high recorded in September 2021.

I will note there is one Index that is clearly behaving bullishly, the NASDAQ-100 Index. The 100 largest over the counter stocks are dominated by the MegaCap technology stocks such as Microsoft, Apple and NVIDIA. It's up about 30% from last October and the same stocks are responsible for the bulk of the S&P 500 gains. If your personal stock portfolio is focused on those Mega-Caps, you had a very terrible 2022 and are now experiencing a delightful 2023.

So, the "new" Bull isn't really that exciting, except for a small portion of the stock market, but that does not mean that stock prices cannot go higher. The question I ask myself is whether this narrow leadership can broaden out, resulting in a true Bull Market and much higher stock prices. Hmmm. How would that transpire?

Cyclical Bull Markets are often driven by shifts in expectations, such as toward faster GDP growth, slower inflation, a friendlier Federal Reserve, or a reversal of earnings declines. Valuations then rise as investor sentiment shifts from worry and pessimism to confidence and optimism. Let's review these topics. Many economists have been making the case that a Recession is around the corner, or even that one is already underway. The facts do not support this. GDP continues to grow (albeit slowly), employment remains solid and the economy appears to be shaking off the banking crisis and the impact of higher interest rates. Inflation is still too high, but the trend is toward lower inflation. One worry is that Core CPI is stuck in the 5%+ area, but if all we are looking for is optimism that the overall trend of inflation is improving, that seems to be in place.

The Federal Reserve is trying

very hard to be unfriendly. Although the Fed did not raise rates in June, Chairman JPow told Congress "We never used the word 'pause' and I wouldn't use it here today." The Fed "dot plots" indicate at least two more 25 basis point (0.25%) increases this year. As I have stated many times, the Fed was way too easy for way too long and is now determined to be way too tight for way too long. This doesn't seem like a positive for the Cyclical Bull, but "fighting the Fed" has been a winning strategy for several months. Rising interest rates have not caused a Recession so far, so maybe it doesn't matter if they stabilize around current levels. I can't figure that one out.

Earnings have not declined by much so far in this cycle, but most of the 2022-early 2023 stock market weakness coincided with a period of negative revisions to earnings estimates. In other words, Wall Street analysts were expecting lower year-over-year earnings looking out 12 months. Now, however, that has reversed and consensus estimates are increasing. Wall Street is generally too optimistic about earnings growth, but these shifts from negative to positive (or vice versa) are often important stock market indicators.

So, where do we stand Bull-versus-Bear-wise? I am kind of surprised to be writing this, but I think these cyclical factors support a more optimistic stance toward the broad stock market.

Hey...maybe we are in a "new" bull market...▲

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Seabrook Island Garden Club 2023 Annual End of Year Luncheon

Members of the Seabrook Island Garden Club gathered on May 11th to celebrate another year of cultivating friendships and learning about gardening and more! The festive, annual End of Year Luncheon was held in the Atlantic Room of the Island House and was well attended with seventy-seven members joining in on the fun. Special thanks are owed to the Chair of the End of Year Luncheon Committee, Deb Duerr, and her team, for planning the menu, décor, door prizes and everything that made this event so memorable.

After outgoing President, Karen Nuttall, called a brief meeting to order, prior meeting minutes were approved and Treasurer, Patti Tully, delivered a financial status update. Julie Minch, Chair of Programs and Events, delivered an exciting update on plans to create a monarch butterfly waystation near the garden plots. Next, the slate of new officers for the 2023-2024 year was announced and

approved. It included: President – Carol Price, Vice President – Sally Boudinot, Treasurer – Patti Tully, Co-Recording Secretaries – Ann Bavier and Melissa Andrews, and Corresponding Secretary – Blair Pugh.

After the business portion of the meeting was concluded, Karen provided a heartwarming address to members reflecting upon her last two years while serving as president of the organization. Prior to this assignment, she held the offices of Vice President and Chair of Programs and Events. Carol Price presented Karen with an appreciation gift of a lovely, marble, engraved charcuterie tray with accessory utensils. A delicious three course plated lunch and dessert pastries were enjoyed, and the afternoon concluded with the drawing of door prizes, more socializing and photos.

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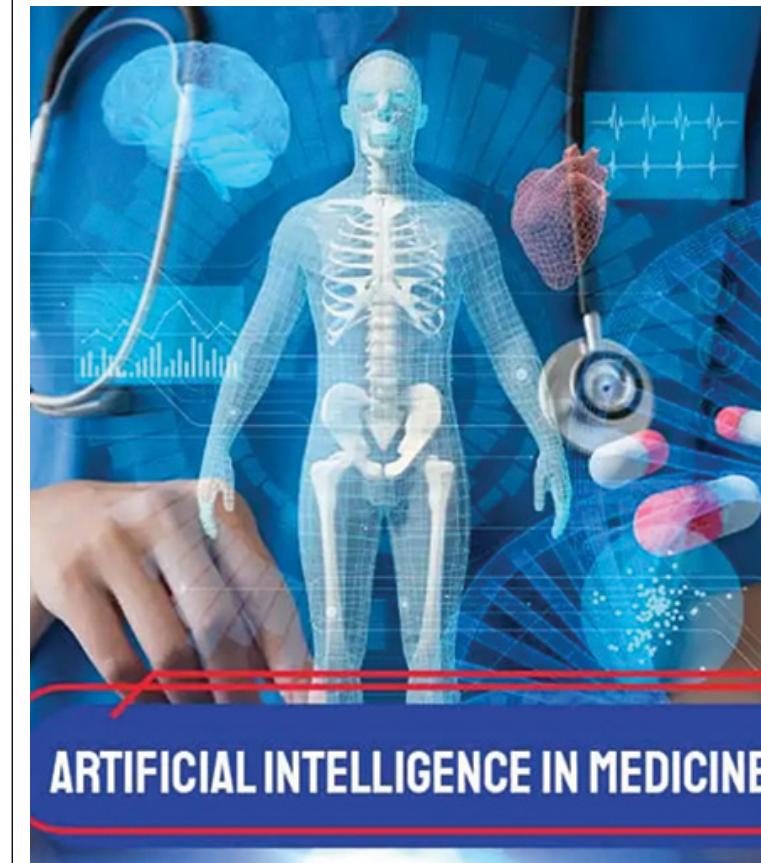
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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Artificial Intelligence and Medicine: Today and Tomorrow



Artificial Intelligence (AI) seems like a dangerous thing just because of its name. If it is real then it is not artificial. AI is defined as: "the capacity of a computer, robot, or other programmed mechanical device to perform operations and tasks analogous to learning and decision making in humans, as speech recognition or question answering." (https://www.dictionary.com/) AI is a full-blown area of science that is very rapidly making its way into almost every aspect of our lives, including medicine.

History of AI in Medicine
In 1959 it was predicted by Keeve Brodman, M.D., that "the making of correct diagnostic interpretations of symptoms can be... carried out by a machine." [1] That was long ago when computers required to do anything beginning to approach that took up a whole room. Fast forward to 1969 when I did my anesthesia training at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. The renowned cardiac surgeon John Kirklin, MD, with whom I worked believed in computers. When he was in Rochester, MN, where IBM had a major research facility, he had their engineers use the logical rules he had developed from years of clinical practice to program an IBM computer in an entire room above the intensive care unit. That computer was connected to "programmable" infusion pumps and patients' blood pressure. Fluid infusions for post-operative heart patients were controlled by that huge computer in another room. The doctors at the bedside put in "fimits" and the computer kept the blood pressure within the specified limits. The computer was also programmed to keep the "filling pressure" within normal. Nurses and doctors were freed up to care for the patients rather than tied to manipulating infusions.

AI in Medicine Today
The modern computer is small and has enormous storage capacity. It can store all kinds of data, acquire all kinds of data, and because of "connectivity" can access information from unimaginable and often unknown (to us) sources. We all have had the experience of looking at something to buy on the internet and then being bombarded with opportunities to buy that item.

Computers in medicine today are using AI to analyze imaging, interpret skin lesions, diagnose eye pathology, warn of drug interactions, identify patients at high risk for complications, and perform medical coding for billing, to name just a few of the tasks. World-wide medical information is as close to a doctor as her/his phone. Patients have also learned to use their electronic device to suggest diagnosis from entries you can make at various internet medical sites. Yes, AI is being used to help physicians, other health professionals, and patients to make a diagnosis and warn of potential problems. This is being done in some cases on apps on phones! The general consensus is that the technology has helped physicians and patients. This is why it is so widely used and why the future is so exciting.

AI in the Future of Medicine
The challenge or rather the opportunity is to build machines that are as good as, or dare we say it, better than your doctor at interviewing you, analyzing

your data, making diagnosis of illness, and, finally, of developing an infallible treatment plan. When or if we ever get that far we cannot predict, but some things are certain. They are already being developed. In the near future, your doctor will take a history and physical exam and all that information will be collected by an electronic physician assistant (probably built into the medical record already in use). Instead of needing the physician to enter all the answers and data, the "assistant" listens to the conversation and acquires the pertinent physical findings. Before proceeding to a diagnosis, the assistant will prompt further questions and possibly recommend other tests that the physician may not have ordered. Then a differential diagnosis will be discussed by the three of you (the patient, the physician, and the "assistant.") A final decision will be left out the assistant will be sure to add it including any directions or prescriptions.

The type of device that will do this is a "chatbot." You are already familiar with chatbots. Amazon's Alexa is an example of this technology. With a prompt Alexa is able to give you information or do some things for you that require "intelligence." Imagine the assistance to a physician a chatbot can be that knows the world's medical literature on every disease, knows all the best treatments for a particular ailment, and can diagnose an X-ray reliably at any hour and place it is taken. These devices have been taking medical-licensure tests and consistently respond correctly to 90% of the questions. They could be licensed to practice if they were people!

Right now the experimental devices are good, but not infallible. They experience what in the field is called "hallu-

cinations." Simply put, they either make things up or make incorrect judgments. Obviously, if these hallucinations are not caught by the doctor or someone else, they could cause harm. Interestingly, the devices can catch their own errors if programmed to review everything they have seen and reported. But, they still can make mistakes – just like humans!

Before these machines are ever available for clinical use, they will have to be proven effective. How this will be done has not been figured out. Their approval is different than asking if a device can be used for a single purpose or a drug to treat a particular disease. This is a whole new world that must be conquered. There will be reluctance of some/many physicians to accept the technology as happens with anything new. However, doctors and patients just might find that doctors using these assistants can focus on interacting with the patient and not having to look at a computer to enter information because the assistant will get it all.

The Bottom Line
Artificial intelligence is everywhere in our lives including medicine. It is already commonplace in most hospitals, imaging centers, and offices. However, in the future it will be an invisible "assistant" to you and your doctor even in routine office visits. The great hope is that as Francis Peabody, MD, wrote in 1927 and oft-quoted since: "The secret of the care of the patient is in caring for the patient." Perhaps instead of paying so much attention to entering information into a computer your doctor will be able to concentrate on you. The invisible "assistant" will be the scribe and consultant to you both! ▲

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Birds of Summer

Article by Gina Sanders



Swallow-tailed Kite - Photo by Ed Konrad



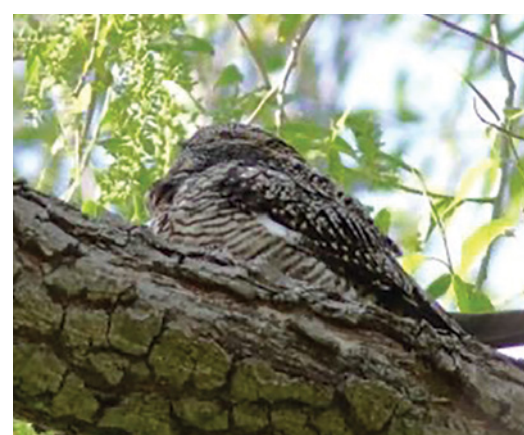
Painted Bunting - Photo by Joanne Miller



Northern Parula - Photo by Ed Konrad



Great Crested Flycatcher - Photo by Gina Sanders



Common Nighthawk - Photo by Bob Mercer

Summer is finally here! Hot days at the beach, sitting by the pool, cookouts with friends and a new collection of summer birdsongs. Walk outside and you'll noticed our playlist has changed! Instead of Yellow-rumped Warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglets or Song Sparrows, we're welcoming a new cast of songsters. Great Crested Flycatchers arrive in the spring and stay through fall. An olive-brown head and back, gray throat and breast, and a distinctive yellow belly will help you identify them. But it's easier to listen for their call - a loud, ascending "Weeep".

Northern Parulas are small, short-tailed warblers, blue-gray above with a yellow breast. You'll notice a distinctive ascending buzzy trill, finishing with a zip at the end. *Bzzzzzzzzzzzz-zip!* Listen for both of these when you're out riding bikes, especially in wooded areas.

Head out Boardwalk 1 and you may see our Painted Buntings. They're found throughout the island but often seen near the boardwalk in the thickets, or on ornamental grasses feeding on seeds. You'll recognize the male as soon as you see him, he's a beautiful combination of blue, red and green. The female is all green with no markings. They can also be heard from high exposed perches, singing a series of high-pitched musical notes.

Out on the beach we have Least Terns, shorebirds that select Seabrook Island as a possible nesting site. A small, white tern with a black-tipped yellow bill, they're quick and fast in flight. Their call is described by Audubon as a shrill, high-pitched "kip kip kip kiddeek". Least Terns may be on North Beach, near the nesting area.

Summer Tanagers are named for the season they spend with us, singing with a soft, sweet song that sounds like a lazy American Robin. Male Summer Tanagers are bright red, just don't confuse them with the Northern Cardinal! Females are a beautiful rich yellow, and young males may be a blend of both.

Look to the skies for Mississippi Kites and Swallow-tailed Kites. One of our most graceful fliers, they glide, circle and swoop in pursuit of large flying insects. Swallow-tailed Kites are almost unmistakable. Blue-gray coloring on the back, white on the head and underparts, and a long forked tail makes them easy to spot. Mississippi Kites are mostly gray with a black tail. Both are a joy to watch as they glide and gracefully swoop in the air.

As the evening fades on another day and the sun sets over our beautiful beach, be on the lookout for Common Nighthawks swooping over the dunes. With a bounding, erratic flight they feed on insects they scoop from the air. Their sound is a nasal "peent" and your best chance to see them is at dawn or dusk.

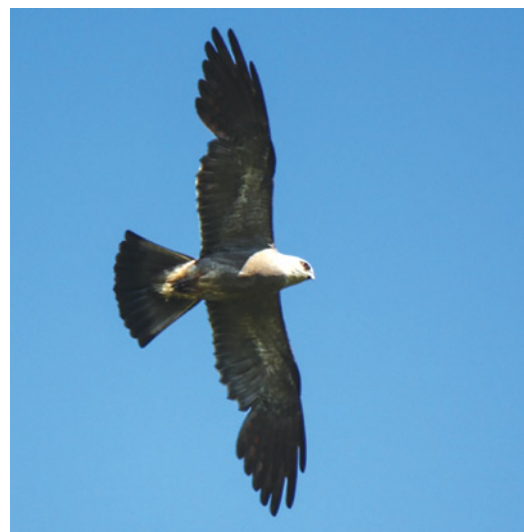
Another familiar night sound is that of the Chuck-will's-widow. Easily identified by his song, which is him chanting his name over and over. "Chuck-will's-widow! Chuck-will's-widow!" They forage at night for insects, so are more often heard than seen.

Orchard Orioles, Barn Swallows, Rough-winged Swallows, and Eastern Kingbirds are a few more you're almost guaranteed to see around Seabrook Island between March and October.

And while they're year-round residents, Laughing Gulls seem to take center stage on our beaches every summer, providing a background of laughter wherever they go. The only black-hooded gull on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of North America, they are notorious for helping themselves to any tasty snacks they see on the beach. And they're not shy about it either!

With all the beautiful birds on Seabrook Island, you may like to join us at one of our birding activities so you can learn about them firsthand. Our monthly golf course birding is perfect for spotting several of these summer birds, as well as our beautiful resident birds. Painted Buntings will be the subject of an upcoming evening activity in July, giving you an opportunity to learn about them.

Enjoy our summer birds while you can, before the weather cools and the season starts to change. With the end of summer comes migration, summer birds depart for winter habitats, and we get a new playlist of birdsongs for fall.▲



Mississippi Kite - Photo by Ed Konrad



Orchard Oriole - Photo by Ed Konrad



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Chuck-will's-widow with chicks - Photo by Valerie Doane

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Join us for Aaron Given's informative talk on Painted Buntings. Aaron will provide an overview of the species and their life history. He'll discuss his research on Kiawah Island tracking Painted Buntings using the Motus Network, and his collaborative research of tracking Painted Buntings using geolocator technology across the SE.

Aaron is the Assistant Wildlife Biologist for the Town of Kiawah Island. In his role, he manages one of the largest bird banding stations in the southeast, focusing on fall migration, wintering marsh sparrows, Painted Buntings, and Wilson's Plovers.



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Carolina Music Notes: Dizzy Gillespie

Dizzy Gillespie with his modified trumpet, 1955.

By Peter M. Williams, Jr.

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Born as John Birks Gillespie in Cheraw, South Carolina, Dizzy Gillespie is one of the titans of the trumpet and one of the few who may be mentioned in the same sentence as the likes of Louis Armstrong or Miles Davis. He picked up the trumpet at age 12 and found he had a natural gift. A few years later he won a musical scholarship to the Laurinburg Institute in North Carolina, where he studied for two years.

In 1935, his family moved to Philadelphia, where he quickly took up with the Frank Fairfax orchestra and became a fixture in the local club circuit, playing with who we now know as the very architects of jazz: Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker, Bud Powell and a young man named Miles Davis. His fame grew with the monster 1942 hit "A Night in Tunisia." Recorded with the Earl Hines band, the tune is known for one of the first syncopated bass lines, something we take for granted in modern music.

His trademark trumpet with the bell bent upward at a 45-degree angle is one of many examples in music history when a seemingly innocuous event changes everything: During a party for his wife in Manhattan in

1953, his trumpet was bent (supposedly a dancer fell on it). Any ordinary musician would have tossed it in the nearest dumpster - any wind player will tell you how finicky these instruments are. But "Diz" was no ordinary musician: He liked the way it sounded so much that he requested custom-made trumpets with the bell raised 45 degrees for the rest of his career, which he played as his primary instrument for the remainder of his career.

Dizzy Gillespie died at age 75 in 1993, leaving an indelible mark on the face of music and a wealth of recordings that illustrate the depth of his talent - his suspenseful, sometimes frenetic style of playing is unmistakable, running the gamut from bebop to Afro-Cuban jazz and everything in between in the more than 50 albums on which he is credited as band leader. If you only listen to one, let it be 1953's live album *Jazz at Massey Hall*, featuring giants of the genre Charlie Parker, Bud Powell, Charles Mingus and Max Roach.

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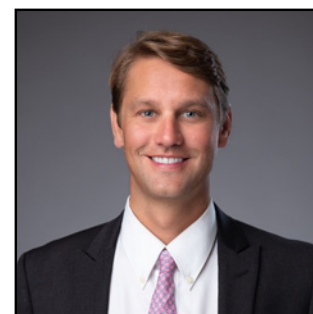
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Kiawah, Seabrook Homeowners Create Wildlife-Friendly Habitats

By Stan Macdonald



Karen Madoff with Black-eyed Susans at her home - PHOTO BY ADAM WOLF



Don Smith at his home at Jenkins Point

Karen Madoff's yard on Kiawah Island has no lawn, no exotic flowers, no swaths of pine straw covering the ground. Instead, on a mid-April day, her home is surrounded by a patchwork of plants, shrubs and trees, their green color muted by the brightness of a nearby golf fairway.

In summer months, blossoms bring a profusion of colors to the yard, and while it is full of pleasing sights, Madoff designed it primarily to nourish the natural world, especially insects, which are essential to all life as pollinators and a main source of food for birds and other wildlife.

Gardening gives her a great pleasure, but Madoff also feels a responsibility to protect butterflies, moths, bees, birds, and other wildlife as they face alarming global declines. Her response has been to fill her yard with mostly native plants to create a nutrient-rich nursery for these creatures.

Scientists are studying - and debating - the advantages of native versus non-native plants, but many agree with Madoff's approach. "Increasing evidence shows that growing native plants provides more benefits to native insects, on average, than growing non-native ornamental species, according to four experts writing in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). And the U.S. Forest Service says, "Native plants are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions where they naturally occur. These important plant species provide nectar, pollen, and seeds that serve as food" for native wildlife. "Unlike natives, common horticultural plants do not provide energetic rewards for their visitors and often require insect pest control to survive."

Madoff's plants do just fine without chemical fertilizers or pesticides, and she loves "to see holes in my leaves" because it means caterpillars are active and feeding. Many of her native plants are deer resistant and easy to grow on the sandy, sunny soils of these islands. They include butterfly-weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), a milkweed with showy orange flowers that attracts butterflies; scarlet sage (*Salvia coccinea*), a long-blooming flower that attracts hummingbirds and bees, and Georgia savory (*Clinopodium georgianum*), a pretty herb. On neighboring Seabrook Island,

scientists say that insects and birds are in decline. (Other stressors include climate change, exotic species, pollution, and pesticides.)

David Wagner, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Connecticut has estimated that insects may be declining at a rate of 1 percent to 2 percent a year worldwide - that's 10 percent or more each decade. Except for wetlands, birds in the United States are declining in every other habitat - forests, grasslands, deserts, and oceans, according to last year's State of the Birds report, which was published by 33 leading science and conservation organizations and agencies. It was the first look at the nation's birds since a 2019 study showed the staggering loss of about 3 billion birds in the United States and Canada in 50 years.

No one apparently has precise information about possible declines at Kiawah and Seabrook. But Bob Mercer, who was the director of a nature center in Pennsylvania and is well-known at Seabrook for leading bird-watching excursions, said when a new house is built on a vacant lot at Seabrook, the understory of shrubs and small trees are routinely removed "and that loss is going to have a big impact on the bird population of Seabrook." Restoring the understory - not with decorative plants but native plants - "would provide hiding spots and food for birds," he said.

If more and more landowners - and governing bodies that oversee public spaces on the islands - follow the lead of Madoff and Smith, even on a modest scale, their collective action would help grow the natural habitat and mitigate wildlife decline, according to a strategy advocated in an influential book, "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard," by Douglas Tallamy, a professor of entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware.

For people considering native plants, Smith advises "starting small" by utilizing one strip or corner of a yard. (Please note that Seabrook and Kiawah require that landscaping changes be approved by their respective architectural review offices.)

- Stan Macdonald is a former journalist and a board member of the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy

TIPS FOR ADDING NATIVE PLANTS TO A YARD

- "Start small," says Seabrook Island resident Don Smith, add a few native plants at a time, perhaps to a corner of a yard. The South Carolina Native Plant Society has advice for getting started. SCNPS
- Before buying plants, decide whether you need ones for sun or shade or both. Lots of sun is recommended for flowering plants, vegetables and herbs, but some plants grow well in dappled shade and full shade, says Karen Madoff, the steward of Kiawah Island's demonstration garden.
- Decide what plant heights you want. A layered landscape with trees, shrubs, and low-lying plants are good eating and hiding places for birds, says Bob Mercer, who leads bird-watching walks on Seabrook. Madoff likes tall shrubs because they shade out weeds.
- Choose a variety of plants. "There's very good evidence that plant diversity equals insect diversity," says Dr. Brian Scholtens, a professor at the College of Charleston who researches plant-insect interactions.

- Decide what beneficial wildlife you want attract and support (hummingbirds? songbirds? butterflies?) and try to match the plants accordingly.
- Once a plant is in the ground, Madoff recommends daily watering for the first six or seven days. She prefers soaking plants with hose line drip system, which she says works best on Seabrook's and Kiawah's sandy soils, giving roots time to soak up water. Landscape companies can install a watering system. She doesn't use overhead sprinklers partly because they wet the leaves, inviting black spot and fungal diseases. Most native plants, once established, don't need irrigation, but it's nice to have it when there is a prolonged dry spell. Madoff sticks her finger about two inches into the soil and if it's moist, she doesn't water.
- For plants that may attract deer, Madoff recommends "using deer spray occasionally, mainly in the spring when tender shoots appear. Later in the summer, you may be able to back off the spray. Deer can smell edible plants from a distance, so masking smells is as important as the bad tasting leaves." Another option is light fencing around certain plants.

WHERE TO BUY NATIVE PLANTS LOCALLY

- Apparently, few local nurseries carry a wide selection of native plants. One that does is Roots and Shoots, 1108 Wappoo Rd., Charleston, SC
- Also, consider working with and joining the local chapter of the South Carolina Native Plant Society, which offers native plant sales and field trips, and has knowledgeable members. SCNPS
- If you are working with a landscape company, you might ask them to buy native plants from a wholesaler like Charleston Aquatic and Environmental Inc.
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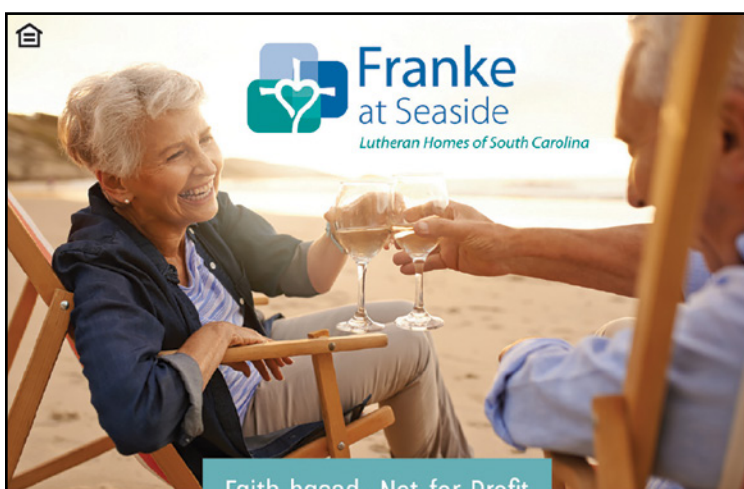
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THE SWIM ACROSS AMERICA OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

by Lois Rinehimer

Several years ago an article appeared in a local Kiawah/Seabrook newspaper about Swim Across America, (SAA), a nonprofit organization which benefits the health of cancer survivors and their community through the sport of swimming. Their mission sounds quite similar to DBC's, just substitute swimming for Dragon Boating.

SAA funds cancer research, clinical trials and patient programs by hosting charity swims. Each charity swim is partnered with an academic or research hospital within the community that serves as the beneficiary. As co-chair of the Outreach Committee at that time, and a resident of Seabrook Island, I reached out to Jana Chanthabane, the Kiawah race organizer, to begin some dialogue which would hopefully result in a collaboration between DBC and SAA. Shortly thereafter Covid entered our world and everything was put on hold.

Fast forward to 2023, the current chairs of DBC's Outreach Committee Andi Seiderman and Susan Lewis, along with the efforts of one of their committee members, Eileen Margherio, again reached out to Jana and dialogue renewed. SAA's local open water swim took place in the waters off Kiawah Island this past Saturday, June 10. The distances ranged from 0.5 - 1.5 miles. Proceeds from their fundraiser are scheduled to benefit the Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

Jana was thrilled to connect with Eileen, and our relationship was forged!! DBC volunteers were invited to help prepare swimmer bags on Friday prior to the race, and again to volunteer on Saturday during the race. Lois Rinehimer, Laura Dewees, Laura's husband and several of their Kiawah neighbors met Friday afternoon at Night Heron Park on Kiawah to lend a hand. They met not only Jana, but several other local SAA volunteers and one of SAA's national representatives, who travels from event to event to offer her expertise.

Our DBC volunteers were tasked with preparing over 100 swimmer bags, each one identifying the swimmer and containing a SAA shirt, a power bar and a bathing cap whose color pertained to the distance the individual would swim. There were also Angel (they wore white caps) bags prepared for the many volunteers who would paddle on the course in kayaks making certain there were no emergencies with the swimmers. We created an assembly line to efficiently prepare these bags, and we "rocked" the process!!

Laura and I shared lots of DBC stories with the volunteers which generated questions regarding "how can we join DBC?" In addition, Jana promised that SAA would form a team to participate in our Dragon Boat festival next year. This was a great opportunity for DBC to give back to our community and tell people who DBC is and what we do. Moreover it was an opportunity to forge a relationship with another organization that promotes the health of cancer survivors through exercise. We made some new friends and had fun!!



Swimmer Ella Chanthabane is accompanied across the finish line with siblings Maddle (l) and Cody (r)



Swim Across America co-event director and Cancer Survivor Jana Chanthabane hugs daughter Ella at the finish line



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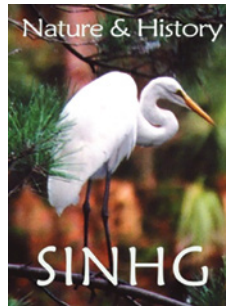
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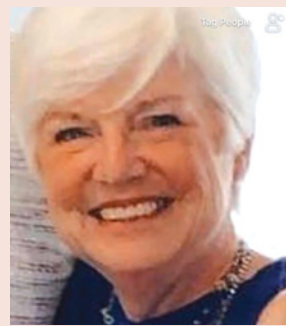
SINHG RELEASES FALL TRIPS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

The Seabrook Island Natural History Group (SINHG) has released its autumn schedule of SINHG Trips for members. The 35 educational and recreational trips begin in mid-September with a culinary tour of downtown Charleston and ending in December with an overnight visit to Brookgreen Gardens and its annual holiday season "Nights Of A Thousand Candles." Among the new member offerings for the fall is a Sounds of Charleston concert at downtown's historic Circular Church and a tour of barrier island oyster farms, along with returning favorites that include boating excursions around Charleston Harbor

and the Intracoastal Waterway, downtown history and cultural tours and kayaking excursions.

SINHG's fall series of Evening Programs for island residents and guests will resume in September with a presentation on indigo's role in the growth of Lowcountry plantation culture, followed in October and November by programs about Charleston architecture and a history of Seabrook Island itself.

For more information about SINHG Trips for members, Evening Programs and SINHG membership, visit singh.org.



July Artist of the Month Sandy Scott

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Sandy, a resident of Seabrook Island, is a retired business woman and registered nurse. Retirement has allowed her the opportunity to dive into her life-long interest and her ever-lasting enjoyment of "Artful Creations". Observing with an artist's eye the beautiful Low Country environment and the always present native wildlife is a constant source of inspiration for Sandy. She paints in 2 mediums each on a different surface; oil on canvas and acrylic on glass.

Well known on the islands for her wine glasses featuring white egrets, her signature palmetto trees and beach scenes. She also produces whimsical Christmas ornaments on recycled light bulbs.

Sandy is a member of the Seabrook Artist Guild and the Charleston Artist Guild. Her work is exhibited at "Studio 151" Fine Art Gallery on Church Street and "Charleston Artist Guild Gallery", East Bay Street, downtown Charleston.

Sandy may be contacted directly at: 843 224-8359 or sandyscott0720@comcast.net

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Parade Registration forms can be found at the Lake House or online at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SIPOA1/July4thParadeRegistrationForm>

Please submit online or return to the Lake House Front Desk by 12:00pm on Saturday, July 1st.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

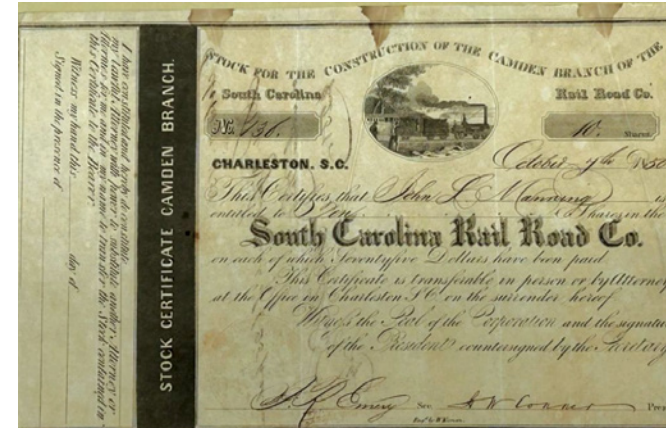
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Seabrook Island Road Loop
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After Parade Party with Jump Castle & Slide
Lake House
11:00am - 4:00pm
Art Show
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SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY

June, 1842: The Locomotive Robert Y. Hayne Travels from Charleston to Columbia



After completing the line from Charleston to Columbia, the SC Railroad Co. added a rail connection off of that line to Camden. This stock, dated 1850, supports the Camden extension. Courtesy of the SC Historical Society.

The South Carolina Canal and Rail Road Company (SC&RR) was chartered in 1827 and began constructing a line from Charleston to Hamburg in 1830. The railroad was built on piles, as that was less expensive than embanking. That 136-mile road was completed in 1833, with stops in Summerville, Blackville, Branchville and Aiken. As the company looked to expand, it was clear that piling was not effective, and the entire road had to be embanked.

Around the time that the SCC&RR was chartered, E.S. Thomas of Cincinnati (and formerly of Charleston) began to promote a rail line from Cincinnati to Charleston. The directors of the SCC&RR, along with the citizens of Cincinnati, were enthusiastic supporters of the idea of connecting Charleston to the Ohio River Valley. In 1836, the Louisville, Cincinnati & Charleston Railroad was chartered and the for-

mer governor of South Carolina, Robert Y. Hayne, was its first president.

In the late 1830s, the Louisville, Cincinnati & Charleston Railroad Company gained control of the Charleston to Hamburg line and the new company was called the South Carolina Railroad Company. The company struggled financially but did complete a line to Columbia. The road split from the Charleston-Hamburg line at Branchville and traveled 66.3 miles through Orangeburg, St. Matthews, and Hopkins. The first train from Charleston pulled into Columbia on June 20, 1842. The locomotive was named after Robert Hayne, who passed away in 1839.

In 1848, the South Carolina Railroad added a line that split from the Columbia railroad at Kingsville and travelled to Camden. In 1853, a connection to Augusta, Georgia, was completed. Five years later, permission was granted to connect the South Carolina Railroad to the Georgia Railroad in Augusta, and Charleston finally obtained the much-anticipated rail connection to the west. Unfortunately, all of the track, trains, and buildings that belonged to the South Carolina Railroad were destroyed during the Civil War.

After the Civil War ended, the company began to rebuild and the rail connection between Charleston and Columbia was completed in early 1866. The South Carolina Railroad struggled financially until 1881, when it was sold to a group of financiers in New York. Still plagued by debt, it passed into receivership in 1889. In 1894, The South Carolina Railroad Company changed hands again and was operated as the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad. Southern Railway leased the road in 1899 and in 1904 that company consolidated it into the Southern Railway - Carolina division.▲

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SOUTH CAROLINA: THE IODINE STATE

By CDD Staff

If you know your South Carolina trivia, you probably know that the state bird is the Carolina Wren and that we're known as the Palmetto State — but look a little deeper. Our state rock is the purple amethyst crystal. Palmetto trees only grow along the coastal areas — surely there's a nickname that references the rest of our great state, right?

The old timers and Jason Isbell fans might have cottoned on by now: In the early 1930s, S.C. was known as the Iodine State, so named because of the high concentration of iodine in our vegetation — some of the highest in the natural levels in the nation, it turns out. In the early 19th century, scientists discovered that humans rely on iodine as a way to combat goiter and other mineral deficiencies. According to the S.C. Encyclopedia and the Carolina grapevine, Lowcountry moonshiners around Hell Hole Swamp jumped on the iodine bandwagon, advertising their brand of liquid corn with the slogan "Not a Goiter in a Gallon."▲

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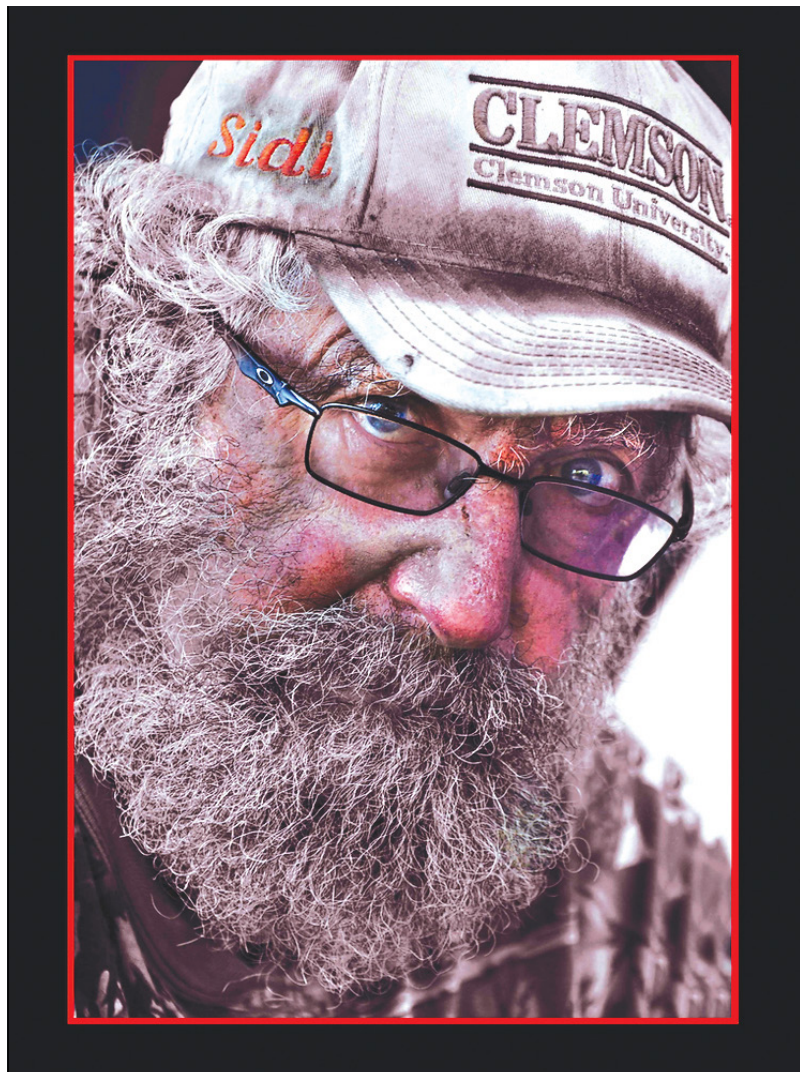
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On the Edge: A Lowcountry legend opens up about his past ... and his future.

Sidi Limehouse

By Patra Taylor, Charleston Mercury
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PART 1 of 2



On a hot summer day in 1978, Sidi Limehouse found himself on a dead-end road to redemption. As the banal scenery slipped by outside his vehicle window, the man considered the chaotic turn his life had taken since his arrest on charges of conspiracy, aiding and abetting and possession with intent to distribute that had resulted from a scheme to smuggle marijuana into South Carolina via one of the state's coastal inlets. Having been convicted of the first two charges, Limehouse was nevertheless swimming upstream against a five-year sentence at the Federal Prison Camp at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

He recalls little of the conversation he had with Louise Bennett, his partner in business and life, who had accompanied him on that 500-mile journey from the familiarity of his beloved Lowcountry to the unknown life as an inmate. He used the time to settle into his new reality, though letting go of all the anger and bitterness that had invaded his being since his arrest and conviction would take time. That day, he could only guess at what lay ahead, but he was grounded in one certainty ... he knew exactly from where he'd come.

J. Sidi Limehouse, III was born December 17, 1938, the 17th generation of his family to bear the name "Sidi" in honor of an Arab man who had jumped into the Atlantic to rescue Limehouse's four-year-old ancestor who had fallen overboard during his journey from England to America. His father, Julian S. Limehouse, Jr., owned Limehouse Gas Station located on the Charleston peninsula at the foot of the Legare Bridge. The iconic establishment allowed locals to fill up on gasoline, fishing tackle and shotgun shells, 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Those with extra time on their hands could stop by anytime for a game of checkers with the station's other customers or catch up on the latest goings-on around Charleston.

In 1942, Limehouse, Jr. purchased the 1,685-acre Mullet Hall Plantation on south John's Island for \$12,000. The new owner farmed primarily livestock on the site, which qualified him for a deferment from military service during World War II.

"Growing up, I had three interests," states the now 84-year-old Limehouse. "Crabbing, fishing and hunting. Back when I went to St. Andrews High School, I had an old pickup truck with a gun rack with two guns on it. I'd park the truck right in the school lot and nobody ever said a word. I always carried shotgun shells because a lot of days after school, me and three or four of my classmates would go hunting. That's just the way it was back then."

A boy who thrived in the great outdoors, Limehouse loved every moment he spent at Mullet Hall. As time slowly passed, he absorbed the old plantation's rich history, along with the intricacies of its vast varieties of flora and fauna. Nothing escaped his keen sense of the environment he called home.

With the support and encouragement of his father, Limehouse built a series of ponds on the property overlooking the Kiawah River, planting them with widgeon grass to attract ducks. Today the ducks have to look elsewhere to find a place to eat and rest, but the memories of those days remain vivid in Limehouse's memory, as well as the memories of those sporting men and women who have had opportunities to hunt and fish those ponds through the years.

After graduating from Clemson in 1960, Limehouse eagerly set out in pursuit of a career in farming, though his interests tended more toward fruits and vegetables rather than the cows and hogs his father raised. He also helped the family business by working at the service station, primarily on Sundays, its busiest day of the week because it was the only retailer open. Limehouse said they parked full Coburg Dairy and Claussen's Bakery trucks in the lot on Saturdays so they could keep up with demand on Sunday.

"Back then it was not self-service," recalls Limehouse. "I had to go out and check the oil, clean the windshield, and put maybe five dollars-worth of gas in the car. I got to know a lot of people that way."

During the 1960s, it was the best of times in S.C. politics, and it was the worst of times, depending on one's political affiliation. Talk of politics at the station was never in short supply.

"The Republican Party was just coming along, and I leaned toward that party for a lot of reasons," continues Limehouse. "One Sunday afternoon I was working at the station when Jim Edwards pulled in. He said to me, 'We're putting together a slate of candidates to run for the S.C.

House of Representatives, and we want you to be part of it.' I told him I wasn't interested."

After an all-out effort to get him onboard and despite his initial hesitancy, Limehouse finally agreed, taking on with zeal and determination the role of a young, up-and-coming Republican in a Democrat-dominated state. At that time, there were no districts, so candidates were required to campaign across the county.

Limehouse put all his effort into the race. On election day, he edged to within 150 votes of beating his opponent. Then one voting machine on Folly Beach racked up all votes for his opponent and zero votes from him, which was inconsistent with the results of the other two voting machines on Folly Beach. Limehouse was furious, to say the least. "I didn't know whether it was a machine malfunction or flat-out manipulation because the Democrats were in charge of everything," he retorts.

Despite protests from the county's Republicans, Limehouse lost the election. He was ready to pack it up and go back to farming full-time, but fate intervened yet again.

"About six months later, somebody on the delegation died and we had to hold a special countywide election," he explains. "Because I'd come so close to winning in my first election, the Republicans chose me to run for that seat."

For his second run at the S.C. House of Representatives, Limehouse received help from an unexpected source: the "Southern Bells."

He was friends with the son of the woman who headed the telephone operators at Southern Bell. "My friend's mother organized 24 women around two big tables to call people at random to see if they were inclined to vote for me," he says. "They had a list of thousands of people they called. On election day, there were 100 women making calls, urging people to get out and vote if they hadn't already. I'd never seen or heard of anything like it before in my life."

At the end of the day, Limehouse beat his Democrat opponent by 21,000 votes, an amazing victory for the young up-and-comer. The John's Island farmer was headed to the Statehouse after all.

Limehouse went on to serve four years in the S.C. House of Representative, from 1967-68 and from 1971-72. During those terms, he penned two pieces of legislation that still impact the citizens of the Lowcountry and the state to this day.

As controversy brewed over the development of Kiawah Island, Limehouse was focused on the fate of the two-lane live-oak canopied Bohicket Road, the primary thoroughfare between the city of Charleston and the upscale resort island. How could the state protect the road from developers' visions of falling at least some of the stately trees to make way for the expected increase in traffic?

Limehouse had an idea. He perused legislation of other states regarding the preservation of scenic highways. Lo and behold, he discovered that Oklahoma had enacted a bill to protect such places in perpetuity. Using the Oklahoma bill as a model, Limehouse drafted a bill to protect Bohicket Road as a S.C. Scenic Highway. Initially, his Democratic counterparts in Charleston County were hesitant to join forces with the only Republican in their delegation. After a dose his persuasive charm and a bigger dose of political theater, the Democrats led by Joseph P. Riley, Jr., climbed on board and worked with Limehouse to pass the bill. Today, the 10.34-mile Bohicket Road is one of 18

scenic byways protected by the state. S.C. is also home to four nationally designated scenic byways.

One day while sitting at a traffic light, Limehouse had another idea. Again, he found inspiration in Oklahoma, a state that had recently passed right on red legislation. Through the young legislator's efforts, S.C. soon followed Oklahoma in enacting right-on-red laws, which were considered tremendous fuel conservation measures. In 1975, right on red became the law of the land.

Limehouse took one more crack at politics in 1972 when he ran for congress against Democrat Mendel Davis in S.C.'s First Congressional District. One day, he traveled to Hampton, then a quiet town that has since made its way into the national headlines. "I was going because I'd been told Randolph Murdaugh, Jr. was 'the man' to see," says Limehouse. "When I got there, he didn't have time to see me. Not wanting to waste the trip, I went around to different stores asking people to vote for me. I remember entering one store located right next to Murdaugh's law office. I walked in, introduced myself to the woman behind the counter and asked for her vote. I'll never forget her reply: 'I'm sorry but we have to vote for who Mr. Murdaugh tells us to.'" That encountered defied the uphill climb he faced in a race he ultimately lost.

Julian S. Limehouse, Jr. died in 1977, signalling the end of the man's 35-year reign as the owner and caretaker of Mullet Hall Plantation. With the historic property now split into eight equal shares, his namesake soon found himself at odds with family members regarding the ultimate disposition of the property.

At the time of his father's death, Limehouse had another interest keeping him busy — Hutchinson Island, located along the Ashepoo River in Colleton County. In addition to farming, he had joined forces with several friends to purchase this piece of "paradise" and turn it into a hunting club. "We had big plans," he says. "Unfortunately, my partners didn't know anything about how to manage the property, so I did it. I built a dock and a small clubhouse."

The day Limehouse spotted four men approaching the dock, he had no idea that his paradise distraction would turn into his personal and political destruction.

"I see these four guys approaching," recalls Limehouse. "I asked, 'What are you doing out here?' One replied, 'We're looking for a place to duck hunt.'"

Limehouse wasn't buying it. "I can tell by looking at them that they weren't duck hunters, so I asked what they were really doing out here."

The men hemmed and hawed a while, so Limehouse finally invited them into the clubhouse for a drink. As liquor is wont to do, the lips around the table soon loosened, and the men revealed their real reason for being in those parts — to find a new place to unload a shipment of marijuana. They'd had a place, but lost access to it when the road was blocked off.

Liquor showing no favoritism, the host joined in the lively conversation. "Maybe I was naïve, or just plain stupid, but I did show them where they could unload," admits Limehouse. "The spot was on the other side of the river, not on Hutchinson Island."

Limehouse took a breath to ponder his recollections. "They had an issue with the truck, so they decided to unload on Hutchinson Island. The hunt club had hired a young caretaker who told me he was going home to North Carolina that weekend. When I tried to call him there, I couldn't reach him, so I foolishly decided to go down there. I boarded a boat at Bennett's Point, which was about a mile from our dock. When the dock came into view, the DEA was there waiting for me. I wasn't thinking ... I just wanted to get out of there."

His long-time friend, Cran Ohlandt, once described Limehouse this way: "He's an artist in the woods and the creeks. There's no other man I've ever seen and spent as much time with who is so quiet and knows so much about nature." Truer words have never been spoken!

On that cold January day of 1978, the man's vast knowledge and skills in the great outdoors melded together into driving instinct. Former state legislator J. Sidi Limehouse III was inexplicably a man on the run from the law. ▲

To be continued ...
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Revisiting Deveaux Bank

by Jeff Davis



4 1/2 mile SUP around Deveaux Bank

As residents of Seabrook Island, most of us are aware at some level of Deveaux Bank. It rests silently in our peripheral vision from any viewpoint on the beach between Renken Point and Privateer Point. We know the island is basically a sandbar, changing constantly; some long term residents remember when it vanished completely in 1980 as the result of Hurricane David. As the primary hub for Pelican Airways, we watch a constant stream of brown pelican squadrons leaving from and arriving at Deveaux Bank, all day, every day. Recent discoveries by SCDNR and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology heightened our awareness of Deveaux's criticality as an overnight roosting haven for over 20,000 migrating Hudsonian Whimbrels during their spring migration from South America to the Arctic. But though most of us know "of it" or know "about it", far fewer of us have ever visited Deveaux Bank. So close, but yet so far, as they say.

I started off my Father's Day 2023 by paddling out and around Deveaux Bank on my Stand Up Paddleboard, a 4.5 mile round trip. A sunny morning with light winds, not much swell and a near slack high tide made for good conditions. I have paddled around Deveaux several times, but not in over 5 years, so I was curious to witness firsthand how it had changed. I was pleased to be greeted by a majestic bald eagle as I approached Deveaux's northern sandbar tip. He was getting relentlessly dive bombed by an-

gry laughing gull parents, but seemed unphased. I hopped off into knee deep water and snapped a panorama looking back towards Seabrook Island.

While the configuration of Deveaux is constantly changing, it has historically retained a sand atoll shape with a large protected shallow bay, opening northwest towards Edisto Island. This bay is only 3 - 5 feet deep at dead high tide and not surprisingly, can be a sand/mud flat at low tide. The interior shore of this bay is home to the largest brown pelican nesting colony on the Atlantic Coast, and as I paddled along the shore I saw many pelican juveniles floating in the shallow bay, flapping furiously, yet finding the miracle of flight still elusive. Persistence will pay off soon for each of them, I'm sure.

For the last 7 - 8 years, Deveaux's bay has been punctuated by a deeper channel and mini estuary which occasionally breaches the sand beaches along the southeast coast of the island. During this time of year, this channel is lined with lush green marsh hay, creating a beautiful view with blue skies and puffy clouds behind. My theory is that this breaching is part of a continual tidal "calving" process, and one of my biggest surprises was that I found a separate smaller orphan island about 700 yards straight west of Deveaux proper, which I feel confident was born out of Deveaux during one of these breaches and then gradually marched west with the help of the tide. It's not visible from Pelican's

Nest but is obvious once you get to the back side of Deveaux. I haven't visited this smaller island (yet), but it is vegetated and populated by Pelicans and other birds.

I rounded the corner of the southwest edge of the bay and headed out through the breaking surf on the sandbar to get into open ocean and deeper

water to make it around the southern sand beaches of Deveaux. This part of the paddle was a bit of a slog due to a combo of wind and swell, but I eventually made it around the point where I could turn back towards Boardwalk 9. I was pleased to have 2 curious dolphins escort me for part of this leg back to the starting line.

I encourage you to explore Deveaux if you are able, via kayak, paddleboard or boat. Give space to the birds; stay below the high tide line or better yet, don't come ashore at all. We are fortunate to have such an important and dynamic natural habitat right in our backyard. So close and really not that far!! ▲



This majestic bald eagle was waiting to greet me as I approached the Bank.



Looking back towards Seabrook Island from the Northernmost Tip of Deveaux Bank



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