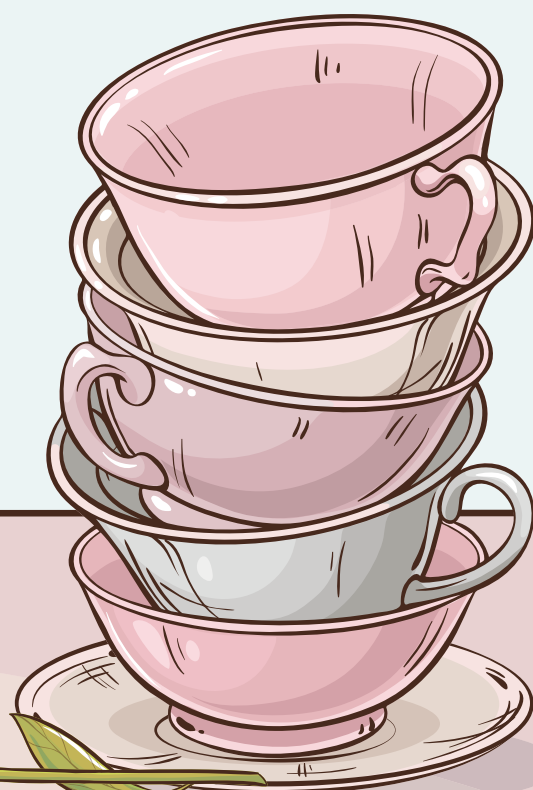
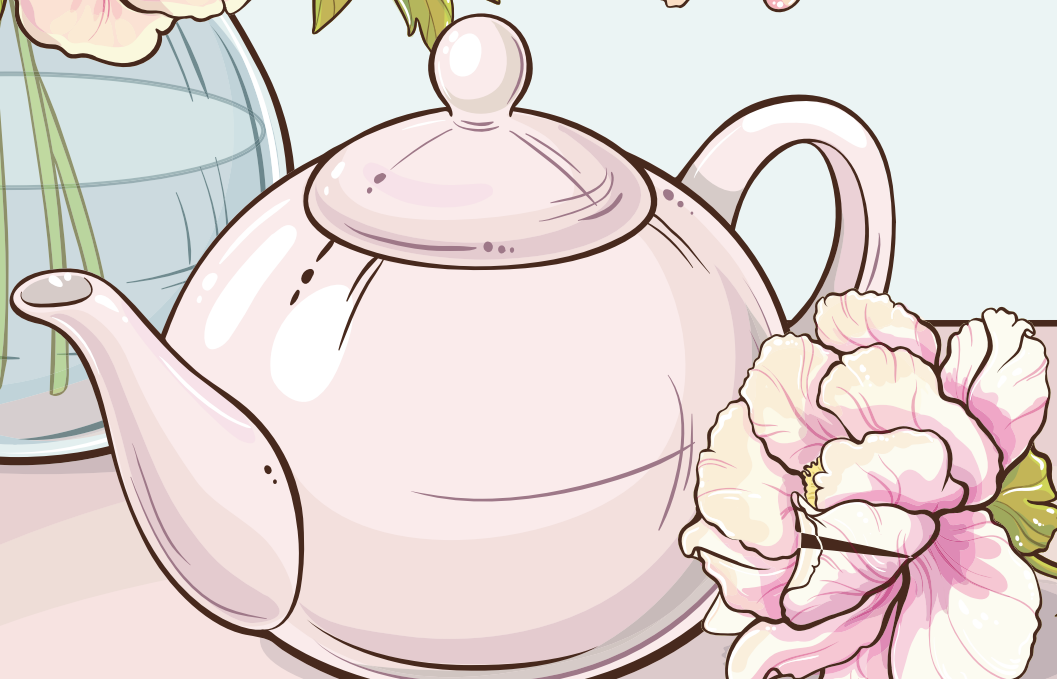




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Bring them on Thursday March 28 and let the West Ashley Historians, Ina Bootle, Diane Hamilton, Donna Jacobs, Kenneth Marolda, Grant Mishoe and Charlie Smith, try and answer them!

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NEWS

A History of Caring

Charleston Animal Society Celebrates 150 Years

by Joe Elmore | Charleston Animal Society President and CEO

As South Carolina's first animal organization and one of the oldest in the nation, Charleston Animal Society will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2024. As CAS begins its sesquicentennial year, one can't help but be struck by the intertwined threads that link its history.

During the late 1800s, a cadre of animal protection "societies" were formed in the country's principal cities. The South Carolina Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was formed on March 14, 1874, by an Act of the South Carolina Legislature. In later years, it became the John Ancrum SPCA. Then in 2008, it became Charleston Animal Society (CAS).

Originally formed with a focus on working animals, such as livestock, farm animals, and horses, a group of prominent Charlestonians established the organization, following the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) guidelines. Its first president was Nathaniel Russell Middleton. Many people are familiar with the Nathaniel Russell House on Meeting Street, which is considered one of the most historic homes in all of Charleston. Before leading CAS, Middleton was the 5th president of the College of Charleston, even managing to keep it operating during the Civil War.

JOHN ANCNUM'S LEGACY

After Nathaniel Middleton's term, Dr. John L. Ancrum became the second President of the Animal Society. His impact would propel the organization forward into the next century. He was a Charleston physician who graduated from the College of Charleston's Medical School. After serving in the Civil War, Ancrum returned to practice in Charleston. At his passing in 1900, Ancrum willed the Animal Society "the rest and residue" of his estate after the deaths of his other living relatives.

The will wound its way through the courts for 40 years. Then, just as World War II began, the estate settled and the organization changed its name to the John

Ancrum Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"I still run into people to this day, who refer to us as 'John Ancrum,'" said Kay Hyman, CAS Senior Director of Community Engagement.

Margaret Waring was the President of the Animal Society during WWII and kept the organization running during difficult times.

WEST ASHLEY HOME THROUGH THE 1960s

In 1948, building began on the first shelter, located downtown at 667 Meeting St., now home to Patrick Veterinary Clinic. However, the Society soon moved west, first on St. Andrews Boulevard and then on Dupont Road in the 1960s. After this era, the Animal Society operated out of a trailer next door to the county's correctional facility for 24 years. But CAS was forced to move from its Leeds Avenue location when the Sheriff's Office needed the land to expand the jail. This allowed for the move to its current campus on Remount Road, where it has been located since 2008.

NOT ALWAYS A SHELTER

A common misconception is that CAS was formed to shelter homeless animals. But it wasn't until 74 years after its founding that it began to shelter animals in response to the cruelty and death perpetrated on them by local governments.

During that time, it was a common practice for local governments to round up stray dogs and kill them en masse by drowning or other inhumane means. From New York City to Charleston, countless dogs met their final demise in the Hudson or Ashley and Cooper Rivers. However, as the government-designated animal shelter in Charleston County, CAS worked for decades to lower euthanasia rates and push for more humane methods. In 1910, the Society was "authorized to purchase a gas tank" as an alternative to drowning.

TRANSFORMING ANIMAL CARE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Planning for entry into the 21st century, the organization's leaders initiated public spay/neuter efforts along with teaching compassion to children. Both initiatives accelerated in growth in the early 2000s.

With the move to its current location at 2455 Remount Road in North Charleston, CAS was still not adequate in size for Charleston's ever-growing community. In fact, upon opening the current facility on Remount Road, it was overcrowded on day one.

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Margaret Waring was the President of Charleston Animal Society who led the organization during World War II



Charleston Animal Society's shelter was located in West Ashley on Dupont Road in West Ashley during the 1960s

However, as one of a dozen selected communities in a nationwide project called Mission Orange by the ASPCA, the Animal Society worked in partnership with the ASPCA over a five-year period to significantly increase Charleston County's live release rate through leading practices and data-driven strategies and tactics.

In 2013, CAS took in well over 90 percent of the animals throughout Charleston

County and despite overwhelming odds, it built the first "No Kill Community" in the Southeast, saving all of the healthy and treatable animals in its care. This was a milestone for the southern United States as most animal welfare industry professionals thought it wasn't possible in this region for at least another decade or so.

With this remarkable achievement, and other unprecedented accomplishments,

CAS became an international model for lifesaving success and has brought worldwide attention of companion animal advocates to the area.

CAS has not stopped its momentum as a national leader in improving the plight of animals. Just last year, it set a Guinness World Record for pet vaccines, organized the nation's largest annual statewide adoption event for dogs and cats for 6

years in a row, won a North American competition of nonprofits with Land Rover, and sustained Charleston County as a No Kill Community for the 11th straight year.

This year is not only a historic year in animal welfare with the Animal Society's 150th Anniversary but also the milestone year for the organization's premier project, No Kill South Carolina, an initiative to achieve the first No Kill state across the southern United States, from the Atlantic to Pacific Oceans, along with America's Heartland.

CAROLINA TAILS COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE COMING IN JUNE

CAS will be celebrating its rich history throughout the year at its multiple events beginning this month and continuing through December. Keep your eyes peeled for a special commemorative edition of the Animal Society's *Carolina Tails* magazine in June.

The remarkable history of CAS, anchored in leadership, tradition, and excellence, is only possible through its membership and community support. More than 60 percent of its funding is through contributions. Its membership is comprised of more than 20,000 individuals who give a gift of their time, their home, or their income. Without any of the three, like the proverbial three-legged milk stool, it would all collapse.

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The library wants to hear from the community through a public survey about digital and technology needs

From Staff Reports

Charleston County Public Library (CCPL) is working to address the digital divide and gaps in literacy in the County, and it needs your help. The library is launching a public survey to better understand the community's digital and technology skills and needs. This survey, available in paper and online, will have a vital impact on the technology programs and services CCPL offers at each library location and through its outreach services.

"Technology is constantly changing, and we are in the process of changing along with it," says CCPL Technology Coordinator Andrew Dombrowski. "This survey will help us understand how we can best serve and guide our community through this constantly evolving digital landscape."

Like many areas of the U.S., Charleston County is facing issues with equitable access to digital connectivity and services. According to data published in 2023, just over 20% of Charleston County households (32,861 households) do not have internet subscriptions. This digital gap is greater

than many other counties in South Carolina, including Berkley, Dorchester, Greenville and Richland.

"While there has been improvement in broadband access in Charleston, there are still too many members of our community that lack high speed internet," says Dombrowski. "With 18 locations spread throughout Charleston and providing Wi-Fi and computer device access, the library is uniquely positioned to help areas of the community that have not historically had access."

This survey will help the library identify areas of need within the County including the types of services and programs, including course topics and training needs for library staff. Using this information, CCPL will target its resources to have the most impact on residents.

Last month, the South Carolina Digital Opportunity Department published a report addressing the goals and needs for bridging the digital literacy gaps in the state and it highlighted libraries as an essential hub for these efforts stating that "South Carolina

only has one asset that directly serves all covered populations: public libraries."

"We understand the value of the role libraries play within our community and so we are working to build our capacity so we can enhance these already existing services that provide equitable access to our communities," said Natalie Hauff, Deputy Director over Innovation. "We recognize digital literacy is a basic life need. From searching and applying for a job, communicating via email, or learning a new software that will lead to a new career, providing technology support and skill-building makes a difference in the lives of our community, and we want to make sure we are providing what is needed for that growth."

For a list of current tech programs and services available at your local library, visit ccpl.org/calendar or contact the branch. The brief survey can be completed online at ccpl.org/techsurvey. Paper copies (English and Spanish language) are also available at any open library location.



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Tea Time

The enduring legacy of South Carolina's oldest tearoom and gift shop

By Joan Perry | Contributing Writer

The story of the beginning of the Tearoom tradition at Saint Andrew's Parish Church, a.k.a. Old St. Andrew's, is a charming one.

The simple, elegant white church tucked under the live oaks, surrounded by azaleas on Highway 61, had lain empty for many years after the death of Reverend and horticulturist John Grimké Drayton. The church was one of the few buildings along the Ashley River that Union troops did not burn to the ground at the end of the Civil War. Reverend Drayton died in 1891, and St. Andrew's lay dormant for the next fifty-seven years.

After reopening in 1948, the ladies of the church had their hands full, and often packed their lunches anticipating a long day cleaning and preparing for services. Their parked cars caught the attention of visitors on their way to visit the plantations and gardens. With no restaurants in the area, the women of the church found themselves sharing their midday meal

The enterprising women began bringing sandwiches, coffee, and desserts and served visitors out of their cars, on picnic tables, then in the parish house once it was built. A Gift Shop offering handmade wares and foods was soon added. The Tea Room and Gift Shop has remained a fixture on the church calendar for seventy years. Their initial act of hospitality evolved into today's much-anticipated Annual Tea Room and Gift Shop.

Parishioners at Old St. Andrews have been preparing for the spring opening date of March 4th and reservation lines are busy. Lunch is served Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from March 4 - 16th at 2604 Ashley River Road. Reservation may be made for parties of four or more by calling 843-990-6281.

For residents of the Lowcountry, a visit to the Tea Room may feel like old home week. There is a good chance you will recognize a gentleman serving as parking attendant, spot an acquaintance serving your iced tea,




and the diners at surrounding tables may look familiar. The Red Hat ladies make a colorful show, the DAR group visits, buses from church groups, Bishop Gadson, Sandpiper and the Franke at Seaside pull up to drop off and pick up.

A young Canadian couple on a spring visit thought they were well familiar with

Tea Rooms. They were slightly bewildered to find, instead of hot tea pots, scones and shortbread, the menu included she-crab and okra soup, shrimp paste or chicken salad sandwiches and Arlene Hill's special Coconut cake or the Huguenot Torte.

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- Sophia, Google review

★★★★★

Super cool spot that West Ashley has been needing and it did not disappoint! I had the fried apple biscuit. I almost couldn't finish it but was determined to not let a bite go to waste so I did. :) These are not your typical smaller biscuits either, this was double the size and for a great price too! They also had homemade poparts which I will be trying on my next visit! Friendly staff & locally owned!
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When Charleston's Reverend John Grimké Drayton reopened the parish church eleven years after the Civil War ended, in 1876, worshippers from Charleston, traveled by steamer to Bees Ferry and walked to the church.

Reverend John Grimké Drayton also served St. John in the Wilderness Church in Flat Rock, North Carolina, as rector during the summer, and was buried in the graveyard at St. Johns. Because of the bond created by this close relationship, the congregation in North Carolina is sending a pilgrimage of thirty members to Charleston this spring, planning a highly anticipated Tea Room visit.

Church Tea Rooms in the south are a phenomenon. The entire Parish lends a hand, from the early morning kitchen help simmering chickens to stew for salad, the traditional family recipes contributed, craft donations for the shop, to the massive effort of volunteer help to bus tables and work check-out. An average of thirty five volunteers participate each and every day of the two week event.

Cindi Smith serves as the Tea Room Chairperson and Church Women's President overseeing everything from managing the calendar, room setup, coordinating DHEC kitchen inspections to volunteer sign up. "The entire Parish participates in Old St. Andrew's Tea Room success. It does take a village! From cooking, staffing or bringing their family and friends to lunch. Everyone is involved," said Smith.

Chair for Outreach at Old St. Andrew's - Dianne Bowler, explains that the project raises approximately \$30,000 a year.

Proceeds benefit a variety of outreach and parish programs of the church women including the WATCH group - the West Ashley Team Combating Homelessness, the HALOS project supporting children in foster or extended family care, and the International Seafarers Ministry.

The ladies who staff the hostess desk set a gracious tone by wearing period costumes. Checking-out takes visitors through tempting craft sale items including art, hand crafted items, jams and jelly treats made by parishioners. Charleston may be a modern dining destination but these are purely Tea Room traditional recipes. Although the she-crab soup recipe remains a secret, you can buy a booklet of most of the recipes including the Artichoke Relish, Okra Soup, Magnolia Pie, Topsy Pudding, Ashley River Mud Cake and yes, even the mandarin orange congealed salad.

Tours of the historic church are offered on Tea Room days. The church dates back to the early colonization of South Carolina and is the oldest surviving structure used for worship south of Virginia. It was one of ten Anglican Churches in South Carolina established by the Church Act of 1706. It is South Carolina's only remaining colonial cruciform church. Part of the church was constructed from bricks used as ballast on ships arriving in the port, and a number of historic tombs are found in the courtyard.

Built to serve the Anglican planters along the Ashley River, which connected them to the city of Charles Town and to each other, the church served planters and the enslaved during the days of rice and indigo. In later years, the ministry served the enslaved and then freed men and women. The

Huguenot Torte

(Recipe makes two tortes)

Ingredients:

- 2 Shiny metal 9 x 13" pans, well buttered
- 5 eggs at room temperature
- 3 ½ cups sugar
- ½ cup plus 2 Tablespoons flour
- 6 ¼ teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 2 ½ cup raw apples (Granny Smith)
- 2 cups chopped nuts
- 2 ½ teaspoons vanilla

Preparation:

1. Beat eggs with an electric mixer until doubled and lemon colored.
2. Slowly beat in the sugar and continue until tripled in volume. This may take ten minutes. If you have a stationary mixer, let the eggs and sugar beat while you chop the apples and nuts. Don't be afraid of over beating.
3. Add other ingredients in the above order.
4. Fold together rapidly but gently.
5. Pour into two shiny metal, well greased 9 X 13" baking pans.
6. Bake at 325 for 45 minutes until crusty and brown. It will puff up and fall down.
7. Run a knife around the edge of the pan while still warm.

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structure survived extensive damage over the years through wars, fires, the earthquake of 1886 and Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Current Rev. Marshall Huey was elected the church's 19th rector and installed in 2006

A recent book by Paul Porwoll, Against All Odds: History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston, 1706 - 2013, was published in 2014. It tells the story of the oldest surviving church south of Virginia and the only remaining colonial cruciform church in South Carolina is one of wealth

and poverty, acclaim and anonymity, slavery and freedom, war and peace, quarrelling and cooperation, failure and achievement. It is the story of a church that has refused to die, against all odds.

Reservations for groups of 4 or more are encouraged and can be made by contacting the reservation line at 843.990.6281 or office@oldstandrews.org. There is good information for volunteer opportunities and church information and history at: www.oldstandrews.org/

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**JANUARY 25
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

Around 6:30 p.m., officers responded to a fender bender in the parking lot of a shopping center and arrested a 51-year-old woman for driving under the influence. The victim said the woman backed into his vehicle. Officers observed an odor of alcohol emanating from the woman. She admitted to drinking two vodka drinks earlier that day and also taking medication. She was asked to perform several field sobriety tests, where, according to the report, she skipped numbers in sequence, mixed up letters in the alphabet and lost balance when asked to walk in a straight line.

**JANUARY 26
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

A concerned citizen called officers around 1 a.m. after noticing a vehicle in a ditch on Glenn McConnell Parkway with its headlights on and heard the occupant of the vehicle “talking incoherently on the phone over the Bluetooth speaker.” Officers responded and found a 28-year-old male driver whose eyes were glassy and bloodshot. The man said the accident was possibly due to a vehicle malfunction but then said another driver cut him off, which is why he ran into the ditch. Officers noticed an empty mini bottle of liquor in the driver door and a second mini bottle in the passenger side. The man told officers that he had one beer several hours earlier. The man failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. After searching the vehicle, officers observed 16 empty small shot bottles of vodka, two slightly larger containers of vodka, one nearly empty and one-half empty, as well as an open empty tall boy of beer and an open empty bottle of regular sized beer in the front seat. Officers additionally found 17 empty mini bottles of vodka in the rear seat of the vehicle.

**JANUARY 26
HIT & RUN COLLISION**

An apartment complex reported a hit and run collision where it appeared a vehicle ran over the curb in the parking lot, striking three A/C units, causing damage. The investigation is ongoing.

**JANUARY 26
ALL OTHER LARCENY**

Employees at a local automotive shop reported that a man brought his vehicle in due to a flat tire and then drove off with the repaired vehicle without paying. The services cost \$130.89. There is clear video footage of the man, who gave his name and waited for the service to be completed before driving off in the car.

**JANUARY 26
ARSON**

Officers responded to a brush fire off Bees Ferry Road and arrested a 43-year-old man who admitted to setting the fires because “he was bored and wanted to clear out some of the brush from around his tent” and that the fires started to get out of control.

The man used a lighter to burn trash and pine straw, which burned about an acre of land and destroyed the hardwood and pine straw. The man did not attempt to call for any help during the incident. The man also stated that cups, cans and propane containers in the woods along with a pile of garbage in the median of the road was his trash. The man admitted to smearing peanut butter on a city sign to attract squirrels, vandalizing the sign with written words and had a machete in his possession. He was charged with willfully burning land of another, dumping of litter on private or public property and damage to real property.

**JANUARY 28
ARSON**

Officers responded around 6:45 p.m. to a local business about a female starting a fire in the nearby woods. Officers found a 59-year-old woman sitting on a bench, about two feet away from an active fire. The woman said she started the fire using a pile of leaves because she was “bored.” It was noted in the report that winds that day were blowing 17 miles per hour. According to the report, “due to her starting a planned, uncontrolled, and unpredictable fire in the area of combustible vegetation near multiple open businesses, as well as the burning of the leaves causing scorching of the grass underneath,” she was charged with willfully burning lands of another. She was also charged with trespassing.

**JANUARY 28
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS**

Officers were called to a gas station about a man who had brandished a weapon after asking about phone chargers. Officers found the suspect, a 33-year-old Georgia man, sitting in a

vehicle in the parking lot and found a phone charger hanging out of the bottom of the closed passenger door. The man said his girlfriend worked at the business and he was waiting for her to get off of work. Officers asked him to step out of the vehicle and conducted a search of his person, where officers found a firearm in his waistband. According to the report, the man appeared intoxicated, had slurred speech and became uncooperative with officers. Based on the investigation, coupled with a witness identification, the man was arrested for unlawful carry of a handgun.

**JANUARY 29
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT**

Officers responded to a gas station after an employee reported that an unknown man had attempted to pay for gasoline and get change using a fake \$50 bill that had the words “For Motion Picture Use Only” on the front; “In Copy We Trust” and “Play Money Only” on the back. Furthermore, the bill failed the marker test and felt like standard printer paper. The employee denied the transaction and the man fled the scene in an SUV. Cameras were only able to capture some of the license plate.

**JANUARY 29
ALL OTHER LARCENY**

The manager of a gym called officers about a man who had stolen a \$15 camera tripod and had been seen on a bicycle around the area “oddly observing gym members work out,” according to the report. The gym provided officers with photos of the man’s face and description of the bicycle he was riding. The case is ongoing.

**JANUARY 29
LARCENY BY FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE**

A West Ashley man stated that he purchased a luxury vehicle from a man he met through Facebook Marketplace for \$5,000 and that a tow company was attempting to tow it away in order to repossess it. The man said he traveled to Orangeburg to complete the purchase, but was not given the title to the vehicle, with the seller stating it was considered “abandoned.” The West Ashley man said he had not yet registered the car into his name and said someone claiming to be a tow truck representative knocked on his door asking for the key to the car in order to repossess it. Officers looked into the matter and found that the vehicle had a lien on it by a car sales company and the Facebook sale was “illegitimate.” The man was advised to keep all records of the sale for the investigation.

**JANUARY 29
ARSON**

Officers were called to a big box retailer after an exterior wall was set on fire. The store was evacuated. Camera footage shows what appeared to be two juveniles lighting a roman candle around

6:30 p.m. and pointing the fireworks towards the exterior of the business. The exterior wall had significant burn marks reaching approximately to the roof. There were also multiple shopping carts damaged beyond repair. Officers are looking through camera footage to help with the investigation.

**JANUARY 30
ALL OTHER LARCENY**

A man reported that someone had stolen his 17-foot boat from his storage unit. The man said the boat is worth \$6,700. He said he purchased the boat in early January and stored it at the unit. In late January, he discovered that it was missing. The storage unit provided surveillance footage that shows a moving company box truck back up to the boat and leave with the boat hitched to the truck. The manager of the storage unit stated that a similar crime happened at their location in North Charleston. The investigation continues.

**JANUARY 30
EMBEZZLEMENT**

The owner of an apartment complex in West Ashley reported that a former employee had embezzled thousands of dollars from the company, including changing the amount of her own monthly rent, which is \$1,700, to just \$1 several times. She also “paid” for her rent with non-sufficient funds checks several times and then cleared the charges from her apartment along with other apartments, “allowing some residents to stay rent-free for several months,” according to the report. The report states the woman additionally stole a \$500 money order check from the apartment complex and credited it to her apartment. The owner provided officers with several ledgers that showed fraudulent transactions going back to May of 2023. The company said it recently changed management companies and these discrepancies were discovered by a recent audit. The woman is no longer employed by the apartment complex and the report states she owes over \$10,000 in unpaid rent, in which she is currently in civil court over with the company.

**JANUARY 30
FOUND/LOST/CONFISCATED PROPERTY**

A woman reported that she left her designer handbag at a local bookstore and it was missing. The woman said she was in the store’s café area just before noon and did not notice it was missing until 5 p.m. Employees were unable to locate the purse. The woman said the purse contained her driver’s license, son’s birth certificate card, credit cards, \$50 in cash and office keys.

**JANUARY 30
FLIM-FLAM**

A West Ashley woman reported that she paid \$2,450 for a Dachshund puppy

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— Patrick Conroy, General Manager, Cedar Creek Tavern

Turning the Tide

Cedar Creek Tavern revamps and reinvents
Ashley River Road restaurant and bar

by Lorne Chambers | Editor

A creek is typically defined as being dynamic, always in motion, moving towards something larger, and gaining momentum as it goes along. It feels apropos that the new restaurant and bar located at 2578 Ashley River Road is named Cedar Creek Tavern.

Since there isn't an actual Cedar Creek running anywhere in West Ashley, perhaps the name serves as more of a metaphor and a fitting one, at that because Cedar Creek has been riding a rush of momentum since taking over the space formerly occupied by Trayce's Too near the end of last year.

Locals who haven't been in since the ownership changed hands are quickly finding out that the new spot has little in common with the former longtime West Ashley watering hole that previously occupied the same space. Cedar Creek Tavern is completely revamped, literally from the bottom to the top. Everything is new, from the hardwood floors on up, including the walls, which are, you guessed it, covered in planks of cedar, giving the place a much warmer, welcoming feel.

The old high-top tables have been replaced with nicer, new ones and the old bar stools have been replaced with brand-new, super-comfy casino-style stools that you won't find anywhere else in Charleston. There's now a large stage where live entertainment occurs almost every night, ranging from live trivia, music bingo, and karaoke to solo acoustic music on Tuesdays and live bands every Friday night.

There are more than 20 new, large-screen televisions spread throughout the 3,500-square-foot space to watch your favorite sporting event and four brand-new high-end professional Diamond pool tables that can be rented by the hour, bringing in the more serious billiard players. According to general manager Patrick Conroy, more changes are coming down the pike, like complete bathroom renovations and a new bar top.

Another obvious change is the creation of a new, dynamic menu, which includes elevated bar standards such as burgers, wings, tacos, pizza, and more. But what has Cedar Creek Tavern truly standing out among the string of dive bars on this side of town is the hiring of experienced kitchen manager Adiel Gonzalez. An expert sushi chef, Gonzalez is setting new expectations of what bar food can be for this part of town.

Gonzalez not only takes pride in the quality and freshness of the sushi he creates, but he says the presentation is a big part of it.

“I like it when we decorated and plate it nice and I then can see how the customers like it when we send it out,” says Gonzalez, who has worked at several Lowcountry restaurants before taking over the kitchen at Cedar Creek, including rolling sushi at Locals Sushi & Sports Pub, Tobo Sushi at Revelry Brewing Co., and Snapper Jack's on Folly Beach. Conway met Gonzalez when they previously worked together at Revelry.

“We thought it would be a good marriage here in this market since there's



really not any sushi close by,” says Conway about bringing Gonzalez on board at Cedar Creek. “It's convenient for people who live out here in Shadowmoss and other neighborhoods who don't have to travel downtown anymore for good sushi because they can just come here now.”

While there have been lots of changes since the place officially became Cedar Creek Tavern, there are a couple things that have remained the same that Trayce's regulars will recognize. Namely, co-bar managers Ghislaine Hiers and Brandon Pendergrass, who have been

around the place for quite a while.

“It's so nice to have reliable help. To have stability in the kitchen is just one less thing to worry about it,” says Pendergrass regarding having Gonzalez running the kitchen and sushi bar.

“Everybody loves the improvements,” says Hiers. “In the beginning, we got so much pushback, but now we've gained so many more customers.”

And she says it's not just the customers who appreciate the changes, the staff does, too.

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"It's incredible to see the difference," she says. "Who would not love having a beautiful space to come to work in?"

According to Hiers, the biggest challenge so far has been shaking any negative stigma people might have had surrounding the previous business.

"A lot of people at first were like, 'What, Tracye's has sushi now?' But once we got rid of that stigma we saw a change," says Hiers, who has seen business double or even triple since the switchover.

Pendergrass says it's been nice to experience a meshing of local crowds. He says many Trayce's Too customers have remained but now there are new patrons who have come since the new

place opened and even others who have bounced over to Cedar Creek since the recent closing of Back Nine Pub.

Conway notes that there is a different crowd coming in now. For example, he says more single women feel comfortable coming in and sitting at the bar and having a drink and some sushi. He adds that he's always willing to escort ladies to their cars if it makes them feel more comfortable.

"We really want to provide a community bar and restaurant that caters to a lot of people," he says. "We want everyone to feel comfortable here."

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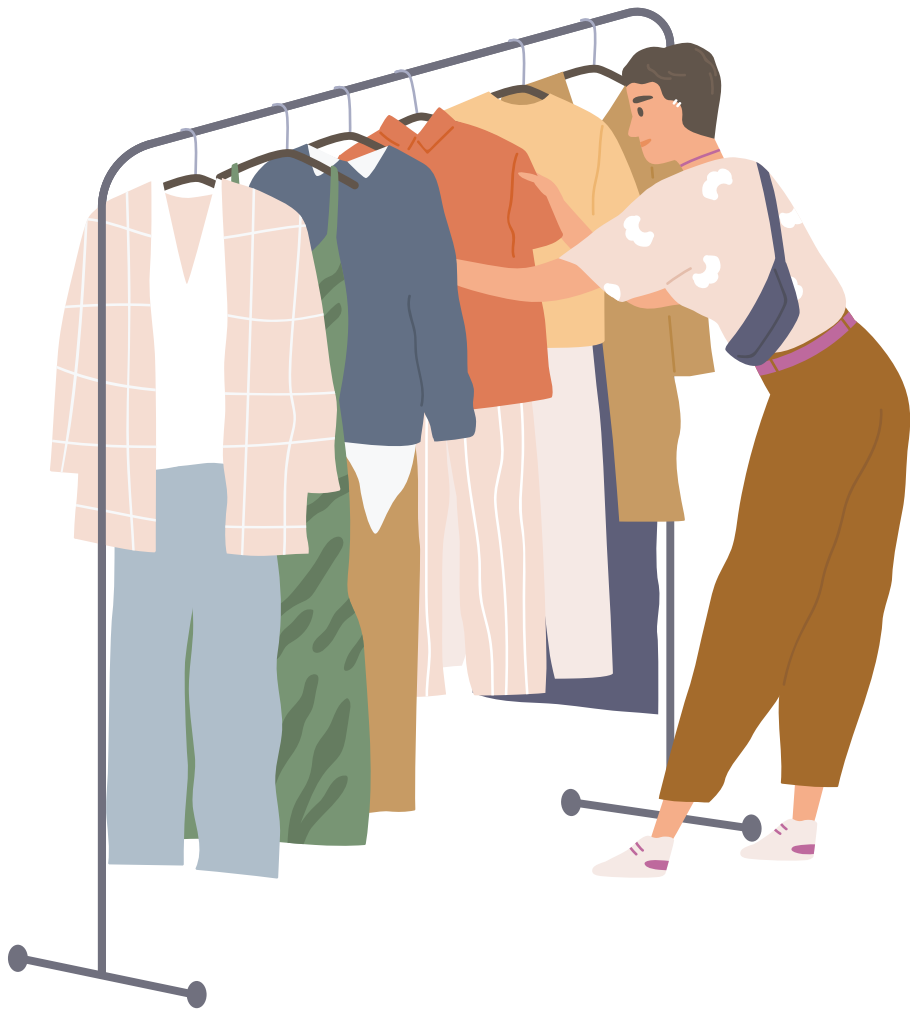


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Lousy Smarch Weather

The seasonal dilemma of what beer to drink

Hommer Simpson once commented on the lousy Smarch weather in Springfield, where it had been sunny one morning, and snowed that night. Welcome to March. The weather is all over the chart, some good, some bad. Warmer days, cooler nights — sun, rain, wind — we've got it all. During these wildest of pre-summer months, which beers are serviceable and which, if any, just don't cut it?

If you know your beer then you'll be hip to the notion that, historically, and at least in Germany, Bock is the true spring beer. Bocks and doppelbocks roll out near the end of February and into March, with maibocks showing up closer to May.

Of course, true, quality Bock beers are somewhat rare in the U.S., so what else works for spring? In my opinion, something that leans toward the malty side, yet lighter and crisper than the standard winter fare, could prove a great choice.

More widely available are several other

German lagers that fit nicely into a brisk March day. Munich Dunkel Lagers are malty and rich, crisp and brown, without being heavy. Ayinger has a solid example of this style. A slightly darker and drier option is schwarzbier. Look for Mönchshof, but the Schwarz from North Carolina's Duck Rabbit Brewing Co. is great too.

Closer to amber in color are Vienna lagers, which are smooth and malty to start, but are balanced with a crisp hop finish. Sam Adams Lager is the easiest to find, and still decent. Great Lakes Eliot Ness is even better and recommended, although the popular Ohio craft brewery hasn't quite made it's way to South Carolina just yet.

If you think Bock is tough to find, try locating a Bière De Mars, which means March Beer in French, but is typically a Belgian, and sometimes French, offering. This beer, a subtype of Bière De Garde, and similar to Belgian Saison, is brewed with fresh malts and hops, is crisp, fruity, slightly malty, and also a bit sour. Find good ones from Jolly Pumpkin and New Belgium.

On the ale side, there are several English beers that could easily pass for March fare. The classic ESB is a balanced

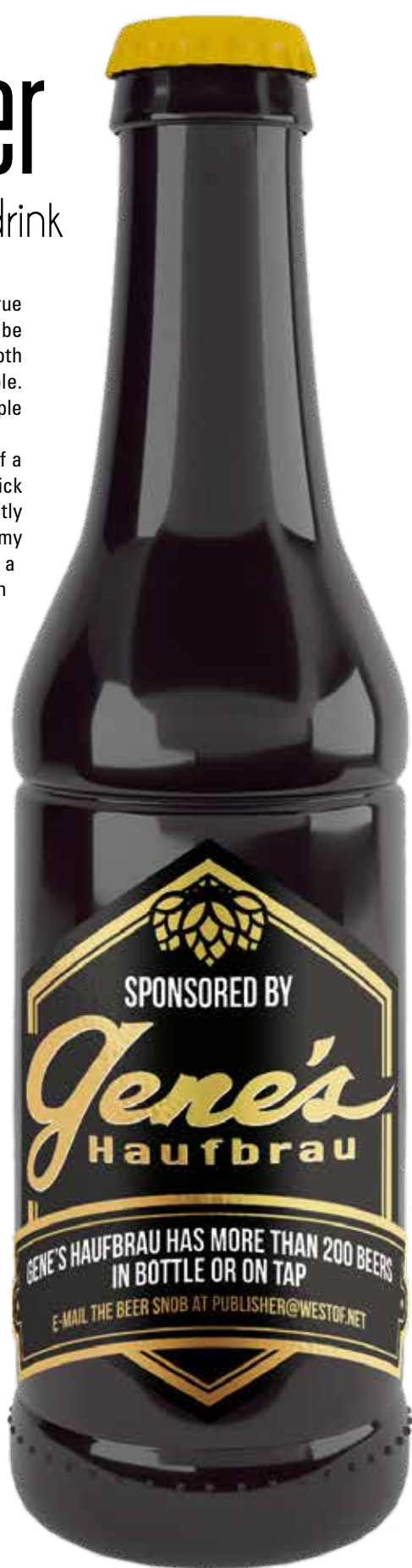
and sessionable ale. Fuller's ESB (a true standard bitter) and London Pride may be the best examples of the style. Sawtooth from Left Hand Brewing is serviceable. Hoppy for an ESB, it's still a solid example of the style.

English brown ales will have more of a malt presence, but are not as strong or thick as stouts, old ales, or barleywines. Slightly sweet, Sam Smith's is still the best in my opinion and will be somewhat dry with a nutty finish, hence the name Nut Brown Ale.

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, Irish red ales are lining shelves and can be a decent choice this month as well. Most are tasty, somewhat malty, sometimes a bit sweet, and yet not too heavy.

Where this time of year becomes problematic is with American brewers. Many push summer beers much too soon in the season. I'm already seeing Blonde and Cream ales on taps and in stores. This practice is standard in our country, with dozens of breweries bringing out wheats, hefeweizens, and the sunny wit. Please, there is enough time for these refreshing, tangy beers this summer. If you want something bright and spicy, just go with a saison or sour ale.

The opposite case can be seen with a number of the renowned smaller craft beer makers. Three Floyds brewing company releases in the spring Dark Lord, a 13+ percent alcohol by volume (ABV) Russian Imperial Stouts. Cigar City Brewing offers up their Hunahpu's, an American double IPA at nearly 12 percent. And Foothills Brewing Company just released its Sexual Chocolate, which rings in at nearly 10 percent. Can I request a few cold nights to enjoy these beers beside a roaring fire? I'm not quite ready to relinquish winter, so spring will just have to stand by. Enjoy the brews ... Cheers.



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Sewing the Seeds of Creativity

Local group shows why sewing is one of the fastest growing hobbies in America



by Joan Perry | Contributing Writer

A recent video of a young boy named Sam presenting his father with a shirt he'd sewn for him, was shared on social media and soon received more than 4 million views. One of the actors from the *Southern Charm* television series, who had been teased for sewing, now has a successful business and shop on King Street. One year I asked my adult son what he wanted for Christmas. He thought about it, and then asked if I'd mind mending a few items for him. He became fascinated by the sewing machine functions and watched what I was doing.

Surprise! Sewing is one of the fastest growing hobbies among young people and adults are returning to it, enjoying the technology of new machines, social media learning tools, shared inspiration and beautiful fabrics.

A picture of children clustered around a sewing machine at Five Eighth Seams shop at 1888 Raoul Wallenberg Boulevard inspired me to pay a visit. I was charmed by the idea of children - boys and girls, learning to sew. The large shop space was filled with brilliantly colored rolls of cloth and sewing accessories, state of the art machines and a lively class in progress.

I grew up knitting, crocheting, and then

sewing - first with an old treadle machine. I was punished in school for sneakily making handmade tatted lace under my desk. But, life gets busy, toddlers try to gobble straight pins, and handicrafts get put away to resurrect again as a fresh interest.

Interestingly, burying our heads in our phones can expose us to creative ideas that encourage us to put the phones aside and get hands-on creative. YouTube and Instagram videos inspire people to try the skills themselves, to be creative and make something that reflects their personal style. There is a healthy social aspect in the camaraderie of shared ideas.

Five Eighth Seams is owned by Brooke Floyd and Daniela Perdomo. The shop is their third location, larger each time and the current space has plenty of room for classes and gatherings.

Brooke is a teacher at heart. She started as a Career & Technical Education Shop Teacher at the Academic Magnet School and taught garment sewing classes at the old Hancock Fabric store.

Brooke loves garment making. She had a sparkle in her eyes talking about the feel of fabric, saying, "Sometimes I make it out of one fabric, and then start all over with another fabric to see how it works."

The shop started primarily with garment sewing in mind, but quilters wanted quilting fabric. Local Quilting Guilds use the space for their Sew Days. The Modern Quilting Guild, Cobblestone and the West Ashley



Sewing & Quilting Guild all use the space. Brooke and Daniela have noticed increased interest among young participants. Men are welcome and some learn sewing techniques to continue with leather work.

Sewing machines have changed since my sister ran a needle through her thumb on a neighbor's old treadle machine. Sewing machines today can run from \$300 to \$22,000. Brooke suggests renting a machine to start with and then purchasing a solid machine suited to a particular interest and that is worth repairing if needed.

Classes and camps are held primarily for adults during the school year and for younger participants in the summer. Visit their web site to see the great variety of classes that include: Basics, Sewing 101, After Sewing

101, Sewing with Knits, Sewing 201, All Levels Project Class, Pillows & Piping & Zipper. There are Five different Quilt Classes. Children's classes and camps include ages 6-17 and home school programs are offered. There are classes specific to learning more complex machines, private lessons and even fun private sewing parties offered.

Plans for 2024 include growing the quilting, sewing on stretch knits and offering space for special events.

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Having spent the last few months laying low and avoiding dolphins, redfish are now focused on eating instead of simply surviving. Low tide will be the best time to target large schools of redfish that can number in the hundreds. These fish are still skittish, so a quiet and subtle approach is quite important. On many days, it pays to stay in one spot when you find a school and wait for them to come to you instead of scaring them away.

As these reds are nervous, I'll try to disturb them as little as possible by

minimizing my casting. This is a great time to fish with bait on the bottom. I'll put a chunk of frozen mullet or blue crab on a size 3/0 circle hook and just let it rest until the redfish swim over it. Make sure the barb of your hook is fully in bait and the point is cleanly exposed. Place your rod in the rod holder and get ready for it to whip over once the circle hook sets itself!

As trout begin to feed, popping corks cast along grass banks and over oyster beds will be a good bet with mud minnows attached. I usually pair a 18"-24" fluorocarbon leader with a size 1 circle hook. While there is no shortage of options, I use oval shaped corks that are heavier and can cast further. When using a popping cork, do your best to keep slack out of your line and when that cork drops under just reel without lifting the rod tip. You'll find that the circle hook rarely misses as long as your line is tight.

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It would take more than the few hundred words of West Ashley Flashback to deliver the full story. So, step back in time a bit and imagine the men who once gathered at Bootle's Drive-in on Savannah Highway and at Bootle's Lunch and Grocery, at the corner of Wappoo Road and Savannah Highway, for community and storytelling. Fortunately, some of this activity has been photo-documented so it is easy to set the stage.

Let's hit the high notes:

Philip Lorraine Bootle was introduced to the barbecue business in Brunswick while working in the lumber business in Georgia. It is unknown why he was convinced to come to Charleston and open this type of business, but the timing coincides with the early economic influences of the Navy Base and Naval Shipyard. He opened in a location just as one exited the Ashley River Bridge going south on Savannah Highway, a major north-south artery prior to I-95. Maybe he recognized the importance of such a location.

Shortly after the entrance into the Food and Beverage industry, Bootle and his daughter, Lota purchased two lots across the highway in 1940 to build a guest home in the new Windermere development. At this time, Savannah Highway was a popular route for traveling salesmen moving up and down the east coast. Guest homes, cabins and later motels/hotels were very popular along Savannah Highway. Old Town Motor Court, Clementia Cabins, and Blitch's Cabins are a few of the older hospitality locations along the highway.

The concept of "migration to the country" was creating new subdivisions in St. Andrew's Parish. As the threat of another world war loomed, more and more people were moving to the area because of job opportunities at the Charleston Naval Shipyard and housing was critical. One hindrance to converting cabbage fields to neighborhoods was a reliable source of water. Even though Bootle never was associated with subdivision development, he would play a critical role as a commissioner



Bootle's Barbecue Drive In near the west bank of the Ashley River Bridge. Philip Bootle served barbecue at this location from the early 1920s until 1955 when they moved to the new location further south on Savannah Highway. (Photograph Courtesy of Ina Bootle and the Bootle Family)

of the St. Andrew's Fire and Water District. The tenacity of just a few men during the pre-WWII period brought water to St. Andrew's Parish. This accomplishment was celebrated by the community in the fall of 1943.

Bootle's commitment to community rubbed off on his children. His son Gus would become an attorney and later a US District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia overseeing the desegregation cases in the South. His daughter Leila Inez (known as Ina) owned a fish camp that included a seafood restaurant in Georgia establishing herself as not only a well-known fishing guide but also an excellent cook, and son Tommie dabbled in the barbecue business when he opened a place briefly in Walterboro, next as a magician and later owned a sign business in Spartanburg. The rest of his children remained in Charleston. His son, Luther and wife, Grace, would run the Bootle's Lunch and Grocery at the corner of Wappoo Road and Savannah Highway. Luther would also serve as the Chief of the St. Andrew's Fire Department from 1954-1956. Lota would help out at the BBQ stand and guest home and occasionally travel to fun places like Bermuda and Havana, Cuba. Sammie formed a partnership with his father in the BBQ business in 1937. After the location near the bridge closed, he would open the new location further down Savannah Highway in 1955. Sammie was also known for his hunting successes



The Bootle's Guest home was a popular place for guests from 1940 until 1977. (Photograph Courtesy of Ina Bootle and the Bootle Family)

and skeet competition skills, becoming state champion four times. He personified the live, work and play concept that so many speak about when describing community today. The next generation of Bootles also picked up the community spirit. Documentation and archiving are their forte. Luther, Jr. was a shutterbug. If something was happening in St. Andrew's Parish, Luther, Jr. was there to snap a picture. He was also the school photographer for St. Andrew's Parish High School during his senior year of 1943. Later, Sammie's daughter, Ina would take up archiving all of this history and generously share it with the community. Many of the

stories and photographs have found their way into "West Ashley", West Ashley Flashback columns, and lectures. Kudos to the generations of Bootles who not only helped build the community, but also helped us remember.

Stories about early suburban days in St. Andrew's Parish? Contact Donna at westashleybook@gmail.com

And if you want to know more about the Bootle Family, there will be a lecture on March 7, 6pm at the Cynthia Hurd/ St. Andrew's Library located at 1735 N. Woodmere Dr.



FUN & GAMES

WEST OF CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Police officers
5. Play parts
9. Take exception to
14. Affirm
15. Thin strip
16. Lift
17. Lakeside
19. Looked amorously
20. Armada
21. Climbers' supports
23. High wire
25. Income
28. Whichever
29. Plead
32. Citrus
33. Bigheadedness
34. Marine mammal
35. Desire
36. Absolute
38. Against
39. See the sights
40. Male child
41. Deservedly acquired
43. Before, in poetry
44. Not her
45. Preordain

46. Mission statement

48. Haggles

50. Made a mistake

54. Dog

55. Make drunk

57. Bay window

58. Beige

59. Skin disease

60. Thick

61. Adjusts

62. Jump

DOWN

1. Baby cow
2. Egg-shaped
3. Prod
4. Sugar or honey
5. Fire residue
6. Dress
7. Fortuneteller's card
8. Cheapest ship accommodations
9. Sagging
10. American symbol
11. Gentle
12. Applications
13. Bloodshot
18. Con game

22. Feted ones

24. Reckoning

25. Itinerary

26. Mistake

27. Undefined

29. Sesame

30. Consumed

31. Coast

33. Evening (poetic)

34. Relating to tailoring

37. Sermons

42. Daisylike bloom

44. Handgrip

45. Wasteland

46. Flowing tresses

47. Palisade

48. Had on

49. Devastation

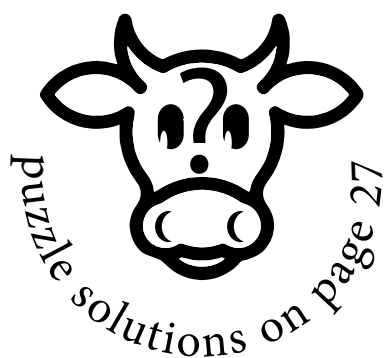
51. Speed competition

52. European volcano

53. Profound

54. A box for bricks

56. Public transit vehicle



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TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

1. COMEDY

What popular standup comedian and podcaster returned to host Saturday Night Live last month five years after being fired as a cast member for using racial and homophobic slurs?

2. TALK SHOWS

What daytime talk show host recently revealed in a new documentary that she is suffering with aphasia and frontotemporal dementia brought on by alcoholism?

3. TELEVISION

Pulling from her own life, what is the name of Hulu original series created by and starring Amy Schumer?

4. SPORTS

What is the name of the University of Iowa superstar who broke the women's Division I scoring record last month?

5. ACTORS & ACTRESSES

Actor Alan Ritchson is best known for starring as the title character of what popular Netflix series based on a popular series of novels by British author Lee Child?

6. SPIN-OFFS

What's the name of the six-part mini-series that just premiered on AMC that is the latest installment in the sprawling "Walking Dead" universe featuring the return of fan favorites Rick and Michonne?

7. LAWSUITS

Top Gun actor Barry Tubb is suing Paramount over the use of his likeness in 'Top Gun: Maverick'. What minor character did he play in the original film and appears again in the sequel in a photograph?

8. SUPER HEROES

Despite having a star-studded cast, including Dakota Johnson, Sydney Sweeney, Adam Scott, and Emma Roberts, what is the latest box office bomb of superhero movie based on a Marvel comic by the same name?



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Mahjong Game

Weekly Mahjong game with a \$5 PIE. Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Meets at the Pavilion in Shadowmoss (meets in the Clubhouse if it's raining). Meet new people and have some fun! All skill levels welcome.

The Sampler Guild of Charleston

All skill levels welcome. Meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 10am. Old St. Andrews Parish Church in Fellowship Hall, 2604 Ashley River Rd. For more information, contact nancythechief@gmail.com

Soap and Candle Making Workshops

Call for details. Pluff Mud Mercantile, 2408 Ashley River Rd. (843) 872-6022.

West Ashley Quilting and Sewing

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 460 Arlington Dr. from 10am-noon and the 4th Tuesday of the month at Five Eighth Seams, 1888 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd. from 10am-2pm for open sew. Find on Facebook or contact cgb7507@gmail.com.

West Ashley Writer's Group

Established in 1999, this is the longest running writer's group in the Charleston area. Writers of all types and genres are welcome. Free. The group meets on Zoom on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm. Message the group here to receive the Zoom link: <https://www.facebook.com/westashleywritersgroup>

West Ashley History Series

Learn about the rich history of West Ashley. Hosted at Hurd/ St. Andrews Library, 1735 Woodmere Dr.

Thursday, Mar. 7, 6-7pm: The Bootle Family, presented by Donna Jacobs, author of "Byrnes Downs" and "West Ashley"

Thursday, Mar. 14, 6-7pm: Mary Just- The Soul of Maryville, presented by Diane Hamilton, author of "Maryville- The Audacity of the People"

Thursday, Mar. 21, 6-7pm: Burial Grounds of Old St. Andrew's Parish, presented by Grant Mishoe, historian and genealogist

Thursday, Mar. 28, 6-7pm: Questions, Clarifications, Curiosities about West Ashley History? Bring your questions to this session and let West Ashley historians Ina Bootle, Diane Hamilton, Donna Jacobs, Kenneth Marolda, Grant Mishoe and Charlie Smith try to answer them!

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bees Landing Recreation Center

1580 Ashley Gardens Blvd. (843) 402-4571. www.charleston-sc.gov. Call ahead for more info. Bricks 4 Kids, StoryTree Theater, Little Nature Lovers, Busy Bees Ballet, Monthly Art Workshops.

• Cards & Coffee. Fridays, 1pm-4pm. Free.

• MahJongg. Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm. Free.

• Bridge. Wednesday, 10am-12pm. Free.

• Acoustic Music Group. Thursdays, 2pm-4pm. Free.

Bees Ferry Library

3035 Sanders Rd., (843) 805-6892, www.ccpl.org. This library offers a variety of events and activities for children, teens, adults, and seniors including children's story-time, computer classes, crafting events and more.

Hurd/ St. Andrews Library: 1735 N. Woodmere Dr., (843) 766-2546, www.ccpl.org This library offers a variety of events and activities for children and teens, including crafts and month-long challenges.

SPORTS & RECREATION

St. Andrew's Family Fitness Plus:

1642 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., (843) 763-3850, www.standrewsparks.info. Offers a variety of activities for adults and children.

St. Andrew's Parks & Playground:

1095 Playground Rd., (843) 763-4360, www.standrewsparks.com.

• Afterschool Program: Only \$85 per week. St. Andrews Playground, 1095 Playground Road.

• Pickleball: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-12pm, \$2 per person. Bring your own equipment or borrow. All skill levels welcome. St. Andrews Parks Gymnasium, 1095 Playground Road.

• Summer Camps: Registration starts Mar. 4th at 9am. Register online or in person at 105 Playground Rd. or 1642 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. For more information contact Jacob Rossignol at jrossignol@standrewsparks.com or (843) 763-4360.

West County Aquatic Center:

5156 Highway 165, Hollywood, SC 29449, (843) 762-6160 or (843) 795-4386, www.ccprc.com. Check website for activities and events.

OUTDOOR

Caw Caw Interpretive Center: 5200 Savannah Hwy. (843) 795-4386. Register online at www.ccprc.com.

Caw Caw offers a variety of children's walks through the forrest and along the waterways, where they learn about animals and their habitats.

• Early Birding – Trek through many distinct habitats to view and discuss a variety of birds, butterflies, and other organisms. Fee: \$9, ages 12 and up. Saturdays and Wednesdays in March, 8:30am-10:30am.

• Drawn to Nature: Introduction to Journaling – Explore new artistic techniques, develop your observation skills, and connect with the natural world through nature journaling. Bring your favorite journal and they'll do the rest! Saturday, Mar. 9, 10am-12pm. Fee: \$7, ages 8 to 18.

• Homeschool in the Parks: Plants and People – Learn about the amazing plant kingdom. Friday, Mar. 15, 10-11:30am. Fee: \$7, ages 7 to 12.

• Understanding the Rice Culture: to talk about land in the Lowcountry is an automatic invite to talk about rice, who grew it, where it came from, and how the cultivation changed the landscape in ways that are still evident today. Saturday, Mar. 16, 11am-12:30pm. Fee: \$10, ages 16 and up.

• Walking on History – The Stono rebellion, the largest uprising of people who were enslaved in the British colony, took place in 1739 within a 15-mile radius of Caw Caw. Saturday, Mar. 9, 10:30am-12:30pm. Fee: \$10, ages 15 & up.

• Wee Wild Ones: Wonderful Weather – Learn about the weather with hands on activities. Friday, Mar. 1, 10-11am. Fee: \$10, ages 18 months to 6 years.

Charleston Parks Conservancy

www.charlestonparksconservancy.org

Charles Towne Landing

www.southcarolinaparks.com 1500 Old Towne Plantation Rd., Charleston, SC 29407. (843) 852-4200.

Stono River County Park 3580 McLeod Mill Rd., www.ccprc.com.

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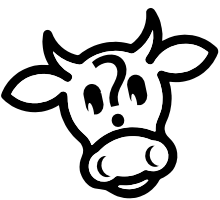
2001 Henry Tecklenberg Dr. (843) 606-7877, www.lowcountryseniorcenter.com for more info.

The West Ashley Senior Center offers a variety of fitness classes including yoga, Tai Chi, synergy, dancing, and strength training, for all levels, and art classes. Available for both members and non-members.

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Community Billboard is free
listing for events taking place
in West Ashley.
Please submit all happenings
to publisher@westof.net.*

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

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2. Wendy Williams
3. Life & Beth
4. Caitlin Clark
5. Reacher
6. The Ones Who Live
7. Wolfman
8. Madame Web

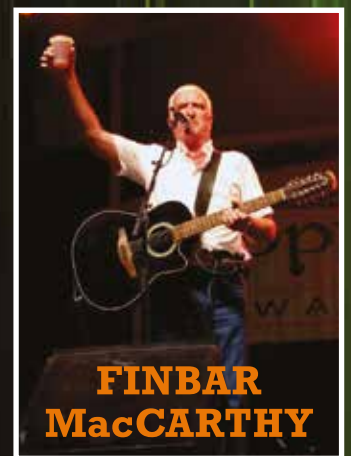
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SUN 1-4 PM LIVE MUSIC URBAN ROOTS
4:30-5 PM CHARLESTON IRISH DANCE

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