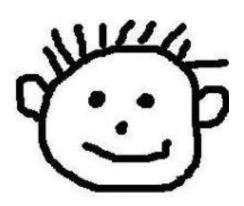
## sle of Hope News

The February-March 2018 issue of the Isle of Hope News is dedicated to the life and memory of Sammy Moore
July 6, 1951 - January 1, 2018





### **Editor's Note:**

On the first day of 2018, the news of Sammy Moore's passing surfaced on Facebook. At least that's how I learned of it. I was stunned, shocked and saddened. I knew he was valiantly fighting cancer, but had not seen him in months and did not know how far the sickness had progressed.

Of course, many of us knew that "Sammy Sightings" had decreased over the last year so we suspected things were not going well. But we hoped he would return one day to his daily jaunts around the island on his golf cart, camera around his neck, a big smile on this face, and the joy in his heart for all, especially the kids and critters he met.

When I first began editing

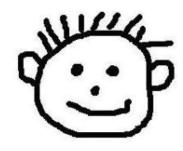
the IOH News a few years ago, I quickly learned that Sammy was the go-to guy when I need a photo for the publication. And he always gave me permission to use his work and did not ask for any money.

About a year or so ago, I asked him to do a column each issue on anything he wanted to pontificate about, but he was not interested, downplaying that anyone would want to read what he had to say. Of course, that was what you would expect from Sammy. He was humble and didn't care much for publicity.

I also had another idea for a feature story. It was going to be called: "A Day in the Life of Sammy." I hoped he would let me spend the day with him, riding on the golf cart, engaging with passersby, snapping photos of the island and the people and animals he loved. Just Sammy being Sammy. But this was about the time his battle with cancer intensified so it never happened.

It would have made a great story, but then again, his life was his story and a better one than I could have written. Isle of Hope will never be the same because Sammy lived and we will always have his photos and pithy Facebook sayings to show us his heart.

Rest in Peace, Sammy! IOH Loves You!





### Sammy

You know how the moment you receive heartbreaking news is burned into your memory? I remember vividly waking up one morning and reading on Facebook that my friend Sammy had passed away.

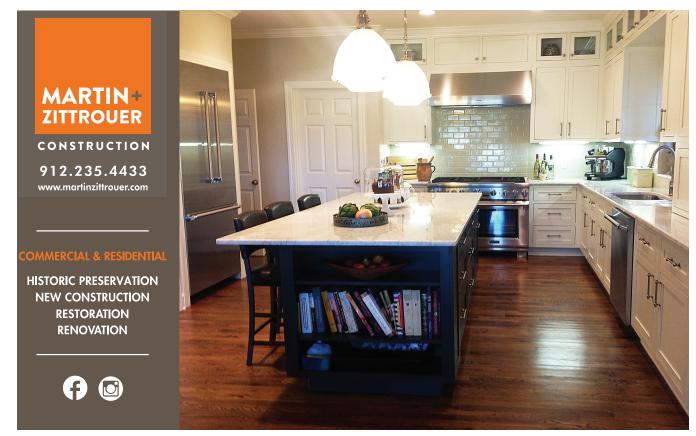
How could this be?! I JUST saw him. We had one of those middle-of-the-road conversations where everyone that passes by says 'Hi Sammy!' and sometimes Sammy would introduce you to whomever it was (if you didn't already know them) and sometimes he wouldn't. We had talked about his health and photos and our common interest of finding treasures in the dirt, and it certainly didn't seem like he could



be gone?!

As one does in such a situation, I quickly went to his page to get more information, while trying to fight back tears. And through all the condolences came words from Sammy's own brain, typed by his very own ALIVE hands "EVERYONE PLEASE GET

A GRIP. I JUST RECEIVED THREE TELEPHONE CALLS CHECKING TO MAKE SURE I HADN'T CROAKED YET. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT STARTED BUT THE RUMORS ARE UNTRUE. Y'ALL CAN'T GET RID OF ME THAT EASILY. PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE BEFORE THE ENTIRE THING (continued on p. 14)



### Featured Business: McClain's Shallow Wells

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How long have You been in business? 27 years

Why did you choose this business? My background is in science. I was intrigued by the geotechnical aspect of groundwater monitoring and the ecological value of using an alternative source of water for irrigation rather than the Floridan Aquifer. It also gave me a chance to meet so many new people and provide a unique service. This business takes years of experience and

dedication. I love solving problems, dealing with the unforeseen events that routinely occur in well drilling.

How did you get started?

I was research coordinator at the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography and was in need of some side income. I began working with Paul Clawson, a state licensed aeologist in 1978. Our work together grew until I was basically working two full-time jobs. I left my government job in 1984. I met a fork in the road with two equal opportunities, but separate destinies. I miss the security and less stressful government work, but have had a much more

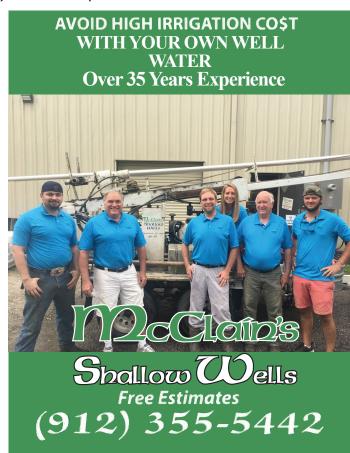
> rewarding career in well drilling.

What was your biggest break getting into this business? It sounds simple and often repeated, but work ethic and tenacity to succeed have always driven me to excel at whatever

endeavor I began. No special break. Sometimes you have to look beyond the easy way out and take that chance. You just have to do what you say you're going to do, when you're going to do it, for a fair price. I haven't changed my phone number in 40 years because I don't have to fear angry phone calls.

Why did you choose the IOH Area? Without the islands, there would not be enough work for me to have started in this business. Islanders take a lot of pride in their landscaping and tend to be protective of the environment. Being able to irrigate with a naturally replenishing water source is appealing in itself, besides the economic benefit.

What is your favorite part of the IOH community? There is not another area in Savannah that I would prefer to live. Its is an economically diverse neighborhood with a strong working class foundation. Anyone can blend in here and become a local, even a midwesterner like me. A short walk can reach the Skidaway River or enjoy Wormsloe Historic Site. Some of the greatest people live on Isle of Hope. I enjoy being able to jump in my golf cart and visit friends without the travel. (continued on p. 13)



### **Snow Day**











### **Practicing Good Dental Health at Any Age**

by Angela C. Canfield DDS

Making your teeth healthy and your smile shiny is a matter for all ages. Keep in mind, cavities can happen at any age. Adults are retaining their teeth longer, and dentures are not a given in the aging process. This trend also means cavities may be more likely.

There is no time like the present to improve your at-home dental routine and stay informed of what to expect as your teeth age. Whether caring for natural teeth or dentures, older adults face a variety of oral concerns from tooth decay

to gum disease. And research has shown unhealthy on your pearly whites. The bacteria in the mouth have a direct correlation to other more severe medical issues such as heart disease, pneumonia, dementia and diabetes.

Let's make this simple and focus on the four key habits for a healthy mouth and smile for the young or young at heart: brush, floss, rinse and chew.

Brushing twice a day for two minutes each time is still the rule of thumb at any age. And contrary to what you may have been taught, you should be using a soft-bristled brush proper technique for brushing includes small circular motions on the teeth and light back and forth strokes along the gum line with a fluoride toothpaste. Finish this step by lightly brushing your tongue to remove plaque and to ensure fresher breath.

Careful flossing is the next healthy habit to include in your daily routine. Floss between upper and lower teeth to remove plague and any food particles that may have been missed by brushing. After flossing, be sure (continued on next page)

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### **Teeth**

to rinse well with water.

Now it's time to select your favorite flavor of mouth-wash but be careful to choose one that does not contain alcohol. This healthy habit is important for cleaning biofilm and bacteria that you missed from brushing and flossing. Rinsing is also a great tool for getting an overall clean feeling.

The last habit to add to your daily plan may be your favorite. Chewing sugar-free gum, especially after eating and drinking, has a positive effect on your oral health. Forget what you may have learned as a child and put

your choppers to work with any flavor as long as it's sugarless. Gum chewing for approximately 20 minutes produces saliva which in turn fights cavities, neutralizes plaque acids, protects the enamel to strengthen teeth and washes away any remaining food particles.

These four steps will take you a long way toward a healthy mouth, but let's take it a step further and clear up a few other misconceptions to ensure tiptop hygiene for your mouth.

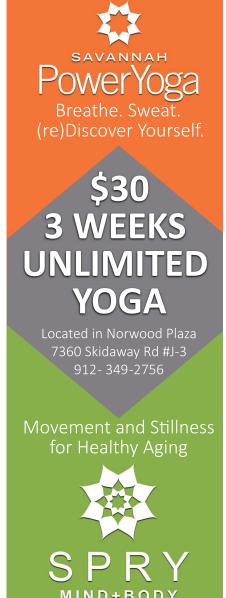
Older adults may still develop tooth or root decay due to gum recession. It is

important to also clean the gums. You may initially see some bleeding from light brushing of the gums. This is a sign of infection and should stop once your gums are healthy again.

Another misconception I hear from some of my older patients is that the softening of teeth is normal. Your teeth should not become softer as you age. This tells (continued on p. 13)







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### YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET REPORT BY TEAM YANNETT

This is the first Market Report of 2018, so I wanted to give you a quick look at some key statistics from 2017 and how they compared to 2016. After that, I'll share some key takeaways I discovered reviewing this and other real estate data for Isle of Hope and Durch Island for the last 10 years

	IOH/DI	Chatham County
Homes Sold 2017	59	4,935
Homes Sold 2016	59	4,421
% Change	0%	11.60%
Avg. Active Listings 2017	44	2,123
Avg. Active Listings 2016	35	2,437
% Change	20%	-12.80%
Months Supply of Inventory (Avg. for 2017)	11	5.3
Months Supply of Inventory (Dec. 2017)	9	4.78
Avg. Sales Price 2017 (Avg. for 2017)	\$411,779	\$247,093

Now let's look at a few interesting facts I found when digging into the data:

- Exactly 59 homes have sold on Isle of Hope and Dutch Island every year for the last 3 years. In other words, it's a very consistent market.
- The two biggest selling months for home sales on IOH and DI since 2014 were December 2014 (11 sold) and November of 2017 (10 sold). This debunks the idea that you can't sell a home in the winter months.
- The Median Sales Price for IOH and Dutch Island was \$382,218 (about \$30,000 below the Average Sales Price. This is important because when you analyze a market like IOH/DI with a small number of sales and huge price variations due to million-dollar waterfront homes it can skew the average. The Median (or middle) Price shows that half of the homes on the two islands sold for more that \$382,218 and half sold below that
- During the last 3 years, almost as many homes have sold in March (7 on average per month) as in May and June (7.6 per month on average). So don't wait for the so called "hottest" months to list your home. Do it now when you face less competition.
- Homes sell twice as fast across Chatham County as they do on Isle of Hope and Dutch Island. Why? First there are a lot more homes to choose from and lower priced homes typically sell faster than higher priced ones. How fast homes sell is measured by Months Supply of Inventory which shows how quickly the current supply of homes would sell if they continue to sell at the same pace as they are now.



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### **Questions About Tutoring**

What Makes a Good Tutor?

Every student needs a little extra help from time to time. Trying to catch up, keep up or get ahead in school often requires some outside assistance. This help can come in the form of a study buddy, helpful older sibling, resourceful teacher or professional one-on-one tutor.

We know that tutoring works, but what makes a good tutor?

Many home tutors are good at keeping your child "afloat" (thorough homework, quiz and test support), but is he or she prepared to teach your child "how to swim" (skill mastery leading towards academic independence and confidence)?

Here are attributes that you should look for to find the best fit for your child.

A good tutor . . .

1. ...is trained. Tutors who receive continuous training are more effective than tutors who don't. Big surprise. If you're looking for a tutor, ask about the training he or she has received. For example, all Sylvan tutors are state certified and certified in Sylvan instructional



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techniques.

- 2. . . . works with your child's classroom teacher if you want. Tutoring is most impactful when it's coordinated with classroom instruction.
- 3. . . . assesses. Before tutoring begins, kids should have an assessment so (continued on next page)







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the tutor knows the pupil's strengths and needs. There's no sense wasting time on material they have already mastered or putting off getting to what's needed.

- 4. . . . has a good track record. Before hiring a tutor, check out his or her credentials, experiences, ideas about learning and fondness for kids. Lots of people know math, for example, but not everyone can teach it. It's also helpful to get recommendations from other parents.
- 5. . . . makes learning fun and simple. When your child is having difficulty, the last thing you need is to complicate life any more than it already is. Tutoring should be easily

implemented and "feel right." Trust your instinct. Learning isn't always fun but there's nothing wrong with making it fun as often as possible. If a creative tutor can inject some humor and delight into difficult lessons, go for it.

- 6. . . . is timely. The worst mistake you can make is to wait before getting help. As soon as you suspect your child is having difficulty, get help. I speak from experience I've seen it happen time and again.
- 7. . . . uses some technology. Most kids are motivated by and attracted to technology. The technology should be interesting, interactive, simple and easy to use. It shouldn't replace plenty of face-time with the tutor,

though.

8. . . . provides value. Think of tutoring as one of the most important investments you will make, with a payoff in priceless confidence.

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### McClain's Shallow Wells

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I am a member of the Isle of Hope Volunteer Fire Department, which allowed me to become deeply committed to this community.

What is your favorite part of your day? Seeing my guys come in from a hard day at work and knowing that we made the impossible happen and made someone's day better.

What's important in your business now?
Demand on the Floridan
Aquifer has to be reduced.
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and South Carolina are becoming costly and water use issues are now being fought in the Supreme Court. As the President of the Association of Groundwater Professionals in Georgia, I witness first hand the concern for water conservation and protection.

Anything you'd like to say to the IOH area community? Using a shallow well reduces nonpotable water usage 100%. The economic savings are dramatic. Most wells pay for themselves within one or two years. An investment in your own water well is the best place you can put

your money for the return. A properly installed shallow well by a licensed and bonded well driller should last decades and be a very valuable asset to your home.

### Why is now a good time to get a well installed?

The sooner you have a shallow well installed, the sooner you start saving money on irrigation. Winter is the best time to have a well installed. Most contractors are less stressed and more available this time of year. March madness is nearing.

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### **Teeth**

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some sort of decay is happening, but the good news is treatments are available.

The final misconception that plagues many senior citizens is dry mouth. You may suffer from a chronic disease that is managed by medication. More than 400 medications are known to cause dry mouth. Treating this side effect can be as simple as drinking more water, rinsing more often and applying lip moisturizer.

I realize your oral health can easily be pushed aside by a busy lifestyle or other ailments. However, my hope for this month is that you make your oral health a top priority. A healthy mouth and smile are the first things people notice, and the rest of your body will appreciate this too.

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### McClain's

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What makes your business special, unique, or different? Water well drilling is typically made up of family members. You don't learn this or class. I am a third generation well driller, following my wife's grandfather and father. Both of my sons have worked with me since I began picking them up after day care at the Isle of Hope Methodist Church. Everyday brings a new challenge.

Ultimately we are able to supply a product that enhances our lives and protects the environment.



### Sammy

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GETS OUT OF HAND."

The date was June 27, 2017, and Sammy, in fact, was not dead. And not only was he not dead, he was a little upset (hence the all caps, which everyone knows is "Facebook yelling"). A very well meaning friend of his left a note on his page that was interpreted as a farewell by someone else and from there, it spread like wild-fire.

I laugh now through the tears at some of the comments, which are really quite funny, although I don't know how much laughing Sammy did on that day, or if ever about his unexpected early demise. I know when I saw him later that afternoon, there was a lot of eye-rolling on his part. He did have a really good sense of humor, so maybe he did.

I met Sammy in 2011 when my husband and I bought our first house on Isle of Hope. Ray and I work on a boat together and for our first three years of home ownership, we lived on the boat while we renovated the house.

I worked at the marina during my off time, so it was inevitable that I would meet Sammy pretty quickly, as he was often there. We also had the same appendage permanently attached to our necks – clunky, black cameras.

I don't know when Sammy found his love for taking photos, but it was clearly way before I met him. Sometimes, a person is born with a desire to do something and that was me with photography.

Funny, even as a kid with a camera, my interests were always in the sky and clouds, animals, and landscapes. The same holds true today. Maybe Sammy was the same way.

Sammy with a camera is the only way I knew him. His photos on Facebook inspired me to start waking up for the sunrise, something I'd seen pretty rarely as I was more of a sunset kind of gal. Getting up for most of the sunrises in the last seven years now qualifies me as a 'morning person', something I never thought I'd say about myself.

No matter where I am, it has become the only way I prefer to start my day, whether sunny, rainy, foggy, or even snowy, enjoying nature at its finest and usually having it all to myself. And Sammy single handily affected that change in me.

Even though social media can get a bad rap these days, Facebook was a way Sammy's talent was able to leave this small island and touch people all over the country, maybe even the globe. He was so good about sharing his treasures with us, but so humbled by the praise.

The time I knew Sammy was but a blink compared to the many that grew up with him, but he had a way of making all people feel special.

He was Isle of Hope personified, the kind of friend and neighbor everyone should aspire to be, an example of a life not hurried, a keen observer of the little things, a lover of nature big and small. And even though Sammy would be slightly mortified at all the attention, I do hope he knew how much everyone loved him.

Isle of Hope will never be the same.

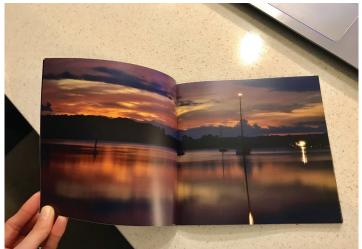
Thanks to Kelli Mills for writing this tribute to Sammy, my Moore. Like Sammy, she loves photographing the Isle of Hope. You can learn more about her on the next page.

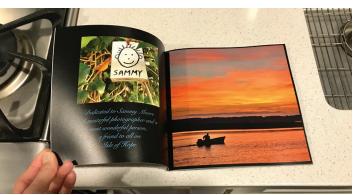
### **IOH Photographer Publishes Photo Book**

Kelli Mills, who provided the "Snow Day" photos and the shot of Sammy at Sunrise on the cover of this issue of the Isle of Hope News, has self-published a book of her photgraphy. The paperback book has 90 pages of Isle of Hope photos, many taken near the Bluff.

Kelli moved to Isle of Hope in 2011 and lived on a boat for three years while her and her husband, Ray, renovated their home. During that time, she fell in love with taking photos of the picturesque island. She also met Sammy Moore, the unofficial "Photographer Laureate" of Isle of Hope and dedicated the book to him. Unfortunately, he passed away before he could enjoy it.

You can pre-order the \$32 book by contacting Kelli via email: kah810@yahoo. com or phone 912-655-7673 or Facebook - Kelli Hodges Mills.







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