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Without my front porch, family, and dog, I'm not sure I'd have stayed sane during the last year or so. But now that I am mostly maskless and free, I feel better.

It's almost Summer, and my seasonal affective disorder is healing fast. I am happy to get up, drink my V8 and coffee on the front porch, and then take Da Harps (Harper's hip-hop name) for a walk—and at times, an unleashed run.

I keep her on the leash on Bluff, but sometimes in the less-traveled places (park, vacant lot in front of St. Thomas, and riverfront near Wimberly dock), she runs as a dog should.

Unshackled.

Chasing squirrels.

So that brings me to the Class of 2021. Your parents (I've done so 3 times) are in the process of unhooking the leash and letting these boys and girls run. I admit the first time it is daunting, especially if your first is a girl. I wish I didn't have a double standard, but I do.

But after that, it gets a bit easier. You realize that may-

be you did ok or even great at helping your kids develop their own wings. They leave the nest and fly well.

Chances are they will have a few slip-ups, but you'll realize that is part of growing up and learning. Heck, I climbed out of a dorm at UGA, fell 4 stories and trashed my ankle, and cracked my back.

But still, here I am to tell the story. Trust me, I wished it hadn't happened. But the point is our instinct; your kid's instinct is to survive.

But they may have sad and confusing days, wondering if they want to keep playing the game. But don't panic, be patient.

One weekend, my daughter, Mary Grace, came home and had second thoughts about going back to UGA.

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Isle of Hope News

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is a quarterly publication serving Isle of Hope area residents & advertisers.

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Wymberley Garden Club Has Deep Roots

BY KELLI MILLS

Have you ever found your self driving across the Skidaway Causeway, leaving the hustle and bustle behind you, and wonder how you got so lucky to call this beautiful slice of heaven "home"?

Or wondered who are some of the lucky souls that have the honor of keeping our entrance to this magical place looking enchanting?

Or, have you taken pause, on a walk along Richmond Drive, to step out towards the Marsh and simply breath in the views, the marsh, the birds chirping only to find

your sprit refueled?

Well, I wanted to introduce you to a special group of residents that make up the Wymberley Garden Club.

In 1946, James Richmond purchased Wymberley and in 1947, he started developing the land into the neighborhood we know today. Shortly after the homes were built and purchased, three Wymberley residents saw a need for a garden and social club; thus, the WGC was born in 1952. Ethel Tomlinson, Nora Giles, and Mary Alice Tarver, along with 60 charter members, declared the WGC a group to "stimulate and en-

courage gardening; to develop home grounds; to further community beautification; to protect native plants, trees, and birds."

And for almost 69 years, the members of the club have been doing just that. In 1954, Judge Arthur Solomon gifted 35 oak trees to the WGC, and they were planted down Richmond Drive. I can't imagine that street without the beautiful shade canopy of moss covered oak branches, and when the azaleas are in bloom, I declare it to be

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the prettiest street on the island. Long, straight roads have a tendency to encourage speeding, but the naturally formed oak root 'speed bumps' help in that regard. The entrance to Wymberley is also a welcoming sight with beautiful brick signage, large azaleas, and mossy oaks.

In 1987, James Richmond deeded the lot at the end of Richmond Drive to the WGC with the stipulation that the club "to the fullest extent possible, maintain said parcel of land in its natural pristine state for the benefit of all of the property owners in Wymberley at Isle of Hope."

I have really appreciated this little gem of a property as, alas, I cannot afford a water view. It's a fantastic sunrise viewing spot, especially when the morning sun lights up the moss. There is a bench on the property provided by the club and it's a lovely place to sit, enjoy the marsh, the sky, the birds, and wildlife.

The Burntpot Bald Eagles live just across the river and can be seen flying around, looking for food. I encourage everyone to walk over, sit a minute, and drink in the scenery.

In 2007, the WGC planted 10 palms along Skidaway Road Causeway along with a marker and a flagpole at

the entrance to Wymber-ley. Weekly, the garden club members are out in force, picking up trash along our streets (and there is a lot), maintaining the landscaping and decorations at the entrance and end of Richmond, and looking for ways to beautify our little paradise.

Every year, the WGC holds a spring and fall bake sale. If you were lucky enough to get some treats last month at the May sale, then you know that many of our club members are very talented bakers! And thanks to our IOH residents, the club had its most successful sale ever.

The money raised goes toward projects such as signage, benches, landscaping, and the two firemen dinners each year. We are fortunate to have our own volunteer fire department on the island, and the WGC provides these dinners in appreciation for their time and service to the residents, for which we are so grateful.

Isle of Hope is a rather unique gem. I joined the garden club in 2018, four years after we finally moved into our Wymberley home. Because I travel for work and wasn't around for most of the meetings or activities, I erroneously thought I couldn't participate and there was no benefit to joining.

One day, while strolling

the streets, I met then President Pam Allen, who told me about the club and invited me to join.

I explained my situation. She said it didn't matter. I became a member and I'm glad I did. I have been able to meet more of my wonderful neighbors...

Isle of Hope is absolutely saturated in talented, amazing people. I have learned so much about the history of IOH from neighbors who have lived here their entire lives, some in the same houses they grew up in, and have seen so many changes.

My favorite is hearing how as children, they had the run of the island and woods before Wymberley was developed. We all know how we feel watching the trees come down for the new Wormsloe parking lot. Imagine now what it was like for them in the late 40's, early 50's.

In January of 2021, the Wymberley Garden Club welcomed its latest Board Members and we are pleased to announce: Tiffany Alewine, President, Jenni Brodie, Vice President, Bill Mintz, Treasurer, Carolyn and Tucker, Corresponding Secretary. They look forward to continuing the Garden Club's legendary events, as well as, offering new exciting opportunities to get involved with your neighbors!

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Along with our gardening projects, there are many social activities that we also enjoy, such as picnics, parties, and clean-up days by land and kayak.

We are planning to add some children's activities, as well, to cultivate future gardeners and a community service mindset.

The Wymberley Garden Club has a bit of something for everyone of all ages and green thumbs aren't required.

If you are a resident of Wymberlely and would like to get involved, learn more about the club, or join, please email Kelli Mills, at kah810@yahoo.com or President Tiffany Alewine at tiffanybalewine@gmail.com.

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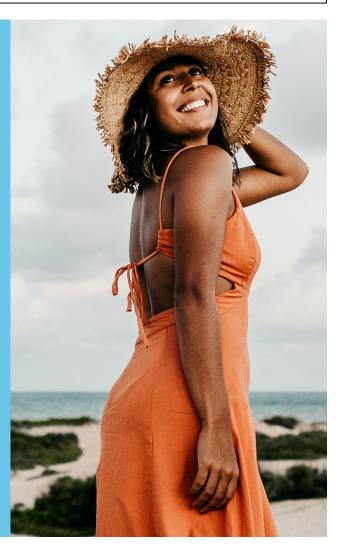
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Front Porch

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She was overwhelmed, so she stayed home an extra day, talked it out, and went back.

She had a sales job at the UGA newspaper *The Red and Black* and was doubting herself. But she stuck with it and began to excel, eventually becoming the top salesperson on the staff.

My point is not to brag (well, maybe a little). My intention is to help you prepare for what's ahead. These next few years will be delightful and sometimes volatile.

You will watch your child blossom into their own person, but it will probably not be a linear path. At times, you will worry and commiserate, and sometimes you will rejoice and celebrate. But try not to fret too much about what's ahead.

Enjoy this pivotal moment. You did your part. Now it is time for them to launch out and steer their own ship.

Congrats to all our grads the Isle of Hope Community is cheering you on!

(Editor's note: Thanks to all our contributors -Kelli Mills, Noel Wright and his late wife Ruthie!

If you have a piece of history to share or would like to write and article reach out to me at chris@isleofhopenews.com)



Senior Tech Tuesday - FREE - First Tuesday of Every Month

BY ED YANNETT

Until recently, my mother, who lives 1100 miles away in Massachusetts, has had a flip phone. Mom has always been technologically challenged, so we're excited when she knows which remote to use to turn on the TV.

For years, my brother and I tried to talk her into getting a smartphone to send her pictures and let her see her grandkids more! Just recently, she gave in, and we got her a NEW smartphone.

Recently driving in the car, mom grabs her new smartphone out of her purse with the cord attached to the phone and the other end connected to the charging block, IN HER PURSE IN THE CAR.

VERY frustrated, she says, "this stupid phone is not charging! This thing doesn't work!" UGG...TRUE STORY! Ok, so you may not be as technologically challenged as my mother.

Still, working with many



seniors as a real estate agent, I have seen firsthand how this affects seniors! It kills me we can't share special moments and use the technology to be closer and share our lives with my mom! For my mom, the two big issues are the Cost and Who can do these things!?

Almost every technology problem I have encountered with clients and my mom are little things...like plugging the charging block into the wall!

In my mom's defense, the

charging block had the plug that flipped into the block, so it wasn't easy to see how that worked! But still hilarious!

I don't want any seniors in our neighborhood to have these problems! So, if you're 70-years-old or older, on a fixed income, and need help with technology, we have set up a FREE Senior Tech Tuesday! On the first Tuesday of every month for Seniors! Free!

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"Let Our Family Show Your Family the WAY Home!"

Ed and Lisa Yannett



Senior Tech Tuesday

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IOH History - 1927 float in front of Buckingham Hotel



Left to right, sitting: Bessie Roberts (Quante), Frances Sales, Nan McCreery, Esta Martinsky. Standing: Mary Roberts (Elmgren), Florence Waite, Pearl Martinsky, Ellen Corey. The teacher is Miss Green. Eleanor Roberts (Hall) is in the Pot of Gold, and Bessie Roberts (Masna) is pictured with her back to the camera.

See article on Page 11 about the hotel. Thanks to Noel Wright who shared this information with us.

Photo submitted by Noel Wright

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William Barbee, proprietor of the resort and owner of the old building which was famous in its day, announced today his plans to raze the building to the ground and construct in its place a large modern parkway for automobiles.

Work on the project will be begun. Monday and is expected to be finished in about two weeks. The place will be hard-surfaced and will be in keeping with similar first class parking areas of its kind. Its use will be free to patrons of Barbee's. It is immediate across the highway from Barbee's pavilion.

This interesting expansion was brought about to alleviate crowded parking conditions, particularly on dance nights and Sunday afternoons. The cleared space will be about 150 by 450 feet in size and will afford space for the parking of from 150 to 200 cars. Scores of other parking spaces are afforded by the long bluff on the curve of Vernon river.

The old building which is being torn down is rich in historic and legger endary lore of the Isle of Hope. It was built back in the '60s or '70s by a family by the name of Buckingham and was operated for many years as the Buckingham Hotel. Before the days of the horse cars and the steam cars, to say nothing of the electric cars, the Buckingham was a famous old resort hotel and beer garden, reached by the road by the horse and buggy route.

In later years it passed into the hands of the Henderson family, being owned and operated for some time by the late Thomas Henderson, who made his home there. Mr. Henderson was the father of T. Hunter Henderson and Mrs. Frances McDonald, Subsequently, it was bought by the late Alex Barbee, father of the present proprietor of Barbee's and though it has long since ceased to be used for its original purpose it has remained a familiar landmark through the years. Its passing to make way for progress of time will mark an interesting event in the annals of Isle of Hope.



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Nanny Roberts - A Legend in His Own Time

BY RUTHIE WRIGHT

Nanny Roberts is just one of the memorable characters who made Isle of Hope a wonderful place to live. Nanny was known by everyone and had friends far and wide.

He owned the only dock building pile-driver barge around and built almost every dock on Isle of Hope in the 1950's through the 1970's. You could never miss seeing or hearing Nanny if he was in a mile of your presence. He was over 6 feet tall and was all legs. His voice was loud and his laugh deep and every other word was a bleep.

But you expected this of Nanny. It seemed as if he had always lived here and he was a friend to all and was admired by all.

No one was a better marsh hen hunter and several times Noel accompanied Nanny and his Black Labrador Retriever, Richard, plodding through the marshes on a spring tide in knee-deep water.

Richard had almost become as well known as Nanny. He was well trained, and Nanny always bragged about his many talents.

Richard was probably the only dog that had a valid driver's license issued by the state of Georgia. Nanny was so popular and was such a great skeet shooter that he became president of the

Forest City Gun Club.

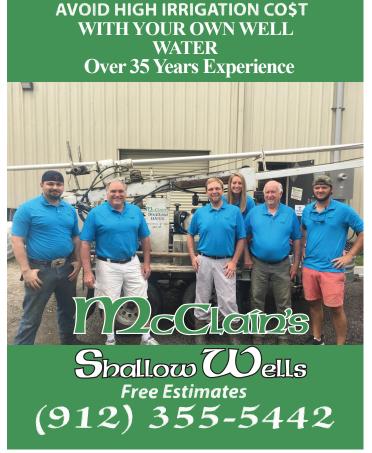
He along with his wife, Sara, Carl and Bessie (his sister) Quante, and Eva and Ralph Newton, and many others, were always planning events at the club, and the women would cook elaborate suppers for members and visitors.

The most memorable annual event was called the "wild game supper". This was everyone's chance to taste snake, turtle, alligator, squirrel, possum, deer, etc. Nanny supplied most of the meat for the supper.

Nanny was also known for his jokes and tricks. When he

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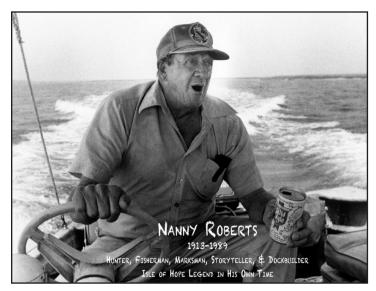
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would tell you something, you were not sure if it was true, but you always went along.

Nanny knew that Ralph Newton, a long time resident of Isle of Hope who owned the Piggly Wiggly at Sandfly, was deathly afraid of rattlesnakes.

He decided to pull a trick on his best friend. He caught the rattlesnake, cut off his fangs, and dropped him into a crocus sack. He then called Ralph and told him, "I've got something you have always wanted".

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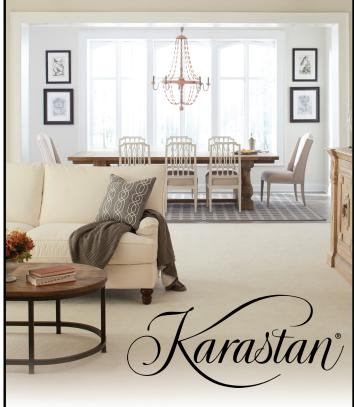
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snake. Not saying a word Ralph dropped the snake like a hot potato and ran off screaming to the laughs of all around. But in a few minutes he returned with his shotgun and had Nanny running for the woods.

Nanny, his wife Sara, and son, Bill, lived on the corner of Parkersburg and Cornus Dr. Their house was replaced by the parking lot of the IOH Methodist Church.



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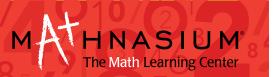
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