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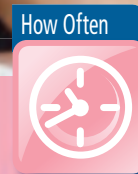
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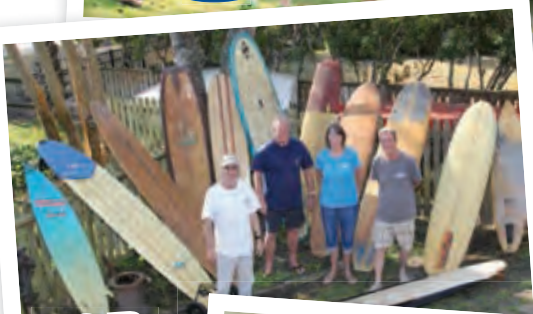
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

WE HAD SOME CHALLENGES AND A LOT OF FUN bringing you this special, two-cover issue, and we have high hopes you'll like what we've published featuring Mount Pleasant's moms and dads.

Mother's Day and Father's Day give us the opportunity to celebrate the unlimited and unconditional love we have for our children. These are special days to spend quality time with our families and kids, but, when you drill down below the surface, it really is more than that.

Being a parent is one of the most complicated but rewarding roles you can play in life. I've been a single dad, raising my oldest son, Drew, who is now 38, from the time he was 4 years old. I've also been a stepdad to my son Ryan, now 34, since he was 8, when I met and later married his mother, Kimberly. Kim and I had our youngest, Anthony, who is now 24. The photo to the right was taken about 10 years ago. Top to bottom: Ryan, Anthony, daughter-in-law Katie, Drew and his oldest son, Tyler, now 16, is my oldest grandchild.

My various parenting roles have enriched my life tremendously. There have been many trials and tribulations, but the rewards of parenthood are like no other. It's funny how life's experiences beyond parenting are more robust and rewarding because of what we learn through parenting.

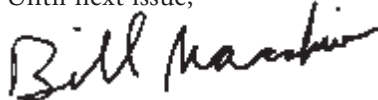
Mark Apple and his daughter Lennon, 3, are featured on the dads' side of this issue of Mount Pleasant Magazine. Lennon's mom, Lillian, tells us "Mark gives her continuous guidance, confidence and love," all traits that are needed to guide and protect our children as they face life's challenges and take advantage of life's opportunities. A good mother and photographer, Jenn Cady, captured an intimate moment with Mark and Lennon at Palmetto Islands County Park.

Publishing is a team effort, and Brandon Clark has been part of the team since our premiere edition. He enjoys outdoor activities, including surfing, and it was his suggestion to feature the Coastal Carolina Surf Club on the 50th anniversary of its founding. This article, along with those about the Palmetto Vocal Project, man caves and our tribute to the late Tony Page, one of Mount Pleasant's best-known fathers, makes the dads' side of this issue a fun read.

Speaking of favorite dads, Mount Pleasant Magazine will keep the Favorite Moms and Dads voting open for 2015. Visit www.MountPleasantMagazine.com/MomAndDad to put in a plug for next year's favorite parents.

Our name is Mount Pleasant Magazine, but we direct mail our publication to homes and neighborhoods on the Isle Of Palms, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island as well. Wherever you live East of the Cooper, thanks for spending time with Mount Pleasant Magazine. If you have a friend or family member who would like to learn more about Mount Pleasant, send them the link to our digital version, www.MountPleasantMagazine.com/green, so they can read us online. 🍷

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— BILL MACCHIO
Publisher



Top to bottom: Ryan, Anthony, daughter-in-law Katie, Drew and his oldest son, Tyler, now 16, is my oldest grandchild.



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We asked our Mount Pleasant Magazine friends and fans to nominate their favorite dads in honor of Father's Day. The results are more interesting and heartfelt than we ever thought possible. We had spouses nominate each other, children nominate parents and friends and colleagues nominate extraordinary parents. We hope you enjoy reading the three winning essays as much as we did. Thanks for your nominations and Happy Father's Day.

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FAVORITE DAD



MARK APPLE

Nominated by Lillian Ciany • partner

Mark's dry sense of humor and sarcasm are a source of laughter in the company of his friends. Around his daughter, however, he transforms into a gentle, caring, loving and sensitive father.

Lennon, Mark's 3-year-old daughter, was an extremely stubborn infant. Unlike most babies, she refused to take a bottle from day one. This made it difficult for our family, as I worked nights and Mark worked days. Every night I came home, Mark was pacing the hallways with a screaming and hungry Lennon, with a look of sheer exhaustion on his face. Despite the fact that Lennon consistently refused to drink milk out of a bottle, Mark spent every night

soothing and singing until I returned home to nurse her.

Since our early days as a family, Mark and Lennon have developed a unique and tight bond. They write their own music spontaneously together; Mark plays chords on guitar while Lennon sings nonsensical but adorable lyrics into the microphone. They also have dance parties to hipster music, while Mark teaches Lennon all about his favorite bands – Oasis, Blur and other historic Brit-Pop rock stars.

Mark often asks me to make my own plans on Friday nights after work so that he can have our daughter Lennon all to himself. He has grown into such a natural father, with a love for Lennon that makes everyone around him melt. Even if he doesn't win this "Best Dad" contest, he will always be the best daddy to Lennon, giving her continuous guidance, confidence and love. 🐼

FAVORITE DAD



WILLIAM “Bill” Zobel

Nominated by Kaitlin Zobel • daughter

My dad was unfortunately robbed of the blessing of having a father himself at the young age of 12, when his Navy-enlisted father died of cancer. I always say that my dad has gone above and beyond his paternal duties. I will be the first to admit that I was not the easiest daughter to raise.

My wonderful dad has been through the ringer to give not only me but my entire family the absolute best life he could possibly provide for us. I can honestly say that my dad is the most selfless person I know. He is up at 7 a.m. on weekend mornings doing overtime so we can enjoy all of the luxuries we are blessed to have because of his hard

work. I believe there is a difference between being spoiled and blessed. I am blessed. My father loves me so much that he would do absolutely anything to see me happy, even if that means sacrificing his own happiness. And after all, isn't that the most important characteristic an award-winning dad can have? My dad would literally give up his own happiness and well-being to ensure the happiness and well-being of his family. If he isn't worthy of Mount Pleasant's best dad, then I simply don't know who is. The second you hear him talk, I assure you that your heart will melt. He is everything that a father should be, and he deserves this recognition.

I only hope that you can see him as I do, as a great man and a great dad. 🐶



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CHAD VAIL

Nominated by Mindy Allen • friend

Chad Vail is an amazing father of three children – Caroline, 11, Claire, 10, and Bryson, 7. Chad and his wife, April, have also been very active in the special needs community as they have raised their three children. Caroline is in the sixth grade at Coastal Christian Prep. Chad enjoys supporting Caroline in her cheerleading and on the volleyball court. Caroline is a gifted student and Chad enjoys studying with her for her tests. Bryson is the Vails' gregarious son in the first grade at Coastal Christian Prep. He is also a terrific athlete and gifted in school. Claire is their middle child and happens to have Down syndrome. She is in the fourth grade at Daniel Island School. Claire is thriving in her classes and loves to read and sing in the school chorus.

When Claire was born, the Vails were blessed to find the local Down syndrome parent support group called DSAL. Chad says he was so thankful for

their support that he and April became active members and have both served in the organization's leadership. The Vails were among the families that started the Buddy Walk for DS on DI. Chad served as president of DSAL. One of the ways DSAL uses the funds from the Buddy Walk each year is to hold Buddy Camp, a week-long opportunity for youth with DS and their buddies.

Chad worked with the MUSC Department of Speech and Language Pathology with the early camps. Thankfully, the DI Rotary Club and many others stepped up to support the amazing and inclusive camp experience. Chad was also part of the MUSC DS Clinic.

"We're thankful to have these medical specialties available all around us. DSAL's goal is to provide an equal level of care and support to everyone with DS. We want to be there for the families as well as the patients," he commented.

Chad was elected president of the DI Rotary Club for 2014/2015 and will officially take office July 1. 🐾



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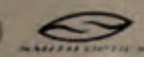
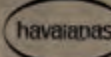
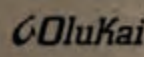
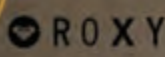
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A Ride to Remember

Hal Coste, Circa 1964.



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THE CAROLINA COAST SURF CLUB

Story by Cullen Murray-Kemp.



Left to right: Vernon Owens, Tom Proctor, Sally Price and Hal Coste with vintage surfboard collection.

I STOOD ON THE RAIN-SOAKED DECK AT the Windjammer on the Isle of Palms, my hands tightly gripping the wood handrail. I was fixated, entranced even, by the sheer power of the ocean. A late-spring storm surge had kicked up waves; they rose gradually then crashed violently in an avalanche of foam and white water.

My mind returned to a state of reality when I realized that I was at The Windjammer on assignment and needed to locate the Carolina Coast Surf Club members I was there to interview. I postured up and strolled back inside, leaving the terrifying but strangely inviting ocean at my back.

It didn't take long to locate the boys from the Carolina Coast Surf Club. Hal Coste, Tom Proctor and Vernon Owens, planted behind a high-top table, motioned me over. A round of drinks set the stage for captivating conversation about the waves that day and the forecast for the upcoming weekend.

Surfers don't anticipate good waves – similar to the ones crashing ashore at The Windjammer that day – the way they once did. When Coste and Proctor formed the Carolina Coast Surf Club “back in the day,” websites listing the week's wave schedule for every major beach did not exist. Hell, the Internet was no more than a futuristic dream back then. The

original members of the Carolina Coast Surf Club didn't find out what the surf would be like until they approached the Isle of Palms sand dunes, eagerly anticipating a glimpse of the waves and hoping against hope that the capricious Atlantic Ocean would provide a meaningful day in the water.

The Carolina Coast Surf Club is rooted deep in East Cooper history.

“The club first came together back in 1963 when we were 15 and 16 years old,” Coste reminisced as he pulled out a copy of the group's original bylaws.

Back in those early days of surfing, surfboards, typically longer than 8 feet, would cost in the \$75 to \$100 range, imperfections and all and without ankle leashes. But that didn't stop Proctor and Coste from forming what is now the oldest surf club on the East Coast – at least the oldest they know about.

“We don't necessarily have any proof that we were the first club on the East Coast, but nobody has ever told us that we aren't,” Coste commented with a laugh.

The first chapter of the Carolina Coast Surf Club story was written by teens at Moultrie High School. Along with

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Coste and Proctor, the club's founding fathers, there were about 15 other original members, including Lucy Price Jacobs and her sisters.

Coste remembers becoming infatuated with surfing during his childhood days while trying to stand up on an old Opti-sunfish sailboat. He soon tired of sailboat surfing and got together with six or seven friends to buy a real surfboard.

"We pooled our funds from our summer jobs – cutting grass and lifeguarding – and bought a green 9-foot, 6-inch Malibu popout board," said Coste. "Once we had that board, you couldn't get us off the beach. We must have been out there for about 80 percent of our summers."

Current Club President Ken Kirchner remembers his Moultrie High

surfing days fondly.

"In those days, there were hardly any other surfers in the water," he said. "I remember the summer when I was 15 years old, and Tommy and Hal – who I really looked up to – got me hooked."



Photo by Austin Jackson.

Club member Dyer Askins noseriding in Puerto Rico.

Although they all went to the same high school, Kirchner is a year younger than Proctor and three years younger than Coste. Kirchner remembers try-

ing to mimic his friends' surf prowess on his "homemade plywood surfboard." The mid-60s were memorable times for members of the Carolina Coast Surf Club.

"We were out in the ocean regardless of the weather. High seas, no waves, cold, hot, choppy as all hell – the conditions never mattered, because we were just having fun," said Kirchner.

As the summers passed, real life cast its shadow over the original Surf Club members. Some, such as Coste, went off to fight in the Vietnam War.

"I still remember that day at the post office when you got your letter," Proctor said

to Coste.

Others went to college or started their own businesses, and, in 1967, club members began drifting apart. More

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than three decades later, in 2000, Coste appeared on an HGTV program. Sally Price, one of Lucy's sisters, saw him on the show, one thing led to another and, with the help of Proctor and Coste, the club reunited.

The 30-year hiatus did not change much for the Carolina Coast Surf Club. The principles of having fun and spreading the spirit of the surf still run deep. At 67 and 63, respectively, Coste and Proctor are known at local surf shops as legends of Charleston surfing.

"It's funny how they treat us like kings," said Coste. "But really, we're just old guys who know how to surf."

Although Proctor did catch "one hell of a nose ride" in a Huntington Beach surfing contest, and Kirchner, also known as the "Surfboard Doctor," builds and sells surfboards,

the sport is much more than a business to them. For Coste, it's about sharing his love for surfing with his daughter and granddaughter, a 3-year-old who is already catching waves. For Proctor, no matter what kind of problems he faces

members of the Carolina Coast Surf Club. Activities such as organized beach cleanups and surf trips to Puerto Rico, Costa Rica and Cocoa Beach, Florida, are filling their agenda. The club welcomes everyone and hosts annual reunions and competitions, all aimed at establishing surfing in the Lowcountry for generations to come.

As my discussion with the original Surf Club members drew to a close, the focus of the conversation switched to my own budding surf career. My new friends offered advice about a board that would fit my 6-foot, 5-inch, slightly awkward frame.

"I'd stick to a longer board for now. We can't have you out there on a potato chip," they joked, as our eyes shifted to the feverish Isle of Palms break. 🏄



The Carolina Coast Surf Club helps get Greg White back into the water.

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These days, the camaraderie continues to generate memories among



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The Man Cave About Town

Story by Julie Sprankles.

There exists, in some homes, a place where most women don't care or dare to tread. It is a haven where the man of the house seeks reprieve from the chaos of the day. It is his personal sanctuary – a manuary, if you will. Over time, this sacred space has worked its way into the American vernacular by way of the term “man cave.” And in the Mount Pleasant area, the man cave has been elevated beyond simple pigskin paradises into luxe, rustic recreational lairs. To bring you the ultimate inspiration for your own manland, we venture inside four decidedly decadent man caves East of the Cooper.



MAN CAVE #1: The Huntsman's Dream

If you've ever wondered what heaven looks like to a hunter, well, you're looking at it. The homeowners – who are avid hunters – designed this spectacularly taxidermied space as a display area for their many “trophies.” A wealth of wood – including bamboo ceilings, snow fence barn wood walls, snow fence bar and cabinetry to match the walls and pine flooring – add warmth and depth to the room, while a pool table and rich leather club chairs contribute to the man cave's masculine appeal.

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MAN CAVE #2: Pinballer's Paradise

The owner of this harbor-front Old Village home collects vintage, full-size pinball machines – all in working order, no less – so he had a room custom designed to house his unique collection. Pulling double duty as an entertainment area, the resulting man cave is truly a pinballer's paradise. Crisp white shiplap walls and light fixtures by Circa Lighting lend a little nautical flair, and antique heart pine floors add a sense of history. Classic manutary components – think leather club chairs, a cocktail “zone” and a flat screen TV – make the space perfect for stress-free R & R.

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MAN CAVE #3: Lowcountry Island Lodge

When the owners of this creek-side Daniel Island home decided to outfit their home with a man cave, they went above and beyond to create a space that is both stunning and functional. Knotty alder wainscoting and reclaimed river cypress floors complement each other and are nicely juxtaposed by modern red lava Pyrolave counters. A pool table in coordinating colors and an entertainment center offer leisure time fun for the man of the house (and apparently the man of the house's best friend, too).

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MAN CAVE #4: Beach Chic

A direct reflection of the homeowners' love of both billiards and the beach, this multitasking man cave – which is separate from the main house – also serves as a retreat for the family's grown children to have parties without disturbing the sense of tranquility in the rest of the home – an attached bedroom and bathroom ensure the ultimate in comfort and privacy. The charming kitchenette (what would a man cave be without a bar?) is outfitted with mahogany cabinetry by William C. Pritchard, which pairs well with walnut floors from Charleston One Source.

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“Everybody’s theme is different,” Craft said. “The most generic place to start would be to think of it as a theater room – you’re going to need a flat screen TV, a sofa or recliners and a bar. Those are kind of a must. Pool tables are always popular, and some people also like to add pingpong tables.”

Outside of those quintessential man cave staples, Craft said decorative items are a matter of taste.

“If it were mine, there’d be sports memorabilia all over



the walls, the Braves sofa I have here in the store and maybe a Bills recliner,” he said.

Craft is quick to point out that while those are his teams, he can order memorabilia for the fans of any team, as well as everything from pool tables to popcorn machines to autographed baseballs. If it’s fit for a man cave, Craft can get it (within reason, of course).

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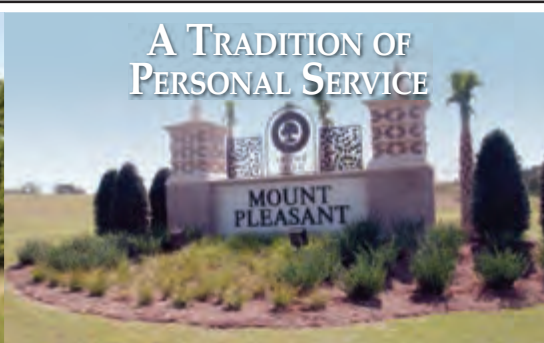
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Molly Maid of Greater Charleston

WHEN DAVID AND Jennifer Poole looked for a business to bring to the greater Charleston area, Molly Maid caught their eye as a good fit for a few reasons.

“We looked at several franchises, and Molly Maid

BY DENISE K. JAMES

seemed ethical, organized and easy to work with,” explained David Poole

to me in the Molly Maid office, located in Mount Pleasant.

The Pooles relocated to Charleston after a job transfer, but, after David Poole left his previous company on good terms, the couple wanted to run a business of their own. After opening the Charleston Molly Maid in 2004, the Pooles operated additional Molly Maid franchises in Savannah, Hilton Head and South Florida for several years. They have since decided to focus on Charleston, and today Molly Maid of Greater Charleston serves the tri-county area, including East Cooper.

“This is home and we would rather spend our time here,” said Poole. “It’s our sweet spot, and we know the area.”

Currently, Molly Maid of Greater Charleston employs more than 30 maids – a diverse group including everyone from young parents to grandmothers. The family-friendly hours help staff members with obligations outside their Molly Maid careers manage their time; cleaning takes place Mondays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The company serves only residential and small business customers.

“The good thing about owning a business is the short distance between the staff and my wife and me,” said Poole. “As a result, we know our employees and care about what goes on in their lives.”

I asked Poole if the maids enjoy their work. After all, that “cleaning buzz” that we all feel when we actually get in the mood to tidy the house was what I pictured every day.

“We do clean some wonderful homes,” he admitted. “And the staff enjoys the terrific scenery of Charleston as well. But far and away, the best part of this business are the people we meet and the impact we can have on their lives.”

There is a distinct system in place for each home Molly Maid cleans. Two members of the staff are assigned to a job,



Photo courtesy of Molly Maid of Greater Charleston.

After a job well done, Poole and his staff anticipate working with homeowners again and again.

and the general rule for cleaning is “top to bottom, left to right.” After a job well done, Poole and his team anticipate working with homeowners again and again.

“We want to be your regular housekeeper,” Poole commented. “Many of our customers view us as an extension of their family.”

If you’re supposing that David and Jennifer Poole take great interest in selecting their maid staff, you’re absolutely right. Poole claimed they look for “people who care about what they do as well as the people they interact with.”

“We want someone who understands that we make a difference in people’s lives by giving them back their personal time,” he pointed out. “We always say that we can teach a person how to clean, but caring about the folks we serve is something that comes from inside.” 🧹

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If you're looking to build, you will find detailed information on an assortment of local and national builders, such as their locations and a link to their individual websites. In addition, there is a link that enables you to obtain a free set of floor plans directly from the builders.

If you are looking to buy, you will find digital magazines that include buyer and seller guides and the

popular Mount Pleasant Home, which local Realtors use in their relocation packages. The website also includes a comprehensive list of builders, with information about all on-market new homes for sale.

Mountpleasantbuilders.com is published by Mount Pleasant Magazine, which makes the website a member of the East Cooper Network. The East Cooper Network link will provide an extensive list of additional Mount Pleasant-related websites, where you can find everything from Isle of Palms real estate to local dentists for your child.

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"For most people, the home is one of their largest assets," he affirmed. "An underinsured home or lapse in coverage can be one of the costliest mistakes a consumer can make."

Different types of insurance that a home needs (or is legally required to have) include theft, wind, fire, flood and

earthquake coverage. It's important to review precisely what is covered by your policy. In some cases, additional policies are needed.

"If you're a tenant, look over the policy carefully with your agent to determine how it will protect you in the event of a natural disaster," said Schirmer.

Of course, many people worry whether or not they can afford to insure their homes properly – but insurance packages can help make buyers eligible for discounts. According to Schirmer, bundling home and car can help out, cost-wise, as can providing a security system certificate.

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OLD VILLAGE, MOUNT PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO CATCH a breathtaking sunrise or an amazing sunset (or even, perhaps, a few blue crabs) you'd be remiss not to head

BY JULIE SPRANKLES

to Pitt Street in the Old Village. There you'll find a hidden gem at road's end in the Pickett Bridge Recreation Area.

Overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway, the charming park centered around the old Pitt Street Bridge – which is popular with everyone from joggers to anglers – boasts some of the best views you can get of peninsular Charleston, Sullivan's Island and more.

Once the sole means of crossing from Mount Pleasant to Sullivan's Island, the beloved bridge is a historic landmark – in its earliest form circa 1899, it was a simple plank foot-bridge constructed on barrels and, in 1929, it was reimagined as a steel drawbridge built for cars to traverse. But since being abandoned once the Ben Sawyer Bridge came to fruition, the old Pitt Street Bridge has become a favorite leisure spot for locals and tourists alike.

Living on Pitt Street, then, clearly has its perks.

Located in the heart of the Old Village, 207 Pitt St. is an easy one-mile walk from the historic bridge. Currently on the market for \$1,925,000, the 3,854-square-foot

home has been completely renovated to incorporate modern conveniences while honoring the charm and character of the original home built in 1893.

"This was a total renovation," explained Josh Zollweg, owner of Moss Construction, who completed the overhaul. "It went very smoothly with few surprises, which is rare in renovation projects on homes of this age. We took the old and married with the new, and it turned out great."

Much like the beautiful nearby

park, 207 Pitt St. is a mecca for relaxation. In addition to a serene backdrop of majestic oaks and palmetto trees, the home features a private garden and pool designed by award-winning architect and local icon Robert Chestnut. An accompanying "pool den" – complete with its own kitchen, bath and a Murphy bed – ensures top-notch entertaining, too.

Inside, an incredible great room on the upper floor invites easy living. The vaulted, paneled ceiling, shiplap walls,



wide plank white oak floors and open floor plan contribute to the airy feel of the space. In addition to the living area, the space includes a dining area and a top-of-the-line kitchen with new Thermador appliances, limestone countertops and backsplash, custom copper lighting fixtures and a 4-inch-thick walnut butcher block island with seating – ideal for cozy evenings cooking as a family.

“The home originally had an outdated kitchen with a loft in the main room, which congested and cramped the space. We eliminated all interior walls in the main living space and created the open concept, which is so popular today,” Zollweg elaborated.

Also on the upper floor is the upstairs master suite, accessed from a unique barn door feature. Downstairs, you’ll find the home’s other four

bedrooms, including a second master suite, with each room boasting its own beautiful new bathroom. Plantation shutters throughout the home give a quintessentially Lowcountry vibe.

“From the moment you walk through the front door, there is a wow factor,” Zollweg said. “There is a great mixture of old and new throughout this home.”

Plus, the Pitt Street Bridge isn’t the only major perk in close proximity to this impressively overhauled home.

The Old Village, which dates back to the 1800s, is one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in the Charleston area. Award-winning elementary and middle schools are within walking distance, as are favorite restaurants such as the Old Village Post House and the Village Bakery.

Also close by are the park at Alhambra Hall and Shem Creek, which provide Old Village residents with enviable ways to while away the afternoon.

It’s not uncommon to see families strolling down the quaint street together or kids pedaling around on their bikes. A quick survey of the area would likely turn up neighbors chatting over coffee and old porch dogs enthusiastically greeting guests. Historic Pitt Street, like its nostalgic bridge, is an Old Village treasure. 🏡

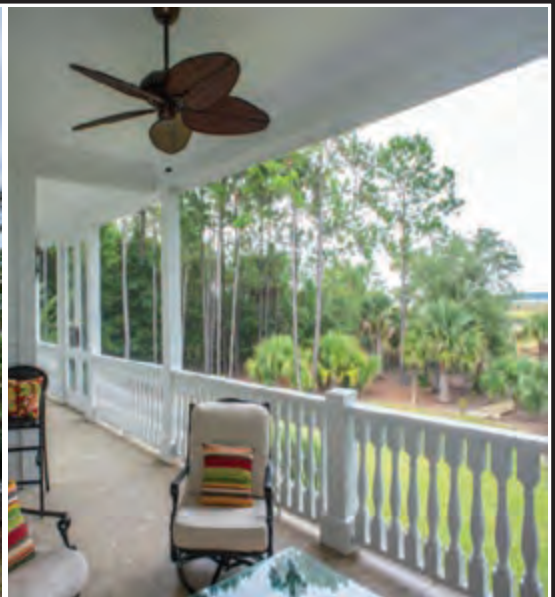
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THE WEATHER IS A MAJOR REASON people move to the Lowcountry, so it's no surprise that outdoor dining and entertaining are more popular than ever along the Carolina coast. It's all about creating space under the sun and stars that is attractive, functional and impressive – a place you'll enjoy for hours at a time after work or on weekends.

Ken Good, who, along with Scott Hunter, owns Palmetto Outdoor Kitchens of Mount Pleasant, has seen the rising interest in outdoor cooking and living spaces firsthand. His store opened in June 2013, and he said the reaction from the public has been nothing short of phenomenal.

"The trend toward outdoor cooking and dining has been going on for a while, but nobody in the Charleston area was really addressing that trend," Good said. "We filled a niche when we opened the store."

Outdoor kitchens are more – much more – than a grill and a few folding chairs. Today's outdoor spaces include the obligatory gas or charcoal grill, or both, along with built-in features such as sinks, trash pull-outs, refrigerators, televisions, ice makers, brick pizza ovens and wine coolers, all in a covered area.

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"We meet with the homeowner, visit the home, do a full pre-design review, help with the design, pick out the appliances and build and install," Good explained. "We make sure the customer gets what he or she wants and that it is within their budget."

Palmetto Outdoor Kitchens' 1,750-square-foot showroom features an extensive line of appliances from leading manufacturers such as Fire Magic, TwinEagles,

Kamado Joe and TEC.

The company has already installed several outdoor kitchens and living spaces, including one for Daniel Island resident and author Frank Abagnale, and one in Dunes West. Abagnale, whose life story is told in the film "Catch Me If You Can," is a satisfied Palmetto Outdoor Kitchens customer.

"I was so impressed with his (Scott Hunter's) attention to detail. It's difficult to find true craftsmen and people who sell reliable and outstanding products," said Abagnale, referring to Palmetto Outdoor Kitchens.

Good said some outdoor kitchens and living spaces can cost \$30,000 or more, although his company can design a space to meet any budget.

"We can design and install a very nice outdoor kitchen in the \$8,000 to \$10,000 price range. People shouldn't be put off by the price and seeing photos of some of the most elaborate spaces," he pointed out.

For those who aren't ready to add an outdoor cooking and dining space, Palmetto Outdoor Kitchens also sells and delivers grills and grilling supplies.

Good said the trend toward elaborate outdoor cooking and dining is the result of homeowners seeking to spend more time outdoors rather than indoors. This is especially true in areas such as the Lowcountry, where the weather is agreeable almost year-round.

"It really opens up your home and allows you to enjoy the outdoors to a much greater degree in style and comfort," Good said. "And it enhances the value of the home significantly." 🏡

For more information on outdoor kitchens and living spaces, call (843) 216-0006 or visit www.palmettooutdoorkitchens.com.



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Ken Good and Scott Hunter have seen the rising interest in outdoor cooking and living spaces firsthand.

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MOUNT PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA

LIKE ITS SISTER CITY ACROSS the bridge, Mount Pleasant is steeped in history. The first settlers arrived in 1680 so, naturally, the town is home to many houses with “a story.” 205 Ferry St., an Old Village gem now on the market, is such a house.

BY JULIE SPRANKLES

In its original circa 1800 incarnation, 205 Ferry St. served as a summer home for Charles Pinckney, South Carolina’s 37th governor and a signer of the U.S. Constitution. Known at the time as Shell Hall, the property was a ferry depot, the only route between Charleston, Mount Pleasant and the surrounding coastal islands.

Shell Hall also housed Ronkin’s Long Room, which was famously used as a Civil War armory and barracks. But, perhaps most notably, the property provided the final quarters for the crew of the historic H.L. Hunley. Before disappearing – and later being discovered off the coast of Sullivan’s Island and, in 2000, raised from her watery grave – the Hunley gained notoriety as the world’s first submarine to sink a ship in battle.

In 2006, more than 200 years after the Charles Pinckney family summered at the property, the then-weathered home at 205 Ferry St. caught the eye of an interior designer from Arkansas. And the rest, as they say, is history.

“It is a fantastic home, full of the richness and love of color that mark Sydney Murphy of Sydney Murphy Design,” said Realtor Rees Johnston. “Sydney and her husband, Mike, who moved here to help encourage the start of St. Peter’s Church in North Mount Pleasant, have lived and traveled all over the world but truly fell in love with Mount Pleasant.”

For roughly a year-and-a-half following their move to the Old Village, the Murphys poured themselves into renovating 205 Ferry down to the studs. In addition

to moving the home back on the property, the extensive transformation included enlarging the home; outfitting it with hurricane-rated windows, doors and roof; and creating unobstructed views of the beautifully landscaped yard and the marsh and harbor beyond.

Inside, the home is a marriage of history and modernity. You enter the formal entrance hall by way of an old brick staircase with wrought iron railing, which leads to a library complete with custom built cabinetry and a Chesney fireplace.

Just across the hall, a professional grade, gourmet eat-in kitchen beckons with modern amenities such as dual sinks and dishwashers, a Sub-Zero fridge and freezer, a Viking 45-inch gas range, an electric wall oven and a warming drawer.

The home further boasts antique heart-pine flooring throughout, warming floors, a wine cellar and, outside, a 100-foot dock with a boatlift.

If you are looking to own a piece of history East of the Cooper, this just may be your chance. And rest assured – from Charles Pinckney to Sydney and Mike Murphy – you’ll be in good company as a keeper of the home once known as Shell Hall. 🏡

For more information regarding 205 Ferry St., call Rees Johnston with Carolina One Real Estate at (843) 696-7278.



AT HOME ON HIBBEN



Story and Photos by Julie Sprankles.

The stately Hibben House is rumored to be the oldest home in Mount Pleasant.

TUCKED INTO MOUNT PLEASANT'S HISTORIC OLD VILLAGE DISTRICT IS AN IDYLIC street replete with a wealth of white picket fences, trees draped with Spanish moss and porch dogs eager to greet every passerby. Named Hibben Street, the shady lane – which ends where the Charleston Harbor begins – is home, as it were, to houses thick with history and blooming with verdant gardens. This year, Mount Pleasant Magazine takes you behind the scenes of a few of these storied homes, all of which are stops on the annual Old Village Home, Garden & Art Tour.

126 HIBBEN

Before you ever step foot in 126 Hibben, you may get the impression you're about to enter a place of relaxation – a happy place. And whether you get that feeling from the cheery, shrimp-hued exterior or from the steady tail swish of the owners' sweet geriatric lab, you'd be right about the welcoming vibe.

The house, a comprehensive teardown completed by its former owners, oozes a sense of history that Ann Bartko and her husband, Ed, love. Ann also is enamored by all the natural light, which the couple didn't have a lot of in their downtown home.

Their style is sophisticated but not stuffy, and personal mementos pepper the decor. In Ed's office, golf balls in shadow boxes adorn the walls, prompting Ann to explain they are "trophies" from times her husband has shot holes-in-one.

It was golf, in fact, that brought the Pennsylvania couple together.

"They say he won me on the golf course," Ann elaborated, laughing about Ed's "hippie" tendency to play the game barefoot.

"We lived downtown for 13 years," said Ann. "Then

my girlfriend moved across the street from here, and this house came on the market. I looked at it and just loved it because it's so relaxing! It's not formal. We've got a grandchild now, so it's fun." 🐾



114 HIBBEN

Nashville native Gina McKinless couldn't resist the opportunity to pluck up a piece of Mount Pleasant history when 114 Hibben came on the market. Yes, she was smitten with the home, which was built around 1850. But she was also enamored with one big perk – the home's proximity to the sea.

"There are a few lakes where I come from," she said, "but there's nothing like salt water."

Her husband Sean, a Navy veteran and history buff, was just as excited as Gina to plant roots in the Old Village. And, although the home had been enlarged by the previous homeowners, Sean and Gina quickly set about with renovations to suit their taste, working closely with local professionals such as architect Linda Balzac, builder Sam Lisi of Village Restorations and interior designer Carol Lund.

The couple was adamant about respecting the home's history, though, which is evident throughout the house in details including the original heart pine floors, railings,

stairs and antique hardware. They even kept a couple of lopsided boxwoods outside because they were original to the home.

To make the most of the space in the historic home, Gina and Sean used "every nook and cranny" and added floor-to-ceiling doors to create the illusion of height – and to capitalize on all the beautiful views and light. On the other side of one of these doors is a second floor deck, where Gina enjoys sitting in the morning to savor her hot coffee.

The deck overlooks a pool, as well as a small building the couple is rather partial to.

"We had this little building rotated and kind of made it into a pool house, but word has it that it was the original apothecary for the city," mused Gina. "I haven't been able to confirm or deny that yet, but I'm working on it."

The husband and wife, whose style is a marriage of comfortable and formal, couldn't be happier to call 114 Hibben home.

"We love our little piece of heaven," exclaimed Gina. "We feel like caretakers of a piece of history. We're gonna pass it on. ... it'll be here long after we are, hopefully." 🏡



Built in 1850, the home at 114 Hibben is a dichotomy of comfortable and traditional, much like its new owners, Gina and Sean McKinless. A few of the couple's favorite features include the renovated kitchen (top center) and "pool house" (top right), which might have been the town's original apothecary.



111 HIBBEN

You can't drive down Hibben Street without noticing the stately home known as Hibben House. Believed to be the oldest home in Mount Pleasant, it was built in 1755 by Jacob Motte. Its location was formerly Mount Pleasant Plantation, which, in 1802, was purchased by James Hibben, who subdivided the land and gave 10 of the 35 lots to his children.

Today, the home is owned by Old Village resident Joan Brown, who hopes to continue Hibben's tradition of family legacy. Her daughter will soon be moving into historic

Hibben House – which is equally lovely both for mother and daughter, since Brown lives next door.

Although not from Mount Pleasant originally, Brown considers herself at home in the town.

"I've been here for 50 years, so I don't know what that makes me," she joked.

As such, respecting the town's history is important to the honorary native.

"The home is next door to me, and it is such an integral part of the town's history," said Brown. "I'd like to see it taken care of and preserved. I'd like for the legacy to be carried on and passed on. It's really just so special." 🏡

Known as the Hibben House, the magnificent home at 111 Hibben St. is an unmistakable Old Village landmark.



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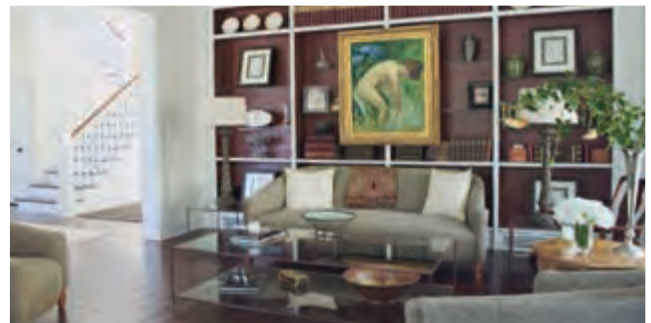


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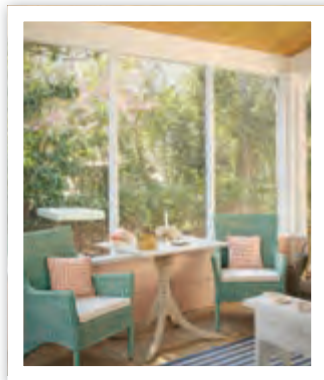
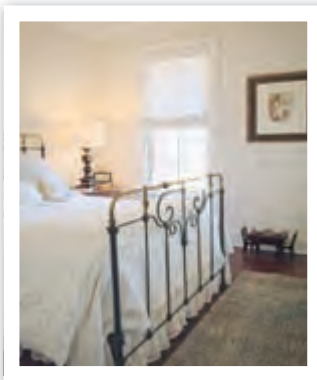
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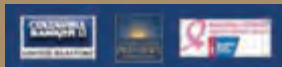
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8) \$1,349,000	Jennifer S. Nipper AgentOwned Preferred Group	Dubose Cuthbert Carolina One Real Estate	4	\$1,292,500
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Glorious Getaways

Vacation Beach Homes in East Cooper

Story by Denise K. James.

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CARROLL REALTY

Jimmy Carroll's mother “was into rental management and loved it,” according to this veteran of the industry and East Cooper local. Young Jimmy majored in Political Science but found a love for real estate along with his family members.

The original location of Carroll Realty was Station 22 at

Sullivan's Island; the company moved to its current office, next to the Boat House on Isle of Palms, in 1990, after Hurricane Hugo's destruction.

“History and the arts are popular in Charleston, but many people come for the beach,” noted Carroll. “We're a community where people live and work – but also where they vacation.” 🏠



Photo by Brian Sherman.

3704 Palm Blvd. is one of the most popular homes available from Carroll Realty, with ocean views from most rooms.



Photo by Brian Sherman.

Relax on the private swimming pool patio at 704 Palm Blvd., available from Carroll Realty.

BEACHSIDE VACATIONS

Beachside Vacations was dreamed up by Vicki Hollingsworth seven years ago and is currently maintained by her son, Beau, as well as a team of professionals who believe in “a connection to the community,” according to general manager Michael Long.

Though Beachside focuses on the homeowner – Long

proclaimed that “every decision they make, they think about who owns the home” - it’s apparent that they value their guests as well. In fact, on summer Saturdays during check-in time, the Beachside office is a regular Tiki party, complete with rum punch, snacks and music.

“It’s the little things, for sure,” said Beau. “Our number one selling point is word of mouth from clients.” 🍹



Photo courtesy of Beachside Vacations.

Whiling the day away with a view of the Atlantic is easy at 3109 Marshall Blvd., available from Beachside Vacations.

Photo courtesy of Beachside Vacations.



Have a family meal inside the luxe kitchen at 3109 Marshall Blvd., available through Beachside Vacations.

EXCLUSIVE PROPERTIES

Owners of Exclusive Properties Mel and Shelley Miles agree that they keep their company “small on purpose,” in order to extend a better standard of service.

The company, which started with just a few homes and has grown to around 21 homes total, has always been a hands-on project for the Miles family; according to Shelley Miles, if there’s grout missing from a bathtub, they’ll already know about it and fix it rather than wait to hear

from a client.

“Everyone has my cell phone number,” Shelley said. “If you can’t turn on the television in your rental, call me and I’ll come down to help you!”

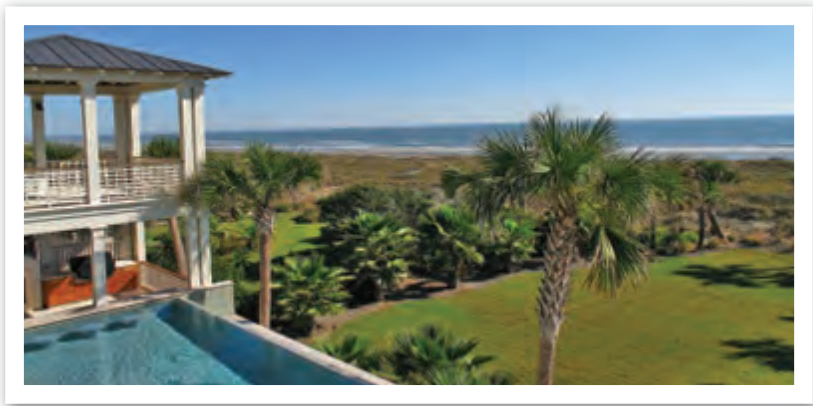
Both Mel and Shelley agree that they have a high retention rate because they look after both the homeowner and renter.

“Both get special attention,” said Shelley. “And we work to keep them happy.” 🏡

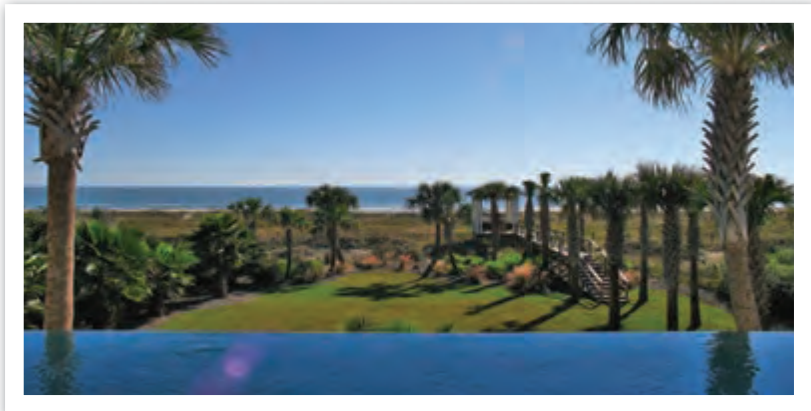
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The ocean view from this home, aptly titled, “Ocean View,” can be enjoyed from your private deck.



Two of Exclusive Properties' popular oceanfront homes are the "Ocean View" and the "Ocean Dream," both on breathtaking Isle of Palms.



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Family Matters

Paul Haugaard Continues Danco Furniture Tradition

SOME PEOPLE MOVE TO THE LOW-country for the simple pleasure of basking in the area's magnificent weather and visiting its beautiful beaches, while others find it necessary to leave behind the traffic and congestion common in many areas of the Northeast and Midwest. Some simply appreciate the lower cost of living available to those who reside along the Carolina coast.

Paul Haugaard had other ideas. He came to Mount Pleasant – temporarily, he thought – in 2009 to help close a family business. Nearly five years later, he's a permanent resident of the Lowcountry, and the company started by his father in 1986 is still thriving, offering the largest selection of contemporary and modern furniture in the tri-county area.

Danco Modern Furniture opened its doors on East Bay Street in Charleston and moved to Mount Pleasant in 1991. Haugaard's brother, Peer, bought the store five years later and operated it until he was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2009. Paul, a veteran of the furniture business, headed south from Massachusetts to help with a "going out of business" sale. It didn't take him long to decide to keep the doors open.

"There were a lot of disappointed customers," Haugaard said, citing one reason why he chose to continue the tradition established by his father and nurtured by his brother.

Haugaard was not exactly a newcomer to the furniture business. Except for a three-year hiatus, he had been working in the industry since 1979. His recipe for success has not changed over the years: Offer your customers a wide selection of high-quality furniture, mix in decades of valuable experience in the business and add unparalleled customer service and they'll keep coming back again and again.

He pointed out that his low-key sales approach also is a plus. "Obviously we're here to help, and we strive for high quality and great service, but we aren't pushy. It's kind of a laid-back atmosphere," he said.

Danco offers a wide range of contemporary furniture from manufacturers in the United States and Europe. Among its best sellers are ergonomically-designed chairs and sofas made by Ekornes. Danco has been selling the company's Stressless line since the store opened on the Charleston peninsula.

Another of Haugaard's most popular manufacturers

is American Leather, which makes sofas, sectionals and sleepers that, unlike many sofa/bed combinations, are extremely comfortable.

"You can actually sleep on them," he commented.

Haugaard also carries BDI home theater furniture and an array of options for the office in his 7,000-square-foot showroom on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard. He can special order what he doesn't have in stock, and, in most cases, that won't take long because he

prefers to deal with companies that have warehouses in the United States.

He pointed out that Danco delivers all along the Carolina coast, from Hilton Head and points south to Wilmington in North Carolina. Though many of his customers live in Mount Pleasant, he also serves residents of Kiawah, Seabrook, Charleston, Beaufort and Myrtle Beach. The trip is worth making for those who live out-of-town.

"This is the only store in the area that sells exclusively contemporary and modern furniture," Haugaard said. 📍

To find out more about Danco Modern Furniture, visit www.dancohome.com, call (843) 884-2256 or drop by the store at 1035 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. in Mount Pleasant.



Photo by Brian Sherman.

Danco has been selling the company's stressless line since the store opened on the Charleston peninsula.



Musical Rooms

THE WINCKLER HOME FINDS NEW HARMONY

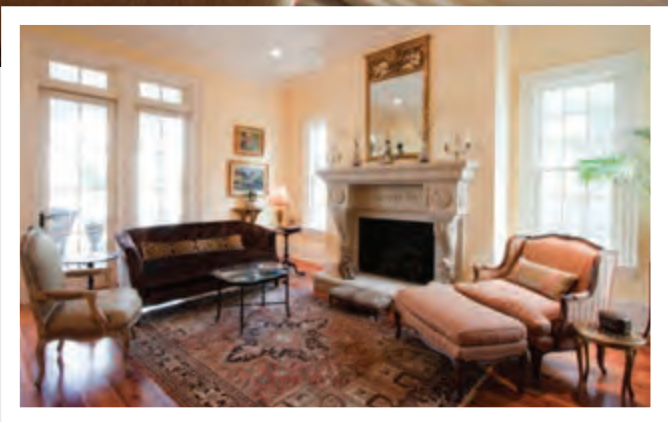
*Story by Denise K. James.
Photos by Trey Riedmayer.*

The initial project between the Wincklers and Tidal Creek Construction was the sunroom – formerly an open porch – and it was right in the nick of time.



WHEN I VISITED ANDREA Winckler at her home on Daniel Island, it was hard to decide where we should pull up a chair and chat about her recent experiences with Tidal Creek Construction. Andrea and her husband, Tom, relocated from the Washington, D.C., area a few years back and were thrilled with the beautiful exterior of their home from the moment they found it. Nevertheless, Andrea knew she had another vision for the floor plan. Now that her vision is realized, the possibilities for places to have a face-to-face conversation inside the Winckler home are endless.

The initial project between the Wincklers and Tidal Creek Construction was the sunroom – formerly an open porch – and it was right in the nick of time, since Andrea had become frustrated in her hunt for local contractors. She met with three different companies before someone suggested Mike Riedmayer and Jay Hadwin. So Andrea and Tom headed over to a friend’s house to view another sunroom the Tidal Creek team was working on. Andrea said she “knew instantly” when she saw that project in progress that they were up for the job.





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“I wanted to keep up a certain standard for our house,” she explained. “I knew that they would do the work as I wanted.”

Andrea herself has been in the interior design business for more than 20 years, primarily in large projects around the D.C. metro area. Naturally, she has a nose for good handiwork and shared a few reasons why she wanted Mike and Jay to complete her elaborate plans for the house. She explained how most contractors have one, or two at most, of the three qualities she deems important: being easy to collaborate with, providing excellent results and possessing artistic abilities. According to Andrea, Mike and Jay have all three.

What does it mean to possess artistic abilities? Well, for example, when Andrea came up with her dream floor plan, she was aware that having an architect draw the plans that fluttered around her imagination might be a costly detour – and that most contractors don’t draw their own plans.

“The fact that Mike could do his own architectural drawings was helpful,” she said. “He also had his own ideas. What these guys can do and what I think up make a great combination.”

The living room is another favorite of Andrea’s; she confessed to me that she “is one of the only people she knows who likes a formal living room.” The artsy, elegant space was originally the downstairs master bedroom. However, since Andrea prefers more living space on the first floor of the house, the master is now located upstairs where the family room used to be.

“You don’t want to bring guests upstairs,” she commented.

Meanwhile, on the second floor of the Winckler abode, practically no room is what it was. Tom’s office, once a small bedroom, is now a spacious, light-filled workspace. The master bathroom was also a small bedroom, and the master closet – which I salivated over for a few moments – was the original office.

With all the “musical rooms” taking place in the house, one would think that Andrea and Tom felt stressed and hassled throughout the process. Not so, according to Andrea. She emphasized what “a pleasure to have around” her contractors are. And the subcontractors who work for them also are top-notch, another sign of quality in Andrea’s eyes.

Of course, the real mark of a job done well is how happy the homeowner is – and I could see that Andrea was thrilled to show me around the new floor plan. Each room is designed with her personal touches, and the flow of the house gives it a cozy, open feel, much like the Wincklers themselves. 🏡

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Summer *Fun* On Daniel Island

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- **May 8** - Willie Nelson & Family and Alison Krauss & Union Station Concert
- Family Circle Stadium
- **May 10** - Boy Scout Troop 519 Scrap Metal Drive & Donut Sale
- Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island
- **May 10** - 2014 Mom’s Run & Family Fun Day - Blackbaud Stadium
- **May 10** - Annual Concert in the Park - Smythe Park
- **May 10** - Charleston Battery vs. Wilmington Hammerheads
- Blackbaud Stadium
- **May 10** - Alabama in Concert - Family Circle Stadium
- **May 13** - East Cooper Habitat for Humanity Golf Tees to House Keys
Benefit Golf Outing - Daniel Island Club
- **May 20** - Needtobreathe Classic - Daniel Island Club
- **May 20** - Unenslaved: The Real Story About How Rice Impacted
Lowcountry History - Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island
- **May 23** - 1st Annual Kickoff the Summer Hawaiian Luau
- Pierce Park Pool & Pavilion
- **May 24** - Charleston Battery vs. Pittsburgh Riverhounds
- Blackbaud Stadium
- **May 29, June 26, July 24, August 28** - Daniel Island Happy Hour 5K
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- **May 31** - 2nd Annual Daniel Island Community Campout & Movie Night
- Smythe Park
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2) \$1,995,000	Meg Latour Daniel Island Real Estate	Meg Latour Daniel Island Real Estate	1	\$1,995,000
3) \$1,995,000	Scott Campbell Prestige Real Estate	Casey Kellerman Prestige Real Estate	873	\$1,800,000
4) \$1,849,500	Brian Connolly Daniel Island Real Estate	Brenda Cook Daniel Island Real Estate	6	\$1,702,800
5) \$1,636,217	Unrepresented	Richard Halsey Carriage Properties	1	\$1,636,217
6) \$1,770,000	Sally Castengera Daniel Island Real Estate	Nancy Hoy Carolina One	1	\$1,585,000
7) \$1,649,000	Scott Campbell Prestige Real Estate Group	Elaine Brabham & Assoc Lisa Burbage	178	\$1,575,000
8) \$1,469,000	Rick Adams Daniel Island Real Estate	Harrison Gilchrist The Peninsula Group LLC	116	\$1,440,000
9) \$1,339,000	Brian Connolly Daniel Island Real Estate	Stacy Jennings Hayden Jennings Properties	181	\$1,339,000
10) \$1,399,000	Angie Johnson Daniel Island Real Estate	Rick Horger Daniel Island Real Estate	314	\$1,320,000

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An Island Tradition

Laura Alberts

WHILE DANIEL ISLAND is a relatively young community, Karen Elsey, a founder of Laura Alberts, said the staff enjoys the pleasure that comes from being a part of the social and culinary fabric of the island.

“We have watched children grow and people retire here on the island. We appreciate all of our islanders and all of our patrons who come from all around the Lowcountry, including Kiawah and Seabrook islands,” she said.

BY JOHN TORSIELLO

They come to Laura Alberts for several very tasty reasons.

Sure, the ambience and distinction of Daniel Island are a draw.

Customers can enjoy those wonderful island afternoons and evenings on the patio with a glass of wine or craft beer.

But the main reason people flock to Laura Alberts is the food and, of course, the drink. The pleasingly eclectic dining establishment specializes

in fresh, local food complemented by house-made sauces and spreads that are enough to make your palate sizzle with anticipation when you walk through the door.

“Our clientele are foodies, people who enjoy a mouthful of flavor they can’t forget, so they keep coming back,” said Elsey.

Laura Alberts’ farm-to-table menu is an innovative twist on traditional Southern favorites. Elsey opened the restaurant with her mother, Charleston native Laura Leppert, in 2002, with the name paying homage to Laura and Karen’s father, Albert, a policeman.

The tight-knit, creative staff, which includes Laura, Karen, executive chef Matt Brigham and sous chef Chris MacDougal, pride themselves on innovative food preparation and presentation. At the front of the house,

Ashley Gaskins spearheads the social media projects, while Karen’s son Elliott manages the American craft beer portfolio.

OK, how about we start off with some fried brie rolls with raspberry chipotle coulis, and follow them with a Daniel Island salad of mixed greens, arugula, carrots, cherry tomatoes, onions, cucumber, candied walnuts, caramelized apples, bleu cheese crumbles and raspberry vinaigrette? And perhaps a salad topping of sautéed blackened scallops? For a dinner entree, maybe we’ll try Laura’s barbecued shrimp and grit cakes with bourbon barbecue sauce, crumbled bacon, cheddar cheese and warm ciabatta bread, all enhanced by a William Hill Chardonnay. Sounds delightful, doesn’t it?

Of course, there are a number of menu selections to

choose from, a long list of appetizers, salads and entrees, ranging from pork, steak and chicken dishes to several mouthwatering fish dishes. Laura Alberts offers craft beers in addition to a variety of small production wines not found in grocery stores. There’s a gluten-free menu as well.

“We just bought a smoker and are smoking pork, beef and fish,” Elsey pointed out. “You can call and order it in bulk to enjoy with friends and family at home or come in and enjoy it on our new spring menu. Our courtyard is always inviting for lunch and Wednesday night dinners.”

The restaurant recently opened the Island Park Room, a venue for meetings and special events.

Laura Alberts is open for lunch Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., dinner on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday for brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 🍷

For more information and to view the restaurant’s entire menu, visit www.lauraalberts.com or call (843) 881-4711.



Photos courtesy of Laura Alberts.



Laura Alberts’ farm-to-table menu is an innovative twist on traditional Southern favorites.

Island Time

The Islander Gears Up for Summer Dining

HOLY CITY HOSPITALITY has just expanded its list of fine restaurants in the Lowcountry to another frontier – namely, Daniel Island. Just in time for a fun-filled summer, the new eatery promises creative cocktails, fresh local seafood with a taste of sushi and an atmosphere that locals and visitors will find inviting.

Right before the Islander opened its doors, I had the opportunity to speak with general manager Eric Foor and executive chef John Whisenant about their plans for the restaurant. Trust me, these guys have some terrific ideas up their sleeves, partly thanks to the inspiration they've gotten from Daniel Island residents.

"We knew this was an area looking for more dining options," remarked Foor. "People here on the island love dining outside with fresh food. We wanted to give them that. And we've had tremendous response from the community thus far. People have been stopping by to see what's going on."

Holy City Hospitality's other well-known ventures have included 39 Rue de Jean, Virginia's on King, Coast and many more. Whisenant has worked in the kitchen of other HCH restaurants (including helping open 39 Rue de Jean and working as its sushi chef – as well as The Daniel Island Club, yet he claims he's "most excited" about his vision for The Islander.

"This will be my kind of cuisine," he explained.

But from what I gathered, it'll be everyone's kind of cuisine, including your picky eaters under 12. Whisenant eschews the idea of the typical hot dogs and chicken fingers kid menu in favor of kid friendly sushi, salads and other healthy options. Adults, too, will be pleased with the array of fresh, local recipes. While the menu was not officially confirmed the day I met with Whisenant and Foor, it sounded like a great spread: house-ground burgers, pork chops, catch of the day, creative salads, shrimp, fish tacos and more.

Located where Queen Anne's Revenge used to be, The Islander has a definitive island vibe. For one thing, the outdoor/indoor bar is the perfect place to belly up and grab a cocktail at the height of summer, and the proposed cocktail menu will have plenty of choices.

"We'll have bright, refreshing island cocktails, mainly prepared with Brazilian rum," said Foor. "And we'll also feature traditional cocktails, such as a Pimm's Cup or Saketinis – but all with a special twist."

Whatever you happen to be ordering at The Islander, it's almost sure to be prepared in-house. From the sauces to the Tasso ham and sausage, Whisenant is nearly religious about his belief in items made from scratch.

When I asked why Holy City Hospitality's first restaurant apart from the Charleston peninsula is on Daniel Island, Foor's answer was simple.

"This is a growing area," he said. "And we want to be part of the community." 🍹

Visit The Islander at 160 Fairchild St. or online at www.TheIslanderDI.com or call (843) 388-6366.



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Located where Queen Anne's Revenge used to be, The Islander has a definitive island vibe.

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"We like to think Red's has sort of a Key West bar vibe to it – easy and breezy," said Dianne Crowley, who, along with her husband, Cecil, owns Red's. "I don't think you can be in a much prettier place with Shem Creek, the wildlife in the river, the gorgeous sunsets and the ability to be outside and on the water but still protected when the weather isn't so great."

BY JOHN TORSIELLO

Red's Ice House is immersed in the local community in a tangible, comforting fashion. The establishment traces its roots back to Lewis Hughes "Red" Simmons, who was born in Mount Pleasant and was involved in the shrimping and fishing industry early in his life. The Simmons family dock was built in 1957 to provide a packing shed for local shrimpers. It was Red's desire that his old fish and ice house be transformed into a public gathering place at the water's edge.

The Crowleys came on board as managing partners shortly after Red's Ice House opened at Red's former business 10 years ago. They wound up buying the restaurant and imbuing it with a new vitality and life tied closely to the natural environment and culture of old and new Mount Pleasant.

"The thing that separates us is that we do as much as possible in-house, like using fresh-squeezed lemonade, making our own sauces and dips and buying local produce and seafood," said Crowley.

She and her husband founded and operated Wild Wing Café prior to selling that business and focusing on Red's.

Voted the top bar in South Carolina and a top 50 bar in America by the members of BuzzFeed and Foursquare, Red's has attracted a loyal following of patrons who enjoy lunch, dinner or late night munchies, liquid refreshments and some musical entertainment.

"The very core of our business is our local customers.



Photos courtesy of Red's Ice House.

Red's Ice House, located on Shem Creek in Mount Pleasant, will place an increased emphasis on locally grown food this summer.



"They keep us busy when the tourist traffic isn't great," Crowley said.

Red's will place an increased emphasis on locally grown food this summer, and new drinks will reflect the unique nature of Red's and its Shem Creek location. As part of a clean water initiative, "Crush Cocktails" will feature crushed ice and fresh squeezed juices in partnership with Finlandia Vodka. Plans also call for a cardboard boat regatta that will pass up Shem Creek and end at Red's, Crowley said.

"We want to create an annual event that will accomplish the goals that Red Simmons envisioned. We hope to make it a fun day that people of all ages can come and enjoy, raise some money for the local community's needs and show the pride we have in being part of Mount Pleasant," she added. 🦀

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The Legacy of Tony Page

Story by Courtney Page Faucette.

THIS FATHER'S DAY WILL BE ONE of the hardest days of my life. My father, Tony Page, passed away on March 25.

More than 700 people showed up to our family's visitation just to share the love they had for him. Why would so many people take time from their busy lives? I can come up with many reasons, but the best explanation is that he lived his life for his family and friends.

My sister, Ashleigh, and my father worked together for years at Boone Hall Plantation. He was the general manager of the plantation, and she was the chef at the small restaurant called Serena's Kitchen. My father was always incredibly confident in and supportive of all of us, and he knew Ashleigh could be an incredible chef. He was right, of course. While working at Boone Hall, she was featured on the Food Network and in Southern Living magazine.

Eight years ago, our family decided to open a restaurant. My father wanted it to be a place for people to share a meal with family and friends. He came to work to make our customers happy. He always knew which tables they preferred and loved to sit with them while they were enjoying their meals. Many of them came to the restaurant just to hang out with Dad. He loved to discuss local politics, play scrabble and share recipes with our guests. My father was the driving force behind what makes Page's Okra Grill great.

Before he passed away, my dad explained that it was important for me to take the time to really get to know people. He told me I could learn so much from them if I

took the time to listen to them.

We now have more than 74 employees at Page's Okra Grill, and each of them had a special connection with my dad. He believed we could be one of the best restaurants in Mount Pleasant and empowered each of our employees with that confidence. He believed in buying only the best groceries to make our food and in giving our customers exceptional service.

My father gave back to the community every chance he could. He worked with Meals on Wheels, and he organized a Christmas dinner at the restaurant and asked our customers to take time from their families to help. On Christmas Day, my dad, Linda Page and several of our Okra grill family members prepared an incredible dinner for some people who needed some extra Christmas cheer. He was even able to get a bus donated to pick everyone up.

The Sunday before he passed, I spent the afternoon with my dad preparing a meal for the boys at Windwood Farm. The children came dressed in their Sunday best, and we fed them a feast. Dad even made chocolate brownies from scratch and served them with vanilla ice cream for dessert. He spent time getting to know the boys. It was amazing to see the smiles that afternoon, from those children and also from my father.

Tony Page was a great man who loved Mount Pleasant. When he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure three years ago, his doctors gave him only months to live. He spent each day of his life trying to make our lives better from that day forward. 🍷



VOICES RAISED IN SONG

The Palmetto Vocal Project

Story by Bill Farley.

Photography Courtesy of Palmetto Vocal Project.



Though still in its infancy, the Palmetto Vocal Project has already captured a major championship. The group hopes to add another title in Las Vegas this summer.

IF THE TERM “BARBERSHOP HARMONY” conjures up the image of mustachioed dandies wearing striped shirts with arm garters and straw boaters singing “Sweet Adeline,” think again.

That musical genre is alive and well in the Lowcountry, although its look and sound are a world apart from the stereotypical 1890s Norman Rockwell-esque picture their heritage paints.

Now 33 members strong, The Palmetto Vocal Project is a chapter of the 30,000-member Barbershop Harmony Society, the NFL of four-part singing. Though still in its

infancy, the Palmetto Vocal Project has already captured a major championship. A win at Myrtle Beach in 2012 earned them the title of North/South District Chorus Champions and the opportunity to represent the Carolinas at the Barbershop Harmony Society’s International Competition, held last summer in Toronto, singing off against top teams from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Sweden.

This July, the Project will sally forth to Las Vegas to once again represent the Carolinas in this prestigious annual Barbershop Harmony Society event.



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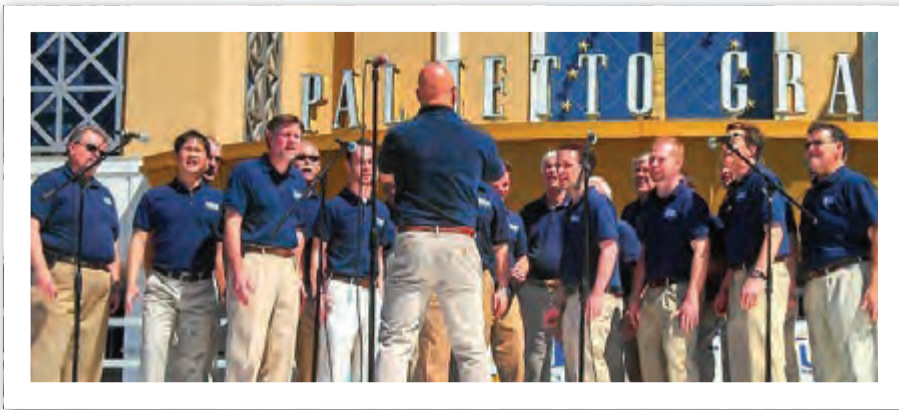


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In addition to competing in Myrtle Beach and Toronto, the Palmetto Vocal Project has begun booking gigs throughout the Charleston area.

The Palmetto Vocal Project had its beginnings in 2009 when four guys who love to sing came up with the idea of starting a South Carolina-based choral society to perform the old standards and new numbers arranged for the traditional lead tenor-tenor-baritone-bass format. Their idea was to perform material ranging from the Beatles to Michael Buble, Darius Rucker, doo-wop, Glen Campbell and more.

The founding members were Mount Pleasant's Phil Wilcox, a transplanted New York theater actor and singer; Mike Mancuso, a former Ohioan with extensive singing experience; Robert Rund, a noted arranger with a background in choral singing; and Derek Street, an elementary school music teacher in North Charleston, who now serves as the group's director.

To be competitive on an international scale, they knew their group had to grow, and, through contacts and word-of-mouth, their ranks had swelled to 20 by the time they began performing in earnest in 2011.

Once the Project began performing close to home, their membership continued to grow. The time seemed right for a resurgence of a cappella music – literally “from the chapel” and without instruments of any kind – according to Wilcox, who noted the rise in college a cappella groups and the airing of several seasons of the

prime-time television vocal competition series, “The Sing-Off.”

In addition to major competition appearances in Myrtle Beach and Toronto, the group began booking gigs around town. They have been seen on “Lowcountry Live” and have performed at such venues as Charleston's Spring Bridal Show, a benefit for the Wounded Warrior Project, the Art Festival in Mount Pleasant and Piccolo Spoleto. They have also initiated an annual Singing Valentine service, sending quartets into the field to serenade the sweethearts of paying customers.

Not surprisingly, the singers have lent their robust harmonies to renditions of the national anthem before games of all of the Charleston area's professional sports teams. In addition, the Project is currently working on a Christmas show and hoping it might result in their first for-sale CD.

Other than the occasional paid booking, the Project remains an all-volunteer organization, with members paying their own way to performances near and far. According to Wilcox, the group is planning some fundraising efforts to help defray costs, especially to prestigious competitions.

Their immediate goals include continuing to represent the Carolinas at Barbershop Harmony Society events and expanding their ensemble to as many as 50 performers. Wilcox noted that the Project holds an open rehearsal

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every Thursday night at the Rodenberg Chapel at Franke at Seaside. Anyone interested in learning more about classic four-part harmony can drop by between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., either to watch or to audition for the group.

“No one has to be a pro to join our ranks,” Wilcox said. “We’re looking for men with some singing ability and a desire to be a part of an ongoing musical enterprise.”

He added that while the ability to read music is a plus, lack of that particular skill isn’t necessarily a deal-breaker. The Project produces its own learning tracks on CD so members can listen, learn and practice their parts whenever it’s convenient between the formal rehearsal sessions.

“We’re a 100-percent equal opportunity organization,” Wilcox said. “To us, it doesn’t matter if you’re black or white, gay or straight or what socio-economic group you’re in. What matters is that you can sing and that you enjoy performing with like-minded men in the barbershop harmony tradition.”

The Project just booked its first local wedding performance and wants people throughout the Lowcountry to know that its singers are available for all kinds of special events. Beyond seeking more local appearances, the Palmetto Vocal Project’s principal goals are to grow its numbers and retain its position as the official singing representative of North Carolina and South Carolina. Of course, a win in Las Vegas this summer wouldn’t be a bad addition to that list.

When you see the Palmetto Vocal Project perform, and, if its founders have their way, everyone soon will, forget about those striped shirts, arm garters and mustaches. These singers perform in silver-gray business suits adorned with blue neckties – a nod to the blue and gray of the region’s history.

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Benjamin Rupp

Lives in: Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

From: New Mexico; born and raised and lived there for 25 years.

Education: Bachelor of science in Special Education from the College of Charleston.

Employment: Resource teacher and football coach at Wando High School.

Favorite reading: Anything sports-related.

Favorite music: Classic rock.

Activities: Spending time with my family; hunting; crossfit.

Interests: Travel and health and fitness.

Likes: Chicken wings from Home Team and being anywhere in the mountains.

Favorite quote or philosophy: I don't really have a specific philosophy on life; I just try and help people out.



Chris Bible, aka The Peanut Dude

Lives in: Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

From: My father and mother were in the Navy: Hawaii 1978-82; Charleston 1982-90; Beaufort 1990-96; bounced around for a few years until life brought me back to Charleston in 2006.

Education: Class is in session every day. ... always observing and learning.

Employment: Owner: "The Peanut Dude Boiled Peanuts."

Favorite reading: Biographies and autobiographies of folks I admire and the people who inspire me. The list is long, broad and continues to grow, from Steve Jobs to Benjamin Franklin to C.S. Lewis, Buddha, Jesus, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle and Oprah.

Favorite music: Whatever is playing ... Let's just dance.

Activities: Kiteboarding, paddleboarding, guitar, ukulele, writing songs, poetry and stories, meditation, reading, hanging out with my dog, Hudson, a yellow lab who can surf.

Interests: Continued growth, be it in personal, professional, spiritual or fitness. I am interested in always growing, improving and having fun.

Likes: All aspects of my business, from boiling the peanuts, to having fun, sharing smiles and making new memories with all the folks who come by and visit my boiled peanut stand.

Favorite quote or philosophy: "The unexamined life is not worth living." • Socrates



Al Nagel

Lives in: Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

From: Hollywood, California.

Education: El Camino Junior College.

Employment: A. Nagel Commercial Painting.

Favorite reading: Surfing Magazine.

Favorite music: Keb' Mo'.

Activities: Surfing and spending time with my wife, Andrea, and my two daughters.

Interests: Having a Natty Light and watching sunsets at the Mansfields' dock.

Likes: All of my friends at The NASCAR Room.

Favorite quote or philosophy: "Live fast, die young and have a good looking corpse." • Humphrey Bogart.



Chris Staubes

Lives in: Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

From: Charleston, South Carolina.

Education: JD, University of South Carolina.

Employment: Head up the Corporate Law Department at Clawson & Staubes, LLC.

Favorite reading: Mystery and suspense.

Favorite music: Rock and roll from the 70s and 80s.

Activities: Travel; movies; spending time with friends and family.

Interests: Guitar, classic cars and history.

Favorite quote or philosophy: "Don't be afraid to stand for what you believe in, even if that means standing alone." • Unknown.

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