

## Two scouts receive laptops for education

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Even in education, escaping the need to use the internet is nearly impossible. However, not all students have reliable access to a computer. Two scouts from Troop 20 in Mount Pleasant recently received laptops from Computers with a Cause, a local organization that donates new laptops to students.

"If you don't have access to computer in this digital society, then there's clearly a significant gap of what you're capable of accomplishing, especially for education," said Dr. Bobby Baker, the founder of Computers with a Cause with his wife Julie Baker.

Both Davidson Bendell and Emmett Townsend had a way to get online, but it wasn't very sustainable. Bendell has access to a Chromebook at school, but a lot of his projects and schoolwork need to be completed at home. His option at home was using an old laptop that didn't run well. Townsend had a similar issue. While his family has a shared computer, his mom works from home and he has to share time with his brother when the computer is available.

"It was really special for me to receive this computer," said Townsend who is 12 years old. "I was really happy when

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# Bold Strokes

## Local muralist bridges fantasy and history



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The mural at Masters Studios on Rifle Range Road depicts the opening ceremony for the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge in 2005.

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Local artist Muzon Cheeks Jr. completed the eighth mural in the Town of Mount Pleasant's "Paint the Town" series. The mural, which depicts the ceremony for the opening of the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge in 2005, is painted on the side of Masters Studios, a martial arts school on Rifle Range Road.

The mural took Cheeks about a week and a half to complete. His process begins by outlining with a piece of chalk. He uses several reference pictures to capture the essence of what he wants to create, though it doesn't always turn out exactly like the photo, leav-

ing room for his artistic interpretation. "I don't want to just copy exactly how it looks," Cheeks said "That part can leave me some freedom to freestyle and just create something different."

He doesn't describe himself as solely a painter — he started off doing commissioned pet portraits. He and his friend run a cleaning business for Airbnbs while doing art on the side.

Cheeks, who has been training at Masters Studios since 2011, was asked to do some touch-ups on signage here and there by the gym's owner. More practical things, he said. Knowing that Cheeks wanted to turn his art into a full-blown profession, owner Michael St. Amand offered him the chance to paint

a mural on the outside of the gym.

"I think Muzon is a wonderfully talented local artist and I feel so fortunate to have his work on my building," said St. Amand. "The mural brings joy and smiles to me and our members as we enter the building every day, and for me personally, it's especially great as he is such a good friend."

Colorful and cartoony with a vibrant fireworks show in the background, the mural captures a historic day in the Lowcountry in Cheeks' style. Clouds, inspired by anime, a Japanese style of animation, float over the bridge and between the South Carolina and American flags, to insert elements of

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# Pinning and winning: Wando wrestler wins 100th match in high school career

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One hundred. The big 1-0-0. The three-digit number indicates dedication, perseverance and commitment; it's nearly impossible to reach 100 of anything overnight.

To earn 100 of something is an accomplishment to be shared, but it is particularly notable in the sport of wrestling. Just ask Wando High School senior Pierce Carpenter-Kydd, who reached his 100th win for his high school career at the Cane Bay Duals wrestling tournament on Dec. 10.

It was Carpenter-Kydd's

final match of the day with Wando battling for the fifth-place spot in the team tournament. Knowing this was his chance to break 100 wins, Carpenter-Kydd stayed calm and collected. He pinned his opponent in about a minute.

Carpenter-Kydd practices at the East Cooper Wrestling Club, a club that was featured in a September story in the Moultrie News. Carpenter-Kydd was at this intense practice — the wrestlers warmed up with somersaults, handstands and a backward run around the track. "That was probably one of the lighter ones," he said.

Highly physical, draining and tough, wrestling is not for the faint of heart. Wrestling is popular in the Midwest, where athletes start training at a young age if they want a chance to excel.

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Pierce Carpenter-Kydd pins his opponent at the Cane Bay Duals on Dec. 10. The match marked his 100th win in his high school career.



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## The McConnell Foundation donates to pediatric cancer research in the Lowcountry

The team behind McConnell Real Estate Partners and The McConnell Foundation are proud to donate just shy of \$100,000 to pediatric cancer research in the Lowcountry.

Jen and Josh McConnell, owners of the Isle of Palms-based real estate agency, have been dedicated to raising funds for pediatric cancer research at MUSC where their son Bodhi was treated when he survived a Stage 3 Neuroblastoma diagnosis at just five months old.

A portion of every commission at their real estate agency goes towards the fight for a cure, with the agency totaling \$65,000 this year and \$34,000 at their first annual gala for the foundation back in June.

Bodhi's doctor, Dr. Jacqueline Kraveka, heads the only research laboratory in South Carolina dedicated to pediatric cancer.

"We can't overstate the impact the children's hospital, Dr. Kraveka and all those who carried research forward prior to our experience had on us," said the McConnells. "We thank God and we thank them at every opportunity. We are forever grateful, and will forever work to further the cause."

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**Josh McConnell, Dr. Jacqueline Kraveka, Jen McConnell, Ashlan Zemp, MSN and Bodhi McConnell hold the check presented to MUSC Children's Health from The McConnell Foundation.**



## ECCO announces new board of directors

East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) announces the election of Mike Burson as its 15th president of the ECCO Board of Directors and Tim Grow as vice president. The nonprofit also appointed five new board members: J.C. Darby, Tom Fitzgerald, Cindy Hollar, Rev. Dr. Arthur Holmes and Marcus Moore.



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Mike Burson

"ECCO's Board of Directors is a force for good in providing consistent leadership and thoughtful guidance to the organization. We are excited to see how Mike Burson and Tim Grow will lead the organization as we begin to implement ECCO's campaign priorities. We are also thrilled to be adding such an energetic and committed group of new community leaders to help ECCO continue to soar," said Stephanie Kelley, ECCO's executive director.

Burson was raised in Georgetown, Texas, receiving his secondary education at Georgetown High School before attending Southwestern University in Texas. Burson and his wife Carolyn have been

residents of Mount Pleasant for 10 years, and own M.D. Burson Consulting, LLC. When Burson is not working or volunteering at ECCO, he likes to spend his time outdoors, golfing, biking or paddle boarding. The Bursons volunteer at ECCO because they are passionate about helping and serving people in their time of need. The two served as co-chairs of the Steering Committee for ECCO's Beyond Our Walls Capital Campaign.

Grow is the office managing shareholder at Elliott Davis LLC in downtown Charleston, focusing on providing comprehensive assurance and management consulting services to a diverse customer base in the real estate, manufacturing, construction and governmental industry sectors. He received a bachelor's in accounting at the University of South Carolina, as well as his master's in accountancy. Grow served on the ECCO Board of Directors for three years before stepping away to assume the role of the chairman of Trident United Way Board of Directors last year. He has also been a member of the Charleston Regional Development Alliance Community.

"I am excited to welcome our new board members. I am also privileged and honored to work with such a dedicated group of community leaders. Our executive director leads an excellent staff and a group of over 250 volunteers that work every day to support those in need of our services in the community" said Burson. "Our board is commit-



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Tim Grow

ted to reaching our mission to provide assistance, guidance and resources to help our neighbors navigate through

life's challenges."

In addition to a newly elected president and vice president, five new members have joined ECCO's Board of Directors.

■ John Charles "J.C." Darby, a Charleston native, is involved in the community through his family's business, The Beach Company, where he is the development manager.

■ Tom Fitzgerald is the vice president of marketing for Southern Crown Partners, overseeing a diverse portfolio of billion-dollar brands throughout Georgia and South Carolina.

■ Cynthia Lynn "Cindy" Hollar has professional experience as a CEO, vice president of sales

and a sales leader; she is now a realtor with Carolina One Real Estate. Hollar has a passion to help make a difference in the lives of those in their time of need.

■ Rev. Dr. Arthur Holmes was born and raised in South Carolina, serving in the field of education for 34 years, as well as becoming licensed to preach in 1983. He is currently the servant leader and pastor at Holy Trinity AME Church in Mount Pleasant.

■ Marcus "Marc" Moore is a department manager at Nucor Steel Berkeley. Outside of his role at Nucor, Moore specializes in community outreach and philanthropy.

## ECMC hires chief strategy officer



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Thomas Hayden

East Cooper Medical Center recently named Thomas Hayden as chief strategy officer.

Before joining the team at East Cooper, Hayden served as the system director for strategy and business development at Bozeman Health, an independent health system in southwest Montana. While there, he led the effort to secure construction funding to build an orthopedic care unit dedicated to elective joint replacement and spine

surgery. Hayden also oversaw the planning and development of an interventional pain management clinic and an acute care surgery service line, which both have led to increased patient and physician satisfaction.

"Thomas has a proven track record of helping hospitals maximize key service areas, refine care processes and efficiently manage growth," said Patrick Downes, the CEO of East Cooper Medical Center.

He holds a bachelor of arts in social sciences from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado, and a master's in health administration from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences in Kirksville, Missouri.

"I am honored to join East Cooper as chief strategy officer," Hayden said. "Every person I met throughout the recruitment process was kind, humble and welcoming. I am thrilled to be joining a group of compassionate associates and an amazing community."

Hayden is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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# Wando yearbook makes history with national award

For the first time in school history, Wando High School's yearbook, Legend, has been recognized as the top yearbook in the nation by Quill & Scroll.

Wando's 2022 edition, "Something Within Us," earned the international scholastic journalism organization's Blue and Gold Award for Staff Excellence in the Class A Division (schools with 1,000 students or more). Only one school in each class nationwide received this honor.

"This honor is a monumental achievement for our program and these students," said Phillip Caston, Wando's yearbook adviser and English teacher. "It's gratifying to be ranked among some of the top yearbook programs and to be named the recipient of the top honor in the contest. The 2022 yearbook continues to stay on pace to be our most award-winning volume in school history."

Legend also picked up three more Blue and Gold Awards — first place in writing, second place for design and third place for photography.

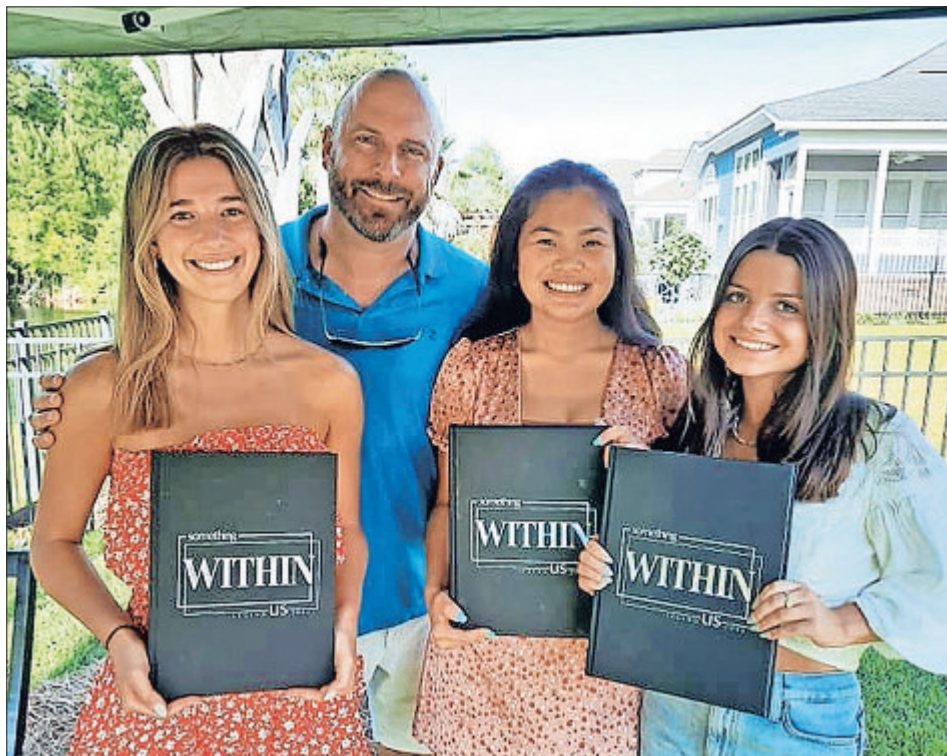
"Our yearbook staff and editors are some of the most

talented and gifted students in the school," said Kim Wilson, Wando's interim principal. "To be recognized as the best yearbook in the United States among the Class A Division high schools is the pinnacle of success. We are proud of our yearbook staff and congratulate them on a well-deserved honor."

Members of the Legend staff collected 16 individual awards from Quill & Scroll this year as well, setting a new Wando yearbook record.

The following students were honored:

- First Place, Academics Spread — Graduate Harper Duffy
- First Place, Student Life Photo — Graduate Sarah Cote
- First Place, Photo Illustration — Graduate Abigail McLeod
- First Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing — Senior Evie Whitesell
- First Place, Academics Writing — Senior Ainsley Doyle
- First Place, Sports Feature Writing — Junior Grayson Sams



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Wando yearbook staff members hold the 2022 edition of the Legend yearbook. "Something Within Us" won the top yearbook in the nation by Quill & Scroll, a first for the yearbook program.

- Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Spread — Senior Sam Bumgarner
- Second Place, People Spread — Senior Katie Brown
- Second Place, Academic Writing — Senior Ainsley Doyle
- Second Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing — Senior Evie Whitesell
- Second Place, Personal Profile — Graduate Lily Higgins

Organizations Writing — Senior Evie Whitesell

■ Second Place, Academic Photo — Graduate Abigail McLeod

■ Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Spread — Junior Jordan Condie

■ Third Place, Academics Writing — Senior Sydney Lewis

■ Third Place, Clubs or Organizations Writing — Caroline Bierman

■ Honorable Mention, Student Life Spread — Senior Brooke Tribolet

Earlier this fall, Wando's yearbook staff earned South Carolina Scholastic Press Association's Best Yearbook in the state honor for the second consecutive year (also a first for Wando), and the former co-editor in chief, Clara Barresi, was named a Top 10 finalist for Designer of the Year by the National Scholastic Press Association.

"I'm extraordinarily proud of how hard these young women and men work to bring such accolades and prestige to their high school," said Caston. "The pride they take in their work is incredible."

# CCSD horticulture program taught by former student

Thirteen years ago, a brand new teacher set up shop in a classroom cottage, Trailer 11, on Wando High School's campus. Katie Donohoe was tasked with starting the school's first-ever horticulture class.

The course was designed as a feeder program for Trident Technical College and four-year colleges that offer horticulture or agriculture, or for students interested in beginning their careers immediately upon graduation.

Through the years, the program grew in popularity. Some students took Donohoe's courses as an elective, others chose the program as a major.

"Sparking an interest in those students about horticulture and agriculture is what it was all about," said Donohoe.

Many of her students have enjoyed successful careers in the industry. One student's career path went in an unsuspecting direction. Paul Millar, who took Donohoe's class in 2015, is now teaching the course.

The course has evolved and is now included in the East Cooper Center for Advanced Studies (ECCAS) Program of Studies as a full pathway. Using Donohoe's same hand-crafted curriculum, "Seed to Seed" (a seed is planted and rooted and then planted in a garden until it flowers and seeds again), Millar is teaching the next generation about sustainable resources, hydroponics, forestry, turf management and more.

**The spark**  
In 2015, Millar was just like every other high school student trying to meet their electives requirement. He chose horticulture class not having any idea it would be his future career.

"I thought to myself, 'how hard can it be?'" said Millar. "I fell in love with it and was inspired to install my own hydroponic tower garden at my house. Horticulture was my favorite class and I began to envision it being a career that I would truly love."

Millar was a completer of the program that eventually grew to such popularity that a second teacher was hired.

Millar graduated from Clemson University in just three years and earned his master's degree in plant and environmental science. His next stop was at the Clemson Extension office in Charleston as a vegetable breeder.

"I loved it," said Millar. "I can't say enough good things."

As fate would have it, Millar was alerted to a Charleston County School District job posting and within a week of interviewing for the position for the new instructor for the ECCAS horticulture program, he was hired.

Millar is just 23 years old and now calls his former teachers colleagues. It seems a bit surreal, especially when he considers whose shoes he has to fill.

"I try to channel Mrs. Donohoe because she always had such great energy," said Millar. "She was very engaging so I try to bring that big energy to my class. I am somewhat reserved so I ramp it up to 100 so I can reach those kids like me."

Donohoe doesn't necessarily agree that Millar is reserved. She is confident he brought a certain energy to the classroom when he was a student. She recalls many energetic instances when Millar took center stage in class.

"He was such a fun student and I can only imagine his delivery to his students," said Donohoe. "I am confident he will be successful and get very many students hooked on this path where they too are bitten by the horticulture bug."

**Career opportunities**  
Outside of teaching horticulture, there are many career opportunities for students interested in the profession.

The major is comprised of four courses: Introduction to Horticulture, Landscape Technology, Nursery Greenhouse and Garden Center, and TurfLawn Management.

"There are so many paths a person can go down with horticulture," said Millar. "Even if a student doesn't pursue it, you'll know how to keep a plant alive, grow your own food, and have a deeper appreciation for where your food comes from. You'll be more equipped for life."

Donohoe, an award-winning teacher, retired after seeing her vision for the horticulture wing at ECCAS come to fruition. She had done everything she set out to "grow" at Wando.

Donohoe went on to develop Growing Minds, which is a STEM-based learning program focused on educating and empowering youth to grow food anywhere and everywhere.

Donohoe works with schools across the district to utilize school gardens to their maximum potential. She also hosts groups of all ages (year-round) at her non-profit Growing Minds Farm, which opened to the public in 2018. Growing Minds helped to preserve the rich agricultural history of a nearly five-acre farm in the historic Phillips Community. It was transformed from bare land into an educational demonstration farm showcasing sustainable agriculture techniques. Therefore, this educational farm not only teaches the principles of sustainable agriculture but it preserves a piece of history as well. She's giving students something purposeful to be passionate about, she explained.

Just recently Millar took his students on a field trip there where they got to see the sustainable practices in use at the farm.

"There is something about growing your own food that is empowering," said Donohoe. "We learned during



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Paul Millar and Katie Donohoe pose near growing plants at East Cooper Center for Advanced Studies.

the pandemic that farmers are important. It's not just a hobby. Real-life demonstrations, like trips to the farm, are important for the kids to see."

**Full circle**  
Millar is in the driver's seat of the ECCAS horticulture program. Donohoe hires her former students to do work around her farm, and students in Millar's class are starting their own businesses while still in high school. It's

more than either could have asked for.

"Seeing the kids leaning into it and loving the class is amazing to me," said Millar. "I love it when they want to take on more and begin to take ownership of things they've planted."

Donohoe agreed and explained that what these students are learning is something they can take with them regardless of their career choice.

"Knowing Paul is at the lead means that all the hard work that goes into starting a program from scratch was not for nothing," said Donohoe. "It's like leaving you're your child unattended and hoping someone will come along and take care of it. It is such a relief to me that someone who learned from me is now teaching the next group. It makes my heart feel real good."

All that remains of Trailer 11 are the two Crape Myrtle trees Donohoe's students planted, but the Seed to Seed program has flourished, growing into something bigger and better than Donohoe could have ever imagined.

Plant sales are hosted several times a year by the horticulture students and the proceeds directly benefit the program. To learn more, visit the school's website.

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# Artist completes mural of the Ravenel Bridge

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fantasy into the scene. "I like art to be kind of different that way," Cheeks said. "I grew up watching cartoons or reading comics. I always wanted to emulate that."

Cheeks also draws inspiration from the world around him, animals and plant life. He focuses on the energy around natural life and depicts it in a whimsical, vibrant manner.

He uses social media to connect with other smaller artists that he wouldn't have met otherwise.

"I see a lot of great artists. I'm sure that's leaked into my work, seeing other people's work. Some of my favorite artists really are nobodies. They're people on Instagram that I got to be friends with and we message back and forth and I keep up with

them," Cheeks said.

The Masters' Studio mural is the second mural Cheeks has in his portfolio. Some of his other work can be spotted around town. He's painted a couple of traffic boxes and a large fiberglass oyster shell as part of the town's Art on the Half Shell project. He also enjoys painting objects like wooden swords, skateboards and a custom pair of shoes with Spongebob Squarepants characters for his niece, who liked them so much she never wore them.

"She never wears them. She's afraid she'll mess them up," Cheeks said. "And now I think she might have outgrown them."

PHOTO BY ANNA SHARPE/STAFF

**Muzon Cheeks Jr. stands in front of the mural he painted at Master's Studio on Rifle Range Road.**



# The library helps patrons recover from the holidays

## Between the Stacks

January is right around the corner, and Mount Pleasant Library has plenty of opportunities to help you recover from the holidays. Here are some highlights.

To start, we're bringing back our branch's book club. The first meeting will be on Jan.

9 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., when we'll be discussing "The Messy Lives of Book People" by Phaedra Patrick. The synopsis: Liv Green, a wannabe writer/current housecleaner, receives the challenge of her life when her employer dies unexpectedly. Does Liv's

dream live up to the reality resulting from pursuing this challenge? What can we all learn from Liv's pursuit of her challenge?

If you're interested in birds at all, you'll want to attend "Creating a Backyard Habitat" on Jan. 18 from 2-3 p.m., when you'll learn about the different types of birds in the area and receive advice on how to attract them to your

own back yard.

Our next Indie Lens Pop-Up presentation is "Love in the Time of Fentanyl" on Jan. 25 from 1:30-3 p.m. Join us for a preview screening of an exclusive hour-long excerpt of the film, followed by a short discussion of the issues raised. The film will premiere on SCETV on Feb. 13.

We are looking for new Mah Jongg players to join us on Jan. 11 from 2-4 p.m. Give yourself a new challenge and learn to play Mah Jongg the American way, using the National Mah Jongg League's 2022 card of prescribed hands. Our group generally meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month (although some months only have one meeting) and we welcome both newbies and

experienced players.

Coffee and Conversation will resume monthly meetings on Jan. 23 from 10-11 a.m. Find out what's going on at the library when you join other seniors for good coffee, good conversation and a morning treat.

Besides these programs for adults, we have plenty of things for teens and children, also.

Teens will enjoy Teen Game Night on Jan. 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Dungeons & Dragons on Jan. 11 and 25 from 5-6:30 p.m. and Duct Tape Crafts on Jan. 23 from 5-6 p.m. — in addition to in-library activities every day we're open.

For children, there are weekly storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with a monthly fam-

ily storytime. In addition, there are delightful programs planned for specific ages: "For Wee Ones" (1.5-4 years), "How-To's-Days!" (7-11 years) and "Dream Something Big, Build Something Great" (5-11 years). Call the branch at 843-849-6161 for more details.

Remember that all branches of Charleston County Public Library will be closed on Jan. 1 and 2, in observance of New Year's Day. Remember, too, that ccpl.org is your virtual library, available 24/7/365.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

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# Mount Pleasant Garden Club beautifies library



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Max Kempf, Noah Petit, Diane Valentino, Chrissy Petit, Jane Baker, Charlene Tripp, Jo Ann Ward, Karen Piret, Lucy Weber, Linda Ernst and Carol Miller clean up the garden at the Mount Pleasant Library. Missing from the photo, but also present at the workday, include Cindy Teeter, Suzanne Kennerty and Paulette Cantey.

Once the Mount Pleasant Library at Mathis Ferry Road reopened after completing renovations, the Mount Pleasant Garden Club was back at work on the round

garden out front. The club has been tending that garden for over 20 years, and members were glad to get back to tidy it up at the beginning of December.

This time, two boy scouts from Troop 529 Max Kempf and Noah Petit along with the mother of one of the boys, were there to lend a hand.



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# Wrestler reaches 100 wins

**WRESTLER**, from A1

Carpenter-Kydd, who hails from Michigan, came to the sport a little late by Midwest standards — eighth grade. A friend got him into it, he said. Wrestling is still gaining popularity in the South, so kids don't start quite as young.

Most wrestlers are lucky to win half of their matches in their first year, but he ended the year winning a majority of his matches. He used to practice with the varsity captain, who had about 30 pounds on him. Getting pummeled at practice each day made wrestling in his own weight class a breeze.

"He was a big 160-pounder kid. Every day in practice he'd say 'Alright Pierce, you're my partner.' I was a little 135 [pound]," Carpenter-Kydd said. "Every day I was wrestling with a bigger kid, so

when I wrestled kids my weight they felt like a feather."

School and club wrestling teams are made up of athletes competing in different weight classes. Although, when it's time to get on the mat, wrestling is a solo event. It comes down to the wrestler alone: how much time they put into practicing and studying moves. No one can make up for a lack of practice or pick up slack on an off day. The individuality of it all can appear intimidating, yet it's this combination of control and accountability that keeps Carpenter-Kydd coming back for more.

"No matter what happens, you're in control. No one else can mess up. You can't blame anyone else," Carpenter-Kydd said. "You put in the work, you'll be able to go out there and beat anybody. If you just slack off at prac-

tice, you're going to look like a fool on the mat."

Despite the solo nature of wrestling, knowing there is a team behind you cheering you on can mean the difference in a win or defeat. He also gives credit to his stepdad and "Ma" for taking him to many tournaments and supporting him in his sport.

"I've been in matches by myself and if I'm alone at a tournament, it's a lot easier to just get a takedown and lay there taken down, to sit there and be tired," Carpenter-Kydd said. "If you know someone's watching you, it really does push you the extra distance."

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**Pierce Carpenter-Kydd and Wando wrestling coach Adam Schneider hold up a banner for Carpenter's 100th high school win.**



# Computers with a Cause provides laptops to students

**SCOUTS**, from A1

I got it."

While adolescents get a bad rap for spending too much time in front of a screen, students can learn valuable skills from computers, such as learning to code, developing graphic design skills or researching an interesting topic. Plus, Bendell mentioned needing a computer for some school and scouts projects.

"This computer really helped me," said Bendell, who is 14 years old.

Nearly six years ago, Baker realized he took his access to a computer for granted. He received a flyer in the mail for a Black Friday deal on laptops. He tossed it in the trash, along with the other coupons and flyers. But then he thought about it. Even though he doesn't need a laptop, there's likely someone in the community who does.

The store allowed him to purchase five laptops with the deal. The next step was finding students who could



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**Chris Staubes, Emmett Townsend, Chad Neal, Davidson Bendell and Dr. Bobby Baker hold the new laptops provided by Computers with a Cause.**

benefit from a new laptop. The first group to receive laptops from Computers with a Cause was five Charleston County School District students who were in need of a personal computer.

"It was just a fantastic feeling to be able to give those computers to those kids that day," said Baker. "Since then, we've just kept giving away more and more computers."

In addition to students, Computers with a Cause has donated new laptops to community centers and staff members for local nonprofits. Due to Baker's involvement with Scouts BSA as the Coastal Carolina Council vice president of marketing, he wanted to find scouts who were actively involved in the organization and the community to be among the recipients.

The scouts who were interested filled out an application that asked questions about community service, financial needs, future college plans and reasons for wanting a lap-

top. Baker said Bendell and Townsend's applications were exactly what the organization was looking for. Additionally, Troop 20 Scoutmaster Chad Neal wrote a recommendation letter for the two scouts, which solidified the committee's decision.

Bendell and Townsend received the laptops at an end-of-the-year celebration for Troop 20. In the spirit of giving, the troop participated in a Toys for Tots drive and collected donations at the final meeting.

Baker said Computers with a Cause wanted to start its giving season with these two scouts, but plans to donate more computers to scouts soon.

"What we're trying to do is bridge the digital gap in our community and this is one way. I can't tackle everything, but it's one thing I can do — one computer at a time," said Baker.

For more information about Computers with a Cause, visit [computerswithacause.org](http://computerswithacause.org).



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**Troop 20 listen to the Computers with a Cause presentation at the scout's last meeting of the year.**



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## This year's inspiring educational stories

For the final week of 2022, let's look back at some of the year's more inspiring educational news stories.



**Jody Stallings**  
Teacher to Parent

In October, Jack Sanchez, an elementary school custodian in Banning, Arizona, considered staying home due to back pain but pushed his way through it. Everyone at Central Elementary is thankful he did because later that day he administered the Heimlich maneuver to student Joshua Dupri who was choking on a grape in the cafeteria. According to Dupri's parents, if it weren't for Mr. Sanchez's quick thinking, their son would not be alive today.

In April, it was a teacher who needed saving when she choked on a chip in the Midway High School library in Waco, Texas. That's when student Aaliyah Dabera put her education into action by

performing the Heimlich. Dabera, 17, attended training off campus every day as part of a program to prepare her for a career in the medical field, and she had just learned the Heimlich maneuver a few weeks earlier. The teacher, Nicole Miles, said of Dabera, "She stayed calm, she did what she was supposed to and she saved my life."

In November, students at Moreland Hills Elementary School in Pepper Pike, Ohio, collected over \$2,000 in change. The money helped honor U.S. Veterans with trips to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials

and enjoy time with fellow service members.

Like those in the military, police officers work tirelessly to keep all of us safe, and in December, students at Northside Elementary School in Levittown, New York, created cards for members of the thin blue line. Kindergarten teacher Jennifer Carpentier said the cards help officers "deal with the everyday stresses of their job and also help to spread a bit of love and cheer during the holiday season."

In April, South High School senior Yoselyn Paiz-Rafael from Omaha, Nebraska, was named one of the Salvation Army's D.J.'s Hero Award winners. When Yoselyn was 14, she moved away from her home in Guatemala and came to the U.S. alone to pursue a better education.

She worked full-time after school and on weekends to pay her own rent and living expenses, all while earning a 4.05 high school GPA. According to her mentor, Isela Haines, "Yoselyn has an incredible story of determination and persistence. Where most people would back down, she has stepped up and prevailed."

In May, high school students in the Miracle Club at Bishop's School in La Jolla, California, built its fourth house of the year for impoverished people in Tijuana. The students raised the necessary funds and performed construction themselves. To receive one of the club's homes, families must help with construction, perform 500 hours of community service, and have their children enrolled in school. Sophomore Grace Dabir said, "The whole ex-

perience just teaches you to be super grateful ... We are so lucky to have what we have. It's very humbling."

Teachers give themselves to their students every day, but in 2022 at least three teachers made the ultimate sacrifice.

In May, teachers Eva Mireless and Irma Garcia died trying to protect their fourth-grade students from deadly gunfire at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. According to Mireless' daughter, Adalynn Ruiz, "I know she didn't even hesitate to step in front of [her students]. She was dedicated to her job ... she was strong. I just really hope to be exactly like her."

In October, teacher Jean Kuczka of Central Visual and Performing Arts High School in St. Louis died when she put herself between her students and a 19-year-

old gunman dressed in black and yelling, "You are all going to die." Ms. Kuczka's former student Alexis Allen-Brown said, "When I found out, the first thing I could think about was ... that's how much she cared about the students. She was going to save those babies."

In different ways, I find each of these stories both humbling and hopeful. They show us that whether we're students, teachers, staff members, parents or members of the community, the way to a better world is doing for others what we would want others to do for us.

*Jody Stallings has been an award-winning teacher in Charleston since 1992 and is director of the Charleston Teacher Alliance. To submit a question, order his books, or follow him on social media, visit JodyStallings.com*

## DHEC encourages residents to reduce food waste, recycle

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) encourages residents to be good stewards of the environment and be mindful of the foods they purchase that could potentially go to waste during the rest of the holiday season. Celebrations during the last few weeks of the year may also include gift packaging, decorations and other items that increase the potential for household waste.

"Unnecessary waste can be prevented if we make environmentally sound decisions while enjoying the holidays," said Richard Chesley, DHEC's section manager for the Office of Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling. "We encourage all South Carolinians to be conservative in how much food they purchase to prevent food waste, and to do the same with gift-wrapping paper and other items used during the holidays."

DHEC further encourages healthy food habits through its Don't Waste Food SC campaign, one that includes working with various organizations with the common goals of information-sharing and coordinating resources to reduce food waste. According to data compiled through the campaign:

- Up to 40% of the nation's annual food supply is never

consumed, which equals a yearly loss of up to \$218 billion

- More than 38 million Americans are food-insecure
- One of every nine South Carolinians, including 600,000 children, face hunger challenges

"These issues can be resolved through purchasing less food items to reduce waste and by donating food once it's clear you have a surplus," Chesley said. "This is especially true during the holiday season but can and should be applied throughout the year."

In addition to food waste reduction, DHEC offers resources at [scdhec.gov/environment/recycling-waste-reduction/prevent-waste-during-holidays](http://scdhec.gov/environment/recycling-waste-reduction/prevent-waste-during-holidays) on the right ways to recycle, where to recycle and how to safely dispose of items that cannot be recycled. Recyclable items during the holiday season can include wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, Christmas trees and various other items.

Working together, we can make the holidays better for everyone and help protect the environment all at the same time.

More information and helpful recycling tips are available on South Carolina's Recycle Right SC campaign page at [scdhec.gov/environment/recycling-waste-reduction/recycle-right-sc](http://scdhec.gov/environment/recycling-waste-reduction/recycle-right-sc).



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## Letter from the editor: Reflecting on the past year propels us to the next



**Kenna Coe**  
Editor  
Moultrie News

As I was making final edits to the paper this week, I paused at the realization that this is the last paper of 2022. With the busyness of the holiday season — or with life in general — it's easy to close a chapter and immediately open the next one without much thought.

But, I find reflection is energizing, and helps propel us to the next milestone.

My first thought is an overwhelming sense of gratitude to you, our readers. I'm grateful for the longstanding tradition of the Moultrie News in the East Cooper community. The paper's longevity is only possible due to your continued support. Whether you open the print paper while sipping a cup of coffee in the morning or read the online

edition when there's time during the day, I would be remiss if I did not extend a "thank you."

We strongly believe in the power of local journalism to provide stories you won't find elsewhere and hold our local leaders accountable. While the conversation surrounding print media may sound negative, we are committed to the print product and see the value of it for advertisers and readers week after week. Our parent company, Evening Post Industries, has invested in the print product with the purchase of a new printing press that is now operating. We are proud to say print is not dead. (However, if a print paper isn't your thing, we have our e-edition and publish articles online at [moultrienews.com](http://moultrienews.com)).

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support.

I'm also extremely thankful for the people I've met in the community this year. You've invited us into your homes and workplaces, and allowed us to share personal, impactful stories. If you're looking for a handful of articles to read in your free time this week, check out "Community helps young eaglet fly free" (April 27), "Marbles, pencils, Matchbox cars unearthed at historic Black schoolhouse site" (June 1), "Old Village Boy Scout becomes first Black Eagle Scout in troop's history" (Sept. 14), "Low-country champion to shuck oysters on national stage" (Oct. 12) and "Checkmate: Two Laing Middle students build chess-playing robot" (Nov. 22). Search these titles on the Moultrie News homepage to find a link to the article.

I also want to use this time as an opportunity to reintroduce our news staff. If you've been following along, you've read

many articles by our reporter Anna Sharpe. She joined our news staff in May after I transitioned from reporter to editor. Her enthusiasm for local news has been a vital part of our success this year. If you haven't had the chance to meet either of us, hopefully we will see you soon at a community event or council meeting.

In the meantime, feel free to introduce yourself over email. I can be reached at [editor@moultrienews.com](mailto:editor@moultrienews.com) and Anna at [news@moultrienews.com](mailto:news@moultrienews.com). If you have any suggestions for stories you'd like to see covered or questions about our paper, let me know.

I hope you've had a restful time with friends and family this holiday season. Here's to an energizing New Year!

*Kenna Coe is the editor for the Moultrie News. Reach her at [editor@moultrienews.com](mailto:editor@moultrienews.com) or (678) 360-7294.*

## A few puzzles for your free time

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vision.

**S P U I L P**

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Answer: Pupils

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to babies.

**F I T N A N**

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Answer: Infant



# MPTC brings home top finishes at nationals

The Mount Pleasant Track Club cross country team traveled to College Station, Texas on Dec. 10 to compete in the USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships.

The 63 MPTC athletes once again had high standards to exceed. The 8 and under boys have been on the podium (a top three team) for the past five years. Continuing their streak for six straight years, the 8 and under boys finished third in the nation with 95 points behind Mt. Diablo Heat (72 points) and California Comets (76 points).

The team was led by three individual All-Americans: McLain Griffin (second place), Davis Ostrander (17th) and Tyler Bossert (22nd). The top 25 individuals in each category are All-American. The rest of the 8 and under boys team included Connor Chapdelaine (54th), Carter Berney (77th), Max Permenter (106th), Quincy St. Clair (127th) and Miles Mercer (151st).

The 9-10 girls finished second in the nation. The top three teams included N. Idaho (149 points), MPTC (153 points) and Quick TC (159 points). This was one of the closest races with only 21 points separating first through seventh place.

The 9-10 girls were led by two All-American performances with Lydia Scanlon (12th) and Evelyn Mercer (21st). The rest

of the team included Charlotte Kellett (38th), Bowen Pons (83rd), Caroline Berney (125th), Olivia Lee (199th), Sophina Bossert (221st) and Gabby Ledoux (252nd).

The MPTC had seven individual All-Americans, along with Griffin, Ostrander, Bossert, Scanlon and Mercer were Ty Allenspach (23rd) in the 11-12 boys 3K and John Teachman (15th) in the 15-16 age group.

In addition to the above, the following qualified and traveled to Texas:

**8 and under girls 2K:** Annie Sullivan (80th), Mya Anspach (105th), Katie Solomon (174th) and Lydia Hodge (175th).

**9-10 Boys 3K:** Evan Whichard (47th), Liam Solomon (72nd), Chase Ostrander (100th), Teddy Jones (105th), Kellen Gratzmiller (175th), Sam DiBenedetto (182nd), Eli Hines (199th) and Mason Hayes (280th). The team finished seventh in the nation.

**11-12 Girls 3K:** Lilah May (195th), Savannah Hislop (249th), Mattie DeMooney (268th), Baker West (292nd) and Siena D'Agostino (321st). The team was 25th in the nation.

**11-12 Boys 3K:** Ty Allenspach (23rd), Jahmari Malone (33rd), Drew Butler (79th), Dylan Johnson (111th), Andrew Amani (177th), Caleb Hayes (206th), John Cason (236th), Eli Anspach (314th),

Noah Anspach (351st), Oliver Simpson (352nd), Mason Miliron (354th) and Tyson Permenter (373rd). The team was seventh in the nation.

**13-14 Girls 4K:** Sophia Lee (162nd), Kate Sullivan (303rd) and Lucy Jerauld (308th).

**13-14 Boys 4K:** Gabe Hislop (49th), Zachary Teachman (54th), Tim Young (173rd), Marshall Simpson (213th), Benjamin Huntington (254th), Tyler Blonshine (307th), Grayson Staker (392nd), Maxwell Hines (393rd), Dusty Davis (404th), Ian Davis (409th), Hayden Mendenhall (410th), Aiden Baxa (412th) and Ben Whitley (416th). For the 13-14 boys 4K, "A Team" was 16th and "B Team" was 38th.

**15-16 Boys 5K:** John Teachman (15th) and Jack Butler (38th).

"What a fabulous season! We really showed up at nationals with 23 All-Americans and lots of PRs (personal records). With over 4,000 runners competing in Texas, we could not have asked for a better day in the 70s and a flat course," said Tami Dennis, head coach for MPTC. "The streak of six years on the podium for our 8 and under boys is such a great tribute to these kids, both past and present." Dennis commented on "how tight the 9-10 girls team race was and how it took every MPTC runner on that team to run their best. Could not have prouder of these girls!"



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Mount Pleasant Track Club's 9-10 girls cross country team receives their medals after placing second at the national competition.



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