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Pinkston announces second bid for Charleston City Council seat

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Daniel Island resident Shawn Pinkston isn't one to shy away from challenges. The U.S. Army veteran faces them head on when competing in various fitness contests – such as the Spartan Beast, a rigorous half marathon with daunting deep mud obstacles; the Charleston Sprint Triathlon; and the Off Road Duathlon in Lauren Hill. For Pinkston, grit, perseverance and determination are par for the course.

And they are attributes he's tapped into each of the three times he's run for public office. First for the U.S. House of Representatives (2013), then for Charleston City Council (2015), and most recently for State House District 99 (2017). And while those election bids weren't successful for Pinkston, he's confident voters will see his willingness to serve and “never give up” as pluses when he throws his name in for Charleston City Council again this year.

Pinkston announced on Monday he will again seek the District 1 seat currently held by Daniel Island resident Gary White, who has served in the post since 2008. The



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Daniel Island resident Shawn Pinkston, pictured here at Simmons Park, is hopeful his second run at a Charleston City Council seat will be successful.

official filing period does not open until August.

“It's critical we have a member on City Council who will strive to find solutions to our growing traffic woes, our crumbling roads and bridges, and the continued

flooding of downtown,” stated Pinkston, in a press release. “Over the coming months, I plan to attend neighborhood meetings, meet with business owners, and knock on doors to directly seek input from residents. It is time your opinion is sought and your voice is heard by our City leaders.”

If elected, Pinkston said his long-term goal will be to focus on easing congestion so people spend less time in their cars and more time with their families and friends.

“I will talk to anyone and everyone who will listen at the state and federal levels about widening I-526 and replacing the Don Holt Bridge,” added Pinkston. “I will work with City, County, and State planners to improve drainage in downtown and keep the roads dry and prevent the constant flooding that disrupts commutes, interferes with businesses, and damages homes.”

Also on Pinkston's priority list will be “replacing the failing bridges on Daniel Island Drive,” he said, as well as repaving that section of the road and finishing the long-promised bike/pedestrian pathway.

“We shouldn't have to wait for bridges to be structurally unsound to replace

them,” Pinkston added. “And we shouldn't have to wait for our roads to be pocked full of potholes to repave them. Improving infrastructure throughout the City will be my focus for the next four years.”

Pinkston also pledged to “cut through the red tape” and complete a public boat ramp on the Wando River on Daniel Island and upgrade “obsolete” security cameras at the intersections of Seven Farms Drive/ Daniel Island Drive and Island Park Drive/ Seven Farms Drive.

Pinkston is a lawyer and a veteran of the Iraq War, deploying with the surge forces in 2007. He served as a Judge Advocate General in the U.S. Army and received an Honorable Discharge after achieving the rank of Captain. For more information on his campaign, visit www.shawnpinkston.com.

The Daniel Island News reached out to current District 1 Councilman Gary White to ask whether or not he would be seeking re-election to the post. According to a spokesperson, White is expected to make an announcement about his future plans this week.

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Berkeley Chamber of Commerce welcomes new County Supervisor Johnny Cribb

Chamber audience gathers for Cribb's remarks at Daniel Island Club on March 8

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It's been just over two months since Hanahan resident Johnny Cribb took office as Berkeley County's newest supervisor. And he's hit the ground running.

Cribb was the guest speaker at an event hosted by the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce at the Daniel Island Club last week. The purpose of the gathering was to officially welcome Cribb to his new post. The supervisor used his time at the podium to outline his priorities and objectives for the country's 17th fastest growing county.

"There are 3,007 counties in the country," he said to his audience. "Which puts us in the top one percent... Anybody that tries to tell you that's all great and just perfect, they don't understand the struggles of trying to prepare for that. It's really quite an opportunity and quite a challenge that we're trying to deal with."

Cribb admitted the job is vastly different than it was even just a few years ago, when many companies were focused on keeping their people



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At an address at the Daniel Island Club on March 8 to members of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, new County Supervisor Johnny Cribb touted many of the projects underway in the county to address growth.

and trying to stay afloat. Today, growth is pushing in at a rapid pace – and Berkeley County is trying to keep up. According to Cribb, about 220,000 people live in the county now, but by 2025 that number is expected to rise to 253,000 and to 308,000 by 2035.

"That takes a lot of planning and effort," Cribb said. "We're not just randomly going to end up in a certain place. It's got to be planned and it's got to be guided, with a lot of partnerships and a lot of really good communication."

And in his short time at the helm of Berkeley County, he and his team have made good progress, he said. For starters, they're working diligently – and much earlier – with new companies seeking to expand or relocate to the county. Larger developments and corporations must offer their fair share when it comes to investment in the county and infrastructure.

"It's a totally different environment now," said Cribb. "We're very strategic. FILOs (Fees in Lieu of) aren't just handed out like candy. You gotta bring something to the table."

News of business expansions and investments is "the new normal" in the county, he said.

"It's like if you're playing poker in Berkeley County, you're not holding 10 deuce anymore. You've got a good hand to play. We've got value."

Cribb said he plans to operate a "lean and mean" budget, but will advocate for additional funding for needed services such as EMS, the Sheriff's department, and fire departments. When it comes to roads, between \$35 million and \$40 million continues to funnel in annually from the county's penny sales tax revenues. The county plans to go back to citizens in 2023 for another roads' referendum to keep the critically-needed funding stream coming.

"Hopefully they will anxiously want to pass that referendum, because we're going to complete every single one of these projects and they're going to be underway prior to that next referendum," said Cribb. "That's the demand that's been given to the staff and that's what we're going to do. We know this is really, really important."

Cribb also plans to create a capital improvement plan, something he noted he was surprised to learn didn't exist prior to him taking office.

"We'll get that list and bring it to County Council," he said. "And figure out what the priorities are."

And Cribb plans to involve County Council every step of the way on this and other projects.

"One of my big goals is to work with County Council, not against County Council... We're trying to involve them in the process much sooner and get their input."

Working closely with the Berkeley County School District is another goal, said Cribb, and so far, his efforts have not gone unnoticed.

"This is my 38th year in public education and I've been in a lot of communities, about 10 different school districts," said BCSD Superintendent Eddie Ingram, who was in attendance at the chamber event. "And I have never seen this level of cooperation between a county entity and the school board in my career. And that's something that is very refreshing."

For Cribb, the feelings of admiration are mutual.

"People have asked me, how have you liked it so far?" he told the audience. "And genuinely I have loved it. I've never been more sure and enthusiastic about anything in my life. This has been a great job and I am just excited and motivated about the next three years and 10 months. I look forward to working with the people in this room, and others, to do great things for Berkeley County."

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dispatches from the RV

Thomas Werner

As Sue, our dog Iggy, and I travel in our RV, we occasionally veer off course and indulge our curiosities. That's pretty much how this whole thing started, with Sue asking the supposedly-hypothetical question, "What do you think it would be like if we traveled around the country for a year in an RV?" "Hmm," I said, as I often do when contemplating questions of life-altering proportions. "Let's say we find out."

While the stated purpose of our travels has been to visit as many national parks as possible, side trips are

there to up the interest level of our travels.

Admittedly, not every side trip is a winner. Drawn in by no fewer than 50 billboards spread over 400 miles along I-90 in South Dakota, we visited Wall Drug, a sprawling South of the Border-style, Western-themed, mega-mall, for a cup of their "World Famous 5-Cent Coffee." We were jokingly on a mission to determine just how awful a 5-cent cup of coffee could be. Turns out, that mission was no joke. Our coffee was bitter and burnt, yet somehow cold, and not worth a plug nickel. And the 99-cent slice of pie we bought to go with it? Even awfuller, still. Will we go back? Yes, absolutely. The coffee only costs a nickel. So, we're there.

Among our side trip successes was our visit to Devils Tower in Wyoming, a 200-mile detour from our planned stop at Yellowstone National Park. I was 10 when "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was



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Corporate America is all in on Roswell alien visitation! Main Street Roswell, NM is home to many alien exhibits, museums, and stores.

released and since then I have been sculpting Devils Towers with my mashed potatoes and wanting to visit the igneous rock formation that looms 867 feet above the surrounding plains. Sue and I spent an entire day hiking around this imposing structure, then we

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An eclipse of SC's Sunshine laws



RICHARD WHITING

(Editor's Note: Sunshine Week, to be held March 10-16 in 2019, is a time set aside each year to celebrate open government.)

Remember the August 2017 solar eclipse that carved a path through South Carolina? Bright daylight gave way to shadows, which then gave way to total darkness. Within minutes, of course, a summer day was again put into the sun's bright light.

Another eclipse seems to be taking place in the Palmetto State. In this case, it is what the public should be privy to that is being eclipsed. Private organizations, such as chambers of commerce, that have received public funds have been given a free pass to spend public dollars unchecked and a large enclave of lawmakers can operate in secrecy in the halls of government.

One case came to light after a years-long legal battle over whether a private organization that is given authorization to manage and dispense tax dollars is then considered a public body or, at the very least, must provide all records relative to the expenditure of those tax dollars.

Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce wound up winning its case this past May, a blow to transparency and public accountability. The

Chamber received accommodations tax dollars to spend on behalf of the government entities for advertising and promotion of tourism.

The case wound up being heard by the state Supreme Court, which ultimately upheld the Chamber's private status and held that laws and oversight surrounding the expenditure of A-tax dollars already in place are sufficient. In short, the high court ruled the public cannot have a line-item breakdown of how the Chamber spent the tax dollars. And this isn't about a few dollars, mind you. In fiscal year 2017, the town of Hilton Head handed \$1.7 million in accommodations tax dollars to the Chamber. Seems only right and fair that Hilton Head taxpayers should be privy to exactly what the Chamber did with those dollars in the name of advertising and promotion of tourism. Frankly, one would hope and think the Chamber, if operating above board, would readily make that information available.

One can see the shadow being cast as the eclipse grows.

And only this past week, Fifth Circuit Court Judge Robert Hood ruled the state GOP Legislative Caucus' financial records are off limits.

In a March 4 story, The State newspaper reported on Hood's ruling, noting that paper and other media had sued for caucus records handed over to State Law Enforcement Division investigators. Those records were related to a House public corruption probe.

The media group contended the caucus' records and meetings, which are now closed, should be open to the public because the caucus has use of office and meeting space in the Blatt Building on the Statehouse grounds. That space is paid for by taxpayers; the caucus uses it at no charge. The office space used represents an estimated \$5,000 annual price tag.

As our current law stands, anyone seeking what they believe to be public information has no recourse but to sue when they believe their rights to access have been denied.

If Hood's ruling stands, that would have a substantial impact even on the media's efforts to obtain records and information on behalf of the public. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld corporations' rights to make political expenditures, establishing what is called corporate personhood. If that's the case, surely media corporations can be given "personhood" status when working on behalf of the citizenry.

But apparently \$5,000 is not enough money to result in public disclosure any more than untold millions of taxpayers' accommodations tax dollars can. And when it comes to government transparency, it would seem some justices, perhaps beholden to legislators, are culpable cloaking culprits.

The full eclipse is nigh upon us, folks. The question is whether we will emerge from the darkness as Earth did that August day in 2017.

Whiting is executive editor of the Index-Journal in Greenwood, SC and serves as chairman of the SC Press Association's Freedom of Information Committee. This submission has been edited due to space constraints.

letter to the EDITOR

'CROSSWALK AND FLASHING LIGHTS ARE BEING IGNORED'

Over 3 years now, I have brought up the need for a "pedestrian-controlled" traffic light at the corner of Seven Farms and Bucksley (Pier View) at three community meetings with the police present to listen.

Nothing has changed.

The crosswalk and the flashing lights are being ignored by most drivers. I live on this corner and I watch the poor pedestrians and bike riders wait and

wait for someone to stop and allow them to cross. It is extremely dangerous as drivers are going too fast, texting and NOT slowing down to stop and let people cross!

As a community, we need to keep talking until someone listens and does something about this "accident waiting to happen."

On St. Petersburg beach in Florida, where I used to live, we had pedestrian-controlled stop lights. There

is one at the airport- from the parking garage.

This sentiment is being spoken about by several other residents today, and we all feel that when the roundabout occurs (at Seven Farms Drive and Daniel Island Drive), the pedestrian and bike crossing will only get worse.

I am extremely happy that the business community has the power to get the city to provide a permanent traffic light for the Publix-Refuel location for pedestrian/bike crossing to be safer. I wish the residents had the same power.

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Daniel Island

19 grand trees to be removed from Robert Daniel Drive

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At a March 6 City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals-Site Design meeting, committee members unanimously voted to allow the removal of a total of 19 grand trees, including two red oaks, from the Robert Daniel Drive area. As defined by the City of Charleston, a “grand tree” is a tree with a diameter at 4 ½ feet above grade that is 24 inches or greater.

The area is zoned DI-GO, which allows for residential development. At the moment, a multi-family development with larger apartment style buildings and attached units is slated for the area.

No one in the audience spoke against the measure when asked if there was any opposition.

The motion was passed on five conditions. The applicant, SeamonWhiteside and Associates, must plant 315 caliper inches of canopy trees on the site, they must use 4-foot chain link fences as a barricade for



HEATH ELLISON

Many trees on Robert Daniel Drive will be protected under several conditions, as part of the development of a planned apartment complex, including pruning by a certified arborist.

protected trees, a certified arborist must prune protected trees within 25 feet of construction, the applicant must design the stormwater facility as to not impact protected trees, and they must study amenity areas in the complex as to not impact Grade B grand trees on site.

Roswell, NM is home to alien exhibits

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watched the director’s cut of “Close Encounters” on the back deck of a campground store, in full view of a moonlit Devils Tower. Sure, we both fell asleep, mostly because the movie started after 7 p.m. But, also because “Close Encounters” at 50 is exponentially more boring than it was at 10. Still, it was awesome!

What held our curiosity during our recent trip to Carlsbad Caverns National Park lay 75 miles to the north. While Sue’s interest in Roswell, New Mexico centers around the “X-Files” and a mildly-concerning “Ancient Aliens” obsession, mine started with “In Search of” with Leonard Nimoy and hit its peak during countless hours of late-night radio’s “Coast to Coast AM” with Art Bell.

Ubiquitous alien memorabilia aside, Roswell is not quite what we expected. At 50,000 residents, it is New Mexico’s fifth largest city. It is home to New Mexico Military Institute, a military-style high school and junior college attended by Conrad Hilton, Roger Staubach and Owen Wilson. And, it has a Sam’s Club. They didn’t mention that once on Art Bell’s program.

Our visit to the International UFO Museum and Research Center, however, further piqued our curiosity about the “Roswell Incident” in which a flying saucer is said to have crashed at a nearby ranch. First confirmed by the communications officer at the Roswell Army Air Force base, then later denied by higher ups, newspaper interviews,



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International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, NM highlights the “Roswell Incident” in which a flying saucer is said to have crashed at a nearby ranch.

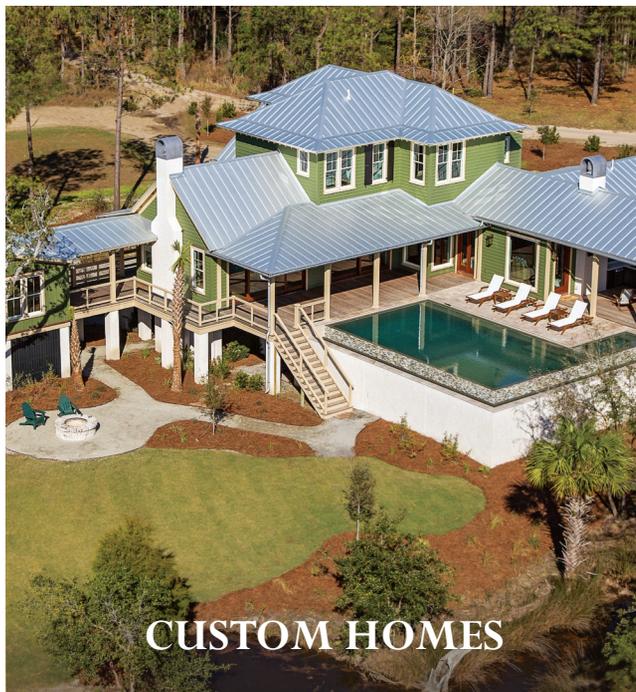
deathbed confessions and affidavits signed by eyewitness military personnel and civilians lend credence to the remnants of an alien craft and at least two alien bodies being recovered by the military and shipped off for closer examination.

We may never know the true reason why the aliens who crashed near Roswell wanted to visit us. Perhaps they were in the neighborhood and heard of a planet where coffee sold for 5 cents a cup. We’d go, if we were them, if only to see how truly awful a 5-cent cup of coffee could be.

“Dispatches from the RV” documents the traveling adventures of Daniel Island News Publisher Suzanne Detar and her husband, Tom Werner, who are currently exploring the country in a motorhome. Last fall, they hit the road to take in an inner loop of the USA, and this year they are focusing on an outer loop, including America’s national parks and all the concurrent and surprising sites along the way.



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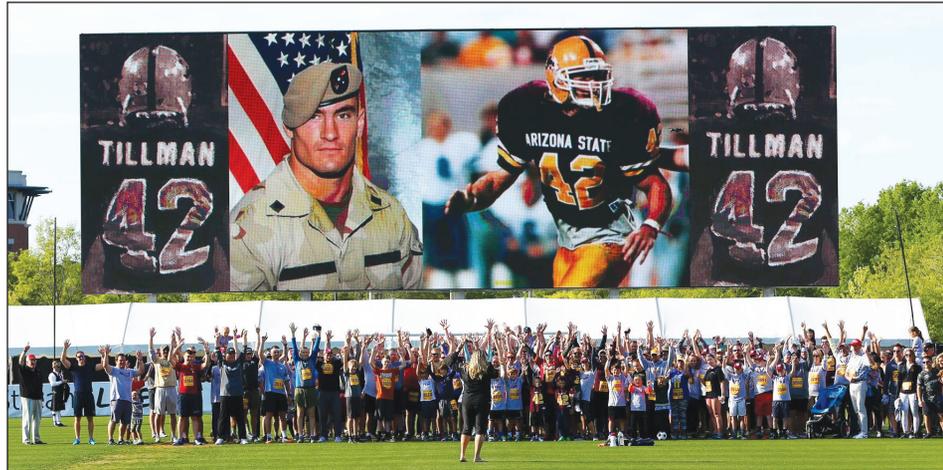
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Tillman Run returns to Daniel Island

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Almost 300 people took part in the 2018 Pat Tillman Honor Run on Daniel Island. Organizer Joel Jackson hopes to have 1,000 this year.

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Pat Tillman gained notoriety not necessarily for actions in his military service, but because of the life he left for the military. As a professional football player, Tillman was the Arizona Cardinal's safety from 1998 to 2001, earning acclaim for his skill on the field. After the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, Tillman left an NFL salary worth millions of dollars to join the Army Rangers out of loyalty to his country. Tragically, in April 2004, he was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan.

"I was in the Marine Corps, and I didn't see any NFL players next to me," said Joel Jackson, organizer of the upcoming Pat Tillman Honor Run on Daniel Island. "You don't see a lot of guys dropping stardom, fame, wealth, and instead serving our country."

Out of respect for Tillman's life and service, the Pat Tillman Foundation created Pat's Run, a 4.2 mile jog inside Arizona's Sun Devil Stadium that blossomed into other smaller honor runs around the nation.

"What we helped out with was starting a shadow run in Charleston. There's 30 or 33 of them in the country now," Jackson claimed. "I think we were one of the first 15 to do it."

In Charleston's incarnation of the event, MUSC Health Stadium on Daniel Island will host residents who want to participate in the casual and family-friendly run on Saturday, April 27. The festivities will begin at 8:30 a.m. and go until 11:30 a.m.

There will be a kid's run as well that gives children the chance to run .42 miles, along with an offering of prizes and souvenirs, like

t-shirts.

"We do the same type of thing that they do out there [in Arizona], just not as on a grand scale," Jackson described.

The 2019 event will mark the fourth year for Pat's Run's regional incarnation, and the organizer said that it has grown every year.

"We had 60 people the first year, 250 people the second year, and then I think a little over 300 the third year," he stated. "Hopefully, this year we're trying to get to 1,000 runners."

Donations and entrance fees go to the Pat Tillman Foundation, which puts the money towards the Tillman Scholarship. This is a financial assistance grant provided to military personnel, veterans, and their spouses, who are looking to obtain a bachelor's or an advanced degree.

For Jackson, the event is an important step in keeping Pat Tillman's legacy alive.

"It's probably individualistic as far as what it means to yourself, or to me, or to anybody else," Jackson commented. "But for me, it's a guy who walked away from millions of dollars playing football at the NFL level, because he understood what America means."

He believes that the idea of the Honor Run is also an exemplary moment for national introspection.

"It's just a really good day to think about what it means to be an American and to be in this country," Jackson said. "Not everything has to be running around chasing money and fame and stuff like that."

Folks interested in registering for the run can do so at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charlestontillman-honor-run-registration-54113016489>.

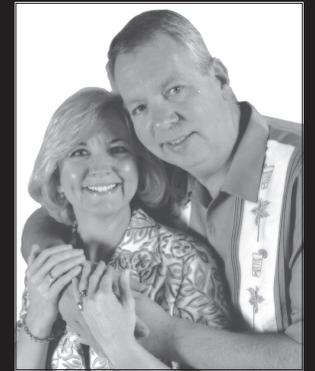
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The Daniel Island Library's "Island Enrichment Series," coordinated by Kim Blank, continues on March 15 at 10:30 am with a program entitled "Gut Health and the Keys to Mental and Physical Wellness." Attendees will learn why one's diet is so important to maintain overall good health. This session will be taught by Eileen Joyce, who has a master's degree in both holistic nutrition and electrical engineering.

KETO DIET EVENT

Join Nutritionist Denee Harvey at the Daniel Island Library on March 14 at 10:30 am for a session on the Keto Diet. The program will explore the true ketogenic science of the diet and the effects Keto can have on the body. It will also debunk some myths surrounding the diet and help participants decide if the keto program is right for them. Contact: (843) 471-2952.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BLOCK PARTY AT DOCKERY'S

On Sat. March 16, from 2-8 pm, Dockery's of Daniel Island is hosting a block party for St. Patrick's Day to benefit The Music Battery, an afterschool program for at-risk youth that includes homework help, drum instruction and more! Live show by the wonderful kids of The Music Battery at 2 pm, Kabuki Love Machine at 2:30 pm, and The Real Good News at 5:30 pm. They'll have the smoker going outside, some great Irish grub, and special beer releases all day. For additional info, visit <https://dockerysdi.com/events>.

LIMITLESS LACROSSE

A no cost lacrosse clinic and summer season tryout will be held at Etivan Park on Daniel Island for current 3rd-11th graders on Sat. Mar. 16, 2 pm -5 pm; and Sun. Mar. 17, 9 am - 11 am. High energy, high IQ activities. See <http://www.limitlesslacrosseff.com/> for more info. U.S. Lacrosse membership required.

EXPLORING THE CHARLESTON RENAISSANCE

Charleston suffered greatly in the post-Civil War years, but the period between World War I and World War II was a time of growth and glamour as the city experienced a boom in the arts as artists, writers, architects, and historical preservationists came together to improve and represent their city. On Tuesday, March 19, from 7 to 8 pm, at Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Dr., join the Daniel Island Historical Society as they present "Exploring the Charleston Renaissance" with guest speaker Mary Webb of the history department of Ashley Hall. All are welcome. www.dihistoricalsociety.com.

YOGA FOR AUTISM

Yoga for Autism, an event benefiting the Walk for Autism and their mission of helping families pay for treatment and intervention of autism through behavioral and relational development programs, will take place on Saturday, March 23 at 9am at Smythe Park. A suggested tax deductible donation of \$15 would be appreciated. Those who can't attend are asked to consider a donation to the Walk for Autism Charleston via their website at www.walkforautismcharleston.org.

AMERICAN AND FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY FORUM

Modeled after the very successful "Great Decisions" program of the U.S. Foreign Policy Association and conducted in French, this series has begun its second flight. Absolutely no previous knowledge of foreign policy is necessary. Mar. 23, 12 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Contact: Alan Kelley at alankelley@comcast.net.

DI/CLEMENTS FERRY SAFETY TOWN HALL

March 26, 6:30-7:30 pm, Holy Cross Community Center, 299 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. Residents of Daniel Island and Clements Ferry Rd. areas are invited to join the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association, along with local law enforcement leaders and officers, to help raise awareness and education about various safety matters as well as bridge the gap between our communities and law enforcement. If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch via Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/dineighborhood/> at the time of the event.

WALK FOR WATER

Rally together to bring hope to those who lack access to safe water at Water Mission's Walk for Water on Sat., March 30, at Riverfront Park, 1061 Everglades Ave., North Charleston. Bring your friends, family (and even the dog) to enjoy music, activities and the beauty of Charleston while raising awareness and funds to provide clean water to people in need. Register at http://events.watermissions.org/site/TR?fr_id=1911&pg=entry.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR VOLVO CAR OPEN

Want to get a front row seat on all the behind-the-scenes action and excitement surrounding this year's Volvo Car Open on Daniel Island? More than 100 volunteers are still needed for the tournament, which features the top women's tennis players in the world. The 2019 VCO will be held March 30 - April 7. All volunteers receive a credential, which grants them access to all day sessions throughout the tournament, including the finals, and two tickets to the PowerShares Series event on April 6. Additional benefits are available on a sliding scale. Register now at www.VolvoCarOpen.com. Contact: Volunteervco@gmail.com.

BERKELEY COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT MEETING

Berkeley County is in the qualification phase of receiving a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct activities in the low-to-moderate income areas of the county. As part of this process, the county is requesting citizen participation in the community needs assessment. On April 2, from 6-7:30 pm, Berkeley County will host a meeting to gather feedback at the Huger Community Center, 2442 Cainhoy Road in Huger. Visit www.berkeleycountysc.gov for a list of all meeting dates and locations. If you are unable attend, you can participate by taking an online survey through April 15 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QTNP8W> or by visiting a local Berkeley County Library. **SC THRIVE AND AMERICORPS FREE TAX CLINIC** Wednesday, April 3 from 5 - 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center, 1161 Baldwin Corner Rd., Huger. Appointment required. Call (843) 312-8860, ext. 8000.

PSHS "EGG MY YARD" FUNDRAISER FOR EASTER

Need help hiding Easter eggs this year? Students with the Philip Simmons High School Renaissance program would love to "egg" your yard! The PSHS "Bunnies" will provide plastic eggs filled with toys and candy - and hide them in your front yard the night before Easter. Costs are 25 eggs for \$20, 50 eggs for \$40 and 100 eggs for \$80. Cash, check or Venmo are accepted. Proceeds benefit the PSHS Renaissance program. To order, visit <https://www.bcsdschools.net/ps>. Order deadline: April 10.

LOWCOUNTRY EXPLORERS APRIL TRIP

Join the Lowcountry Explorers on April 11 as they journey to "Charleston's Alleys and Hidden Places." This walking tour will take participants through Charleston's quaint passages, picturesque cobblestones, and brick and stone pathways, offering an opportunity to step back in time and appreciate the Holy City's intimate and inviting charms. Lunch afterwards at Sean Brock's Minero Mexican restaurant. Cost - \$51 per person. www.dicomunity.org. Contact: Jean Campbell at ascequus@msn.com or 843-737-3547.

DANIEL ISLAND EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on over to MUSC Health Stadium on Fri. April 12 from 6-8

pm for Daniel Island's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, a joint event with Films on the Field. The fun kicks off with an Easter Egg Hunt at 6:30 pm, followed by a showing of the movie "HOP" at 7. Admission for the Easter Egg Hunt is limited. Tickets are just \$5.30 per person (children 0-3 are FREE) and include 12 eggs per hunter, face painter, balloon artist, jump castles, photos with the Easter Bunny, and the movie. Gates open at 6 pm. To register, visit <https://muschealthstadium.com/events/>. Contact: MUSC Health Stadium at (843) 971-4625.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS ON DI

Daily M-F, 7:30 am, Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Dr., and Sat., 8 pm, at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Dr.

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

First Monday of the month, 4 to 6 pm at the DI Library. Trained and certified Clemson Extension tri-county Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about lawns, trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, and all aspects of gardening in the Lowcountry.

BINGO AND ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES

The Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center, 1161 Baldwin Corner Rd., Huger, hosts bingo (no funds) and Zumba fitness classes. For more information call (843) 336-3848, ext. 8000.

BOCCE ON THE LAWN

Join in the fun at "Bocce Ball Wednesdays" - held at 10 am on the Pierce Park Pavilion lawn. Contact Carol at rokaro2@gmail.com.

CHARLESTON YOUNG ARTISTS GUILD

The Charleston Young Artists Guild (CYAG) meets on the first Fri. every month at Black Tie Music Academy on Daniel Island from 6:30-7:30pm. Membership dues are annually \$100 per young artist member. Contact: CYAGuild@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY YOGA

Join your community for a yoga flow linking breath with movement to promote strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation. All levels welcome. Please bring a mat. \$5. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. 10 - 11 a.m. The Yoga Studio @ Talison Row apartments, 480 Seven Farms Dr. Contact: Teresa Donohue, E-RYT at dicomunityyoga@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND ROTARY CLUB

The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets every Wed. for breakfast from 7:30-8:30 am at The Daniel Island Club, 600 Island Park Dr. Visit www.danielislandrotary.com or swing by for breakfast Wednesday morning.

DI CONNECT FOR 55+

This over 55 group meets the third Friday of each month at the Crow's Nest, Edgefield Park Pool, off of Oakleaf Street, at 5 pm. Contact: Gail at g.trezz56@gmail.com.

DI EXCHANGE CLUB

The Exchange Club of Daniel Island meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community Auditorium, at 574 Robert Daniel Dr. Social - 5:30 pm; Meeting - 6 pm. Visit "Daniel Island Exchange Club" on Facebook for updated information. Contact: PresidentDIExchangeClub@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GIRLFRIENDS LUNCH

The Daniel Island Girlfriends Lunch meets at 11:30 am on the third Tues. of every month at a local restaurant. Open to women on Daniel Island and all surrounding areas. Contact: Stephanie McManus at (803) 413-0723 or stephiebrimmsmail@yahoo.com.

DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join the Community Gardeners in the Daniel Island School garden every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 to 11:30 am. Children accompanied by parents are welcome and this is a great service hours opportunity for older teens. The garden is located on the Purcell Lane side of the school behind the gym. Contact: Cynthia Rumph - (843)-530-7525.

DI WALK/RUN GROUP

Meets in the Pierce Park Pavilion parking lot on Wednesdays at 8:30 am. This group offers a great way to get some exercise and socialize.

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

Every Sunday, 5-6 pm, Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island, 299 Seven Farms Dr. Education Bldg, Room 4. Melissa - gardensoul@outlook.com.

EAST COOPER NEWCOMERS CLUB COFFEE

The ECNCC is for women who are residents of Daniel Island, Isle of Palms, Mount Pleasant, and Sullivan's Island. All are welcome to enjoy coffee, conversation and fun to learn what's new and happening in the club. Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10 am. The coffees are held at Point Hope Church in Park West at 3404 Turgot Lane, off of Park West Boulevard. There's no charge and you can just drop in. Contact: info@ecnewcomers.com.

HEALTHY LIVING REVOLUTION

Healthy Living Revolution meets the third Thursday each month at Blondies Cafe on DI at 9 am. Theresa Dennis at (512) 966-2299 or www.healthylivingrevolution.com.

HUGER COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Every 3rd Thurs. at 6 pm. Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center, 1161 Baldwin Corner Rd., Huger. Contact: (843) 312-8860.

MEN'S FITNESS GROUP

F3, a free men's workout group. Meets every Sat. at 6:20 am at Governors Park and at 5:30 am on Wednesdays. Contact/Info: www.f3nation.com or email F3Charleston@gmail.com.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join St. Clare of Assisi for a Morning Prayer Group on Wednesdays at 6 am in the parish office, located at 225 Seven Farms Drive, suite 107. Contact: Brian Headley at bjheadley@yahoo.com.

RECORDER CLASS

Join Capt. Daniell's Pipers under the direction of Professor Hillyer Rudisill to learn to enjoy playing the recorder. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 2-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS

The South Berkeley Democrats meet on the third Sunday of the month at 4 pm at Bin 526 on Daniel Island. All are welcome. Contact: Jen Gibson at (843) 870-7757.

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Free classes Tuesdays and Fridays 9-10 am at the DI Library. Contact: Gwen - (843) 718-5454.

THANK GOODNESS IT'S FIRST FRIDAY (TGIF)

TGIF is a long-standing informal social get-together for all Daniel Island residents meeting the first Friday of the month from 6:30- 9 pm at Daniels Landing Clubhouse, 130 River Landing Drive. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and your favorite beverage. Contact: walterjenner45@gmail.com.

TOASTMASTERS

PATHWAYS is the new, online Toastmasters program designed to teach leadership and self-confidence through the vehicle of public speaking. Toastmasters is a 95-year-old, non-profit organization. Meets first and third Friday at Summit Place at noon. Email DanielIslandToastmasters@gmail.com or come see us!

WILLINGWAY CONTINUING CARE MEETINGS

Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Dr. Provides a community for addicts, their family and friends to talk about their experiences and find ways to connect with 12-step recovery. Free. Contact: Rhett Crull - (843) 323-7111.

WOMEN OF FAITH

DI ladies of all denominations gather Wednesday mornings at 9 am for an hour of prayer and sharing. Contact: Joan Vitalo - (843) 884-1484 or Mary Alice Truesdale - (843) 572-0729.

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DI's James Landreth wins Coast Guard and Department of Homeland Security 'Engineer of the Year' awards

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Daniel Island resident James Landreth references his recent employee of the year awards with a clear pride in eyes. He has pride in himself, his work, and the institutions that gave him the honors.

Working as a mechanical engineer in the Coast Guard, in December of 2018 Landreth was allocated the Engineer of the Year award by both the Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security, which sits above the former organization. The Coast Guard has some 87,000 military and civilian employees, while the DHS has close to 230,000 staff members.

"I'm on a great team," Landreth said. "I can't say enough good things. It's an individual award, but the Coast Guard and my team, in particular, is really great. I got a lot of great support from my supervisors. I had a lot of challenging assignments that just worked out."

And the accolades keep coming. In January 2019, Landreth was named a top 10 finalist for Federal Engineer of the Year by the National Society of Professional Engineers. While Landreth did not win the top prize, which was announced late last month, he is among an elite group of front-runners for the award, as

Landreth said that his technical work mostly falls under drug interdiction. The Coast Guard was noted for its efforts in this field in November, thanks to several U.S. cutters seizing approximately 18.5 tons of cocaine off of the coasts of Mexico, South America, and Central America.

the U.S. federal government has over two million employees.

Originally from Alabama, the serviceman graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2008 before joining the Navy to work in the submarine program. After eight years active duty in the Navy, Landreth joined the Coast Guard as a civilian engineer, where he works on the propulsion systems on the National Security Cutter, the largest class of active patrol cutter in the Coast Guard.

"The location was good," Landreth said when asked why he joined the Coast Guard in 2016. "My wife and I were looking to stay on Daniel Island, in Charleston in general. This position opened up and it was a great fit. I wanted to stay in the national defense space. It was a great opportunity and the timing was right."

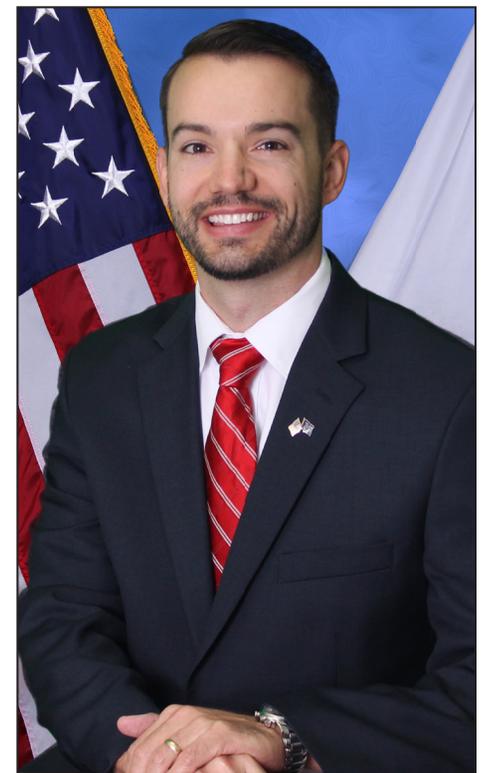
"The Coast Guard's got a great mission," he added. "The submarine portfolio is some-

times a little bit more global and it's great to be working with a Coast Guard where the mission is much closer to home in terms of homeland defense."

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"The fact that my work is hopefully directly linking to alleviating that problem [drugs] or at least combating it in any way is really important," Landreth states. "I guess it's a great measure of effectiveness for how our team is doing, how I'm doing towards stemming the flow of illegal drugs into the United States."

Landreth, his wife, and three children have been Daniel Island residents since 2015, when the Navy brought them to the area.



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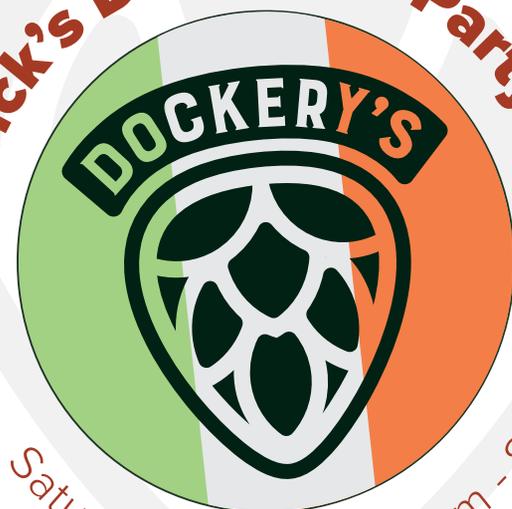


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The first 'First Sunday' event makes a successful downtown DI debut



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Shoppers got a preview of the New York Butcher Shoppe, opening soon on Daniel Island.

MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Overcast skies didn't dampen the spirits of Daniel Island residents venturing out to Central Island Square for the very first "First Sunday" on March 3. Hundreds of residents, many with kids and dogs in tow, came out to shop and socialize at the artisan market.

Live music by the local bluegrass band Green Levels entertained shoppers as they perused the eclectic mix of 37 vendors. Kindewood Farms offered customers seasonal vegetables and seedlings to get a jump start on spring. Artisans, including local business Monograms Daniel Island, provided customers with a diverse variety of shopping opportunities. An assortment of food was available for shoppers as they strolled through the pop-up shops.

Customers were eager to check out the New York Butcher Shoppe, which is expected to open up its new location on Daniel Island next month. General Manager Baxter Henry wanted to give residents a taste of what's in store.

"We wanted to get the community to know us and see the type of high quality foods we will be selling," noted Henry. "We can't wait to service the community of Daniel Island."

Cainhoy peninsula resident Agnes Tchoryk moved from Chicago in August and loves the idea of having a monthly artisan market close to home.

"Just getting outside to explore the market is fun for the whole family," she said. "I'm always looking for ways to get out and about



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

The overcast day didn't stop shoppers from coming out to Daniel Island's "First Sunday" on March 3.

with my husband and two boys."

First Sunday organizers plan to offer a variety of vendors each month to keep the market fresh and exciting. Central Island Square Community Manager Ashley Venable wants the event to be more than just a traditional farmers' market.

"We truly are hoping to offer more of an event rather than an actual farmers' market as this was not technically the goal in the beginning," said Venable. "We have really done a lot of research on different markets in

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Residents shop and socialize at 'First Sunday'

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the area, as well as past markets for Daniel Island and with that in mind we are hoping to offer a once a month event that residents will look forward to, mark on their calendars and come to mingle and shop with their neighbors."

Daniel Island Real Estate agent Sharon Cassidy and her husband drove from Clements Ferry to check out the local event and she was impressed by the variety of vendors.

"I wasn't expecting this many vendors. I almost feel like I'm in downtown Charleston," noted Cassidy.

The "First Sunday" market will be held the first Sunday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and plans to run through August. Each month organizers are hoping to have between 30-40 vendors with something for everyone.

"The goal is to offer a variety each month to keep the excitement fresh and inviting for the residents of Daniel Island and the tri-county areas," Venable said. "We are hoping to bring people to the island to see all of the charm and sense of community that Daniel Island offers."

"First Sunday" at Central Island Square



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Central Island Square's "First Sunday" organizers Alexia Kakazioti and Ashley Venable.

is separate from the annual Daniel Island Farmers Market coordinated by the Daniel Island Property Owners Association. According to the POA, details on the 2019 Farmers Market will be announced soon.



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Kindlewood Farms had a fresh selection of SC veggies available for purchase.



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH
Local band Green Levels kept First Sunday shoppers entertained.

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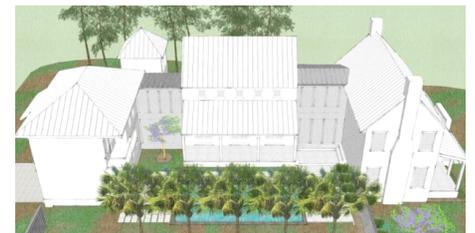
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ROMBERG JOINS ISLAND HOUSE REAL ESTATE

Lindsay Romberg is the newest member of the Island House Real Estate team. According to a press release, Romberg is “an experienced real estate professional with an unmatched work ethic and attention to detail that ensures a positive experience for all of her clients.” Her passion for real estate began in 2000 while selling homes for a luxury custom home builder in Naperville, Illinois just outside of Chicago.



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Lindsay Romberg

Romberg also owned an interior design and remodeling business to help clients interested in staying in an existing home. She has 18 years of experience in managing “high dollar and time-sensitive projects,” continued the release, and “the skills to create a seamless, and stress-free real estate transaction for home sellers and home buyers.”

Island House Real Estate also cites Romberg’s “keen eye for design and space planning” as an asset to her clients.

“Lindsay’s detailed vision and expertise allow her clients to envision how they could live in their new home, renovate a home to better suit their needs, or stage their home prior to sale,” stated the release.

Romberg and her husband, Josh, along with their three children, live in Mount Pleasant and spend their free time exploring all that the Lowcountry has to offer. Romberg is also a proud supporter of the Ronald McDonald House and MUSC’s Shawn Jenkins Children’s Hospital.



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The Cove, the last neighborhood to be developed on Daniel Island’s south end, features 17 new homesites.

DANIEL ISLAND OFFERS UP LAST NEW HOMESITES ON SOUTH END

Homesites in Daniel Island’s final undeveloped neighborhood on the south side are now being offered for sale. According to Daniel Island Real Estate, “The Cove” is an enclave of 17 properties surrounded by “saltwater marsh, graceful live oaks and the gentle flow of the Wando.” The new neighborhood is in close proximity to Smythe Park, the Daniel Island School, the Berkeley County Library on Daniel Island, and the pools at Edgefield Park and Pierce Park. Homesites begin in the \$300,000 range.

“It’s a unique little enclave that’s surrounded by marsh, so it feels private but is easily accessible to all of the south end amenities,” said Julie Dombrowski, communications director for DI Development Company.

The homes in The Cove will all be custom-built, added Dombrowski. Daniel Island Real Estate agents will have pricing and details available starting March 13 and will begin accepting contracts on March 25. For additional information, visit www.thecovedanielisland.com.

Land use and zoning activities on Daniel Island

These are the issues being brought before the various City of Charleston boards and committees that are specific to land use and zoning on Daniel Island. All meetings are open for public comment except the TRC meetings. For more information on any of these proposed actions, including location and time of meetings, please email president@dineighborhoodassociation.org.

City of Charleston Technical Review Committee (TRC) — The next meeting will be held on March 14. Among the agenda items is the preliminary subdivision plat for River Landing Village.

City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals – Site Design (BZA-SD) — At the most recent meeting on March 6, the request for a special exception from Sec 54-327 to allow the removal of one grand tree at 389 Ralston Creek Street and the request for a variance from Sec 54-327 to allow the removal of 12 grand trees and the request a special exception from Sec 54-327 to allow the removal of seven grand trees on Robert Daniel Drive were approved with staff recommendations regarding mitigation and future plans requiring approval (see article on page 7 for additional information). The next meeting will be held April 3. The agenda is not yet published.

City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals – Zoning (BZA-Z) — The next meeting will be held on March 19. The agenda is not yet published.

City of Charleston Design Review Board (DRB) — The next meeting will be held on March 18. The agenda is not yet published.

City of Charleston Planning Commission (PC) — The next meeting will be held on March 20. The agenda is not yet published.

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“The greatest among you shall be your servant.” - Matthew 23:11 ESV

A few years back, a story was recounted in “Today in the Word” of how, during the American Revolution, a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers repairing a small defensive barrier. Their leader was shouting instructions, but making no attempt to help them. Asked why by the rider, he retorted with great dignity, “Sir, I am a corporal!”

The stranger apologized, dismounted, and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers. The job done, he turned to the corporal and said, “Mr. Corporal, next time you have a job like this and not enough men to do it, go to your commander-in-chief, and I will come and help you again.” It was none other than George Washington.

Learning the ropes in leadership can be painful. Just like in the above story. And it’s especially hard when attempting to lead others. You can lead by decree or you can lead by example.

There are a few leadership lessons that stand the test of time. They’re simple but yet serve as necessary reminders.

NOT EVERYONE WITH A TITLE IS A LEADER

Having a title means you have a position of authority within the organization. Most likely it conveys that you have some type of leadership potential or qualities. It doesn’t necessarily make you a leader. There’s a big difference between people respecting you because of your title and people respecting you because of your leadership. Understand the difference between the two and strive for the latter.

TRUE LEADERS LET THEIR ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN THEIR WORDS

The corporal in the story was all about

barking orders and telling the others what to do. Washington was about joining the men and completing the job. On your leadership journey, don’t mistake being loud for being competent. A true leader will show you more about leadership by his or her actions than they ever will by their words.

TRUE LEADERS ARE NOT AFRAID TO GET DIRTY

The corporal was content to watch his men work. Washington was all about working alongside them. A servant leader will get down in the trenches with his or her people and help get the job done. The person more concerned about the title will simply be a spectator. If you desire to be a leader, you can’t be afraid to get your hands dirty.

TRUE LEADERS ARE SERVANT LEADERS

Washington didn’t pull rank with the corporal. He simply got off his horse and helped the men finish the job. He led by example and the sweat of his brow.

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An entire day is spent on active shooter training for Berkeley County SROs.

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Local school resource officers strive every day to keep kids safe

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(Editor's Note: This is part one in a four-part series from The Daniel Island News on local school resource officers. In this first article, we examine the role of the SRO in the Berkeley County School District, including the officers' efforts to train for worst-case scenarios, deter crime, and build positive relationships with the students they serve. In subsequent issues, we will introduce you to the individual SROs serving at local schools on Daniel Island and the Canehoy peninsula.)

In the 13 months since the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, debates about gun safety and mental health have understandably been a social centerpiece of the collective mind. And with 23 other school shootings that resulted in injury or death in 2018, tragedies such as the one in Parkland are impossible to ignore for most in the general population. On the spectrum of less radical suggestions to prevent further attacks on educational institutes, an increased presence of school resource officers (SRO) seemed to be a popular concept. In fact, the Berkeley County School District (BCSD) already has officers in every high school and middle school, in conjunction with the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department, Goose Creek Police Department, Charleston Police Department, Moncks Corner Police Department, and the Hanahan Police Department. "I think a lot of times, SROs are kind of the unsung heroes," said BCSD Safety and Security Officer Tim Knight. "There's a lot of stuff they do that the general public does not see and probably will never see, and

that just comes with the job... Not every law enforcement officer is cut out to be an SRO." On one hand, SROs are a deterrent for violence or criminal activity, a strategically placed protection. But the day-to-day responsibilities for a uniformed officer in school aren't about sitting and waiting for the unthinkable to happen. "Of course, number one: they are a law enforcement officer," said Knight. "They've got a gun and a badge and they're a sworn officer or deputy. But, also the SRO plays that teacher, mentor, counselor role, as well, which is different than a regular patrol officer." In addition to high level threats to the school, SROs spend a lot of time talking to students, added Knight. "Not everything that they respond to or deal with results in an actual criminal charge," he said. "In the past, that was kind of the attitude of all law enforcement agencies." "When the SRO's involved, there is a lot more counseling, a lot more talking with the parents, getting a good plan in place on how to move forward. If you're in school, and you actually get a criminal charge, you have done something pretty serious," Knight concluded. According to Knight, the best trait for an SRO to possess is a big heart for kids. "They're a good cop, they have really good communication skills, not only to be able to talk and have a good relationship with the principals and teachers, but also with the kids," Knight explained. "They understand how to talk to kids, they understand that they're there to be that mentor, to be that counselor for them, and they're not there to just arrest everybody." SROs are asked to comprehend the gravity of their actions, especially when handling a situation that could result in serious measures. "They do have a lot of discretion," Knight observed. "To be able to use their discretion wisely and understand that the decision that they make could definitely impact this stu-

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dent's life forever [is important]."

"We don't want our SROs, nor do our chiefs and our sheriff—they don't want their men and women in the schools to be the big bad cop with the gun and the badge walking around with dark sunglasses, scaring and intimidating," Knight quipped. Berkeley County has provided specialized training to its SROs every summer for the past five years. "One day is focused on active shooter training and we spend a full day on that," said Knight. "And then the other days, we focus on things like making sure everybody is certified amongst CPR and first aid. We actually use our district nurses to come in and get everybody certified." The training session lasts four to five days, and touches on a

wide range of topics that expands occasionally. "We also focused on things like de-escalation tactics, how to use soft-verbal—how to calm down students because we do have some students who get stressed really easily and they sometimes become combative," Knight explained. "If an SRO is called to help a principal or help a teacher, they have the skills to be able to calm students down." The BCSD Safety and Security Officer added that mental health has been a central conversation for Berkeley County SROs in the last couple of years. Teaching officers about the unique situations students are faced with, and how to handle them properly, is a safe way to stop violence before it happens, Knight believes. More importantly, a proactive and caring approach could keep these students on the right track. "We have brought in different mental health people from Berkeley Mental Health, different organizations come in, spend some time with our SROs, talking about 'if a child is diagnosed with this condition, this is what to expect,'" said Knight. "Now, they've got a much better mindset of what to expect when dealing with certain types of students, different types of conditions." When choosing an SRO for a school, the district tries to assure that the officer will have great communication with the school's authority. "The SRO and the administrators, the principal, the assistant principals—they've got to have a really good working relationship in order to be successful, and we really try to do that." A frequent topic of conversation on SROs is if they should be a standard part of elementary schools, as well. "We are totally all for it," said Knight. "It's just getting the manpower and funding." Knight also believes that this can instill a trust in law enforcement from a young age. Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis and Berkeley County School Board Member Mac McQuillin have both publicly expressed support for adding SROs to elementary schools.



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Using a 12-gauge shotgun, Capt. Bobby Shuler of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office fires blanks down a school hallway during a BCSD shooter drill in 2018.

In the 2017-2018 school year, the Berkeley County School District experienced 58 reported incidents of physical attack without a weapon, 411 reported threats of physical attack without a weapon, seven reported incidents of sexual assault and one rape, according to BCSD's most recent SC School Report Card. The same report indicated that 86 percent of parents county-wide say that their child feels safe at school, while 65.6 percent believe that the teachers and administrators at their child's school prevent bullying effectively. Approximately 87.5 percent of Hanahan High School parents say that their child feels safe at school. The numbers are 100 percent for Philip Simmons High School, 92 percent for Daniel Island School, and 85.8 percent for Philip Simmons Middle School for the same survey.



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Berkeley County provides a five day training session every summer for school resource officers.



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A participant at a BCSD shooter drill for teachers and staff in 2018 covers her ears as shots ring out from the hallway outside the classroom.



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Tim Knight, safety and security officer for Berkeley County Schools, briefs participants before a February 2018 gunfire demonstration presented at Cane Bay Elementary School.

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Iron Horses boys' tennis team favored to win Class AA state title

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

At 74, Richard Shulz is effervescent as he talks about today's youth and tennis, which is the primary focus of his days as he enjoys retirement, his grandchildren and his tennis players at Philip Simmons High School.

He hasn't slowed down, and neither has his team.

"I'm so excited by today's youth," said Schulz, a native of Washington, D.C. who played tennis collegiately at Pembroke State (N.C.) back in 1963. "I don't get paid a whole lot of money (to coach). But I really would pay to coach them. They get up at 5:45, and they are student-athletes. Sometimes, they get home around 7:30-8 o'clock at night and that's a long time to stay focused for a lot of 12- and 13-year-olds."

Here's what Schulz wants you to know about the Philip Simmons boys' tennis team as it kicks into gear for the 2019 season: The Iron Horses are the youngest team in the land - and the best team in the land.

The land, of course, is South Carolina, and the Iron Horses are the strong favorites to win the Class AA state title. Need proof? Schulz is already pricing state championship rings.

But in reality, the Iron Horses are a heavyweight in more than just the Palmetto State. They have some of the top talent in the south and have more depth than an American Idol



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The Iron Horses boys' tennis team is a heavyweight in more than just the Palmetto State. The No. 1 singles player, Cory Simon, is the No. 1 18-and-under player in the south, while No. 2 singles player, Max Smith, is the No. 1 16-year-old player in the south.

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No. 3 singles player Mitchell Deames is the No. 5 player in the south in his age group, and it only gets more depressing if you are on the other side of the net vs. the Iron Horses. Schulz said 6-foot, 13-year-old Carson Baker is the

only player he's been associated with who has the potential to have a professional career, while the No. 5 singles spot is currently shared by J.D Sutterlin and Jake Smith, who has been battling nagging injuries. Smith, the younger brother of Max Smith, has defeated the No. 1 12-year-old player in the United States.

The depth is just as impressive. In a recent prestigious tourney in Florence, Keith Lemke (No. 12 singles) and Soren Spina (No. 15 singles) combined to play at No. 2 doubles and posted a 3-1 record in Florence. They would be top 5 singles players at most schools in the Lowcountry.

While the Smiths are brothers, PSHS tennis is a true family affair. At a recent match, the players had about 30 family members/fans turn out to root on the Iron Horses.

Again, the team is young. That means Schulz has geared the schedule to be local to avoid long trips, but not light on talent. The itinerary includes defending Class AAA champ Bishop England, Oceanside Collegiate, four-time defending SCISA state champ Porter-Gaud, defending Class AA state champ Academic Magnet and Wando, which should be in the mix for the Class AAAAA state title in May.

Then it's on to the playoffs for the Iron Horses.

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Just getting back from fishing in Costa Rica. The sailfish bite was fantastic. It was a great family trip. However, upon my return, it has been a bit of struggle to consistently catch fish.

On Saturday, the most consistent bite was from gnats. I fished the falling tide and managed to release 20 or so trout. But, I really had to work for them. The trout were not schooled up (like in winter). They were spread out over a wide area. Most of the fish were in 2 to 4 feet of water. A Z-Man TRD on a 1/6-ounce Ned LockZ jig cast to the edge of the flooded marsh grass produced the most fish. However, "most" was not that many.

March can be a tough time to fish. But, you should still go. The days are longer. The weather is warmer. The trees are blooming. Catching fish, well that is just a bonus.

Speaking of catching fish, I will be teaching a class at the Daniel Island Library from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. on April 13. We will cover techniques that I use to catch fish year-round. Additionally, there will be hands-on knot tying and casting lessons. The class is free. However, I am asking attendees to consider a donation to The Lucy Boyle Memorial Fund or Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. The class is filling up quickly. If you would like to reserve a seat, please send a note to captgregp@gmail.com.

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Former BE standout athlete named "Thirty-Under-30" honoree

HS basketball season wraps up, Brooks selected to play in North-South All-State game

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

Former Bishop England basketball and track standout Katelyn Grisillo was named a Thirty-Under-30 honoree by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), according to a press release. Currently, Grisillo is an assistant coach at Wingate University.

The WBCA Thirty-Under-30 program recognizes 30 up-and-coming women's basketball coaches age 30 and under at all levels of the game. Each honoree has exemplified an involvement in community service, mentorship and impact on others, a professional manner, and an attitude and professional association involvement, stated the WBCA website.

Grisillo is in her third season at Wingate and her first season as the head assistant coach, after serving two seasons as the graduate assistant coach. She earned her master's degree in sports management at Wingate last May.

Grisillo shone in track and field and basketball at Bishop England, graduating in 2012.

She was named the Class AA basketball player of the year as a senior after leading the Bishops to a state title. She averaged 9.6 points, 4.0 steals and 5.9 assists per game. She also earned all-state honors and was an all-region pick for three years in a row.

Grisillo also helped the Bishops' thinclads to a state title as a junior, helping the BE 4x800-meter relay team finish second in the state.

BROOKS HONORED

Bishop England girls' basketball standout Katie Brooks capped off an outstanding career by being named all-state and being selected to play in the prestigious North-South All-Star Game.

The senior helped the Bishops to yet another state championship this winter as the



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BE graduate Katelyn Grisillo was named a Thirty-Under-30 honoree by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).



STEVE BROOKS

Bishop England senior and all-state basketball player Katie Brooks was recently selected to play in the prestigious North-South All-Star Game.

Bishops posted a 28-1 record.

Brooks led the Bishops to their sixth state title in eight years by scoring an average of 11.4 points per game, hitting 45 percent of her 2-point attempts.

She also collected an average of 5.8 re-

bounds, 2.9 steals and 2.3 assists per game.

IRON HORSE HOOPS
The Philip Simmons girls' basketball team had its best season in the school's brief history, and the best is likely to come, as the Iron Horses had a roster with plenty of talent and no seniors.

The girls went 16-9, including 6-4 in Region 6-AA play. The Iron Horses also picked up their first playoff victory along the way.

The Iron Horses were well represented on the Region 6-AA all-star team with three selections: Kylee Kellermann, Kennedy Rivers and Taleiyah Gibbs.

Kellermann led the team with 10.8 points per game while handing out three assists per contest.

Rivers contributed 10.4 points per game, hitting 48 percent from the 3-point land. She averaged 2.0 assist per game.

Gibbs tallied 8.5 points and five rebounds per game.

The Iron Horse boys posted a 7-15 record, including 2-8 in the region. One player, Marc Haight, made the all-region team.

HANAHAN HOOPS

The Hanahan boys' basketball team had two players, Richard Horry and Logan Ammons, put on the Region 7-AAA all-star team.

The Hanahan Hawks posted a 6-19 record overall and 5-6 in league competition.

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As part of their “17 Days of Kindness” efforts, the students delivered handmade cards to the residents of Summit Place, baked and delivered cookies to firefighters at the City of Charleston fire station on Daniel Island, picked fresh herbs from the school’s garden and delivered them to the chef at Summit Place, and created “Get Well” cards for the animal patients at Daniel Island Animal Hospital.

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PSHS football players score off the field with young readers

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Members of the Philip Simmons High School football team tackled an important subject with local elementary students last week – reading! In celebration of “Read Across America Day” on March 1 and National Reading Month, the Iron Horses stopped in at Daniel Island School, Cainhoy Elementary School, and Philip Simmons Elementary School to read with students.

The players joined an estimated 45 million educators, parents and students across the U.S. in participating in Read Across America events last week. PSHS football coach Eric Bendig was proud of the efforts put forth by his team.

“The main focus of our program is to help our student-athletes become the best version of themselves and to mold them into the best people they can be,” he said. “Giving back to the community is something that we can all do. Our program vision is for our coaches and players to learn and embrace the concept of ‘Service over Self’ and to always try to put others first. Reading to our feeder school students is one way we try to do that and is a big part of our year.”

The players not only took part in the reading initiative, they “embraced” it, added Bendig.

“It was honestly some of the most rewarding times I have had as a coach,” he continued. “To see our players get out into the schools and interact with young people in a positive and



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caring manner is something you can’t put a value on. These players that attended these three trips to our feeder schools made this school and program proud with the way they handled themselves and how much effort and enthusiasm they showed for our young people in this community.”



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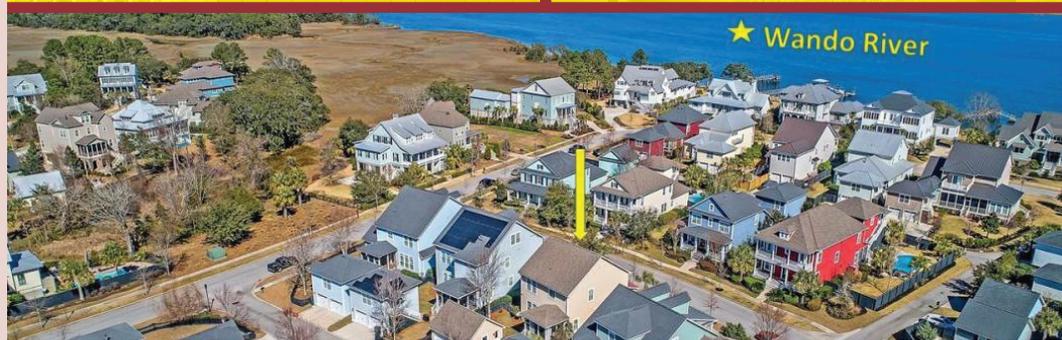
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Darkness to Light announces 'Bright Futures' Golf Tournament, soirée and silent auction

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Darkness to Light and SC Future Minds are asking adults across the state to participate in an afternoon of golf and an evening soirée on Monday, April 15 at the Daniel Island Club to help South Carolina's children grow up happy and healthy. All proceeds support student achievement and success through child abuse prevention and teacher empowerment.

"It takes courage to protect children and to ensure they grow happy and healthy," said Katelyn Brewer, president and CEO of Darkness to Light. "It would be easy to get overwhelmed at the issues our children face, but we have to find the courage to see a bright future for all children and help them thrive in our rapidly changing



world."

According to Darkness to Light, one in 10 children will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday. The short-term and long-term consequences of abuse are far reaching and can result in social, emotional, mental, and academic struggles.

"The partnership between our organizations is a natural one," said Caroline Mauldin, executive director of SC Future

Minds. "Darkness to Light trains educators to recognize the signs of child abuse, so teachers can help intervene and even prevent abuse from happening. SC Future Minds advocates for policies that put our children first and strengthen teacher preparation, recognizing that the well-being of our children is greatly improved when they are met by well-resourced educators who are equipped to help."

The Bright Futures Golf Tournament is expecting more than 100 golfers to participate at the nationally ranked Ralston Creek Course at the Daniel Island Club. The format is a shotgun start with prizes for Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Hole-in-One. Directly following the tournament there will be the Bright Futures Soirée, including a visit from special guest Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg. The soirée will feature a spectacular silent auction, live music by the Charleston-based band Sol Food, open bar, and hors d'oeuvres. More information about the tournament and soirée, including online registration, tickets, and sponsorships, can be found on the organization's website at www.D2L.org/golftournament.



A group of Rotarians toured the U.S.S. Charleston late last month.

Rotary Roundup

PROVIDED

It's been another action-packed couple of months for the Rotary Club of Daniel Island. The group welcomed new members Patrick Sherman, Maureen Cannon, and Dr. Bob Grubb in January and February, heard from multiple guest speakers at their weekly meetings, and co-hosted State Ports Authority President and CEO Jim Newsome as part of the Daniel Island Speaker Series on Jan. 30. And on Feb. 27, a fortunate group of Rotarians had the unique opportunity to tour the new U.S.S. Charleston, which was commissioned on March 2. The vessel is the newest Independence-class littoral combat ship in the U.S. Navy and will eventually be homeported in San Diego, CA.



Rotarian Chris Mingledorff, an attorney with Mingledorff & Patterson on Daniel Island, recently served as guest speaker for the club. Mingledorff discussed the importance of estate planning and having a will.



New member Patrick Sherman (far right) poses with Rotary Club of Daniel Island President Scott Varn, Patrick's sponsor Marty McAuliffe, and club membership chair Bill Stovall.



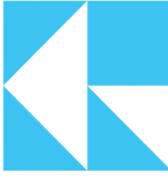
New member Maureen Cannon (right) with her sponsor MaryEllen Greene.



On Jan. 16, former Rotary Club member and past club president John Tiller discussed the year he and his family spent in Paris. It was an experience of a lifetime for all of them!



L-R: Rotary Club President Scott Varn with new member Dr. Bob Grubb and Dr. Grubb's sponsor, Jerry Bacon.



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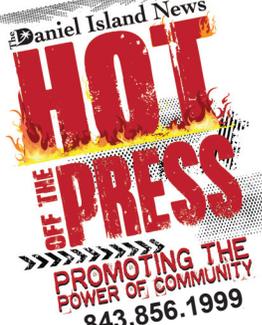
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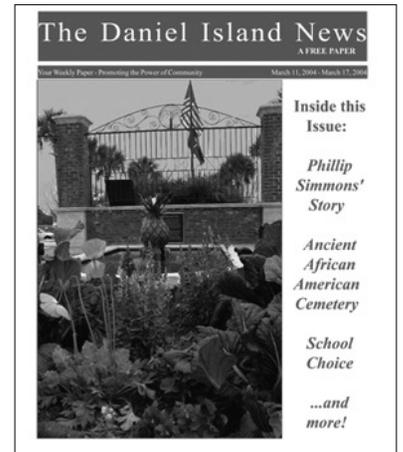
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Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The March 11, 2004 issue of The Daniel Island News featured an interview with Daniel Island's native son, iron worker Philip Simmons. Simmons was 91 years old at the time, having been born on Daniel Island in 1912. He reminisced: "One side of the island belonged to the American Fruit Growers. The other side, the Furman tract, was known for farming, fishing and hunting. My family lived on the Furman side...we lived in a clapboard house. My family cut the timber from the woods, and cut the boards themselves...all of the food on our table, we grew it on the farm. My grandmother loved chickens! We cured all our own meat, fish, and sugarcane. We banked sweet potatoes, stored dried limas and cowpeas to eat..." Mr. Simmons passed away in June of 2009.

In business news it was reported that Daniel Island Media was sold to Home Telecom.



FILE

This is a picture of the cover of the March 11, 2004 issue.

TEN YEARS AGO

In the March 12, 2009 edition of The Daniel Island News, the feature article spotlighted the pesky termite and its ill effects on Daniel Island. The edition also included stories about landscaping techniques and ideas, as well as tips from island interior designer Lorraine Vale on how to create an "open air addition" by extending your living space into your yard.

In other news, it was reported that the surge in voter turnout on Daniel Island in the 2008 Presidential Primary pushed its delegate count up from 18 to 45, making it the largest Republican party precinct in the county.

In business news, it was announced that islanders Gerry and Tammy Haight would be opening a Neapolitan wood-fired oven pizza restaurant (Vespa) in the former location of the Soda Water Grill.



FILE

This is a picture of the cover of the March 12, 2009 issue.

FIVE YEARS AGO

"Home & Garden" was the theme of the March 13, 2014 issue of The Daniel Island News. The centerspread included two articles about refacing kitchen cabinets and front porch decorating ideas.

In other news, it was reported that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) held a public hearing at Daniel Island School, giving concerned residents the opportunity to comment about the planned Clements Ferry Road widening project. The plans showed that the two-lane road would be widened to four lanes, with two lanes going in each direction.

Concern over the project had been on the rise with news of the planned Cainho Plantation development, which, at the time, proposed adding some 20,000 new residential homes to the 9,000 acre-site off Clements Ferry Road (the project's developers have since reported that they will likely only construct half that number over the course of several decades). That, coupled with the anticipated new schools proposed by Berkeley County School District in the same general



FILE

Pictured here is an example of a decorated front porch on Daniel Island featured in the March 13, 2014 issue as part of the Home & Garden edition.

area, had residents fearing a traffic nightmare.

In sports news, an article showcased the Bishop England girls' basketball team's state championship victory!



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CONGRATS TO EMMIE GREGG – LAST WEEK’S WINNER!

Last week’s Mystery Photo Contest winner is Emmie Gregg, who correctly identified the subject in the photo as the pineapple fountain at Simmons Park, located at the intersection of Seven Farms Drive and River Landing Drive. The Daniel Island News has reached out to Emmie about her victory! Look for more information on her win in next week’s issue.

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK’S PHOTO? ENTER AND WIN!

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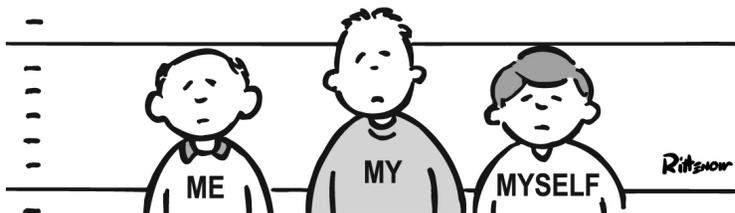
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Picking Them Out of a Lineup



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| 1. Reflexive pronoun: | me | my | myself |
| 2. Interjection: | worry | while | Wow! |
| 3. Infinitive: | to forgive | will fight | am fortunate |
| 4. Gerund: | she'll | skiing | shaken |
| 5. Article: | always | an | around |

Answers: 1. myself 2. Wow! 3. to forgive 4. skiing 5. an

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