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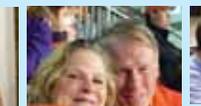
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IRON GATE FRIENDS

Town Hall drives discussion on Clements Ferry Widening Project

Construction scheduled to begin in September

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Residents in communities on and off Clements Ferry Road have been seeing red for years when it comes to traffic on the busy thoroughfare - and not just due to the brake lights they encounter as a result of daily congestion. Delays in completing, or even starting, a planned widening project have left many frustrated and just downright angry.

But at a recent Town Hall Meeting, organized by Berkeley County Councilman and Daniel Island resident Josh Whitley, many of those folks were given something they have long hoped for - signs of progress.

The January 18 event, which drew over 350 people, was held at the Daniel Island School and featured a number of elected or appointed officials, including S.C. Department of Transportation (DOT) Commission Chair Jim Rozier, Sen. Larry Grooms, Rep. Jim Merrill, City of Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg, Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler, Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis, Berkeley County School Board Member Mac McQuillin, and other government representatives.

Whitley told the audience in his opening

remarks that the purpose for the meeting was two-fold - to provide factual information on where the project stands and what is to come; and to allow elected officials to see just how important the effort is to those in the community.

"Just by your presence, for elected officials to see the amount of people here, I can tell you is a moving, moving thing," he said. "And it's because you're suffering. You're suffering with quality of life issues on a two-lane highway that should have been a four-lane highway a decade ago."

ACCELERATED CONCERNS CONTINUE TO PUSH PROJECT

Over the last several months, area residents have continued to post multiple messages on Facebook pages about their growing discontent over traffic back-ups on Clements Ferry Road. Those most impacted have shared their exasperations - parents in the Nelliefield and Peninsula subdivisions who spend close to an hour traveling at peak times to pick up or drop off children at Daniel Island School, aggravated commuters tired of the daily grind, and those concerned about accidents and other driving hazards. Whitley told the group that he set up the Town Hall as a way to get all

interested parties together to work towards solutions.

"In my judgment, we could spend hours here tonight talking to you about the past. The past delays, why it has taken so long and who is to blame. I will tell you as your newest representative, I don't think that's productive. But I don't excuse the delays... What I've learned is that it's a major undertaking that involves a number of agencies and a number of opportunities for everyone to drop the ball and think that someone else is running with (it)...I think it's very important to see that we're all at the table together now and we're moving the ball."

The \$74 million project is to be split into two phases. The first, a four mile stretch, will cover I-526 to Jack Primus Road. Of the \$31 million set aside for this portion of the project, about \$23 million is coming from CHATS (Charleston Area Transportation Study) and \$8 million from Berkeley County sales tax proceeds.

Carla Harvey, Berkeley County Council Liaison for Special Projects, provided an update on the project's history and anticipated activities (see sidebar for timeline). The right-of-way acquisition process, initiated in 2014, has secured approximately 82 of the 104 parcels needed, she said. The DOT expects to have

all parcels acquired by April of this year, with advance clearing for utilities expected in May or June, followed by shovels in the ground for road construction in September. Construction on Phase 1 is expected to take approximately 30 months.

The \$43 million needed for Phase 2 is coming entirely from Berkeley County as part of a recently approved \$218 infrastructure improvement plan to be funded through a one cent sales tax referendum passed in 2014. According to Rozier, the county is ready to foot the bill but is also looking for other funding sources. The engineering contract for Phase 2 is scheduled to go before Berkeley County Council for approval in February. Additionally, Berkeley County will handle management of the project (DOT will manage Phase 1). A construction schedule for Phase 2 has not yet been determined, said Harvey.

"Phase 1 does not have to be completed before the start of construction on Phase 2, although it most likely will," she told The Daniel Island News.

Supervisor Peagler noted during the program that as soon as he took office in early 2015, he and Councilman Whitley, as well as others, hit the ground running to help get the

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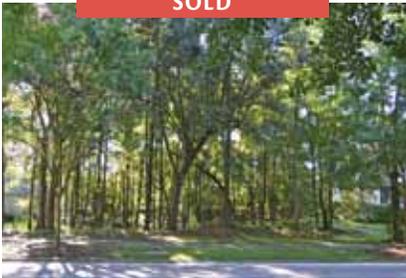
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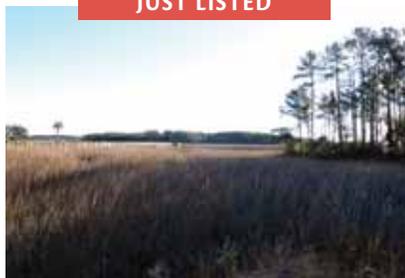
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Reflections on 2015: ECCO's Top 15 Highlights

JACK LITTLE

Executive Director
East Cooper Community Outreach

It was a great year for East Cooper Community Outreach! We have so much to be proud of and even more reasons to be thankful. I am happy to share the following memorable moments and accomplishments from 2015:

15. Trident United Way's Day of Caring brought employees from Nucor, East Cooper Medical Center, and Atkinson Pools and Spas to ECCO and BCCOC for a day of volunteering and facility beautification.

14. The office and lobby areas underwent renovations and now offer a revitalized and welcoming experience for clients and visitors thanks to the generosity of one of our most valued donors.

13. ECCO's 25th Anniversary Celebration finished up with the 3rd Annual Golf Ball - our most successful fundraiser to date.

12. The Young Professionals program launched with an event at Westbrook Brewing Co., introducing more than 100 new friends to ECCO.

11. We completed a digital overhaul of ECCO's marketing platforms and revitalized our online presence with a new user-friendly

website.

10. This year's Thanksgiving Turkey project provided a full meal and sides to 529 families who otherwise would not have had one.

9. The 7th Annual Adopt a Family project helped over 100 families with Christmas presents for their children. A new partnership with Operation Fir brightened the holiday season for 60 ECCO families who received a fresh-cut Christmas tree complete with all the accessories.

8. Nine seniors at Lincoln Middle-High School made decisions to further their education after participating in ECCO's Life Lessons program.

7. The 9th Annual Stone Soup Award was presented to long-time friend, G. Richard (Dick) Query.

6. This was the first summer in ECCO's history that we didn't experience a food shortage in the Warehouse.

5. Three individuals received an IDA savings match after completing our financial literacy program and increased their assets; one participant started a business and two used the funds to go to college.

4. Leslie White, our Dental Clinic Manager, received the South Carolina Dental Association's 2015 Special Recognition Award for

contributing to the dental community through her work at ECCO.

3. ECCO was voted the "Best Nonprofit" in East Cooper by readers of the Moultrie News.

2. ECCO responded immediately to the historic flooding with disaster relief efforts thanks to the community's support, and distributed cleaning supplies, personal hygiene kits, clothing, food, and emergency funds for those in need.

1. A new satellite program was launched in Huger to provide residents with greater access to ECCO's health and education services, and the Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center officially opened its doors in September.

On behalf of the entire organization, we thank everyone who played a part in supporting our mission last year. ECCO is proud to continue helping families in a more holistic manner, ensuring that our clients receive the services necessary for an improved quality of life – offering dental and health care, food, clothing, emergency financial assistance, education, ongoing support and guidance, and so much more.

ECCO is grateful for the opportunity to serve the community and we look forward to what 2016 will bring.

Letter to the EDITOR

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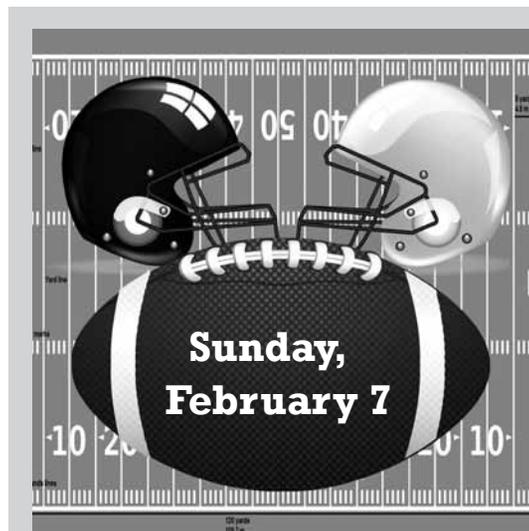
I am writing in response to the letter to the editor last week against the beautifully written article on the Greek mission trip.

While the letter writer made some valid points

and her opinion was appreciated, it was harsh. Caroline Miller and her family are incredible people and all their efforts will be positive and good. Having been on mission trips myself, there is much more involved than screaming Christianity from a pulpit. There are many ways this

family will make positive changes and impacts and offer assistance and hope. And that's a good thing.

*Valary Dreyer
Daniel Island*



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Ten and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

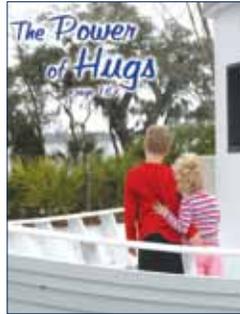
TEN YEARS AGO The Keith School gets new life

In the January 25, 2006 issue of The Daniel Island News, we featured a story on the groundbreaking of the renovation and rededication of the Keith School as a community center. Originally located at the entrance to what is now the Peninsula subdivision, the project was planned to honor the families who pooled their resources and labor 80 years ago to provide a school for the African-American children of Jack Primus Road and other neighborhoods in the then rural area.

In business news, Chuck and Arlaana Black were set to open the restaurant Arlaana's at the present location of the Daniel Island Grille. The building was under construction with plans to open in March, 2006. The Black's previously owned and operated a restaurant on Edisto Island. The duo was also seeking input from island kids for their kid's menu.

In other news, registration for students at the new Daniel Island School for the inaugural 2006-2007 school year were underway.

The paper also featured stories on the power of hugs, with the cover photo of siblings Cole and Grace Powell hugging each other.



The remnants of Keith School are located next to The Peninsula subdivision on Clements Ferry Road.

Arlaana and Chuck Black posed in front of the building on Seven Farms Drive that will house their new restaurant, "Arlaana's".



FIVE YEARS AGO Coach Runey wins 500th game

In the January 27, 2011 issue of the Daniel Island News, the centerfold featured input from five local real estate agents highlighting the 2010 market on Daniel Island and informing buyers and sellers about what to look for in 2011. Real Estate professionals Renee Reinert, Rick Vale, Scott Campbell, Susan Aviles, and Terry Haas were upbeat but they also noted that foreclosures and short sales would mean higher inventory and lower sales prices for island properties.

Other island news included a feature story on members of the island's "Mothers Know Breast" team, who were gathering at the home of Daniel Island resident Denise Ketterman to celebrate their recognition as a top fundraising teaming for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

In sports news, Coach Paul Runey recently celebrated his 500th win as the girls' basketball coach at Bishop England.



DOUG DICKERSON

Coach Paul Runey celebrated his 500th win as the girls' basketball coach at Bishop England.



ELIZABETH BUSH

Several members of the Daniel Island-based "Mothers Know Breast" fundraising team recently joined "Share Our Suzy" (named in honor of the late Suzy McGrane), a group that seeks to raise money to purchase needed items and services for patients undergoing breast cancer treatment. Pictured above at the home of Daniel Island resident Denise Ketterman are team members Claudia Cogan, Ketterman, Maggie Carmain, Nicole Ferraro, Susan Schady and Lindsay Wood.

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DICA Board gains two new resident members

Shawn Pinkston and Greg Turner elected to serve

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Daniel Island property owners just earned another seat at the table, and two new representatives, when it comes to overseeing the Daniel Island Community Association's fiduciary responsibilities and activities.

A second residential position on the DICA Board of Directors was added recently when the island's population reached 50 percent of its maximum density (which means that 50 percent of the total number of units have been conveyed to persons other than builders). The now five-member Board previously consisted of three members appointed by the Daniel Island Company and one elected by the property owners.

"The recent election filled an expired seat and added one new resident seat to meet the governing document requirements," said Jane Baker, vice president of community services for the Daniel Island Property Owners Association.

Island residents Shawn Pinkston and Greg Turner were elected to the DICA Board on January 19. Voter turnout was just 11.37 percent, added Baker, but enough to constitute a quorum for the election.

"The addition of another resident (position on the board) is reflective of the maturity of our community as it enters its 20th year of active development," added Baker. "A gradual transition to more resident involvement and understanding of the process of administering our island governance is an extremely important aspect of the developer's long range vision for this island community."

The first resident DICA board position was added in 2006, when the island reached 25 percent of its maximum density.

"Historically, our office has enjoyed the counsel of our DICA Board resident member in terms of our budget preparation and governing document matters," said Baker. "Their feedback is helpful in all issues and they have provided a voice in the community to help explain policies or new initiatives. I anticipate and look forward to continuing a similar cooperative relationship with our two new board members."

Turner and Pinkston were pleased to hear the community had selected them for the posts.



Shawn Pinkston



Greg Turner

"I want to volunteer my time because I don't feel the residents interests are always taken into consideration," said Turner, who serves as office manager for Island Eye Care. "While I do think that Jane Baker and her staff do an excellent job, I would hope we could be more transparent

as to budgets and fiscal plans." Turner added that he is hoping to be able to use the position to represent residents on issues of importance, such traffic concerns, pedestrian safety, supporting the island business community, and fiscal responsibility.

"I hope to be a voice for the residents and I am privileged for the vote and the confidence of the residents who voted for me."

Pinkston, an attorney, said he was honored to be elected to the DICA Board and planned to use the position as a platform to better serve his community.

"I hope to be an advocate," said Pinkston, who ran for Charleston City Council last fall but was defeated by incumbent Gary White in a close run-off election. "...My goal is to be a voice for the property owners, for our neighbors

and fellow residents, and to make sure that we work with the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association, the City, and our elected officials to continue to make this one of the best communities in all of Charleston...It's an exciting time and I think there are a lot of issues that continue to confront Daniel Island and I look forward to addressing those as a member of the DICA Board."

Both Pinkston and Turner will be meeting with Baker in the coming weeks to learn more about their new roles on the Board.

"I have enjoyed a good working relationship with Greg Turner since my days at the City of Charleston," said Baker. "Greg has always kept me on my toes at any public meeting I participated in and he has consistently been one of my 'go to' property owners when I needed advice or input on something. I recently met Shawn Pinkston but I am looking forward to getting to know him. The skill set and experience that both gentlemen bring to the Board will enable us to provide even better, responsible management of DICA matters."

The other three members of the DICA Board are Daniel Island Company President Matt Sloan, Daniel Island Company CEO Frank Brumley and David Crawford, an attorney with Womble-Carlyle. Sloan said he looks forward to island residents assuming more and more leadership of the POA management.

"It's a vital part of the ongoing and long-term success of the Daniel Island community," he added.

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DINA MEETING

The Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meets Tues, Feb. 2. Speakers include Berkeley County Councilman, Josh Whitley, who will update on the proposed plans for the Daniel Island Dr/Seven Farms Dr intersection, and Mary Gould, who will speak about the proposed Daniel Island Performing Arts Center. Business meeting includes filling committees, taking suggestions for our 2016 goals and collecting the yearly \$10 per household member dues (via check or cash at the meeting or online at www.dineighborhoodassociation.org). DINA membership is open to all DI residents, whether you rent or own. Please bring a friend or neighbor to get involved this year. Church of the Holy Cross (299 Seven Farms Dr). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, meeting starts at 7 p.m. Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information and thank you for your continued support and concern for our island town!

TGIFF

Thank Goodness It's First Friday, the longest running, informal social gathering of Daniel Island residents, will be on Friday Feb. 5 at Daniel's Landing Clubhouse 6:30- 9 p.m. Come out to meet new neighbors and old friends. Bring a hors d'oeuvre to share and your favorite beverage. Ken and Fay Schwallie will be the hosts. Questions? Call Walter and Barbara Jenner 216-2573.

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THE LESESNE LEGACY

The Lesesne family relationship with Daniel Island began in 1699, when Issac Lesesne was given 171 acres of land on the island. The family plantation, "The Grove," supplied Charles Town with many of its goods such as cotton, indigo and meat. Join the Daniel Island Historical Society on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island to learn more as Dan Lesesne, member of the Society of St. Thomas and St. Denis, shares his research on the history of his French Huguenot family and their bond to Daniel Island. Questions, Lee Ann Bain at clunybain@gmail.com or call (843) 822-5248. Visit www.dihistoricalsociety.com.

INTERGENERATIONAL FORUM

Free and open to the public. A public forum will be held on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Bishop England High School Performing Arts Center. Five high school seniors and five senior citizens will discuss their perspectives on crucial matters facing humanity, our nation, and the world today. Free. Open to the public. For more info, fred.danziger13@gmail.com or 516-524-2208.

THE HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

This college-level humanities course continues at the Daniel Island branch at the Berkeley County Library System. The free course will be taught on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Participants can attend at any time, as each of the sessions stands on their own. The Professor is Hillyer Rudisill III, a native Charlestonian who has taught such courses for over 50 years.

YOUNG LIFE

Every Monday high school students will gather for an amazing night of crazy fun and fellowship starting back in January and running through the Spring semester. Location changes each Monday. For more information or to join our weekly email update, please email Joe Danehower (joe.danehower@gmail.com) and Tracey Lengyel (tlengyel91@gmail.com) or visit our website, charleston.younglife.org.

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Wylldlife (for 6-8 grade students) meets Monday night, 7-8 pm for an amazing night of fun and fellowship at the home of Kevin and Catherine Brookes (1712 Doldridge Street)! For more information or to join weekly update, contact Tracey Lengyel (412.852.2123 or tlengyel91@gmail.com) or visit our website www.charleston.younglife.org

WILLINGWAY CONTINUING CARE MEETINGS

Every Monday 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 with questions.

RUN CLUB

Gaia Fit Run Club meets on Fridays 5:30 am and Sundays 7:30 am for group runs as well as First Friday Happy Hour Runs at DI restaurants. Email mary@gaiafit.com for more information.

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BENG

"Business Executive Networking Group" meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Berkeley County Library on Daniel Island, 2301 Daniel Island Drive, 5 to 6:30pm. BENG (www.thebeng.org) is a multidiscipline networking group for mid to senior level executive professionals who are seeking a new career. Contact Cathey Petkash, cpetkash@frannet.com. Register at <http://bengcharleston.eventbrite.com>.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Daniel Island ladies of all denominations gather Wednesday mornings at 9 am for an hour of prayer and sharing. Call Joan Vitalo, 884-1484, or Kay Uhler, 971-1445, for details.

WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK (WIN)

Join professional women for a networking luncheon, which is held the last Wednesday of each month at The Islander, from 11:45am – 1pm. Contact Sheila Underwood - 843.849.3820 or email Sheila.underwood@suntrust.com. RSVP is required.

TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters of Daniel Island meet on the first and third Friday of every month, from 12 to 1pm at Summit Place, 320 Seven Farms Dr. For more information please contact claire@eduave.com or Brian Richards (843) 884-5987.

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Daily M-F 8 am, Tue. 7pm, Fri 7pm at Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Dr.; Sat. 8 pm at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Dr.

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Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (with some exceptions) at 5:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Drive and centers its service initiatives on Americanism, youth programs, community service and the prevention of child abuse. For questions about meeting dates and programming, contact PresidentDI-ExchangeClub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page.

MOM'S PLAYDATE

Join local Moms and kids for playdates twice a month. @ Center Park (train side) on the 1st Wed. of every month at 10am and the 3rd Wed. of every month at 11am. Erica Elmenhurst (ericaelmenhurst@gmail.com) and/or Marie Corbin (mariefw@gmail.com) for more information.

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Clements Ferry widening project shows signs of progress

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widening project completed.

"I told someone if you want to get on the bus and ride with us that's fine," he said. "But if you're going to get in the way, just get the hell out of the way. Because we're moving forward."

Mayor Tecklenburg also promised to do all he can to see the project finished, noting that the roadway will include a number of city-recommended enhancements, such as lighting, landscaping and design spruce-ups, as well as a 10-foot wide multi-use recreational path with a pedestrian bridge on the eastern side.

"Our city goal is to try to have as much connectivity for pedestrians and bikes that we possibly can," said Tecklenburg. "We'll have another segment that we'll need to complete at the southern end of the pathway, but we hope to work with (Supervisor Peagler) and Berkeley County to be able to connect the pathway to the Thomas Island pathway that will then connect to Daniel Island. So there would be a continuous pathway from Daniel Island all the way up Clements Ferry Road. We felt that was very important long term to do."

The city is expected to approve a municipal legal agreement with the DOT for the project at the January 26 City Council meeting, after this edition of the paper went to print.
WHO OR WHAT IS TO BLAME FOR THE DELAYS?

Senator Larry Grooms addressed the audience to explain why funding for roads in South Carolina has been so difficult to obtain. As chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, Grooms has a unique perspective on what he described as a shameful situation. Some DOT restructuring measures have helped, he said, but more reform is needed.

"We're in a mess when it comes to transportation on a statewide basis," he told the crowd. "... We've got a problem. None of these roads that we are talking about, Highway 41, Clements Ferry Road, I-526, they wouldn't be issues if we adequately funded our Department of Transportation... So what happens when you underfund the agency in charge of your state's greatest economic asset, our highways? Well, you can sit back and watch the potholes accumulate, and you can watch traffic back up. That's what we've been doing. And it's a shame."

Grooms credited Berkeley County for being proactive in taking steps to fund road improvement projects themselves through sales tax referendums.

"If it weren't for that, we would still be talking about if the money comes in we'll be able to build it," he added. "... This will be the population center. And if we don't get Clements Ferry Road right the first time we build it, I don't think there will be a second

time."

"We're \$1.4 billion short in South Carolina per year on fixing your roads, much less building any more," added Rozier. "And that's just fixing your roads. We've been \$1.4 billion short per year for 29 years. That's how long it takes to get your roads in good condition."

Rep. Merrill expressed his own frustrations as well, citing a lack of prioritization on issues at the state level, an unwillingness by some to say no to lobbyists and special interest groups when needed, and the disproportionate amount of money paid by coastal counties into other coffers.

"... We're starting to see a deterioration of our infrastructure, both in our capital projects and our roads and bridges and the like," said Merrill. "And we're paying the price for it now... As far as the Lowcountry is concerned, we need to do a better job of speaking with one voice. This is the most important thing. And unfortunately, I think we've been a little too calm... We need to get some of the money back that is going into other parts of not only the county and city but also the state."

Rozier went on to tell the crowd that this isn't the first time the issue of widening Clements Ferry Road has come up. He recalled a time in the late 1990s, when Nucor Steel arrived in Berkeley County. The state had appropriated money to widen Cainhoy Road from Nucor all the way to Clements Ferry Road, and then all the way from Clements Ferry Road to I-526.

"The community came up in arms against that," Rozier explained. "... We had meetings there and it was determined that the state was going to back away and not four-lane the road because all of the people there were afraid that you people were going to move in... And that's exactly what happened. Now you're here and we need to widen it. There's no question about it. It's been needed for a long time."

Rozier then took time to answer a number of handwritten questions submitted by audience members. When asked if red lights could be added at key intersections, he explained that if they are warranted by DOT they will be installed. One area resident asked why we are having more development on a "road that has 26,900 vehicles on it right now that should be six lanes instead of four?"

"Folks, you never get ahead of yourself with infrastructure," responded Rozier. "I'm sorry. It never happens... So we get four lanes now and at some point it's going to need six lanes. But it's not going to happen right now."

Another question was asked about why three new schools are being built without the proper infrastructure in place.

"Schools get built when the schools need to be built, and the roads try to catch up," said Rozier. "It's just the way it works. You can sit here all night and want it to be different. And it's just not going to be different."

As far as slowing down development to help ease traffic in the area, Rozier said that

won't happen either.

"The (property owners) own it and if they want to develop it, we are required at the state by law to provide access to our highways," he stated. "... You've got certain things you can zone, but you still have to give them a use for it."

"It's clear that we got behind the eight ball with development preceding our infrastructure," added Mayor Tecklenburg. "And Jim is right, properties are entitled to be developed... but we need to be a little more proactive about trying to get our infrastructure in place."

Tecklenburg recognized that when the Philip Simmons Elementary and Middle Schools open this August, congestion is likely to get worse.

"We're going to struggle through with even more traffic than we have right now. It's been exacerbated with growth in Mount Pleasant, as they use Clements Ferry Road as their back door. A lot of that traffic on Clements Ferry is just people passing through, so that's been a big factor in addition to the development. Let's just get it done as quickly as we can going forward."

RESIDENTS REACT

Many in attendance seemed pleased to at least have new information on the project's status, but for some, unanswered questions remain.

"I would have liked to have had less kidding around," said Henry Lincoln, referencing Rozier's often humorous tone. "I came here to hear some questions and answers."

"I feel good that they are at least moving forward to do something," added Lori Berger, a Nelliefield resident. "But are they gonna dig up the whole road at all once or are they going to try to do it piece meal?"

"I would like them to do a six lane instead of a four lane," added James Myers. "Ten or 15 years from now what are they gonna do? That's not going to be enough."

"My question is how can we slow traffic down in the meantime?" asked Cainhoy Village resident MaeRe Skinner, who attended the meeting with her husband, Butch. "... It's so dangerous!"

"My perspective is this is the first meeting I've been to where there was at least the admitting of the truth," added Butch. "We're not really any further along than we were before. That first section was supposed to be done two years ago... The sad thing is (we were told) that in 2035 the road would catch up with the development planned... So we'll never be able to get ahead. We'll always be catching up."

Whitley acknowledged there have been setbacks in the process, but promised to do his part to get the job done.

"At every opportunity I have to vote to move this project forward, to speed it up, I pledge to you that I will. And I hope my colleagues (here) on the stage will do the same."

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Clements Ferry widening timeline

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2008

Transportation Sales Tax Program initiated through passing of a one percent sales and use tax referendum by Berkeley County voters. Several large capacity projects included, such as Clements Ferry Road widening.

2009

Intergovernmental agreement signed with DOT.

2011

Project's purpose and vision determined through meeting in June with Berkeley County, Department of Transportation (DOT), and City of Charleston. In late 2011, it is determined that funding is not in place to complete the entire project, as required for environmental permitting. So project is split into two phases.

2012

In January, a public information meeting is held to gather input and feedback on preliminary designs. Concerns about raised plant medians resulting in inadequate left turn access prompt designers to go back to the drawing board to make changes. An access management plan is created that includes a five lane section featuring a paved lane median between I-526 and Deanna

Lane. In addition, more traffic lights are considered, but it is decided that changes will not be made to plans unless lights are warranted by DOT. Right-of way acquisition plans continue.

2013

Right-of-way plans are completed. Field design review is conducted on site with all agencies. Environmental assessment is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration.

2014

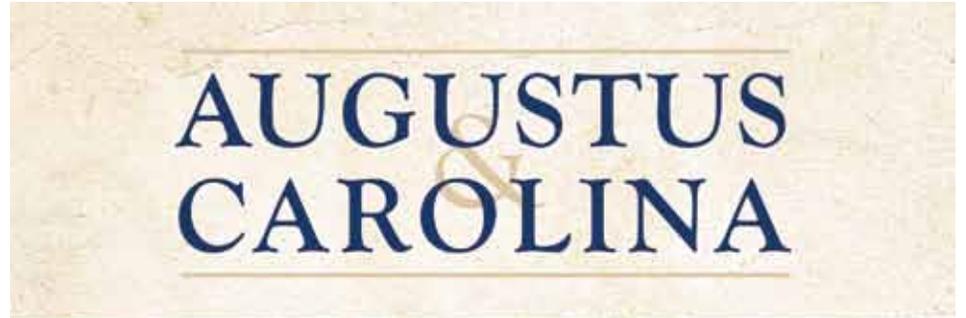
Environmental assessment is approved. Public hearing is held. The right-of-way acquisition process begins on 104 needed parcels. New penny sales tax referendum passes in Berkeley County.

2016

As of January, all permits for Phase 1 are in hand and approximately 82 of the 104 parcels have been acquired for right-of-way (completion expected in April). Advance clearing and resurfacing with utility relocations to take place in late May or early June. Road construction to begin in September. Phase 2 design work to begin, as well as other project tasks. As of January, construction schedule for Phase 2 is unknown.

2019

Anticipated completion of Phase 1 in March.



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DI Performing Arts Center prepares for next act!

Q&A with DIPAC's Founder/Visionary Mary Gould

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With each passing week, the Daniel Island Performing Arts Center (DIPAC) gets a little closer to becoming a reality. The proposed facility, to be located on a site behind the UBS building off Island Park Drive, will feature a 450-seat Proscenium theatre and a 99-seat black box theatre. The Daniel Island News caught up with DIPAC founder and visionary Mary Gould to get the scoop on the project's latest developments.

It's been about four months since you first announced your plans to bring a new Performing Arts Center to Daniel Island. What is the status of the project now?

"We are absolutely consistent with timeline that we communicated last fall. We are in Phase 3, so we are looking forward to doing the closing on the land for the project in April as planned. We have some monetary commitments, but we are actively fundraising for the money."

You have said in previous articles in The Daniel Island News that the goal is to raise \$1 million by April 2016 (a second phase, set to start in May of 2016, will focus on raising an additional \$9 million, part of which will be financed). How are you doing in terms of meeting that goal?

"It's going to take a village to birth this baby! We're pretty pleased with how much we've raised from Daniel Island so far. It's a really good indicator of the community's support for the project. But we want to hear from everybody. The more numbers we have to show, the more powerful that's going to be going to the major funders."

Tell us about the DIPAC Advisory Committee and how this group is helping advance your mission.

"This group is so committed and so smart. They are really, really doing a great word-of-

mouth job on the island and also keeping us up to date on the kinds of things they know their fellow Daniel Islanders are interested in. We have 25 people on the committee now... They are really excited! One of the things that I go out of my way to do is to make sure that their enthusiasm and suggestions are validated. When they suggest something, I will act on it!... They feel that commitment from me and they all know if I say I'm going to do something, I do it. It's lovely because all of them now have a sense of ownership. That's really important."

The DIPAC has planned its very first social event - dubbed "Noches Tropicales" - to be held at LIDI Restaurant on Daniel Island on February 17. Can you give us a sneak preview (and also tell us how to get tickets)?

"Something hot and Latin is a great way to warm up the month of January! We will be offering some of the performances from "Noches Tropicales" that is already running at South of Broadway Theatre. So it's easy to take those numbers that will travel best and work well in a restaurant setting, and there will be plenty of opportunities for people to dance and have some dance lessons. We are having Elite Dance International take part as well, and they will be donating a door prize of ballroom dancing classes!... This event is an opportunity to get to know the people affiliated with the project and to interact with the like-minded Daniel Islanders that are behind the project so that people have a chance to be on the inside. We've created this series of entertainments that are called 'Friends of Daniel Island' for people to be on the inside of the process, and to get it first hand from the horse's mouth.... These are official entertainments designed to create a sense of unity around the project.... For tickets and additional information, please visit our website at www.danielislandpac.com or call (843) 640-5503."



MARY WESSNER

The Daniel Island Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee: Mary Gould (bottom center); First row - Sarah Sands, Alexis Phillips, John Edwards, Bill McArdle, and Mary Wessner; Second row - Ruthie Hille and Joanna Sampson; Third row - Terry Haas and Jan Studin; Fourth row - Laurie Hubbs, Linda Walder, and Emily Desrosier; and Steve Slifer (top center). Not pictured are Bob and Carol Wood, Pete Harper, Pat Maraziti and Jeff Oldham.

If someone would like to support the DIPAC through a donation, how can they do that?

"The Founders Circle is available until April 1 and that is also on the website. We gladly accept donations of any amount! Please visit www.danielislandpac.com for additional information."

What's the best way to stay up to date on DIPAC happenings?

"We're sending out monthly newsletters about the project! To join our email list, please

send an email to diperformingartscenter@gmail.com."

Is there anything else you would like to add?

"I will be speaking at the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meeting about the DIPAC on February 2. It will be held at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Church on Daniel Island. Please come out and learn more about this exciting project! I am also working on a second social event that will be held in mid-March. Stay tuned for more details!"

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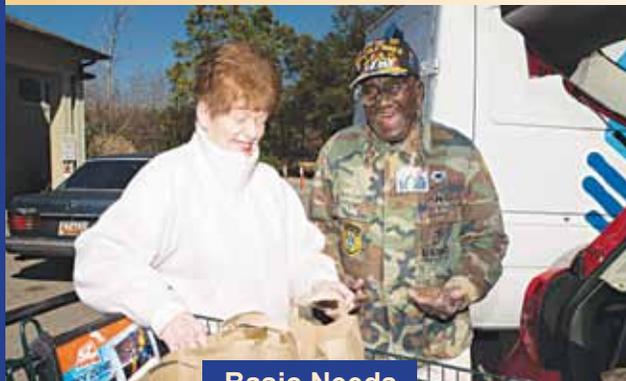
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Casey Kellermann and Noell Smith form new DI-based real estate firm

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A few years ago, a relocated northerner helped a native southerner find his dream home on Daniel Island. Despite (or perhaps in part because of) their regional disparities, Casey Kellermann and Noell Smith became fast friends. Over time, the more trivial exchanges like the virtues of biscuits over bagels and the proper pronunciation of ‘pecan’ gave way to conversations about Lowcountry life, Charleston architecture, and the scores of other interests and aptitudes they had in common. The prospect of a business partnership between this “new local” real estate agent and his whip-smart consultant client may have had the markings of a foregone conclusion, but the duo would approach the notion thoughtfully, methodically, and patiently.

Kellermann, a native Ohioan, moved to Daniel Island from Breckenridge, Colorado in January 2010. He and his wife, Alison, and their three kids had vacationed on the Isle of Palms that previous fall, and just three months later they packed up their

home in the mountains and traded it in for the coastal life. Having worked as a licensed real estate agent in Colorado for over a decade, Kellermann was up for the challenge of translating his success in the Rockies to the Lowcountry. He joined Prestige Real Estate Group. The veteran realtor made it his mission to learn everything about real estate in the Charleston area – from neighborhoods and schools to regulations and insurance – and in short order hardly seemed like a “transplant” from the north. And yet, his status of relocation served him well with homebuyers in similar circumstances; his story of being charmed by the Lowcountry rang true.

Earning a reputation as a “Southern gentleman” not in Charleston, but in Charlotte, North Carolina, Smith nonetheless



Casey Kellermann



Noell Smith

could not leave the Lowcountry following his graduation from the College of Charleston. The son and grandson of architects, he was informally schooled in the design and production side of real estate, but

set his sights on a career in Charleston’s booming local food service industry. Smith worked for 21 years with US Foods/PYA/Monarch. Inc., a national wholesale food service distribution outfit, consulting with local restaurants to help them purchase with purpose and optimize profits. And though it was a rewarding vocation, his wife, Susan, and their two children knew he had a continuing passion for real estate. It would also prove a smart thing for Smith to mention to his Midwest-born real estate agent friend.

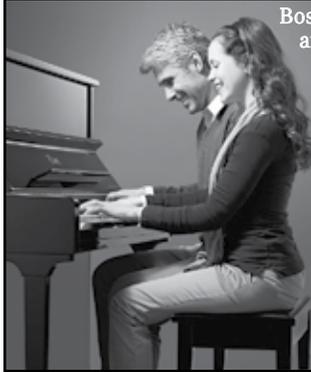
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men and regional backgrounds to form Kellermann Smith in October 2015 was well-timed, too. Charleston was recently named second on the list of “Hot Real Estate Markets to Watch in 2016” by the chief economist of online real estate platform Trulia. Being ranked among the top metro areas in the nation for job growth played a big part in this recognition, but the slight offset is that Charleston-area home prices are creeping up and vacancy remains relatively low. This is where Kellermann Smith plans to find its sweet spot: finding buyers an affordable home in a market where supply may appear lean, and maximizing sales price for sellers looking to strike while that iron is hot.

Personally and professionally, forming Kellermann Smith landed these two Daniel Island residents in their happy place... and now they are helping homebuyers find theirs.

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In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. – Abraham Lincoln

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright once told of an incident that may have seemed insignificant at the time, but had a profound influence on the rest of his life. The winter he was 9, he went walking across a snow-covered field with his reserved, no-nonsense uncle. As the two of them reached the far end of the field, his uncle stopped him. He pointed out his own tracks in the snow, straight and true as an arrow's flight, and then young Frank's tracks meandering all over the field.

"Notice how your tracks wander aimlessly from the fence to the cattle to the woods and back again," his uncle said. "And see how my tracks aim directly to my goal. There is an important lesson in that."

Years later the world-famous architect liked to tell how this experience had greatly contributed to his philosophy in life. "I determined right then," he'd say with a twinkle in his eye, "not to miss most things in life, as my uncle had."

Many people often miss the most important things in life because they fail at this essential skill as a leader- work/life balance. It's a struggle for many leaders. Could it be yours?

In research conducted by EY (<http://bit.ly/1QjTJZ8>) it was reported that, "33% of full-time employees globally say it has gotten more difficult to manage work/family in the last five years. The most common reasons cited 49% "my salary has not increased much, but my expenses have" and 48% "my responsibilities at work have increased." Sound familiar?

Having a good work/life balance is essential to your success. As a leader you are not immune from the challenge. In fact, it may be more problematic for you. So what is the solution? Here are a few tips to help you recapture some of that much needed balance.

BEGIN WITH YOUR PRIORITIES

Almost every article I read on work/life balance begins with work. It goes without saying that work is important. But how would things be different for you if you looked at it from the viewpoint of a life/work balance? If the priorities of your life are not in order then how can work? Get life's priorities in order first then you can take care of the rest.

DISCOVER YOUR 'WHY'

I'm a firm believer that you should do what you love and love what you do. When you do,

it's not work but your passion. Understanding your 'why' is essential to you as a leader. John Maxwell framed it this way, "People who know their why can keep their heads while everything around them is in turmoil. And that draws others to them." Life and work makes sense when you know why you are here.

GET FLEXIBLE WITH SCHEDULES

Fortunately, many companies are seeing the benefit of flexible work schedules, which allows for greater productivity, greater teamwork, and happier employees, etc. (<http://huff.to/1SxzvV1>). Creating a work/life balance does not have to be an either/or proposition where one is good and the other is not. Smart leaders can create a culture where both can thrive.

DEFINE YOUR BORDERS

As a leader many things compete for your time and attention. If not careful you can get caught up in solving problems that are not yours to solve, involved in details that easily can be handled by someone else, and otherwise distracted from having the work/life balance you desire. This is an area in which you will need to stand firm. Define your borders and stick to it.

GET REAL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

People are your greatest appreciable asset. Building strong relationships is the key to your growth as a leader and to the success of your organization. But surrounding yourself with the right people is more important than surrounding yourself with a lot of people. So here are some questions you need to answer: Are those closest to you adding value or subtracting? Do those closest to you share your vision and values and see the big picture or are they in it for themselves? Relationships are key to your work/life balance. If you are surrounded by the wrong people then it's time to prune.

LIGHTEN UP

Ella Wheeler said, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone". Creating a good work/life balance can be just one laugh away. It's important to take your work seriously, but not yourself. Laugh. Lighten up. Learn to take things in stride. Don't be wound up so tight that you can't enjoy a light moment now and then.

Your work/life balance begins with these simple steps. Are you ready for some balance in your life?

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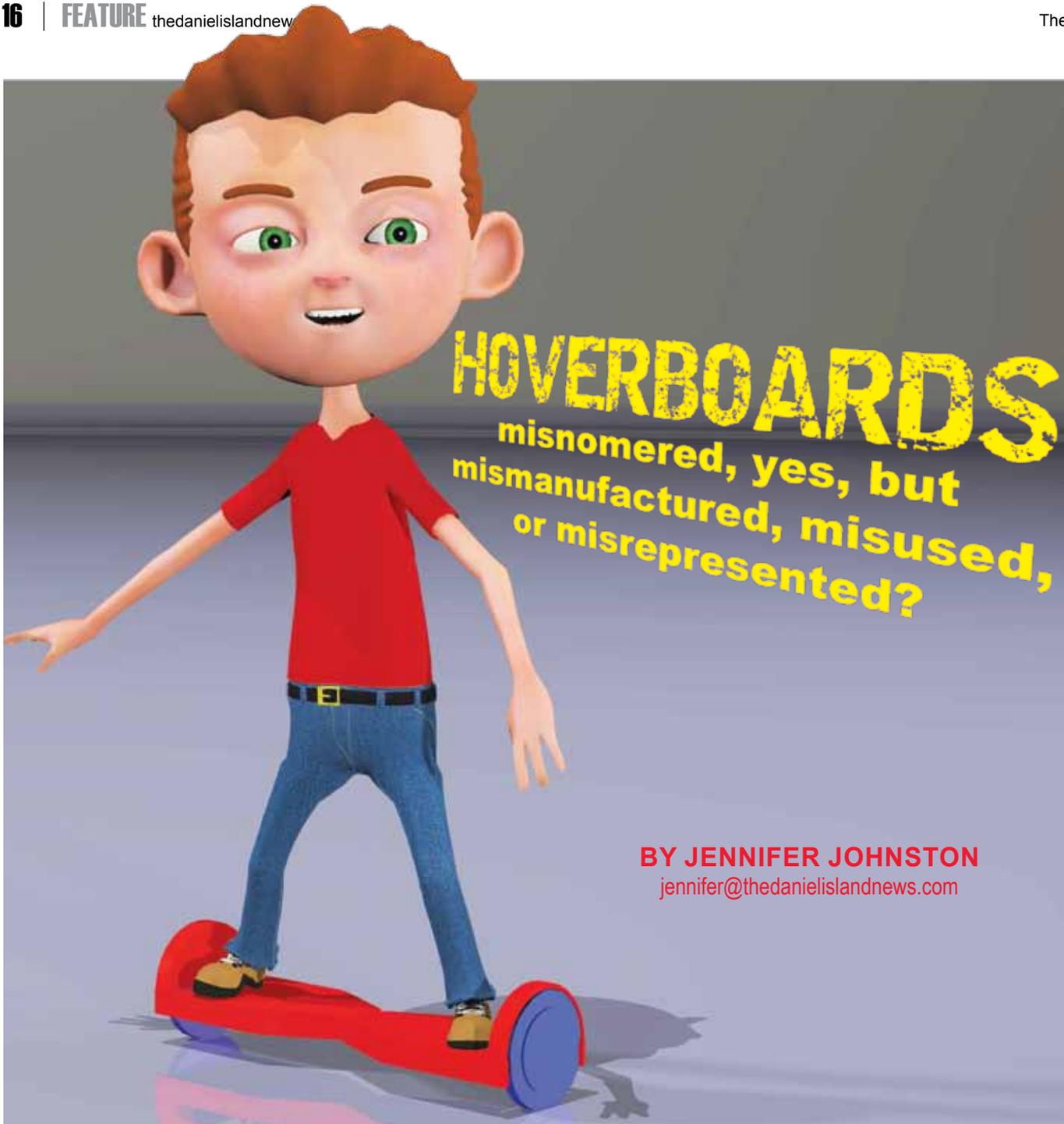


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Hoverboard use tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

- Avoid buying the product at a location (like a mall kiosk) or on a website that does not have information about who is selling the product and how they can be contacted if there is a problem.
- Do not charge a hoverboard overnight or when you are not able to observe the board.
- Charge and store in an open, dry area away from combustibles (items that can catch fire).
- Do not charge directly after riding. Let the device cool for an hour before charging.
- If giving a hoverboard to someone as a gift, leave it in its partially charged state. Do not take it out of the package to bring it to a full charge

and then wrap it back up.

- Look for the mark of a certified national testing laboratory. While this does not rule out counterfeits, the absence of such a mark means your safety is likely not a priority for that manufacturer.
- Do not ride near vehicular traffic.
- Always wear safety gear when using a hoverboard, which includes a skateboard helmet, knee and elbow pads, and wrist guards for protection from falls.
- Consumers are urged to report incidents to CPSC via www.SaferProducts.gov.

Since the invention of the wheel, man has been intent on dreaming up different ways to ride it. From buggies to bikes, trollies to trucks, railways to rollerskates. For some reason, man has also long-pined for the ability to ditch the wheel and simply float a vessel just inches from the earth. And, apparently, man has grown so impatient with his inability to produce (on a widespread scale, anyway) the latter that he went ahead and altered its very definition. Enter the hoverboard.

It was like a skateboard meets a Segway, and it was pretty darn nifty. Actually, it still is. It can accommodate riders of varying age, height, and weight. It's portable. It can give you a smooth ride around five or six miles per hour, roughly the pace of a moderate jog. And it's available in every imaginable color, including some shiny metallics. Sure, it sets you back \$300 to \$800, but it's more than a toy; it's transportation, right?

This application necessitates unplugged operation, and in recent weeks it has come to light that some batteries and chargers for the self-balancing motorized scooters can be prone to explosion, creating a substantial safety and fire risk. Some of the fires have been directly linked to low-quality rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in some versions of hoverboards, which can explode when punctured. But the cause of the fires for the population of this product has not proven conclusive enough for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

In a statement issued on December 16, 2015, CPSC Chairman Elliot Kaye stated, "CPSC field investigators are actively investigating hoverboard-related fires across the country and will open new cases as they come to our attention. We have purchased boards in the marketplace and we have taken possession of boards that caught fire." The commission is investigating several dozen reports of fires in 19 states.

And on January 20, in an update on the investigation posted to the CPSC website, Kaye stated that his panel was consulting with test laboratories, lithium-ion battery representatives, and other outside experts to verify safe design prac-

tics for use in hoverboards. "These units to prevent over-combustion," asserted. "These available technologies properly managed batteries used computers and every day."

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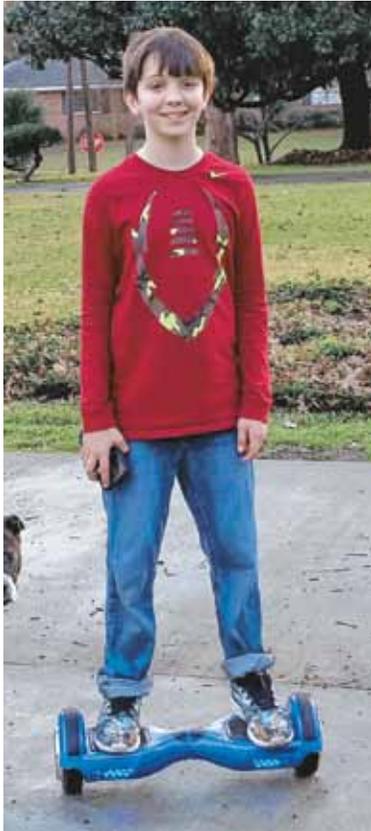
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Says Tiffanie Fowler of son Sidney, age 11, “My son LOVES his board. He has played with it everyday. We bought one of the nicer ones in hopes that we wouldn’t have the problems that the knock-offs are having.”

hoverboards’ operation. “Patients expressed that it is tough to get the second foot off the hoverboard safely, as the remaining foot on the hoverboard continues to activate it to keep moving,” he related. “The hoverboard can also go very fast without an easy breaking mechanism. Core muscle strength and balance is required to use a hoverboard.”

More than 30 colleges and universities nationwide have banned the devices, alerting students via email over the holidays to not bring hoverboards when they returned to campus for the spring semester. In the Palmetto State, both the University of South Carolina and Coastal Carolina University have issued hoverboard bans.

The self-balancing scooters are also prohibited on New York City streets and sidewalks, with violators facing fines up to \$500 and impounding of their device. In the United Kingdom, hoverboards may



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Sixth grader Matthew Lemmon received his hoverboard for Christmas and rides it in front of his house and his friends’ houses.

only be used on private property.

Most major U.S. airlines, and many more international carriers, have banned hoverboards from their aircraft. And many airports, with Charleston International among them, are no longer permitting the use of the devices on property. Amtrak has also banned the scooters.

In mid-December, at the height of holiday shopping, Amazon halted sales of all hoverboards. It has since resumed selling devices from makers that can demonstrate their products’ safety, but is also accepting returns of all hoverboards purchased through its website for a full refund.

Despite all the controversy surrounding the hoverboard, our readership (or at least those responding to our survey – see results in sidebar) painted an overall picture of consumer satisfaction and rider joy. Still, this scooter’s saga is likely to continue, with man’s latest wheeled phenomenon either finding design redemption and consumer confidence, or going the way of the old baby roller-walkers.

SURVEY SAYS!

Many thanks to hoverboard-having readers, primarily parents of young riders, responding to our online survey. Here’s what you told us:

- Most of the respondents’ hoverboards were purchased from Amazon or Sharper Image, though one was brought back from a trip to China.
- The youngest respondent rider was eight, the oldest was 63, and age 12 was the mode (that’s the value occurring most often, for those of us reaching way, WAY back to fourth grade math).
- Only 27% of respondent riders received any kind of “training” on the hoverboard, beyond written product instructions, and supplementary prep came in the form of practice with experienced friends and YouTube videos.
- Of those responding, just one reader said their rider wears a helmet while using the hoverboard, though 20% conceded injuries had occurred, from small scrapes to a broken arm.
- While one parent reported confining hoverboard use to inside the house, most others are permitting use in garages, in home driveways, and on sidewalks in front of house or a friend’s house. A few others allow travel between homes on the sidewalks, in island parks, and over a 100-yard section of the street.
- One respondent cites being plagued with mechanical issues, having to return hoverboards not once, but twice. No other glitches – including fires – were noted. And, other than the aforementioned exchange, no hoverboards have been returned by respondents.

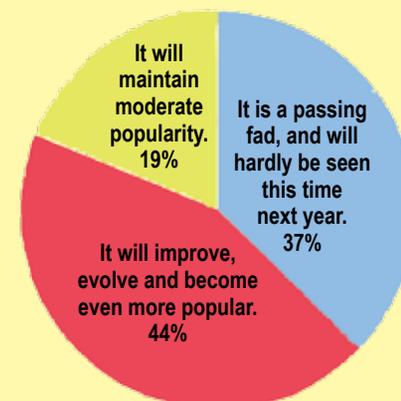
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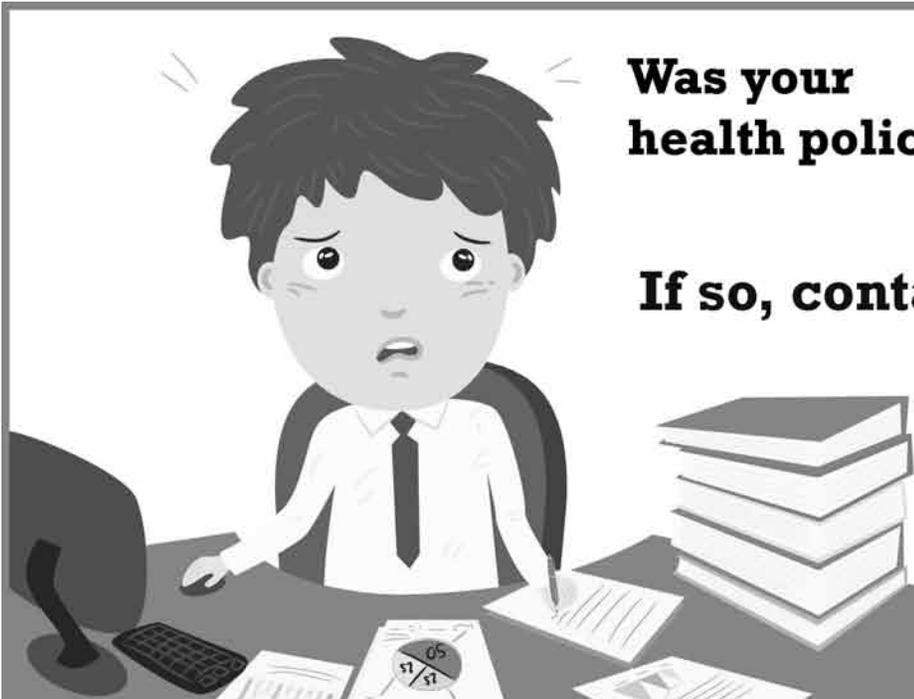
“I would like to add that this is a ‘toy’ that requires some skill. It should be used practically with supervision near by, not cruising around in high traffic areas. All for kids being outside!”

“Get a life and stop this nonsense: it is much more important that you enforce use of front lights on bicycles at night than worry about hoverboards. Nobody on DI uses proper lighting while riding at night! Much more dangerous than no helmets!”

“I would like to include something for you though I have no child with one. No one I’ve seen has had a helmet on. Several around me. They move along quickly on the sidewalk; hard to be sure where they are when backing out of driveway. They are on top of you before you know it when they are moving right along. My daughter is a physician and all of her ER, primary care and orthopedic friends are seeing lots of injuries from the boards. Lots of head injuries because they hit the back of their head when they fall off, which is usually backwards.”

How survey respondents predict the popularity of the hoverboard





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Where was field hockey?

Last summer, Andrea Dussault and her family moved to the Lowcountry from Connecticut. They quickly learned that Charleston loves baseball, puts soccer on a pedestal, and is still widely considered the nation's Best Tennis Town. But, seriously, where was field hockey?

The answer, to Dussault's disappointment, was that the sport was nearly nowhere in the area. "I spent a year prior to our move looking high and low for any programs or school teams in the area, but none existed," Dussault recalled. Rather than trade in her allegiance for the sport to another, she decided to introduce it to Charleston by creating a clinic through the City of Charleston Recreation Department. It was an endeavor with which she'd had experience; she had built a similar program back in the northeast that had grown to over 60 players in grades third through sixth and a successful middle school team to help "feed" the existing high school team.



Program organizer Andrea Dussault (far left) coaches from the sideline.

Dussault played field hockey in middle and high school, and went on to play for Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. "I have been coaching and teaching the sport since the early 90s, and just love it," she states. "Once field hockey is in your blood, it never leaves!"

And the other two women teaching the 12-14 year-old girls' clinics demonstrably



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Fishing class slated for March 26 at library Donations to benefit Lucy Boyle Memorial Fund



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Last week, the article (in the Daniel Island News) about Lucy Boyle moved me to try and help. So on March 26, I will be teaching a fishing class at the Daniel Island Library from 9 a.m. till noon. I am asking attendees to make a donation (of any size) to the Lucy Boyle Memorial Fund. A special box is available in the library for drop off donations. In the class, we will cover how to identify fish holding areas and techniques to catch more fish. More importantly, we will each be helping to make something positive come out of this tragedy. Please join me on March 26.

Winter storm Jonas brought freezing temperatures, gale force winds and a little bit of snow to the Lowcountry. Given the truly awful conditions, not a lot of people went fishing on Saturday. I did and it was very uncomfortable. However, the bad weather did not keep the Redfish from biting.

Most of the fish were shallow and found a Z-Man Trout Trick (Shrimp Po Boy) irresistible. This is a new lure for me and I am still getting the hang of fishing it. One key thing I



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The bad weather did not keep the Redfish from biting.

have learned is that I catch more fish when rigging a Trout Trick on a 3/16th ounce lead head jig. This combination seems to have a rate of descent that triggers more strikes. A big hop and a long stop retrieve is what the Redfish wanted on Saturday. Most of the strikes occurred during the long stop.

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Bishops and Lady Bishops snap cold spells with wins against N. Charleston

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Both the Bishop England Battling Bishops and Lady Bishops have been struggling a little bit as of late. The Ladies were not losing games, but not living up to their self-set standards. The men were looking to snap a three game conference losing streak. Both teams achieved their goals Friday, with the ladies winning 89-21 while the men won 53-37.

The Ladies' struggles were with offensive efficiency, which has been the story for much of the past two years. The struggles worsened as of late, but the Lady Bishops elevated their play to their normal level against the N. Charleston Cougars. With no games that worry Coach Runey until the playoffs, he is relieved they are at least back to their old selves. He can now give players who do not play as much more chances to play. Coach said, "The idea is to get kids who don't play as much to see how well they can step up for us. The idea for us is to

look at certain things that we may not have run as much in the past... The whole idea is for us to improve on our fundamentals."

The men were having issues of their own. Coming into the N. Charleston game, they needed to break a three game losing streak in conference. They did just that. Much of their game always revolves around point guard Brendan McHale, who stepped up and delivered a strong 15 point, 5 rebound and 5 assist game. Three of those assists came on consecutive possessions to put the Cougars away after a game of very strong team defense. When asked about those assists, Coach Grevey answered, "He's really streaky, and he can score any time he wants; we've been encouraging him to dump it off to the open guy; and tonight he responded, and he had a really good game."

The Bishops played last night against Garrett last night. The stats are online at <http://besports.net/behs/team.php?sport=BK>. Their next game is away at Battery Creek on Friday.

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6th Grade Boys - Ben Dreyer
Led team in scoring with
26 points.



7th Grade Boys - Will Culler
Will Culler played hard and
led the team in 3pt shots.



8th Grade Boys - DP Phillips
Led the team scoring 10 points.



8th Grade Girls - Jaiha Williams (upper right), CoCo Pampu (not pictured), Ashlyn Richardson (upper left). Jaiha scored 20 and led team with assists. Coco & Ashlyn led the team with hustle & leadership in their tough victory against West Ashley.



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Dussault is seeking to grow the program

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concur; co-coaches Sue Detar and Tiffany Mizzell regularly find themselves scrimmaging with Dussault and their young players just to get some play time in. "It's just so much fun, and quite a workout!"

The all-girls clinic ran for seven weeks from December into January, with all meet-ups taking place at Freedom Park behind Daniel Island School. The program was designed to introduce the basic skills and rules of the game, culminating in the opportunity to apply what was learned in a fun, non-competitive scrimmage. Dussault is seeking to grow the program in order to have multiple teams to compete with in the future. Next year's winter clinic will be offered to an expanded age group, most likely eight to 18 years old, and the coach has hinted that a summer camp may be on the horizon.

As for the sport itself, Dussault says that it has grown in national popularity over the last 20 years, particularly on the East Coast. The U.S. sends both men's and women's teams to compete in the Olympics (watch for it this summer!), and the game is beloved across the globe, particularly

in Australia, India, Pakistan, Netherlands, Germany, and the U.K. "Yes, Princess Kate used to play!" confirms Dussault.

Traditionally played on grass, most competitive teams today play on artificial turf, which Dussault says makes for a much faster and cleaner game. "It also allows for more technical stick skills and moves that have been introduced to the sport in the last two decades," she states, adding, "It's a very entertaining sport to watch."

But as intense and action-rich as field hockey is, Dussault points out that it also offers the opportunity for players to develop a number of intangible skills. "It is a game of teamwork, communication, hustle, dedication, drive, leadership, and discipline, which are all life-long skills that are applied to many facets of our lives," she maintains. "Being a part of any team helps build upon these skills, and in such a way that the players don't even realize that they are building them."

Dussault has taught field hockey to girls as early as third grade, and says that these young players catch on remarkably quickly. And by the time they reach middle school,



her observation is that they are much more skilled and ready to play competitively. But to be building real, sustained interest in the game from grade school to high school is the ultimate goal.

"We are so excited about the opportunity to bring the sport here to Charleston and hope it continues to grow," Dussault relates. "We have already had a tremendous response to the clinic from both young

girls as well as adult women who would like to help coach. This is a wonderful community full of active residents, so we hope that introducing this sport will only enrich the community by offering our children another sport to learn and play."

For more information about future field hockey clinics and camps, contact Andrea Dussault at ahduss@yahoo.com.



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Regional farmers and vendors will be out each week with a variety of their seasonal goods and local artisans will have their work for sale. Enjoy shopping as you are entertained by that week's featured performer.

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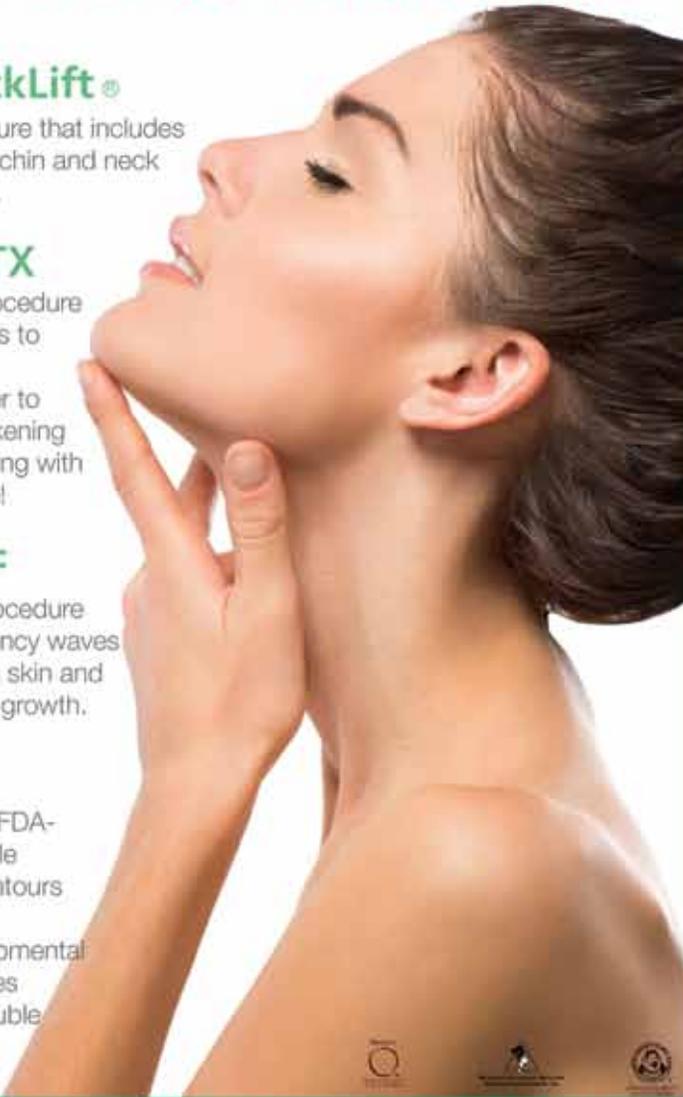
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iTheatrics, the organization responsible for the Junior versions of popular Broadway musicals, in partnership with Musical Theatre International, named DI teen Ainsley Western as All-Star Performer at the International Junior Theatre Festival, held in Atlanta recently. Broadway professionals award the All-Star honor to one actress and one actor from each theatre troupe admitted to the festival. The troupe, which includes DI youth performers Anna Grace Chang, Sarah Feller and Lexi Widenhouse, won the overall Excellence in Dance award at the festival.

The Mount Pleasant-based troupe, Musical Theater Center, performs at the Footlight Players Theatre and is made up of pre-professional teen actors who train rigorously in a conservatory-like setting in the areas of vocal technique, music theory, acting, ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance—in addition to rehearsing for mainstage shows.

All performances, including the upcoming first-ever South Carolina theatre performance of *The Lion King*, which opens in May, employ professional costumes, lights and sets, as well as artistic and technical direction.

MTC's resident youth company was among only 115 global elite youth theatre troupes, and the only troupe from South Carolina, selected via a demanding audition process to participate in the International Junior Theatre



Musical Theater Center's Senior Company Performance Troupe.

Festival, produced by iTheatrics and Musical Theatre International. The group performed selections from *Legally Blonde* and walked away with the Excellence in Dance award. (MTC won the Excellence in Acting award at last year's festival, performing *Shrek Jr.*)

The troupe has performed numerous sold-out musicals at Footlight Players Theatre, Charleston Music Hall and Woolfe Street Playhouse and is a frequent guest of WCIV-TV's *Lowcountry Live!*

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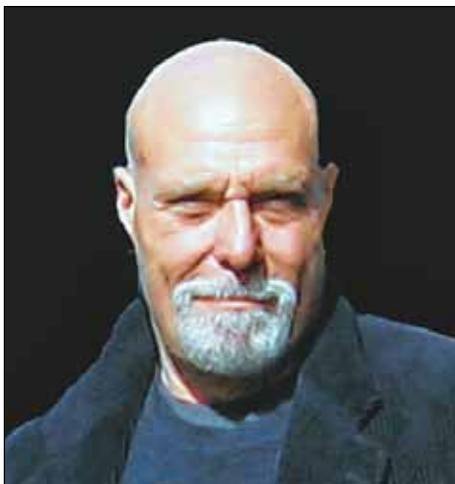
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The spectrum of H. Scott Cushing is as remarkable as it is varied. Along the grid, he has been a swimmer and seaman, hippie and husband, New Yorker and new southerner. But always shining brilliantly is that hue of Cushing as a creative soul. Today, he is a photographer and graphic artist who uses digital manipulations of symmetry, color, and dimension to evoke intensity from landscapes and objects that would otherwise seem relatively quiet.

Cushing and his wife, Rita, moved from New York to Daniel Island in 2011. "We sold our 100 year-old house with the long driveway I no longer wished to shovel," he recalls. Their two sons have stayed north – for now: David in Chicago and Jeffrey in Manhattan. Cushing's travels and relocations have provided him with some extraordinary backdrops for his photography, but he admits to having a persuasive fondness for the coast.

Last year, Cushing joined the Art Guild of Daniel Island with the dual intention of



Artist H. Scott Cushing is a Daniel Island resident and member of the island's Art Guild.

camaraderie with the art community and an inspirational hoist on the heels of some ongoing health issues. And fresh off the Guild's multi-artist show at the Honeycomb Café in January, Cushing will have a dedicated collection of his own work on the walls of the restaurant in February. "I am really enjoying the (Art Guild)



Cushing's display at Honeycomb in February will also feature works from his pop art collection.

group," he shares, "and the opportunity to have my art displayed at Honeycomb has been a boost to my morale."

Kris Manning, one of the founders of the island's Art Guild, builds anticipation for Cushing's show, advising us that, "His work is unlike anything you've ever

experienced before." With that tease, we had to at least try to pull back the curtain on this man of many colors.

Jennifer Johnston: What is your earliest memory of being captivated by a piece of art? How long after that did you begin your own art journey?

H. Scott Cushing: When I was seven years old, I won a contest for drawing a horse. I was very proud because, as an undiagnosed dyslexic, sports and art were the two things I excelled in. When I was about 12 years old, I saw a Kandinsky at the Museum of Modern Art and was blown away.

JJ: What is your history of training in all the mediums of art in which you work? In the future, do you see your work evolving more from further education, experience, or inspiration?

HSC: I studied Art History at USC, but left to study at Visual Arts and the Art Students League in New York City before joining the Navy during Vietnam. After my discharge, I went to art school in Florida, but left after a year. I then worked in

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Cushing is a man of many colors

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Landscapes are Cushing's primary love behind the lens.

product development for a housewares and furniture company in New York City before changing professions and opening my own insurance office specializing in health and life insurance for large businesses. My love of photography drove me to the New York Institute of Photography, where I won a merit award for my work and got a degree. I also took courses at the International Center of Photography in black and white film. Going forward, just living in Charleston is inspiration.

JJ: Please tell us how your cloud-scapes collection was born.

HSC: I have always been fascinated with clouds and, being primarily a landscape photographer, the clouds started to become more important.

JJ: Pop art seems to be having a par-

ticularly big moment. Are these pieces as fun to create as they are to view?

HSC: I always loved comic books, which were the original pop art, and admired the work of Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, and Yves Tanguy. It is very time consuming to create the final product.

JJ: Do you find yourself drawn more to architectural or natural landscape photography? Are we insanely spoiled here in Charleston, or have you found other parts of the country equally compelling to the lens?

HSC: I was drawn to beach photography taken in the winter. Loved architecture in Florence, Rome, Chicago, and NYC, and now Charleston. Both are compelling.



Clouds have served as the subject for a collection of Cushing's photography-meets-digital artistry pieces.

JJ: Among the many hats your bio describes you as wearing are "athlete," "hippie," and "Navy seaman." Can you dish a bit more on each of these?

HSC: Swimming was my sport, and I was offered several scholarships. My hippie years were spent on the lower east side of Manhattan in an area the police didn't visit unless they had to. I lived in what might be called a commune with a revolving door of people. When I left after two years, it had turned into the trendy "East Village." I joined the Navy to see the world and saw mostly the Caribbean.

JJ: To say that your work is "cool," though not untrue, simply does not do it justice. What feedback is most meaningful to you: what people see in or appreciate about a specific piece, or how it makes them feel?

HSC: The feedback that was most meaningful to me was from the art shows I did at Lincoln Center, Columbus Avenue, Gracie Mansion, and Westport,

where I was able to have direct contact with people who had a real appreciation of art.

JJ: Of all the publications and venues where your work has been shared, of which are you most proud? Where would you still love to see your art printed and/or hung?

HSC: My show at the Agora Gallery in Chelsea, New York was very special. Spectrum Art magazine did a profile of me that was great. I would love to see my art hung in the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art.

JJ: Please give us a little preview as to what will be on display at the Honeycomb Café in February. Will the pieces be available for sale?

HSC: Pop art, landscape art and clouds will be on display and available for sale.

View more of Cushing's work at his websites www.hscushing.com and www.zazzle.com/enfocus.



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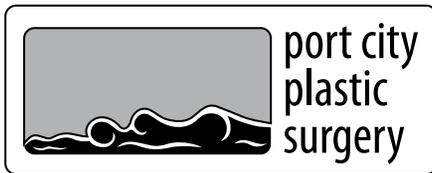
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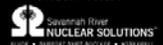


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