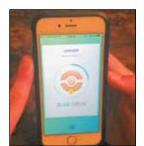
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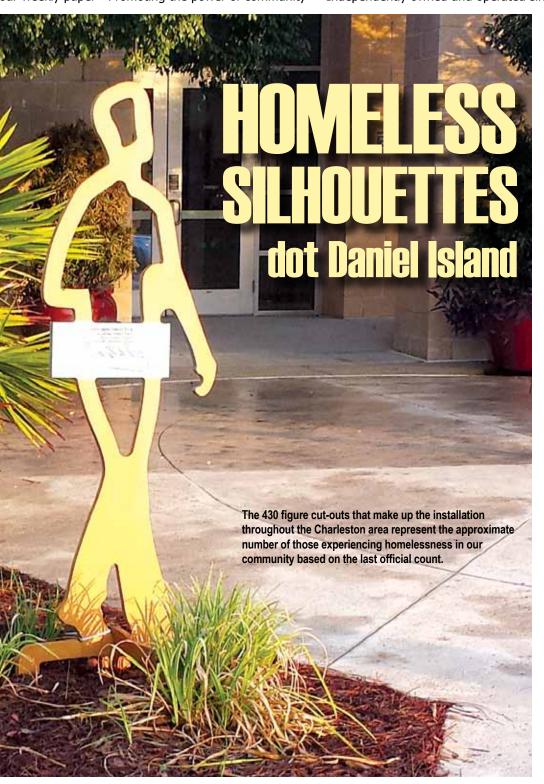


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### SUZANNE DETAR

# Silhouettes represent the homeless experience - people look right through them

Staff report

Earlier this month over 400 silhouettes were installed on the grounds of the Gaillard Center, with the support of Mayor Tecklenburg, with the intent of bringing awareness to homelessness in Charleston in a meaningful way. Silhouettes have also been installed on Daniel Island at Daniel Island Academy (pictured here), Black Tie Music, Providence Baptist Church, and Center

Meadors, Inc., the company that created this installation to maintain awareness of the people experiencing homelessness in our community, explained on their website, "We have used the skills of our six workshops to design and digitally fabricate the installation. The 430 figure cut-outs that make up the installation throughout the Charleston area represent the approximate number of those experiencing homelessness in our community based on the last official count. The cutouts represent one of the issues the homeless experience - the majority of people look right through them."

The website continues, "Homelessness is not something that can be completely eradicated; however, a defined and established path should be in place so that homelessness is temporary and not repeated. With sustained help from the community, the many organizations, whose mission is to help the homeless, will be able to create a sustainable system whereby homelessness is temporary and the goal of functional zero is achieved."

In a letter sent to its families, the Daniel Island Academy noted that it "is proud to be a part of a communitywide architectural art installation designed to educate through connection and maintain awareness of the men. women, and children experiencing homelessness in our community."

"At Daniel Island Academy we support the idea that an empathetic community is a stronger one," the letter continues. "The community becomes stronger when it engages in issues and deals with them. We believe that through education, awareness, and connection, we can reach a point when the homeless population is not growing because there are enough resources to successfully help those who become homeless transition into housing at a rate that keeps up with or surpasses the rate of people becoming homeless in Charleston, South Carolina."

For more information, visit http://charlestonmeadorshomelessinstallation.com.

















# Daniel Islanders join the Pokémon Go craze

### **BRITTANY TAIT**

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Last Tuesday evening, just five days after Nintendo released its Pokémon Go game, Smythe Park was filled with kids, teens, and adults looking to battle Pokémon in this card and video game turned into virtual reality.

Jackson Hammett was in the park with his parents when his app notified him of an opponent ready to do battle. He asked a nearby teenager, "Is that your Pokémon?" After receiving a "yeah" in response, Jackson warned, "Well, it's going down!"

Another teenager and member of the Flying Fish swim team, Ike Berenyi, explained that he walked over 30 kilometres since he downloaded the game to his phone only a few days prior, and was already on level 15. "Normally I'd just be sitting around at home, but this has gotten me out of the house and much more active," Berenyi said.

For many, the exercise component is a very attractive part of the game. The app includes various statistics, including how many kilometres the player travels while playing the game. The game seems to address the common complaint that the younger generation needs to go outside more and not stare at a screen all



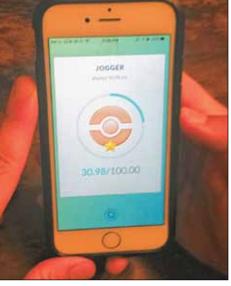
Matthew Bartlett, Alex Palmer, Ben Kramer and Ike Berenvi gathered last week at Smythe Park to play Pokémon go.

day. The creators of Pokémon Go have come up with a way to get youth and their families' active, even if they are still using screen time

Hammett's parents noted they use the game as a fun active family outing to the park while supervising Jackson as he plays.

The game allows players to be in the real world while trying to catch Pokémon in a fictional world. The gamers use actual landmarks as their competitive arenas to battle and catch their Pokémon. There are PokéStops which enable the user to gather Pokéballs and eggs which eventually grow into Pokémon. Unlike most video games, you cannot just sit at your desk and play. You must get up and go outside

The game has not been without controversy.



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Ike Berenyi's Pokémon Go app shows that he walked (and skateboarded) over 30 kilometers after playing the game only a few days.

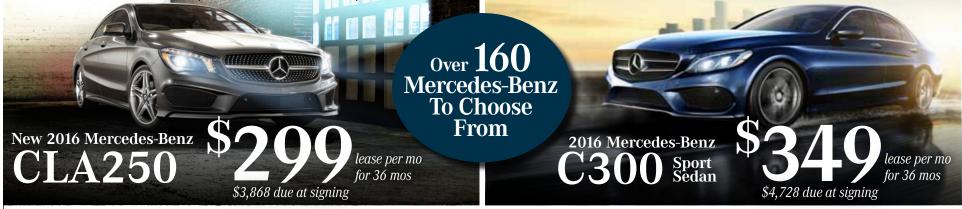
According to published reports, a teenager playing the game in Wyoming wanted to catch water Pokémon and, while doing so, discovered a dead body on the riverbank. Additional concerns include criminal activity, insensitivity to location, and inattention while driving, walking, and biking. For example, people have been

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# DINA Dashboard - July 2016

### **GLENN WILLIMAN**

**DINA President** 

DINA and our committees are staying quite busy in the warm weather. Here is a snapshot of our current summer activities. To stay updated, bookmark our web page, dineighborhoodassociation.org, and follow us on Facebook.

### **NEW COMMITTEES**

# Ownership Transition (contact transition@ dineighborhoodassociation.org)

The full committee met in June with Jane Baker to review a to-do list of issues that the committee will research and investigate over the next several months. Three key topics that will be reviewed beginning this year are: all governing documents, financial statements, reserve accounts. Meetings will be held quarterly thru the end of this year.

# 526 Noise (contact 526@dineighborhoodas-

This newly formed committee will pursue noise abatement for the lane expansion project for 526

as it crosses the residential areas of Daniel Island. We think this recently announced SCDOT project will provide an opportunity for a comprehensive environmental impact study as it effects the existing and newly constructed residential areas of Daniel Island along the path of 526.

### **OTHER COMMITTEES**

# Safety Committee (contact safety@dineighborhoodassociation.org)

This committee's activities include: signing up volunteers for the 2016/17 school-year Safety Patrol Program (occurring now); coordinating single side parking sign requests with the city; re-painting and adding crosswalks with the help of the city; exploring the possibility of adding more School Zone caution signs.

Our safety committee would also like to remind all drivers to slow down and be cautious while traveling neighborhood streets and alleys, particularly in these summer months when children are not in school. Also, be courteous if you park on the

street - think about your neighbors. We can make our streets safer just by parking in our driveways or garages. And remember to lock your cars and homes, and secure your golf carts, bicycles, and other valuables!

# Land Use and Zoning (contact zoning@dineighborhoodassociation.org)

Activities include tracking a multitude of new developments across Daniel Island. You can use the link on the Land Use and Zoning Activity page of our website for a list of new planned developments.

# Web and Social Media (contact webmaster@ dineighborhoodassociation.org)

This committee keeps the DINA website and Facebook pages current.

# Membership (contact membership@dineighborhoodassociation.org)

Membership is working on ways to attract new members, as well as facilitating our bi-monthly meetings, collecting membership dues, and providing meeting refreshments.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6. Watch for announcements about the location and guest speakers.

# The Role of Government - Legislative Update



### **REP JIM MERRILL** Hanahan, Daniel Island, Mt. Pleasant, Cainhov

"Government should protect our borders, build our roads, deliver the mail, and stay the hell out of the way."

When I first heard a long-

time elected official make that statement my thought was that he had stolen some antiquated notion of governing and that any such simplistic motto surely has no business in today's world. Yet more and more I am reaching such a level of frustration with our governing and political process that I can understand the deep sentiment that elicits such a phrase.

It has taken some time to write this column (we have now been out of session for a few weeks) because I could not quite put my finger on a proper summation for the legislative year. The pundits seem to qualify the session as a "meh" kind of effort, while the elected leadership was equally restrained. I know that there were the usual disappointments, but also a number of successful endeavors; so to describe the entire effort with such ambivalence is both disconcerting and confusing.

I think I have figured out the cause for this lack of clarity. Simply put, there are too many people with too many agendas who are asking of government entirely too much.

The result of this huge okra soup is a mishmash of agendas with very little potential for unanimity and less potential for significant legislative action. With the number of special interest groups, pseudo-idealogical blogs, social media outlets, and increasingly desperate "mainstream" media, there is an onslaught of different agendas and initiatives that are all designed for the "betterment" of society.

In the old days disparate groups, out of necessity, would work together to disseminate a message or advance a common cause. These days, anyone with a computer or a cell phone can claim boundless support for an issue du jour. And the first place that most of these people seek a remedy is via govern-

Elected officials are absolutely bombarded with emails, calls, tweets, articles, internet postings, news reports, radio call-in shows, form letters, and surveys. Some less enlightened characters even resort to the actual written letter or face-to-face meetings. But the point is that very few issues have the solid support of a majority of constituents; and government is spread thin addressing too many of those varying topics.

At a speech last week I told a local community group that government only responds efficiently to a crisis. The reason for this seems clear. When a crisis occurs everyone can acknowledge the need for action, rally behind said problem, and then focus on a solution. An example of this modus operandi is the recent South Carolina State University situation.

It is true that had nothing been done to address the college's finances and accreditation then these deficiencies surely would still have come to the forefront ... but only as the school was being shut-

What was desperately required was a good swift kick to bring clarity and compel immediate action. In other words ... a known, unavoidable crisis.

Our higher education subcommittee accomplished this plan by proposing that the school be closed until such time as its financial house was in order. While this did not go over too well with alumni and some in the media, the end result was much needed

attention, a new board, new financial scrutiny, and significant reform of the school's priorities.

It was heartening to read recent reports that SC State is no longer on "double secret probation" and that enrollment has increased. It will now be up to them to continue and sustain these advancements; but make no mistake that there would have been few changes if not for the extreme measures taken to focus attention on a singular subject.

This idea is to prioritize government action in order to effectively utilize limited resources.

The road legislation that passed is another example of what has been classified, in some circles, as a pseudo-success. DOT reform and road funding were unflinchingly linked in this legislative debate. That fact alone made the situation almost untenable because not only were we discussing how to pay for roads and bridges, but also who would control those

Of course, for some observers the answer to funding problems is quite simple: raise taxes. The road situation made this argument even easier because current fuel prices are low and the gas tax in South Carolina is one of the lowest in the country. (As an aside, personally, I do not think low taxes are a bad thing.)

The bottom line is that the legislation that passed directs hundreds of millions of existing revenue toward DOT, while also using billions of dollars in bonding capacity for road improvement and expansion. The funding works well (although I am less pleased with the accompanying road project prioritization list), mostly because it uses current revenue streams and existing bond capacity instead of raising taxes. Yet to others, it is a bad bill because it did not accomplish the goal of increasing the gas tax.

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# DI actors to star in The Music Man at Footlight Players



Daniel Island actors will perform in The Music Man this weekend. L-R: Anna Grace Chang, Lexi Widenhouse, Julian Nguyen, Sarah Feller, Ainsley Western. Not pictured: Sophia Giobe.

Musical Theater Center's awardwinning youth company performs The Music Man July 23 and 24 at Footlight Players Theatre

Staff report

An all-youth cast, including six Daniel Island actors, will perform beloved six-time Tony winner, The Music Man, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m on July 23 and 24 at Footlight Players Theatre. Rising Bishop England junior, Lexi Widenhouse, stars in the principal role of Marian the Librarian, and is joined by rising BE juniors Anna Grace Chang and Sarah Feller, and rising BE freshmen Julian Nguyen and Ainsley Western, all of whom train at the Lowcountry's only musical theatre conservatory, Musical Theatre Center. Also in the cast is Daniel Island resident and rising fifth grader Sophia Giobe.

Admission is \$15 in advance via www. loveMTCstage.com or \$18 at the door if available.

# Stay out of the way

From MERRILL on PAGE 04

That is insane. In fact, we began the current fiscal year with a surplus in state dollars!

There is absolutely nothing wrong with identifying a problem and then determining its place on the state's list of priorities and finding a workable solution within the context of existing revenue. The simplistic approach to governing is to propose a new tax each time there is a request or need for revenue ... a process that occurs all too often these days.

When government spreads itself too thin - and it taxes too much - we lose the conservative concepts of individual freedom, personal responsibility, low taxes, and limited government... which really are the hallmarks of a successful democratic government.

I believe it is in the best interests of the governed to force our elected officials to make difficult decisions and to establish priorities. There is nothing wrong with allowing families to keep the money they earn and spend it accordingly. And there is also not a problem with finding solutions to problems that don't require increased taxes. In fact, maybe that old politician was not so far off base after all. And besides, I really do like telling government to "stay the hell out of the way."



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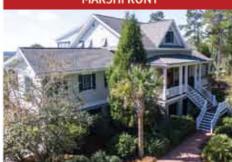


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# Have you played Pokemon Go? If so, what do you like about it? If not, why?

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I have never played it because I don't really want it. Mallory Age 10



I really like it because I really enjoy the virtual reality that the game creates. Chloe Age 14



I like that you can go outside and walk around to play it. Ethan Age 12



I like how it is really cool when you catch them and when you battle some other Pokemon. John Age 10



It looks like a really fun game but it Can be dangerous if you are playing it while crossing the street. Pierce Age 8



I don't play Pokemon Go because I am not a big fan of Pokemon. Makena Age 8





# **Berkeley County considers reducing** recyclables at drop-off locations

Staff report

Berkeley County's Human Resources and Purchasing Committee voted last week to recommend that County Council approve contractual changes to the county's convenience center recycling contract that will result in the elimination of recycling for plastic, aluminum, and metal, when Council meets again on July 25.

Currently, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation has 9 manned and 13 unmanned convenience center and drop-off locations across Berkeley County, including the one at the tennis center on Daniel Island (located under the bridge), offering recycling opportunities for paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, aluminum and metal. These recyclables are then delivered to Sonoco Recycling's Charleston location. The current contract with Sonoco is scheduled to end on August 31, 2016.

The committee's vote was to recommend that the County Council approve a contract amendment with Sonoco to extend the contract for paper and cardboard only until August 31, 2017. The contract amendment would also give the County an option to bring all recyclables, including plastic, aluminum, and metal, to Sonoco's Columbia facility.

However, the cost associated with hauling all recyclables to Columbia is impractical, according to Berkeley County officials.

"Without significantly raising the rates of Berkeley County residents, hauling all recyclables to Sonoco's Columbia location for single-stream recycling is unfeasible," said Councilman Josh Whitley, who chairs the Human Resources and Purchasing Committee. "I am confident saying that County Council and the County Supervisor do not want to significantly raise rates for a short-term fix, with Repower South's single-stream center in Berkeley County on the horizon."

The contract amendment, which affects only the convenience centers and drop-off locations - not curbside pick-up, has not been signed. Last week's vote by the Human Resources and Purchasing Committee was to show the Committee's approval to move forward with final contract negotiations. Council is scheduled to hear public input and vote on final approval of the contract amendment at the July 25 meeting.

If passed and when the contract is signed, a resident would have to place plastic, glass, and aluminum in their regular household trash starting September 1 of this year, unless the resident chooses to subscribe to a private curbside recycling program. The County would continue to collect paper and cardboard at all convenience center and drop-off locations.



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### DIS BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Join the Daniel Island School PTA for a Back to School Celebration. Come meet new teachers and classmates and then kick off school year 2016-2017 at Freedom Park with food for purchase, entertainment, and activities provided by Black Tie Music Academy, Gymnastics Academy of Charleston, Pro Performance Athletics, Jackson Soccer Academy/Elite Futsal Charleston, and more! Thursday, August 11, 5-7 pm. Please contact Rindy Ryan, rindyryan115@hotmail.com, for details.

### ARK 5K RUN/ WALK AND 1 MILE FUN RUN.

Online registration for the 17th Annual Race continues through Aug. 25 at 5:59 p.m. at http://thearkofsc. org/race-for-the-ark-2/. For more information or for assistance with registration, contact Megan at INFO@ THEARKOFSC.ORG OR 843-832-2357. Manual registrations will be accepted August 26-27. \$35 per person with or without a t-shirt. This year's t-shirt is guick-dry fabric! All proceeds benefit The ARK.

### **RED BALLOON YARD SALE**

Save the date. Do you have clutter in your closets and garages that you'd like to get rid of? The Daniel Island Annual Fall Red Balloon Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 24, 7 am - 1 pm at homes throughout Daniel Island.

### FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Seven Farms Drive in front of the Volvo Car Open Stadium

### HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

This college-level humanities course continues at the Daniel Island branch of 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 its own.

### BENG

"Business Executive Networking Group" meets the first Tuesday of every month, at the Berkeley County Library on Daniel Island, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. BENG (www.thebeng.org) is a multidiscipline networking group for mid- to senior-level executive professionals who are seeking a new career. For those interested in attending the Charleston BENG Chapter Meeting, contact Cathey Petkash, cpetkash@frannet.com. You may register for the meeting at http://bengcharleston.

# **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.

Free classes. Tuesday & Friday 8:30-9:30 am at Providence Baptist Church. Call Gwen at 843-718-5454 for information.

### **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.

### GROUP RUN/WALK

Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am from Pierce Park Pavilion: Enjoy a 3-mile walk or run along the Wando River and share your thoughts and input with the Daniel Island News' writers and advertising execu-

### **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, 843-884-1484, or Kay Uhler, 843-971-1445, 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 - 843-654-6289 or email Sheila underwood@suntrust.com. RSVP is required.

### **TOASTMASTERS**

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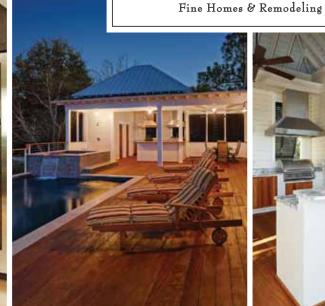
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# **Daniel Island Families: Meet the Patterson Family**

### **KATE MAAS**

Our next stop in the Daniel Island Families series is the Patterson Family of Village Crossing Drive. Meet parents Michael and Sarah; their children Will and Hannah, rising 8th and 4th grades, respectively, at the Daniel Island School; and Charlie, the family dog. We sat down with the family (minus Hannah away at Girl Scout camp) in the cheerful kitchen of their beautiful new house in the Edgefield Park neighborhood of Daniel Island.

# CAN YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY, AND WHERE YOU'RE FROM ORIGINALLY?

Sarah Patterson: Michael and I both grew up in the same town in Virginia and went to rival high schools. But we didn't actually meet until we got to college, when we were introduced by mutual friends. I went to Virginia Commonwealth College and Michael did his undergraduate at James Madison, then his law degree at Regent University.

# WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO MOVE TO DANIEL ISLAND?

SP: After we got married and had kids, I saw an ad for Daniel Island in Coastal Living Magazine, where you could send away for a free DVD to learn more about the community. After Michael and I watched it, I said to him, "We just have to see this place!" The two of us took a road trip down to Charleston to see the island. The very week we returned from our visit, Michael started looking for jobs down here. Once he finally graduated from law school, I said, "Honey, pack your bags. We're moving to Daniel Island."

Michael Patterson: By moving down here, we were able to check off all the boxes: Charleston was a coastal city. It was right near the beach. And it has a unique history that's perfect for a history major like me. Charleston's not "big box." There's stuff here you can't find in any other city. As for Daniel Island, I don't know that I'd ever been to a community that's as unique as this one is. You ride by the Daniel Island School and see, like, 900 bikes, and you ask yourself, who rides their bike to school anymore? A friend of mine told me about a family they knew who decided to move to Daniel Island after seeing all those bikes.

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The Patterson family: Michael, Sarah, Will, Hannah and dog Charlie in front of their new Edgewater Park home.

**MP:** We wanted to be close to Daniel Island School, so the kids could ride their bikes there.

SP: When we moved to Daniel Island, in 2008, we lived in a condo on River Landing Drive before moving into a townhouse on Pierce Street. We knew we wanted to live in a bigger house eventually. After getting a generous offer on the townhouse, we moved to an apartment on Bucksley Lane while we looked for a new house. We just didn't really see anything that we loved.

**MP:** Then our real estate agent suggested building a house. I was really excited. David Weekley was our builder.

**SP:** We tweaked a floor plan to include two master bedrooms - one for my mother who lives with us - and replaced the dining room with a huge open kitchen-living room space for entertaining.

Will Patterson: And my sister and I finally have our own rooms!

**SP:** We never thought we'd be able to have something like this. It's a dream come true. But we've certainly worked hard enough to get to this point.

# WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO?

**MP:** I started out with the Charleston Police Department, working with Team 3.

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# It's a dream come true for the Patterson family

From PATTERSON on PAGE 10

I loved being a police officer. The job was very rewarding. It prepared me for my next job in the Solicitor's office, essentially South Carolina's version of a District Attorney. Now I work in private practice at the law firm of Moore, Ingram, Johnson & Steele LLP on Daniel Island.

**SP:** For the past eight years, I've been working with Dr. Jimmy Smith at Health-Source on River Landing Drive. I've watched his chiropractic business really grow.

# WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO HANG OUT ON DANIEL ISLAND?

**WP:** My house or my friends' houses, playing basketball in someone's driveway. We also play soccer, and football in the winter, in the field behind the school.

**SP:** We like to go to our friends' houses, too. We've made lots of friends here, including the parents of our kids' friends.

**MP:** We also love events on the island, like the Concerts in the Park. The way Daniel Island is set up, you get to take advantage of a lot of opportunities to be outside.

# DO YOU HAVE ANY FAVORITE RESTAURANTS ON OR OFF THE ISLAND?

**MP:** We like to go as a family to Agave and Wasabi here on the island.

**WP:** My favorite place is Daniel Island Grill - it's got good food and sports.

# WHAT'S FOR DINNER AT THE PATTERSON HOUSE TONIGHT?

**SP:** Leftovers. We had friends over last night so we'll finish what's left of the BBQ chicken and pasta salad.

# DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL FAMILY TRADITIONS?

**SP:** We like to explore, so we take a lot of trips to coastal places within a four-hour drive, like Amelia Island in Florida and St. Simon's Island in Georgia.

**MP:** We also spend a week every August at Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire. We usually add on another seaside town just before we get there, like New York City or Boston.

**WP:** I like that there's different kinds of food at every place we visit. I tried the shrimp at St. Simon's Island. It was pretty good, but it could have used some ketchup.

# WHAT ARE YOU READING RIGHT NOW? WHAT TV SHOWS OR MOVIES WOULD YOU SUGGEST?

WP: My dad has gotten me into the Inheritance Series, about Eragon the dragon rider. It's sort of an alternate history, like Lord of the Rings. As for movies, I just saw the sequels to Now You See Me and Independence Day. Finding Dory was a good movie, too. It's great to enjoy a sequel to a Disney movie I liked when I was much younger.



KATE MAA

Will and Sarah enjoying some playtime with family dog Charlie in the backyard.

MP: I read constantly and listen to books on tape when I'm driving. Right now I'm reading - and listening to - action/thriller books by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. I also love Clive Cussler, Steve Berry and Game of Thrones. I think I've read that series three times.

**SP:** Michael and I enjoy getting into a good TV series, like House of Cards.

MP: And action movies like Iron Man, and Transformers. As Will mentioned, we just saw Independence Day 2. It's not quite as good as the first one, but it's still a fun movie. WHAT'S THE BEST ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?

**MP:** As Sarah always says to me, "Don't let life pass you by." I listen to her now. I always tended to work a lot, and kept putting off fun things that I wanted to do with my family. Nowadays, I take more time off to be with them.

**WP:** My dad tells me to overachieve. Even if there's a pre-set limit on how much you need to do to achieve success, dad says that it's important to go beyond that limit and do as much as you can.

# IF YOU COULD CHOOSE THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR LIFE ON DANIEL ISLAND, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

**MP:** Living. The. Dream. **SP:** We feel very blessed.



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# Gamers need to be aware of dangers around them

From POKEMAN on PAGE 02

robbed as gamers use the lure feature to bring people to unsafe locations. Both Arlington National Cemetery and the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. have had to ask people not to play the game on their property. And local governments have even had to post warning signs on roadways to remind drivers to not play Pokémon Go while driving.

It's become clear that gamers need to be aware of the dangers around them as they enjoy the game. Nintendo agrees. As soon as you turn on the app, it warns the players to look out

and be aware of their surroundings. If you do play this exciting new game, police advise you to try to play it with others instead of wondering around alone.

Pokémon Go has a broad appeal to all ages. Island resident Alesya Macatol and her two daughters, Maribelle (age seven), and Dorothy (age four), have found a way to spend family time together while playing the game. Both the girls like the game because you "don't have to stay in the house to play it" and because they

get to "see actual landmarks."

As for the potential dangers, Alesya Macatol said, "I think as long as you use the same rules (as other apps) and use common sense, then you are fine." This family loves the interactive nature of the game and, while they love playing it, the only downfall they see is that the phone's battery drains very quickly!

According to the Wall Street Journal, Nintendo, the maker of Pokémon Go, saw its stock value double, growing by more than seven billion dollars just one week after introducing the new game.

Suzanne Detar also contributed to this article.



Local governments have warned drivers not to play Pokémon Go and Drive. This photo was taken on a highway in Los Angeles, California



Jackson Hammett engages in a Pokémon battle on his phone app while walking with his family through Smythe Park



This Pokémon appeared at a local eatery.





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# **Leadership Essentials: Communicating with Clarity**



management moment

**Doug Dickerson** 

The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said. - Peter Drucker

A worker asked for a pay raise and got this note back from his supervisor: "Because of the fluctuation predisposition of your position's productive capacity as juxtaposed to standard norms, it would be momentarily injudicious to advocate your requested increment." The puzzled worker went to the supervisor and said, "Is this about my pay raise I don't get?"

"That's right," said the supervisor.

As a leader, one of the most important skills you will develop is communication. Unfortunately, it's becoming one of the hardest skills to develop. The reasons for this vary. On the bright side, technology has increased our ability to communicate like never before. On the down side, conversational and social skills have waned because we prefer to text or send an email- thus avoiding actual human interaction.

Communicating with clarity is important for you as a leader. Those you lead don't need to be like the man in the story above trying to figure out what you are saying. Here are a few simple guidelines to keep in mind going forward.

# KEEP IT SIMPLE

Avoid as much as possible all the fancy corporate jargon. Keep it simple. Your goal here is not to impress people with your vocabulary but to inspire your team with your words and actions.

### **KEEP IT PITHY**

Don't waste your people's time with neverending meetings and chasing proverbial rabbits. The longer things drag out, the more your people tune out. Have an objective, stick to it, and get going.

# BE TRANSPARENT

Nothing will endear your people to you more than being open and honest about where you are personally, where things are as an organization, and by reminding your people of the vision and the role they play in fulfilling it. **BE INCLUSIVE** 

Clarity is essential throughout your organization. As the leader, you need to make sure everyone knows your heart and that you have their backs, and that they have all the knowledge and information they need to be success-

# KNOW WHEN TO SPEAK, AND SPEAK ON PURPOSE

When communicating with your people it is important that you have a reason and purpose behind it. What you say and how you say it is important. What a team member "hears" and interprets may be very different from what is said and meant. Before you speak, think it through and put yourself in their shoes.

### KNOW WHEN TO SHUT UP

I've saved the most important for last. Clarity comes to us best not when we are speaking but when we are listening. The most powerful communication skill you have is your silence and your open mind. It is when you listen to your people that you have your greatest moments of clarity. Someone once said, "God gave you two ears and one mouth for a reason." That's great advice.

Communicating with clarity is essential to your success as a leader. Use these guidelines as starting points and build upon them. Your success as a leader depends upon it.

What tips would you add?

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But even with all the options available, many moms are in a panic at the end of the school year asking, "What are my kids going to do all summer?" Luckily, they don't have to look very far to find some awesome summer camps for the kids to participate in. Take a look at all the fun camps that have happened over the past six weeks...



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Fun at Splash Zone



The boys visit "Vietnam" at the Yorktown



Girls rule at Bee City



Three heads are better than one at Isle of **Palms Beach** 

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It's one thing to know what a trumpet looks like ... it's quite another to hold it in your hand, learn the history and parts, and play it for friends! Campers are introduced to over twenty instruments ranging from flute to trombone, banjo to mandolin, guitar to drums! Special attention is paid to the "big three:" guitar, drums, and piano.



Pictured here are scenes from Black Tie Music Academy's "Instrument Petting Zoo" summer camp.

These works were produced by students at Bishop England Art Camp June 20-24. The theme for the camp was "The Artist's Eye".





Ceramic sculptures by Reagan (age 11) and **Nicholas** (age 11)



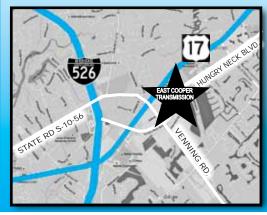


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When fishing top water, I spend a lot of time simply looking at shallow areas one to five feet deep. Often times, Redfish and Trout will give themselves away by chasing finger mullet or shrimp on the surface. This tells me where to fish and what lure to cast. If predators are feeding on finger mullet, I opt to use a Lucky Craft Sammy 100 or Rapala Skitterwalk SW8. If Redfish and Trout are focused on shrimp, it is hard to beat a smaller profile lure like a Lucky Craft Sammy 65. Over the past several days, the fish have been eating shrimp.

Cast your lure of choice towards any sign of feeding activity. Let it settle on the surface for a few seconds and then give it a slight twitch. This will often trigger a crushing surface strike. If the lure goes unnoticed, be-



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Greg Peralta catches a post thunderstorm Redfish.

gin a slow twitch, twitch and pause retrieve. When the strike occurs, wait until you feel the weight of the fish to set the hook. Speaking of hooks, I smash down the barbs on all my top water lure hooks. This makes it much easier to unhook the fish (and occasionally myself).

Late summer in the Lowcountry can be brutally hot. If you fish after thunderstorms, you will be more comfortable and probably catch more fish.

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# Flying Fish stay focused, earn third place in rain delayed City Meet

### PHILIP M. BOWMAN

Remember that song from the 1970s that touched on thunder and lightning; the one that urged us to "knock, knock on wood?"

That just might be the Daniel Island Flying Swim Team's song after the conclusion of the 49th annual Coastal Carolina Aquatic Association's City Meet which began on Friday and concluded Sunday.

There were two delays that lasted a combined five hours with heavy rain, thunder, and lightning. The first occurred Friday night and the second came on Sunday, forcing the finale from a 2 p.m. to a 5 p.m. start. The Flying Fish may have been out of the water, but they weren't over their heads when competition resumed. They swam better than ever, and claimed a third-place finish in the 19-team meet that showcased approximately 1,000 swimmers.

"(Sunday) night, we swam fantastic," Daniel Island coach Rose Van Metre said. "I'll tell you whatever it was, it brought out the best in us."

Van Metre said swimmers lose their focus during long delays and talk and think about any and everything but swimming.

"You expect problems because you want them focused, not inactive," Van Metre said. "But we're a close-knit team and everybody gets along. They talk to each other. They support each other. They will do whatever it takes."

Van Metre said the swimmers spent the delays



ROBERT CONLEY

# Daniel Island's Jack Doty gets a quick start off the blocks.

either under a tent or in cars. And the waiting can cause the athletes to tire. Waiting can cause fatigue.

Snee Farm collected 3,004.5 points to win the three-day meet, which was contested at Crowfield Golf and Country Club. Snee Farm has now won three straight city titles and 29 overall.

Coosaw Creek was second with 2,801 points and Daniel Island was third with 2,397.5. Newington claimed fourth with 2226.0 and Hobcaw checked in at No. 5 with 2099.0.

The Flying Fish were in sixth place when their youngest group of swimmers made waves. Their efforts helped catapult the team. Then it was time for the older swimmers to shine; they



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Annalise Hafner steps up to the block in the girls 15-18 year old freestyle relay.

helped the Flying Fish capture third place.

"The little kids put us in third place and the older kids helped keep us there. It was a case of every kid counted. Everyone who scored mattered," Van Metre said.

The Flying Fish collected four gold medals in the swim meet. Ethan Griffith, Ellie Chalupsky, Matthew Doty, and the girls 9-10 year-old 200 freestyle relay team were the best in their events.

Griffith won the boys' 11-12 age group 100yard individual medley. He also claimed second in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Chalupsky won the 7-8 girls' 25-yard back-

stroke while Doty claimed the top spot in the 9-10 boys' age group 50-yard breaststroke and was second in the 100-yard individual medley.

Merrit Zieminick had two silver finishes. She was second in the girls' 9-10 age group in the 50-yard freestyle and second in the 50-yard backstroke.

Jill Smiley was second in the girls' 11-12 age group in the 100 individual medley while Justin Hafner was second in the boys' 9-10 age group in the 50-yard freestyle.

The girls' 7-8 age group was second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

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# Berkeley County budgets approved

Tax bills to feature enhanced transparency

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Both Berkeley County government and the Berkeley County School District have approved new budgets for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. One group elected to raise taxes and the other did not.

The \$258.8 million school district budget includes a 4 mill tax hike on non-owner occupied properties, according to a district press release. One mill is equal to approximately 1/10 of a cent. The increase, which is expected to generate approximately \$5.9 million in new revenue for the district, will not impact owner-occupied homes.

Board Chairman Jim Hayes said there were many factors that led to the Board's decision to approve the increase – including getting teacher and bus driver salaries in line with surrounding districts and tackling the district's high growth rate of 700 to 1,000 students per year. The influx of new students requires more teachers, support personnel, resources, and facilities, Hayes added.

"Contrary to popular belief, the state does not cover the per pupil cost entirely," he said. "At present time we receive 75 percent of what the state mandated for 2009-10 school year in funds per pupil."

Another reason cited by Hayes for the hike was the fact that the district is "still playing catch-up from the economic downturn a few years ago," during which time the district left many positions unfilled in an attempt to save money. That, in turn, caused classroom numbers to increase, he said.

The pending opening of new schools, including three new facilities off Clements Ferry Road to serve Daniel Island and Cainhoy area students, was also a factor in the Board's decision.

"Bond referendum money is not used to cover the cost of startup," added Hayes. "Since there are no students at the new schools, we have no money to cover the support staff that must get everything ready for the first day for students. Supplies, equipment, and staff must be on hand anywhere from one year to six months to get the school ready."

Included in the district's 2016-2017 budget is \$10.86 million for improvements in employee compensation; \$3.37 million for

additional teachers to address anticipated student growth; \$3.62 million to open and operate Philip Simmons Elementary, Middle, and High Schools; and \$2.74 million to fund critical student and teacher support personnel, including psychologists, social workers, instructional technologists, and nurses. Additionally, more than \$500,000 has been set aside to provide support for students in the district's highest poverty rural schools.

"There are many low and unfunded mandates that come down from the state level every year," added Hayes. "On the state level we are ranked 64th in per pupil spending and 25th in achievement. I think we tax payers are getting a lot for our investment in our students and schools in Berkeley County."

Berkeley County School Board Member Mac McQuillin was one of three Board representatives to oppose the tax increase.

"I voted against the tax increase because I was not comfortable that the maximum amount of our tax dollars were being used to support students and teachers in the classroom." said McOuillin, a Daniel Island resident. "I believe we can do more to ensure that students and teachers are the main beneficiaries."

As one reason for his disapproval of the tax increase, McQuillin cited the Board's recent decision to restore Old Berkeley High School, a condemned building in Moncks Corner, for a new boardroom.

"I do not believe that spending millions of dollars on a new boardroom, as opposed to classrooms, is a wise use of our tax dollars," he said. "There is no question we need funds to build new schools, attract the best teachers, and improve educational experiences for our children. However, I see little to no direct benefit to students and teachers from spending millions of dollars on a new boardroom."

McQuillin also noted that he does support certain items in the budget, such as teacher salary increases and funding for the opening of the new Philip Simmons' schools.

The Berkeley County Council also recently passed a 2016-2017 budget, approving the spending of some \$70 million on government operations and services, including a provision to increase mosquito abatement staff and resources. Councilman Josh Whitley of Daniel Island said he was "extremely pleased" with the budget and

# New budgets approved

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the fact that council elected not to increase taxes.

"We amended it, for the first time in history that folks are aware of, 29 times to make sure it includes the things we wanted to see addressed," added Whitley. "...We cut millions in spending while increasing our Sheriff protection and his budget, which includes a new community action deputy in our district...We also set aside money so that we can properly compensate our employees and retain them...I am very positive about this budget, and that we didn't raise taxes."

That's significant, continued Whitley, particularly because the district's primary source of revenue is ad valorem taxes, which are levied based on the value of property.

"When the County and School District tax one's property, home, car or boat, it's not an equal flat tax," he said. "It's based on value of property. Our properties on Daniel Island are so much higher than most in the rest of the county that we end up paying a disproportionate share...It was very important to me, as County Councilman for District 2, that before we ever raise taxes, we squeeze

blood out of a turnip, and we did."

When Berkeley County residents receive their tax bills this October, they will also see new information intended to improve transparency. According to Whitley, Council voted unanimously to add to the bills the names and phone numbers of all Berkeley County School District representatives who voted in favor of the four mills tax increase.

"It's called the Transparency Amendment and it applies to both County Council and the School District," stated Whitley. "Whoever raises millage will have to answer for that tax increase. It could be well justified, but it shows transparency. When elected officials raise taxes they need to be accountable."

"I am not concerned with what County Council feels they must do to make themselves feel good" said Hayes, when asked for his reaction to Council's decision. "...I have a job to do for the schools and from what I see, the School District is looking good. By the way, all school board members' names and phone numbers are already on the district website for anyone to see."

"I am always in favor of transparency," added McQuillin. "However, I was unaware of Council's decision at the time I voted against the budget. It did not play a role in my vote."

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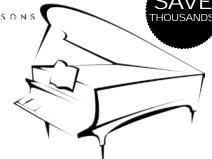




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# Library entrance gets a facelift

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It's been three years in the works and now it's complete. The Friends of the Library Committee recently finished an on-going project revitalizing the grounds of the Berkeley County Library on Daniel Island. Improvements include three new benches with slate pavers underneath, large decorative planters, and many new

plantings.

"It has been a labor of love," commented Vicky Danzinger, who headed up the effort. We are very proud of it!"

The volunteers have worked for the past several years sprucing up the garden area by adding shade plants, such as ferns and other leafy plants, plus adding color with azaleas and camellias. With the help of an additional drip line, the already existing irrigation system has greatly improved,

allowing the committee to maintain the garden area all year.

The upgrades were funded with monies raised from the annual Daniel Island Harvest Tour of Homes and with the assistance of a grant from the Daniel Island Community Fund.

"Credit needs to be given to the entire committee, who have worked tirelessly to complete this project," added Danzinger. "It's a dream come true!"



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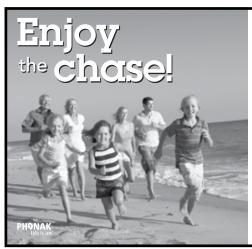
New slate pavers were installed in an area between the library and Daniel Island Drive. This path is often used as a short-cut for kids.



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# The best thing you ate all month

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Sometimes the best places to eat are often the hardest to find. So it is with Congress in Mount Pleasant, a rustic-chic eatery serving casual New American small plates, mains, and cocktails in charming quarters. Located at 1035 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard, reader Jo Cooper reports, "This gem is tucked in the plaza off Anna Knapp Boulevard. It may be hard to find, but it is worth the effort."

Cooper raved about the Ceviche Verde poached shrimp-lime-tomatillo-habanero-creamy avocado-grilled pineapple at \$13: "Trust me when it says habanero. It sneaks up on you and makes a great addition to the dish.'

But, according to Cooper, the Gnocchi was the real showstopper, "The chef sent out an amuse bouche of house-made gnocchi-potato-brown

Jo Cooper dishes on Congress (and it's not political)







Left: The house-made gnocchi was presented on a serving spoon. Center: The Ceviche Verde-poached Shrimp-lime-tomatillo-habanero-creamy avocado-grilled pineapple. Right: Seasonal Fish dish of tuna-romesco-swiss chard-butterbeans-baby carrots-pea tendrils.

butter-toasted breadcrumbs-prosciutto crisp. This tagliatelle was excellent, too. It had several types ate all month? was presented on a serving spoon. It was the best gnocchi I have ever tasted. It had an ample amount of sauce and breadcrumbs, which created cause they were "pleasantly stuffed," noting that a delicious sampling. This was an unexpected addition to our meal."

Congress also offers an assortment of specials. On the night the Coopers went, the specials were atmosphere was welcoming and modern. The House-made Tagliatelle with mushrooms and parmigiano-reggiano and a Seasonal Fish dish of tuna-romesco-swiss chard-butterbeans-baby carrots-pea tendrils. "We had a difficult time deciding which special was the best. The tuna was the ideal pink cold center that makes it best. The swiss chard added the perfect paring. The

of mushrooms so I didn't miss not having meat."

The Coopers didn't even consider dessert bethe size of the appetizer and entree was "generous and plenty."

Would they return? Most definitely. "The wait staff was attentive and professional. I would definitely return. This would be a great place to take clients to show one of our many well-kept secrets in Charleston."

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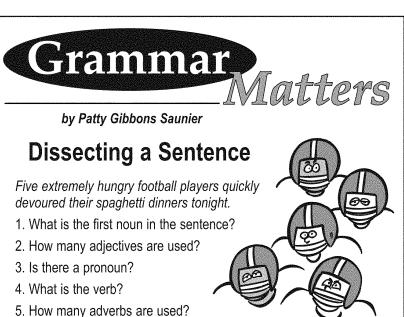
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