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DI property crucial to Ports Authority for harbor deepening, maintenance

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Dirt has been moving on Daniel Island for centuries. That's certainly nothing new.

First it was for the settlement of the island's earliest families and the growing of crops. More recently, over the past 25 years or so, it's been for the construction of new homes for the present day community.

The landscape on the island's southern tip, below residential development, has continued to evolve since the Army Corps of Engineers began utilizing the property in the 1950s as a dredge spoil area under a lease from former owner Harry Frank Guggenheim, according to the book "Daniel Island" by Michael K. Dahlman and Michael K. Dahlman Jr. The South Carolina Ports Authority (SCPA) ended up purchasing over 1,300 acres several decades later and retains ownership of the property today.

As work on new communities on the island pushed to the development's southern borders over the last couple of years, the SCPA's activities have become more visible to residents. Machines are on the move on the property, clearing land and shifting dirt,



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A resident whose property overlooks the Wando River on Smythe Street took this photo, which depicts a scow (similar to a barge) and a tugboat. The equipment is being used to support the dredging process for the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project.

prompting some nearby residents to ask questions about what's planned for the area.

The Daniel Island News reached out to port officials to learn more. According to Liz Crumley, manager of corporate communications for the SCPA, the work is part of ongoing dredging activities needed for port operations. Crumley provided a map

detailing the main areas under port ownership on Daniel Island (see graphic on page 8), including a 1,000-acre parcel that covers the lower third of the island. Within that space are four separate disposal areas. Two of those "cells" are used by the Army Corps of Engineers through a long-term lease as part of the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project,

and the other two are used by the SCPA for maintenance dredging.

"All four areas are constantly in a state of being used for disposal, or maintained for future dike raisings," she stated. "Area residents may see ongoing work from time to time, including clearing and grubbing of trees and other invasive vegetation, dikes being raised along the perimeter, and other earth work."

Much of the current activity is directly related to the harbor deepening project, a massive undertaking that involves deepening the entrance channel to the harbor to 54 feet and the inner harbor to 52 feet.

A third contract for the overall project, which is expected to be completed in 2021, was awarded by the corps to Norfolk Dredging Co. last August. It covers the Lower Harbor to Wando Welch Terminal (located on the Mount Pleasant side of the Wando River) and involves the removal of more than 11 million cubic yards of material.

Other port navigation improvements slated for the waters off the Daniel Island coastline include widening the turning basin

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**PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH
IN-PERSON GRADUATION JUNE 18**

Berkeley County School District will host in-person graduation ceremonies on high school campuses in June. District administration adjusted the graduation schedule and venues in order to provide a meaningful experience for graduating seniors with guidelines in place to ensure the health and safety of those in attendance.

Philip Simmons High School will hold its ceremony at 9 a.m., Thursday, June 18, at Philip Simmons Stadium.

Safety precautions will be strictly enforced, with each graduate allowed four ticketed guests. Seating will be designated and pre-measured to meet social distancing guidelines. Attendees will be expected to remain in their designated seating area until the conclusion of the ceremony.

The graduation ceremonies will be live streamed via a variety of different methods, which will be announced closer to the date.

For more information on all the safety precautions and the schedule for other Berkeley County schools, go to bcsd-schools.net/bcsdgc2020.



ELIZABETH BUSH

Banners with photos of Philip Simmons High School seniors were posted along Point Hope Parkway.

**COUNTY OFFICES
REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Berkeley County returned to normal operations May 18, with all county government buildings resuming normal operations and reopening to the public on Wednesday, May 20.

Several departments will have acrylic glass barriers between employees and the public. While visiting county offices, the public is also encouraged to use personal protective equipment and practice

social distancing.

The county continues to work with local, state and federal officials to monitor COVID-19 cases. For details on office hours and restrictions, go to berkeleycountysc.gov/covid19/.

DANIEL ISLAND POOLS REOPEN

The three Daniel Island Community Association (DICA) pools — Scott Park, Pierce Park and Edgefield Park — reopened May 18 under the regulations issued by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Numerous modifications to normal operations and procedures are in place, including:

- Reduced occupancy to 20% of capacity (30 residents per pool) at a time due to social distancing recommendations. Residents will have to make a reservation in order to enter any of the three DICA pools. To manage the volume of residents, they will book their swim time through the “CourtReserve” app or online software.
- Pool visits will be limited to two-hour shifts. Cleaning of the area will take place in between the shifts.
- The 2020 Daniel Island Summer Swim Camp has been canceled. Swim lessons, water aerobics, pool parties,

and all swim team practices remained suspended temporarily.

For details on safety restrictions, making reservations and other information about using the pools, go to danielisland.com/community/announcements/.

**SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
FUND SEEKS GRANT APPLICANTS**

The Charleston Scientific and Cultural Education Fund supports and encourages scientific, cultural and artistic pursuits in a wide variety of fields of study and experience. Grant awards ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 were made to a number of individuals in 2019.

Applications are being accepted for the 2020 program. An applicant must be a native-born South Carolinian between the ages of 21 and 60. Grants are for one year only, but previous grant recipients are eligible to apply for additional funding.

Application forms may be obtained from Tamme Suggs at Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., P. O. Box 340, Charleston, SC 29402 or by email at tsuggs@hsblawfirm.com. The deadline for application requests is June 15 and must be submitted by July 1. Awards are expected to be announced by July 31.

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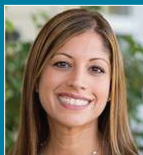
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It's time to adjust to the next new normal



from the
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SUZANNE DETAR

Elections, events and life on the water continue

These last few weeks — the weeks that represent life since coronavirus entered our lexicon, homes, and business lives — created a new normal. And, as we begin reopening businesses and government services again, it's time to readjust to the next new normal that exists somewhere between before COVID-19 and after the stay-at-home orders — our ever-changing COVID-19 world.

At the paper, we continue to have our editors, writers, graphic artists and salespeople work mainly from home in an effort to do our part to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect ourselves and our families. At the same time, we

are committed to reporting and producing the news each week. We delivered the news through the shutdown and we will deliver the news through this stage of change.

ELECTIONS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As we all transition, some things do remain the same. For example, elections and campaigning continue to be an important part of our civic life. The paper continues to report on candidates and elections and to run letters to the editor concerning elections and other issues. We also continue to adhere to a policy to promote a lively but respectful debate in our letters section. Please note that if you want to submit a letter to the editor regarding the candidates in the June 9 primary, the last day to submit a letter is May 24. It is our policy not to print letters to the editor concerning candidates in the paper's edition immediately preceding an election. After the May 28 edition, we will not publish letters relating to the June 9 election.

SAVE THE DATE

Transitioning back to a more active island also

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includes bringing back an updated events calendar — our "Save the Date" section. Please let our editor, Boots Gifford, know about your save the date items so we can bring that information back to the paper. You can send those items to boots@thedanielislandnews.com. And if your organization formerly had been included in the list of regularly scheduled meetings, please complete this survey to be reinstated: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/58Z9P9G>.

INFORMATIVE AND ENGAGING FEATURES

Finally, exploring the waterways, especially in and around Daniel Island and the Cainhoy peninsula, is one of the blessings and joys of living in the Lowcountry during the warmer months of the year. Our features this week continue our longstanding tradition of delivering informative and engaging articles that highlight community water access, boating and fishing fun, as well as dredging and commercial impacts on our waterways. Also, water safety is of prime importance, now more than ever. In addition to using water access points, piers and beaches in a manner to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, remember to practice smart water safety. You will find articles relating to these issues and more in this week's paper.

Let's adjust to the next new normal together.

What are your most remarkable traits?



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STEVE FERBER

Are you agreeable? Conscientious? Open to experience?

Do you consider yourself an introvert, an extrovert, or perhaps an ambivert?

One hundred years ago the first wave of personality tests reached the marketplace, providing us with a new tool by which to answer the most urgent of questions: Who am I? What makes me unique? How do I appear to others?

There now are dozens, if not hundreds, of personality tests on the market and they surely serve a purpose — helping lovers find a mate, employers find a fit, psychologists find solutions. Above all, these tests help us recognize, and acknowledge, the differences between us.

But there are dangers in taking

their results to heart. Explains Melissa Block, writing for NPR: "On the one hand, believing that there is something innate or essential about who you are means that you don't have to apologize for who you are ... On the other hand, I think it can make you feel like you don't have to take responsibility for changing."

Personality and behavior are not fixed, they change throughout our lives. Defined patterns persist, no doubt, but human beings are not static creatures. We change with the times, we're shaped by the company we keep and we grow from our successes and failures.

Said personality researcher Brian Little, in a 2016 TED Talk: "Are we just a bunch of traits? No, we're not. Remember, you're like some other people and like no other person." Little, an unapologetic introvert, adds: "I'm uncomfortable putting people in pigeonholes. I don't even think pigeons belong in pigeonholes. So what is it that makes us different?"

It's the doings that we have in our life — the personal projects. These are free traits. What are these free traits? They're where we enact a script in order to advance a core project in our lives. And they are what matters. Don't ask people what type you are; ask them, "What are your core projects in your life?" And we enact those free traits. I'm an introvert, but I have a core project, which is to profess. I'm a professor."

For those who enjoy personality tests, and I do, I'd recommend the Big Five, which enjoys both consistency and reproducibility. Writing for fivethirtyeight.com, Maggie Koerth and Julia Wolfe explain: "The Big Five doesn't put people into neat personality 'types,' because that's not how personalities really work. Instead, the quiz gives you a score on five different traits: extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness, negative emotionality and openness to experience. For each of those traits, you're graded on a scale from

0 to 100, depending on how strongly you associate with that trait. So, for example, this quiz won't tell you whether you're an extrovert or an introvert — instead, it tells you your propensity toward extraversion."

Beyond the Big Five, you might enjoy the unique "Fascination Personality Test" which, instead of measuring "how you see the world," tells you "how the world sees you," according to their website. The site notes: "If you've already done a test such as Myers-Briggs or DiSC or StrengthsFinder, you have a point of view on the way you see things. But with the Fascination Personality Test, you'll see yourself through the eyes of your clients and co-workers."

Personally, I've taken dozens of personality tests (many of them, multiple times). I enjoy them, they allow me to reflect on how I perceive, and interact with, the outside world.

So the next time you think to yourself: "Well, that's just the way I am," keep in mind that if something feels amiss, the capacity to change lives inside you.

There is power and beauty in evolution.

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SCPA dredging activities are related to the harbor deepening project

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of the Wando River from 1,400 feet to 1,650 feet, allowing two 14,000-TEU-and-above container ships to easily pass one another and turn around near the Wando Welch Terminal without restrictions.

“Dredging and disposal of dredged material is vital to ensuring container ships can safely access our terminals,” noted Crumley. “This land at the southern end of Daniel Island has been used for decades to keep our harbor safe for navigation... Work will always occur there, periodically and as needed.”

Aside from the dredge disposal sites, the SCPA also owns several other parcels on Daniel Island. A 135-acre tract of port land on the Cooper River side is under investigation to be used as a Saltwater Mitigation Bank, added Crumley. Another 50 acres is under a long-term lease with the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. And there is a 106-acre site currently up for sale on the island’s western side known as The North Island Tract, which includes 37 acres of highland.

“We can’t share any details until the sale is final,” said Crumley, when asked if the port has received any offers yet on the property.



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This map depicts areas on Daniel Island under ownership by the South Carolina Ports Authority. The large brown shaded area is 1,000 acres actively used for managing dredge materials. The darker blue area is a 135-acre site under study for use as a Saltwater Wetland Mitigation Bank. In green is a 50-acre parcel that is under a long-term lease by the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The shaded turquoise area is a 37-acre tract, known as North Island, that is currently for sale by the ports authority and is part of an 106-acre parcel situated between Seven Farms Drive and the Cooper River.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For additional information on the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project and dredge disposal, please check the following resources:

Army Corps of Engineers:

sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Charleston-Harbor-Post-45/

“Where Does the Mud Go?”

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MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

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For almost 15 years, Dr. Brian Widenhouse, M.D., has run a second office on Daniel Island. "My wife and I raised our family on Daniel Island, and our children attended school on Daniel Island. Lexi, 20, attended the Daniel Island Academy, or 'Dandelion Academy' as she referred to it, during the first year it opened. Our son, Cristian, 24, transferred to the Daniel Island School in its inaugural year. Both are graduates of Bishop England High

School. So, an office on Daniel Island was an obvious choice," said Widenhouse.

During the COVID-19 crisis, extra precautions and adjustments were made for added safety. "We have secured personal protection equipment (PPE) and are limiting the number of patients in the office at any given time. We are offering consultations by telephone and corresponding with patients via telephone, text and email," explained Widenhouse.

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Dr. Brian Widenhouse, M.D., provides personalized attention to every client at Port City Plastic Surgery. He and his staff are committed to helping patients feel good about themselves.

Port City to grow tremendously over the years. We are very proud of that and appreciate our patients for thinking of us," said Widenhouse.

Port City's reputation for excellence often brings in patients from out of state to receive care.

Amy* has been a patient for four years and drives from North Carolina to see Widenhouse. "Dr. Widenhouse and his staff are amazing; they take time with you and make you feel completely comfortable with any procedure or consultation you may have They listen to what it is you want and of course make suggestions if needed, but they do not push other services on you."

Another patient, Rebecca*, immediately clicked with Dr. Widenhouse. "First off, he knows exactly what you are saying; the consultation was to-the-moon friendly," she said.

More information about Port City Plastic Surgery can be found on Facebook, Instagram @PortCityPlasticSurgery, and online at portcityplasticsurgery.com.

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Young entrepreneurs find ways to clean up while footing the bills

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Last month during the coronavirus crisis, two new businesses were launched by young Daniel Island entrepreneurs. Daniel Island Mobile Car Wash and CHS Customs found opportunity amid the pandemic.

Daniel Island Mobile Car Wash is run by the four Dennis brothers who grew up and live on Daniel Island. Alex, 20; Thad, 18; Charlie, 15; and Mattie, 12, are all avid soccer players. They combined forces after the pandemic sidelined school and soccer to earn money and help out the community.

Alex came up with the idea to bring a mobile car cleaning service to the island while waiting in a long line at the local drive-through car wash.

"I came home, created a Facebook page and went and bought a \$100 worth of materials. I asked my brothers if they wanted to join and that was that," explained Alex.

Daniel Island Mobile Car Wash already has a loyal following and rave reviews. Customer Gabe Jolly was impressed with their work ethic. "These boys were obviously raised properly. Very respectful, on time, and did a fantastic job. I will 100% use them again," he said.

Theresa Dennis is incredibly proud of her sons. "With the recent tragedy of their father passing, this business shows his spirit is alive in their hearts, their work ethic, and their ability to create new relationships. They strive to live their best life each day as that is all we really have ... I fully support their dreams as there are many other things they could choose to do with their time besides serving others and creating a business for our community that we love," she said.

The boys' father, Charles Dennis, 49, passed away in October 2018 after a fatal car accident.

Daniel Island resident Cathy Leeke appreciates the brothers' camaraderie and the convenience of having her car cleaned in the comfort of her own driveway. "I was very happy with their work. I was especially happy to see them work as a team, letting the younger guys ask questions and learn."



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

The Dennis brothers — from left, Thad, Alex, Mattie, and Charlie — combined forces to create a mobile car wash on Daniel Island.

The brothers are enjoying running a business together.

"Working with your brothers is fun. It is a very competitive workplace because all of us want to prove that we did a better job than the other person. The only hard part is understanding that when someone is critical of your work, you have to remember to take it professionally and not personally," said Alex.

Appointments can be booked through their Facebook page or Instagram @danielislandmobilecarwash.

Philip Simmons High School freshman Wilson Brookes started CHS Customs when the coronavirus shut down school and socializing. The original idea to redesign people's plain shoes came to Wilson right before the school closures.

"I was sitting in my art class one day at school and just thought about the idea of painting custom shoes," he said. "I didn't officially start my business until I completed two pairs of shoes, which was in April after school was canceled. I had more time to paint during the quarantine, so I figured it would be a good time to start my business."

His mother, Catherine Brookes, knew her son's business was the perfect creative outlet during the stay-at-home order. And

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Local business-savvy youth capitalize on creativity

From ENTREPRENEURS on PAGE 10



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CHS Customs, founded by local teen Wilson Brookes, creates original designs on sneakers.

she’s not surprised her son is able to balance schoolwork, basketball training, and running his shoe business.

“Wilson has always been creative and artistic and continues to take art classes in high school. And once he sets his mind on something, it is hard to stop him,” she said.

After seeing a CHS Customs creation, Daniel Island resident Amy Jimenez knew she wanted to upgrade her sneakers with one of Wilson’s original designs.

“I always love supporting young entre-

preneurs because they are thinking outside the box, looking for ways to be creative and make money at the same time! My shoes turned out amazing and people are floored when they find out a high school freshman made them,” she said.

Depending on the design, the cost ranges between \$50 and \$100. Customers can place orders by direct messaging Wilson via his Instagram account @_chs_customs_ or email at wabrookes15@gmail.com.

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How to tame the squirrels in leadership



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Leadership has less to do with position than it does disposition. — John Maxwell

Last week, I shared with you my great disdain for squirrels. In case you missed it, I am an avid birder and my backyard is somewhat of a bird sanctuary. That being said, my yard also is a haven for those pesky and unwelcomed squirrels who come and wreak havoc and leave.

Over the years in leadership, I have discovered there are plenty of squirrely characters in the workforce. Yet unlike the squirrels in my yard that can't be tamed, your approach to the various squirrely characters that you come across in leadership is another story.

What are some characteristics of squirrely people in leadership?

To recap the main points from last week: They are self-serving and make decisions based only on what's good for them; they stick together and sow discord since negative people tend to attract negative people in the same way as positive people; they are indecisive and lack direction, vision, and a sense of

purpose. That being said, they drive everyone else crazy.

Finally, they destroy to get what they want and are not team players. Squirrely people are only in it for themselves and they don't care about the consequences of their actions.

So, how do we tame these squirrely people in our organizations? Here are a few thoughts.

TRAIN THEM EARLY AND OFTEN

Leadership development is the key to success for those squirrely members of your team. Having the skill sets to do a job are not necessarily the same as the skill sets needed to be a productive team member. So long as you are content with the squirrely team member simply because they can do their job with a high degree of proficiency but is otherwise a toxic person to be around, then you have some serious leadership gaps to fill.

Don't look the other way when it comes to squirrely behavior because someone can do the job. People who can do the job are a dime a dozen. If they aren't compatible with other team members, they can be replaced. It's on you as the leader to train and help them reach their potential.

HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE

So, you have a squirrely person on your team, now what? As you train and work with this person, hold them accountable for their growth and development. Work with them on a growth plan both personally and professionally. Help them see the connection between the two — how they compliment each other. As they begin to grow and develop in their leadership skills they will gain new confidence and increase their value

to your organization.

When people in your organization have a clear picture of the value that others bring to the table, it creates trust and momentum. When your people trust each other and can create together, it's magical. But each team member has to be valued, trusted, and held accountable.

GIVE THEM MARGINS TO FAIL AND SUCCEED

Let's face it — we may not all be squirrely, but we all have our quirks and pet peeves. I do. But, as we work with those squirrely people in our organizations, let's put their value into perspective.

Not all squirrely people need to be written off. They just need to be given opportunities. And sometimes, like us, they fail, stumble, and get it wrong. But isn't this every successful leader's journey?

Everyone on your team — the squirrely and the quirky — can add value and help move the ball forward. They just need to be given a chance — some grace. Will all of them pan out and remain with you? Perhaps not. But as you train and raise up leaders and hold people accountable, the odds are in their favor if you work hard.

FINAL THOUGHTS

It's been said that leadership is a journey, not a destination. See the journey for what it is — full of opportunities to grow and develop as leaders who make a difference in their world. Embrace the misfits and the squirrely people along the way. There's room for the willing, the accountable, and the teachable.

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April 2020 real estate report

Home sales slow slightly for April



Tricia Peterson

Daniel Island home sales in April were down slightly from previous years, by a little more than \$5.5 million compared to 2019.

Twenty-two homes sold on Daniel Island in April 2020, compared to 25 in 2019. The total sold volume in April was \$17,382,532, compared to \$22,933,229 in 2019. The most expensive home sold was 319 Gunboat Lane in Daniel Island Park for \$1,520,000. The least expensive home sold was a condo at 130 River Landing Drive, Unit 9103, which sold for \$166,590.

As of May 13, there were 175 homes for sale with 115 active

and 60 under contract or pending. The average sales price of a home on Daniel Island for April was \$752,638. “On Daniel Island, we have a three-month inventory of available homes,” said Tricia Peterson of Island House Real Estate. “Last year at this time there was over six months of inventory. A six-month inventory is considered a balanced market so we continue to have an inventory shortage. On average, a home on Daniel Island is shown 10 times prior to going under contract. The average days on market is 14.” Even with these numbers, real estate activity on Daniel Island has remained busy during the pandemic, she noted. *A special thanks to Tricia Peterson with Island House Real Estate for providing information regarding the status of real estate on Daniel Island.*

| Month | DI Homes Sold Per Month | | | | Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| January | 16 | 24 | 14 | 22 | \$8,950,324 | \$18,699,451 | \$10,440,644 | \$15,414,201 |
| February | 15 | 20 | 16 | 23 | \$11,842,213 | \$17,196,963 | \$11,130,138 | \$21,287,233 |
| March | 28 | 37 | 35 | 42 | \$20,556,506 | \$21,881,125 | \$16,666,317 | \$34,525,845 |
| April | 27 | 29 | 25 | 22 | \$15,276,694 | \$21,877,933 | \$22,933,229 | \$17,382,532 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 86 | 110 | 90 | 109 | \$56,625,737 | \$79,655,472 | \$61,170,328 | \$88,609,811 |
| May | 33 | 33 | 38 | | \$26,675,448 | \$25,304,147 | \$33,828,169 | |
| June | 45 | 46 | 45 | | \$27,033,450 | \$35,354,667 | \$33,624,296 | |
| July | 36 | 32 | 30 | | \$28,460,424 | \$28,126,722 | \$21,411,329 | |
| August | 30 | 36 | 39 | | \$18,717,573 | \$27,799,949 | \$27,879,600 | |
| September | 15 | 25 | 26 | | \$11,081,600 | \$21,384,686 | \$20,520,565 | |
| October | 27 | 17 | 24 | | \$19,809,741 | \$13,220,241 | \$16,615,825 | |
| November | 29 | 21 | 22 | | \$18,577,016 | \$16,874,070 | \$18,646,574 | |
| December | 22 | 21 | 31 | | \$17,611,584 | \$17,803,292 | \$29,027,031 | |
| YEAR TOTALS | 345 | 362 | 345 | 109 | \$242,204,157 | \$283,326,538 | \$262,763,717 | \$88,609,811 |

PROPERTIES SOLD IN APRIL 2020

- 2620 Augustus Street - \$780,000

117 Bellinger Street - \$799,900

217 Black Powder Street - \$1,300,000

1225 Blakeway Street #902 - \$270,000

200 Bucksley Lane #308- \$234,900

2213 Daniel Island Drive - \$525,000

283 Delahow Street - \$1,240,000

134 Fairbanks Oak Alley #302 - \$1,025,000

319 Gunboat Lane - \$1,520,000

2604 Josiah Street - \$660,000

1617 Juliana Street - \$725,276
- 1 Lafar Street - \$1,362,600

1608 Oak Leaf Street - \$886,366

125 Pier View Street #409 - \$373,000

145 Pier View Street #405 - \$560,000

1800 Pierce Street - \$530,000

1923 Pierce Street - \$489,900

130 River Landing Drive #9103 - \$166,590

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DI boaters have many options for setting sail

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Excitement is building as construction continues, full speed ahead, at the waterfront area located at the end of River Landing Drive. The new Daniel Island Yacht Club will feature two public docks situated on the Wando River, allowing day docking for planned restaurants and retail establishments in the area.

Improvements are being made to the existing dock while a second dock is under construction. The dock phase of the project is on track and should be completed

by the end of this summer or early fall, said Jane Baker, vice president of community services for the Daniel Island Property Owners Association.

Each dock has designated functions. According to an article published in The Daniel Island News on Feb. 26, Dock One, the existing dock, is being updated to house the Daniel Island Ferry, water sports equipment, and to be special needs accessible. Residents will be able to rent kayaks, paddleboards, and take sailing lessons. There will be a covered pier and a nearby restroom facility, benefiting passengers gathering to board the Daniel Island Ferry. Dock Two will be available for members of the boat club and for day docking. Both docks will be open to the public.

The Waterfront Park will get a makeover with enhanced land-

scaping and lighting, new seating, a hammock garden, play equipment interspersed throughout the park, a community table, and event space.

Lowcountry Marina Holdings will manage the Daniel Island Yacht Club and docks. The firm also oversees operation of the Daniel Island Marina, located off of Clements Ferry Road at 669 Marina Drive. The marina offers membership-based boat storage with 425 dry slips and 54 wet slips, along with a launching service. Fuel and ice are available.

Currently on the island, there are two privately owned docks available to residents for an annual membership fee. The Beresford Creek Street boat landing is available to residents of the Daniel Island Community Association. The Ralston Creek boat landing is located in Great Oak Park and is available to residents of the Daniel Island Park Association. To learn about membership, go online to danielisland.com/community/places-spaces/boat-landings.



ELIZABETH HORTON

Improvements are being made to the existing dock at the Waterfront Park, while a second dock is being constructed to bring recreational activities and improved water access to Daniel Island.

PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS

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Public boat ramp, Goose Creek
Two lane boat ramp, courtesy dock,

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RALPH HAMER SR.
Cainhoy Road, Huger, SC 29450
Public boat ramp, Quimby Creek
Two lane boat ramp, courtesy dock,
paved parking for 38 vehicles

GARRIS LANDING
Bulls Island Road, Awendaw, SC 29429

Public boat ramp, Intracoastal Waterway
Two lane boat ramp, fishing pier,
limited paved parking

R.M. HENDRICK PARK
Virginia Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405
Public boat ramp, Cooper River
One lane boat ramp with limited
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WAPPOO CUT
Tranquil Drive, Charleston, SC 29407
Public boat ramp, Wappoo Creek
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REMLEYS POINT
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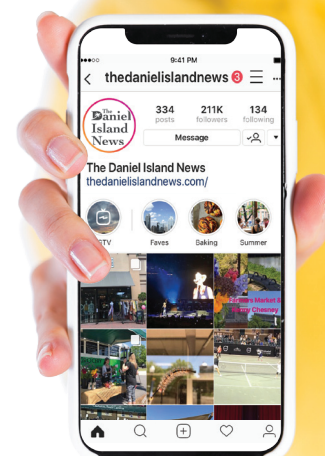
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Chartering Charleston's Deep Seas

Local captains geared up to finally get back to fishing



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The Teaser 2, a boat owned by John Madden with Wahoo Fishing Charters, is the only Coast Guard approved charter vessel in the Charleston area that can carry up to 20 passengers for large fishing parties.

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The arrival of prime fishing season coupled with nearly perfect weather makes this an excellent time to explore the deep seas around Charleston. And just in time, as area fishing charter companies have suffered at the hand of the COVID-19 stay at home restrictions.

In our area, there are two ways to reel in a catch from the ocean: trolling or bottom fishing.

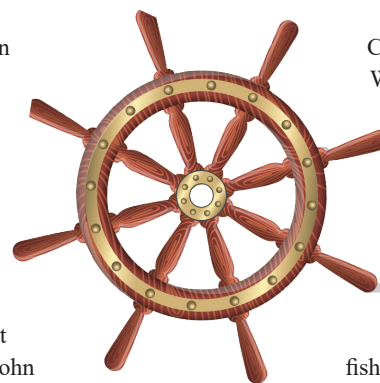
"Trolling is fishing with the boat in motion, dragging baited lines on top of the water behind the boat," explained the folks at Charleston Fishing Charters. Trolling allows a fisherman to target large species. When a fish gets hooked, the experience is thrilling — a battle of wills with the fish often soaring in the air. Trolling is considered to be the traditional and true method of sportfishing.

Bottom fishing, on the other hand, is fishing when the boat is not in motion. Vessels will

hover over an identified ocean reef and drop baited lines to the bottom. Many fish can be caught more quickly, and they are the smaller but tasty species like grouper, sea bass, or snapper.

"It's important for people to understand that deep sea fishing is completely different from in-shore fishing," said John Madden, owner of Wahoo Fishing Charters LLC. "We aren't looking around for fish. We research and track the locations of the fish and know exactly where to find them."

He explained that May and June are the peak months for catching mahi, billfish, marlin, sailfish, tuna, and wahoo. Madden is excited to see a return of yellowfin tuna to the area. "They have been nonexistent in Charleston for the last 15 years," he said. "And now they are coming back. We caught 10 last Saturday and another dozen two weeks ago."



Captain Ron Walker of Sea Walker Fishing Charters LLC also is enthusiastic about this year's catch. "The dolphin bite has been really good, as well as tuna and wahoo. We are seeing some marlin and sailfish action as well."

Madden oversees three fishing charter boats: the Git R Done, a 58-foot vessel with the capacity for six passengers; the Wahoo!, a 48-foot boat for six passengers, and the recently purchased 48-foot Teaser 2.

The Teaser 2 is an iconic fishing boat and an important part of the history and seascape of Shem Creek, noted Madden. Purchased last June from seasoned captain Mark Brown, the boat was custom designed to hold 20 people and is laid out perfectly for bottom fishing. The Teaser 2 is the only Coast Guard inspected charter vessel in Charleston that is certified to

carry more than six passengers.

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on bookings for fishing charter excursions. Between the company's three boats, Wahoo Fishing Charters lost 120 reservations due to cancellations. Now that restrictions have loosened, Madden said that he wants customers to feel comfortable and, if requested, the crew is prepared to practice social distancing on the boat. The captain drives the boat from the top and customers can request the level of hands-on assistance they would like from the crew.

At Sea Walker Fishing Charters, Captain Walker added, "We are following all CDC recommendations; cleaning and sanitizing before and after every trip. We are trying to take every precaution to keep our customers and crew safe."

Despite a delayed start, Madden is anxious to get the season underway. "We love showing people a great time ... watching their eyes pop out when they catch a big one! Our goal is to show customers the time of their life."



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A happy fisherman aboard the Teaser 2 displays his catch of the day.



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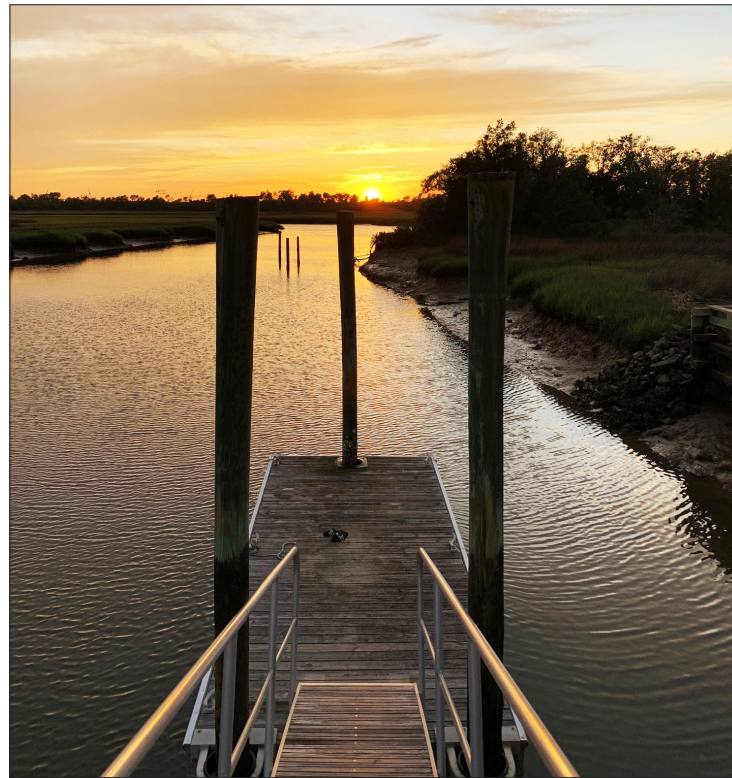
The Creek Critic: Life on the Beresford in three acts

PETER SNIDERMAN

There is an area at the mouth of Beresford Creek and Clouter Creek that we call home. And one of the silver linings during our extended stay-at-home-cation is that we've been able to take advantage of time on the creek with a nightly happy hour.

We've been astounded at the various activities that we've witnessed during these evening hours as the sun glistens on the sparkling water and the wind picks up across the marsh. Through this experience we've created a character who critiques the comings and goings that we have donned "The Creek Critic."

SCENE ONE: The surface of the water breaks and a brown bulge emerges. Once. Twice. Is it a bird? An otter? As it moves closer we can hear the exhalation of breath. And then we see the full back and snout. It's a manatee moving slowly down Beresford Creek. We quickly report the sighting to the Department of Natural Resources manatee locator (dnr.sc.gov/manatee/



PETER SNIDERMAN

From his dock, Peter Sniderman has been enjoying happy hour where he observes passersby on boats and kayaks.

sight.htm.) For about 15 minutes the manatee dazzles us with its patient floating magnificence. As it turns the corner toward Clouter

Creek, we are grateful for the encounter and hopeful that the manatee will remain safe in our waters.

Creek Critic Says: 5 Stars. Two Thumbs Up. Instant Classic.

SCENE TWO: A small flats boat speeds around the corner of Beresford Creek. Music is blaring and six late-teen to early 20-year-olds are packed closely together in swimsuits, backward baseball caps and sunglasses. They slow down before approaching the dock and it's clear by the empty cans that litter the deck of the craft that they are enjoying their sunset cruise. As they float by, unaware of our presence on the dock, one of the revelers stands on the gunnel and begins to urinate into the creek. Unable to maintain my decorum I shout, "Looks like it's cold out today." Clearly embarrassed, the perpetrator quickly pulls up his swimsuit as the rest of his crew howls and mocks him. The party continues as this motley crew rounds the bend and accelerates toward the Beresford Creek Street boat landing.

Creek Critic Says: One Thumb Down. Redeemed from the dreaded "Two Thumbs Down" by at least observing the etiquette

of slowing down while passing the dock.

SCENE THREE: A family with several young children rounds the bend. Two of the little ones sit in the mother's lap and another child stands next to the father who is piloting the craft. Carefully, the father turns the wheel over to the child who meticulously navigates up the creek. As they pass us, one of the little girls looks over and squeals "Happy Mother's Day" to my wife. Everyone waves except for the child at the wheel whose focus remains vigilant and unbroken. This crew is clearly out to enjoy all that our waterways have to offer on this evening and for years to come.

Creek Critic Says: Two Thumbs Up and a Critic's Wave Award. Polite, engaging, safe and adventurous.

As our community reopens, we're excited and grateful for the exquisite vantage point into our truly special little corner of the world. Don't forget to save us the aisle seat ... er ... creekside dock bench.

2020 boating safety reminders include COVID-19 precautions



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Keeping boaters safe all summer long is the focus of National Safe Boating Week.

National Safe Boating Week, which concludes May 22, is the traditional early boating season reminder to help recreational boaters embrace safety all season long. However, the important recommendation urging life jacket wear is now joined by an equally important boating safety message — how to stay safe during the time of COVID-19.

"While we're learning new things about the virus almost every day, we don't anticipate additional safety challenges on the water this year," said BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water President Chris Edmonston. "We have a responsibility to look out for all of us sharing a launch ramp, marina or boat club dock as well as those assigned to keep us safe on the water or entrusted with the care and maintenance

of our boats."

The BoatUS Foundation offers these tips for National Safe Boating Week:

Do everything you can to social distance: Boats should maintain a 50-foot separation on the water and not raft up; wash your hands and/or use sanitizer frequently; and pack all essentials. Additional tips can be found at the National Safe Boating Council's CDC-based Tips for Navigating Social Distancing + Boating. The Marine Retailers Association of Americas offers boat storage facilities such as marinas, dealers or boat clubs a downloadable flyer titled "Communicate Safe Boating to Your Customers" that includes tips for arriving at a marina, launching, storing and returning to the dock.

Your life jacket will save you: If there

was one action a boater could easily take to dramatically increase safety, it's wearing his or her life jacket more often while aboard their boat. According to U.S. Coast Guard statistics, approximately 84% of those who drowned were not wearing one.

"The best life jacket is the one you will wear," said Edmonston. "Inflatable life jackets are light, comfortable, keep you cool on a hot day, and are easily worn because you forget you are wearing one."

Boaters also need to have a properly sized U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for every person aboard, and can borrow a child's life jacket for free at over 575 BoatUS Life Jacket Loaner Program sites. For more information, visit boatus.org.

— Compiled by The Daniel Island News staff reports

Follow the oysters, find the trout, even in awful conditions



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

When fishing, you just have to take what Mother Nature gives you. Or, be willing to stay home.

On Sunday, Mother Nature gave us conditions that had me thinking about staying home. A strong wind blowing against the incoming tide made for standing waves in the Wando River. The heavy wave action made for poor water clarity. Simply awful conditions for targeting trout on the fly. While preparing my skiff to launch, the thought of going home did cross my mind. I was on the fence. So, I asked Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog) what we should do. He responded by jumping into the skiff. We were going fishing.

It was a wet and bumpy ride up the Wando. Brody and I quickly changed plans and tucked into the relative calm of Beresford Creek. We

pulled up to a wind-sheltered shoreline with lots of oyster bars. The water clarity was not great, but it was better than every place else.

In these conditions, the fly rod was out of the question. I picked up my favorite 8-pound class spinning outfit and tied on a Z-Man 1/5-ounce NedlockZ jig with a Finesse TRD lure. After the wet ride, Brody was more interested in getting dry than finding fish. So, I made a random cast to an irregular spot in the shoreline and a trout ate the Finesse TRD. Somehow or another, Brody and I stumbled upon a hot trout bite. Most were small, in the 12- to 14-inch range, but we did not care.

Awful conditions. Lots of trout. We thanked Mother Nature!

For the next few hours, we searched for areas out of the wind with oysters and better water clarity. Almost every time we found this combination of elements, we also found trout.

I patted Brody on the head and thanked him for making me go fishing. A few minutes later it started to rain. Brody said it was time to go home. Who am I to argue with a fish-finding and stock-trading dog? We called it a day.

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Captain Greg reeled in this spotted sea trout as he sheltered from the wind along some oyster bars.

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Bishop England joins suit against High School League

Twelve private, charter schools in SC challenge eligibility change

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Bishop England is one of a dozen high schools in the Palmetto State that filed a lawsuit on Monday against the South Carolina High School League, alleging the governing body of high school sports in the state enacted new rules that unfairly target and discriminate against the state's private and charter high schools.

The lawsuit is a result of the High School League's approval of bylaws and constitutional amendments in March that address school-to-school transfers and athletic eligibility rules. Those changes, in a press release from the Diocese of Charleston, "penalize their student-athletes and restrict parents from fully exercising their legally protected right to school choice."

The lawsuit was filed in Greenville against the High School

League, a body that oversees athletics of 206 schools around the state.

Twelve schools are named as plaintiffs in the suit, including Bishop England High School and Oceanside Collegiate.

Bishop England is one of four private schools that compete in the High School League that is part of the lawsuit. The other schools are St. Joseph's, Christ Church and Southside Christian.

Charter schools include Oceanside Charter, Greer Middle College, Brashier Middle College, Greenville Technical Charter, Fox Creek, Palmetto Scholars and Legion Collegiate.

"We are participating in this lawsuit because of the league's blatant discrimination against our students," Bishop England Principal Patrick Finneran said in a press release. "These amendments will hurt student-athletes first and foremost. The South Carolina High

School League oversees many games in South Carolina, but it should not be permitted to play games with the lives of South Carolina students and families."

Sen. Larry Grooms (R-Berkeley) was one of a handful of state lawmakers who supported the lawsuit.

Grooms, in a statement, said the High School League placed itself above the law. "This is discrimination on so many fronts — against these students and their parents who have the right to choose an educational opportunity they feel is best for their children," he said in a separate press release.

The High School League, in March, passed amendments the plaintiff schools claim directly targeted them. The High School League treats public and charter schools differently than "traditional" public schools, the lawsuit claims.

In one amendment that goes into effect for the 2020-21 academic year,

nearly all students who transfer from a "traditional" public school to a charter or private school will have to sit out a year before they gain eligibility to play any sport sanctioned by the league.

The High School League also ruled students were no longer allowed to transfer to any high school in the state by their freshman year and be immediately eligible to play sports.

In the past, students were immediately eligible even if they lived outside that school's attendance zone. Now, students who transfer must sit out a year.

The schools that are part of the lawsuit make up a small portion of the High School League's body. But the schools have become major players in the race to be the state's best athletic programs.

Bishop England has competed at the Class AA or AAA level in the last 20 years and has won the Carlyle Cup every year since its inception around the turn of the century.

The award is given by the state's athletic directors to the top athletic programs in each of the state's five classifications.

While Bishop England rules Class AAA, Christ Church, an Episcopal school in the Upstate, is arguably the best athletic program in Class AA. One of the schools challenging Christ Church for Class AA supremacy is St. Joseph's in Greenville.

Charter schools also have succeeded in sports. Oceanside Collegiate, based in Mount Pleasant, is considered to be the up-and-coming athletic program in the state, while Grey's Collegiate, a Midlands school, has become a force in boys' basketball with three consecutive state championships.

The plaintiffs are seeking a temporary injunction ordering the High School League to cease enforcement of its new amendments. The plaintiffs want the court to deem these amendments as unlawful and permanently stop the league from enforcing them.

BE senior Bride to play rugby for Queens University

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PJ Bride is going to play rugby at Queens University of Charlotte, and his matriculation has been interesting and challenging.

Bride, who will soon graduate from Bishop England, had two major obstacles to achieve his academic-athletic dream.

First, rugby was a club sport when Bride arrived on campus at BE for his freshman year. But by the time he was a junior, the team was disbanded because they lost 15 seniors from the previous year.

This meant Bride needed to find ways to keep his game strong — and his dream alive. So, he played on club teams with students from other schools, including the School of the Arts, Academic Magnet and James

Island Charter.

And of course, Bride and other members of the Class of 2020 had their senior years come to a screeching halt as far as normalcy is concerned because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

That meant online classes, no prom, and a graduation ceremony that's up in the air.

"When I first found out that I had to take classes from home, to finish my senior year from home, it broke my heart," Bride said. "I knew it also meant I wouldn't get to perform in the school play."

While rugby players are north of football players on the tough-guy, no-pain ladder, Bride admits he is fascinated by theater and acting. He gets some unusual responses when he introduces himself as a rugby player/aspiring actor.

The thing that Bride might miss most about his senior year was his chance to perform in the school's Disney musical "Newsies."

But Bride's immediate future only involves academics and athletics.

He remembers his first contact with Queens University of Charlotte. The Bishop England club team played the Wando team his sophomore year, and in the stands was Frank McKinney, the head coach of the university's program.

Bride attended a Queens soccer camp, and with a 3.8 GPA on the BE scale, he knew that's where he wanted to be.

Queens is a private school located in Charlotte, North Carolina, that has about 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students. Established in 1857, the university offers 34 under-

graduate majors and 66 concentrations, and 10 graduate programs.

"What I love most is that it's a great college in a great community," Bride said. "I plan to major in sports management. I have loved sports all my life, and know I want to build marketing around that. We will see how it goes."

And, of course, Bride also loves rugby.

McKinney, who had experience as a coach at The Citadel, was named Queens' first rugby coach in 2017, and led the team to a perfect season. He is focused on building the university into a national power.

"When I found out I wasn't returning back to school for my senior year, I had a lot of mixed emotions," Bride said. "I learned a lot, a lot about myself. To have this opportunity is a great experience."



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PJ Bride not only excels in sports, but he also enjoys performing on stage. He will be playing rugby at Queens University of Charlotte in the fall.



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The June 4 edition of the paper will feature local graduating high school seniors. We would like to include photos of all local graduating seniors and need your help. We have photos of all Bishop England and Philip Simmons graduating seniors and we would also like to include all students in our readership area who attend other high schools including Porter Gaud, Ashley Hall, PCA, Wando, Academic Magnet, School of the Arts, PSA, University School, Coastal Christian, home-schooled students, and all students from any other high school who reside in Daniel Island, Cainhoy or Huger, or in our surrounding readership area.

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'Take what you need, give what you can'

Local teens install blessing box on Thomas Island

ELIZABETH BUSH

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A few months ago, local high school students Colin Nemeth and Maddie Biad, both members of St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, were looking for a meaningful Lenten project to undertake. They began traveling around after church on Sundays to make donations to "blessing boxes" placed throughout the region. The boxes hold donations of non-perishable food items and can be used by anyone in need.

"Take what you need, give what you can," said Nemeth, sharing the mission behind the boxes.

But then the two had an idea: Why couldn't they build one themselves to serve residents in their own community?

"We heard about the blessing box projects around Charleston and decided it would be a great idea to help the community," said Biad, who attends Bishop England High School. "And then the pandemic hit, and food was especially needed."

But the teens needed to find a good location for a box. There were already several on the Cainhoy peninsula – three in the Cainhoy/Huger community and one at Philip Simmons Elementary School. There was not one on the lower end of the peninsula, however, near Daniel Island. At the suggestion of Colin's mother, Mary Nemeth, they focused on St. James AME



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Colin Nemeth, Maddie Biad and Tripp Simpson pose beside the blessing box they created and installed at St. James AME Church on Thomas Island. The box holds non-perishable food items donated by community members for those in need.

Church on Thomas Island. They knew the Daniel Island community would provide good support.

"It was the perfect location," said Nemeth, a student at Philip Simmons High.

They got permission from the church pas-

tor, Rev. E. Dingle Stokes, and enlisted their good friend Tripp Simpson to lend his building skills to the project. Simpson and his father took care of construction, while Biad and Nemeth handled the painting of the box. They decided to create a stained glass

window design that seemed fitting for the location. The group installed the new box on the church grounds on the weekend of May 9-10. While there, a few people from the area offered thanks for the addition.

"It was cool to hear that people were already grateful for it, before it was even full of food or in use," said Nemeth.

A student at Philip Simmons High School, Simpson works at Martin's BBQ on James Island, where there is a blessing box across the street.

"Every day I am there I see multiple people a day come and refill it, as well as many people come and take things from it," he said. "I hope to accomplish that goal on Thomas Island, where the community can come together and help one another out. Especially in a time where people need it like now. With this blessing box it makes it so easy for people just to put food in there and know they are helping someone out who needs it."

Stokes expressed her thanks for the box and is confident it will be of great benefit to those less fortunate.

"On behalf of my presiding prelate of the 7th Episcopal District Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green Sr. and my presiding elder of the Mount Pleasant District Dr. Juenarrl Keith, and all the officers and members of the St. James AME Church family, we will forever be grateful for the time and efforts put forth in placing a blessing box in our community," said Stokes. "We would like to thank Colin, Maddie and Tripp for adding such a special gift for those that are in need."

For more information on the Lowcountry Blessing Box Project, visit chsblessingbox.wixsite.com/home.

Land use and zoning activities on Daniel Island

These are the recent issues before various City of Charleston boards and committees that are specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. All meetings are open for public comment except the TRC meetings.

City of Charleston Technical Review Committee (TRC):

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, with no Daniel Island/Cainhoy area projects on the agenda.

At the May 14 meeting, the following items were discussed:

- Construction plans for the renovation of the existing Daniel Island Children's Park on

River Landing Drive were reviewed. Revisions were requested. Once resolved, the plan will move on to the Zoning Committee.

- Subdivision concept plans for the First Light housing development at Point Hope Parkway and Seven Sticks Drive underwent a second review. Revisions were requested and

will be resubmitted.

Most government meetings are being held virtually during South Carolina's stay at home directives, but some are reopening. You can review all city meeting notices and agendas, as well as meeting times and locations, at <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter>.

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East Cooper Girl Scouts accomplish record-breaking cookie sales

STAFF REPORT

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A record-breaking total of 70,908 boxes of Girl Scout cookies were sold this year by Girl Scouts in East Cooper Service Unit 650, which includes all the troops in Mount Pleasant, Daniel Island, Awendaw, Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms.

Girls pulling wagons loaded with cookies, troop booth sales in front of area stores, and online cookie sales resulted in 68,556 boxes of cookies sold directly to customers. An additional 2,352 boxes were purchased by customers to donate to Cookies for a Cause — which provides cookies to U.S. military service members serving overseas, on Navy vessels, or in veterans hospitals.

The top seller among the 365 Girl Scouts in the East Cooper Service Unit was third grader Brooklyn Stafford of Troop 3321, who sold more than 3,000 boxes of cookies. Her mom and troop leader, Elizabeth Stafford, said, "Our troop is going to



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Daisy Girl Scouts from Troop 3305, from left (standing), Isla Lisiecka, Selah Brownstein, Vivienne Silverman, and Kennedy Lisiecka sold cookies to raise money for their troop. The girls are among the 365 scouts in the East Cooper Service Unit, which sold a record-breaking total of 70,908 boxes of cookies this year.

use the money that we earned to go on several field trips and a camping trip. It's hard work selling cookies but the lessons learned and the people you meet along the way are totally worth it!"

Troop 756, a group of girls from kindergarten through sixth grade

that meets at St. Benedict Catholic Church, recently donated several dozen boxes of cookies to the Feeding Our Heroes initiative which provides meals for health care workers at MUSC and Roper St. Francis. Additionally, the troop donated almost 500 diapers to the Junior League of

Charleston's Diaper Bank.

This year was the first time the Brownies in Troop 3312 sold cookies. These second and third graders were proud of their accomplishments, having sold over 2,500 boxes of cookies and donating \$556 to Cookies for a Cause. In addition, the troop donated several cases of cookies to MUSC employees working during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was fun to be able to load up our wagon to sell and deliver cookies this year," explained Abby Finkenberg, a senior Girl Scout in Troop 957. "Our customers were so excited that they got their cookies right then! With the extra earnings we will be able to help support our two Silver Award projects: our Blessings Box at All Saints Lutheran Church and our Paws4Life awareness program donating needed supplies to Pet Helpers and Charleston Animal Society."

The Girl Scouts in East Cooper Service Unit 650 participated in

a variety of community service projects during the year including a beach and river sweep, providing gifts to children in foster care, and visiting local nursing homes. The group also hosted a fall camping trip, World Thinking Day, and many badge-earning events.

Proceeds raised from cookie sales support the activities of individual troops, as well as the Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina (GSESC) council, which serves 21 counties statewide. Scouts in the GSESC region sold over a million boxes of cookies.

The 2020 Girl Scout Cookie season included eight varieties: Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, S'mores, Toffee-tastics and the newest cookie, Lemon-Ups. Thin Mints were the most popular variety sold, followed by Samoas and Tagalongs.

For more information about joining Girl Scouts or forming a troop, visit girlscoutseasc.org.



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Oyster project raises funds for school's Helping Hands



art around town

HEATHER MACQUEEN JONES

Being creative and making the most of natural resources has helped Michelle Shelderfer and her kids give back during this time of quarantine.

Relative newcomers to Daniel Island, Shelderfer and her boys found themselves doing one of the few things they were allowed to do during this time: taking long walks. Near their home on Captains Island, her son, Mason, a sixth grader, loves to scavenge oysters from the mud-covered banks along the Wando River.

"He's obsessed. We love to put our pluff mud shoes on and walk along collecting oysters, picking up trash, looking at creatures," she said.

With a big pile of collected shells stacking up, an idea was born. "Jayden, my oldest, a 10th grader, had joined BETA, but had not completed his community service hours. We turned nothing into something," Shelderfer said.

The family cleaned and bleached the oyster shells, sealed them, and used paper prints to make them pretty. They then sealed them again with Mod Podge and finished off the project with decorative gold leafing. The first month was dedicated entirely to selling them to friends on Daniel Island via contactless delivery with proceeds benefiting Philip Simmons High School's Helping Hands, a project that has fed 39 families with weekly food boxes.

"I personally visited food banks growing up," Shelderfer said. "I remember how it feels to need." So, she reached out to Mary Nemeth, who is spearheading the school's Helping Hands group.

"These oysters have been pieces of grace," said Nemeth. "Making people happy who buy them and for the blessings they've provided families we've been able to serve!"

The Oyster Project raised some \$2,000 the first month and the joy has grown. One daughter whose mom was infected with COVID-19 saw the post on Facebook and placed the first



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Brothers Jayden and Mason Shelderfer decorate oyster shells to be sold to raise money for Helping Hands — a Philip Simmons High School project that helps feed families weekly.

big order of 100 oysters. She was not allowed to see her mom, a resident of Heartland Health and Rehabilitation Care, so Shelderfer and her boys made one for every single employee — simultaneously lifting the spirits of essential workers while funding food boxes.

This week, every senior girl at Philip Simmons High will be given an oyster ring holder with the Iron Horses logo during the scheduled drive-through

event to turn in computers.

"The joy of their serving hearts" is huge, Nemeth shared. "We would not have been able to fund food without them. They've been like angels flying in right when we need them." One family's May and June rent was funded in part by The Oyster Project, she said.

Now that coronavirus restrictions have lightened, Shelderfer finds herself as a new businesses "mompreneur," working the next path of the oysters: Pluff Mud Gems, with a portion of the proceeds continuing to be charitable. "I'm spending more time making personal oysters for people, putting their names on the shells with pictures of things they love."

Nemeth plans to continue to lift spirits after restrictions are lifted. "Our contributions have gone down in a big way as things have started to open up," she said, concerned about future contributions. "Families we serve have gone eight weeks without pay. This means no pay for rent, for health care, for food. One mom cleans office buildings, for example, and a lot of people



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These hand-painted shells will be delivered to each senior girl at Philip Simmons High School.

are still working from home right now. She's not cleaning, so she's not getting paid," explained Nemeth, who passionately pleads to "keep the blessings coming!"

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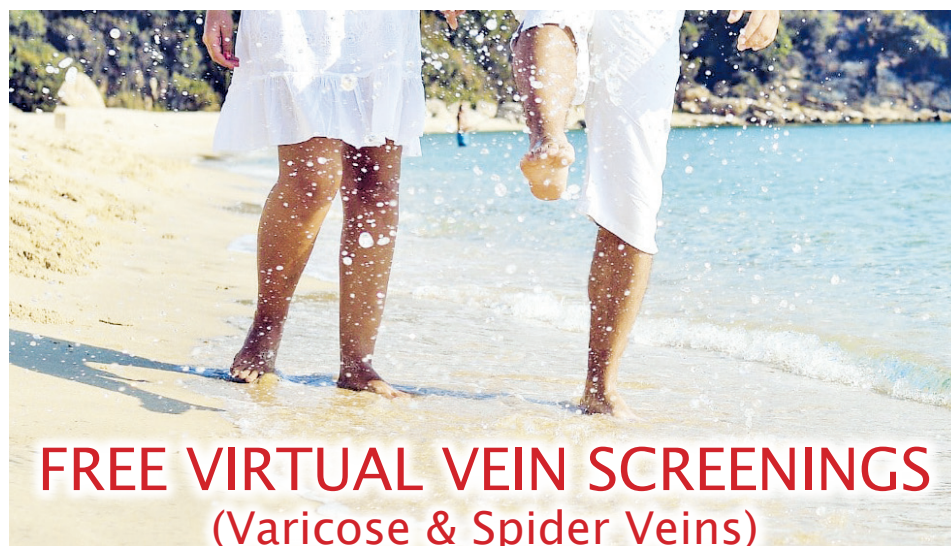
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This cool, fresh and relatively easy alternative saved



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This cool dessert is made with frozen grapes and blueberries rolled in sugar, and chocolate-covered strawberries, bananas and pineapples.

the day. No measurements on the fruit; it depends on how many servings you need and the choices of fruit can vary according to taste.

I will note that children prefer the strawberries and white grapes. This is a great

after dinner treat for them. But beware, they may be caught sucking off the sugar and chocolate and leaving the fruit.

FROZEN FRUIT CHOCOLATE DESSERT Ingredients

- Fresh, whole strawberries, at least a quart. Ripe is best, stems if possible
- Fresh, ripe pineapple, cut into bite-sized wedges
- White grapes
- Blueberries (larger is better)
- Bananas (not overripe) cut into rounds
- 2 bags of dark chocolate-flavored melting wafers
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 1/3 c. white sugar
- Wooden toothpicks

Directions

Prepare the fruit, washed and dried, and slice the bananas and pineapple. The chocolate sticks much better if the fruit is dry before dipping.

For the white grapes and blueberries, wash and let dry. Squeeze the fresh lemons and roll the grapes in the lemon juice and then roll them in the sugar. Stick a wooden

toothpick in the top, not the vine end, and they will stand. Or for younger children, just leave enough of the vine to use to roll them and place on a wax paper-lined cookie sheet. Place in the freezer until ready to serve. Same with the blueberries — roll them in lemon juice and sugar and place on wax paper in the freezer. I put the blueberries in a chilled bowl with a spoon to serve.

Place the two bags of

chocolate wafers in the top of the double boiler and heat slowly. Do not allow water to boil. Once the chocolate is melted, use a fork or wooden stick (as used to make shish kabobs) to dip the fruits and place on a wax paper-lined baking pan. Refrigerate until ready to serve. No need to freeze the strawberries, bananas or pineapple; they do well simply chilled.

Serve immediately after removing from the refrigerator.

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37 Unleavened bread
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40 Aware
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44 Rigid
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54 English horn, e.g.
55 News entry
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8 American Leaguer
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27 Down East cape
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29 Parisian income
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33 ____ in the Streets

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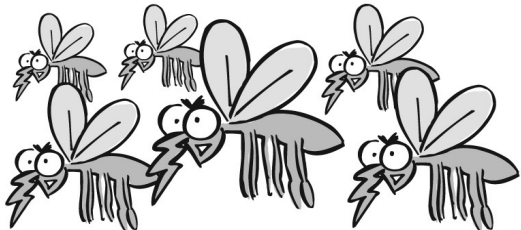
Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

You Say Potatos; I Say Potatoes

It can be tricky to make words ending in "o" plural. Some are formed by just adding "s." Others are formed by adding "es." Decide how to make the following words plural.

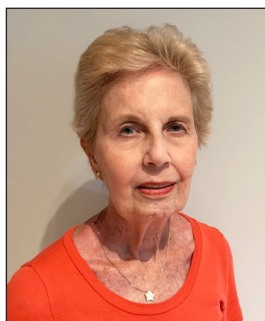
1. Mosquito (s or es?)
2. Tattoo (s or es?)
3. Hero (s or es?)
4. Studio (s or es?)
5. Tornado (s or es?)



Answers: 1. Mosquitoes 2. Tattoos 3. Heroes 4. Studios 5. Tornadoes
(For the record - In the headline, Potatoes is correct.)

MYSTERY ? PHOTO ? CONTEST

CONGRATS TO MARGOT SMITH - LAST WEEK'S WINNER!



Margot Smith

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident Margot Smith, who correctly identified the picture as the undercarriage of the Volvo Car Stadium tennis center bleachers.

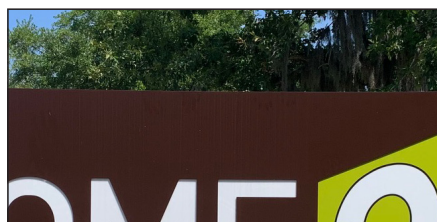
Margot and her husband, who are retired and live in Pier View apartments, have called Daniel Island home off and on since 2003. Having lived here for so many years and taking a lot of walks, Margot said she was able to recognize the photo because "we are pretty familiar with the island."

Although she participates often, this is her first time winning the mystery photo contest.

"Daniel Island is a very special place for many reasons, including friends, nice climate, and restaurants," Margot said.

Congratulations also to Abigail Marston, Sydney Walsh, Therese Jenkins, and Karen Feder for their keen observation and accurate responses.

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



Send your answer, along with your phone number, to mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com by noon on Saturday, May 23. The names of the winners with the correct response will run in next week's paper. Our prizes are temporarily on hold while our office is closed due to the coronavirus outbreak. We appreciate your understanding.



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

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



May 19, 2005

In the May 19, 2005, edition, the cover and centerfold were all about extreme sports with Colleen Carlucci — a Chicago Marathon runner and A Closet Case owner — featured on the cover. The centerfold continued the extreme sports theme by featuring Dr. Michael Banister and Frank

Santangelo and ironman triathletes Dirk and Tracy DeWitt.

In business news, Karen Elsey, an owner of Laura Alberts Tasteful Options on Daniel Island, was named to a three-year term on the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce.

TEN YEARS AGO



May 20, 2010

largest court reporting company, A. William Roberts Jr. & Associates, moved to Daniel Island, with founder Bill Roberts purchasing 4,900 square feet of space in the BB&T building.

The centerfold featured a story by island angler Ron Silverman about how hard it is to catch jacks, a rare inshore gamefish. Silverman caught a 32 lb. jack to win the annual Charleston Trident Fishing Tournament.

In the May 20, 2010, edition, the cover featured Berkeley County School District facing \$12.4 million in funding cuts for the 2010-2011 school year, when it had already endured \$25 million in funding cuts over the previous three years.

In business news, South Carolina's

FIVE YEARS AGO

The May 21, 2015, cover and centerfold featured details for the upcoming Health and Fitness Expo that was hosted by The Daniel Island News.

There was a feature article about the delay in plans for a public boat ramp and a fishing pier to be located at Governors Park, along the Wando River beneath I-526. Former State Senator Larry Grooms said he had been involved in the project since it began in 2002. A partnership between the City of Charleston, Berkeley County, and SCDOT, the project is still delayed today.

In school news, pictures showcased Field Day at Daniel Island School.

Plus, a new "serenity garden" was dedicated at Summit Place.



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