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Everyone is eligible to vote absentee in South Carolina

Absentee voters begin casting ballots Oct. 5

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All voters are now eligible to vote absentee under the “State of Emergency” reason and, if you want to vote absentee in the upcoming presidential and general election, the opportunity to do so is fast approaching.

Beginning Monday, Oct. 5, registered voters can cast absentee ballots in-person on voting machines at the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Elections Office, at 6 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays through Nov. 2, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Additionally, in-person voting will be available from Oct. 19-30 at two new satellite locations – the Hanahan Library, 1216 Old Murray Drive, and the St. Stephen Library, 113 Ravenel Drive. Hours for the satellite locations are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

Berkeley County needs additional poll workers for the upcoming general election on Nov. 3. Compensation of up to \$190 is available. If interested, contact Laura Thomas in the Berkeley County Voter Registration & Elections Office at 843-719-4663 or Laura.Thomas@BerkeleyCountySC.gov.

and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29.

Voters may also drop off completed absentee paper ballots (received by mail) during these dates and time slots, when county elections staff members are there to accept them.

“Our staff there will accept absentee by-mail ballots, but only the election staff and only during absentee voting hours,” noted Adam Hammons, director of Berkeley County Voter Registration & Elections. “We

will not be able to have a drop box at the locations, but we will accept absentee by-mail ballots turned into an election staff member.”

Registered voters wanting to cast an absentee ballot in person at the Moncks Corner office or either of the satellite locations can just show up, continued Hammons, during the days and hours noted above. Each voter will be asked to show proper photo identification prior to voting.

Recently, South Carolina legislators signed into law a new provision that allows for those requesting an absentee ballot to list “State of Emergency” (due to the current COVID-19 pandemic) as a valid reason for not voting on Election Day in November. With the new ruling, Hammons expects to see a surge in absentee voting compared to previous elections.

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ELIZABETH BUSH

At the Berkeley County Voter Registration & Elections Office in Moncks Corner, voting signage awaits distribution to polling sites for the upcoming general election.

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Sheriff's department continues opioid epidemic fight

LEE WARDLAW

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The Berkeley County Sheriff's office is asking for the public's help in fighting the ongoing opioid distribution and usage crisis, going to Facebook to express their concerns in a social media post on Aug. 24.

While it's not always common for a police department to reach out to the community in this sort of way, David Brabham, major of investigations and support services, said that the move was made to raise awareness in Berkeley County communities.

"This time of year is for opioid awareness, and Aug. 31 in particular," Brabham said. August 31 was International

Opioid Awareness Day.

Cainhoy peninsula resident Lisa Kerns recently shared the department's message on Facebook: "Deputy Harris of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office CAT Team and I are reaching out to our community for help with information. Opioid overdoses in the Daniel Island, Cainhoy, and Clements Ferry communities have been on the rise. If you have any information as to the opioid consumption or distribution in the community, please contact the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department at 843-719-4412. All information is kept private. Our hope is that we can do our part to get these drugs off the streets and help to those who need it most."

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office hopes that their newly established and completely anonymous tip line will help clean the county's streets of the dangerous drugs.

"It provides a level of protection for them to give law enforcement the information to follow up on while keeping them safe from retribution from the wrong doers that may live close to them," Brabham said.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse reported 835 deaths from drug overdose in South Carolina in 2018, with Berkeley County making up 3.8 percent of deaths in the state with 32 people dead from overdoses, and 23 of those incidents coming from prescription drugs.

Opioids, which fall into the category of narcotic pain medications, can produce serious side effects if they are not taken correctly. The prescription drugs act by mimicking the

human bodies' natural neurotransmitters. When attached to the receptors, the drug fills the brain with dopamine, a neurotransmitter that is responsible for thinking, emotion, and feelings of pleasure.

Used in large quantities, it causes overstimulation in the brain, leading to a dependence on these substances, which can lead individuals to turn to the streets to find them illegally.


Brabham said that in 2020, the department has responded to 27 opioid overdose calls, with 13 heroin incidents, six prescription drug incidents, and two fentanyl incidents. Four incidents were fatal, while 19 needed Narcan to be administered to reverse the overdose.

"We have seen the devastating result of the abuse from all sides of the equation. The user who was once a vibrant and healthy person is reduced to a skeleton of the person they once were. The family has to deal with a loved one that is not rational," Brabham said.

Other than the anonymous tip line, "the community can help by properly storing and disposing of their prescription drugs, making sure that children and other family members can't access their controlled pain killers," he said.

Additionally, the community can further help by disposing of the drugs at designated collection bins.

"We hope that through aggressive law enforcement and education of both our officers and the public will reduce the illegal use of opioids in our community," he said.



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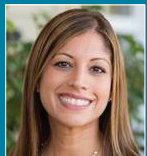
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Adapting for safety at the doctor's office

ANNA WARNER

As a result of COVID-19, we've all had to make some lifestyle changes. Businesses have had to adapt, too.

There are lots of precautions that businesses, organizations, and doctor's offices have taken to ensure safety from the virus, but sometimes those precautions don't include child protection behaviors or abuse prevention. One key element of prevention is minimizing opportunity for abuse by making sure one adult is never alone with a single child. That's tricky to do when you're trying to limit virus exposure.

One place this is difficult to do is at the doctor's office. Medical providers have to be especially careful about limiting exposure, and so have adopted lots of unique safety measures to prevent the spread of germs. Most of them mean that if the appointment can't take place via telehealth, your child or teenager may have to attend medical visits without you in the room.

Here are some ideas and best practices for both abuse prevention and virus safety at the doctor's office:

- First off, make sure you understand what COVID-19 safety precautions your doctor is taking. Once you understand, you'll be able to explain it to your child, who may be feeling anxious or unsure about these new policies. Make sure your child feels comfortable entering this "unknown territory."
- One important aspect of COVID preven-



Anna Warner

tion is that providers minimize physical contact with others. Ask the provider about how they accomplish this, and to be very clear about the ways they do have to make contact.

- Clarify your expectations for body safety with both your doctor and your child. Ask the provider about their child protection policies and let them know that you'll be following up with your child afterwards to talk about their experience. Make sure your child knows that they can come to you if anything feels uncomfortable, and that they don't need to keep secrets.

- Have your child phone or video call you from the exam room. That way you can still be "present" in the room and get all the necessary information you need as their caretaker, without being physically available.

- Schedule simultaneous appointments for both you and your child at the same office. This way, you are in the general vicinity if your child needs you and can talk to their doctor easily afterwards.

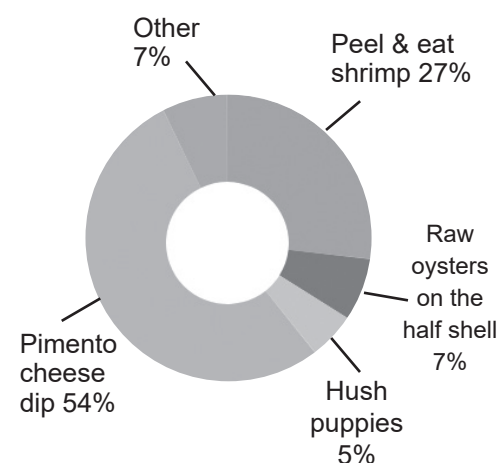
At the end of the day, communication is key. Communicating expectations and boundaries will help put safeguards in place so the provider knows you're paying attention to the welfare of your child. Keeping the lines of communication open during the appointment can be trickier now, but with a little innovation, you can be as present as possible.

These are just a few ways to ensure safety at the doctor's office. For more tips and strategies to help you get creative with prevention, check out Darkness to Light's free Protecting Children During a Crisis Training at D2L.org.

Anna Warner is the marketing content coordinator at Darkness to Light.

Readers say:

Rhode Island's state appetizer — calamari — gained notoriety during the Democratic convention roll call. South Carolina has a state beverage (milk), state fruit (peach), state snack (boiled peanuts), but no state appetizer. Which of these do you think should get the honor?



Comments:

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•Fried Green Tomatoes

•Everyone likes shrimp and we need to support fishermen.

•Fried okra!

NEXT WEEK:

South Carolina allows the COVID-19 pandemic as a reason to vote absentee, so the number of requests has increased this year. How will you be voting? Go to surveymonkey.com/r/AbseteeVoting or use the QR Code.



letter to the EDITOR

ELECTION ISSUES DISTORTED BY LIES

Mac McBride is correct in his recent letter: If you tell a lie enough times, many people will believe it.

Donald Trump has hoodwinked much of the nation into believing he supports people of color (he's racist), that he loves women (he loves to degrade and abuse them), that he supports the military (he's a draft-dodger who believes captured soldiers are losers and claims he knows more than his generals), that he cares about the American economy (his programs are damaging American manufacturing and farming), that he's shown leadership against a pandemic (he was a denier and afraid to lead), that he puts America first on the world stage (he won't stand up to Russia's interference or bounties on American troops), that he was a successful business person (he won't share his tax returns, cheated his

way to failure and used his foundation illegally), that he would "drain the swamp" (he brought in criminals and inept lackeys), and the list goes on.

If you vote for Trump, either you know the kind of guy he is, and your ethical compass needs calibration, or you have fallen for his lies. There is no in between.

No presidential candidate is ever perfect. Our choice in the presidential election is between Joe Biden, a fundamentally decent man who has flaws, or Trump, a fundamentally-flawed man who has no decency. I, for one, am ready again for a true statesperson in the White House — not one who likes to play one for the camera.

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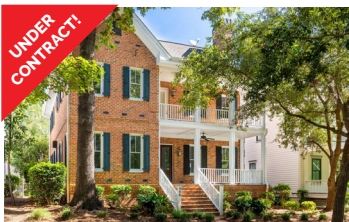


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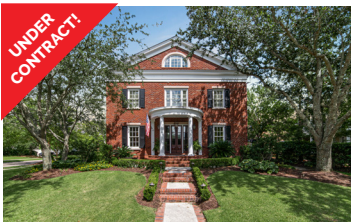
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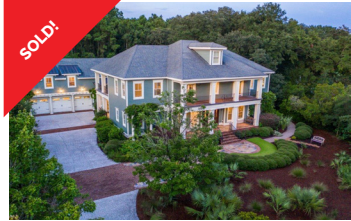
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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Democrat Jen Gibson and Republican Mark Smith are running for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 99 seat left vacant by Nancy Mace, who is running for U.S. House of Representatives. The candidates were invited to share their thoughts on securing financial support for Charleston-area infrastructure, where the funds would come from, and why they thought they were the best candidate to make that happen.

Broaden definition of infrastructure development

JEN GIBSON

Solving our infrastructure issues will significantly improve our quality of life. I am excited to share my plan to improve our



Jen Gibson

existing roads and bring more infrastructure dollars to fund new projects in the Charleston area.

As your representative, I plan to introduce legislative reforms that allow the SCDOT to execute its statewide strategic plan that prioritizes many Charleston-area infrastructure projects.

I recommend the following changes:

- Use all the money collected from the gas tax increase to maintain and repair our primary road system.
- Return non-federal aid secondary routes to local governments and fund maintenance and improvements through the existing county funding program.
- Abolish the SC Transportation Infrastructure Bank and Department of Transportation Commission and return control to the SCDOT.

- Reduce redundancy by consolidating statewide and county planning into one strategic plan.

South Carolina has underfunded road maintenance for decades, and recent reforms were too little, too late. We passed the gas tax increase to pay for road maintenance, but we divert the funds to other purposes. It will take decades to get our roads back to a “good” rating. New roads and bridges cannot come at the expense of maintaining our existing roads and bridges.

Traffic congestion costs the average Charlestonian over \$1,000 a year. Investing a little today will save even more tomorrow. We need to add funding sources to pay for new infrastructure development. We can continue to partner with large businesses in the area to finance local road projects that benefit their business interests. The legislature should also explore new ways to raise

capital. Options could include increasing the sales tax cap on vehicle purchases or implementing a road use tax in high impact areas.

For over a decade, the SCDOT has talked about widening I-526, and cost estimates have ballooned to over a billion dollars. Bottom line, expanding lanes is going to be expensive, disruptive, and obsolete. We need to recognize good infrastructure planning is about moving people and goods, not widening roads. We need to broaden our definition of infrastructure development.

First, we should focus on adding and improving alternative travel patterns rather than a wholesale widening project to reduce the project’s impact and create a plan that better meets our future growth needs. Second, we partner with the South Carolina State Ports Authority to develop innovative solutions for moving cargo into and out of the ports using waterways, rail, and dedicated traffic lanes. Third, we invest in rapid mass transit. We need to fully fund the Lowcountry Rapid Transit line connecting all towns in the Charleston area, and make improvements to CARTA, so using it is both efficient and enjoyable.

My approach has been to identify why the problem exists, find solutions, and implement them. Two hard truths exist when it comes to tackling the funding for infrastructure development. First, the State Senate’s existing leadership must relinquish its tight control of the infrastructure funding process. I am not afraid to challenge leadership in the General Assembly to do what is best for the Charleston area and our state. Second, we need to invest in our state’s roads and bridges. I am the right person to lead our district through this complicated process.

As a small business owner, I understand how important it is to use our limited resources wisely and invest in improving our quality of life. I don’t have business or development interests influencing my decision-making process. I will always tell you the truth, even when it is something hard to hear. I am asking for your vote on Nov. 3rd to serve and represent your interests in our General Assembly.

For more information, visit jenforsc.com.

Road upgrades are a primary function of government

MARK SMITH

Throughout this campaign, I am often asked, “Why are you running for this office?” The truth is, I don’t believe the



Mark Smith

status quo is acceptable. I am passionate about improving our roads. Helping our teachers continue to be the very best. Getting government out of the way and allowing our small business owners to expand

and unleash economic growth and finally, supporting the men and women who put on the uniform every day to keep us safe.

Almost every person I’ve met on the campaign trail says that quality of life is their top concern. I share their concern. My wife Elayne and I live here in this great community of Daniel Island. Like everyone else, we spend far too much time sitting in traffic delays and congestion — instead of being at home with our families enjoying all that our beautiful Lowcountry area has to offer.

I will work tirelessly to fix and repair our roads. Despite some bright spots, our roads and bridges are still crumbling. Maintaining and expanding existing roads and infrastructure is a primary responsibility of the government. Unfortunately, for our communities, the status quo remains that the government continues to drag its feet and delay with the improvements and expansion of I-526 and I-26. It is quite simple; if economic growth continues, there must be functional and wider roads and better public transportation options. This can have been kicked down the road long enough. We need a little less talk and a lot more action.

I will be a leader and strong advocate for our district, making sure we have a “seat at the table” in the Statehouse. I will fight to protect our federal, state, and local tax dollars for OUR infrastruc-

ture needs. More than enough locally generated revenue is available to fix Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester’s infrastructure needs. Still, our funds are instead being allocated by Columbia for projects elsewhere in the state. It is time to revisit the current statewide funding allocations.

Our district needs a vigilant watchdog to ensure the government spends our tax dollars on our priorities and projects. I commit to being that leader

And as our community continues to shine as a leader in economic success, I will work very hard to make sure that the funding is in place to meet our infrastructure challenges, needs, and projects associated with current and future growth. I commit that I will also bring local, state, and regional leaders to the table to create a new transportation funding assessment and, even more, a new long-term transportation vision for the Lowcountry.

It is also essential to recognize that having a relationship and familiarity with South Carolina leadership in the House and Senate is vital. As a life-long Republican, I will work with my colleagues in the Republican majority and Governor McMaster to continuously protect our district and shine a light on the issues facing our great community.

I am running to serve our community because the status quo is not acceptable. In these uncertain times, strong leadership focused on actions, and results are required. To protect our Lowcountry community, our quality of life, the time for “less talk and more action” is now. I ask for your vote on Nov. 3rd, and together, we will eliminate the status quo.

I am available to communicate with you anytime — please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me with your questions, comments, and suggestions. Thank you for considering me as your candidate for District 99.

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police **BLOTTER**

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department reports within the Team 5 area – which serves Daniel Island and parts of the Cainhoy peninsula, between Sept. 1-15, 2020.

BURGLARY

On Sept. 1, Team 5 was contacted regarding a burglary at a residence on Bounty Square Drive. The complainant, a neighbor and key holder, was checking on a home while the homeowner was away. On Aug. 29, he noticed that the side door of a garage had been entered and discovered a black EZ-GO golf cart, valued at \$12,000, had been removed. Surveillance captured a masked male, aged 25-35, entering the garage at 5:25 a.m. Neighborhood surveillance also confirmed the same individual entered the main gate into the neighborhood and left the neighborhood at 6:11 a.m. in the golf cart, exiting onto Clements Ferry Road.

Lt. Matthew Wojslawowicz, commander of Team 5, believes the incident is isolated from the rash of golf cart thefts that occurred earlier this summer. The suspect in this case

does not match the description of the individual who has repeatedly removed golf carts from apartment complex garages and public spaces on Daniel Island.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Officers met with a complainant at a location off of Clements Ferry Road on Sept. 3 regarding the theft of his vehicle. The victim stated that on Aug. 28, he was driving his van when something struck the vehicle, causing damage to the radiator. The vehicle was disabled, so he pulled over into a convenience store parking lot and parked behind the store. When he returned the next day, the vehicle was missing. Employees at the convenience store verified that the van had not been towed. The van, a 2008 model with CarMax tags, has not been recovered. An investigation is underway.

VANDALISM

Officers were called to a business on Technology Drive on Sept. 4 in response to a vandalism complaint. Surveillance showed that at 7:17 a.m., an individual illegally entered a gated area and opened the doors on two Ford pickup trucks, rummaging through tool

boxes and scattering tools and construction equipment on the grounds of the property. An unsuccessful attempt was made to open a shipping container in the parking lot. The suspect tried to get into a 15-foot enclosed trailer and extensively damaged the door and locking mechanism. The cost to repair the trailer is estimated at \$7,000.

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

Team 5 was alerted regarding a rash of six car break-ins on Cartwright Street and surrounding areas on Sept. 8. One incident was formally reported. An unknown individual entered the complainant’s two unlocked vehicles which were parked in a driveway at the rear of the residence. The cars were rummaged through and spare change from a center console was removed. Video surveillance shows a male in a hooded jacket entering the vehicles beginning at 1:50 a.m. Footage was turned over to police officers and the vehicles were processed for fingerprints.

IDENTITY THEFTS

Several identity thefts were reported to Team 5 during the first half of September. On Sept. 10, officers spoke with an indi-

vidual over the phone who stated that he had run a credit check on himself and found that there were 25 unauthorized accounts opened in his name.

On the same day, a complainant advised that she had received a letter from the Texas Workforce Commission stating that an unknown individual had applied for Social Security benefits using her name and social security number.

Another individual contacted Team 5 regarding a \$1,510 transport bill she had received from the American Ambulance Co. for an incident occurring in New Hampshire. The victim had never been to New Hampshire. The contact information on the bill matched the complainant’s address; however, her birth date was listed incorrectly. She contacted the transport company numerous times, but the bill was forwarded to a collection agency which was detected on a credit report. To clear the charge, the victim was advised to file a police report.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

During the first half of the month, Sept. 1-15, 11 collisions were reported on Daniel Island and the Cainhoy peninsula.

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Local high school student featured in People magazine

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Daniel Islander Xander Villegas reached celebrity status when pop culture news magazine People hit the stands for its latest edition on Sept. 18.

Villegas' story is part of a feature that showcases students and teachers across the United States adjusting to new life in the classroom during their first fall semester amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In the article, titled "Adjusting to new rules," Villegas, age 14, discusses the unique challenges of returning to the Charleston School of the Arts during the coronavirus.

"We talked about what it's like to go to school during the pandemic and how it's different from normal life," he said.

At the Charleston School of Arts, plexiglass separates each student's desk. Every student is required to participate on their computer, even if they are physically present in the classroom. With other students remaining at home, it's a trial run for newly-introduced "blended learning."

While socially-distanced classes haven't been ideal, Villegas said that the school has allowed him to grow further through their after-school programs.

Villegas enjoys playing his two favorite instruments, the guitar and piano, during his free time.

"Being able to play piano after class, the school is supporting my musical interests. I'm happy to have the opportunity to attend such a great school," he said.

Following social distancing guidelines at school is an unfamiliar adjustment, but Villegas, a freshman, is just looking forward to an eventual return to normalcy.

"I can't wait for the vaccine. Once we get through this, everything will return back to normal. In the meantime, this will serve as motivation to succeed in the classroom," he said.



PROVIDED

Xander Villegas, 14, and his mother, Melissa Engdahl, share the distinction of being featured in People magazine. Here, the two proudly display their stories. Villegas holds a copy of the Sept. 18 People magazine issue, where his story about returning to school during COVID-19 was featured.

Villegas isn't the only member of the family who's been featured in the magazine. His mother, Daniel Island resident Melissa Engdahl, was featured in "People's Heroes in the Hard Times" feature story titled "Carol's New Home" in 2009.

After her story ran, Engdahl kept in touch with writer Wendy Grossman. Through her relationship with Grossman, she helped bring her son's story to the magazine's attention.

After Villegas's story hit the stands, the mother and son now hold the unique distinction of both being featured in one of the most popular magazines in the United States.

"I'm glad to keep up the family tradition," Villegas said.

Vikor Scientific co-founder specializes in cutting-edge lab testing

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Shea Harrelson likes to say she was born, raised and stayed in South Carolina. The Daniel Island Park resident has grown from her small-town roots in Marion, South Carolina, into an entrepreneur who formed one of the largest and most successful molecular and COVID-19 testing labs in the country.

Charleston-based Vikor Scientific, which Harrelson co-founded two years ago with her business partner, Scotty Branch, is now on the frontline of the coronavirus pandemic.

"We are testing 10,000 to 12,000 people per day for COVID-19," said Harrelson. "The numbers can bounce up or down by a few thousand each day so we have to be ready."

Vikor provides medical diagnostic testing that identifies pathogens that are causing a patient's infection, along with detecting their antibiotic resistance genes. Its cutting-edge DNA sequencing platform eliminates the need for multiple tests and days of waiting for a diagnosis. The company provides test results and personalized treatment recommendations from its pharmacy team all within 24 hours.

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Shea Harrelson co-founded Vikor Scientific in 2017. The company has grown from 12 employees to more than 250 since then.

tors prescribe the most appropriate antibiotic for a patient's infection," said Harrelson. "It truly improves the patient's outcome and it doesn't get any better than that."

In 2018, Vikor opened its first labora-

tory on Meeting Street with 12 employees. Within three months of testing its first patient samples, the company saw its volume doubling week over week. Earlier this year, the company moved to its new headquarters in the WestEdge complex, a biotech hub in downtown Charleston.

"When we moved in April, COVID was just hitting hard. We had started validation studies for our COVID-19 test that was given emergency use authorization by the FDA, and were able to bring it to market shortly after," said Harrelson. "We were already testing over 250 pathogens, so validating one more was easy and the timing just seemed right."

The company had 40 employees working in the lab before the move, and hired over 80 more when they arrived. Vikor now boasts 253 employees, including a national sales force of more than 100, three locations in Charleston, and a recently opened lab in Philadelphia. Vikor is launching its new mobile testing unit with a site in Mount Pleasant and a mobile team that will travel to businesses that want to test their employees.

Being able to change patient outcomes is the most rewarding part of her job, said Harrelson. "When a patient calls and tells us they

were able to get their life back because their doctor used our test, the whole lab stops and we cheer and celebrate because that's what we do."

Harrelson spends her downtime enjoying the Lowcountry with her husband and three children. Their favorite activities are spent outdoors playing pickleball, boating, kayaking and fly fishing.

"I spent a lot of time here growing up and always loved this area," she said. "And there's something about Daniel Island; your blood pressure just drops when you come over the bridge."

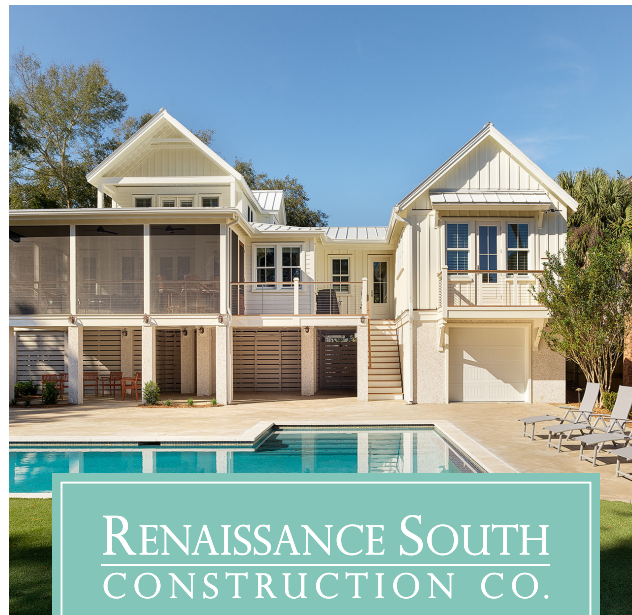
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Island couple continues Meals on Wheels delivery

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Fred and Mary Sieber have changed a lot about their habits since March. They don't eat in restaurants, they attend church services online, and they haven't seen their children or grandchildren in person. Despite all those changes, as well as the fact that being elderly themselves puts them in the high-risk category for COVID-19 complications, the Siebers have remained committed to delivering to the people on their Meals on Wheels route.

"We're able to complete our deliveries with little to no contact," said Fred. "We love the staff, we love the mission, and we wanted to continue to make a difference."

When the Siebers moved to Daniel Island from Washington, D.C., 23 years ago, they estimate that there were only about 20 houses on the entire island. They enjoyed riding bikes all around, and their grandchildren loved the wild adventures of exploring the yet-to-be developed land.

Having delivered meals in Maryland when their children were young, becoming volunteers for East Cooper Meals on Wheels seemed like a natural fit. They started helping out in September 2010, and they've been serving their homebound neighbors ever since.

"We wanted to do something in the community to help out, and we already knew how important Meals on Wheels is," shared Mary.

They were surprised to discover that East Cooper Meals on Wheels served such a varied population — people of all ages and income levels — all without every charging for a meal. They typically serve around 16 people a week on their route, which covers Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and the Cainhoy area. One of the recipients on their route is actually a neighbor who lives just two doors down.

"The people on our route truly represent the various socio-economic groups of the area," said Mary. "We have everyone from retired doctors to folks fully dependent on their social security checks, as well as a range of younger people and senior citizens."

The Siebers say everyone is always



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Daniel Island residents Fred and Mary Sieber have continued their volunteer work with Meals on Wheels throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that has disrupted so many lives.

very grateful, and they do what they can to provide more than just food to their homebound neighbors. Some folks request cat food, another service provided by Meals on Wheels to support the four-legged companions of its recipients, while others appreciate a few bottles of water or a brief conversation.

"There are people on the route that you just know, you're the only person they will see that day," Fred shared.

Though the delivery procedures have changed because of the pandemic, the Siebers are glad to still be making an impact. Even more so now, they can empathize with the complications that arise when you are homebound.

"Sometimes people don't understand why Meals on Wheels delivers to a community like Daniel Island, but anyone could become homebound without warning," said Mary. "The meals are free to everyone, and we can even provide them for the short-term, such as following surgery. Whether you're a long-time Lowcountry resident or you just moved here to be closer to your adult children, Meals on Wheels is here to help when you're homebound."



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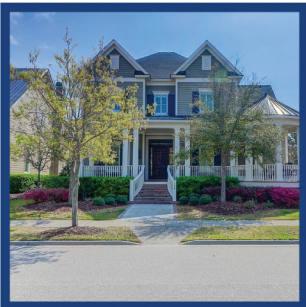
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“It just opens the process up to more people,” he said.

To request a mail-in absentee ballot, visit scvotes.org, or contact the elections office at webvre@berkeleycountysc.gov or 843-719-4056. A witness signature on the ballot will not be required, after recent court decisions (see information box on this page).

If voting absentee, election officials recommend requesting your ballot as early as possible. Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters requesting them about 30 days prior to the election and may be returned by either the voter or by an authorized user (with completed form) to the elections office or to the satellite locations during regular business hours. Application deadlines are as follows:

- Oct. 24 (before 5 p.m.) – For submitting an absentee application by mail
- Oct. 30 (before 5 p.m.) – For submitting an absentee application in-person or by the qualified elector’s representative
- Nov. 2 (before 5 p.m.) – For a qualified elector who appears in person to submit an absentee application

Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m., on the day of the election (Nov. 3), to be counted.

For additional information, or to check the status of your absentee ballot, visit scvotes.org.

TO SIGN OR NOT TO SIGN, IS THAT STILL THE QUESTION

In a statement issued Sept. 28, Chris Whitmire, director of public information for the South Carolina State Election Commission, said, “After the latest court ruling on Friday (Sept. 25), witness signatures are now NOT required on ballot return envelopes. The full United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the ruling of the court’s three-judge panel issued a day earlier (Sept. 24). In effect, this most recent ruling reinstates the United States District Court’s Sept. 19 order suspending the witness requirement.”

Whitmire makes clear that this is an ongoing case and is still subject to change as ballots are being readied to be mailed to voters.

“The court case is ongoing and is subject to change,” Whitmire continued in the statement. “We are seeking quick resolution of the matter to alleviate confusion and provide voters with clear instructions as soon as possible. The SEC will continue to notify the public of any changes to the witness requirement through the media and at SCVOTES.gov.”



YOUR BALLOT STATUS

If you have requested an absentee ballot for the General Election, you can check the status at info.scvotes.sc.gov/Eng/VoterInquiry/VoterInformationRequest.aspx?PageMode=AbsenteeInfo

You can make sure that your request has been received, if your ballot has been mailed to you, and if your completed ballot has been received and your vote is being processed.

ADVICE FROM THE USPS

The United States Post Office is sharing the following tips on mailing your ballots via postcards sent to

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- Start today. Give yourself and your election officiate ample time to complete the process.
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Leadership in the era of the partisan divide



management moment

DOUG DICKERSON

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies.

— Groucho Marx

An elderly gentleman was sitting on a park bench, basking in the sun when another elderly man sat down next to him. They looked at each other for a moment but did not speak. Both men sat there, staring straight ahead.

After a while, one of them heaved a big, heartfelt sigh.

The other jumped up immediately and said, "If you're going to talk politics, I'm leaving."

Leadership in the best of times can be difficult. John Maxwell eloquently put it this way, "Sometimes, leadership sucks." Can

you relate?

Being a leader during an election cycle such as we are in now has the potential to create a toxic environment in your workplace. Chances are, you have already experienced it on some level. And while people can be very passionate about their views, how you tread these waters as a leader can be tricky. Side with group A and you alienate those in group B. Side with group B and you alienate those in group A – and back and forth it goes.

Here's the reality – everyone has a set of political beliefs that they subscribe to and regardless of those beliefs, everyone's views ought to be respected. No one's morals should be called into question regardless of who they support or oppose and no one should be punished because of it.

As a leader, how you position yourself among your people during this time is important. Some leaders within their organizations opt to stay out of it. Others jump right in. But in the context of the effects on your culture and relationships, what's a good approach?

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How you model acceptance is important. Our diversity is our greatest asset. We are better for it. There ought to be room for differing views without fear of repercussion. As for your workplace culture, acceptance fosters relationships that lift and unites, never tearing down. It's not unreasonable to expect that people with differing political views can work together for the good of the organization.

PROMOTE MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE

So long as we are shouting over one another, the partisan divide will always exist. Meaningful dialogue with an emphasis on asking questions and listening will go a long way in building bridges rather than tearing them down. Your workplace culture ought not to be a place where your people dread going during this election season. It ought to be a place for meaningful conversations.

ALWAYS PROTECT YOUR CULTURE

While it may be wishful thinking that

all conversations are meaningful between your people and everyone is accepting of the views of their colleagues – all it takes is one, two, or more to upend your culture and wreak havoc in your workplace. These people can be toxic to your culture and the consequences can be detrimental. Above all else, you must protect your culture.

FINAL THOUGHTS

While it's important that we accept the views of others and that we aim for meaningful conversations, we must also bear in mind that not everyone cares to participate in these exchanges in your workplace. Believe it or not, there are those who are just as passionate about their politics as you, just not as vocal. They just choose not to constantly talk about it or post their opinions all over social media. That has to be respected as well.

Leading in the era of the partisan divides doesn't have to be destructive, but it will take strong leadership to pull it off.

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Locally distilled Homegrown Boone's Bourbon was ranked one of the top bourbons in the world at the 2020 New York International Spirits Competition (NYISC). The competition held virtually this year is different from other major competitions. The tasting panel is made up entirely of professional buyers from restaurant beverage directors to bartenders.

Boone's Bourbon is produced by Daniel Island resident "Pixie" Paula Dezzutti's Charleston-based Local Choice Spirits at her Striped Pig Distillery. The entrepreneurial mother of nine has created several spirit brands with celebrities, including her award winning collaboration with South Carolina singer and songwriter Tyler Boone.

Her collaboration with Boone began a couple years ago when he reached out to fellow South Carolinian Dezzutti to collaborate on his signature bourbon.

"When I finally launched Boone's Bourbon in 2018, I met my mentor and

this person treated me both as a partner and also as a loving member of her ever growing family," he said. "You don't find a lot of females in this industry and you don't meet anyone like Pixie Paula. She is a force to be reckoned with and I wouldn't want anyone else in my corner except her."

Boone's Bourbon was awarded the "Double Gold" — a special honor given to spirits considered to be the finest in the world by every judge on the panel.

"Double Golds" were awarded to just 42 of the more than 1,200 NYISC entries received from around the world. Local Choice Spirits took home several other awards, including Producer of The Year.

The accolades continued when Forbes featured the spirit in an article about the top six bourbon brands in the world. While almost 95% of all the bourbon comes from Kentucky, Forbes called Boone's Bourbon "a geographic outlier" showing that great bourbon can be crafted anywhere.

Dezzutti was excited, but not surprised by the win and the mention in Forbes.

"I used to say I felt we were going to win the Guinness Book of World Records because we were so successful right out of the gate. But now I say, Forbes featured us as the top 6 bourbons in the world! What more needs to be said, except for all the other amazing work we have done," Dezzutti exclaimed.

Working together they have successfully marketed Boone's Bourbon into states all over the country.

"Since Local Choice started in 2011 we have been working really hard to get (South Carolina) products on the map. We have won over 100 awards beating the market leaders across the board in all categories of spirits, but most impressive is the fact that we have won 15 awards in the Double Gold Category or better. Even a best in show!"

Dezzutti is not one to rest on her laurels, she is currently making hand sanitizer and personalizing the labels for businesses and special occasions. She is also in the process of unveiling a new website, along with her new book, "Skirt Smarts: Purpose With A Plan."



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Musical artist Tyler Boone and Daniel Island resident "Pixie" Paula Dezzutti, owner of Charleston-based Local Choice Spirits, collaborated on Boone's award-winning bourbon at the Striped Pig Distillery.



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Business BRIEFS

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Daniel Island-based Benefitfocus has added new faces to its executive suite naming permanent selections for CEO, CFO and CHRO positions.

Stephen Swad, the company's chief financial officer, was named president and chief executive officer, succeeding Raymond August, who stepped down as president and CEO in August.



Stephen Swad

Swad served as CFO since July 2019 and previously as a member of the board. Throughout his career in the technology industry, he built deep expertise in business, operations, finance and accounting. Prior to Benefitfocus, Swad served as CFO of Vox Media Inc. from 2016 until July 2019. Swad was also president and CEO of Rosetta Stone Inc., a publicly held language-learning software company, after serving as its CFO beginning in 2010.

Alpana Wegner has been selected to fill the CFO vacancy. Since joining Benefitfocus in 2017, she was quickly promoted to corporate controller and took on increasing financial and

operational responsibility, drawing on her extensive business, accounting, sales and compliance experience. She previously served in various roles at Blackbaud, including vice president of sales operations and CFO of the enterprise customer business unit.

Robin Kirby joined the company as its chief human resources officer. Kirby formerly served as senior vice president of HR for USAA and is a current member of the Forbes HR Council. Kirby will be responsible for Benefitfocus' future-of-work strategies and expanding its talent acquisition and development capabilities in all areas.

Kirby has more than 20 years of HR experience and has held HR leadership roles in companies such as Infosys, Symantec and General Electric. Her industry experience crosses technology, financial services and health care. Kirby holds a master's degree in Human Resources from the University of South Carolina and received her bachelor's degree from Coastal Carolina University.

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WANDO RIVER TRAIL CLOSED NEAR WATERFRONT PROJECT

The waterfront walking trail adjacent to The Waterfront project on the Wando River will be closed for safety reasons as installation and renovations to the docks and

landscaping continue, according to an email update from the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association.

Construction is expected to continue through the end of the year.

If walking along the trail from Barfield Park toward the docks, foot traffic can cross the bridge at Barfield Park and continue several hundred yards beyond the cemetery to the construction area. Foot traffic will need to turn around as the trail is blocked at that point.

Pedestrian traffic heading from Governors Park toward the docks (north to south) will re-route westward up River Landing Drive once the end of the footbridge is reached.

Any pedestrian traffic approaching from River Landing Drive will only be able to travel northbound up the walking trail toward Governors Park and will be blocked from traveling south toward Barfield Park.



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COLLECTOR'S EDITION

From pottery shards and shark's teeth to sports memorabilia, Daniel Island residents have a number of unique collections. Here's how they got started.

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Julie Hessenthaler has lived on Daniel Island for six years, but it wasn't until recently that she and a friend discovered their favorite hobby: collecting pottery shards on the beach running alongside the Daniel Island Trail.

"I started just before the lockdown, and I've been hooked since then," Hessenthaler said. Hessenthaler's interest in the pottery's past history fuels her passion for collecting the objects. "It's one thing to be told or taught history, but it's another thing to have it in your hands, and to hold it. It's just like, wow, that was somebody's life. Somebody held this, somebody touched this, and somebody made this," Hessenthaler said.

Her friend Tina Jackson — an 11-year Daniel Island resident and Hessenthaler's pottery-hunting partner in crime — is quick to point out that their unique ability to detect the small clay shards takes a keen and sharp eye.



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Julie Hessenthaler shares a glimpse of her findings of clay pottery shards during a beautiful morning beach walk on Daniel Island.

Nevertheless, neither realized that their collegiate studies would one day help them enjoy their favorite hobby together.

"I think you really have to have an eye for things, because it doesn't really look like much at first," Jackson said.



LEE WARDLAW

Daniel Island residents and friends Julie Hessenthaler and Tina Jackson proudly display their pottery shard collection.

It's also important to have a well-timed arrival to the beach when hunting the treasures. "They're usually just right on top of the sand," Hessenthaler said of the pieces of pottery, noting they more readily reveal themselves during the low tide, but she still finds some during the high tide as well."

Even after coming across a piece of pottery, the shards aren't always immediately detectable, so there's always a mystery to solve.

"You might find something and see that it's white, then you flip it over. It's just like a treasure hunt," Jackson said.

And after that, there's still more questions that remain to be answered.

"A lot of times, you pick stuff up, and it's not until you get home when you kind of look at everything, and then you can see the details of it," Jackson said.

Among their findings, Hessenthaler and Jackson have discovered artifacts used by English and Spanish settlers, Native Americans, and others.

While neither are experts, the pair refers to Hessenthaler's copy of "Daniel Island Unearthed: An Archaeological Field Guide to Daniel Island's Wando River Coastline," written by Daniel Island's young local archaeologist John Conley.

Regardless of their findings, the pair's treasure hunt is always a success at the end of the day.

"It's probably what got me through the pandemic," Hessenthaler said.

Collecting pottery has helped form a stronger companionship between the two. Hessenthaler also enjoys searching for shards with her 11-year-old beagle, Gulliver, and her fiancée, Kyle.

"It's just that shared bond of finding treasure. It's therapeutic. You're walking on the beach. It's a very grounding exercise," Hessenthaler said.



LEE WARDLAW

Aron Rosenthal just started collecting shark's teeth recently, but it's already grown into what he describes as a "healthy addiction." His collection contains hundreds of shark's teeth and other prehistoric fossil fragments, but his prized megalodon teeth are protected in this glass box. Below: Rosenthal reveals a megalodon tooth — nearly the size of his palm.



from shards to sharks

Aron Rosenthal, a 10-year resident of Daniel Island, participates in an activity eerily similar to collecting pottery shards: collecting shark's teeth.

Similar to Hessenthaler and Jackson, Rosenthal was pushed to participate after the coronavirus pandemic left him temporarily furloughed from his job. The pandemic led him to discover what he describes as a "healthy addiction."

"During the pandemic, you're looking for things to do with your family outdoors," Rosenthal said.

Since then, his explorations have led him across the Charleston area and throughout the southeast, even taking his family on a vacation to Venice Beach, Florida, which is known as the "Shark Tooth Capital of the World."

"We found hundreds of teeth in just a couple of days there," he said. Also like Hessenthaler and Jackson, he's motivated by the adventure and history of hunting the collection.

"As a kid, I wanted to be Indiana Jones. It's like reliving a childhood fantasy of treasure hunting. What you're finding is a true piece of natural history. Each one of these teeth is 20 million years old, and now I'm picking it up in my hands," he said.

Rosenthal often searches for the age-old fossils after a recent rainfall. "It's easier to find them. The rain washes the top layer of sand or dirt, then exposes the shark's teeth," he said.

In the meantime, he's looking forward to the fall season. "The vegetation starts to die back, and then it's a little easier to find them," he said.

a really good sport

Daniel Island resident Gregg Sherry owns a collection that includes over 100 autographed bats, balls, hats, and books.

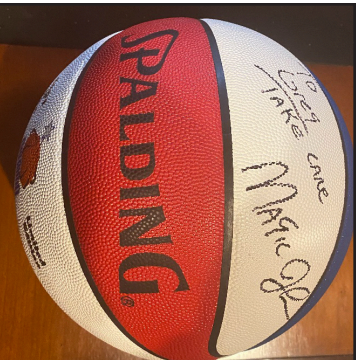
"I'm not a collector per say, it's a product of being in the business," he said. The collection is an added benefit of his business dealings during a long and successful career as a sports marketing executive that lasted over 30 years.

Sherry was a global communications specialist for Spalding, and then pivoted to create his own company, "The Sherry Group." Based in New York, he owned the company from 1992-2005, then selling it to Publicis Groupe, a French firm.



LEE WARDLAW

Baseballs signed by Joe DiMaggio (New York Yankees) and Ted Williams (Boston Red Sox).



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Sherry had a working business relationship with basketball all-stars Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and Pete Maravich, and has balls signed by each.

One of Sherry's favorite items is a rare collector's edition signed basketball from Johnson.

The commemorative item was created to honor Johnson's return to the sport in the 1992 NBA All-Star Game after he had taken time off from the sport following his announcement that he had HIV.

"I have the No. 1 ball of 1,000, and it's signed by him, so that's kind of cool. He even left me a little note," Sherry said.

The collection also includes footballs autographed by football stars Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, Terrell Owens, Brett Favre, John Elway, Joe Montana, and Jerry Rice, along with baseballs signed by MLB legends Nolan Ryan, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, and Hank Aaron.

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At left is a collector's item basketball, signed, sealed, and delivered by basketball legend Magic Johnson. The basketball is the No. 1 assembled in a commemorative series that only included 1,000 balls total. The line of products was created to honor Johnson's MVP performance in the 1992 NBA All-Star Game.



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Delayed by lightning, PSHS strikes 29-8 blow to Burke

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It was worth the wait.

The Philip Simmons High School football team kicked off its season with a Region 6-AA game against Burke on Friday night. But the Iron Horses didn't get to celebrate its 29-8 season-opening victory until Saturday afternoon as lightning reigned supreme at Ravenel Stadium forcing the game to be halted with the Iron Horses in command 14-0.

There were some hitches Saturday. Some of the Iron Horses had to take their SAT tests and didn't make the return trip. And the Iron Horses lost a little of their intensity.

But for the first time in the school's brief history, the Iron Horses are 1-0, and could be 2-0 if a trip to Lake Marion proves to be productive.

"It was a great win for the kids," Philip Simmons coach Eric Bendig said. "We had a great effort. We



VALARY DREYER

Will Ramey makes waves, pulling in a touchdown pass from QB Tripp Williams on the way to Philip Simmons High School's rain-soaked win over Burke, 29-8.

are still experiencing those 'firsts' and this is the first time we've been 1-0."

There were heavy rains Friday, but by the time things kicked off Friday night, lightning became the issue. Each time there was a

lightning bolt, it pushed back the resumption of the game until the officials and coaches huddled and decided to resume the game at noon the next day. Action stopped Friday with the Iron Horses threatening to score with the ball on the Burke 8.

The third TD of the game came about 14 hours later.

"We weren't as sharp Saturday," Bendig said. "We watched the film from Friday night and made some adjustments. But when you go up 21-0, you sort of become complacent."

The Iron Horses are 1-0 thanks to a balanced offense and a stingy defense.

Quarterback Tripp Williams completed 8 of 12 passes for 96 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing for 18 yards and another score. The big effort shows how important he is to the team's success. Last year, he missed a good majority of the season after suffering an injury in Week 2.

"Quarterback play, coupled with our offensive line, will be the catalyst," Bendig said. "Tripp's demeanor is what you want in a quarterback. He's a captain and shows poise out there."

The defense accomplished its

goals. The Iron Horses caused three turnovers and blocked a kick.

"We played like we had our ears pinned back and came at them," Bendig said.

Peyton Woolridge led the Iron Horses with 66 yards rushing on nine carries. Will Ramey caught five passes for 52 yards while Bennett White caught two passes for 46 yards, including a reception that went for 31 yards.

Tyler Harper had a big night on defense, recording 15 tackles, including 10 solo. He had a tackle for a loss and recovered a fumble. Hunter Ramey also had 15 tackles, including seven solo stops. Luther Smalls picked off a pass and returned it 26 yards.

The Iron Horses continue region play with a trip to Lake Marion this weekend.

"It will be the first time we ever play them, so that's exciting," Bendig said. "We have a chance to be 2-0."



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fishing trends

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Recently, while on my daily pilgrimage to Publix, someone stopped me and asked two questions. Can you really catch shrimp in the waters around Daniel Island? What does Brody do when he is not finding fish or trading stocks?

In regard to catching shrimp, the answer is a resounding yes! Especially this year. An unusually warm winter has contributed to a bumper crop of shrimp in our rivers and creeks. Shrimp baiting season is now open, and everyone is reporting good catches around Crab Bank and Bulls Bay.

Shrimp baiting is a simple affair. You place (up to 10) marker

poles in shallow water and toss shrimp bait around the poles. After waiting a few minutes, you throw a cast net over your bait. Viola, shrimp dinner.

While shrimp baiting is a highly productive technique, these days I more often than not catch my shrimp by deep holing. This technique allows me to fish when the tide is moving (and the fish are feeding) and switch to shrimp when the tide slows down.

On the surface, deep hole shrimping sounds simple. Position your boat over a 20- to 40-foot depth transition and throw your deep hole net. If the net lands on a concentration of shrimp you probably have enough for a nice dinner. The trick is to determine the depth that the shrimp are in and then to calculate the set and drift of the net to land in the appropriate depth. Given variables like current, wind and the sink rate of

your net, it can be tough to get the net to land in the right spot. But, when you do, it is a great way to catch shrimp! Typically, I toss the deep hole net five to 10 times and this produces enough shrimp for a dinner or two.

Finding fish and trading stocks keeps Brody pretty busy. It seems there is not enough time in the day. Soon as the market closes, Brody shuts down his trading station and runs to the end of the dock. If we do not go fishing, he sits on the dock and looks for fish. This time of year, he does not have to look very much. The creeks are full of trout, flounder and redfish that are feeding aggressively before the lean days of winter.

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Battling Bishops, Iron Horses race at Lowcountry Invite

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Saturday's Lowcountry Invite featured some of the top cross country teams in the area as 26 boys' teams and 23 girls' teams competed in the 5,000-meter run, which was hosted by James Island Charter.

It also featured Noah Ward, a senior for Philip Simmons High School, who is wrapping up a fantastic career as one of the Palmetto State's all-time distance runners.

Ward won the Lowcountry Invite championship in a time of 15 minutes, 47.94 seconds to easily capture first place. His time was more than a minute faster than the rest of the field and even more impressive because the course, Mullett Hall on Johns Island, had standing water on it due to heavy rains the day before.

Ward, who began his career at Hanahan, has one more go round this fall as a member of the Iron Horses' cross country team and

will conclude his track and field career in May.

It only seems like he has more gold than Fort Knox. He was on a Hanahan team that won a state championship, and he has seven individual goal medals. That total would have been higher if the track and field season last spring had not fallen victim to the coronavirus pandemic.

Last fall, Ward captured first in the 5K run at the state cross country with a personal best time of 15:36.84. He is one of the best distance runners in the state regardless of classification or season. He also is one of the top 1,600- and 3,200-meter runners in track and field.

Ward, who was named to the Palmetto State's all-decade track and field team, is still deciding on his matriculation process.

He's getting interest from a lot of Division I schools, but would like to stay in the South. Clemson, the University of Virginia and



BISHOP ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop England and Philip Simmons girls competed at the Lowcountry Invite cross country race. Bishop England placed second and Philip Simmons was sixth in the team standings.

Georgetown University all fit that geographical location. He could make a decision in the next few weeks.

Class AAAAA entry Wando won the boys event with 59 points while

May River (Class AAAA) held down second place with 86. Bishop England (Class AAA) was right behind in third place with 87 points and Philip Simmons (Class AA) was fourth with 95.

Senior Mark Richter led the Bishops to third place with a time of 17:10.28, which was good for sixth place, individually. Freshman Justin Hafner was ninth in 17:15.22.

The Iron Horses' Henry Wood finished in 11th place. Other top 20 individual finishers included BE's Matthew Sawyer and Dominic Coffman, and Philip Simmons' Thomas Schmenk.

In the girls' race, James Island claimed the top trophy with 58 points. Bishop England placed second with 87 points. Philip Simmons was sixth with 196 points.

Bishop England's Norah Brahim and Kimber Keene finished sixth and seventh, respectively with times of 20:38.50 and 20:48.54.

Haley Meyers and Josie May led Philip Simmons. Meyers finished eighth with a time of 20:51.74 and May claimed ninth in 20:58.79.

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Bishop England drops gridiron opener to Oceanside in 2-day affair

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When you are a football coach and the ultimate family man like John Cantey, you are not going to have a long honey-do list.

But that doesn't mean you're not going to be busy.

Cantey, the Bishop England football coach, didn't get a break over the weekend. On Friday, he had a full day at school as an algebra teacher and then led his Bishops into battle against Oceanside Collegiate Academy in the season-opener at Jack Cantey Stadium.

Lightning forced the game to be postponed until Saturday, which turned out to be a hectic day. Cantey was just lucky that his beloved Clemson Tigers had the weekend off.

Cantey led his Bishops through a morning walkthrough on Saturday, and then headed out with wife Haley to watch one of their



JEEP MCCABE

The Battling Bishops had to split their game against Oceanside Collegiate Academy between Friday and Saturday as lightning delayed play until the next day.

children play soccer. Then it was time to watch another child to play flag football.

After that, he coached a flag football team that featured yet

another child of the Canteys.

Finally, Cantey led the Bishops back on the field for the remainder of the game against OCA. The Land Sharks, who led 7-0 when

the game was halted near the end of the first quarter, finished off the Battling Bishops with a 27-7 victory in a game that will go a long way in determining the Region 8-AAA champion.

"It rained all day and the field was a mess," Cantey said. "But near game time, lightning became the issue. At first, it was way off in the distance. But then it was only seven miles away. That's when it was time to shut it down."

The Land Sharks, ranked No. 10 in the state Prep Football Media Poll, held the Bishops' offense to 11 first downs, and that was the difference in the game, which marked the debut of Joe Call as the OCA coach. Call is the grandson of the all-time winningest coach in football history, John McKissick. Call followed his grandfather as the coach at Summerville.

The Bishops' defense gave up only one touchdown as OCA scored a touchdown on defense,

while Fletcher Files kicked two field goals and three PATs.

"I'm pretty proud of what we accomplished on defense," Cantey said. "It seems like we gave them a short field the entire game, and we made a couple of mistakes on offense that led to points. We had no film on them, so we didn't have that kind of preparation."

"They shut us down," Cantey added. "We can play with them. We just have to get the offense on track."

The Bishops' only score came at the beginning of the third quarter. The Bishops recovered an onside kick and used the short field to their advantage, getting on the scoreboard when quarterback Eddie Marinaro scored on a plunge that cut the lead to 10-7. But the Land Sharks pulled away to make Call's debut a success.

The Bishops will host Academic Magnet Friday, while OCA plays North Charleston on Thursday.

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Joe Hinske

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Joe and his wife Nikki have lived on Daniel Island since 2003 and are both CPAs at different firms. They have two sons who

attend the Charleston School of the Arts in the vocal department.

"I play fantasy football and pick-em games to keep involved in the games throughout the weekend," writes Joe per email. "My favorite team is the Cleveland Browns."

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RBG and me



chapter two

VICKIE BERNIE

Living life as a senior

We woke up on Sept. 18 to a world without Ruth Bader Ginsberg. I lost another piece of my heart, similar in proportion to the one I lost when my mother died. I never met RBG, but I knew her.

Like my mom, she was small but mighty. Also like my mom, she took care of us. She fought for justice literally until the end of her life — especially gender equality.

I will do my very best to keep her memory alive for my grandchildren as I do with their own great-grandmother. I want them to always know how both of these women have influenced their lives — one in a quiet everyday sort of way and one in a way that will always affect their place in the world. Although an entire country is mourning her death along with me, I have been feeling

incredibly lonely.

Back in the day, there was a television show called “Queen for a Day.” Obviously, times have changed, and gender lines are not always as clear cut, but the show ended every day with Jack Bailey saying: “Make every woman a queen for every single day.” Its heart was definitely in the right place during that period in history, and it truly made steps in recognizing the importance of women’s roles as well as carving out a beginning for reality TV.

My dear LA friend, Maureen confided in me that she and her sister used to pretend that they were on that show when they were little girls and that she never got to be queen. Well, that was all I needed to hear. At her next birthday, boy, was she ever queen for a day and I have been buying her queen-themed gifts for the last 35 years.

Once, when she visited my home, I gifted her with a solar powered Queen Elizabeth statuette, who exercises her royal wave all day long. Maureen decided to leave it at my house “to visit” whenever she came back (may have been her kind way of saying “quit buying me queen stuff”) and the queen immediately began holding court on my kitchen windowsill. My daughter-in-law bought me the queen’s solar powered Corgi to stand next to her and wag. My sister

bought me a Marie Antoinette salt and pepper shaker, separated by lifting off her head — also on the windowsill.

You can see where this is going, as well as my apparent illness when it comes to themes. (I also obsessively love to make my family and friends wear crowns. I have a supply for every occasion)

Imagine my delirium when, during my hunt on the internet for all things RBG, I found a figurine of her — black robe, lace collar with a crown on her head! I cannot wait to place her where I can see her every day — you know where — reminding me constantly that although she is gone, her work is not done. It may seem like an insignificant thing but suddenly I am a little less lonely. She may not have been royalty in the dictionary definition of the word, but in my book, there was no one more noble.

RBG died on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and according to tradition, a person who dies on this holiday is a “tzaddik — a person of great righteousness.” And to “crown” someone is “to invest them with regal dignity.”

Righteousness and dignity — words that perfectly describe two of the most amazing people to influence my life. And, I just realized that I need to add a likeness of my mom to my windowsill as well.



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Vicki Bernie found this homage to Ruth Bader Ginsberg that will be added to her collection of strong women figurines.

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Kevin Drennan, 17, painted his parking space themed after the widely popular game Twister. “It’s creative, and it’s not too complicated,” Drennan said.



Michael Stebbins, 17, elected to paint his parking space with light purple and black. “It’s supposed to be a galaxy with stars,” he said.



Catherine Grace Soper, 17, painted her parking space with multiple shades of orange, almost like a sunset. Here she displays her colorful creation.

Bishop England students establish new tradition at PARKING PALOOZA

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LEE WARDLAW | LEE@THEDANIELISLANDNEWS.COM

Seniors took to the Bishop England High School parking lot to leave their marks on their assigned parking spaces Sept. 20. Sixty students had designs pre-approved by the school, and were encouraged to express themselves through positive artwork to beautify the campus, build school spirit, and create a new senior tradition. The BEHS Parent Guild was on hand to provide Jersey Mike’s sandwiches for the students.



Chase Loggins, a 17-year old Bishop England senior who has committed to playing baseball for The Citadel, painted an American flag in honor of the country that he loves.



Above: Mary Parker McLaughlin, 17, proudly displays her pink and yellow colored parking spot. When she’s finished painting, she said it will resemble a smiley face design.

At left: Coco Pampu, 18, shows off her painted parking spot, “Coco Chanel,” in honor of her name and the iconic perfume and fashion brand.

Above left: Jesse Kirby made plenty of preparations before painting his space-themed masterpiece. “I definitely did a lot of research on the internet,” he said.



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meeting **NOTES**

These are the issues coming before various City of Charleston boards and committees and the review results 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

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee is set for Oct. 1, 9 a.m., via Zoom. There are no Daniel Island/Cainhoy issues on the agenda.

CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - SITE DESIGN

A meeting of the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals-Site Design set for Oct. 7 has been rescheduled to Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. On the agenda is the deferred application for the removal of eight grand trees on Fairbanks Drive. Zoned DI-GO, Owner: Stanley Martin Homes. Applicant: Seamon Whiteside + Associates. For information call 843-724-3765.

CITY OF CHARLESTON PLANNING COMMISSION

At the City of Charleston Planning Commission meeting held Sept. 16, the commission recommended approval of the requested amendment to the Wando Village Planned Unit Development Master Plan and Development Guidelines to allow for a sound barrier for a portion of the property adjacent to the newly widened Highway 41 roadway and new bridge at 546 Riverbend Trail and Highway 41.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Berkeley County Council conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner.
- Berkeley County Board of Education meetings are held twice each month. The second meeting of each month includes

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- Charleston City Council conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR**COMING UP**

ATTRACTING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES: The Daniel Island Garden Club hosts guest speaker Billy McCord, a wildlife biologist and naturalist, Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m., at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 299 Seven Farms Drive. His topic is "Attracting Monarch Butterflies to Your Yard." The meeting can also be viewed on Zoom. For more information contact Linda Price, lmcwpr@gmail.com.

REGULAR MEETINGS

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS meet virtually the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Visit online at berkeleydems.com/calendar to learn about accessing the meeting online.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. both in person at the Daniel Island Club and virtually. For more information on attending, email maryjo@mjrccac.com. For more details about the club, visit danielislandrotary.com.

TOASTMASTERS OF DANIEL ISLAND meet on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month, at 10 a.m., on Zoom. Language is changing. It's becoming more inclusive of gender, race, nationality, and other parts of ourselves. By continuing to write speeches, expressing views within the required Pathways program, club members gain more agency, as they delve into their implicit biases, within the safe DITM space. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/DITMClub/>

THE COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES, sponsored by the Daniel Island Rotary Club, Daniel Island Club, Daniel Island Community Fund and Daniel Island Business Association. For the complete schedule, go to danielislandrotary.com.

THE DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB meets the second Wednesday of each month starting in October at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 3 p.m. The group will exercise COVID-19 safety precautions and the meetings can also be viewed on Zoom. For more information, contact Linda Price, lmcwpr@gmail.com.

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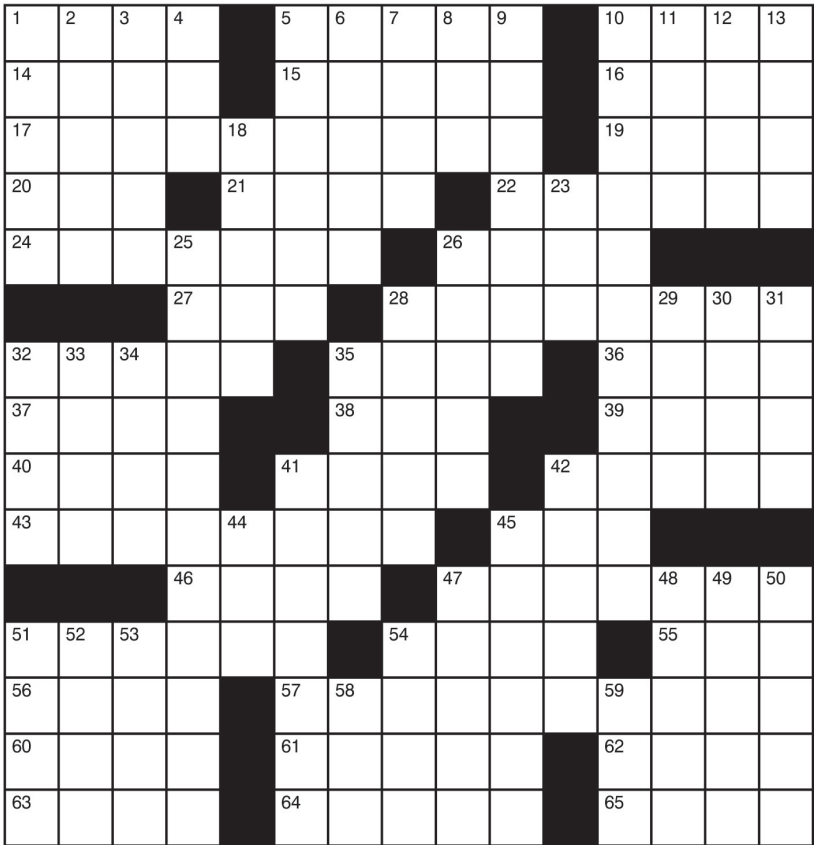
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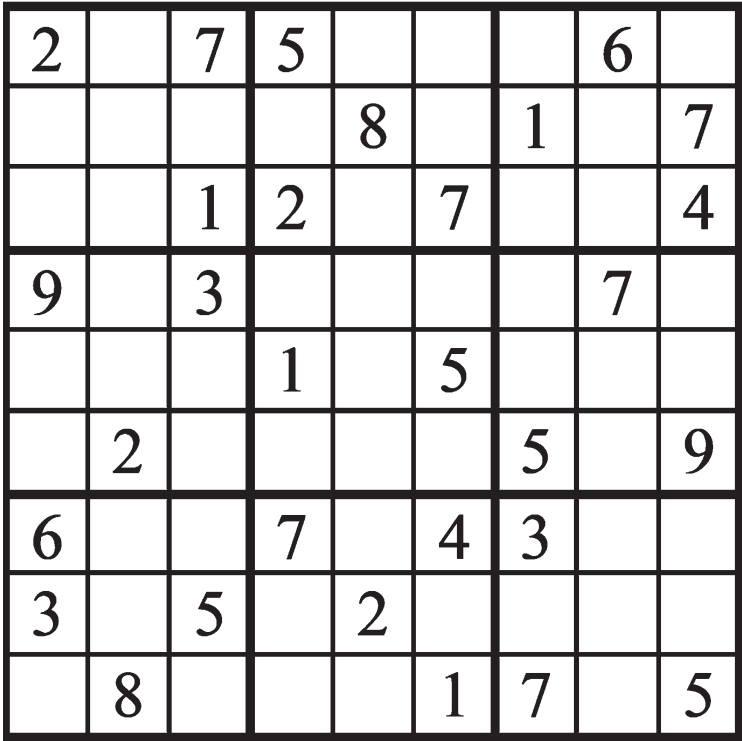
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Grammar
Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Writing an Article

Articles are little adjectives (*the*, *a* and *an*) that identify nouns in sentences. Choose the correct article to be used in each sentence below.

1. Monica is (a, an) honest neighbor.
2. Where can I catch (a, an) northbound bus?
3. Let's take (a, an) hour for lunch today.
4. Why did you wear such (a, an) ugly tie?



Answers:
1. an 2. a 3. an 4. an
Use *an* and *the* (pronounced *thee*) before nouns that begin with vowels or have initial vowel sounds. Use *a* and *the* before other nouns.

MYSTERY ? PHOTO ? CONTEST

CONGRATS TO CATE ANGLE – LAST WEEK’S WINNER

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident Cate Angle, who correctly identified last week’s photo as the photo outside of Wasabi restaurant, located on Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island.

Cate, who is 10, recently moved here from Potomac, Maryland. The fifth grader is currently homeschooling, but she plans to join Daniel Island School soon.

This was her first time entering the mystery photo contest. “I am a new Daniel Island resident and already an avid reader of The Daniel Island News,” Cate said. “I recognized this week’s mystery pic as the photo on the exterior of the local restaurant, Wasabi. My mom walked with me to the restaurant to take my picture.”

She said she loves exploring new places on Daniel Island. “My favorite place to walk is in front of the shops on Seven Farms Drive, and I especially love it when that includes a stop at Blondies for ice cream. I also enjoy all the trails and pools that make the island so beautiful.”

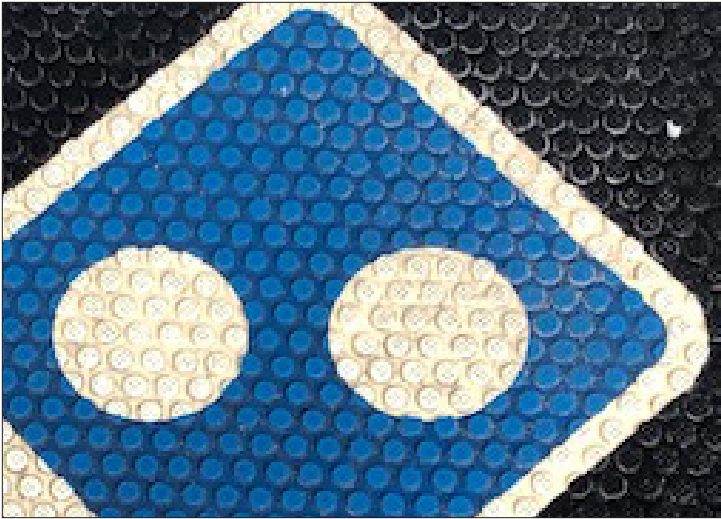
When it comes to spending time with her family, Cate



said she likes shopping trips (especially at Target), cooking with her mom or sister, and scouting for shells on beach trips to IOP. “I also like to lounge around on our screened porch with my cat, Bud,” she added.

Congratulations also to Abby Darr, Bridgette DeWolf, Heather Goodson, and Karen Fedder for responding with the right answer!

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK’S PHOTO?



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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



Sept. 29, 2005

On Sept. 29, 2005, the cover and centerfold stories ran under the headline: "Fighting the Fat." Dr. Patrick O'Neil, a MUSC professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and director of the MUSC Weight Management Center, said a root cause of increased girth is a collision of genes and environment. And, Dr. Kim Mallin

provided insights on the risks and benefits of Bariatric surgeries.

In news, the Humanities Foundation affordable apartment plan prevailed before the Planning Commission but the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association filed a lawsuit challenging the project in Berkeley County Court.

In school news, Berkeley County School District reported improvements countywide in the SAT and ACT scores as well as in the PACT testing. And, students at Hanahan Elementary and Bishop England raised funds for Hurricane Katrina victims.

TEN YEARS AGO



Sept. 30, 2010

In school news, Berkeley County School District was looking for creative ways to fund and provide arts to students. Jonathon Green held a fundraiser for the arts and a district spokesperson said they welcomed more private programming: "One area that we could investigate is more supplemental after-school programs in dance, drama and strings. We would be interested in being able to offer that additional enrichment for students at our schools if we could find business partners willing to provide those services. Again, these would be fee-based programs."

In the Sept. 30, 2010, edition, the cover featured four short stories: the return of the 7th Annual Buddy Walk, construction to begin on Governors Park, the Berkeley County School District facing financial woes due to changes in funding, and TGIF kicked off its 12th season.

FIVE YEARS AGO



Oct. 1, 2015

The cover and centerfold of the Oct. 1, 2015, edition included renderings of the DI Performing Art Center that was to be a destination facility on Daniel Island. The venue was to be used for Broadway-caliber productions among other art initiatives. The project is no longer on the table.

Answers to questions that were presented to the mayoral candidates at the Forum held earlier that month were published.

In island life, pictures from the DI Historical Society meeting with a special guest from Limehouse Produce and pictures from John England Day at Bishop England High School were featured.

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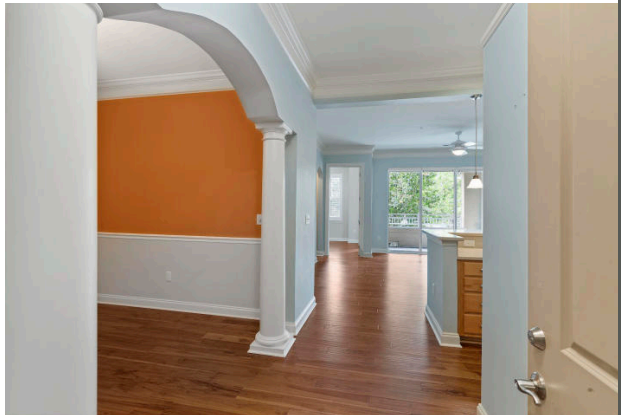
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