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DICA transferring to property owner-run board; developer to turn over control

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After a quarter-century under a developer-controlled board, the Daniel Island Community Association (DICA) is on the brink of becoming a property owner-run board. That transition is slated to take effect at the turn of the new year.

On Sept. 8, the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association congregated at the Daniel Island Recreation Center to discuss the exchange. The meeting room was filled to capacity with approximately 30 residents and board members. The seating was narrow but the minds at the table were not.

Since the island's master-planned community formed in 1996, the Daniel Island Property Owners Association (DIPOA) and the Daniel Island Company have known that this transfer of authority was coming down the pipeline. With DIPOA serving as the umbrella association and Daniel Island Company serving as the developer "declarant," the two leaderships arranged for this turnover to take place in the near future.

"In a planned community like Daniel Island, we have been, in my opinion, very



ZACH GIROUX

On Sept. 8 the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association held a meeting to discuss the transition from a developer-controlled board to a property owner-run board.

fortunate to have what's considered a 'lifetime developer,'" said DIPOA President Jane Baker, who also served as vice president for the past 10 years. "... I think that's been a great thing for property values on the island."

Their agreement is contingent on the master plan reaching a certain number of housing units on the island with certificates of occupancy and owned by someone other than a builder. The "trigger point" will terminate the Declarant Control Period when 75% of the total number of units (7,500)

allowed by the master plan are occupied.

There are currently 5,597 units that are certified occupants and 28 units remaining to reach the benchmark, according to Baker. She expects the point of occupancy to be achieved by mid-to-late October.

DICA makes up 2,200 single-family homes and townhomes south of I-526. The association is responsible for four amenities, which includes the maintenance of three member-only pools and one boat landing.

The beginning of next month marks the last day for property owners to nominate candidates for six property-owner seats on the DICA board. Nominations began last month, as of Aug. 15, and so far five property owners have been nominated.

All candidates in the running will remain anonymous until after the nomination deadline has concluded Friday, Oct. 1, per Baker. However, Baker did disclose that she has been appointed by Daniel Island Company as the seventh member of the DICA board.

"You're stuck with me and my team for a little bit longer but I happen to think they do a smashing job so I hope that does not come as a great surprise to you all," Baker said.

The six-seat election will occur via elec-

tronic ballot at DICA's annual meeting on Monday, Nov. 1. Voters must have one valid email address registered with the DIPOA in order to vote.

Only one vote per property will be accepted. The property owner must vote for all six seats in order for their vote to count, if not, the vote is disqualified.

All DICA property owners have paid their dues with the exception of two delinquencies due to foreclosures. Ten percent of DICA property owners must participate in the election in order for it to be valid and to achieve quorum.

Three seats will have terms of two-calendar years and the other three seats will have one calendar-year terms, as allocated by the new DICA board. The board will meet on a quarterly basis beginning Jan. 11, 2022.

Theoretically, if there are no malfunctions with the voting software, the election results will be available that evening if not by Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Following the election, there will be a two-year control period that gives the Daniel Island Company veto power.

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Daniel Island School off to shining start for students

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The Daniel Island School (DIS) opened its doors to a new school year with in-person learning on Aug. 17. Teachers donned black shirts and sparkly bead necklaces that incorporated the theme of the year: “Together We Shine.”

Festive pop-ups, provided by Sassy Signs, created fun photo-ops placed around the campus entrances. New parents and parents of students in grades kindergarten through third grade were given a rare opportunity to escort children to their classrooms for one more hug and goodbye.

Emphasizing teamwork is the goal of the “Together We Shine” program. Principal Nancy Leigh said, “We are focusing on togetherness among our students through our character education program and modeling that we are better together than as individuals. This means supporting each other through all avenues of our journey at DIS.”

One of the collaborative support systems at the school is the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The volunteer organization serves as a vital partner that helps keep all



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Festive signs decorated the Daniel Island School campus on the first day back. The props were donated by Sassy Signs.

the wheels in motion, connecting families, teachers, and the community.

“Our PTA works with a variety of parents and organizations to enhance the educational success of students,” Leigh said. “They provide our staff with instructional supplies, incentives, and encouragement. Their participation in school improvement and teacher appreciation is very beneficial to the success of our school.”

At this time of the year, the PTA turns its efforts to helping families transition back to school.

Lauren Barber, vice president of events,

commented, “Daniel Island School and the DIS PTA have enjoyed welcoming our students back for the 2021-22 school year with several back-to-school events. With over 100 new families, the PTA sponsored events were a great way to raise awareness, educate and connect our new families, and offer chances for meet and greets.”

PTA sponsored events included a “New Parent Orientation” held on Aug. 5. Attendees had an opportunity to meet Principal Leigh and learn about her vision for the new school year. The PTA sponsored a membership drive with shirts designed by Island Haus Company.

“Meet the Teacher” night was organized by the PTA and was held on Aug. 12. Families could meet teachers, staff members, the school nurse, and visit with vendors and PTA representatives.

Because kindergarteners likely experience first day jitters, PTA volunteers hosted a “Meet-Up in Center Park” on Aug. 14 to calm the fears of young students and parents alike. Special guests included Principal Leigh and the school mascot, the osprey. To encourage classmates to connect, each class was given bracelets of a certain color to eas-

ily identify parents and students who have the same teachers. Children were given a bag of materials to help ease the back-to-school nerves. Attendees were treated to ice cream.

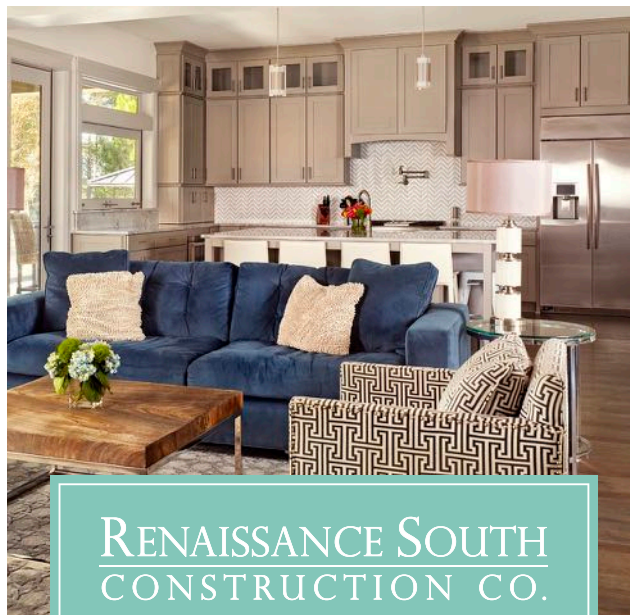
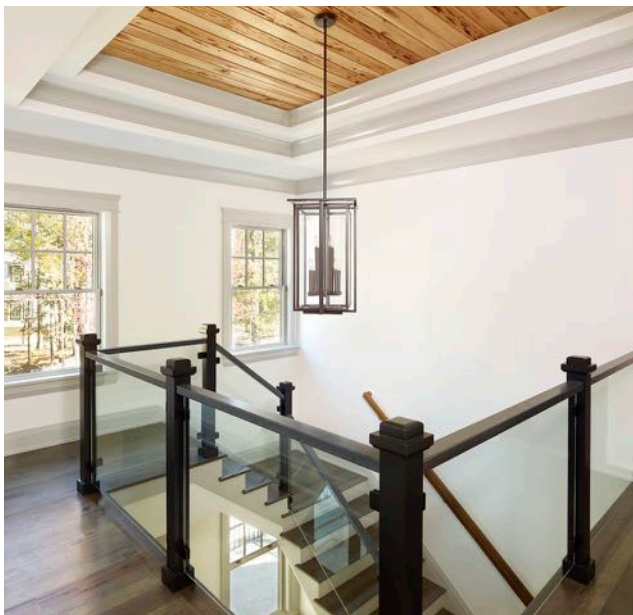
“I attended the kindergarten meet-up with my daughter, Olivia,” remarked Ursula Keating. “We really appreciated having an opportunity to meet her classmates and other parents before school started. Seeing some familiar faces on her first day definitely helped her feel more at ease and excited to start the year at her ‘big kid school.’”

After the first day drop off, a “Coffee Meet-Up for Parents” was offered in the multi-purpose room. Parents gathered for Starbucks coffee to socialize and to become educated on back-to-school programs being offered.

Michelle Carlin, vice president of communications, remarked, “As a new member of the PTA executive committee this year, I am so impressed by the planning, time, and thoughtfulness that has gone into making the start of the year such a success. The partnership between the PTA and Daniel Island School is amazing to be part of.”

For more information about the PTA, visit dispta.org.

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Coming Nov. 13: Bark in the Park

Pet and family friendly event to be held at DI's Waterfront Park



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SUZANNE DETAR

Waterfront Park on Daniel Island draws in people and pets, bikers and boaters, along the trails, dock and greenspace every day of the week. For one Saturday this November, the park will be a special haven for dogs and their families.

Hosted by The Daniel Island News, the Bark in the Park is set for Saturday, Nov. 13, at Daniel Island Waterfront Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Walking, biking, boating and golf carts are the preferred method of transportation to the park. Car parking is available but limited.

This fun, family and dog friendly event will have a farmers market feel. We have some vendors and sponsors on board and are actively seeking additional vendors/exhibitors and sponsors. Vendors and exhibitors already committed to attend include veterinary offices, pet stores, dog friendly turf, adoptions and more.

You can enjoy games, music and contests as vendors offer pet and dog wares.

Some of the activities planned for the day include: human/pet look-alike contest, face painting, best dressed dog costume contest, decorating animal treats, pet trick contest, raffle giveaways, and best dog/owner Insta-



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This will be a great opportunity to learn about local pet related businesses and to purchase Christmas gifts and other items for your favorite furry friends and family members. You may even adopt your very own dog!

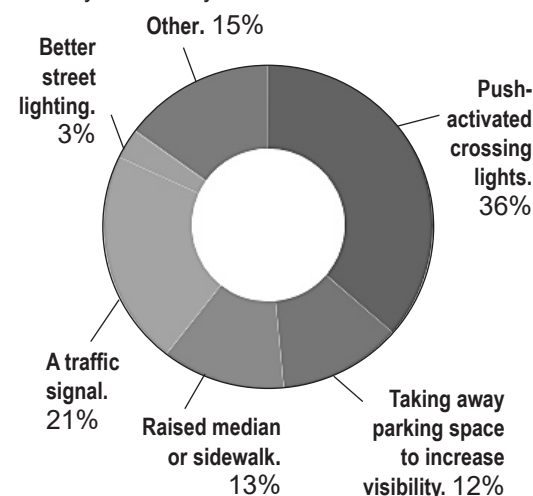
Food will be available at The Dime.

Berkeley Animal Center, featured on pages 10-11 of this week's edition, will be a beneficiary of Daniel Island's first Bark in the Park event. They will also have pets available for adoption.

For more information about the event or to be a vendor or sponsor, please contact Ronda Schilling, ronda@thedanielislandnews.com or Sue Detar, sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com.

Readers speak out on dangerous intersection

Addressing traffic and pedestrian concerns at the intersection of Pier View Street and Seven Farms Drive is underway. The City of Charleston contracted local engineering consultant Bihl Engineering to perform a traffic study. What do you think is the solution?



Comments:

- The area has no lighting after dark and it is extremely unsafe to cross either Pier View or Seven Farms at night. Speed bumps could be used to force traffic to slow down.
- I don't see a problem currently at this intersection. Please no more traffic lights.
- 1) Trim overhanging trees that conceal crossing lights, 2) Pedestrian activated crossing lights, and, 3) issue a continuous stream of expensive traffic citations for careless/speeding drivers who ignore pedestrians' right of way.
- More than the crosswalk itself, you also have to stop people from running across the road further up toward Daniel Island Grille. What's the point of having any kind of pedestrian crossing that will cost money to fix/improve/add new features, when people are just going to ignore it? All that cross street parking for DIG is a problem.

NEXT WEEK: PUMPKIN SPICE FLAVOR CRAZE

It's almost Fall and that means pumpkin spice is back. In 2003, Starbucks introduced pumpkin spice lattes, setting off a flavor frenzy that has grown over the last 18 years. Going beyond coffee and tea, the pumpkin spice phenomenon has spread to things like candles, lip balm, popcorn, oatmeal, and even Jello pudding flavors, just to name a few. But which products have taken the pumpkin spice craze too far? Share your thoughts online at survey.monkey.com/r/Pumpkin_Spice_Craze or use the QR code by Sunday, Sept. 19, 5 p.m. And tell us the best — or worst — use of pumpkin spice you've seen.



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9/11 Heroes Run yields 'largest show of support' in race history

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American flags lined both sides of Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island like a gift wrapped with a red, white and blue ribbon. The spirit was patriotic and prideful but the sentiment was mournful.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, the Travis Manion Foundation (TMF) held its 10th annual 9/11 Heroes Run-Charleston. For the first time since the race's inception, it coincided with the date of the 9/11 anniversary.

Charleston finished No. 2 in the race nationwide in terms of registration, following Houston. There are more than 85 Heroes Run locations across the country and internationally each year and Charleston has always been in the top five nationwide in participation and fundraising.

Since the Heroes Run inaugural race in 2012, 15 local agencies have received up to \$152,000 from funds raised, with an annual average of \$24,000. This year, the Summerville Police Department served as the beneficiary, with approximately \$25,000 in proceeds going toward purchasing additional lifesaving equipment for the department.



ZACH GIROUX

The 10th 9/11 Heroes Run on Daniel Island was held Saturday, Sept. 11, on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. For more photos from the event, visit thedanielislandnews.com.

The 20th anniversary race exceeded records in all categories across the board including donations, registration, attendance and support from local volunteers.

In terms of turnout, 1,427 people signed up and 1,340 came ready to race. The number of registrants calculated approximately \$90,000 in donations, of which \$50,000 was proceeds and split with the Summerville P.D. and matched by the foundation.

The sidelines of the streets yielded even more participants than on the race course. There was an estimated 2,200 in attendance.

As for support, there was about 400 volunteers lending a hand and helping the runners stay the course and keep hydrated. The TMF ran out of cups at the water station during the 2-mile mark of the race in front of Center Park. Thankfully, the Daniel Island Exchange Club volunteers knocked on doors of neighbors and collected extra cups to help overcome the shortage.

"This was by far, in our 10 years, the largest show of support we've ever had from the community," said Theresa Faircloth, 9/11 Heroes Run-Charleston race director. "It meant a lot to our team to be able to have that sense of unity, pride and patriotism. I think our country could use a lot more of that right now."

An awards ceremony took place at 10 a.m. in Simmons Park. For full results from the race, visit results.svetiming.com/SVE-Timing-East/events/2021/911-heroes-run/results.

For more information about the TMF and ways to donate, visit travismanion.org. To see more photos from the event, check out The Daniel Island News' Facebook page.

RESULTS FROM 2021 9/11 HEROES RUN

- Top male overall: Benjamin Laprise (17:08), 25, Mount Pleasant
- Top-female overall: Christina Couper (19:13), 29, Charleston
- Go-ruck male: Sam Havelock (24:28), 52, Charleston
- Go-ruck female: Andrea Zenisek (26:59), 38, Mount Pleasant
- Most patriotic team: The Citadel Cadets
- Most patriotic individual: Vickey Conner-Beasley, 54, Maineville, Ohio
- Top military team: Neutrums
- Top law enforcement team: Charleston County Sheriff's Office
- Top fire department team: Summerville Fire Department
- Top overall team of most participants: VFW Post 3137
- Top Fundraising Team: Dorchester County Fire and Rescue (\$1,798)
- Top Fundraising Individual: David Moore (\$1,744), 55, Summerville
- Youngest participants to cross the finish line: Male: Alexander Bosse, 3, Daniel Island. Female: Makella Kunker, 4, Charleston
- Most senior male participant to cross the finish line: Sam Kirton, 82, Ladson
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Local animal shelters face unprecedented overcrowding

Community support needed to save lives, find caring homes for pets

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Charleston Animal Society President and CEO Joe Elmore wants to give a shout out to Daniel Island residents.

“Daniel Island has been incredibly supportive and right now, more than anything, the biggest thing you can do is make room for one more (animal),” he said.

That plea comes as local shelters recently declared a state of emergency due to unprecedented overcrowding. According to Elmore, the lives of thousands of animals in shelters across the state are at stake.

“This year our South Carolina shelters for the first time declared a state of emergency because of the traditional end of summer slowdown in adoptions, the veterinary shortage that has created a backlog of spays and neuters, and then of course, COVID,” Elmore said. “And we’re entering the peak of hurricane season, so all of these things ... have just created a perfect storm.”

Now through Sunday, Sept. 19, Charleston Animal Society and Berkeley Animal Center,

along with other local shelters, are participating in Clear the Shelters, a nationwide effort to help find homes for pets in need. All shelters are offering special reduced or waived adoption fees to help ease the current animal overpopulation crisis.

In addition to adopting a pet, residents and businesses can lend a hand by fostering a pet in their home or office and reaching out to friends, neighbors and colleagues to help find permanent homes.

Heather McDowell, spokesperson for the Berkeley County Animal Center, said, “Right now we are at full capacity with a lot of animals in foster care. We could not help as many as we do without our amazing fosters.”

The Berkeley Animal Center opened a new 11,500-square-foot facility at 131 Central Berkeley Drive in Moncks Corner last June, which houses about 200 animals inside, plus horses, pigs and goats outside. McDowell said the organization will help about 6,000 animals this year. In addition to adoptions, the shelter is in need of fosters, volunteers, and donations.



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Charleston Animal Society's disaster response team rescued 50 dogs from the path of Hurricane Ida and delivered 2,000 pounds of dog and cat food for post-storm recovery.



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Petunia arrived at Berkeley Animal Center as part of a hoarding case and was recently adopted by a loving family. The county shelter will assist nearly 6,000 animals this year.

across the state and we’re making great progress,” Elmore said. “We’ve seen 30,000 fewer euthanasias and we’ve seen over half a million more lives saved since we launched the effort in 2016, which is all funded by the Petco Love foundation.”

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NO KILL SOUTH CAROLINA

Berkeley Animal Center is a participating shelter in No Kill South Carolina, an effort started six years ago by Charleston Animal Society with the goal of saving all healthy and treatable dogs and cats that arrive in South Carolina shelters.

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State promotes 'Clear the Shelters'

From **ANIMALS** on **PAGE 10**

Charleston Animal Society, located at 2455 Remount Road in North Charleston, is the oldest animal protection agency in South Carolina and one of the first in the nation. Since 1874, the organization has been caring for homeless animals, from hamsters to horses, and helping to prevent animal cruelty.

The organization cares for nearly 20,000 animals each year and its comprehensive veterinary medical department can treat up to 300 resident animals at one time.

In addition, the agency rescues animals from natural disasters and cruelty cases and works with local law enforcement to investigate and shut down animal cruelty operations.

TEACHING COMPASSION

Part of Charleston Animal Society's vision is that all people and animals are treated with respect and kindness. Its humane education program uses animal interactions in

schools, communities and shelters to teach children empathy for animals.

"It's about teaching compassion to all living creatures, whether humans or animals," Elmore said. "Our kids are just bombarded with violence ... and the environment for kids growing up is not always compassionate, so first and foremost we teach compassion and we use animals because they are such a motivating tool in education."

Show kindness toward animals and help clear shelters and make South Carolina a no kill state by adopting, fostering, or donating to local animal shelters. For more information, visit Charleston Animal Society at charlestonanimalsociety.org or Berkeley Animal Center at animalcenter.berkeleycountysc.gov.

"This is a community issue," Elmore said. "These animals come from our community and it will take all of us together to solve the problem."



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Charleston Animal Society's BARK (Be Aware Responsible & Kind) summer camp teaches children about animal care and compassion through interactions with shelter animals.



DI stays financially stable

From **DICA** on **PAGE 02**

During this time, DICA will have until the end of 2023 to negotiate any issues with the Daniel Island Company, such as the Daniel Island Community Fund and the Architectural Review Board, according to Transition Committee Chair Dave Campopiano.

Over the past four years, the DIPOA has had a clean slate of audits. The only substantial comment the association received was "segregation duties" in reference to a staff of two in their finance department.

"I don't want to sound Pollyannaish, but I think Daniel Island is pretty freaking well run," said Bob Sauer, a DICA board member who will complete his second term at the end of the fourth quarter. "We don't have a lot of major show-stopping issues."

By the end of 2021, the DIPOA's reserves will be over-funded by \$365,000 with a budget of approximately \$1.5 million.

"I haven't seen wiggles, breakages or ruptures in the management of the processes that affect our island," Sauer added. "... We're in pretty damn good shape as an organization, financially, to handle the next five to 10 years of operation for Daniel Island."

The DICA board will be fully independent by Dec. 31, 2025. As for the Daniel Island Town Association and the Daniel Island Park Association, the DIPOA projects their transfer deadline to happen by December 2025 with full autonomy by 2027.

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Honor Fest holds inaugural event day after 9/11

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On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Daniel Island Community Fund, Island Coastal Lager and Sweet Grass Vodka presented Honor Fest in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and a tribute to first responders, armed services and veterans.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1,200 guests were treated to a jazz brunch in Smythe Park with a musical performance by Grammy-award winning musician Charlton Singleton and the Beehive Jazz Orchestra, a rendition of the national anthem performed by multi-genre vocalist Zandrina Dunning, and a performance by South Carolina-raised country music artist Randall Fowler.

At the end of the day an 8-foot by 14-foot wall was complete revealing a remembrance message. Each participant received a 4-inch by 6-inch copy of their contributing photo to keep.

Over 250 first responder, military and family members attended and were gifted complimentary food and beverages.

Honor Fest raised upwards of \$3,000 with over 200 online donations, according to executive director Maureen Hickey. All donations and proceeds benefited the Palmetto Military Support Group.

For more information or to make a contribution, visit boothtube.us/honorfest21.



"Taps" was performed at jazz brunch in Smythe Park by Grammy-award winning musician Charlton Singleton and the Beehive Jazz Orchestra.



Participants observe Honor Fest's Mosaic Project for 2021. Top right: Honor Fest's National Anthem was sung by multi-genre vocalist Zandrina Dunning. Bottom right: South Carolina-raised country music artist Randall Fowler performs.



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Who is in your impact zone?

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You can impress people from a distance, but you can only impact up close.

— Howard G. Hendricks

I will never forget the night of April 8, 1974. I was glued to the TV set in our den at home anxiously waiting to see if history would be made. And sure enough, it was! The Atlanta Braves were hosting the Los Angeles Dodgers. Hank Aaron took a fourth inning pitch from Al Downing and hit home run No. 715 to surpass the record previously held by Babe Ruth.

As a kid growing up playing Little League, Aaron was my idol. He was baseball royalty, and that night will forever be etched in my memory.

Fast forward to the early 1990s and I'm in Fulton County Stadium watching the warm-ups prior to a Braves game. I am on the far

end of the first base dugout with a baseball in hand hoping for an autograph to add to my collection.

I was about to give up when I looked down toward the other end of the dugout where a crowd had swelled and cheers could be heard. Who could it be?

I began making my way toward the crowd to see what the excitement was all about. From the back of the crowd, I got my first glimpse of Aaron — and there he was, my baseball idol in the flesh.

With a freshly purchased baseball in hand, I pressed my way through the crowd to the railing and eagerly handed him my baseball. I stood in awe as I watched him autograph it. I even took a picture of him signing it just for posterity.

As a leader, you may never know or realize the impact that you have on other people. My leadership mentor, John Maxwell, said, "Leadership is influence," and it's true. You may never know the impact you have on others, which is why it's so important to be mindful of it.

In my early years after college, I worked with a few bad leaders who taught me some

As a leader, you may never know the impact you have on others, which is why it's so important to be mindful of it.

leadership lessons I've carried with me to this day — like how not to treat people. My careful attention to that leadership lesson was borne out of a bad leadership example and it caused me to pledge to never be like that.

But beyond the good or bad examples that you will observe, think of the impact and opportunity you have to be an example to those around you.

Ask yourself the question, who's in your impact zone? As the opening quote by Howard G. Hendricks says, "You can impress people from a distance, but you can only impact up close." And this is your leadership challenge.

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

- Who is going to be most impacted by my leadership?
- Will the impact of my leadership make them better leaders and better people?
- Am I more concerned about impressing people from a distance or impacting them up close?

FINAL THOUGHTS

I will never forget those 2 or 3 minutes of interaction with my baseball hero, Aaron. He was friendly and gracious. In those brief moments, he had no idea how special those moments were to me. But I knew. And in that brief time, he confirmed everything I thought of him as a boy.

Shannon Alder said, "Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones." This is a powerful quote to ponder and a challenge for all leaders.

I don't know who is in your impact zone, but let me leave you with this thought — don't take it for granted. Do your best to be worthy of the privilege to lead.

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'Dalton and Grace' publish new book

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Whether as a married couple or as writing partners, Bill and Ann Stevens epitomize the importance of collaboration.

Since 2004, the duo have been the driving force behind The Daniel Island News' "Drollery" column, which revolves around the comedic musings of Dalton Williams and his lovely wife, Grace. One reader aptly described the column "like mini Seinfeld episodes" — combining everyday activities, current events and the relationships between men and women in order to provide levity and insightful commentary, hilarious and poignant short stories that describe the highs and lows of marriage.

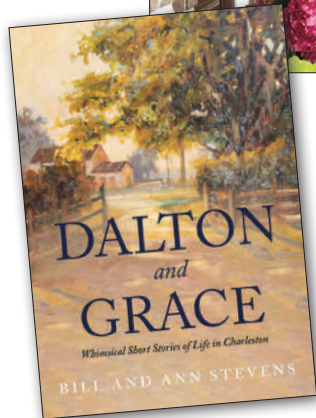
Ann describes Bill as a natural storyteller with the ability to make people laugh. "Bill was always the clever one, he has good timing," she said. Bill is quick to counter that Ann is a masterful editor who adds color and depth to his stories. As a former schoolteacher, Ann still wields her red pen while proofreading. "It's always better after Ann's edits," Bill admits.

While the columns are often based on real experiences or conversations, Bill said using a pseudonym allows for more creative liberties. He combined their street name on Daniel Island with his real first name to invent his pen name, Dalton Williams.

The writing and editing team produced more than 200 columns for the paper, and over the years had toyed with the idea of making them into a book, but it wasn't until the COVID shutdown that they got serious about the project. Nearly a year later, their new book, "Dalton and Grace: Whimsical Short Stories of Life in Charleston," was released, featuring a collection of 75 of their favorite columns.

Mount Pleasant-based publisher Publish helped the Stevens through the editing, printing, and book marketing process. "It's finally come to fruition, working with the really nice people at Publish," Bill said.

After 31 years of marriage, Bill and Ann have four children, 10 grandchildren, and have lived in many places — from Cali-



MARY WESSNER PHOTOGRAPHY
Daniel Island residents Bill and Ann Stevens published their first book, "Dalton and Grace," based on their column that runs in The Daniel Island News. At left: The book's cover is from a painting by local artist Laurie Meyer.

fornia to Ohio — before moving to Daniel Island in 2003. The same mutual respect and trusted partnership that shapes their personal life applies to their book-writing venture. "You can throw ideas off each other, and the teamwork makes it better," Ann remarked.

The Stevens developed three ground rules for the column from the beginning: avoid politics and controversial topics, don't make fun of groups of people, and keep it clean. This formula proved successful and the book makes readers laugh at regular situations gone awry. "I think that kind of humor may be the only thing that works right now," Bill said, with regards to the seriousness of our society.

Ann added, "We've just had fun writing these."

The book will be available locally at the Meyer Vogl Gallery, as well as other retail locations around the island. In October, the couple will be speaking to the Daniel Island Rotary Club, where Bill has been an active member since 2007.

"Dalton and Grace" is available in hard-cover, paperback and e-book formats. Find it on amazon.com, iTunes, Google Play or online at Barnes and Noble. For more information, visit daltonandgrace.com.

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Bocce Bash marks 20th anniversary of Special Olympics fundraiser event

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The Charleston Bocce Bash to benefit the Special Olympics of South Carolina has been holding court on Daniel Island since 2000. But this year's event, set to take place Saturday, Sept. 18, will roll in some new milestones.

The festive and spirited competition for a cause will celebrate its 20th anniversary in a new location in 2021 (they had to skip last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic) — shifting from the former MUSC Health Stadium to Bishop England High School. But perhaps the most significant “score” came in recent weeks, when the combined fundraising efforts over the past two decades officially surpassed the \$1 million mark.

“The Daniel Island Community Fund gave us \$10,000 for this event,” noted Amy Gege, marketing and development associate for Special Olympics of South Carolina.

“And that’s actually what pushed us over \$1 million. We were super excited to receive that!”



PHOTOS PROVIDED
At left: The team from Carolina Security Systems took home the top prize in the 2019 Bocce Bash. Above: Local Special Olympics athletes gathered on Daniel Island last Saturday to take part in the 9/11 Heroes Run. At top: Local special needs athletes take part in strength and conditioning training every Saturday morning at Made 2 Move PT on Daniel Island. These athletes are training to compete at the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando next summer.

Funding generated through the event goes directly to supporting programs for more than 30,000 special needs individuals across the state.

“There is never a cost for our athletes to participate in any program provided by Special Olympics South Carolina,” Gege added. “All uniforms, equipment, travel, lodging, school resources and health resources are provided...through dollars raised at fundraising efforts like the Bocce Bash. Every new dollar raised represents a new family we can assist, students we can educate about inclusion, and communities we can grow awareness in.”

For athletes with disabilities, participating in Special Olympics can be a real game-changer.

“People think of Special Olympics as a once a year track meet, or something like that,” Gege said. “But it’s so much more ... (They get) a sense of inclusion. The friendships they build. The chance to be a champion at something. It’s great.”

Special Olympics athlete Kylie MacFarland, who competes in tennis, trains regularly on Daniel Island to prepare for her competitions. She and several of her fellow athletes gathered on the island Sept. 11 to take part in the 9/11 Heroes Run. MacFarland has earned multiple medals in her sport and is a huge fan of the Special Olympics experience.

“It means competition, doing a good job, and also meeting new friends!” she said.

MacFarland’s friend Grant Barker, a senior at Bishop England High School, is also a Special Olympics athlete competing in swimming, tennis, CrossFit, and basketball.

“The Special Olympics is a good organization,” Barker said. “... It’s a lot of fun!”

Close to 128 teams, most of them local businesses, clubs and other organizations, will take the field at Bishop England this weekend in support of MacFarland, Barker and thousands of other athletes. Gege describes the Bocce Bash more like a “big tailgate” event that started small but has grown into an annual Charleston tradition.

“There are so many charity golf tournaments out there,” Gege said. “But not everybody plays golf. Anybody can play bocce! ... It just grew over the years and grew in popularity. It’s turned into a corporate networking fundraising event.”

Teams of four will gather on 32 courts laid out across the field and compete in a morning round robin. The winners will then advance to a single elimination in the afternoon. The team scoring the most points in the end wins a trophy to display until the next Bocce Bash — and plenty of bragging rights.

“There is no prize money, but we give medals,” Gege added. “Our Special Olympics athletes put the medals on them. It’s the best!”

Former Daniel Island resident Chad Vail has participated in the Bocce Bash from the very beginning through a team for the Daniel Island Rotary Club. Vail and his wife, April, are the proud parents of a Special Olympics athlete, Claire, 17, who has Down syndrome. For their family, the event is extra special.

“Over the years, Claire has grown up attending the



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After spending 19 years at the former MUSC Health Stadium on Daniel Island (pictured above), the Bocce Bash will move to Bishop England High School this year.

event, and truly enjoys the party atmosphere!” Vail said. “As a member of the Rotary Club of Daniel Island, the Bocce Bash has been a terrific opportunity for fellowship with other members — we always have a great turnout of members cheering on our teams.”

Vail describes the Bocce Bash as one of those “classic Charleston events that brings out the best in people.”

“I’ve had the honor of being a player and a fan over the years, and it’s wonderful to see so many people enjoying the competition and supporting Special Olympics programs,” Vail continued. “When you offer local companies and organizations the opportunity to come together to compete in such a fun environment, raising money for such a worthy cause, it’s a win for all.”

The 2021 Bocce Bash is presented by title sponsor Atlas Technologies Inc., a local company that will have 12 teams participating.

“It is one of those events that everyone who has ever participated is looking forward to next year,” noted John Jones, senior vice president of corporate development at Atlas Technologies. “If you’ve been once, you want to go again and bring someone new. We have a great organization at work (our Positive Impact Team) and we encourage each member to ‘bring their passion,’ meaning to come share with us what organization or cause is what they care about; to find ways to help them achieve their mission. The Special Olympics is my passion. But on this day, it feels like it’s everyone’s passion ... It’s just a fun, unifying event that raises money for a great organization.”

And Jones is especially thankful to be able to gather again in person for the event this year.

“We know how impactful it is to the Special Olympics when this doesn’t happen,” he said. “That’s one of the reasons we are so excited for it to happen this year.”

Registrations for the event are still being accepted. The cost is \$500 per team or corporations can serve as a sponsor at a variety of fundraising levels, starting at \$1,500.

For more information, to register, or to make a donation, visit boccebash.com.



IF YOU GO

- **When:** Saturday, Sept. 18, gates open 8 a.m., play starts at 9:30 a.m.
- **Where:** Bishop England High School - Jack Cantey Stadium, 363 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island
- **How it works:** Games are played on 32 courts with teams of four.
- **Presented by:** Title sponsor Atlas Technologies to benefit the Special Olympics of South Carolina
- **Cost per team:** \$500. To register, make a donation, or for more information, visit boccebash.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bocce Bash, now in its 20th year on Daniel Island, has raised over \$1 million for the Special Olympics of South Carolina. Below are just a few ways those fundraising dollars have helped assist thousands of Special Olympics athletes statewide.

- Special Olympics South Carolina provides athletes opportunities for sports training and competitions in 26 different sports, including bowling, basketball, golf, tennis, soccer, powerlifting, kayaking, skiing, and track and field. Over 30,000 adults and children with intellectual disabilities participate in Special Olympics SC programs, making it the sixth largest program in the nation.
- Special Olympics SC provides more than 400 local, regional and statewide competitions annually and sends delegations around the country and around the world for national and world competitions. Next summer, local athletes will travel to Orlando, Florida, for the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.
- There is never a cost to participate in any program provided by the organization. All uniforms, equipment, travel, lodging, school resources and health resources are provided free of charge to all Special Olympics SC athletes.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Iron Horses' big play ignites comeback win over Bishops

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It might just be the defining moment of the Philip Simmons High School football program so far.

In front of a huge home-field crowd against a huge rival team, the Iron Horses showed athleticism, mettle and emotion to defeat Bishop England to remain perfect at 4-0.

And, the Iron Horses did it the hard way in beating the Bishops for the first time in their short history last Friday, Sept. 10. The scoreboard read BE 12, PSHS 0, in the first quarter after Westin Peterson and Ryan Finlayson scored touchdowns. It seemed the Bishops were ready to rumble for another score. So much in fact, Philip Simmons' coach Eric Bendig was formulating the words he would choose to tell his team that it was possible to come back from a three-touchdown deficit.



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Philip Simmons High School senior defensive back Tristan Skipper (8) breaks up a pass during last Friday's 21-12 victory over Bishop England. Skipper logged a 90-yard scoop-and-score fumble return for a touchdown.

Then it happened. Tristan Skipper scooped up a fumble deep inside the Iron Horses' red zone and raced 90 yards to a touchdown to change the momentum, and outcome, of the game.

"He really changed the course of the game," Bendig said of Skip-

per, who decided to play football this fall in addition to being a star pitcher on the baseball team. "We were making mental mistakes, we fumbled and we did this and that wrong. I was worried that we might start to press and that the air might come out of the stadium.

"In one play, he helped turn the game around," Bendig added. "We hunkered down and started rolling."

Skipper has a good arm on the baseball diamond and good hands on the gridiron. His second big play of the game was a 38-yard TD reception from quarterback Tripp Williams, who was 10 for 22 passing for 95 yards while adding 50 yards and a score on the ground.

Philip Simmons' varsity program came to life in 2018 and the Iron Horses dropped their first-ever meeting against BE 32-16. The Bishops won 27-17 in 2019 and 14-2 in 2020. The Iron Horses hit paydirt this year.

The Bishops fell to 0-4. It marked the first time since 2014 that BE opened the season with four consecutive losses. Offense, or lack thereof, is a main concern for coach John Cantey and his staff. The Bishops are averaging 7.9

points per game while allowing 21.

Hunter Ramey had a big game defensively to lead the Iron Horses with 11 tackles, including one for a loss.

Senior Andrew Tawes led Bishop England with 14 tackles, including seven solos and caused a fumble. Linebackers Makus Mauldin and Doom Dennis both tallied 11 tackles with five solos in solid performances.

The Bishops travel to Timberland on Sept. 17 to conclude the non-conference part of their schedule. After an open date on Sept. 23, they will begin Region 8-AAA play on Oct. 1 against Oceanside Collegiate Academy.

Philip Simmons, which has outscored foes 132-26 this season, will play another rival, Hanahan, on Sept. 17. Then the Iron Horses begin Region 6-AA play against Burke at home Oct. 1.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

BE cross country teams step up during statewide tournament

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The Bishop England High School cross country teams competed in the recent Eye Opener tournament, which featured 76 teams from universities to high school to junior varsity. Both Bishop teams fared well — the boys placed seventh in their division and the girls claimed the 20th spot.

The boys team — defending Class AAA state champ and currently ranked No. 1 in the state among Class AAA teams — traveled to Spartanburg to compete in the international division and finished seventh as Wade Hampton took first place, Fort Mill was second and Christ School third. The field included the top cross country squads in the state and 20 other schools from around the region.

The Bishops finished as the top AAA school in the meet and as the top team from the Charleston area. Wando finished ninth.

The championship division race had an additional 51 schools and 400 athletes compete. The BE boys team would have won the championship race had they raced in that division.

Justin Hafner led the way for the Bishops with a 10th-place finish in a time of 16:30.7 over the 5,000-meter course, while



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Bishop England boys placed seventh in their division at the Eye Opener Cross Country Festival on Sept. 4 in Spartanburg.

Hank Linder was 27th in 18:05.5.

James Romano was 40th, Charlie Tessier 53rd and Mac Brahim 77th.

The girls' team, which is currently ranked No. 2 in the state, continues to improve every race, and the Eye Opener was no exception.

The BE girls competed in the international division race, and finished 20th overall versus the top teams in the state.

The girls' team finished 15th in the international division and 17th out of the 65 teams that competed in the meet. The international division included 212 runners with 560 varsity girls overall.

"The boys' and girls' team ran really well at the Eye Opener," coach Tony Colizzi said. "We ran in the international race against some of the best schools in the state and the boys finished seventh and the girls finished 20th. Those are impressive finishes against nearly 80 teams."

Colizzi said the girls, from their No. 1 runner to their No. 12 runner, ran well and made huge improvements since the Pinewood Prep run.

Nor Brahim led the Bishops at the Eye Opener with a time of 20:14.9, while Nini Clarke was 65th in 21:34.8. Celia Murphy and Bo Rosate also finished in the top 100.

The BE girls will compete at the Sept. 18 Waccamaw Invitational, which features the host team as the No. 1 Class AAA team in the state.

"This Saturday we will compete at Waccamaw High School against many of the same teams as the Eye Opener," Colizzi said. "It should be a great meet and the course is a fast course, so we look for some fast times. The girls will get to compete against Waccamaw, the only AAA team that beat them at Eye Opener."

Youthful Philip Simmons girls tennis seeks success at state

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Richard Schulz has been a tennis coach on-and-off for five decades and has spent the last four years at the helm of the Philip Simmons High School tennis programs.

He never seems to age, and his excitement about his sport and team is second to none. How does he do it? Perhaps his enthusiasm and energy are the byproducts of what seems to be a perpetual youth movement at the school.

Take this year's squad for example. The top-seven players include three sophomores, two freshmen, a seventh-grader and an eighth-grader. Most of these players were on the squad that lost a tough Class AA state championship match to a more-experienced Christ Church last fall.

"Most of this group has been with me since they were seventh-grade students," said Schulz, who coaches both the boys' and girls'

teams. "They are a special group, they are like sisters. We hope to get back to the state championship and be good enough this time to bring home the state championship for Philip Simmons High School."

Last fall, the more experienced Christ Church team topped the Iron Horses for all the Class AA marbles. While the Iron Horses' cast of characters pretty much remain the same in 2021, it will be a different Christ Church team because five of the top seven players last year were seniors.

"We're not great like Oceanside Collegiate (Academy) or Lucy Beckham," Schultz said. "Bishop England, Porter-Gaud and Ashley Hall are outstanding. Ashley Hall might be the top team in the South, not South Carolina. Girls' tennis is so strong in the Lowcountry. No other area of the state comes close."

Philip Simmons has promise — and talent.

The top two players, Ansley Cohen and Amelia Whirett, are the captains of the youthful squad.



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Philip Simmons girls tennis players, from left, Julie Hensley, Ava Dickinson, Ansley Cohen, Harper Cohen, Molly Paige Steinfert, Merrit Payne, Crisleni Valdez Martinez and Jolie Mello pose for a photo after a match against Berkeley.

"They care about the other kids," Schulz said. "They cheer for them, they work with them. Both are excellent players and AP-type students in the classroom."

Cohen played in five matches last

fall and dropped all five of the first sets against her foes. But she rallied to win three of those matches by discovering the other foe's weaknesses.

Izzie Johnson is the No. 3 singles

player, and Schulz calls her "the most improved player in the land."

Mollie Paige Steinfert, the No. 4 singles player, is a newcomer to the program. No. 5 singles player Jolie Mello is a seventh-grader.

Other key players include Harper Cohen, Katlin Ramsey, Crisleni Valdez Martinez, Ava Dickinson, Julie Hensley and Merrit Payne.

Last fall, the COVID-19 pandemic shortened the season. The schedule this fall has been impacted by COVID-19 with teams on the Iron Horses' schedule facing quarantine. Last week's schedule was wiped out because of weather, so the Iron Horses entered this week with only four matches under their belts, with two victories.

The Iron Horses were scheduled to play Academic Magnet, a top-tier program, on Sept. 15. That will give Schulz, his players and Iron Horse fans a more-focused picture of the Iron Horses' fortunes this fall.

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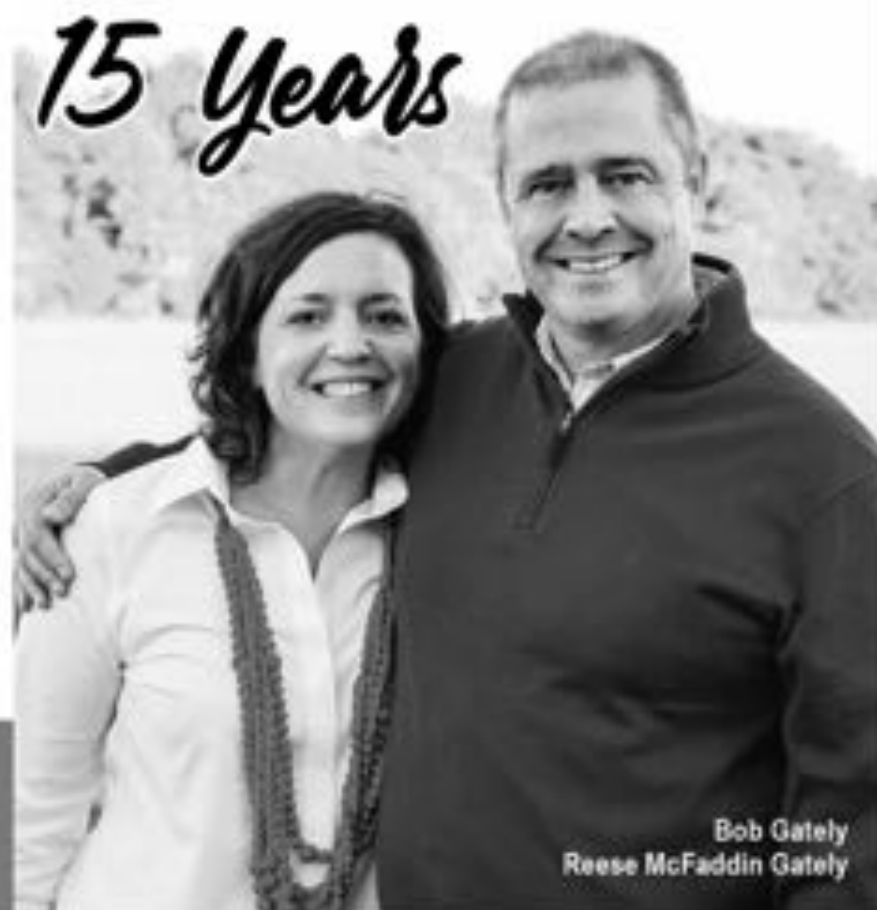
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Reeling in fresh, tasty catches for a fall fish fry



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Brody and I usually practice catch, photo, and release. However, with the Daniel Island Inshore Fishing Club fish fry on Sept. 21, we are keeping some of the fish that we catch.

One of our favorite fish to fry is the vermillion snapper. They are abundant, easy to catch and very tasty. So, Brody and I set out to catch a few for the fish fry. We launched the boat just after sunrise and headed out to a ledge in 125 feet of water. Thankfully, the ocean was calm, and we made the run in less than an hour. Upon arrival, we idled the boat along the ledge looking for fish on the depth sounder. Of course, with the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog onboard, this was unnecessary. Brody began barking when he wanted us to fish. There were no fish showing on the sounder, but I have learned to



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Capt. Greg's first mate Brody shows off a few of the fish "he" caught for the fish fry.

fish when Brody says to fish.
I dropped an 80-gram Shimano Wing

Fall jig to the ledge, and it was crushed on the way down. The fish was a brute, pull-

ing much harder than the typical vermillion snapper does. To my surprise, when the fish came to the boat, it was a mutton snapper. A big one at that. Mutton snapper are not common catches around here. Well, at least not for Brody and me. After a quick check of the fishing regulations, we invited the mutton to the fish fry. Shortly thereafter, a limit of vermillion snapper was invited as well.

With our legal limit in the fish box, Brody and I headed for home. On the ride back to the dock, I decided to stop at a submerged oyster bar in the Wando River. I was hoping to invite my other favorite fish to fry, spotted sea trout, to the party. Fishing for trout in a 32-foot Yellowfin can be a bit of a challenge. But the trout were super cooperative. Soon, a limit of trout was visiting with the snapper in the fish box.

Back at the dock, Brody asked me to take a picture of all the fish "he" caught. I laughed. Brody smiled. At least I think he was smiling. Regardless, it made for a good picture.

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Kevin Reed beats Hill Shaw and Erik Loesch, wins Orlando's Pizza gift card

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Kevin Reed

Kevin Reed was this week's winner for the first week of the Pigskin Pick'em Football Challenge. He went 9-2, beating Hill Shaw and Erik Loesch with Atlantic Shield Insurance's 7-4 mark.

Reed owns Kevin C Reed Construction, which he started in 2009. He

began building homes in 1999, first with David Weekly and then with New Traditions.

"I am a crazy college football fan," writes Reed via email. "I have only missed 9 South Carolina home football games in 32 years!"

Each week between now and the Su-

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Group helps new DI residents meet friends

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Moving to a new place is never easy, especially with the pandemic making it difficult to meet new people. The Daniel Island Newcomers is for people who've moved to Daniel Island within the past year and those anticipating relocating. Last month, the Daniel Island Newcomers held its first event on the popular Daniel Island Ferry.

Daniel Island Newcomers is the brainchild of local regional broker for Sentry Residential Therese Jenkins. "I recognized a need when on a few occasions clients of mine have asked if there was a group here to help them get started, and I realized that although I had lived in Mount Pleasant for many years, when I decided to move to Daniel Island, I didn't know anyone! It was almost like starting all over again since most of my friends at the time were in north Mount Pleasant and that wasn't too convenient for last minute get-togethers, or bike rides, or walks," Jenkins said. "So, I decided to start a Facebook group and see where it goes! Lo and behold, it is a huge hit and in a short amount of time we have over 300 members and approximately five people a



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Therese Jenkins (right) welcomed new island residents Karen and Bill to the first event held by the Daniel Island Newcomers Group.

day joining."

Jenkins hopes the group will create lifelong friendships. The first event on the Charleston waterways was a huge success. Newcomers received some goodies with their outing. "I had local Charleston Women in Business donate awesome swag bags to welcome newcomers with helpful items such as babysitting services, skin care, accountants, dentists, etc."

Island Expressions also donated to the group's first raffle. Jenkins hopes the local



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Newcomers to Daniel Island were able to meet other new residents while enjoying a trip on the Daniel Island Ferry.

business community of restaurant owners and shops will host future events and donate some raffle items and goodies so newcomers can find out more about local businesses.

New to Daniel Island, Kelly Martin joined the group because it's been hard to meet people during the pandemic. "I thought by joining the group, I would expedite the pro-

cess of getting to know my neighbors. I have only interacted with the group virtually and, like other Daniel Island specific Facebook groups, I have been so pleased with the friendliness of my interactions."

Martin also started a new group for ladies who like to play games. The DI Ladies Game Night and Events Group was created to cultivate friendships among the ladies of Daniel Island.

Joi Monacci recently moved to Daniel Island and hopes Daniel Island Newcomers will provide a fun way to meet other new locals. "I joined because I just moved here a week and half ago and since my kids are grown it can be hard to meet new people. I am looking to meet some friends."

Jenkins says plans are already in the works for the group's next event. "Stay tuned and check the site for our next events, a picnic and a taco party. Local businesses are free to reach out to me for giveaways and promotion at future events."

For information on the Daniel Island Newcomers Group, visit facebook.com/groups/1570083426501056 or contact Jenkins at 843-568-9748.

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Shoulder surgery is nothing to slouch at



chapter two

VICKIE BERNIE

Living life as a senior

When I was a little girl, my shoulders were the envy of my neighborhood. People came from far and wide (as long as they didn't have to cross any busy streets) to see me clasp my hands behind my back and raise my arms from back to front without unclasp- ing. Without getting too graphic, my shoulders literally rotated under my arms when I per- formed this act. My pediatrician said I was "double jointed." I was a true marvel.

Fifty-ish years later, when the orthopedic surgeon looked me in the eyes and said: "You will have to have bi-lateral, total shoulder replacement," it was quite shocking.

I told him my story of long ago and asked if that was the cause. He smiled sympa- thetically and said, "Age and arthritis are the causes."

Any residual pride and glamor from my

amazing shoulder days disappeared at that moment. We decided to do the right shoulder first, as I am right-handed and "in case you decide not to come back" the surgeon said with an ironic smile.

The surgery was literally a breeze. I felt nothing. So, armed (literally) with my giant ball and catheter of nerve pain meds that was to be my constant companion, my beastly sling and a 42-page "Total Replacement Shoulder Handbook," we were on our way.

My husband set up the bedroom as our headquarters, making it so homey, and stock- ing it with ginger ale, oyster crackers for my iffy stomach, and my gigantic ice machine. My dear friends tried to bring food. Bless them, but I had absolutely no appetite and I had to bring the train to an abrupt halt.

The enormous sling, which had seemed so simple to attach initially, became our nemesis. We had diagrams, videos, YouTube, and every time I took it off, which was not often enough, we couldn't remember how to put it back on. I have always thought of us as relatively clever people, but the sling was our undoing.

Who knew that the shoulder handbook



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Vickie Bernie recovers after hav- ing total shoulder replacement.

ice machine, pain pump and could not find a comfortable place to put my sling (have I mentioned that it was enormous?).

I found two comfortable, and not the slightest bit fashionable, outfits that I alter- nated during my recovery.

Each day he helped me take a shower, got pretty good at putting my hair in a ponytail and that was it for my personal grooming.

Pain meds are a necessary evil. They do

would be- come my favorite (and only) reading mate- rial during this time, especially at night when the discomfort was pretty intense and I was hooked up to the

their job. When you try to let them know that their job is over, they make you psychotic.

Physical therapy — or PT as those of us in the know call it — came next. Another breeze! I actually look forward to it for two reasons: they make me feel better physically and emotionally (sometimes calling me the "poster child") and they have a big bowl of chocolate at the front desk.

I must mention that I fell in love with my husband all over again during this ordeal — in any possible way that he could make things easier for me, he did.

My other roommate, Ivy, the energetic Aussie doodle, somehow just instinctively knew to be gentle. My little sister, and soul- mate, flew in to help us and when she left I cried. My family kept the love and support coming, and in a situation like this, your true friends shine like the stars that they are.

As he walked away from us in the hospital on the day of surgery, my amazing surgeon smiled back over his shoulder and said: "You are going to love your new shoulder."

Two months later, I have to say that I do love my new shoulder. I actually think I love it enough to go for a matching set.

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meeting NOTES

These are the issues coming before various City of Charleston boards and committees and the review results specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. All meetings are open for public comment except the Technical Review Committee (TRC) meetings. Learn more online at charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter/.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City of Charleston Technical Review Committee

Date: Sept. 16

A major subdivision concept plan for Del Webb on Clements Ferry Road and Cainhoy Road, Cainhoy (second review). This is a 585-acre site slated for more than 1,000 multi-family units. The owner is Cainhoy Land & Timber, LLC. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Will Cox, cox.w@tandh.com.

Date: Sept. 23

A site plan for Phase 2 of The Waterfront at Longshore Street on Daniel Island (first review). This is a 3-acre site slated for the construction of three multi-family buildings. The owner is Parcel R Phase 2 Development Company, LLC. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Bryce Lemon, lemon.b@tandh.com.

Date: Sept. 23

A preliminary subdivision plat for the Marshes at Daniel Island Phases 1A & 1B at 144 Fairbanks Drive (sixth review). This is a 16-acre plat for a 56-lot subdivision. The owner is SM Charleston, LLC. The applicant is Seamon Whiteside. Contact: Patterson Farmer, pfarmer@seamonwhiteside.com.

Date: Sept. 23

A road construction plan for the Marshes at Daniel Island Phases 1A & 1B at 144 Fairbanks Drive (sixth review). This is a road construction plan a 56-lot subdivision. The owner is SM Charleston, LLC. The applicant is Seamon Whiteside. Contact: Patterson Farmer, pfarmer@seamonwhiteside.com.

RESULTS FROM PAST MEETINGS

City of Charleston Technical Review Committee

Date: Sept. 9

Site plan for Coastal Kids Dental in Point Hope at 122 Renaissance Drive, Cainhoy (second review). This is a 0.5 acre, pad-ready site for the construction of a dental office. The owner is Coastal Kids Dental. The applicant is Earthsource Engineering. Contact: Vince Sottile, sottilev@earthsourceeng.com.
Results: Revise and resubmit to TRC.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED 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 special recognitions of students, employees and community members. Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Charleston City Council conducts its meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

NIGHT MARKET

The Daniel Island Night Market will be held every first and third Friday of the month from 5-9 p.m., through Dec. 17 at the Guggenheim Terrace. Family and pet-friendly. The market will feature artisans, crafters, specialty items, live music, and food vendors.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

The Daniel Island POA has scheduled rotating food truck and sweet treat vendors at the Edgefield Park Pool and Crow's Nest on Fridays, 5-8 p.m., weather permitting. Find the Food Truck Friday Lineup at dicommunity.org.

ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES AT WATERFRONT PARK

Live acoustic guitar music each Tuesday during the month of September at Waterfront Park on Daniel Island, 5-7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket and your own picnic.

DI WANDO RIVER BEACH SWEEP CLEAN UP

Saturday, Sept. 18, 12-1 p.m. at Waterfront Park. Help keep beaches and waterways clean by picking up trash during this statewide event. Volunteers will provide trash bags and inventory forms.

20TH ANNUAL BOCCE BASH FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bishop England High School, the Bocce Bash will feature 128 teams of four people on 32 courts. Contact Amy Gege via email at AmyGege@so-sc.org or check out boccebash.com.

DI MEN'S WORSHIP

Priority One presents a night of worship at Guggenheim Plaza on Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. Music by Shane Williams and Warren Bazemore of Finnegan Bell.

DIBA BLOCK PARTY

Enjoy food, drinks and networking with the Daniel Island Business Association on Thursday, Sept. 30, 5-7 p.m. at Daniel Island Real Estate office. Open to all island residents, DIBA members and DIBA business guests. Get tickets at eventbrite.com/e/diba-block-party-tickets-170148267047.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. at Providence Church, 294 Seven Farms Drive, and Saturday, 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Drive.

DANIEL ISLAND CONNECT! This 50-plus age group meets the third Thursday of each month, 6-8 p.m., at the Crow's Nest (1651 Oak Leaf Street). Come make some new DI friends and enjoy a potluck of great food. Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. This event is free. Contact Kathy at 502-387-3046.

DI GARDEN CLUB The Daniel Island Garden Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Church Parish Hall. For more information, contact Linda Price at lmcwpr@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB meets the third Monday of each month, 8 a.m., at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Drive. All meetings are free and open to the public.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Daniel Pointe Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Drive. For more information, email info@DIXchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A meets the first Monday of each month at the Daniel Island Library from 4-6 p.m. Trained and certified Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about all aspects of gardening in the Lowcountry. They will also accept soil samples (at a cost of \$6 per sample) which will be tested by Clemson University.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN meets the fourth Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, 300 Wingo Way, Mount Pleasant. Visit East Cooper Republican Women (ECRW) on Facebook or email TBLAIRECRW@protonmail.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. in person at the Daniel Island Club and virtually. Email maryjo@mjrccac.com at danielislandrotary.com.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS meet at 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month at Daniel Pointe Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Dr. Visit berkeleydems.com.

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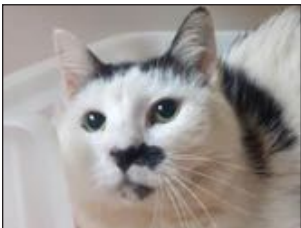
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My name is Lexi. I am a 3-month-old small female domestic shorthair mix.

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DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB MEETING



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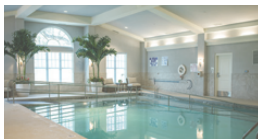
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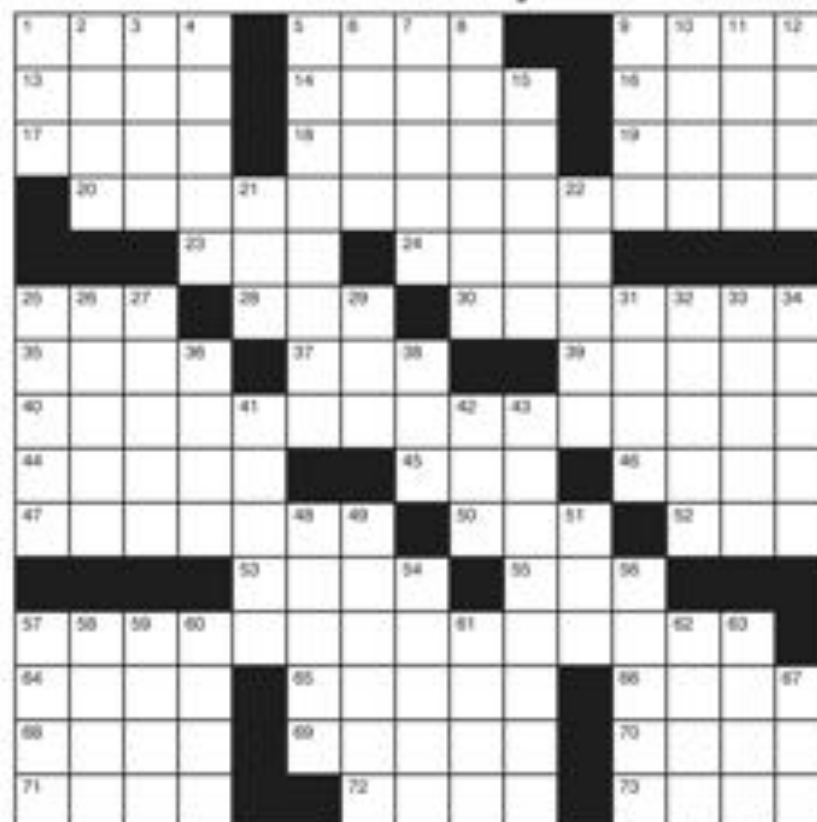
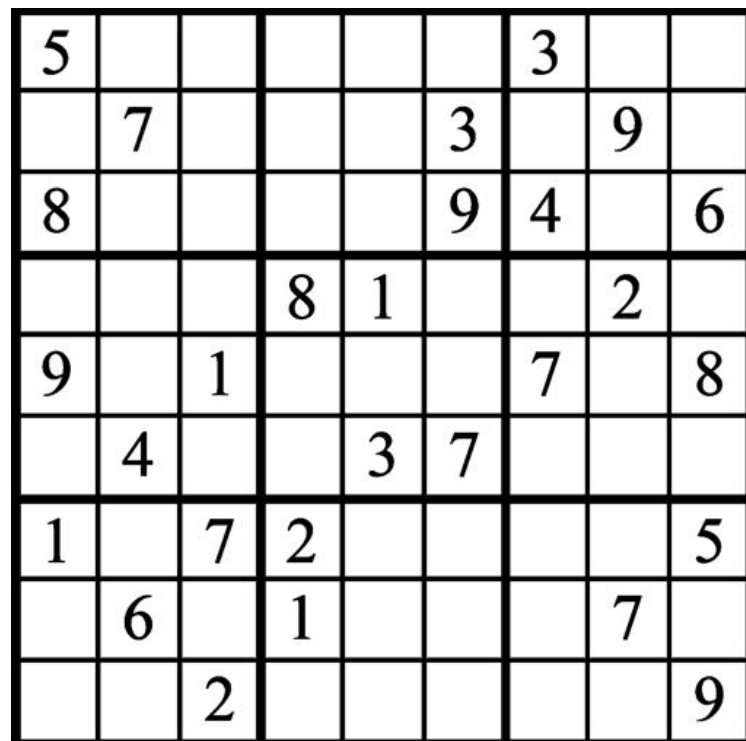
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Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Appropriate Apostrophes

Choose the correct word in the parentheses.

- 1.) The puppy likes to play with (it's, its) toy.
- 2.) Michael, (who's, whose) our star player, broke his ankle.
- 3.) Maria wants to practice at a (children's, childrens') hospital.
- 4.) Oh, for (goodness, goodness') sake!

Watch me dunk my basketball!

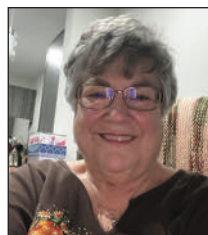


Riffraff

Answers:
1.) its (only use it's as a substitute for it is)
2.) who's (contraction for "who is")
3.) children's (add an s to plural words that do not end in s)
4.) goodness' (a tricky one - this is an exception that pertains specifically to this phrase)

MYSTERY CONTEST

CONGRATS TO THIS WEEK'S WINNER – GLENDA WAHLENMAIER!



Glenda Wahlenmaier

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest from the Sept. 2 edition is Glenda Wahlenmaier who correctly identified the picture as the clock tower at Central Island Square on Daniel Island.

Glenda, who lives at Overture 55 plus retirement community, moved to Daniel Island in November 2020. "I retired several years ago and sold my home in California last year and decided that,

even though I had never been here or anywhere on the East Coast, I wanted to be near one of my family members," she said. "And Overture Daniel Island needed to be my new home! It is beautiful!"

She added, "I love everything about it here! I don't know how to choose just one thing!"

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

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 14, 2006:



It was reported that The Daniel Island News had moved into a new office space at 225 Seven Farms Drive. Fifteen years later, the office is still located at this address.

Also, Greta Waits, who at the time was 5 years old and a brand new kindergarten student at the Daniel Island School, landed a 23.8-pound bon-

nethead shark that was just a pound shy of the All-Tackle World Record. Her father, Capt. J.R. Waits, was and still is a local fishing guide who has guided several clients to world record bonnethead sharks.

In election news, the South Carolina Election Commission asked registered voters to update their home address or other contact information with their county voter registration office to help ensure that the Nov. 7, 2006, general election ran efficiently at precincts statewide.

TEN YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 15, 2011:



candidates, including former Godfather's CEO Herman Cain, to South Carolina for a grassroots discussion with voters.

The cover focused on the annual Harvest Tour of Homes and a 'Day of Caring' project that helped a Cainhoy woman fix water damage on her roof. Inside, pictures capture the students' 9/11 tribute at the Daniel Island School.

It was announced that Congressman Tim Scott (R-SC) would be hosting his next First in the South Presidential Town Hall Series at the Daniel Island School. The series brought 2012 Republican presidential

FIVE YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 15, 2016:



At a Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meeting, former Charleston City Councilman Gary White and Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg outlined plans for the new 21,000-square-foot City of Charleston community recreation facility at Governor's Park. Five years later, the rec center just recently opened.

There was a photo page of the more than 1,000 runners and walkers who took part in the 9/11 Heroes Run on Daniel Island.

The cover and centerspread addressed teen addiction and the opioid crisis. Two local families shared their stories about how addiction changed their lives forever.

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