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# DI Rotary Club takes on goodwill projects

**P**ixie Paulette Dezzutti, local business owner of Striped Pig Distillery and Skirt Magazine, spoke to members at the Rotary Club of Daniel Island's weekly breakfast meeting Dec. 2 held virtually and in-person about "cause marketing." Dezzutti shared her wonderful positive energy, along with her life and work experiences.

Ron Daise – a singer, songwriter, author of children's books, TV star, who currently works at Brookgreen Gardens – spoke to the club Dec. 9 about the Gullah language and culture at the weekly breakfast meeting held virtually. Daise has received the Order of the Palmetto and Folk Heritage award.

Deputy Director of Explore Charleston Perrin Lawson shared a variety of facts and information about the highs and lows of the local hospitality industry, and what current




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Rotary Club of Daniel Island members helped deliver holiday meals Dec. 23.



Angel Christmas gifts were delivered to children in the community in December.

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Jerry Bacon

visitors are paying attention to when selecting a place to visit during a Dec. 16 presentation.

Members closed out the year Dec. 29 with a field trip to Middleton Place Plantation and enjoyed a private tour and saw the camellias in bloom.

Jerry Bacon (pictured at left) was named December

Member of the Month and Daniel Island resident Michael Jordan became a new member.

In December, there was also plenty of goodwill shared from gifting shawls to East Cooper Meals on Wheels recipients, toiletries provided to local prison ministries, and angel Christmas gifts taken to children in the community. Nearly 1,000 meals were delivered to those food-insecure families in the Cainhoy peninsula and Daniel Island area during the month.

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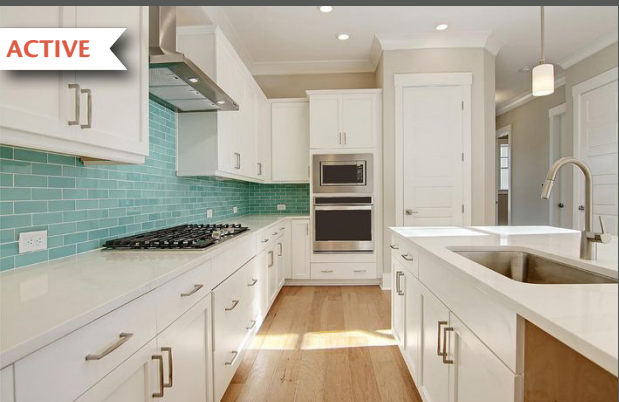
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police **BLOTTER****ELIZABETH HORTON**

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 Dec. 1-15, 2020.

**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**

On Dec. 1, a victim met with a Team 5 officer in reference to her 2001 Dodge Ram pickup truck being stolen from the parking lot of a business on Clements Ferry Road at some point around Thanksgiving. The car was left in a front lot on Nov. 25 and was inoperable due to a missing transmission. A key was hidden, out of sight, inside of the truck bed. When the complainant returned to her place of employment after the holiday, she noticed that the vehicle was missing. Police confirmed that the truck had not been towed. Surveillance video was not recorded.

A 2014 Dodge Ram pickup truck was reported as stolen during the overnight hours on Dec. 15 by a resident of Seven Farms Drive. The victim parked the car at her apartment complex in a lot by the

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main building on Dec. 14. She was made aware that the vehicle was missing when she received a call from the Mount Pleasant Police Department. The truck was involved in a hit and run collision that evening and found abandoned, with damages, at Lake Hunter Circle in Mount Pleasant. The victim said that she had left the key fobs in the vehicle when it was removed from the parking complex.

**EMBEZZLEMENT**

Officers met with a complainant at a busi-

ness on Fairchild Street who advised that 24 corporate checks had been stolen. The checks were delivered via UPS and secured in a second-floor office in the finance department. In November, one of the checks was made payable to an employee in the amount of \$98,743.78 and was processed by the bank. The accounting director noted the fraud attempt and conducted an audit, thereby discovering that multiple checks were missing. As of Dec. 1, the incident is under investigation by the City of Charleston's White Collar Crime division.

**IDENTITY THEFT**

On Dec. 4, an officer made contact with an individual who claimed his identity was illegally used to rent a trailer from U-Haul in Yonkers, New York. The suspect used the victim's name, driver's license number, and email address to secure the equipment and never returned it. U-Haul sent the victim a letter on Aug. 27 requesting that he return the rented item, but the victim had never been to New York or authorized the transaction. In November, the victim received a bill from a collection agency in the amount of \$5,714. The victim filed a police report to satisfy the demands of the collection agency; an investigation is being conducted by U-Haul.

**THEFT FROM A BUILDING**

Officers responded to a residence on Blakeway Street in reference to a theft of a Rolex watch valued at \$4,000. The watch was stored in a dresser in a bedroom and was described as silver with a white face. The victim believes the theft occurred between Dec. 9-12 and may have been perpetrated by a cleaner.

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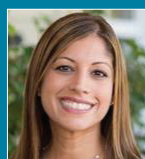
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# THE JOURNEY



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DALTON WILLIAMS

After pouring a second cup of morning coffee, my lovely wife, Grace, asked, "What would you like to do once you are vaccinated?" When I didn't respond promptly, she added, "Did you hear me?"

I had heard her and, strangely, also the echo of my mother's voice. "What would you like for Christmas?" Or, "What would you like to do this summer after school is out?"

I recalled childhood days of wanting something yet also suffering through the reality that wanting it didn't make it come any sooner. It only made me want it more.

Suddenly an idea popped into my mind.

"Go somewhere. Yeah, get in the car and drive somewhere," I replied.

"You can do that now," Grace answered, sitting down at the kitchen counter and opening the newspaper.

But I wasn't thinking of going to Mount Pleasant or even as close as, say, Georgetown. No, I wanted to go further. Over the state line. Make it plural. Over multiple state lines. Venture into at least Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, or Florida, and perhaps beyond. Maybe way beyond.

I'd drive to see children and grandchildren, but other destinations were fine, too. I just wanted to be moving toward someplace. I shared these thoughts with Grace. Without looking up from the paper she offered, "Wouldn't it be easier to fly?"

Air travel might be quicker, but it wasn't the experience I was after. Again, my thoughts drifted back to childhood. In the early 1950s my family lived in Minneapolis, where my father was working on a doctorate degree at the University of Minnesota. Because he and my mother were born and raised in Birmingham, our annual summer vacation was a trip to Alabama to see their families.

While I never thought of our family as being poor, my folks did not have the financial where-with-all to fly, and possibly not even for overnight lodging along the way. So they drove. Straight through. Mapquest says the trip today, substantially on interstate highways, is 1,079 miles. Our trips traversed Federal highways that went through every town along the route, often were two-lane roads, and offered a maximum



speed limit of 50 miles per hour. My folks would leave in the early morning, drive all day and through the night while I slept, and arrive the following morning.

Looking at highway maps today, I believe they headed south from Minneapolis on Route 52 through Rochester, across the northwest corner of Iowa, and into Illinois a little west and south of Chicago. There they picked up Route 51 that runs down the spine of Illinois, exiting the state at Cairo, and continued down the far western end of Kentucky. In northern Tennessee they merged onto Route 45 and followed it south to Tupelo, Mississippi, where they then headed east to Birmingham on Route 78.

To this day I can picture memories of the trip. Lunch, pimento cheese sandwiches my mother had made, along the side of the road in Iowa or northern Illinois. Gas wells, near Centralia, Illinois, that rocked up and down like seesaws. Playing games my father devised to pass the hours, such as guessing the last digit on the license plate of the next car to pass on the two-lane road or to seek out as many different state license plates as we could spy. Being awakened from my sleep to see the lights of the big bridge at Cairo, where the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers meet. Waking up the next morning near Tupelo to the heat, humidity, and red clay of the Deep South.

In Birmingham I saw grandparents, aunts and uncles, and played with a collection of cousins. I went barefoot, ate fried okra and ambrosia, and once got a Mohawk haircut, much to my mother's dismay. But my most vivid memories are of the trip to get there, not what we

did, albeit all pleasant, once we arrived. I have no recollections of the trip back to Minnesota although we travelled the same roads past the same sights. I guess that means the excitement of things to come trumped the experiences that eventually did occur.

Maybe that is the way things are today. We have been on a soon-to-be year-long COVID journey. Vaccines await down the road and there is still some distance to go. We will experience emotions from anticipation to angst, possibly endure more loss, pledge to be patient and safe, and probably fret and fuss a little on our way to the finish line.

Like my parents' drive, it won't be easy, but we will get there. Years from now, the stories we tell will be mostly about the journey – masks and social distancing, so many activities cancelled or postponed, PPP and paper product shortages, one-way aisles, losses and pains, temperature checks, virtual communications – and all that we did to get by, to get through.

Yet the vaccine destination, and what lies beyond, is the goal. When you arrive, do whatever is on the top of your wish list, be it a new Mercedes or a Mohawk haircut.

As for me, I'm going on that car ride. I realize now that two of the paths I travelled in the 1950s, Routes 52 and 78, have their eastern terminus in Charleston. One might say I have already reached the end of my road. I like to look at it in the other direction, long concrete ribbons reaching to somewhere I'd like to go see when all of this COVID stuff is in the rear view mirror.





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## letter to the EDITOR

### OFF-LEASH DOGS ARE DANGEROUS, ILLEGAL

Dear Editor:

On Monday, Dec. 28, a family and their off-leash dog were biking at the corner of Village Crossing and Pierce. The dog approached a woman walking her dogs. She asked the man to get his dog. He replied, "Chill out," then (made) a very cruel personal remark. The family rode away.

I watched that woman wipe tears, try to catch her breath, wipe more tears and bend over and hug her dogs, presumably to comfort them and herself.

To that man: I hope what you did haunts you. I hope it makes you want to become someone your family is proud of. I hope that beautiful young woman doesn't waste one more minute thinking about what you did to her.

I've been in her position. I know how it feels when an off-leash dog approaches. Especially a large one. The first time was years ago. A neighbor's dog escaped and attacked ours. Recently a large off-leash dog approached again. No owner in sight. I was alone and truly terrified.

To people with off-leash dogs: First, the law requires your dog to be on a leash. Second, you do not know how another dog may react if yours approaches. You do not know how another person feels about dogs. For some people it is very scary. We all deserve to be able to enjoy walking our beautiful streets and feel safe doing it. Please, keep your dog on a leash. It's the law. It's the right thing to do.

Laura Carff  
Daniel Island

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# Local scout troop supports DI Garden Club



**D**aniel Island Scouts lent a hand to the Daniel Island Garden Club recently, building a new trail extension of the Osprey Trail, which consists of over 3 1/2 acres of various "garden rooms" in front of Daniel Island School.



This community jewel was built and maintained by the DI Garden Club over the past 15 years. The scouts completed a gravel trail extension that added an 85-foot path that ends directly across from the Daniel Island Library walking path. Shovels and rakes in hand, the scouts worked alongside their troop leaders over two weekends to bring this path to reality. The Garden Club extends its sincere appreciation to the scouts for a job well done.

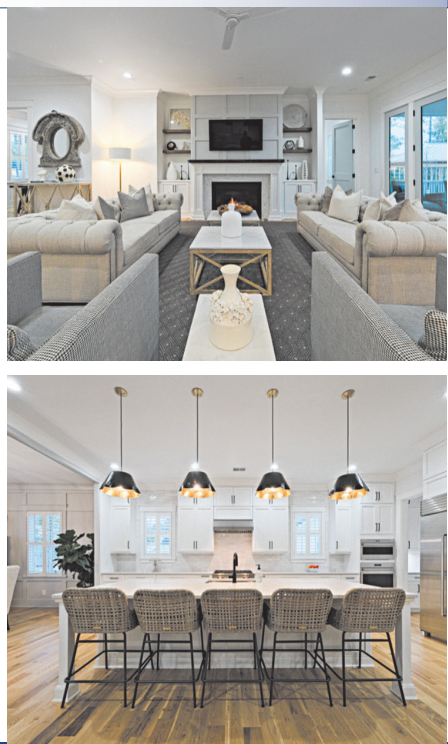
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# 2020 closes with real estate sales nearly doubled

*December continues trend with \$20M increase*

For the Daniel Island real estate market, 2020 was a very good year, closing with \$475,878,541 in sales compared to \$262,723,717 in 2019.



Tricia Peterson

There were 498 homes sold on the island compared to 2019's 345.

The 2020 trend continued in December where 43 homes sold on Daniel Island, compared to 31 in 2019. The least expensive home was a condo at 130 River Landing Drive, which sold for \$169,900. The most expensive home sold was 469 Creek Landing St. for \$3,300,000.

The total volume sold was \$48,971,346, compared to \$29,027,031 in December 2019. As of Jan. 11, 2021, there were 105 total listings on Daniel Island,

with 35 being active listings and 70 homes under contract or pending.

Tricia Peterson, with Island House Real Estate, reiterates that the area is seeing a trend of very low inventory.

"Inventory has shown a steady decline, now at a one month inventory, down 72.2% from (2019) making those homes that were difficult to sell in the past much easier," Peterson said.

She also points out that the average days on the market for December was 12, which is down 67.6% from 2019. However, it rose slightly from November's average of five.

*A special thanks to Tricia Peterson with Island House Real Estate for providing information regarding the status of real estate on Daniel Island.*

## Homes that sold in December 2020

2648 Augustus Street - \$951,500  
1013 Barfield Street - \$560,000  
1109 Barfield Street - \$1,100,000  
1804 Beekman Street - \$555,000  
620 Bermuda Isle Street - \$2,495,000  
231 Black Powder Lane - \$1,950,000  
1054 Blakeway Street - \$880,000  
1225 Blakeway Street #1105 - \$358,000  
118 Bounty Street - \$603,000  
469 Creek Landing Street - \$3,300,000  
63 Dalton Street - \$1,285,000  
2304 Daniel Island Drive - \$415,000  
2405 Daniel Island Drive - \$1,230,000  
1700 Doldridge Street - \$760,000  
1410 Elfe Street - \$590,000  
138 Etiwan Park Street - \$628,000  
140 Fairbanks Oak Alley #4B - \$940,000  
205 Fairchild Street - \$545,000  
7798 Farr Street - \$682,941  
7870 Farr Street - \$899,000  
202 Foundry Street - \$1,265,000  
33 Hazelhurst Street - \$1,400,000  
152 King George Street - \$1,275,000  
197 King George Street - \$1,635,000

Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	16	24	14	22	\$8,950,324	\$18,699,451	\$10,440,644	\$15,414,201
February	15	20	16	23	\$11,842,213	\$17,196,963	\$11,130,138	\$21,287,233
March	28	37	35	42	\$20,556,506	\$21,881,125	\$16,666,317	\$34,525,845
April	27	29	25	22	\$15,276,694	\$21,877,933	\$22,933,229	\$17,382,532
May	33	33	38	20	\$26,675,448	\$25,304,147	\$33,828,169	\$16,069,400
June	45	46	45	51	\$27,033,450	\$35,354,667	\$33,624,296	\$51,424,771
July	36	32	30	61	\$28,460,424	\$28,126,722	\$21,411,329	\$54,504,748
August	30	36	39	48	\$18,717,573	\$27,799,949	\$27,879,600	\$48,663,823
September	15	25	26	57	\$11,081,600	\$21,384,686	\$20,520,565	\$63,680,403
October	27	17	24	62	\$19,809,741	\$13,220,241	\$16,615,825	\$57,934,023
November	29	21	22	47	\$18,577,016	\$16,874,070	\$18,646,574	\$46,020,216
December	22	21	31	43	\$17,611,584	\$17,803,292	\$29,027,031	\$48,971,346
<b>YEAR TOTALS</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>\$224,592,573</b>	<b>\$265,523,246</b>	<b>\$262,723,717</b>	<b>\$475,878,541</b>

551 Lesesne Street - \$2,700,000  
9006 Merchant Street - \$765,000  
14 Pagett Street - \$1,125,000  
1675 Pierce Street - \$855,000  
1722 Pierce Street - \$2,100,000  
1969 Pierce Street - \$734,900  
333 Ralston Creek Street - \$1,695,000  
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# Holistic healing offers alternative approach to health care

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Staying healthy is on everyone's mind these days and many people are turning to alternative medicine for answers.

In this time of social distancing, patients can still receive care as holistic providers practice strict safety measures.

Daniel Island resident Dr. Michele Duffy of Elevate Health (elevatehealthllc.com) is a telemedicine provider so she is able to treat patients virtually, a plus during the pandemic. She takes a holistic perspective to health care by providing proper testing and delivering innovative, natural treatments.

"I practice in the functional medicine arena where we do a deep dive into the 'why' you are experiencing disease," she said.

"Much of traditional medicine focuses on specialists — each body system is viewed as an independent unit. We look at the body as interconnected, every one of our organs and body systems affects all the others. We work with the whole person and strive to understand how seemingly unrelated body parts or issues are affecting one another."

Abby King turned to holistic medicine



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**Dr. Troy Barron and Dr. Kelly B. Barron help residents find relief at Daniel Island's Method Health Center.**

after conventional treatments failed.

"I went to multiple doctors but none of them could put my health puzzle together. I kept feeling worse and worse until I finally



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**Becky Sheftall uses acupuncture to provide patients with an alternative to traditional medicine.**

found Dr. Duffy and she started taking a holistic approach to my health," King said.

"She took time to look at every issue I was dealing with to make sure the plan moving forward would be effective. I feel better

than I have in years ... The holistic approach to my health has changed my life for the better."

Daniel Island's Method Health Center (MethodHealthCenter.com) offers a variety of care from massage therapy to dry-needling, an alternative medicine technique adapted from acupuncture. Method also provides physiotherapies such as ultrasound, mechanical traction, whole body vibration, and intermittent compression therapy. Dr. Kelly B. Barron and Dr. Troy Barron are passionate about helping patients reach their optimal health.

"We work as a team to provide support for the whole person," Kelly said. "... We do our best to keep our patients away from dangerous opioids and surgery and get them back to enjoying life. While our services are an alternative to surgery, medications and injections, the methods and procedures we utilize are widely used in traditional medicine."

Kirsten Wartko has found relief at Method for over 10 years.

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“Kelly and Troy do an amazing job tending to patients using various holistic methods,” she said. “Dry needling is an immediate fix for trigger point release in muscles, and my weekly adjustments keep my wellness maintained.”

Becky Sheftall's lifelong interest in a healthy lifestyle drew her to open her own business ([mtsacupuncture.com](http://mtsacupuncture.com)) to help others with her practice of acupuncture and eastern herbal medicine.

“Acupuncture can address problems that stump many western physicians,” she said. “Acupuncture gets to the root cause of a problem, instead of just temporarily relieving symptoms.”

Sheftall often uses eastern herbal medicine as a natural alternative to pharmaceutical drugs to treat her patients.

Sheftall's patient, Amanda Crean, wanted to try an alternative route for her health care after traditional medicine was unsuccessful in treating anxiety and some physical issues.

"I really did not want to take a prescription medicine and deal with all of the side effects of it, after having several negative experiences in the past," Crean said. "I also wanted someone who would look at my symptoms from a more holistic approach."

“The combination of the acupuncture and herbal medicine has radically reduced my anxiety and physical issues I was having. Becky takes time to really listen to what is going on with my body and mind and adjusts the acupuncture treatments and herbal medicine as needed. I am so thankful I went down this path as it has made a huge difference in my day to day life.”



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Karen Searson, school nurse at Bishop England, was named the Faculty/Staff "Bishop of the Month" last September. The award described Searson as "a veritable port in this coronavirus storm; someone who has been called upon to do the taxing everyday responsibilities of the job as well as bearing the brunt of fielding questions, doing research, and putting out all varieties of fires related to COVID-19. This person is someone who remains calm in the face of chaos and manages the stress of her position without missing a beat."

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*"We have to understand the physical, the emotional, the mental and the social needs of these children."*

*Karen Searson, mom, nurse, coach*

# BISHOP ENGLAND SCHOOL NURSE KARIEN SEARSON IS MAKING THE GRADE

**W**hen Karen Searson heads to work on Daniel Island, she never knows what the day will bring. But she has to be prepared for it all.

Searson is the school nurse at Bishop England High School – and the only person on campus tasked with overseeing the health of students, faculty and staff on a daily basis. It is a critical position, not only in today's COVID environment, but because her role has an unmistakable impact on a student's well-being and academic achievement. In fact, according to the National Association of School Nursing, a student's health is directly linked to his or her ability to learn. Searson doesn't take the significance of her post lightly.

"As a school nurse, we have to understand the physical, the emotional, the mental and the social needs of these children," said Searson, who sat down with The Daniel Island News on the students' first day back to campus last week, after the holiday break. "So, we, along with the teachers, are almost at the frontlines when it comes to ensuring the success and the quality of life for these students. Because we are faced with them every day."

And being ready for any health scenario, from the simple to the complex, is part of the job.

"Nurses are first responders to the school's campus," Searson said. "There is nobody else. You are it. And you never know what situation you're going to be put into. And what resources you might need that you don't have. That's the scary part."

But Searson is well trained and well prepared. In addition to her job at BE, she is also a surgical ICU nurse for Roper Hospital, working in the critical care unit every other weekend. She is now in her 22nd year at the hospital.

Searson began her journey into the medical field some three decades ago, after graduating from Bishop England High School. Initially, she hoped to pursue a career as a pediatrician. But after meeting and marrying her husband, Chip Searson, a police officer, she reconsidered that path, cognizant of the toll the intensive training may take on a young family. Searson's mother and godmother suggested nursing might be a good alternative. She would go on to earn degrees from the College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing.

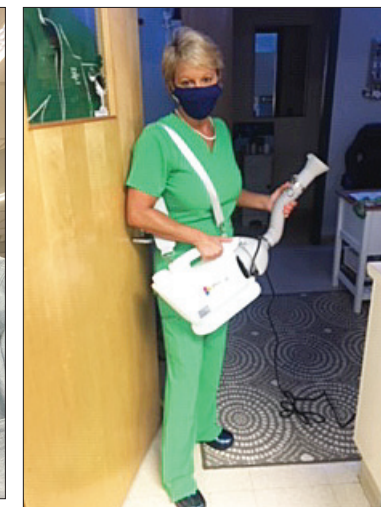
During her early career, she also maintained her ties to her beloved Bishop England, where she began serving as a basketball coach – a role she continues to hold today. Four years ago, after BE's school nurse of 28 years retired, Searson jumped at the opportunity to join the school staff in the full-time role.

"I don't know that I was really driven to school nursing as I was just driven to the passion of being affiliated with Bishop England," Searson said. "Because nursing is nursing, no matter where you go. And that's the beauty of nursing. You can specialize in so many different areas. If you get burned out in one area, you've got so many other options – which is amazing."

And it is clear this mother of four has a heart for the students she serves.



Above left: Searson is seen in the surgical ICU at Roper Hospital, where she has worked as a critical care nurse for close to 22 years. Above right: One of BE school nurse Karen Searson's many duties related to COVID prevention on campus is using a fogger to help sanitize rooms.



A family of Bishops! BEHS School Nurse Karen Searson (third from right) is pictured with her family during a school graduation event. Included in the photo are Layne Searson (BE '06), Colby Searson (BE '20), Carly Searson (BE '21), Carsyn Searson (BE '23), Caylee Mac Searson (BE '26), Karen Searson (BE '90), and Chip Searson.

"You develop a rapport with these kids, you really do," Searson said. "I think the most fulfilling part of the job is seeing the way these kids excel and the feeling that I have maybe made a difference in their life in some way, shape or form."

Searson not only works with students, but also parents and other health care providers to ensure that her patients get all the help they need. Her experience as an ICU nurse has proven to be invaluable.

"(It) has helped me really drive some diagnoses," she said. "Helping (steer) parents in the right direction of where they should go."

While many aspects of her position may be similar to that of her peers, Searson is quick to point out that there is no such thing as a typical day on the job.

"A typical day? I wish I could tell you it goes this way at this time or this time...but it's just so random. A school nurse's office essentially serves as an urgent (care) clinic staffed by one nurse without a provider."

Many of Searson's shifts begin with answering emails and phone calls, as well as ensuring that students' daily medication needs are met. Their conditions, monitored closely by Searson, can range from something relatively minor, like attention deficit disorder, to the more serious, such as diabetes or potentially life-threatening allergies or seizures. Overall, some 13% of students nationwide suffer from a severe medical diagnosis, noted Searson.

"One of the main things that we do is obviously administer medications and watch for anything that might come up and we have to keep them on our radar," she said. "...Gone are the days that all we do is give them a Band-Aid if they have a bump on the knee."

Then there are the ailments that just come up randomly during the day – the stomach bugs, headaches, sore throats, accidental injuries, and more.

"You have to be ready at a minute's notice," Searson added.

Particularly troubling, she noted, is the rise in anxiety and depression among teens today.

"Anxiety is huge. It is a huge condition that these kids are dealing with. I have never seen so much anxiety as I have in the last two years. It's at a very high level ... and depression."

Adding to the stress level is certainly what is known as the "COVID factor," as students, faculty and staff all over the globe grapple with how to maintain good health during a pandemic. For Searson, the virus has wreaked havoc on her "typical" duties — creating new daily tasks, such as contact tracing, surveying students about possible symptoms, checking temperatures, ensuring mask compliance and social distancing, and enhanced cleaning.

When BE first returned to school under a hybrid system last fall (meaning half the student body reported each day, while the other half conducted classes virtually), things went well. They didn't have any COVID cases initially. But that changed once all students came back later in the semester.

"Within four days we had four cases," Searson said.

Now that classes are once again in session after the long holiday break, her diligent COVID prevention efforts have ramped back up.

"It's very challenging," she said.

But Searson is hopeful for the day things can begin to return to normal. In the meantime, she will continue to follow the N.U.R.S.E acronym she created for her role — by Nurturing, Understanding, Respecting, Supporting and Educating the students she serves.

"Those are the things that are important to me as a nurse."





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But then everyday life catches up and the veggies don't find their way to your plate as easily. It gets complicated, it takes time, you realize that you weren't that good at creating amazing, tasty salads after all. Dubious snacks start to sneak in, and you notice that your mindset has shifted to "I might as well just..." Welcome to the downfall of your New Year's resolution.

What often happens when we set up our New Year's resolutions is that we set unrealistic and too restrictive goals that we have no chance of living up to and at the same time demanding of ourselves to make the switch overnight. And when we find ourselves having a hard time achieving those goals, we quickly fall into the opposite category of binge eating and indulging in comfort foods. We feel guilty and shameful about it and quit the project entirely. Good-bye healthy January!

But what if instead of talking about veggies, exercise, calories, and diets, we started to talk about how to establish meaningful mealtimes with quality food and good people around us? If we devoted ourselves to creating balanced and connecting rituals around the dinner table? Studies show that not only are we healthier when we eat together, we are also happier. And so are our kids. So, what if we quit the restricted quick-fix mentality and instead engage in a long-term balanced and meaningful solution?

In America, we tend to be very consumed with what is referred to as "nutritionism" (the idea that the nutritional value of food is all that counts). We don't, on the other hand, attend very much to how we eat and the pleasure of eating. A chocolate cake equals guilt and endless hours of exercising. We obsess about proteins, fibers, cholesterol,



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**Make eating together and enjoying your food your goal instead of a restricted diet.**

saturated fat, amino acids, etc., often leaving us more confused about what to eat.

My point here is that we ought to prioritize real food. Food that doesn't come with health claims and a long list of ingredients, but real, wholesome foods. And when eating, we ought to devote our energy to creating meaningful mealtimes with our loved ones. While having connecting conversations where we insist on knowing each other. Food should not just be fuel, it should be a social and ritual anchor. Because when we take our meal times seriously and start cooking, we eat healthier — and that's a fact.

So, instead of a restricted January diet, maybe we should aim for this:

- Eat together (we eat less when eating with others)
- Eat homemade food (it contains less fat, sugar, and salt)
- Enjoy your food (and eliminate guilt and shame)
- Move your body in ways you like (even if it's just long walks in the beginning).

Maybe 2021 is the perfect time to start building a healthy, guilt-free relationship with food and mealtimes?

*Daniel Island resident Gitte Holm-Moller, a Danish psychologist specializing in anxiety and families, with her husband is co-founder of the Nordic Family Table, which addresses concerns handling pickiness and mealtime struggles. For more information and programs, go to [nordicfamilytable.com](http://nordicfamilytable.com).*



# For Iron Horses, basketball season has been a wild ride

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Basketball, at the high school and college levels, is known for its March Madness with big crowds, memorable plays and championships.

But this year, high school basketball in South Carolina might be known for its craziness all season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Take the Philip Simmons boys' basketball team for example. The Iron Horses played only two non-region games this season and will play only four region games to determine the king of Region 6-AA.

"I know; it sounds crazy, right?" Coach Garrett Campbell said when explaining all the red strikethroughs on his team's schedule. "If all goes well, we'll get in those four games, and the region champion will get a No. 1 seed in the playoffs."

But there's more. After the region champ is crowned, the league will have a tourney where the other four teams will compete for a No. 2 and final seed.

This year, the High School League has cut the playoff field in half, with only 16 teams qualifying.

"It's definitely a new terrain for us," said Campbell, whose team beat Lucy Beckham High 64-22 on Dec. 5 and lost to Military Magnet 69-63 three days later. "That being said, if there were ever a year to win a region championship, this is the year. You win four games, and that's it. It's just a four-game sprint rather than an eight-game race. If we can get it done, we can reach a milestone for us even as crazy as it has been."

The team would be ready to play a game and then have it canceled because of the virus. It seemed like a never-ending process until the Iron Horses played at Woodland on Jan. 19 in the region-opener.

The Iron Horses are scheduled to play at Timberland on Jan. 22 and then host Burke on Jan. 29, and conclude with a home game against Lake Marion on Feb. 2.

"The kids just want to play so bad," Campbell said. "They just want to play

a game. They come to practice, go hard, trying to get some competition."

The Iron Horses went 10-16 last season and the first task of the 2020-21 season was to find replacements for Marc Haight and Jaylen Green, who both topped 1,000 points in their careers.

Senior Antonio Leak, who has been in the program for four years, and junior Miles Haight are the top returners.

Leak averaged 12 points and four rebounds a game last winter while Haight tallied 9 points a game.

This is only the fourth year the school has fielded a varsity team. Campbell doesn't think the program will take a step back because of the lack of games.

"The main thing is that we've practiced a lot even though we might not have played many games," Campbell said. "That practice is important for younger players. We can still reach our goals. We win four games, raise a banner and celebrate a big accomplishment."

Stay tuned.



VALARY DREYER

The Philip Simmons High School boys' basketball team huddled up before their game against Lucy Beckham High School Dec. 5. The Iron Horses have faced numerous game cancellations and will see an unusual playoff game plan.

# BE's Williams has plenty of game left in her



JEEP MCCABE

Bishop England senior guard/forward Jaiha Williams (5) could be looking at postsecondary play after graduation. So far she has received an offer from Coker University.

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Jaiha Williams has enough basketball savvy to know it's not how you begin the season. It's how you end it.

That's why the Bishop England star was nothing but smiles Monday night after Bishop England's 64-25 road victory over the Hanahan Hawks in a Region 8-AAA game. It marked the Bishops' first game since Dec. 4 because of the rampant COVID-19 pandemic, and ended a streak of 12 games that the Bishops either canceled or postponed.

It was a belated but appreciated step for the Bishops, who are attempting to win their seventh state championship in the last 10 years. Williams played on last year's team that reached the state quarterfinals and was on the team her sophomore year that captured the 2018-19 state title.

She wants to go out as a winner as her prep career comes to a close.

"Obviously, it felt good to get back out there," Williams said. "We missed 12 games but still practiced all the time. But that's OK.

That practice will come in handy when we get to Colonial Life (Arena). It seems like every time we get ready to play a game, it gets postponed and then we practice. That practice time will come in handy."

Colonial Life Arena is the venue for the High School League's Final Four. Playoffs begin Feb. 15-16 and culminate with the Weekend of Champions on March 5-6.

The season couldn't have begun any better for Williams, who has enough talent to factor in at three positions for coach Paul Runey's squad. She parlayed being named the region MVP and all-state honors last season into an impressive preseason honor: The state coaches association named her one of the top five seniors in Class AAA, while the Bishops were ranked in the top 10 – as usual.

"It's great to get acknowledged as an individual, but basketball is about being a team and working together," Williams said. "I am so fortunate to play with teammates who have good skills, are determined and want to win."

Williams and Lily Woods are the Bishops'

top players. Woods has a higher scoring average because she gets many buckets off steals and fastbreaks.

"Jaiha gives us an outside presence," Runey said. "That means other teams have to come out and guard her."

Runey thinks she has the ability to play at the next level after she concludes her senior season.

"Jaiha has been a starter since her freshman year, and she has gotten better every year," Runey said. "She's a great kid and a team leader. I still don't think she's reached her potential as a basketball player. There's still a lot of basketball in her." Runey added Williams has the potential to play college basketball.

Williams has just received her first offer from Coker University. She concurs with Runey about her potential.

"I agree with him. He is right," Williams said. "Every practice, he pushes me to get better and reach my potential. Playing for (coach) Runey is a learning experience. I take notes when he gives us pointers."



# Brody gets back in the saddle



## fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Cold and windy are the best description for fishing conditions on Saturday. Gale force winds made targeting redfish in the shallows nearly impossible. However, I had a secret weapon that put the odds in my favor.

Brody the amazing fish-finding, and stock-trading dog is back! While not fully recovered, the vet gave him permission to fish.

It was so nasty on Saturday, that I did not plan to fish. But, after a two-week break from fishing, Brody was following me around the house carrying his life jacket.

So, I called Elliott and we planned to fish the lower stages of the tide later in the day. We were hoping that low tide would provide some protection from the wind.

We were wrong.

The wind was so strong that my 112-pound thrust trolling motor could not hold the Pathfinder against the wind and tide. Brody was not even looking for fish. He was hunkered down behind the console trying to keep warm. After a couple of uncomfortable and fishless hours, we decided to quit.

On the ride back to the dock, I remembered a small shallow area in a small creek on a tree-lined bank. It usually holds a redfish or two. So, we made a slight detour.

Once in the small creek, conditions improved con-

siderably. I deployed the trolling motor. Thankfully, it was able to operate against the wind. Brody took up his normal fish-finding position on the bow and we began casting Z-Man Finesse TRD lures to the leeward shoreline. As we approached a large oyster bar, Brody became agitated. I told Elliott I was about to catch a fish and fired a cast to the bar. Boom! Fish on.

It was not particularly large, but we were all very happy. Especially Brody. He kept trying to lick and bite the fish, even when we were releasing it. As Elliott took a picture, he commented, "that is one happy dog."

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COOPER RIVER CYCLES

A group of bikers meet at Marrington Plantation in Goose Creek for a Cooper River Cycles Sunday Dirt Patrol ride in August 2020.

# Pedaling forward

*Organized trail rides on pause, but Sunday tradition lives on*

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Biking as a whole has been on the incline since COVID-19 has suspended the joys of so many sports and recreational activities. Business has been bustling, but so have the health concerns of riders.

Cooper River Cycles, Daniel Island's one-stop shop for all things biking since 2015, has been busy supplying the demand to those looking to stretch their legs during the pandemic.

Exercise is essential but so is safety, as limiting the risk of exposure to the coronavirus has remained paramount. The store, which hosts mountain bike trail riding, put a temporary hold on all group rides early last year as a safeguard to stunt the spread of the deadly virus. In August, rides returned for a brief trial period, but since then events have been canceled and plans are in a stationary state, according to owner and operator Gage Cooper.

However, that's not to say that gears aren't grinding and wheels aren't spinning. Close-knit circles of riders within the biking community are still pedaling together weekly, it's just not being officially organized.

Unofficially, a trail riding tradition lives on during the era of COVID-19, dubbed "Sunday Dirt Patrol," that was started by Cooper River Cycles in 2017. The weekly reunion is not being promoted, it's more of an unspoken get-together formed by more than three years of camaraderie.

Every Sunday at 2 p.m., 30 to 50 riders from across the Lowcountry meet at Marrington Plantation in Goose Creek. All participants are required to have a recreation pass to gain entrance to the grounds.

The ride consists of a pace line on a loop that ranges from 12 to 20 miles long and riders are spaced 6 feet apart.

Cooper hopes that with the inoculations of the COVID-19 vaccine underway nationwide, the store can promote and sponsor events again sometime this spring, maybe as early as March or April. For now, official rides remain on hold until a definite time frame can be announced, which is contingent on the indefinite timeline of the coronavirus.

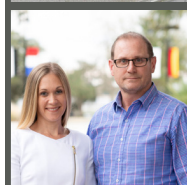
"Hopefully those wheels are spinning sooner than later," Cooper added. "I'm ready to get some rides back on the books and see everybody again."

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# Mother/Daughter Catlin duo beat Ashley Severance, win a Dockery's gift card

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Mindy Catlin went 9-3 to win last week's pick 'em over sponsor Ashley Severance with Atlantic Properties' 6-6. Mindy tied with several other contestants but won the tiebreaker.

Mindy is a 16-year Daniel Island resident. Her daughter Maddie, who attends the University of Maryland, was home this week and helped

Mindy with her picks.

"I think she is the lucky charm because this is the first time I have won all season," Mindy said via email. "I/we play just for fun and to see if we can predict the right winners. We both are football and hockey fans so it is just something fun to do."

Each week between now and the

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Tampa Bay at **Green Bay**  
Over / Under 51.5  
Leading Passer: **Aaron Rodgers**  
Leading Receiver: **Davante Adams**  
Leading Rusher: **Aaron Jones**  
Leading Tackler: **Lavonte David**

Buffalo at **Kansas City**  
Over / Under 54.4  
Leading Passer: **Josh Allen**  
Leading Receiver: **Stefon Diggs**  
Leading Rusher: **Darrel Williams**  
Leading Tackler: **Tyrann Mathieu**

Chris Mingle and Michael Patterson  
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153-63  
**BALLOT:**  
For the week of  
January 21, 2021

**PROFESSIONAL**

Tampa Bay at **Green Bay**  
Over / Under 51.5  
Leading Passer: **Tom Brady**  
Leading Receiver: **Davante Adams**  
Leading Rusher: **Aaron Jones**  
Leading Tackler: **Devin White**

Buffalo at **Kansas City**  
Over / Under 54.4  
Leading Passer: **Josh Allen**  
Leading Receiver: **Stefon Diggs**  
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Leading Tackler: **Jordan Poyer**

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152-64  
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For the week of  
January 21, 2021

**PROFESSIONAL**

Tampa Bay at **Green Bay**  
Over / Under 51.5  
Leading Passer: **Tom Brady**  
Leading Receiver: **Davante Adams**  
Leading Rusher: **Aaron Jones**  
Leading Tackler: **Devin White**

Buffalo at **Kansas City**  
Over / Under 54.4  
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146-70  
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Buffalo at **Kansas City**  
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Leading Receiver: **Davante Adams**  
Leading Rusher: **Aaron Jones**  
Leading Tackler: **Lavonte David**

**Buffalo** at **Kansas City**  
**Over** / Under 54.4

Leading Passer: **Jeff Allen**  
Leading Receiver: **Stefon Diggs**  
Leading Rusher: **Devin Singletary**  
Leading Tackler: **Matt Milano**



Phil Bowman  
Daniel Island News Sports Writer



139-77

**BALLOT:**  
For the week of  
January 21, 2021

**PROFESSIONAL**

Tampa Bay at **Green Bay**  
**Over** / Under 51.5

Leading Passer: **Aaron Rodgers**  
Leading Receiver: **Davante Adams**  
Leading Rusher: **Aaron Jones**  
Leading Tackler: **Devin White**

**Buffalo** at **Kansas City**  
**Over** / Under 54.4

Leading Passer: **Josh Allen**  
Leading Receiver: **Stefon Diggs**  
Leading Rusher: **Clyde Edwards-Helaire**  
Leading Tackler: **Daniel Sorenson**



Ashley Severance  
Atlantic Properties



137-79

**BALLOT:**  
For the week of  
January 21, 2021

**PROFESSIONAL**

Tampa Bay at **Green Bay**  
**Over** / Under 51.5

Leading Passer: **Tom Brady**  
Leading Receiver: **Cameron Brate**  
Leading Rusher: **Leonard Fournette**  
Leading Tackler: **Lavonte David**

**Buffalo** at **Kansas City**  
**Over** / Under 54.4

Leading Passer: **Josh Allen**  
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Leading Tackler: **Matt Milano**



Nancy Crick  
Carolina One



135-81

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**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Does your New Year's resolution include helping people in your community? The Rotary Club of Daniel Island is a service organization with about 75 members of all ages. Would you like to learn more about what we do and how you might get involved? Join us for an informative virtual meeting on March 8 at 5:30 p.m. To register, email Mary Jo Romeo at [maryjo@mjrcac.com](mailto:maryjo@mjrcac.com).

**DI COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES:** DI resident Steve Potts, founder and CEO of Scout Boats, will be the next speaker on Wednesday,

Jan. 27, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom. The presentation will also be recorded and available for registrants. To sign up, go online to [bit.ly/39tZwfv](http://bit.ly/39tZwfv).

### REGULAR MEETINGS

**SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS** meet virtually the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Visit online at [berkeleydems.com/calendar](http://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@mjrcac.com](mailto:maryjo@mjrcac.com). For more information,

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**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](http://danielislandrotary.com).

**THE DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. The club is meeting by Zoom due to the rising numbers of COVID cases. Contact Linda Price, [lmcwpr@gmail.com](mailto:lmcwpr@gmail.com), for details.

## meeting NOTES

These are 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 PLANNING COMMISSION

A meeting of the City of Charleston Planning Commission will be held Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 5 p.m., virtually via Zoom Webinar. There are no items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula.

### CITY OF CHARLESTON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

A meeting of the City of Charleston Design Review Board was held on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 4:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom Webinar. There were no items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula.

### CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING - APPEALS

A meeting of the City Of Charleston Board of Zoning - Appeals was held Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 5:15 p.m., virtually via Zoom. There were no items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula.

### CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Jan. 21 via Zoom. There are no items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula.

At the Jan. 14 meeting, the following item was reviewed: • 808 Kings Oak Court, Governor's Cay. Swimming pool and amenities building renovations. Owner: Lennar Carolinas, LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton, 843-725-5269. Contact: Jason Hutchinson, [hutchinson.j@tandh.com](mailto:hutchinson.j@tandh.com). RESULTS: Revise and resubmit for full review.

### 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.; public 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.

## news BRIEFS

### POTTS GUEST FOR NEXT DI COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES

Steve Potts, founder and CEO of Scout Boats, will be the presenter at the Daniel Island Community Speaker's Series on Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 7-8 p.m. via Zoom.

Potts and his wife Dianne founded Scout Boats in 1988, but Hurricane Hugo came along in September 1989 and nearly wiped them out. The Potts basically rebuilt the factory brick by brick. They survived and today Scout Boats is a thriving builder of high-end, finely finished sportfishing boats.

To attend, go to [bit.ly/39tZwfv](http://bit.ly/39tZwfv) and register.

### REZONING REVIEW DELAYED

A City of Charleston Planning Commission conservation

rezoning review request expected to take place Jan. 20 for the Daniel Island Park property at 515 Island Park Drive owned by the Daniel Island Club has been postponed until Feb. 17.

The request would make way for the installation of a cell phone tower on the property, a plan opposed by many homeowners in the neighborhood.

An initial rezoning request was deferred in November by the developer.

Neighbors have raised concerns about the possible health hazards related to 5G radiation, possible negative impacts on property value and the aesthetics of a tower on the property.

Club president and CEO Greg Keating said he will hold a meeting with adjacent property owners in late January or early February. An exact date and time has not been finalized.



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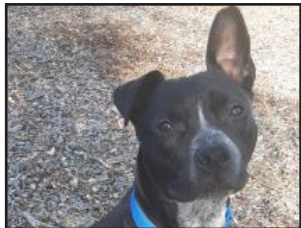







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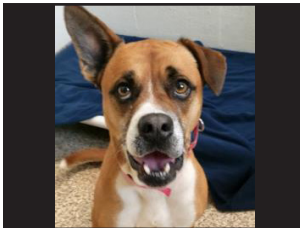
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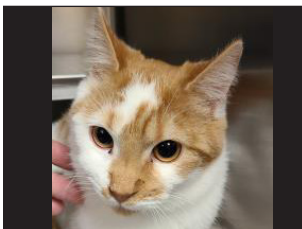
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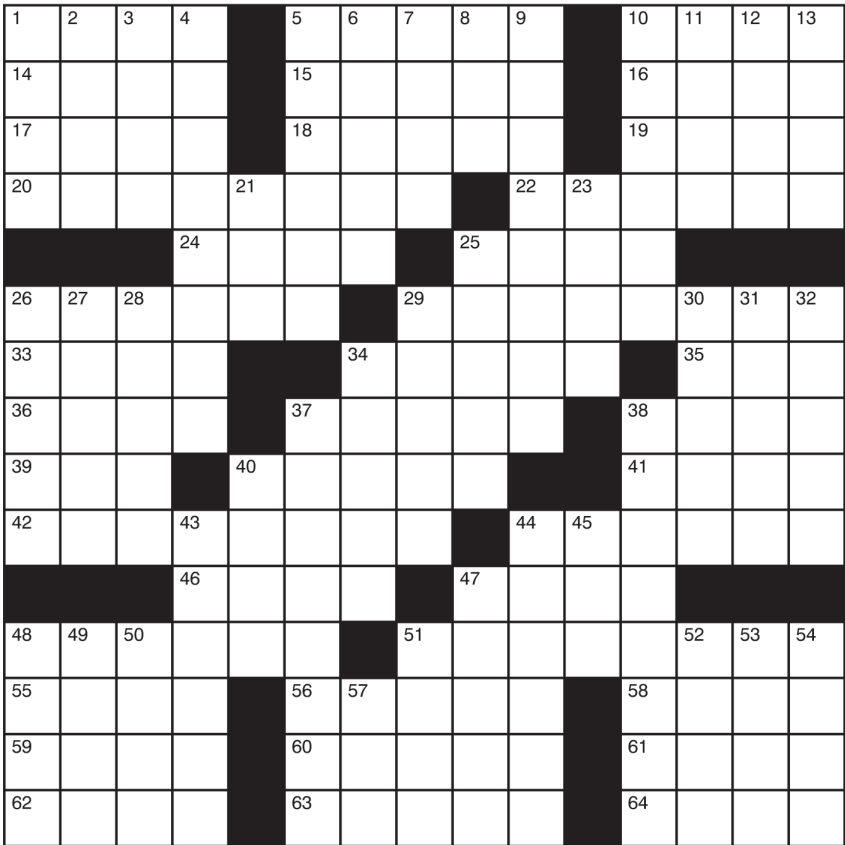


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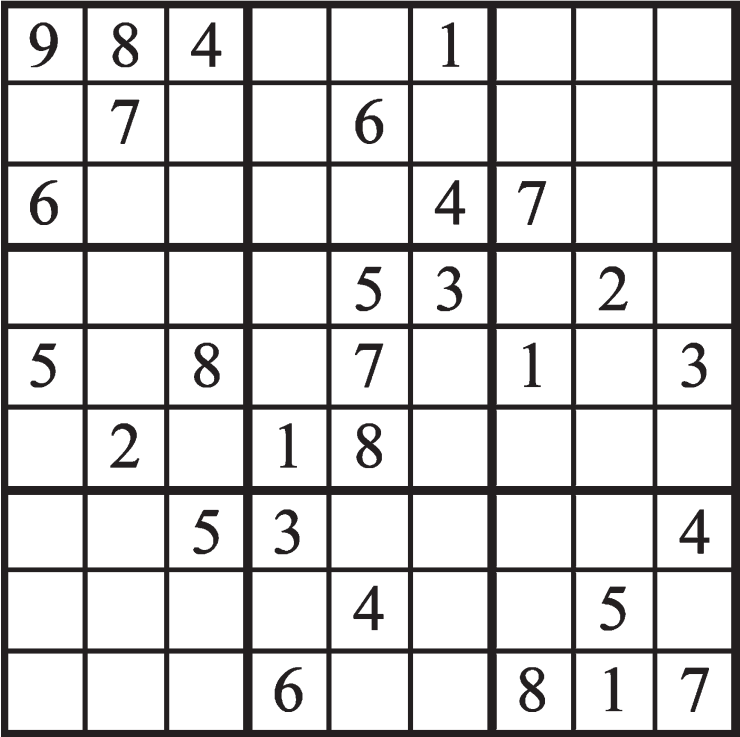
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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

What's Up?

Decide if the word *up* is used as a preposition, adjective or adverb.



- 1. Harry woke *up* late for work.
- 2. Priscilla is always *up* on the latest gossip.
- 3. The coffee shop is just *up* the street.
- 4. Gas prices are *up* again.

Answers: 1. adverb 2. adjective 3. preposition 4. adjective



# MYSTERY ? PHOTO ? CONTEST

## CONGRATS TO MANDY OWENS – LAST WEEK’S WINNER!



Mandy Owens

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident Mandy Owens, who correctly identified the picture as the sign for CREC Property Management, located at 222 Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island.

Mandy, who lives in Smythe Park, moved here in March 2019 from Annapolis, Maryland. She is a registered nurse who owns Your Baby Consultant, LLC, and also teaches for Roper St. Francis Healthcare.

This was her first time playing the mystery photo contest. How was she able to guess the image? She said, "I am a member of The Bar Method on Daniel Island and when I leave, I am facing the CREC Property Management office."

She enjoys living here because "I love how friendly everyone is and the weather is awesome."

We would like to say thank you to all our observant readers! Be on the look out for new mystery photos that are more general, rather than specific, and encompassing more places on the Cainhoy peninsula, such as Clements Ferry Road.

## CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK’S PHOTO?



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

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



Jan. 19, 2006

In the Jan. 19, 2006, issue, several great historical sites were featured as part of the City of Charleston "Be a tourist in your own town" promotion. Included were stories about tourist attractions in Berkeley County: the Old Santee Canal Park and Mepkin Abbey. Mepkin Abbey, now home to Trap-pist monks, is a great

place to visit for history and natural beauty.

In development news, the Commercial Corridor Design Review Board gave final approval for construction of an apartment complex on Seven Farms Road and preliminary approval for an office building at 295 Seven Farms Road but denied conceptual approval for a hotel at River Landing Drive and Seven Farms Road.

## TEN YEARS AGO



Jan. 20, 2011

Seabrook Island, about 15 people attended the first excursion, a trip to the Hunley submarine facility and Magnolia Cemetery. In 2011, there were over 200 people involved in the club, which still exists today.

In other island news, a Charleston builder was set to build 14 luxury townhomes on the Wando River, priced under \$1 million each, near where the future marina was planned. The project fell through.

## FIVE YEARS AGO



Jan. 21, 2016

In the Jan. 21, 2016, issue, the cover and centerfold reported the Berkeley County Council approved a \$215 million infrastructure improvement program that included construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Daniel Island Drive and Seven Farms Drive, as well as enhancements to Clements Ferry Road and other road improvement initiatives across the county.

In school news, Harlem Globetrotter Anthony "Buckets" Blakes made a visit to the Daniel Island School and talked to middle schoolers about his ABC's of Bullying Prevention campaign.

In sports, Family Circle Tennis Center Annual Holiday Classic winners posed for photos after playing their matches. The event benefited the MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital.

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