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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Phase 2 of Berkeley County's Clements Ferry corridor expansion project kicks off

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Dirt is moving so that traffic can get moving as the Phase 2 expansion of Berkeley County's Clements Ferry Road corridor kicks off.

Recently, county and state officials held a groundbreaking ceremony on the soil of the soon to be 4.5 miles of four-lane asphalt from Jack Primus Road to S.C. Hwy. 41. The approximately \$66 million project — that includes a multi-use path, curb, gutter and a raised planted median — is slated to be finished November 2024.

Groundwork on the extension of two lanes to the once-rural road is still very much in the preliminary stages. Phase 1, approximately 4 miles of roadway from I-526 to Jack Primus Road, was completed August 2019.

Although Phase 1 and Phase 2 are similar in mileage, over the next three years the latter aims to have an even larger impact on the area's quality of life and safety. The previous phase was managed and designed



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Phase 2 of the Clements Ferry Road widening will take place along a 4.5 mile stretch from Jack Primus Road to S.C. Highway 41 near the Wando River.

by S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT), but this next stage is entirely at the discretion of Berkeley County.

County officials wanted to be more directly involved in the decision-making process and to be in a position to move

more quickly under county procurement and management of engineering contracts. SCDOT remains a critical component in the project and has performed the review of all engineering designs for the construction plans.

Here's what has been done at this juncture of the colossal community project and what's ahead:

THE ROAD AHEAD

Construction

Bids for construction were received last September and in November a contract was awarded to Banks Construction Co., a local company based out of North Charleston, for \$44,589,109.06.

The first major construction activities going on right now are clearing and grubbing, such as removing trees, brush, grass, weeds, downed trees, stumps, roots, buried logs, and other debris. This will be followed by the installation of erosion-control devices.

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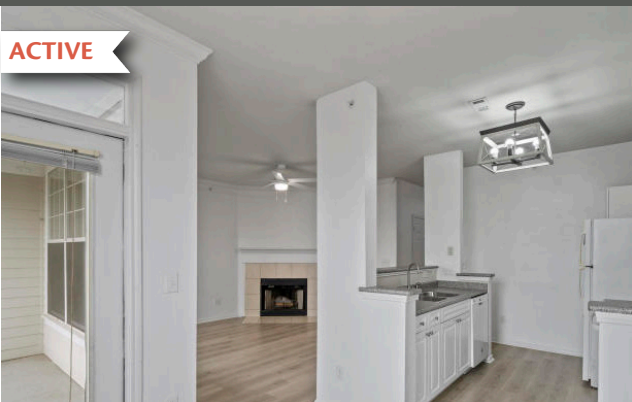
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Local church drive-thru distributes more than 1,000 COVID vaccines

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Tents lined the way, accompanied by traffic cones and signage to corral a convoy of cars with individuals pre-registered to get inoculated with their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"It's a cold, dreary day out here with the weather, but this is what light at the end of this long, dark, COVID tunnel looks like," said Mount Pleasant Mayor Will Haynie at a press conference at Seacoast Church on the rain-filled Friday afternoon.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., more than a thousand eligible individuals received the vaccine. The shot was free and registrations were fully booked in advance with 1,032 applicants.

The pool of registrants receiving the vaccine were frontline health care workers, long-term care facility residents, parents who are home caregivers of chronically ill or special needs children, and seniors who are 70 years or older. Also, anyone who volunteered at the event had an opportunity to get the shot.

An early morning software glitch causing wait times up to an hour was resolved by a local Chick-fil-A manager, Jerry Walkowiak,



ZACH GIROUX

A drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination event was held at Seacoast Church on Jan. 22, organized in conjunction with local hospitals, the Town of Mount Pleasant and local Rotary organizations including the Rotary Club of Daniel Island.

who used his professional drive-thru experience to help, decreasing the wait time to 15 minutes.

The initiative was in conjunction with East Cooper Medical Center, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Roper St. Francis, the Town of Mount Pleasant, and local

Rotary organizations including the Rotary Club of Daniel Island. Officials noted that the event was the first of its kind in the state of South Carolina.

Local rotary clubs, including 35 volunteers from Daniel Island, assisted at the event. Their role and responsibilities mainly

consisted of traffic control and helping with paperwork for vaccine recipients.

"If we're not part of the solution, we're part of the problem," said Bill Cannon, immediate past president of DI Rotary. "We've got to pay attention to this, if we don't, this is humanity at stake."

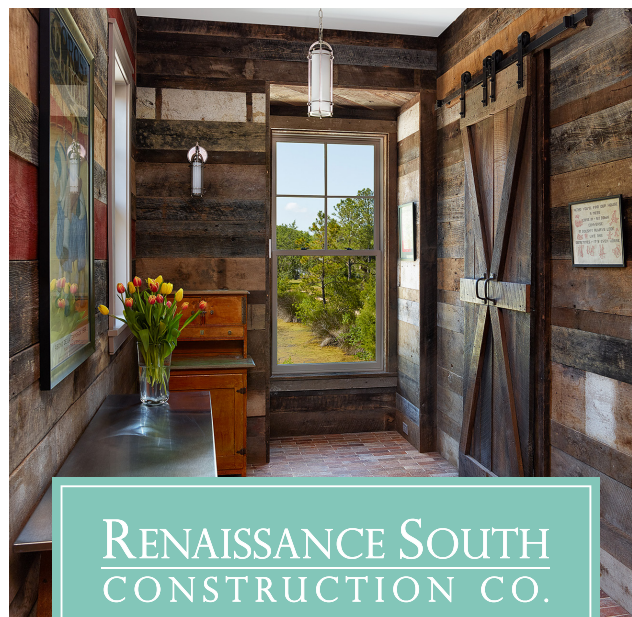
Cannon elected to get the vaccine at the event as did Angela Drake, current president of the DI Rotary.

Drake recalled waking up at 4 a.m. with excitement and enthusiasm to help support the cause. Her favorite part of the eight-hour event was seeing the smiles on the faces of seniors as they rolled down their car windows to receive their shot.

Also in attendance, U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace stated that she doesn't know why South Carolina ranks last nationwide in the ratio of vaccinations per 100,000 residents. She recently joined a federal delegation to ask the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the answer to this question.

The vaccine requires two doses given 21 days apart, according to MUSC. Those who received the shot on Jan. 22 will return for their second dose, which will be administered at Seacoast Church on Feb. 12.

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Rep. Mace explains impeachment stance

NANCY MACE, U.S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SC-DISTRICT 1

It's been a heck of a first two weeks in Congress. On Jan. 3, my children and I flew up to Washington for my swearing in as your new Congresswoman. This was one of my proudest moments in life.



Nancy Mace

I said when I was running for office I would not be beholden to any party or person if you sent me to Congress. I would follow the Constitution, my principles, and my conscience.

I told the voters of the First District that you may not always agree with me, but that I'd always be forthcoming and honest with you on why I take a position or vote a certain way.

I started my term with some of the most consequential votes and events of my lifetime. I've never seen anything like it.

But I can tell you I did exactly what I told you I would do if you sent me to Washington — be an independent voice for you.

I called out those on my side who incited the events we all saw, while many Republicans simply pointed fingers at the riots millions of Americans suffered through this summer.

I've been consistent. I called out the violence of BLM and Antifa this summer, and I called it out from supporters of the President last week in Congress.

We have no moral authority if we don't speak the truth.

The question then turned to — what do we do? Do we engage in a partisan political exercise of impeachment, and further divide the country and inflame tensions?

My answer to that was no.

After everything we've seen, the urge to blame others and seek revenge is powerful. But all that will do is perpetuate this vicious cycle of violence and division. We need to hold our leaders accountable for their actions without creating new divisions that will only lead to more violence. A rushed and ultimately hopeless impeachment of President Trump doesn't meet the challenge.

Impeaching the President without hearings or investigations taints the process as purely political. Americans haven't had a

The only way to stop this cycle of division is if we take a thorough look at how we got here using facts and reason, not threats and vengeance.

chance to have their voices heard or to hear the arguments for themselves, so any facts which come from it will be dismissed as "fake news," whether they are or not.

Overlooking Constitutional "due process" not only makes any conviction illegitimate in the eyes of many, it turns impeachment into a political weapon. Now, President-elect Biden was threatened with impeachment before he was even been sworn in.

That's not accountability, that's political retribution.

Finally, because of this partisan exercise, the U.S. Senate will be talking about President Trump long after he's gone, when what we need most is closure and action on the issues our nation faces today.

The Senate can't do ANYTHING else during an impeachment trial, meaning the first few weeks of the new Congress and new White House Administration will be spent on only this — rather than new targeted COVID relief, and other priorities.

The only way to stop this cycle of division is if we take a thorough look at how we got here using facts and reason, not threats and vengeance. Most importantly, our leaders must understand they can't use toxic rhetoric which raises the stakes of every political disagreement to apocalyptic levels without consequences.

We must get back to the people's business.

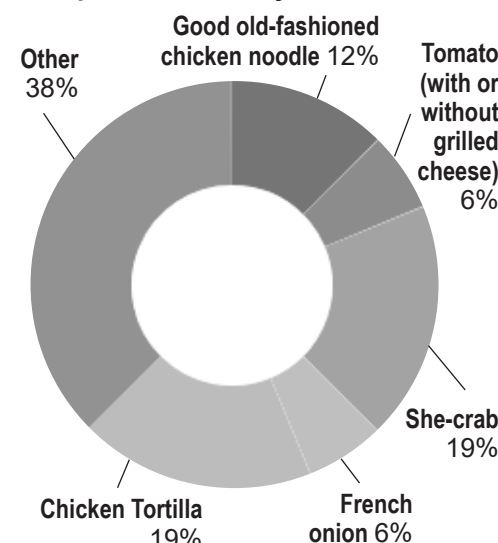
To the people of the Lowcountry, this means I will work to ensure you keep your hard-earned money, veterans get the support they deserve, I will work to ensure Parris Island continues to train great Marines, and that you, not the government, are empowered to pursue your happiness.

There's a lot to be done here in South Carolina and in Washington. I'm going to be part of the solution to our problems, and I'm going to try my best to help break the cycle of partisan animosity in DC. That's who I am, that's who you elected, and that's who I will be.

Editor's Note: Rep. Mace's article was submitted Jan. 19 and was first published on The Daniel Island News website on Jan. 22.

Readers say:

Did you know that January is National Soup Month? Whether you sip, slurp or dip, everyone has their favorite winter warm-up bowl of soup. Tell us about your favorite.



Comments:

- Italian Wedding Soup, because you can't beat meatballs and pasta in a soup.
- I love the chicken tortilla soup at both Agave and Viva! It is mine and my family's go-to comfort food.
- My homemade French vegetable with tomato pesto.
- I make a wild rice, chicken soup that my husband calls "artisanal." We add a shot of dry sherry when it is served.
- I love a hearty vegetable beef stew! I load it with fresh veggies. Carrot, potato, celery, onion, garlic, sweet corn cut off the cob and a can of diced tomatoes! I even add spinach! Along with some cornbread or Callie's chive and cheese biscuits and you can't go wrong!
- THE best soup ever is my husband's "pasta e fagioli." It's a soup with white beans, sausage, and the most fragrant spices.

NEXT WEEK:



As the Kansas City Chiefs face off against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the NFL championship game on Sunday, Feb. 7, sports fans will be ready for

the party and a feeding frenzy. What's your go-to big game snack food? Share your thoughts with us online at surveyMonkey.com/r/BigGameSnacks or use the QR code by Sunday, Jan. 31, 5 p.m.



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Favorite soups conjure fond memories for local chefs

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Soup's on! January is National Soup Month and the cooler temperatures make it the perfect time to celebrate the quintessential comfort food. The Daniel Island News asked some local chefs about their favorite soups and found, as many of us already know, that soup can warm both the body and the soul.

"I had no idea it was National Soup Month, but I've been cranking out soups nonstop for the past seven, eight months," said Curtis Parsley, executive chef at Laura Alberts Tasteful Options, where soup is always popular. "I can't keep a soup for more than a day and we're out; it doesn't matter how much I make."

Parsley said his favorite soup to prepare and one of his bestsellers is olive oil and heirloom tomato.

"The velvety-ness of the olive oil, tomatoes and the basil I throw in afterwards, it's just fantastic," he said. "And when I do any type of clam chowder, she-crab soup, crab bisque, even gumbos, they sell insanely well. The second I mention crab bisque, people start mouth-watering."

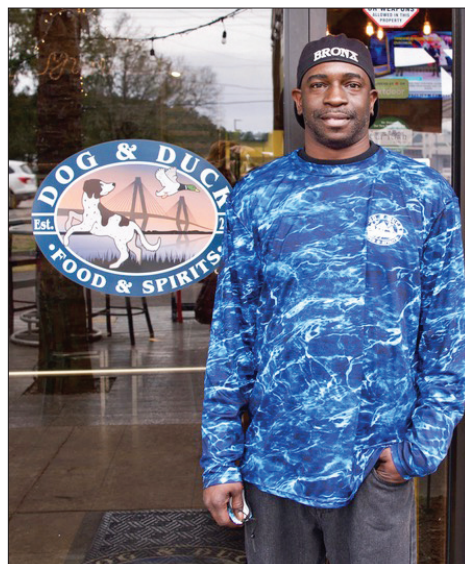
Parsley's personal favorite soup is loaded potato.

"My parents used to bring me to Panera Bread and I was just amazed that you could put soup in a bread bowl and I thought it was cool," he said. "So potato soup is near and dear to me."



MISTY JO NEILSON

Curtis Parsley, executive chef at Laura Alberts, holds a bowl of olive oil and heirloom tomato soup, one of the restaurant's best sellers.



MISTY JO NEILSON

Shyheen Freeman, kitchen manager at Dog & Duck's Clements Ferry location, says broccoli and cheese soup brings back warm memories of his grandmother.

Italian wedding and French onion are popular soups at Dog & Duck's Clements Ferry location. But kitchen manager Shyheen Freeman says broccoli and cheese is his favorite because it reminds him of his grandmother who lived in Mount Pleasant.

"I'm from the Bronx and I always came down to visit her during the summers and that was one of the things she knew I was going to ask for, so she had it ready for me," said Freeman. His grandmother has since passed, but the smell and taste of broccoli and cheese soup brings back fond memories.

Andy Clay, co-owner and head chef at Mpishi Restaurant, says his favorite soup, a Greek version of America's chicken noodle soup, can fix anything.

"My favorite soup and my kids favorite, which has been passed down from my grandmother, is called avgolemono," he said. "And I swear it can cure a broken arm."

Clay says his children ask for the soup — made with chicken, egg and lemon — whenever they feel sick or have an injury. "My mom makes it for my kids now so they call it 'yiyia soup,' which means grandmother in Greek."

Clay has cooked for hotels and restaurants around the world and met his wife while working at a safari lodge in Tanzania. Mpishi means "chef" in Swahili.



MISTY JO NEILSON

Mpishi head chef Andy Clay, with restaurant manager Christy Barnard, says his native Greek avgolemono soup is a hit.

"In all my travels there will be times when I'm by myself somewhere — in India or Africa — and I'll make a pot of this soup and all the sudden the loneliness goes away," he said.

Ristorante LIDI head chef Doug Deguzman's favorite soup to serve is caramelized onion, which he says is like French onion without the cheesy crust.

"It's a nice hearty flavorful soup and pretty easy to make. The hardest part is chopping the onions," he said. "It's cooked in beef broth with thyme and rosemary. It's very popular at the restaurant."

Deguzman has worked at LIDI for nearly five years and describes it as a family-run place that makes people feel at home. "It's a mom and pop shop. We are their family and they treat us as such."

And the soup that has family memories for him is called sinigang, a Filipino soup his father used to make when Deguzman was a child. "My dad was in the Navy and there were times he was gone three to six months at a time so (sinigang soup) evokes for me memories of my dad being home."

Helen Longo, manager and head chef at Vespa Pizzeria, likes to get creative with her soups. While the restaurant's tomato basil soup is a regular menu item, Longo also whips up a soup of the day and likes to experiment with ingredients.



MISTY JO NEILSON

Ristorante LIDI head chef Doug Deguzman's favorite soup to prepare is caramelized onion, which is similar to French onion but without the bread and cheese on top.

"Every week I make a new soup and try to change it up a little bit. I like to include vegetables and beans and try any soups I think are healthy and different Italian soups," said Longo, who has worked at Vespa for 11 years and has full creative freedom in the kitchen.

"I have a couple customers come in and always ask for my soup. They say it's very good and ask for the recipe."

But like many chefs, Longo cooks from memory and adds her own personal touches that can't be replicated.



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Vespa Pizzeria manager and head chef Helen Longo's favorite soup to serve is Italian sausage with kale because it always gets compliments from her customers.



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A closer look at Clements Ferry Road construction

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The number of trees that have been cut down since the project's beginning and the total by the end is not information that the county has, according to Berkeley County Supervisor Johnny Cribb.

"On large projects, such as this, clearing is accomplished within the construction limits and paid as either a lump sum or by the acre," he added.

Once erosion-control measures are in place, utility companies will begin relocating their facilities to make room for four signalized intersections and two bridges. In the process, approximately 100 property owners will be required to relocate various utilities and relinquish property as a right of way.

Work requiring traffic interruptions will be done at night. Nighttime work began Jan. 10 and will continue Sunday through Thursday for the next few weeks depending on weather. Efforts to expedite the start of major utility relocation have begun.

All of the aforementioned utility work is expected to take nine months, and is estimated to be complete near mid-2021.

Cost

At the recent groundbreaking ceremony, Cribb and Berkeley County Councilman Josh Whitley of District 2, a representative and resident of Daniel Island, spoke of the project's future impact to the Cainhoy peninsula.

"This project will improve the quality of life for thousands in the Lowcountry," Cribb said. "It will mean a safer trip to school. It will provide safe recreation and pedestrian opportunities. It will improve congestion along the corridor."

Cribb cited the primary source of funding for the "high-capacity road project" as the county's 2014 one-cent sales tax program, along with additional federal funds.

Federally, the number of dollars contributed to Phase 2 is approximately \$20 million. The county is funding the remainder of the project, which is estimated to cost \$45.8 million, according to Cribb.

"We are ready to see this project get off the ground," Whitley said. "It has been a competitive and thorough process to get to this point and I look forward to seeing great work from our capable project team."



ZACH GIROUX

The Clements Ferry Road expansion is expected to be complete by November 2024.

Traffic

A correlation between the population of residents in the ever-growing dense area has reflected an increase in the daily average number of vehicles along Clements Ferry Road. The travel statistics of the past and present compared to the future are projected to explode.

In 2015, the road averaged 13,800 vehicles per day. The most up-to-date

traffic count is 14,200 daily, according to SCDOT.

Using the historical growth rate in the corridor, SCDOT public information coordinator Lauren Roeder estimates 2024 would bring approximately 34,000 cars per day. By 2040, that number is expected to skyrocket to approximately 58,000 vehicles daily.

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Project paves way for more growth

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During construction, one lane of travel and property access will be maintained. Lower speed limits in work zones will be established to maintain the safety of drivers and construction personnel.

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Real Estate

One Realtor believes that all of the chaos now will be fortuitous in the long run.

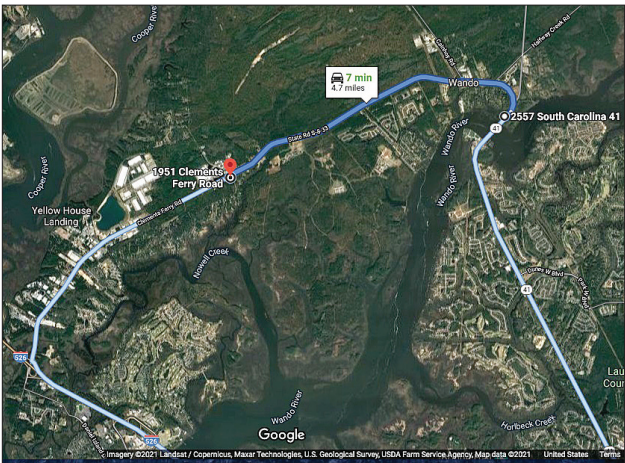
“It’s the mess before the cleanup,” said Mary Patterson with Carolina One Real Estate.

Patterson said she personally hasn’t sold anything or had any buyers or sellers on Clements Ferry Road, but noted that she has seen housing sales start to take off because of the new home appeal with a bigger than average lot.

“Yes there’s construction in the short-term, but I’m getting a newer home and in the long-term you’re getting a better investment,” Patterson said.

She commented how the region continues to attract new industries and new people. Many consumers have substantial equity in their home, interest rates are still low and people want to live in Charleston.

Patterson added that the forthcoming developments and neighborhood expansions on the Clements Ferry Road corridor, highlighted by the new Point Hope, could potentially help relieve the Charleston area’s inventory crunch.



GOOGLE MAPS

The second phase of the Clements Ferry Road expansion will run from Jack Primus Road to S.C. Highway 41.

“The only concern with continued population growth is our inventory — we have to have a variety of housing available across varied price ranges to accommodate additional residents,” she said.

Patterson compared the potential growth of Clements Ferry Road to the development of Daniel Island. Those homebuyers who bought at the beginning and waited patiently were rewarded with home values that in some cases have tripled in appreciation.

“2020 was a record-setting year for residential real estate in the Charleston area,” Patterson added. “... All the fundamentals of a healthy real estate market are in place and

should continue to be there in 2021.”

COMMERCIAL IMPACT

Business

Some companies see a small silver lining from the constant rush hour caused by traffic delays along Clements Ferry Road in that billboards get good exposure from frequent passers-by and the opportunity for free advertisement can attract potential customers who are stuck at a standstill looking at roadside signage.

The Clements Ferry Road corridor promotes the live, work and play atmosphere with new restaurants and businesses opening up and new communities being added and built. In December, The Spinx Company gas station and convenience store opened at the end of the corridor on Highway 41.

“We are thrilled to celebrate the opening of another Spinx store in the Lowcountry,” said founder Stewart Spinks. “We look forward to welcoming the community through these doors.”

Spinx, which is based in Greenville, has more than 80 locations across South Carolina.

Locally owned Dog & Duck restaurant commented that they have yet to see an impact from the construction at their Clements Ferry location.

“So far (construction) hasn’t been anything too crazy,” said manager Alex Mahoney. “I’m sure it will be here soon, but right now it’s been pretty fine.”

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Personal Impact

Not all who find themselves in the crossroads of the Clements Ferry Road construction are optimistic or enthusiastic about the growth factor. Especially when it means the potential demise of a significant tree.

Cainhoy area resident John Samuel “Sammy” Sanders, 59, spends his evenings camped out in a hammock on his property. Not for his own leisure but out of protest.

Sanders lives on the intersection of Clements Ferry Road and Cainhoy Road, where the controversial “Meeting Tree” stands. The estimated 300-year-old live oak that expands 16 feet in diameter is rooted smack dab in the project’s right of way.

The Meeting Tree’s history pre-dates the Civil War and is known for playing a role during the Antebellum period in the 18th cen-

tury. Slaves and freedmen would gather under the shade of the tree, back when such assemblies were prohibited. The African-American community would hold similar meetings back in the horse and buggy days over a century ago.

In 2017, Sanders noticed that the road widening design plans called for the removal of the historic tree. Since then, he’s been doing everything in his power to find a way to circumvent the construction.

Cribb clarified that the tree is not located on Sanders’ property. It’s in the right of way between his property and the edge of the roadway. Two alternative road plans were studied, noted Cribb, that would have avoided the tree, but were eliminated due to adverse property impacts, additional costs and increased jurisdictional wetland impacts.

In the meantime, Sanders has been trying to get the tree regis-

tered with the Live Oak Society. He’s also raised awareness by creating a petition on change.org titled “Please Help Save This Historic African American Tree and Graves from being Destroyed” that has garnered more than 2,000 signatures and counting. He recently wrote a letter to Gov. Henry McMaster pleading for the tree’s preservation.

Sanders noted that he has found several belt buckles and bullets near the base of the tree that he believes to be from the Revolutionary War period — another reason why he is hoping to halt construction for the fear of destroying a historical site.

In addition, Sanders claimed that he’s found hundreds of pounds of pottery and many arrowheads and other artifacts on his property dating back to the Wando tribe of Native Americans from the 17th century. There is also an African-



ZACH GIROUX

The 300-year-old live oak “Meeting Tree” stands in the right of way of the Clements Ferry Road construction zone. A date of removal has not been named by Berkeley County at this time, but some are trying to save the tree.

American grave that may potentially be disrupted in the excavation process.

However, Cribb noted that representatives from the State Historic Preservation Office requested the historical significance be investigated and it was determined that the tree did not play an impor-

tant role within the community’s traditions or culture.

The City of Charleston, through an agreement with Berkeley County, will be planting 62 live oaks to mitigate the impact from removing the tree. A date has not yet been scheduled for the removal of the tree, according to Cribb.

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Reimagining the heart of leadership



management moment

DOUG DICKERSON

People will follow a leader with a heart faster than a leader with a title.

— Craig Groeschel

I once read the story about a young woman who wanted to go to college, but her heart sank when she read the question on the application that asked, “Are you a leader?” Being honest and conscientious, she wrote, “No”, and returned the application, expecting the worst.

To her surprise, she received this letter from the college: “Dear Applicant: A study of the application forms reveals that this year our college will have 1,452 new leaders. We are accepting you because we feel it is imperative that they have at least one follower.”

One of the hardest things for new and aspiring leaders to learn is that leadership is not about titles or positions. It’s one of the hardest things for veteran leaders to remember.

I don’t have to tell you that we live in a divisive culture on many fronts. My focus in leadership is not to get into the weeds of what divides us, but rather in the context of those things that point us in a better direction.

Reimagining the heart of leadership begins when we make shifts to the following five areas in our lives. This list is not an

exhaustive list but rather a starting place on the journey.

REIMAGINING THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH HUMILITY

In my 30-plus years in leadership, the most inspiring and most memorable leaders I’ve come to know are those who lead with humility. During this time, I have met my fair share of leaders who live it, and I’ve met those who talk about it but whose actions are far from it. How about you?

I like the way Paul David Tripp defines humility. He puts it this way: “Humility means you love serving more than you crave leading.” The day your desire to serve others is greater than your desire for recognition, power, or a position, is the day you can reimagine what the possibilities of your leadership are.

REIMAGINING THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH EMPATHY

One of the defining characteristics of your leadership is the ability to translate empathy into action with your people. A seasoned leader can relate to the one just starting out and can serve a valuable role in his or her leadership development.

“Empathy is about standing in someone else’s shoes,” Daniel Pink said. “Feeling with his or her heart, seeing with his or her eyes.” As an empathetic leader, your possibilities are endless.

Reimagining the heart of leadership through empathy will move you from being an observer of your people to being a de-

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veloper of your people. Empathy is a great instrument in your leadership toolkit.

REIMAGINING THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH YOUR ATTITUDE

The game-changer in your leadership has been and always will be your attitude. In the culture in which we live it’s easy to be cynical or discouraged. Many have lost hope.

Reimagining the heart of leadership happens when you realize that you will never rise above the attitude you have. As John Maxwell said, “The greatest day in your life and mine is the day we take total responsibility for our attitudes. It’s the day we truly grow up.”

You and I have a choice as it relates to our attitudes and we must do everything within our power to protect it. No one can do it for you. It’s an inside job so be intentional when it comes to attitude changes you need to make.

REIMAGINING THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships are essential in leadership. They matter now more than ever. If we’ve learned anything in the last year during this pandemic, we’ve learned that people have an innate desire to be together.

Relationships certainly look a lot differ-

ent now as compared to a year ago. But the need for them is greater than ever.

Reimagining the heart of leadership begins when we all remember that it is through relationships that we grow, reach our potential, and accomplish more than we could ever have imagined by ourselves.

REIMAGINING THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH TRANSPARENCY

One of the greatest challenges you will deal with as a leader is that of transparency. Many leaders tend to be guarded. They don’t like the vulnerability that comes with it and tend to build walls that too few are able to see above.

Mother Teresa gave us this advice: “Honesty and transparency make us vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway.” And this is the call to leadership that we need today.

Reimagining the heart of leadership begins with an understanding that we are all works-in-progress. And so long as we remain humble and teachable our transparency will set us free to be who we are as we strive to be all God created us to become.

Are you ready to reimagine the heart of your leadership?

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SQUAD GOALS

Cheerleaders of all ages find ways to keep the spirit alive

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Keeping spirits high at sporting events is more important than ever, and three local cheerleading squads are finding new ways to rally their teams and engage fans despite COVID-19 restrictions.

Distanced cartwheels and chants replaced close-knit pyramids and hugs for the Charleston Recreation Department's Daniel Island cheerleading program. Coach Crystal Herring said 38 grade school girls joined the program this year cheering for flag football teams Saturday mornings. Unlike last year when there was one large team, the group had to be split into four smaller teams and cancel some popular activities.

"Last year they got to perform at a Charleston Battery game and had a float in the Mount Pleasant Christmas parade and ice cream dates after games," Herring said. "But we just took this year for what it was and made it as fun as we could and they still had a blast."

Because the girls weren't able to have performances or social events, they decided to hold a toy drive for Toys for Tots at the Daniel Island Grill in December, where they filled two SUVs with new toys. The event was so successful, Herring plans to make it an annual tradition. "Hopefully next year everything will be back to normal and we will be able to do extra performances and continue the toy drive."



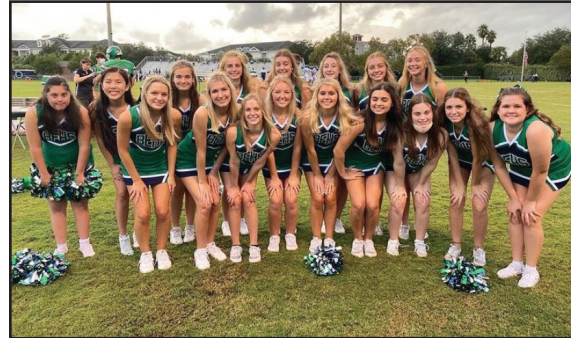
The Daniel Island cheerleaders collected two SUVs full of new toy donations for Toys for Tots.



Members of the Bishop England High School cheerleading squad are ready to support their school's football team on Daniel Island.



The City of Charleston Recreation Department's Daniel Island cheerleaders kept a positive attitude during their fall season. Pictured above: Back row: Clara Lynn Hay, Kayden Kunker, Charlotte Hamlett; Middle row: Sailor Karnas, Piper Kiley, Taylor Hewitt; Front row: Alexa Stewart, Brielle Lundy, and Ellie Rose Herring. Pictured at right are Isla Gustafson, Stella Kime, Brooke Elizabeth Kerce, Olivia Loiselle, Presley Barber, Carter Anne Hall, and Taylor Grace Landreth.



The Bishop England cheerleading squad overcame the challenges brought on by COVID-19 restrictions and had a successful football season.



Above: To get ready for the Philip Simmons High School PINK Out game to support Breast Cancer Awareness, the cheer squad had a PINK Out practice in October. Below: The Iron Horses varsity cheerleaders show off some skills under the Friday Night Lights.

Bishop England High School's faculty cheer advisor Emily Herrmann said the beginning of the football season was difficult for their squad because they weren't allowed to perform stunts and had to remain spaced apart on the sidelines. And because practices were limited, it was difficult for the girls to connect and get to know the new freshmen.

"I have been very impressed with their attitude through the whole thing," Herrmann said. "At the start it was hard for them to get close to each other, but once practices were more regular, there was a total shift and they really came together as a team."

Basketball season brought more challenges inside the gym where rules were stricter. Because of attendance limitations, the whole squad was not able to cheer together during games, so the girls had to be split into two teams that alternated games. Then in December, after only a handful of matches, the season was put on hold until mid-January.

"It's been a struggle this year especially with basketball, but the cheerleaders have remained positive and do a very good job in the stands," Herrmann said. "The fans love it and they can see how hard the girls are working."

At Phillips Simmons High School, head cheerleading coach Ellyn Bowen secured new flags and megaphones to garner enthusiasm at games and pep rallies. "This year we were able to do some things that helped build spirit and the cheerleaders really enjoyed having those extra tools to bring excitement to the game," she said.

The squad was forced to start practices and hold tryouts later than usual, and there were fewer girls who participated because of the uncertainty. Then due to attendance restrictions, the cheerleaders had to miss many away games and playoff matches.

"They want to be there for the teams and they can't travel to all the games this year so that's really been a challenge because I know they want to go and cheer on their peers," Bowen said.

For basketball season, the cheerleaders had to move to risers away from the fans, which made it difficult to be heard in the gym, but they are using their new signs and banners to rouse the crowd during halftime and quarter changes.

"The girls have done a great job. We've definitely had to make last minute adjustments and there has been a lot of schedule changes," Bowen added. Phillip Simmons also had to cancel many of their December and January basketball games and resumed play this week. "I'm very proud of them for being able to keep a good attitude and power through all the changes."



Philip Simmons High varsity basketball cheerleaders kept the crowd alive from a distance in the gym. Pictured, from left to right, front row: Cherri Morgan, Tysa Rampulla, and Kaylee Fattarusso; Middle row: Jailah Irving, Addison Meyers, Abigail Weathers, Destanie Walker, Aiden Sherwood; Back row: Emily Davey, Parker Sherwood, and Destiny Taylor.



Bishop England cheerleaders — Bridget Clarke, Sara Crawford, Claire Ashton, Morgan Mills, and Mary Parker McLaughlin — celebrate during senior night.



Above: Girls hold signs to cheer on their team during the rec department's cheerleading program on Daniel Island. At left: A cheerleader works on her gymnastic skills on the sideline. Far left: Lailani Gray poses with her pom poms while practicing at home.



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BE field hockey undergoes coaching change amid condensed season

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Bishop England's field hockey club has a lot to celebrate amid the condensed winter sports season that was cut short by COVID-19. A slew of canceled practices and scrimmages culminated with the end of a coaching era and a transition to an optimistic future.

A change in leadership took place recently for the first time in the club's three-year history. BE head coach Andrea Dussault, original founder and president of Charleston Field Hockey, has named staff member Aimee Burgos as the next head coach.

Burgos will not only be BE's head coach, but club administrator and board president of Charleston Field Hockey. This past season Burgos shared the role with Dussault, but the upcoming fourth season starting in November will be solely hers.

"I know the players, I've gotten to know the community and I'm very excited for the future of it," Burgos exclaimed.

Prior to spending the last three seasons working with Dussault, Burgos previously coached varsity field hockey and lacrosse at a high school in Portland, Maine. She joined Bishop England in 2018, during the same time that Dussault was launching the program.

"It was an absolute godsend when I got the call from Aimee two-and-a-half years ago," Dussault said. "It was just music to my ears. I could not have done all this without her."



AIMEE BURGOS

Bishop England's field hockey team will graduate 16 seniors from this past season's 46-player roster.

Dussault, a Connecticut native with a 35-year career in the sport, moved to the Lowcountry in 2015 to grow the game in the south. She left behind a youth field hockey league she founded up north. Now, she's passing the baton off to Burgos.

"Bishop England (field hockey) has been the foundation of getting these high school teams up and running so that hopefully we



AIMEE BURGOS

Bishop England is the only high school in the Charleston area to offer field hockey as a club sport.



AIMEE BURGOS

Bishop England's field hockey club will return for its fourth season this coming November.

can spread throughout the Lowcountry — that's the ultimate goal," Dussault said.

Bishop England is rated as the top private school in the state for field hockey, alongside Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville. BE is the only high school in all of Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties that offers field hockey as a club sport or at any level.

BE's field hockey season, which normally runs November through January, was shrunk to five weeks worth of practices and scrimmages due to the pandemic. One canceled game with Carolina Curse Academy from Lancaster is likely to be rescheduled on a Saturday in February or March.

With no other schools in the area to play against, the 46 players on the BE team scrimmage each other, with 23 girls on each side.

Sixteen seniors graduated last year who were seen as the founders of the field hockey program. No team captains were named but several players stood out in the minds of Dussault and Burgos.

Seniors Grace Skulkety and Liza Reidenbach will be missed at the forward and midfield positions, along with the other 14

seniors who will be graduating this June.

As for returning juniors, Ali Blanchard and Mary Provost on defense, with Aisling Sharpe and Caroline Deitrich at midfield will be strong points for the unit.

In addition, freshman Catherine Griswold and sophomore Connie Bui stepped up as the two new goalies for the team.

The 2021 roster will feature a handful of returning players, not to mention there will be three groups of sisters on the team.

"It gives these females another opportunity outside of what they normally are offered," Dussault added. "To see how quickly they catch on to the sport and how much fun they have with it I think is the reason why our number (of players) continues to stay as high as they are."

Burgos noted that turning the club into a varsity sport is a future possibility, predicated on how much interest is generated among neighboring school districts moving forward.

"Introducing a brand new sport to an area of the country that has never heard of field hockey takes a little while," Burgos added. "We're in no rush but certainly the sky's the limit."

One last cast before kickoff



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

The other day, someone stopped me in Publix and asked if I always catch fish. After I quit laughing, I replied, “not always.”

Sunday was a good example. Elliott and David Peralta, Brody (the fish-finding dog), and I launched the Pathfinder around 9 a.m. The tide was falling, and we were a bit surprised that the surface water temperature was 49.5 degrees. Our plan was to target redfish in the shallows.

On the ride to our first fishing area, Elliott commented that finding fish would be easy, getting them to eat a lure in 49-degree water was going to be tough. As it turned out, that was an understatement.

Upon arriving in an area with a bunch of oyster bars in one to two feet of water, I deployed the trolling motor and Elliott jumped up on the Pathfinder t-top. When sight fishing for redfish, elevation is your friend. Elliott

immediately spotted a small school of fish way off in the distance.

We quietly moved the boat into casting position and set the powerpole. David cast a Z-Man 4-inch PaddlerZ on a 1/8-ounce flutter hook a few feet ahead of the school.

The entire school ignored it.

I cast a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/6-ounce NedLockZ jig to the school, no dice.

The school swam by without so much as a look.

Elliott cast a Z-Man MinnowZ on a 1/4-ounce jig and the school spooked.

This process was repeated several times. In the cold water, the redfish were simply not eating. We decided to look for warmer water. Good thing the Pathfinder is a fast boat because we covered a lot of water and cast to a lot of redfish. No warm water and no takers.

Eventually, the sun came out, the tide came in and the water temperature began to rise. With the NFL divisional championship getting ready to kick off, we had time for one more stop before heading home to watch the game. I told the guys we need to catch at least one fish. Thankfully, at our last stop the water temperature was 52 degrees and the



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Elliott, Greg, David, and fish-finding dog Brody hauled in a triple of last-minute redfish.

redfish were more active.

We cast our lures ahead of the school and all three of us hooked up. My fish was the smallest and I took a lot of abuse from David and Elliott. Even Brody gave me the “I am

embarrassed for you” look.

However, in the picture, we all look pretty happy.

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Philip Simmons senior WR Ramey teams with The Citadel

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Will Ramey has the right blend of athletics and academics to become a successful student-athlete at The Citadel.

The Philip Simmons High School (PSHS) football player also has those hard-to-measure qualities that will help him make it through those days at the school, which serves up a military lifestyle while stressing discipline.

Ramey, who played linebacker and wide receiver at Philip Simmons, is one of the most-disciplined players to come through the PSHS pipeline so far in the school's brief history.

"I believe that discipline is something you develop over time and it becomes part of your character," said Ramey, who recently signed to play for the Bulldogs. "You have to want to be disciplined, to know that if you aren't then you will fall behind because you can't balance school and your athletics."

Balancing athletics and academics has never been a problem for Ramey, who was a tackling machine from his linebacker post.

His football resume includes being a two-time member of the Region 6-AA all-star team while earning all-state honors during the 2020 season.

He's even more solid in the classroom. He sports a 4.7 GPA on the school's scale and is ranked No. 26 in his class. While football demands a good portion of Ramey's time, he's a member of the National Honor Society.

"The Citadel is a great school and I know I will get a good education there," Ramey

said. "I believe that the military part of The Citadel will end up being a great experience. I think it will help me better understand how to balance and manage my time, and overall, how to do everything you do with a purpose."

Ramey is the first Iron Horse football player to sign a scholarship with The Citadel, an institute of higher education that has a great pigskin past. It's just the opposite of PSHS, one of the newer high schools in the Palmetto State.

"Starting a new football program is an experience that not many people get," Ramey said. "You are trying to develop a culture of working hard and giving it all you got. Another thing is you are trying to make traditions that will stick with the school forever. I think that's one of the coolest parts. That fact that everything I was working so hard for will end but be the same in 20 to 30 years. It was tough at times but overall a really cool experience and I wouldn't trade it."

The Iron Horses went 3-3 overall and 3-1 in Region 6-AA play during the 2020 season, a schedule that was abbreviated because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The team qualified for the state playoffs but dropped a tough, 12-7 decision to Pelion in the first round.

The record was important to Ramey. But the lessons learned were, perhaps, more important.

"The biggest thing that coach (Eric) Bendig taught me that it's not all about football, but more about the family that our team is," Ramey said. "No matter what, win or lose, we would always be a family and he would always be there for us."



VAL DREYER

Above: Philip Simmons High School senior Will Ramey splashes down in the end zone for a touchdown against Burke High School last fall during a very rainy game that had to be stopped midway and resumed the following day. Ramey will be on the gridiron for The Citadel next season.

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Sports fans mourn the loss of legendary baseball players



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PHILIP M. BOWMAN

If I had to pick my top three players who made their mark in the 1970s and passed away in recent months, they would include Aaron, Morgan and Seaver.

Aaron passed away earlier this month and in my opinion is still the all-time Home Run King. What he accomplished on the field and what he had to endure off of it because of the color of his skin should serve as a testimonial that no obstacle should stop a person from chasing their dreams.

My biggest memory as a sports fan came on Opening Day in 1974, one of the scores of times I showed up to watch the Reds. But this day wasn't about the Reds. Aaron crushed a pitch over the fence at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati for his 714th career home run, which tied Babe Ruth for the all-time lead. He finished his career with 755 homers.

Morgan, the Hall of Fame second baseman for the Cincinnati Reds, is the perfect model for the way baseball should be played. Today's game seems to involve nothing but home runs or strikeouts. Morgan, who was the NL MVP in 1975 and '76, would keep you on the edge of your seat rather than falling asleep. He could hit, hit with power, play defense and steal a base. He might have been the best player on the best team ever before free-agency distorted the sport.

Finally, there was Seaver, who was so good he had two nicknames: "Tom Terrific" and "The Franchise."

I got a sample of baseball in 1969 when Seaver led the Mets to one of the most memorable seasons in history. As a novice fan, I knew he was special when he pitched one of the most memorable games ever in 1970. In an April game against the San Diego Padres, Seaver struck out the final 10 batters of the game to finish the day with 19 Ks, which tied the record (at the time).

He was a model of consistency during his career. Seaver and Walter Johnson are the only Major League pitchers with 300 victories, 3,000 strikeouts, and an ERA under 3.00.

Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra once participated in a New York Yankees Old-Timers Game, a tradition that featured retired players playing in front of the home crowd, fans who didn't mind seeing yesterday's stars past their prime.

Berra, legend has it, on a hot summer Sunday, looked up at the scoreboard at Yankee Stadium, which listed some Yankee greats who passed away in the past year and said, "Boy, I hope I never see my name up there."

It's sad when the sports heroes we grew up loving and rooting for pass away. Suddenly, they are gone, and we realize we are nothing but mere mortals.

While 2020 will be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic, the baseball world will also remember that some of the biggest players of the 1970s passed away. And while I fell in love with baseball in 1969 thanks to the "Amazin' Mets," the 1970s put me on a path that not only allowed me to see the best team money didn't buy, the Cincinnati Reds, it also led to my vocation, or should I say avocation, sports writing.

It should have been an ominous sign when Yankee great Don Larson passed away on Jan. 1, 2020. Larson, of course, pitched the only perfect game in the 116-year history of the World Series.

Plenty of the players from the 1970s, the super-duper stars of baseball, have passed away in the last year or so: Hank Aaron, Joe Morgan, Bob Gibson, Tom Seaver, Lou Brock, Al Kaline, Don Sutton, Phil Niekro and Richie Allen.

Throw in Tommy Lasorda, the affable manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and former American League president Gene Budig, who has a Charleston connection (part-owner of the Charleston RiverDogs), and that's an incredible list of baseball legends.



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COMING UP

DI COMMUNITY SPEAKER

SERIES: DI resident Steve Potts, founder and CEO of Scout Boats, will be the 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.

BLOOD DRIVE: St. Clare's Parish and Bishop England High School are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, Feb. 21. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be parked in the BE parking lot from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. Appointments are limited. Masks are required. For information, email christinelark@gmail.com.

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

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REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

TOASTMASTERS OF DANIEL ISLAND meet on Zoom on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Every member practices giving speeches and has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. These in turn foster greater self-confidence and personal growth. For more information about the advantage of membership, email claire@eduave.com and see us at <https://www.facebook.com/DITMClub>.

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

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

meeting NOTES

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

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC)

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Jan. 28 via Zoom. Items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula include:

- Wando Village - Pocket Park. Location: Intersection of S.C. Highway 41 and Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. Owner: Pulte Home Company, LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton, 843-725-5274. Contact: Will Cox, cox.w@tandh.com. To

be reviewed: First review of site plan for amenity pavilion, boardwalk, paths/sidewalk, and parking.

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.

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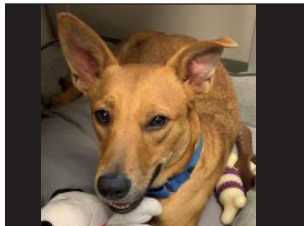
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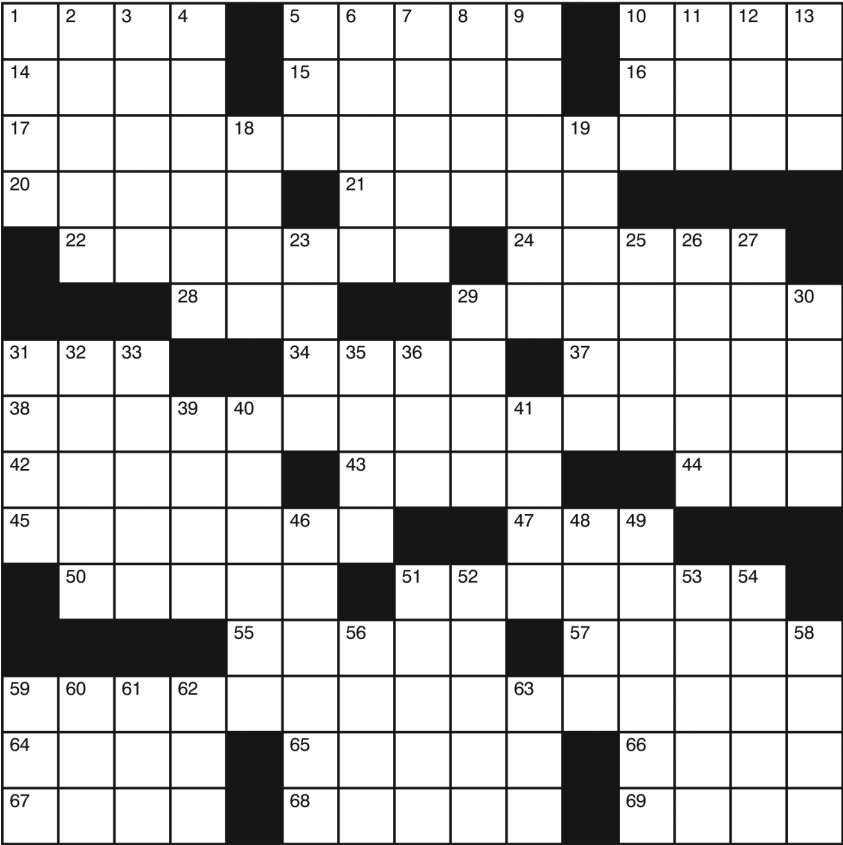
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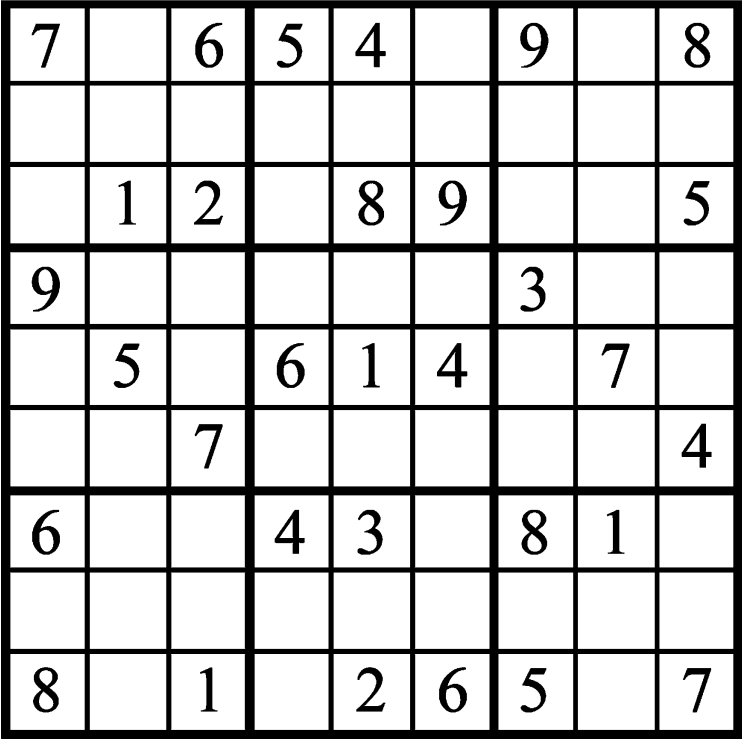
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- 59 ___ Paulo
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Let's Have Some FUN



Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Colon Class

Below are three sentences containing colons. Which are correct?

- 1. Lily packed several items for camp: a flashlight, bug spray, a bathing suit, towels, shampoo and a rain poncho.
- 2. She also packed: a sleeping bag and a pillow.
- 3. Lily has learned to: build a campfire, sing new songs, make new friends and sleep without air conditioning.

Oh, great – the bug spray is in the bottom of my backpack.



Answers: 1. Correct complete sentence (as in sentence #1). 2. Incorrect. The list is too short for a colon. Use colons for good-sized lists. 3. Incorrect. The words before the colon should be able to stand alone as a complete sentence (as in sentence #1).

MYSTERY



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

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



Jan. 26, 2006

pooled their resources and labor many years ago to provide a school for the African-American children of Jack Primus Road and other neighborhoods in the then rural area.

In other news, registration for students at the new Daniel Island School for the inaugural 2006-07 school year were underway.

In the Jan. 26, 2006, issue, there was a story on the groundbreaking and rededication of the Keith School as a community center. Located at the entrance to what is now the Peninsula subdivision off Clements Ferry Road, the project honored the families who

TEN YEARS AGO



Jan. 27, 2011

Rick Vale, Scott Campbell, Susan Aviles, and Terry Haas were upbeat but they also noted that foreclosures and short sales would mean higher inventory and lower sales prices for island properties.

Other island news, members of the island's "Mothers Know Breast" team gathered to celebrate their team's recognition as a top fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

In the Jan. 27, 2011, issue, the centerfold featured input from five local real estate agents highlighting the 2010 market on Daniel Island and what buyers and sellers should look for in 2011. Real estate professionals Renee Reinert Pote,

FIVE YEARS AGO



Jan. 28, 2016

In a feature article in the Jan. 28, 2016, issue, county officials updated the community on the delay and upcoming schedule of the Clements Ferry Road widening project. They announced road construction was to begin that September and take approximately 30 months to complete. (For the latest on the project, see page 2 in this week's paper.)

News about a popular toy called a hoverboard noted that some batteries and chargers for the self-balancing motorized scooters could be prone to explosion, creating a substantial safety and fire risk.

In business news, Casey Kellermann and Noell Smith formed a new DI real estate business, Kellermann Smith Real Estate.

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