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A look at island infrastructure projects ahead

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Infrastructure needs are always apparent within the City of Charleston, even on the roads and bridges that piece together pristine Daniel Island. Work has been done recently and more is coming down the pipeline.

Construction began on April 12 at the intersection of Island Park Drive and Cattle Street. The area is notorious for vehicles driving at high speeds because there is no stop sign or other traffic control measure.

Improvements at the junction are now complete and it has since been converted into an all-way stop with signage and crosswalks. The idea for this type of installation was initiated by families living in the area.

"I so appreciate when residents make us aware of issues happening in their neighborhoods and work with us on feasible solutions," Charleston City Councilwoman Marie Delcioppo said. "... the Baxleys, Provences, and Christmases were instrumental in moving this project forward and getting it done so quickly and deserve all the credit."

In addition, at the city's Public Works & Utilities Committee and Ways & Means Com-



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The Daniel Island Library is in the preliminary stages of expanding its parking lot.

mittee meetings April 12-13, the Beresford Creek Bridge Replacement Design Contract was up for approval. The contract with JMT Inc. in the amount of \$439,455.13 included surveys, traffic analysis, subsurface utility engineering and coordination, geotechnical investigation, environmental permitting, roadway design, bridge hydraulic analysis and structural design, plan development, and construction phase support engineering for the replacement of the road bridge.

Councilman Harry Griffin made the motion for approval and it was revived with

unanimity. Griffin noted that he was happy to see this project coming to fruition since the efforts originally championed by former council member Gary White.

"It's not a very big bridge but it has a lot of traffic that goes through it," Griffin said. "It's a major thoroughfare for traffic on Daniel Island ... That bridge has been in disrepair for many, many years and this is going to be a big step in the right direction for our great constituents out there on Daniel Island."

The project will also be beneficial for walkers and bicyclists. The funding source will be the city's 2018 General Fund Reserves, which holds approximately \$1.7 million.

Furthermore, the Berkeley County Library on Daniel Island Drive is in the preliminary stages of expanding its parking lot. The project has two different plans: one that calls for 65 parking spaces and the other encompasses 110 parking spaces.

"There's two different plans. One plan that meets just the library's needs and then there's a bigger plan that really helps the school district more so than just our needs," Berkeley County Supervisor Johnny Cribb said.

The budget for the library's parking lot is

set between \$50,000 to \$75,000. The work is going to be done in-house by the county and plans are expected to be proposed to the city in a couple months.

In July, the city's Traffic & Transportation Department will be on Daniel Island to complete various work orders related to issues regarding street markings and signage. Each month, the department rotates to a different part of the city and July is designated for Daniel Island.

"The importance of communication amongst city, county, state, and federal cannot be emphasized enough, and I thank all of our partners for their tireless work in helping us realize these projects which not only increase public safety but also our quality of life," Delcioppo said.

Later this year, the City of Charleston has received approval to resurface the majority of Seven Farms Drive. There will be communication with the residents when the paving is slated to begin.

"I want to thank everyone for letting us know about these issues so we can get them resolved in a timely fashion," Delcioppo added.

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Cunningham set to challenge Governor McMaster in 2022

Former U.S. Representative Joe Cunningham (D-SC) officially launched his campaign for governor of South Carolina on Monday releasing a 3-minute video, discussing issues ranging from education to infrastructure and health care to voting rights.

"The challenges we face aren't because of our people, they're because of our politicians," said Cunningham in a statement. "Henry McMaster has been a politician longer than I've been alive ... And after 20 years of trying the same thing, it's time for something different, something new."

Cunningham's priorities as governor will include expanding Medicaid, raising teacher pay and reinvesting in public education, fixing South Carolina's roads, passing police reform, expanding voting rights, closing the Charleston gun loophole, tackling climate change, passing term limits for legislators, and raising the minimum wage to \$12 an hour.

Cunningham said he is also taking a pledge as governor to not raise taxes on South Carolinians.

Cunningham made history in 2018 when he flipped a district that Donald Trump won by 13 points in 2016 and had been held by Republicans for 40 years. That same year, he overperformed the Democratic nominee for governor, James Smith, by 3.5 points in District 1. Smith ultimately won 46% of the vote statewide. In 2020, Cunningham narrowly lost his re-election bid by a single point in a dis-



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Democrat Joe Cunningham, former U.S. Representative for SC District 1, announced his run for governor of South Carolina in the 2022 election.

trict Donald Trump won by six points.

Cunningham will begin a 46-county tour with a campaign kickoff event in Charleston on Wednesday, April 28, at 6 p.m. at Tradesman Brewing Company at 1647 King St. Extension. He will deliver a speech on his vision for South Carolina. The public and the media are invited to attend the outside event and masks will be required.

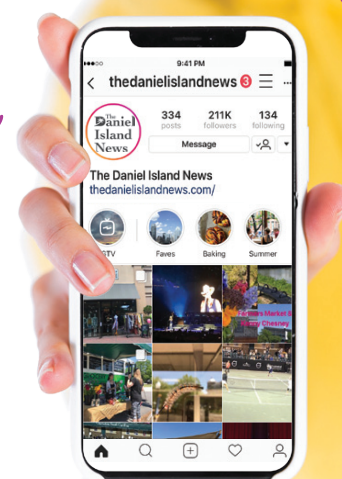
Cunningham served South Carolina's First Congressional District from 2019 to 2021 where he was ranked one of the most independent and effective members of Congress. He currently practices law in Charleston.

For more information about the campaign, go to JoeForSouthCarolina.com.

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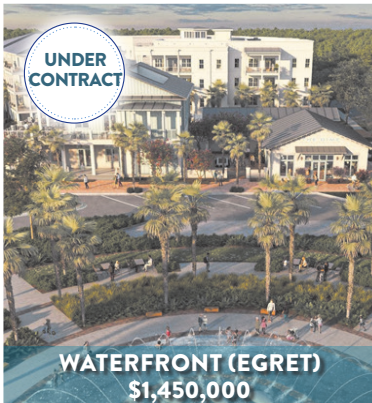
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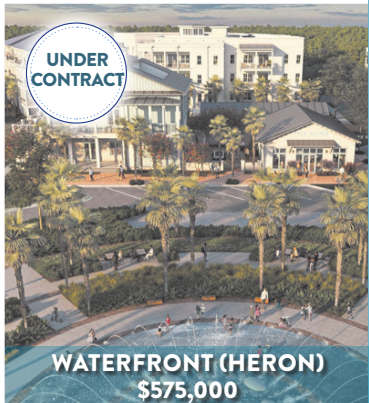
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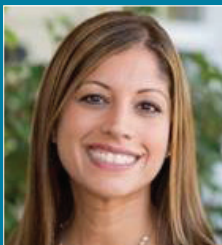
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U.S. House Congresswoman Nancy Mace and Congressman James Clyburn share different views about the federal American Jobs Plan. Read their policy views on the issue below.

Infrastructure package is anything but 'clean'

CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY MACE

For all the division and partisan bickering we've seen in Washington over the last several years, there's still one issue Republicans and



Nancy Mace

Democrats in Congress agree on: the need to rebuild our nation's infrastructure.

Even with all the toxic rhetoric and finger-pointing which seems to come with every discussion in Congress these days, you'd be hard-pressed to find a member of Congress who wouldn't vote in favor of serious investments into our roads, bridges, and ports. I'd even go so far as to say a clean bill which focused entirely on rebuilding highways, restoring bridges, modernizing airports, and expanding seaports would pass with over-

whelming bipartisan support – and fast – if it came up in Congress.

But therein lies the problem.

The "infrastructure" package being proposed is anything but "clean." In fact, 93% of this \$2.3 trillion proposal has nothing to do with roads or bridges. The proposal does include spending on items like the Green New Deal, childcare and harms right-to-work laws across 27 states.

You could fund the South Carolina Department of Transportation for nearly a thousand years with \$2.3 trillion, yet this is what Nancy Pelosi has decided to pursue as an "infrastructure" deal in the House of Representatives.

As soon as it was announced there was a package focusing on rebuilding America's infrastructure, I dove into Zooms, meetings,

See MACE on PAGE 08

American Jobs Plan is a fair deal for the 21st Century

CONGRESSMAN JAMES E. CLYBURN

As our country works to address the socio-economic challenges of COVID-19, many well-meaning Americans are invoking Franklin Roosevelt's "New Deal" response to the Great Depression as a model for Joe Biden to emulate. While the New Deal precipitated a national recovery, it allowed, and in some instances perpetrated, a raw deal for many people of color and communities like many of those I am privileged to represent. Many of President



James Clyburn

Roosevelt's New Deal jobs programs like the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps came with "white only" tags hung on them. Current conditions cry out for a different approach, something

more like Harry Truman's Fair Deal.

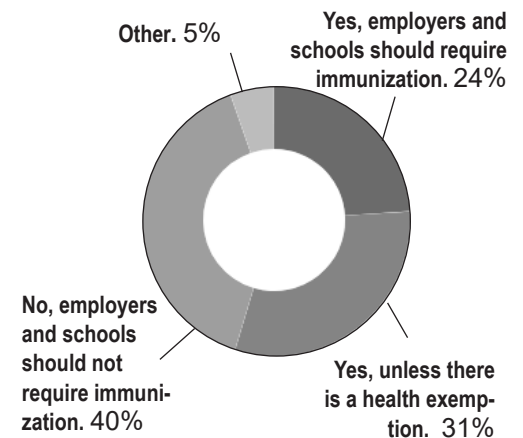
On the heels of the Great Depression, the nation was thrust into World War II, which was fought and won by first-class soldiers, many of whom were black. The heroism of many of those soldiers has been heralded in books and chronicled in movies. While fighting to protect our country, these first-class soldiers were forced into segregated units, denied the recognition they had earned and relegated to second-class citizenship when they returned home.

President Truman reacted to these indignities by creating a Civil Rights Commission and signing an Executive Order integrating the Armed Forces. He launched his "Fair Deal" in 1949 saying, "Every segment of our population, and every individual, has a right to expect from his government a fair deal." By the time

See CLYBURN on PAGE 08

Readers Poll: Vaccine requirements

As more of the country receives the COVID-19 vaccines, and restrictions are being lifted as the population begins to slowly approach "herd immunity," some businesses and schools are considering requiring proof of immunization for staff and students. Do you think they should require immunization for employment or attendance?



Comments:

- Everyone has different reasons for vaccinating or not, in our country no one should lose the choice when it comes to our bodies and health.
- These vaccines are not FDA approved. This is absolutely unconstitutional. They were approved for emergency use only.
- I can not believe the "lack of freedom" argument being expressed. I have a passport, a driver's license, a military shot record and how this is different is beyond me.
- Schools already require immunizations, this is just another one to add to the list.
- Many immunizations are required to travel abroad. How is this any different? Let's get back to normal by getting everyone vaccinated.
- Absolutely not. Some people can not receive the vaccine and this would be blatantly discriminatory. It is your body and your decision.

Editor's note: See the Legal Notes column on page 22 addressing this issue.

NEXT WEEK'S SURVEY: MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and most folks are looking to make up for a 2020 Mother's Day that was all but canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



What are you looking forward to most in honoring the mom in your life in 2021? Share your thoughts at surveymonkey.com/r/Mothers_Day2021 or use the QR code by Sunday, May 2, 5 p.m.



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Infrastructure package anything but 'clean'

From **MACE** on **PAGE 06**

and calls with South Carolina constituents and stakeholders to identify their priorities. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I have a voice on our roads, bridges, ports, and planes, and I wanted to ensure South Carolina got its fair share from whatever bill came out of Congress.

I received a long list of projects – all seeking to rebuild, expand, and/or modernize infrastructure vital to the Lowcountry, such as:

- Intersection improvements at highways 52 & 176
- Support for a growing Hilton Head Airport
- Help to ease traffic at highways 26 & 526

But they didn't stop there. I asked stakeholders to send me everything they hoped to work on across the state. We reviewed the estimated costs to fix "Malfunction Junction" in Columbia, repair every structurally unsound bridge in South Carolina,

fund litter removal for the entire state, and much more.

For \$2.3 trillion we could pay for every single "dream" infrastructure project across South Carolina multiple times over.

This is the key part of the problem with the current "infrastructure" package. It wastes the vast majority of your money on things which have absolutely nothing to do with infrastructure or empowering our businesses, workers, and our economy to grow. It has almost nothing to do with making sure your commute is shorter, our seaports can get our products in and out faster, or ensure our airports are safer and more efficient.

While Nancy Pelosi is talking about spending trillions on a "Civilian Climate Corps," we could solve practically every infrastructure problem in the entire state of South Carolina – and just about every other state – for a fraction of the price.

American Jobs Plan is a fair deal for the 21st Century

From **CLYBURN** on **PAGE 06**

he left office in 1953, unemployment was nearly nonexistent, the minimum wage was higher, and Social Security benefits were twice as high and available to millions more Americans. The Fair Deal made significant social and economic progress for all American communities and is a better model for President Biden to emulate; the American Rescue Plan was a good first step.

President Biden is now proposing the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan to put people back to work building state-of-the-art infrastructure needed for our economy to thrive. Like the Fair Deal, these plans will create jobs in all communities.

President Biden's plan includes my Accessible, Affordable Broadband for All bill. This will ensure all Americans access to high-speed, affordable internet service. Broadband can do for rural America what electricity did in the last century.

An important issue for many Lowcountry communities is flooding. In 2020, Charleston experienced seven instances of major flooding — the highest number of such events since tracking began in 1922. The American Jobs Plan calls for significant investments to improve infrastructure resilience, which also will help lessen the impact

of future hurricane damage. Other water infrastructure investments include replacing all lead pipes nationwide and decreasing poly and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. A 2020 Environmental Working Group study found Charleston ranks in the top 10 places in the U.S. with the highest PFAS levels.

Housing is perhaps the most fundamental infrastructure necessity for families to succeed. Low-income residents in the Lowcountry struggle to find affordable housing. Princeton University's Eviction Lab reports North Charleston has the country's highest eviction rate of 16.5%, with 10 evictions happening each day. The American Jobs Plan invests in increasing home ownership and providing targeted tax credits, formula funding, and project-based rental assistance to improve the nation's public housing infrastructure.

Like the Fair Deal, the American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan include all communities. They are funded by raising taxes on high income individuals and successful big corporations.

I believe the Biden jobs and family plans are the best ways to meet this moment and ensure that the greatness of America is accessible and affordable for all.



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A dream comes true a quarter-century later

Developer Matt Sloan reflects on creation of Daniel Island

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Thirty years ago, Matt Sloan was sitting in his office in New York working for a public policy firm by the name of Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler. Now he's the president of the Daniel Island Company and is credited as a visionary for the development of Daniel Island as we know it.

On April 21, the Daniel Island Speaker Series hosted Sloan at the Daniel Island Club to share his involvement with the island's origin and maturation over the past 25 years. The event drew a sold-out crowd of 250 attendees and 250 made reservations to watch virtually on Zoom.

Instead of a slideshow that detailed analytics of Daniel Island's progression over the years, Sloan opted to give a historical account from his perspective. For him, it all started in 1991 when he received a phone call that would change the course of his life forever and shape a way of life for others.

When Lowcountry land pioneer Harry Frank Guggenheim passed away in 1971, his cousin Peter Lawson-Johnston Sr. inherited the land. Sloan went to graduate school at Columbia University School of Architecture and Planning with Lawson-Johnston's son and that's where the relationship formed.

In 1990, the Guggenheim Foundation was on the brink of having its family-owned land annexed into the City of Charleston. The Guggenheim parcel was 3,000 acres, the size of the Isle of Palms, and was primarily farmland used for cattle ranching and hunting grounds since 1946.

The city's annexation of the Guggenheim expanse was done so involuntarily and ultimately without the foundation's approval. Although the land itself was not contiguous with the city, then City of Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. knew that the law stipulated at least 75% permission from landowners' within the tax base to annex the land. He received just that from surrounding Rodent and Parker islands.

Riley called an emergency city council meeting at 5 p.m. on Dec. 28, 1990, to push the measure through. The swift acquisition was described by The News and Courier, now The Post and Courier, as "Little Joe's Louisiana Purchase."

At the ripe age of 26 years old, Sloan was hired by the Guggenheim Foundation to assess the annexation of their property. He was shipped south to Charleston to get a better idea of what was about to transpire. What he saw was opportunity.

Sloan envisioned turning these quiet pastures into streets that intersect a bustling suburban community. He did just that and it's called Daniel Island.

Daniel Island's master plan was approved by the city in 1993 and broke ground two years later. The island's first residents called it home when Daniel Island Real Estate sales associate Sally Castengera sold the first home in the spring of 1995.

The island's first school originated by way of a business transaction. Bishop England

High School sold its former campus to the College of Charleston and relocated to Daniel Island in 1997. As the first entity to commit to the island, the Daniel Island Company donated 44 acres to the school to build their campus and sports facilities.

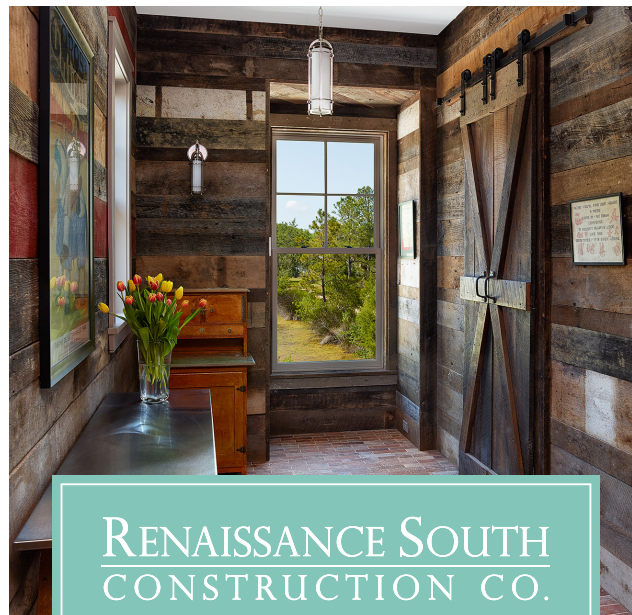
Two years later, another business deal almost went down that spooked residents and caused a great deal of panic on the island. It was referred to as the "Global Gateway."

In 1999, the State Ports Authority proposed building a shipping terminal on Daniel Island. Negotiations ended after an uproar from residents and politicians that resulted with the state legislature directing the ports authority to look elsewhere. That project finally came to fruition more than 20 years later at the former Navy base in North Charleston with the opening of Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal earlier this month.

That same year, Piggly Wiggly supermarket chain became a business partner in developing the first two neighborhoods on the island, Codner's Ferry Park and Etiwan Park.

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Looking back on the building of a community

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Park Day started that year with the opening of Simmons Park and Children’s Park.

Before the turn of the century, the Guggenheim Foundation sold all of its acreage to the Daniel Island Company which exponentially increased the developer’s means to expand the island’s commercial footprint. In 2001, the company launched Barfield Park, Center Park and Smythe Park simultaneously.

In 2000, current City of Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg and his wife, Sandy, opened the first general store on River Landing Drive called Tecklenburg’s Market and Cafe. The store’s name is still engraved into the tile at the entrance where Ristorante Lidi stands today.

Recreationally, the Charleston Battery moved its soccer program to the island in 1999. The Daniel Island Club opened the Beresford Creek Golf Course in 2000 and a year later the Family Circle Tennis Center opened, which is now home to the Volvo Car Open.

Not to mention the creation of a 25-mile nature trail system for outdoor enthusiasts.

The affordable housing complex was con-

structed at 305 Seven Farms Drive in 2006. Sloan noted this development was somewhat controversial and “drew a lot of ire” because it was achieved with tax credits and it was situated on the corner of a main street instead of tucking it on the outskirts.

Over the last two decades, the island has earned numerous accolades, including the Urban Land Institute Award for Excellence, America’s Best Suburban Smart Growth Community, and America’s Best Master-Planned Community. Today, more than 15,000 residents call Daniel Island home.

“We didn’t want to be a subdivision, we wanted to be a submarket,” Sloan said.

Sloan admitted that he’s most proud of covering a wide variety of price points in the housing market on the island. It gives him great pride knowing he helped build something that can appeal to all from a financial spectrum.

However, Sloan’s biggest regret is not taking advantage of the opportunity to build vertical developments.

An attendee at Sloan’s presentation suggested that he write a “best-selling coffee



MARY WESSNER PHOTOGRAPHY

Daniel Island Company president Matt Sloan gives a presentation on the 25-year development of the community as the Speaker Series guest at the Daniel Island Club on April 21.

table book” of the creation of Daniel Island. Another attendee called Daniel Island “a Matt creation.”

“I hope I didn’t use the word ‘I’ too often, that’s not in my nature. I’m more about ‘we,’” Sloan added. “All of you that live here or own businesses here should consider themselves blessed because there’s a

crackerjack team of professionals and that’s who makes things happen; my job is just to support them.”

Now in its ninth year, the speaker series is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Daniel Island, the Daniel Island Community Association, the Daniel Island Business Association, and the Daniel Island Club.

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REAL ESTATE REPORT

Home prices surge on Daniel Island



Tricia Peterson

Even with a limited inventory, the Daniel Island real estate market continues to show staggering sales numbers.

Forty-one homes sold in March on Daniel Island. Sales volume for March totaled \$51,893,029 compared to \$34,525,845 in March 2020, and just \$16,666,317 in March 2019.

The least expensive home sold was a one-bedroom, one-bath condo at 600 Bucksley Lane for \$172,500. The most expensive home sold was 370 Ralston Creek St. at an incredible price of \$5.45 million. Nineteen homes sold for more than \$1 million in March. As of April 14, there were 29 active listings on the island while a whopping 95 properties were under contract.

According to Tricia Peterson with Island House Real Estate, the low supply of available homes and increased demand continues to dictate pricing and homes are selling in nearly half the time they did last year.

“The real estate market on Daniel Island continues to show expedient growth with house prices climbing every month, especially on waterfront properties,” Peterson noted. “We expect the demand to continue to increase through the spring and summer. We have needed to become more creative with ways to comp properties and find properties for prospective buyers to keep up with this ever-changing market.”

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 MARCH

Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	24	14	22	34	\$18,699,451	\$10,440,644	\$15,414,201	\$28,987,528
February	20	16	23	37	\$17,196,963	\$11,130,138	\$21,287,233	\$31,307,425
March	37	35	42	41	\$21,881,125	\$16,666,317	\$34,525,845	\$51,893,029
YEAR TO DATE	81	65	87	112	\$57,777,539	\$38,237,099	\$71,227,279	\$102,187,982
April	29	25	22		\$21,877,933	\$22,933,229	\$17,382,532	
May	33	38	20		\$25,304,147	\$33,828,169	\$16,069,400	
June	46	45	51		\$35,354,667	\$33,624,296	\$51,424,771	
July	32	30	61		\$28,126,722	\$21,411,329	\$54,504,748	
August	36	39	48		\$27,799,949	\$27,879,600	\$48,663,823	
September	25	26	57		\$21,384,686	\$20,520,565	\$63,680,403	
October	17	24	62		\$13,220,241	\$16,615,825	\$57,934,023	
November	21	22	47		\$16,874,070	\$18,646,574	\$46,020,216	
December	21	31	43		\$17,803,292	\$29,027,031	\$48,971,346	
YEAR TOTALS	341	345	498	112	\$265,523,246	\$262,723,717	\$475,878,541	\$102,187,982

- 1840 Beekman St. - \$1,565,000
- 258 Beresford Creek St. - \$975,000
- 1050 Blakeway St. - \$835,000
- 136 Bounty St. - \$680,000
- 117 Brailsford St. - \$1,890,000
- 100 Bucksley Lane #305 - \$239,500
- 200 Bucksley Lane #307 - \$230,000
- 600 Bucksley Lane #305 - \$172,500
- 1006 Cochran St. - \$815,000
- 112 Currier St. - \$760,000
- 610 Daggett St. - \$1,025,000
- 611 Daggett St. - \$1,200,000
- 8 Dalton St. - \$1,725,000
- 2437 Daniel Island Drive - \$1,750,000
- 2566 Daniel Island Drive - \$900,000
- 935 Etiwan Park St. - \$855,000
- 7794 Farr St. - \$691,729
- 1705 Frissel St. - \$799,900
- 131 Island Park Drive - \$1,650,000
- 122 Ithecaw Creek St. - \$1,795,000
- 105 Jordan Court - \$739,000
- 160 King George St. - \$1,050,000
- 363 Lesesne St. - \$3,100,000
- 477 Lesesne St. - \$2,485,000
- 506 Lesesne St. - \$1,499,000

- 536 Lesesne St. - \$1,500,000
- 32 Pagett St. - \$1,520,000
- 544 Park Crossing Drive - \$2,700,000
- 145 Pier View St. #410 - \$300,000
- 1882 Pierce St. - \$395,000
- 370 Ralston Creek St. - \$5,450,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #2115 - \$173,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #10100 - \$251,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #2210 - \$250,000
- 200 River Landing Drive #F305 - \$382,500
- 200 River Landing Drive #D105 - \$380,000
- 200 River Landing Drive #F105 - \$385,000
- 1226 Smythe St. - \$985,000
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Charleston-based Beacon Community Bank opens DI location



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Beacon Community Bank officially opened its third branch this week, conveniently located at 20 Fairchild Street, Suite 103, in the former Bin526 storefront on Daniel Island

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Daniel Island is welcoming a new financial institution to the growing downtown community. On Monday, April 26, Beacon Community Bank officially opened its third branch. Beacon took over the space previously occupied by Bin 526 at 20 Fairchild Street, Suite 103.

In January 2018, Beacon opened its first branch in downtown Charleston. When Beacon Community Bank opened the Charleston location, it was the first startup bank in South Carolina in over a decade. In May of the following year, Beacon added a second branch in Mount Pleasant.

The opening of the Daniel Island branch is an integral part of the bank's five-year expansion plan. Beacon has plans to break ground on the bank's fourth branch later this year in Mount Pleasant. A fifth local branch will follow in 2022 or 2023.

Beacon CEO Brooks Melton said the Daniel Island location is a natural

move as the bank continues to expand throughout the tri-county.

"Daniel Island residents and businesses now have the opportunity to experience the personalized service and inherent advantages offered by a homegrown local bank. Our entire team is excited to join the Daniel Island community," Melton said.

Beacon prides itself on providing personalized service to their clients. The bank builds individual and unique relationships with clients through concierge service, tailored financial solutions, and state-of-the-art banking technology.

Melton said Beacon's team of trained professionals sets them apart from other banks in the area. "We have the best team and a culture rooted in service. Add in our focus on relationships combined with 100% local decision making, and you get a unique banking experience," he said. "I frequently have clients tell me that we have great people on our team. That's when you know it's not just lip service. We are truly deliver-

ing a better banking experience."

Because Beacon is a privately held community focused bank, they are able to make financial decisions locally and quickly. The 18-member board includes distinguished members of the Charleston community. Tommy B. Baker, founder of Baker Motor Co., serves as chairman of the board.

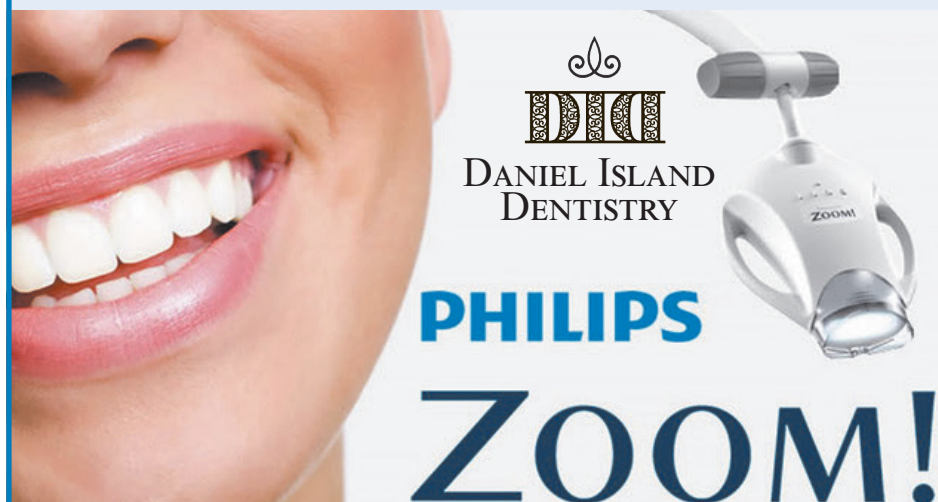
Baker is no stranger to Daniel Island and has been a fan of the community since its infancy.

"I remember touring the Daniel Island Club grounds with Tom Fazio over 20 years ago before the clubhouse was built," Baker said. "I was so impressed with the vision of the island. I became the first member of the club and have been a member ever since. It's been amazing to watch the island grow from an idea to a thriving small city. The island is youthful, and we're a young bank. We know you by name, our turnaround times are phenomenal, and we'll over-serve you."

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Developing leadership grit: Learning the principles



management moment

DOUG DICKERSON

"Most God-ordained dreams die because we are not willing to do something that seems illogical."

— Mark Batterson

"I don't call meetings for that." Those six words blindsided me. It was a sucker punch that I didn't see coming.

Those words came off the heels of what was considered by all other accounts a most successful week. I was fresh out of college and serving in the first church of my young life in ministry. Admittedly, I was green and was cutting my teeth, as it were, and had so much to learn. But at least during this week, I was killing it — or so I thought.

We had just closed out a week of festivities at the church. Parents and students alike told me that it was the best one they'd ever had.

At the close of the week, I was exhausted but feeling good about what we accomplished.

When the pastor, my boss, asked me to come by his office when I was done, I was feeling confident that he was going to congratulate me on a job well done.

I entered his office and took a seat. I was not prepared for what came next. Everything that I had imagined it would be like in ministry and every dream attached to it would be challenged.

My work for the sake of heaven was about to take an unexpected detour through hell. My professors didn't prepare me for this.

For the next 30 minutes, he torched everything that he could think of and then some. Surely there was smoke coming out of his nostrils and fire on his tongue. He didn't hold back. When the verbal beat-down was complete, he was challenged as to why he didn't have anything positive to say about the event.

And that's when those six words - "I don't call meetings for that" changed everything. I sat in stunned silence. It was his prerogative to call it as he saw it, and my place to listen -

'I don't call meetings for that.' These six words changed everything.

as painful as it was.

As a young leader, this was my wake-up call and my first lesson in developing leadership grit. It was my watershed moment.

In leadership, you will have watershed moments when you have to face down your fears, overcome rejections, tune out the haters, defy the critics, do something illogical, and stand firm on the hill of your God-given dream. It will take grit. Buckle up.

In a series of articles to come, I will share stories that will challenge and inspire you - stories of grit. I first had to start with mine in hopes of inspiring you to believe that there is life on the other side of the hell you may currently be walking through.

Developing leadership grit is a growth process. My best advice? Begin with the basics.

LEADERSHIP GRIT PRINCIPLE #1 - GIVE UP OR GROW UP

In the aftermath of that event, I had a choice to make. Give up or grow up. And while I didn't enjoy what I went through at the time, it awakened an indomitable spirit within me. I eventually parted ways with the pastor, but not with my dream. It was larger than him.

While this story is uniquely mine, you may be reading it as you recall a watershed moment of your own. Others of you are going through a struggle right now. Let me encourage you to keep the faith.

Your leadership will have its moments of testing. And ultimately, it will come down to the grit and indomitable spirit within you to get through it. In those moments, you have a choice to make — give up or grow up.

Get growing!

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series on leadership grit.

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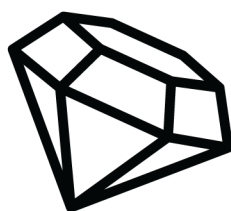
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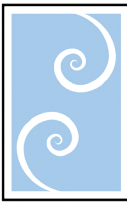
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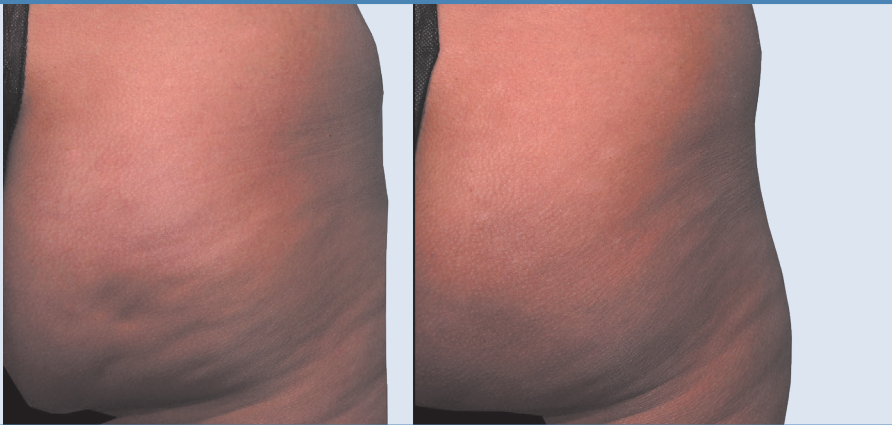
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Jennifer Davis offers poolside workouts for men and women at her home-based studio on Daniel Island.

POOLSIDE WORKOUTS

Jennifer Davis, owner of JD Fitness, offers poolside workouts every day at her home-based studio located on Pierce Street on Daniel Island. The programs are HIIT style for men and women, alternating total body, upper body, core and conditioning, and lower body.

Davis said that the workouts are kept fresh by using a variety of equipment, such as dumbbells, medicine balls, bikes, rowers and resistance bands.

“I think offering these outdoor workouts has created more opportunity for those looking for a group environment yet still not comfortable being in tight indoor quarters to workout,” Davis remarked. “The weather has been beautiful and even when it’s a little chilly, the heat builds up fast!”

When thinking about future outdoor options, she said, “I am considering a new option in the evenings which would be a class called Power. This would be a power walk/core/deep stretch poolside class. And who knows, water aerobics is not out of the question for summer 2021!”

OUTSIDE WORKOUT

Outdoor group fitness programs provide multiple health perks

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After more than a year of various stages of lockdowns, quarantines and social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for many it’s time to get back into a regular fitness routine and reclaim healthy lifestyles. Luckily, with spring and warmer weather, the outdoors provides many fun ways to work out.

FAMILY-STYLE FITNESS

Seven years ago, Katie Guffey joined a stroller fitness class shortly after the birth of her first child. As a former cross-country athlete, she yearned for opportunities to push herself to reach her fitness goals while training with a group.

Now, as a mother to three children, Guffey is a certified group fitness instructor and the owner of Fit Mommy Charleston. Her company offers strength training classes that involve cardio, as well as weekly runs and monthly yoga workouts for moms, together in community.

The class meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Center Park and on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Etiwan Park on Daniel Island.

Guffey explained that hosting the classes outdoors provides numerous benefits.

“Exercising outdoors is a great reason to log off and enjoy some of the beautiful scenery around the area,” she said. “It provides a large space to run and complete circuits, as well as a fun place for the littles to play. We get Vitamin D from the sunshine and endorphins from the workouts. It is a huge mood booster for both the moms and the littles!”

Jill Miller, a client who regularly attends the Daniel Island sessions, agreed. “It’s rewarding to me that my kids are having fun through the experience while I’m working out and socializing at the same time. Also with COVID, I find it safer and better than ever to workout outside.”

Miller remarked that the group setting helped to keep her accountable, encouraged her to work harder, and cultivated friendships with other moms.

Guffey’s business is fueled by her passion to help women find their confidence and find themselves after becoming a mom.

“With an awesome team of trainers, a registered dietician, and an event coordinator, it has been exciting to watch our group of moms grow. We offer high quality and motivational fitness classes that are safe for every stage of motherhood,” she said.

Members can also participate in monthly “Moms’ Night Outs” and monthly kids crafts and events. Plans to expand include the addition of more outdoor yoga classes and to add a “Next Level” series for moms who have grown past having their littles along with them during workouts.



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Fit Mommy Charleston, owned by Katie Guffey, offers workouts that deliver a mood boost to moms and their little ones.

BOOT CAMP WITH A SIDE OF SEROTONIN



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Group classes in the courtyard at Daniel Island Fitness offer safety and convenience in a picturesque environment.

On River Landing Drive, Daniel Island Fitness offers outdoor bootcamp for students in a picturesque courtyard setting, with classes for students, sixth grade and up, and adults of all ages and genders. Each day, the bootcamp targets a different muscle group to enhance strength and conditioning throughout. Calisthenic and body weight exercises are combined with interval and strength training to push clients to the peak of their fitness goals.

Caitlin Bein, owner of Daniel Island Fitness, said, “Outdoor workouts for our clients enables them to feel safe and comfortable during COVID-19. Providing outside workouts also allows our clients to spend time in the sunshine which naturally releases serotonin to positively affect our mood.”

Mary Patterson, a trainer at Daniel Island Fitness with 15 years of experience, added, “What makes our gym special is the bootcamp, scenery with convenience of the building there — bathrooms, equipment, ability to be rain or shine and run all year round — and being down the street from the waterfront — nothing like a pre- or post-workout sunrise or sunset. There is so much science on the benefits of being outside for mental health and now with COVID it helps make people feel safe that they can find their own space if they don’t want to be too close to others — bonus of being in a community in person and still feeling safe.”

Requests for outdoor workouts have steadily increased and Bein said that they are constantly adding class times to meet the demand. In planning for the future, more outdoor classes will be part of the mix at Daniel Island Fitness.



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Weekly beach walks that incorporate devotions provide a peaceful workout experience for participants.

WALKING WITH FAITH

Kathy Markham, a Daniel Island resident, exercises her faith and body simultaneously through weekly “Devotional Beach Walks.” Every Monday for the past eight years, she has met with a group of women at the Isle of Palms Methodist Church parking lot. The leader begins the session with a review of the Proverbs 31 online devotions for the week, and the participants choose one to discuss during the walk. Then the group heads to the beach and walks two miles. The session concludes with a prayer circle.

Walkers from a variety of churches participate. “It’s very flexible in that some women walk a faster pace and some slower and we have all ages and we just join when we can,” Markham said.



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Ways to stay active and enjoy the outdoors

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DANCING IN THE PARK

Classes start in May under the DI sky

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Locals can two-step their way into spring with outdoor dance classes beginning May 9. The classes will be held at Daniel Island's Smythe Park on Sundays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Daniel Island resident Nicole Fehr thought it would be fun to organize outdoor dance lessons for the community. Fehr partnered up with Justin Joseph, a dance teacher who helped her build her confidence and dance skills.

"I met Justin at Henry's downtown off Market Street. I heard he was teaching how to two-step and line dance and he was so patient with me," Fehr said. "Justin has been dancing for 18 years and he is a natural teacher. Justin feels that everyone should have the opportunity to learn how to dance... I am so excited to team up with him on this. We will be learning two-step and a little bit of line dancing."

Fehr has advice for those still deciding to step out and dance: "Have fun with it. You do not need prior experience to learn. Come with an open mind, ready to have fun and meet new people."

Heather Hollifield, a Daniel Island resident for almost 14 years, was eager to try out the classes close to home. "It sounds like a great idea in a lovely setting," she said.

New resident Ingrid Peterson signed up for the classes as a fun way to integrate into the community. "I just moved to Daniel Island about a month ago and thought this would be a great way meet some people, become a better dancer, and enjoy the outdoors."

Kim Moening and her husband thought the lessons would be a great way to get their dance groove back.

"Our friend and family photographer Nicole Fehr lives on DI and has been taking



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Nicole Fehr and dance teacher Justin Joseph are bringing outdoor dance lessons to Smythe Park this spring, starting May 9.

lessons," Morning said. "What interested us was that my husband and I love to dance – he was a musical theater major in college and we both performed in shows at theme parks. So this is an opportunity to brush up on our skills while having fun and meeting new people."

Fehr said not to worry if you don't have a dance partner. "You do not have to have a significant other to come out. Justin will rotate for those that are single."

Classes are open to anyone over 21 for \$20 a class. Residents who want to get their dance on can email Fehr at [Hello@nicolefehr.com](mailto>Hello@nicolefehr.com).

Iron Horses win regional baseball championship

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Josh Kubisz can remember when the good old days of Philip Simmons High School baseball weren't so good.

In 2018, Kubisz started the program and vividly remembers the first workout. There were only six student-athletes stretching in the school's gym that late winter day. That's not even enough players to field a team, unless you play without outfielders.

But the program expanded. Kubisz kept coaching and recruiting at the school, and the prospective baseball players were sold on his prediction of success.

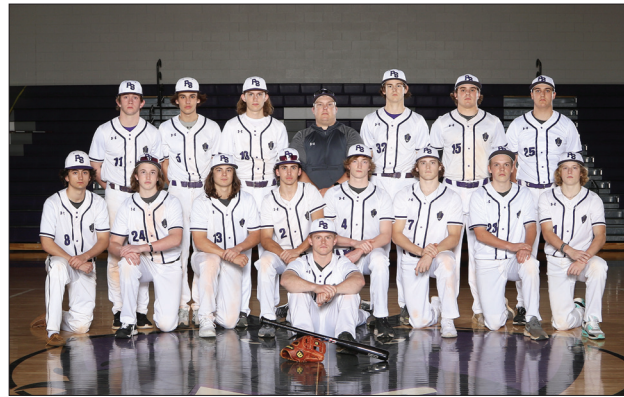
Three years later, on April 23, the Iron Horses claimed the Region 6-AA championship with a 6-2 victory over Woodland.

"It's been a crazy journey," Kubisz posted on Facebook. "I'm so proud of my guys I can hardly come up with the words... Job's not done but I'm enjoying this one tonight."

The Iron Horses are 9-7 overall, and 4-0 in Region 6-AA with Colleton County scheduled for May 4. Kubisz is trying to find one more game before the Class AA playoffs begin on May 15, but has struck out in that attempt.

Other than that, it has been a tremendous season.

"Any time you win the region, it's a great accomplishment," Kubisz said. "But winning it a year after COVID is



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On April 23, the 2021 Philip Simmons High School varsity baseball team claimed the Region 6-AA championship with a 6-2 victory over Woodland.

very special. We worked together, stayed together when other teams couldn't. We were fortunate."

"Last year was brutal for our lone senior, Logan Baskin," Kubisz continued. "Not having a junior season last year for our seniors could have been critical because it is such a developmental year. But the four seniors have helped keep everything together. They lead the workouts, the practices and the mentality for them has been 'Region championship

or bust.'"

The seniors on the 2021 team include lefty pitcher Mitchell McCormick, outfielder Drake Nesbitt, shortstop Max Bailey and outfielder Tyler Harper.

The seniors don't have a monopoly on the Iron Horse talent. Outfielder Nolan Keifer hits in the No. 2 spot and has a .400 on-base percentage. Sophomore Grayson Mitchell, who pays third and pitches, is batting over .400 as is junior catcher Tripp Williams. Williams also has 22 RBI.

Junior right-handed pitcher Tristan Skipper has allowed only one run in his last two starts while junior righty Ty Peterson has allowed only two runs in his last two starts.

Kubisz, a 2008 Goose Creek High School graduate, played in high school and in college. He enrolled at Newberry College and finished out at Penn State University Allegheny.

He returned to Goose Creek in 2013 as an assistant, and was named coach at Philip Simmons when the school opened.

Now, he's ready to take the Iron Horses to the next level.

"First and foremost, we are a family," Kubisz said. "They play together, eat together and hang out together. They have the mental toughness to stick it out through the pandemic. Now, we are expected to keep growing. We won the region this year. But the pressure will be there to go one step further. We just have to keep moving forward."

Dennis Treasurer's 100th goal is right on the money

Local boys, girls teams enter lacrosse playoffs

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Many teenagers are challenged to budget their time, especially when it comes to academics and athletics.

And then there's Bishop England lacrosse standout Dennis Treasurer. The senior must budget his time between academic, athletics and the business he owns.

As a sophomore, Treasurer started a business called COAST Shark Teeth as he learned to mix business and pleasure. He searches for shark-teeth fossils on waterways around the Lowcountry and then categorizes the fossils by corresponding species and approximate prehistoric era. Finally, he sells them throughout the world via e-commerce platforms.

It's a great business plan. Last year, he won Bishop England's

Genevieve Duane Business Award.

Treasurer is all business on the lacrosse field as well. He leads the Bishops in scoring and recently scored the 100th goal of his career for the Bishops, who began the week with a 9-4 record. The Bishops were scheduled to play at Christ Church Tuesday in the Class AAAA playoffs.

"Scoring my 100th goal was definitely surreal and not something I expected to do, especially considering the almost total loss of my junior season," Treasurer said. "The moment was awesome to say the least, and to celebrate it with my teammates and coaches was very special. I was honored to receive the exact ball from coach (Tyler) Tracy after the game, and later have all the boys on the team sign it on the bus ride back to Charleston after the win."



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Bishop England lacrosse coach Tyler Tracy presents senior Dennis Treasurer with the ball he scored his 100th goal of his career with.

If this season has been one of ecstasy, last year had to be one of agony because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the shutdown of high school sports. Lacrosse was short-circuited a few games into the season.

"Not playing last year due to the pandemic was definitely tough, especially losing our season after seeing that team's potential," said Treasurer, a Charleston native who began playing lacrosse in the second grade. "Although there are many negatives to the situation, being quarantined caused me to really appreciate and not take for granted playing the sport."

Treasurer began the week with a team-leading 43 goals and 51 points. In the 45 varsity games of his career, he has scored 102 goals and 25 assists, thanks to a .564 shot/goal percentage.

Treasurer usually focuses on lacrosse but decided to play football his senior season. He was a wide receiver on coach John Cantey's squad.

"Due to the loss of last year's season I decided to play football my senior year," he said "The schedules of school and sports can

definitely be difficult at times, but I find getting in a good routine helps to achieve the balance."

That will come in handy this fall when he goes to Clemson University, where he will study business.

GIRLS LACROSSE

The Bishop England girls' lacrosse team was still alive in the Class AAAA playoffs as coach Jeff Weiner's team looked to claim yet another state title.

The varsity girls were 15-0 after pounding Greenville 21-1 in the second round of the playoffs. The Bishops were scheduled to host Hilton Head on Tuesday night. (Results not available before press time.)

The Philip Simmons girls' lacrosse team also reached the Class AAAA playoffs and was the 13th seed. The Iron Horses dropped a 13-9 decision to Hilton Head in the first round.

Warmer waters set scene for ‘summer slam’



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

With the water temperature approaching 70 degrees, many of our migratory fish species are beginning to show up. Spanish mackerel and bluefish have taken up residence in the harbor and nearshore waters. This opens the possibility of completing a “summer slam” by catching a Spanish mackerel, bluefish and trout all in the same day.

Yes, I just made the “summer slam” up. But, on Sunday I set out to complete it.

Typically, getting the Pathfinder off the dock lift is no problem at low tide. However, the prevailing wind and approaching full moon created an extremely low tide (about a foot below normal). So, I was not able to launch the Pathfind-

er until the tide came in a bit. The unexpected delay provided the time to re-rig my 8-pound class spinning outfits.

Recently, I began fishing with a 7-foot, light action Shimano Zodias rod paired with a 2000 frame Vanford reel. This quickly became my favorite outfit for casting Finesse lures. I liked it so much, I purchased another one. Zodias number one was rigged with a 10-pound fluorocarbon leader (about 2 feet long) and a Finesse TRD on a 1/5-ounce NedlockZ jig. Zodias number two was rigged with a 12-pound leader and a Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 on a 3/16-ounce EyeStrike Finesse jig.

Upon completion of re-rigging, the tide was sufficiently high to launch the boat. After a quick run into the harbor, I began checking current seams for feeding activity. Any time the current is re-directed by a marsh point, oyster bar or structure, a current seam is formed. This congregates baitfish and at-

tracts predators.

Lucky for me, the first seam I checked was holding a large quantity of glass minnows. Just below the surface trout, Spanish mackerel and bluefish were chasing them. I picked up Zodias number two and cast the StreakZ 3.75 into the current seam.

Bam! Caught a nice trout. A few casts later, a bluefish ate the lure. A few minutes later, a Spanish mackerel joined the party.

“Summer slam” complete!

Cobia and sharks should arrive soon. I am thinking a cobia, shark and bull redfish will be a slam.

What should we name it?

Contact Captain Greg Peralta at captgregp@gmail.com or call 843-224-0099.

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At right: Capt. Greg Peralta caught this Spanish mackerel that completed his “summer slam” during a recent day on the water.



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BE senior DeFazio signs with Anderson University



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Senior Nick DeFazio, midfielder on the Bishop England soccer team, has his eye on a 2021 state championship.

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It's been a memorable soccer season for Bishop England senior Nick DeFazio.

The midfielder was named to the prestigious Nike Palmetto Cup all-tournament after helping the Bishops win the tourney championship. He's an all-state candidate for the Bishops, who are the top-ranked Class AAA team in the latest state poll. Finally, he announced he will matriculate to Anderson University to play soccer and study health science/kinesiology.

So, what will be DeFazio's biggest memory of the 2021 season?

"Simply the fact that we played this year," DeFazio said. "We had a season with COVID hanging over us and managed to play. Not being able to play my senior season; that was unthinkable. Being able to share the season with my fellow classmates and teammates is what I'll remember most."

The Bishops, who own a 12-3 record, are the top-ranked team in the state, but DeFazio knows well that the No. 1 ranking doesn't translate into a state championship. There are

10 seniors on coach Ed Khouri's squad and each and every one of them wants to win the state crown next month. It would be a rare experience for the senior soccer players not to have at least one state championship ring.

After all, the Bishops have accumulated the most state championships in state history with 17. But the Bishops have not won a crown while DeFazio has been a member of the team.

In 2018, the Bishops lost to Berea in the state championship. In 2019, May River scored two goals in the last 3 minutes of the Lower State Championship to shock the top-ranked Bishops and end their season.

Of course the Bishops and the rest of the soccer teams were sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

"We have to win this," DeFazio said. "We know it's a sensitive subject because of our past success. We had our chances, but couldn't do it. Now that it's our last year, there's a slight bit of pressure."

DeFazio's strong kicking leg landed him a spot on the BE football team his junior and senior seasons as the punter and placekicker.

He connected for a 41-yard field goal for John Cantey's squad.

"The sports are different," DeFazio said. "In football, we're one huge family and everyone has your back. I would recommend it to someone who is thinking about playing a second sport."

DeFazio is a member of the Bishop England Key Club, a group dedicated to serving the local community under the guidance of the national Kiwanis organization; He also sports a 3.7 GPA.

That will come in handy when he starts the next chapter of his life.

He selected Anderson University because it offers an impressive health science program.

DeFazio said he picked his projected major because he plays soccer and is often dinged up after a match.

The health science/kinesiology route could allow him to remain in sports when he's an adult – although in quite a different role.

"I have been playing soccer since I was 5," DeFazio said. "I can't imagine it not being a part of my life."

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Can an employer mandate COVID vaccination?



Legal notes

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In January 2020, our lives were unexpectedly altered with the arrival of COVID-19 to the United States. Most, if not all of us, experienced a direct impact upon our lives as we learned about the deadly disease and transitioned our work and personal lives online and to isolation at home. Thankfully, three vaccines have now received emergency use authorization from the FDA. In our efforts to return to “normal,” one question many people are facing is whether or not employers can mandate employees be vaccinated before returning to work.

As I learned from a wise professor on the first day of law school – the answer is “yes and no.” At the outset, it is imperative to recognize this is a novel issue and it could be years before the federal court system in our country, including the Supreme Court,

From the employer’s perspective, requiring a vaccine is a safety measure meant to protect the health of others ...
From the employee’s perspective, a vaccine requirement is a further intrusion upon personal space and preference.

provides guidance and insight.

Traditionally, the federal government has regulated employers in two ways. The federal government implements regulations to increase safety in the workplace. The federal government also regulates employers to prevent discrimination in numerous contexts, including disabilities and certain religious beliefs. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is the arm of the federal government charged with policing discriminatory practices.

From the employer’s perspective, requiring a vaccine is a safety measure. A vaccine is meant to protect the health of employees, clients, the public, and others in the workplace. Generally speaking, most employment in the southern United States is “at will.”

Thus, employers enjoy wide discretion in setting workplace rules, hiring and firing. While there is nothing currently preventing employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccines, employers should be prepared to offer reasonable accommodations for those employees who object to vaccination. Thus, so long as appropriate accommodations are made where necessary, it is reasonable to anticipate employers will be allowed to utilize a vaccine mandate.

From the employee’s perspective, a vaccine requirement is a further intrusion upon the employee’s personal space and preference. For those employees with a basis for not being vaccinated, then your best interest is to document (in writing) the reasons for your position and any accommodations

offered by your employer. With that said, be prepared to accept a reasonable accommodation in order to keep your job.

For example, on one end of the spectrum are health care providers, such as nurses and doctors. Remote work and/or isolation from their patients (customers) is not practicable and most likely these employers will be acting legally to require vaccination. On the other end of the spectrum are computer analysts and data entry positions. Most of these positions have transitioned to remote work, thus an employer requiring these employees to be vaccinated could violate federal and/or state law.

As our system of jurisprudence tackles these issues in the years ahead, expect a case-by-case analysis by the courts. It is also likely that specific state laws could impact an employer mandate.

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Local author delights in helping children read

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Happy Cat and Up Dog love cake. Their adventure to make a favorite dessert for their friends is captured in a new children’s book written and illustrated by longtime Daniel Island resident Elizabeth Anderson.

The animals featured in “Cake Day” are characterizations of pets Anderson has known throughout her life. Happy Cat is based on her family’s current pet they call Big Kitty.

“I really enjoy reading and I thought wouldn’t it be cool to have a fun little story in which kids would be drawn to the colorful characters,” said Anderson, who used simple illustrations children could relate to.

Anderson volunteered with children who needed extra reading help when her daughter, now 14, was a young student at Daniel Island School. That’s when she came up with the idea for a book that would build confidence by helping kids learn their sight words. These are high-frequency words that children are encouraged to memorize to make reading easier and faster. “Cake Day” incorporates 80 words young readers need to master.

“I wanted to write something that would spark kids to want to read at an early age, so I put together a story that used the most common sight words,” Anderson said, “and when you read them over and over, those words will sear into



MISTY JO NEILSON

Elizabeth Anderson wrote and illustrated the book, “Cake Day,” an animal adventure that incorporates over 80 of the most common sight words that help children learn to read.

your brain.”

So far, the feedback has been positive.

“Parents enjoy reading it to their kids and their kids enjoy reading it themselves,” Anderson said. “They like the il-

lustrations and the nice simple story that kids want to circle back to because it’s cute, it’s colorful, it’s fun.”

When she’s not reading, writing, or dabbling in art, Anderson works as a broker associate at Keller Williams Real Estate in Mount Pleasant. She is a self-described Army brat who moved frequently with her parents before settling in the Center Park area of Daniel Island with her husband and daughter 12 years ago.

“We moved around a lot growing up and my dad retired here so I kind of followed suit,” Anderson said. “This is the first southern place I have lived and I love it here. It’s great how it’s so pedestrian friendly; the biking, the walking, just being able to get wherever you want to go without getting in your car.”

Anderson self-published “Cake Day” through Amazon, where it sells for \$10. The book can also be found at the Daniel Island Library and Anderson is hoping to make it available in some local stores.

“I just want it to get around and spread some joy,” she said. “It was one of those bucket list things. I wanted to write a book and when the pandemic hit, I had time to be home and do it.”

Anderson said she is thinking about writing a second book with her daughter – a funny story about pampered pets. Big Kitty and other neighborhood fur babies could serve as inspiration.



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BE A FRIEND OR BE AFRAID?

How to identify and ward off snakes that inhabit Daniel Island and surrounding areas

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Slithery serpents are no stranger to the coastal wetlands that make up the Lowcountry.

There are 38 species of snakes overall throughout the state of South Carolina. Of those, thankfully only six are venomous. The “scary six” are the copperhead, cottonmouth, pigmy rattlesnake, Eastern diamondback rattlesnake, timber rattlesnake and the coral snake.

Unfortunately, especially for those with the fear of the silent crawlers also known as ophidiophobia, two venomous snakes can be fairly common on Daniel Island — the copperhead and cottonmouth. Most of the others that might be seen scurrying about are harmless — the black racer, brown snake, corn snake, Eastern garter snake and the rat snake.

SNAKES TO BEWARE

The copperhead is South Carolina’s most venomous snake. Wherever construction is taking place on the island, there is a good chance that a copperhead is nearby. Unlike most wildlife, copperheads are attracted to loud sounds and every day commotions that people make.

Copperheads primarily forage after dark, especially during the hotter parts of the year. They mate in the spring and females give birth in the late summer and likely only reproduce every other year.

Due to their copper camouflage, copperheads are responsible for the majority of the snakebites in the southeast each year. Fortunately, copperhead venom is not very potent and human deaths are exceedingly rare.

It’s easy to mistake a copperhead for a corn snake and vice-versa. The best way to tell them apart is that corn snakes are more colorful and lack fangs.

If stepped on or otherwise seriously provoked or frightened, copperheads will defend themselves.

Cottonmouths are the state’s most common venomous snake. The semi-aquatic snake receives its name from the whiteness of the interior of its mouth that it exposes as a defensive display. They are often referred to as “water moccasins.”

This species is commonly confused with non-venomous watersnakes that typically flee if on land or in a tree and go underwater. Cottonmouths typically stand their ground and gape to threaten a predator.

Despite their aggressive reputation, research has indicated that cottonmouths will seldom bite unless stepped on or picked up. Cottonmouths can be readily recognized when swimming because most of their body is above the water’s surface.

Cottonmouths also tend to forage at night. They mate in the early summer and produce litters of up to 20 every two to three years.

But one wouldn’t know whether or not these scaly specimens are friends or foes unless they could identify the venomous from the non-venomous. Thankfully, that’s what S.C. Department of Natural Resources’s (SCDNR) herpetologist Andrew Grosse does for a living.

Grosse has served as the state’s herpetologist for nearly the past three years, but has been with SCDNR since 2012. He has worked with reptiles and amphibians in one capacity or another for most of his life.

“I’m trying to help people understand snakes,” Grosse said. “...I have a soft spot in my heart for snakes.”

VENOMOUS VS. NON-VENOMOUS

When it comes to deciphering which snakes carry a poisonous bite and which ones do not, the first tell tale sign is their eyes. Snakes with round pupils are characterized to be non-venomous, while those with cat-eye pupils are more than likely venomous.

A snake’s head shape is also a good indicator. Oval-shaped heads are a sign of non-venomous, while triangular-shaped heads are associated with being venomous. The triangle shape is formed by the venom glands.

However, nature is clever and snakes are some of the wittiest in the wilderness. Non-venomous snakes will sometimes mimic venomous ones as a predatory defense mechanism. Such techniques include flattening out their head to look more triangular, hissing, puffing up their

body, striking and rattling their tail.

Grosse noted there have been an abundance of incidents where corn snakes are killed because they are mistaken for copperheads due to the saddle on their back. Their colors and patterns are similar but their mannerisms are vastly different.

“More times than not it’s more of a show,” Grosse said. “...From their perspective we’re a huge predator and they’re trying to scare us away so we don’t hurt them.”

DETER UNWANTED VISITORS

In most cases, if there is a snake in your yard, chances are it’s just passing through. Naturally, they don’t want to be around people or commotion unless their basic needs of food, water and shelter are being met.

The most important thing homeowners can do to deter these unwanted visitors is to make sure their yard is trimmed so that there’s no place for them to hide. If there are shrubs or vegetation near the side of your home it creates a pathway for rodents to burrow which attracts snakes.

Contrary to popular belief, Grosse noted that there is no evidence to suggest that pine straw is an attractive habitat for snakes. They prefer rotted wood, stumps or logs to lay their eggs. Pine straw doesn’t offer that same protection.

Residential areas that do offer snakes a safe haven are crawl spaces. Check places like the attic periodically for squirrels or mice. The reason you want to keep these little guys out is because they’re a food source for the bigger ones that slither in.

For avid gardeners, if you are pruning plants be sure to look before you reach because snakes like to hide. The common saying that they are more afraid of us than we are of them holds true.

“Their whole existence revolves around surviving, reproducing and keeping that population going,” Grosse said. “... If you keep a safe distance and leave them alone, they’ll be on their way.”

Most snakebites occur when someone tries to kill or harass a snake. The following information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about what to look for and what to do if you’ve been attacked.



COPPERHEAD

(*Agkistrodon contortrix*)

Venomous

- Pattern: Brown hourglass marking on the back
- Length: 24-40 inches



COTTONMOUTH

(*Agkistrodon piscivorus*)

Venomous

- Pattern: Dark crossbands on a brown and yellow ground color or all brown or black.
- Length: 24-48 inches



RAT SNAKE

(*Elaphe [Pantherophis] obsoleta*)

Non-Venomous

- Pattern: Black on top with a faint hint of white between some of the scales. The belly is whitish in color near the head and becomes checkered or mottled toward the tail.
- Length: 3-5 feet

WHAT TO DO IF BITTEN

- Keep the bitten person still and calm. This can slow down the spread of venom if the snake is venomous.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible.
- Dial 911 or call EMS.
- Apply first aid if you cannot get the person to the hospital right away.
- Lay or sit the person down with the bite below the level of the heart.
- Wash the wound with warm soapy water.
- Cover the bite with a clean, dry dressing.



CORN SNAKE

(*Elaphe [Pantherophis] guttata*)

Non-Venomous

- Pattern: Orange, reddish brown, brown, or gray with squarish black-margined brown or reddish blotches. Belly is checkered with white and black.
- Length: 30-48 inches



BLACK RACER

(*Coluber constrictor*)

Non-Venomous

- Pattern: Adults are fully black but young are tan or grayish with brown or reddish blotches running down center of back.
- Length: 5 feet



BROWN SNAKE

(*Storeria dekayi*)

Non-Venomous

- Pattern: Usually brown but can be yellowish, reddish, or gray-brown. Two rows of dark spots along the back, dark streak down side of the head. Belly is light brown to white.
- Length: 6-13 inches



EASTERN GARTER SNAKE

(*Thamnophis sirtalis*)

Non-Venomous

- Pattern: Three yellow long stripes down a dark, checkered body grayish or reddish color.
- Length: 18-49 inches

Two dolphins swim into a (sand) bar...



daniel island nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

At first, there was nothing unusual – just the occasional sounds of breathing as some dolphins swam up Abapoola Creek. But despite their casual demeanor, these creatures were here for a specific purpose.

It began with a splash and a swirl. My dad looked up expectantly from his work in our boat – this was not the first performance near his dock. Suddenly came a wall of water filled with thrashing gray fins and tails. Frothy waves and dozens of fish were thrown into the air, with some landing on the creek's muddy shore. The dolphins slid partially up onto the bank, grabbed the fish stranded there and left almost as quickly as they came.

Meet the bottlenose dolphin, *Tursiops truncatus*, and its peculiar behavior known as “strand feeding.”

Who doesn't love dolphins? They are smart, work in teams, love to jump and play, and almost always look like they are smiling.



GREG PERALTA

A dolphin makes a meal of a mullet by a dock. Dolphins also feed in a more unconventional way – strand feeding where they use their tails and fins to toss fish on a bank.

And in case there is any confusion, these dolphins are mammals and are not related to the popular gamefish *Coryphaena hippurus*, commonly known as the dolphinfish, mahi-mahi or dorado. Don't be alarmed when you hear some local fisherman talk about catching a dolphin. He or she is certainly referring to the fish.



FRANK CONWAY

The Lowcountry is one of few places in the world to see dolphins engage in the unique behavior known as strand feeding.

I would include some fabulous photo of strand feeding if I had one, but it happens so quickly that it's rare to get a shot. When I asked “Fishing Trends” columnist Greg Peralta if he might share a photo of the behavior, he noted that “It happens so fast, I am never ready.” And Greg is out on the water all the time!

The good news is that an online search of “dolphin strand feeding” will produce several professional and many freelance videos. I par-

ticularly enjoyed a couple of short films shot on Seabrook Island by National Geographic. Watching a group, or “pod,” of dolphins, weighing up to 600 pounds beach themselves, grab a quick bite and “walk” themselves back into the water is truly spectacular.

“Strand feeding” cannot be observed just anywhere. While it was once thought to be isolated to South Carolina and Georgia, there are now about a half-dozen places in the world where this behavior is observed. That's not many places for a species that inhabits most of the warm saltwater areas of the earth.

Locally, the Johns Island/Kiawah Island/Seabrook Island area appears to be an epicenter. Perhaps even more fascinating than this high localization is the fact that the dolphins always slide out of the water on their right side – always. There are multiple theories as to why, and I will let the readers investigate and choose which one sounds best to them. I don't know.

Regardless, what fascinating creatures these bottlenose dolphins are! And we are lucky enough to live in a hotspot for one of their most unique and special behaviors.

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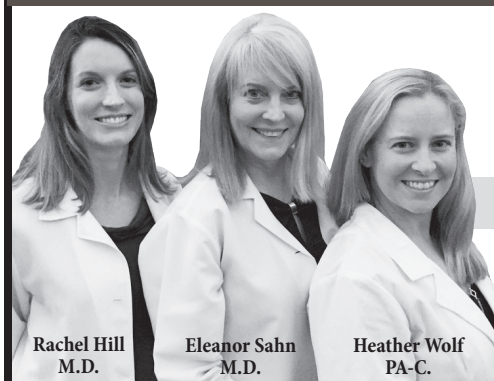
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meeting NOTES

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

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee will be held on April 29. The items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula include:

- Daniel Island Self Storage - Clements Ferry Road. Site plan review. Location: Clements Ferry Road. Acres: 4.25 Owner: Styx Development LLC. Applicant: Adc Engineering INC., 843-566-0161. Contact: Jeff Webb, jeffw@adcengineering.com.

Misc notes: Self storage building and RV/Boat storage.

- Marshes At Daniel Island Phases 1A & 1B - Fifth review of plat and road construction plans.

Project Classification: Major Subdivision. Location: 144 Fairbanks Drive, Daniel Island. Acres: 16.78. # Lots (for subdiv): 56. Owner: Sm Charleston LLC. Applicant: Seamonwhiteside + Associates INC., 843-884-1667 Contact: Patterson Farmer, pfarmer@seamonwhiteside.com.

- Daniel Island - Haswell - First review of subdivision concept plan. Project Classification: Major subdivision. Location: Seven Farms Drive & Haswell Street, Daniel Island. Acres: 8.15. # Lots (for subdiv): 24. # Units (multi-fam./Concept Plans): 24. Owner: David Weekley Homes. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton 724-561-3517. Contact: Bryce Lemon, lemon.b@tandh.com

Misc notes: Project CAP Page Site plans and subdivisions are reviewed by the following: Dept. of Planning, Preservation Sustainability, Zoning Division, GIS Division.

Results of these April 29 items were not available at press time.

Another meeting is slated for May 6 at 9 a.m. Currently there are no items for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula on the agenda.

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.

SPRING SAVE THE DATE EVENTS



HELP HOMELESS FAMILIES

Providence Church will be collecting items for One80 Place, the largest regionally focused provider of services to assist homeless families, until the end of April. One80 Place urgently needs the following items: NEW bath towels and washcloths, NEW bed sheets and pillow cases (full or twin), NEW standard pillows, NEW blankets (full or twin), NEW women's shoes (sizes 6 - 10), NEW men's shoes (sizes 9 - 13), NEW men's steel toe boots (sizes 9 - 13). Collection containers/tables labeled "180 Place Donations" will be located on the front and back porches of Providence Church sanctuary, 294 Seven Farms Drive.

SHREDDING EVENT

Shred360 will be coming to the Blackbaud parking lot across from 65 Fairchild Street on Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Open to the general public at no cost. Attendees are asked to limit their shredding materials to no more than 5 boxes/bags. Staples, clips, notebooks, binders, file folders, etc. are all acceptable items and don't need to be removed prior to shredding. To maintain social distancing, please remain in your cars. Service techs will be wearing masks and removing the items from your car.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Clare's Parish and Bishop England High School will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in the school parking lot. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. Appoint-

ments are limited. Masks are required. For information, email christinelark@gmail.com.

KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

The 10th Annual Daniel Island Kids Fishing Tournament Saturday, June 19, Smythe Park Lake, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. (Rain or shine.) Organized by the Daniel Island Inshore Fishing Club and presented by Scout Boats. Children ages 4 to 15 of families who reside or work on Daniel Island. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact Fred Danziger, Tournament Committee Chairman at 516-524-2208 or at fred.danziger13@gmail.com.

REGULAR MEETINGS

DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB meets via Zoom the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. Contact Linda Price, lmcwpr@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB meets the third Monday of each month, 8 a.m., at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Drive. All meetings are free and open to the public. No pre-registration required. Enter and exit through the front main entrance of the building.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL

ISLAND meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. For information: info@DIXchangeclub.org.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN: Charleston County Republican Women, luncheon meeting the fourth Monday each

month. Visit ECRW on facebook or email TBLAIRECRW@protonmail.com for information.

ROTARY CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND

meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. both in person at the Daniel Island Club and virtually. Email maryjo@mjrcc.com at danielislandrotary.com for more information.

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ISLAND meet on Zoom on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Members give speeches, develop communication and leadership skills. Email claire@eduave.com and follow them on Facebook.

WILLINGWAYS "CONTINUED CARE

GROUP" is designed to help families who have members struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. Meetings are held at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Road, Mondays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Rhett Crull, 843-323-711.

GOT A "SAVE THE DATE" ANNOUNCEMENT?

We want to run information about local events on our Save the Date page. Please send details to calendar@thedanielislandnews.com and remember to include the date, time, location, contact information, and whether the event is virtual or in-person.

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

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- 5 Disting, e.g.
- 10 Buck's finish
- 14 Pasternak heroine
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- 16 "That Touch of ____"
- 17 An end to television
- 18 "What's in ____?"
- 19 Quechuan Indian
- 20 Gap in a series
- 23 Chain item
- 24 Bottom
- 25 Chief justice: 1836-64
- 27 Soft palate
- 30 More blue
- 33 Movement for Makarova
- 36 Ages
- 38 Say-so
- 39 McShane, of "Lovejoy"
- 40 Pucker
- 42 Gretzky's org.
- 43 Buddhist scripture
- 45 ____ bean
- 46 Decisions at MSG
- 47 Hold
- 49 Kind of rocket
- 51 Sir Anthony, and family
- 53 Clears a tape
- 57 Place for some

- computers
- 59 Minimum amount of caring
- 62 Pennsylvania industrial center
- 64 Food coated with red wax
- 65 Nastase, of Romania
- 66 Informer
- 67 Virtuous
- 68 Business partner of Naomi, Christie and Claudia
- 69 Capture
- 70 Photographer Ansel
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DOWN

- 1 MacLaine's "Out on ____"
- 2 Couric, of "Today"
- 3 Behan or Yeats, e.g.
- 4 Solid
- 5 "The Long Goodbye" author
- 6 Suspend
- 7 ____ Office
- 8 Pardon
- 9 Actress Verdugo, et al.
- 10 Bon ____
- 11 Small-time

- 12 Long ago
- 13 All right
- 21 Opal or petal suffix
- 22 The jack
- 26 Tokyo, formerly
- 28 Author of "QB VII"
- 29 Lord's residence
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- 32 Peter and Bridget, to Jane: abbr.
- 33 Where Galileo was born
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- 52 Fillet
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- 55 Author Zola
- 56 Deride
- 57 Split
- 58 Emma Eames offering
- 60 River to the Caspian Sea
- 61 Cheese or cheese center
- 63 ____ out: strain

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Take This as a Compliment

Complement and compliment are homophones – two words that sound the same but have different meanings. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.



- 1. The goat cheese was a perfect _____ to her salad.
- 2. I would like to _____ this hotel for their service.
- 3. Your green sweater _____ your eyes perfectly!
- 4. My _____ to the chef!

Answers: **Complement** can be used as either a noun or a verb. It means to make better or complete. **Compliment** can also be used as a noun or verb and means to praise.

1. complement (noun) 2. compliment (verb) 3. complements (verb) 4. compliments (noun)

police **BLOTTER**

ELIZABETH HORTON

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department reports within the Team 5 area (Daniel Island and parts of the Cainhoy peninsula) between March 16 and March 31, 2021.

THEFT

On March 16, an officer met with a resident of an assisted living facility on Robert Daniel Drive in reference to a missing ring. According to the victim's daughter-in-law, who filed the report, only one piece of jewelry was kept in the apartment – an 18-karat gold double ring with one sapphire and a square diamond valued at \$3,000. The ring is either lost or has been stolen. A police report was filed for insurance purposes.

BICYCLE THEFTS

At 1:30 p.m. on March 16, a victim filed a report at the Team 5 office regarding a stolen bicycle. The bicycle was a 2004 Astrik Stryke, tan, with 23-inch frame and 26-inch tires, valued at \$3,600. It had been chained and locked near the rear entrance gate of his apartment complex, located on Central Island Street. Video surveillance at the gate is being reviewed.

On March 18, another bicycle theft was reported at an apartment complex on Seven Farms Drive. The bicycle, a men's blue Marin San Rafael, valued at \$600, had been chained and locked in the garage of the complex. It was illegally removed between March 12 and March 18. The victim provided a photo of the bike to the officer and verified that the chain had been cut. Camera footage was not available in the area.

FORGERY

An officer made contact with a complainant at a Clements Ferry Road business on March 19 regarding a forgery incident. Between December 2018 and October 2020, an unknown individual was intercepting the company's mail and cashing checks without authorization. The business sent invoices and received payments through the U.S. Postal Service for environmental services. When the company reached out to a client about a past due notice, it was discovered that the client had paid the bill by check, and it had been illegally cashed for \$1,015. An audit was then conducted, and the victim noted two other incidents. Checks from Charleston County Parks and Recreation had been mailed and illegally cashed. The total amount of stolen funds is \$6,600.

ROAD RAGE

On March 24 at 1:10 a.m., Team 5 responded to a parking lot on River Landing Drive in reference to an assault. The victim stated that he was driving on Seven Farms Drive, passed a police car, and flashed his lights at the oncoming vehicle. When the victim came to a stop in his vehicle, the driver of the opposing car, a male in his 20s, blocked him in with his car, yelled and cursed, then exited and banged on the victim's window, opened the door, pulled the victim out of his vehicle, and slapped him with an open hand. The suspect was identified and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



April 27, 2006

APRIL 27, 2006:
The top news story was the announcement of a private venture between The Daniel Island Company, Trammell Crow Residential and the Charleston Bank Consortium to build an 84-unit condominium development on the property behind the island's public elementary/middle school on Blakeway Street. The units were to be offered at below market value to qualified buyers and were to include mortgage assistance. In addition, 28 units were to be built for the City of Charleston Housing Authority to be rental units.

The feature centerfold story reported that there were at least two reports of identity theft in the first three months of the year – one case involved forged checks and the other credit card fraud.

TEN YEARS AGO



April 28, 2011

abused or neglected in their home or family environment. It was reported that in 2010, more than 5,800 new cases of child abuse and neglect were filed in South Carolina Family Court.

That same year, the South Carolina GAL program provided volunteers to advocate for 9,842 child victims. In Berkeley County alone, close to 500 children were served by 122 Guardian Ad Litem volunteers, with an estimated value of volunteer services equaling more than \$117,000.

APRIL 28, 2011:
The feature story was about how local resident Penny Heater joined about 200 volunteers in Charleston County training to serve as a Guardian Ad Litem, an advocate who plays a critical role in the Family Court system on behalf of children who have been

FIVE YEARS AGO



April 28, 2016

APRIL 28, 2016:
The centerpiece showcased the upcoming annual home show and tour. Information about each house on the tour was published.

In school news, there were photos of kindergartners at Daniel Island School celebrating Earth Day. The children toured the garden located on school property and learned about composting.

In island life, there were photos of the Daniel Island Historical Society celebrating Gullah culture at the second annual "Live Oak Lights: Illuminating our Heritage" event. The event included Gullah fashion, food, and music. There was also a reception to honor renowned artist Jonathan Green, whose artwork reflects his South Carolina Gullah heritage.

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