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City Council special election results in runoff

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Last week's special election for Charleston City Council's District 1 seat is still undecided. The seat will remain vacant for another week until a runoff is concluded on Tuesday, Jan. 25.



Boyd Gregg



Shawn Pinkston

The five-candidate race had a clear top vote-getter in Daniel Island resident Boyd Gregg, who received 35.5% of the vote. However, the consensus wasn't more than half the majority with Daniel Island resident Shawn Pinkston receiving 22.9% of votes and the other three candidates combined accounted for approximately the other half of the votes.

When Berkeley and Charleston counties' precincts began reporting their numbers, it became quite evident that the race would be heading to a runoff. What wasn't a sure thing was who would be the second vote-getter. Pinkston edged out Charleston resident Jen

Gibson by a handful of votes — literally just three.

The following are the official results with all precincts reporting from Berkeley and Charleston counties:

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Boyd Gregg: 652 votes – 35.5%

Shawn Pinkston: 420 votes – 22.9%

Jen Gibson: 417 votes – 22.8%

David Winkler: 264 votes – 14.4%

Tony Fogle: 81 votes – 4.4%

Total number of votes: 1,836 (two blank votes)

Total registered: 14,519

Voter turnout: 12.65%

As for the runoff between Gregg and Pinkston, there is still a week left of campaigning. Before voters go to the polls for a second time, the candidates wanted to restate their platforms to their constituents.

Gregg, a 13-year resident of Daniel Island, identifies himself as an infrastructure engineer, family man, entrepreneur, and community volunteer. He helps municipalities solve complex infrastructure challenges in a fiscally responsible manner.

With this background, Gregg stresses that

his expertise and skill set will help promote efficient government while delivering superior services for the people of Charleston.

"I spoke to the things that people in District 1 really care about, specifically infrastructure," Gregg said. "I think that's at the forefront of most people's minds as a key priority for us in maintaining our quality of life as we deal with rapid growth in the Cainhoy peninsula and the flooding problems downtown."

Additionally, the welfare of public safety personnel is a huge priority of Gregg's. His objective is to make sure police and fire departments are well staffed and have the resources in District 1, which includes strengthening the staffing of Team 5 on Daniel Island.

When asked how Gregg would advise his children to vote in elections when they are eligible in the future, he replied "Get educated on the issues in the community that are important to you and then find a candidate that speaks to those things."

Pinkston, a lawyer, small business owner and Army veteran, has also served as the president and vice president of the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association and on the boards

of the Daniel Island Community Association, Rotary Club and the Exchange Club.

Pinkston's agenda revolves around bettering communities, particularly the roads, in District 1. He wants to see that return on investment for quality of life through the use of taxpayers' dollars.

Pinkston's priorities include repaving Seven Farms Drive, the replacement of the ever aging Beresford Creek Bridge on Daniel Island Drive, the widening of I-526 and the continued widening of Clements Ferry Road.

"People know I'm a fighter," Pinkston said. "People know where I stand on the issues, I tell people where I stand on the issues and I'm willing to fight for those issues."

When asked how Pinkston would advise his children to vote in elections when they are eligible in the future, he replied "Vote for the most well rounded candidate. Vote for the candidate that you believe best represents those values in which you believe and the candidate who is going to fight for those values. Look at their experience, background and community involvement."

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DINA Board election yields three newcomers, one incumbent

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There are many new faces on the newly elected board of the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association (DINA). The main reason being, only one incumbent ran for re-election amid an eight-candidate race.

On Jan. 13, the recently built Daniel Island Recreation Center was host to a crowded meeting room, as residents filed in one after another to cast their vote. The turnout was higher than anticipated, so much that more ballots had to be printed on the recreation center's copier.

All DINA board offices were contested, including president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Each position was a two-person race, except for the treasurer's

title which ended up being unopposed due to a candidate's late withdrawal.

Below are the results of the DINA board election, verified on site by The Daniel Island News:

PRESIDENT

Doyle Hooper: 36.1% – 31 votes

Andrea Sullivan: 63.9% – 55 votes

VICE PRESIDENT

Danielle Beer: 37.8% – 31 votes

Bob Michalak: 62.2% – 51 votes

TREASURER

*Zach Hasseler: 20.3% – 16 votes

Kelly Stechmesser: 79.7% – 63 votes

SECRETARY

Debbie Geilfuss: 72.8% – 59 votes

Steve Sarkees: 27.2% – 22 votes

*Candidate withdrew

For a brief biography of each candidate, visit the Daniel Island Property Owner's Association website at dicommunity.org/announcements/dina-board-election-announcement/.



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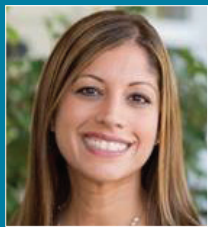
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The Daniel Island News launches monthly author series

Local children's book authors kick off literary series Jan. 26



from the publisher

SUZANNE DETAR

The Daniel Island News will launch its monthly author series of 2022 on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The first in the series features two children book authors: Vijaya Bodach and Pamela Brownstein. Bodach also wrote a contemporary young adult novel. They will speak on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the theater at Daniel's Pointe Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Drive. This event is free and open to the public.

Vijaya Bodach is a Daniel Island author with over 70 children's books to her name, including "Ten Easter Eggs." She has a Ph.D. in Biochemistry/Biophysics and many of her children's books are science related and published by a variety of educational publishers including Benchmark, Scholastic, Capstone Press, Perfection Learning, and Compass Media. Some of these are only available for the school/library market but many others are available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Powell's Books, at other local independent bookstores and at the library.

Bodach's Amazon author profile describes her as "a scientist-turned-children's writer, an atheist-turned-Catholic, and most recently, a writer-turned-publisher (Bodach Books)."

She plans to highlight her contemporary young adult novel, "Bound." To learn more about this prolific island writer, visit her website at vijayabodach.blogspot.com.

Brownstein will talk about her recently published book "Low-Ku: Haikus of the Lowcountry." This is Brownstein's first children's book. She is an award-winning journalist and graphic artist, having earned her journalism degree from Penn State University.

Brownstein has more than 15 years of experience working as a writer, copy editor and graphic designer for several newspapers and magazines in South Carolina, including The Daniel Island News, The Beaufort Gazette, The Island Packet, and The Electric City News. She was editor of The Island News in Beaufort, South Carolina, for five years, and has earned numerous South Carolina Press Association awards.

"Low-Ku: Haikus of the Lowcountry" is illustrated by Tessa Lisiecka. The book is available on Amazon. For more information, visit <https://lowku.godaddysites.com/>.

MORE ABOUT THE SERIES

Our plan is to host local Daniel Island, Lowcountry and other South Carolina authors the last Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Most of the events are free to the public and are an opportunity for writers and readers to connect. Authors will speak, share insights and challenges, and take questions. After the event,

their books will be offered for sale and they will be available to sign books and talk with readers.

There will be 11 author events on the last Wednesday of each month and the final event, set for early December, will be a book signing bringing the featured authors and event sponsors together at one location. As part of the series, the paper will donate featured authors' books to the Daniel Island Library.

We anticipate hosting at least two authors at each event for a total of 22 authors throughout the year.

You can learn about each event and featured authors by reading the paper, following our social media platforms, signing up for our e-newsletters, through the POA website, and through our sponsors.

In addition to the free events, we are working on a special ticketed event with nationally known Lowcountry authors. Details, literacy beneficiaries, and confirmations are still in the works and will be released when finalized.

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LETTER to the editor

BOYD GREGG: UNIQUELY QUALIFIED

Boyd Gregg, a long time Daniel Island resident and engineer who specializes in infrastructure projects for local municipalities around the country, is uniquely qualified to represent our interests on Charleston City Council. He has the right temperament to work collaboratively with the other members of council, and he knows the difference between what is a city council concern and what has no business muddying the important business of our local government. At a time when some of Charleston's biggest challenges come down to infrastructure, council will more greatly benefit from an engineer's expertise than from yet another attorney's.

We have known Boyd and his family for a long time, and we are proud to urge every single voter to return to the polls on Jan. 25 to vote in the run-off election for Boyd Gregg.

Rindy Ryan
Daniel Island

READER SURVEY: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING?

Following the 2020 Census, many state and local governments are now going through a redistricting process to adjust for



population changes. Berkeley County will hold a public meeting on Jan. 24 for feedback on its proposed plan (see brief on page 8). The residential area along Clements Ferry Road will continue to be divided with District 8 on the northside of the road and District 2 on the southside. Where do you think the district border should be? Share your thoughts online at surveymonkey.com/r/Berkeley_County_Redistricting or use the QR code by Sunday, Jan. 23, 5 p.m. And be sure to tell us what you think about the proposed redistricting in the poll comments section. See the map online at berkeleycountysc.gov/redistricting/.

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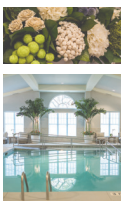
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For questions regarding grant funding, please contact Cecilia Anthony, grants specialist, at 843-719-4766 or cecilia.anthony@berkeleycountysc.gov.

All applications for grant funding must be submitted to and received by the Berkeley County Finance Department by 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31. Applications can be found on the Berkeley County website at berkeleycountysc.gov.

TODD BUDDIN TO SERVE AS BERKELEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2022 PRESIDENT

The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce announced the 2022 board of directors on Jan. 5. Todd Buddin, president and CEO of First National Bank of South Carolina, will serve as 2022 chamber president. "Serving as the president of the Berkeley Chamber's Board of Directors is an honor," Buddin said.

"In 2022, the chamber will be focused on growing and strengthening our businesses and building synergy throughout the business community. Our board of directors focus will be on developing and expanding programs and opportunities for our businesses, along with addressing and advocating the key issues that affect our members: workforce, infrastructure, education, training, and planned growth of our region," he stated.

Also joining the board are Derek Harris, senior project manager/land and housing development at Brookfield Properties; Rod Whiting, vice president, public relations and communications at Trident Health;

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BERKELEY COUNTY SEEKING FEEDBACK ON REDISTRICTING

Berkeley County is seeking public input on its proposed redistricting plan by encouraging citizens to submit comments and/or questions online now through Thursday, Jan. 20.

Later this month, Berkeley County is scheduled to hold a second and final public hearing regarding redistricting and reapportionment of county council districts. The public hearing will take place during the regularly scheduled county council meeting starting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, in the assembly room of the County Administration Building, located at 1003 Highway 52 in Moncks Corner.

During the public hearing, members of the public are invited to comment on the updated map, still in the preliminary stage.

Redistricting takes place every 10 years following the release of new data from the U.S. Census. District boundaries for federal, state and local elected offices are also redrawn to reflect shifting populations and other updated data from the census.

To view the online submission form or to download and view the redistricting map proposal, visit berkeleycountysc.gov.

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Proactive school security a top priority for Berkeley County School District

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In 2021, there were 34 school shootings in the United States — a record high since 2018, according to data collected by Education Weekly. Most recently, tragedy struck in Oxford, Michigan, on Nov. 30, 2021, when four students were killed when a sophomore opened fire at his high school, using a gun that was an early Christmas gift. The impact was felt around the nation.

Though school shootings are statistically rare, high-profile reports of gun violence ignite feelings of fear, worry, and grief in students, teachers, administrators, and parents. Schools continue to search for solutions to keep their campuses safe.

Tim Knight, director of safety and security for the Berkeley County School District, said that his team takes a proactive approach and works hard to think outside of the box when it comes

to security. This year, the district has invested in security upgrades including surveillance cameras, “Knox Box” entry systems, the Raptor Visitor Management system, additional security lighting, emergency notification systems, and fire alarm upgrades.

Each year, the Berkeley County School District plans and executes two large scale crisis simulations, and partners with local and national law enforcement to give teachers and administrators hands-on training.

“We’ll pick a school and conduct full scale emergency exercises using scenario-based training,” Knight said. “We are essentially testing our emergency procedures, evaluating and analyzing the roles of front office staff, the administration team, and teachers. From this, we will build our safety program year after year.”

Protocols will be examined by Scott Cook, a full-time security and emergency training officer for

the district who was hired in September 2021. Cook has 26 years of experience in law enforcement. Next month, active shooter training and gunfire demonstrations will be offered in-person to 200 teachers at the annual school district professional development conference, hosted by Cane Bay schools.

Dr. Anthony Dixon, chief academic and innovation officer for the school district, recalled his own experience participating in the active shooter training. “Walking through the scenario where an actual gun was used and blanks were shot was an eye-opening experience.”

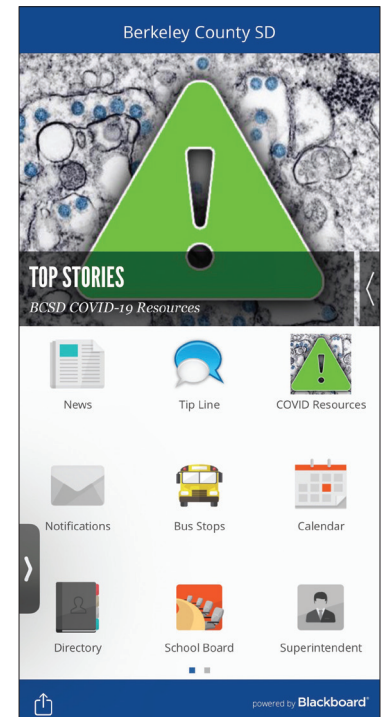
Dixon said that being engaged in a realistic drill allowed him to participate in the situation, get a feel for the timing and the sound of the shot, and to oversee the process in real time so that each administrator had practice in performing their role.

School Resource Officers

participate in active shooter training at least once a year, which is facilitated by the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office. The officers participate in an interactive simulator controlled by an instructor. The officers then move on to an exercise where teams of two would walk through the school and tackle life-like situations. They have different objectives during active shooter training: maybe it is locating and making contact with a suspicious person, and maybe that person is armed; maybe it is providing aid to wounded occupants in the building after disarming a threat.

Social media will have a more active role in the district’s initiative to educate groups, particularly parents, about planned security programs, Knight stated. On Jan. 20, a presentation designed to educate families about school safety will be offered at The Daniel Island School.

See **SECURITY** on **PAGE 11**



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The Berkeley County School District has a mobile app, as well as a tip line, where suspicious incidents can be reported to security officers in real time.



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Training drills part of protocol

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Dixon said it's important to encourage students to speak up if something seems out of place. "If you see something, it's okay to say something."

The school district has a 24-hour tip line and callers may remain anonymous. Reporting can make the difference in keeping others safe. The tip line number is 1-855-OK-SAY-IT (1-855-657-2948).

The school district also has a mobile app with a "Tip Line" button that accepts anonymous reports. Katie Tanner, chief communications and community engagement officer for the district, explained, "Our security and emergency team monitors the tips. The app works in real time and safety officers will investigate a tip anytime of the day or night."

School resource officers are also instrumental in passing along information from students or parents.

"My communication team also monitors social media so we can report any activity we see that is receiving high engagement and our technology department monitors district owned devices for keywords," Tanner added.

Knight reiterated, "We investigate every tip."

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE

Tips for parents and teachers (from the National Association of School Psychologists).

REASSURE KIDS THEY ARE SAFE

Emphasize that schools are very safe. Validate their feelings. Explain that all feelings are okay when a tragedy occurs. Let children talk about their feelings, help put them into perspective, and assist them in expressing these feelings appropriately.

MAKE TIME TO TALK

Let their questions be your guide as to how much information to provide. Be patient; children and youth do not always talk about their feelings readily. Watch for clues that they may want to talk, such as hovering around while you do the dishes or yard work. Some children prefer writing, playing music, or doing an art project as an outlet.

KEEP EXPLANATIONS DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE

Early elementary school children need brief, simple information that should be balanced with reassurances that their school and homes are safe and that adults are there

to protect them. Give simple examples of school safety like reminding children about exterior doors being locked, child monitoring efforts on the playground, and emergency drills practiced during the school day.

Upper elementary and early middle school children will be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what is being done at their school. They may need assistance separating reality from fantasy. Discuss efforts of school and community leaders to provide safe schools.

Upper middle school and high school students will have strong and varying opinions about the causes of violence in schools and society. They will share concrete suggestions about how to make school safer and how to prevent tragedies in society. Emphasize the role that students have in maintaining safe schools by following school safety guidelines.

REVIEW SAFETY PROCEDURES

This should include procedures and safeguards at school and at home. Help children identify at least one adult at school and in the community to whom they go if they feel threatened or at risk.

OBSERVE CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL STATE

Some children may not express their concerns verbally. Changes in behavior, appetite, and sleep patterns can also indicate a child's level of anxiety or discomfort. In most children, these symptoms will ease with reassurance and time. Seek the help of a mental health professional if you are at all concerned.

LIMIT TELEVISION VIEWING OF THESE EVENTS

Limit television viewing and be aware if the TV is on in common areas. Developmentally inappropriate information can cause anxiety or confusion, particularly in young children. Adults also need to be mindful of the content of conversations that they have with each other in front of children.

MAINTAIN A NORMAL ROUTINE

Keeping to a regular schedule can be reassuring and promote physical health. Ensure that children get plenty of sleep, regular meals, and exercise. Encourage them to keep up with their schoolwork and extracurricular activities but don't push them if they seem overwhelmed.

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A financial cleanse for the 2021 hangover



financial news

STEPHANIE MACKARA

Refocus your financial health in order to align financial spending, saving and investing with your goals.

I just started a juice cleanse today. It's only three days, so I'm pretty sure my family and I will make it out alive. I decided to do the cleanse because I felt like I lost sight of basic discipline and self-control when it came to eating and drinking over the holidays.

Many of you probably feel the same; fortunately, there are a plethora of amazing trainers and resources to help guide people toward a healthy 2022. My favorite is Daniel Island's own JD fitness. What I realized is that many people also have what I refer to as a "spending hangover;" however, there just aren't as many resources to help refocus and realign our spending habits in a healthy way.

Of course, there is always Siri or Google. My research shows that more people will Google "get out of debt" the first week of the year than any other week in the year. I am here to help you refocus your financial health in order to align your financial spending, saving and investing with your goals. Just like a physical cleanse, a financial cleanse helps

to reset and break habits and get out of debt! The following five steps can help you stop "living rich but feeling broke" and instead provide clarity and insights into your spending and savings patterns and put you back in control of your future.

• **First, and in my opinion, most important, you must change your mindset.** You are no longer a consumer, you are a producer. Repeat that again, let it sink in. You are a saver, not a spender — a wealth generator. What is your "why?" Why do you want financial security? Freedom, peace of mind, generational wealth, early retirement.

When you shift your mindset about your place in the consumer chain, you begin to measure everything against your value system, your "why." Flip from "get money, spend money" to "get money, save money, investment money."

• **Second, treat your household like a business.** Many of you reading this article are either owners or previously owned a

business or have worked in an environment where you were responsible for managing to a bottom line. Treat your household spending as the business of You, Inc. We create a Personal Balance Sheet for every client we work with; it is intended to be comparable to a business income statement. A tool to track progress and manage a budget. Start by creating a spending budget for your household.

• **Four numbers you should know:** monthly income, monthly expenses, how much you can save each month while paying down debt without incurring additional debt, and your personal net worth. This is your starting point. With these numbers you can manage your monthly cash flow and begin to save more. Start by tracking your monthly cash flow, this will provide clarity around your spending habits and patterns. This is similar to a food log — the more mindful we are about what we put in our body and how we spend our money, the easier it is to evaluate and course correct.

• **Track your progress:** the greatest motivator is seeing progress. Plug in your numbers and understand where your dollars are going and what is left to save. Become accountable for your spending habits. Start by using free online software to track your progress, Mint.com is a good one.

• **Make your spending count:** At this point you have determined your "why," incorporated your household, understand your spending habits and are ready to make a change. So when you spend, make it count! Before you buy, ask yourself: What is my long-term gain from this? What is my Return On Investment? If, by putting it on a credit card, am I stealing from the future to pay for the past? You can and should indulge here and there, but it should be done within a plan and for the right reasons.

Spend your time and energy on things that really matter to you. Keeping up with the Joneses is superficial — and honestly, the Joneses may be living paycheck to paycheck. They may be portraying an image they can't afford. Be true to who you are and what inspires you. And here's to a prosperous, healthy and fulfilling 2022!

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Walking the leadership tightrope



management moment

DOUG DICKERSON

Standing at only 5 feet and 5 inches and weighing in at only 140 pounds, by standards of stature, he was not that impressive. But Charles Blondin was a showman extraordinaire and people would come from all over the world to watch him perform.

Blondin, also known as “The Great Blondin,” was a tightrope walker and was famous for his daredevil walks across Niagara Falls back in the 1800s.

On one such occasion, he called out to the crowd, “I am the Great Blondin, who believes I can cross Niagara Falls on this tightrope?” The crowd would roar with approval and watch in amazement. On another occasion, Blondin reached in his pocket and pulled out a handkerchief, and called out, “I am the Great Blondin, who believes I can cross Niagara Falls on this tightrope, while blindfolded?” The crowd roared with ap-

proval, “We believe!”

Then Blondin pulled away a sheet revealing a wheelbarrow. Again he called out to the crowd, “I am the Great Blondin, who believes that I can walk this tightrope across Niagara Falls, while blindfolded, pushing this wheelbarrow?” The crowd roared its approval, “We believe!”

Finally, Blondin gave the ultimate challenge, “I am the Great Blondin, who wants to get in the wheelbarrow with me?” With that, the crowd fell silent.

In many ways, leadership is like walking a tightrope. You will have a lot of spectators and people will come from all over to cheer you on – until you ask them to get in the wheelbarrow with you.

But what are some of the more common tightrope issues leaders have to deal with? Here, I’d like to point out a few of the most common ones and why they are tightrope issues.

WALKING THE TIGHTROPE BETWEEN YOUR PRINCIPLES AND POPULARITY

It’s a struggle many leaders wrestle with

— the balancing act between wanting to be liked versus doing the right thing.

Walking this tightrope can lead to you making decisions based on the way the winds of popular opinion are blowing today and your desire to be liked. When faced with this dilemma, always choose to stick to your principles over your popularity.

WALKING THE TIGHTROPE BETWEEN PUTTING THE TEAM ABOVE YOUR PERSONAL SUCCESS

This is another common tightrope leader’s walk — finding the balance between putting the good of the team ahead of your own personal success.

When your people see that you will put them first, they will go the extra mile not just for the team but for you.

WALKING THE TIGHTROPE BETWEEN WHAT YOUR PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR AND WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR

How you communicate is just as important as what you communicate. Learning how to walk the tightrope in your communication

between what your people need to hear and what they want to hear can be a real balancing act.

Make it a priority to learn how to genuinely communicate with your people and build off of a relationship of trust.

WALKING THE TIGHTROPE BETWEEN EMPOWERING YOUR PEOPLE VS MANAGING PEOPLE

Every good leader knows that you manage things and lead people. Your balancing act is usually found between how you empower your people and falling back on managing them. Understand this – your people want to be empowered, not managed.

The sooner you learn this lesson as a leader the better for you and better for your team. Your work as a leader is to empower your people to become the best they can be. Sometimes that happens by getting out of the way.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Walking the tightrope in leadership is nothing new. Keep your focus on what matters most and don’t allow yourself to lose your balance due to things that don’t matter. Keep your focus and always put others first.

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Record home sells on DI to wrap up 2021

HOMES THAT SOLD IN DECEMBER



Tricia Peterson

Twenty-seven homes sold on Daniel Island in December. The least expensive home sold was a condo at 130 River Landing Drive, which sold for \$189,000. The most expensive home sold was in Daniel Island Park on Bermuda Isle Street, which closed at \$6.4 million. Total sales for November were \$41,678,063.

According to Tricia Peterson with Island House Real Estate, there has been no change in the uptick of home prices and the lack of inventory.

“The prices continue to rise month after month with little increases in available inventory. Buyer wishlists still put new/renovated homes, pools, views and larger lots at the top,” Peterson said.

There was one particular transaction during December worthy of mentioning. Record-breaking in fact.

“December sales on Daniel Island had some pretty impressive closings, namely 614 Bermuda Isle Street closed for \$6.4 million. It was the most expensive home that ever closed on Daniel Island,” Peterson added.

- 1077 Barfield St. - \$705,000
- 1958 Bellona St. - \$1,275,000
- 111 Beresford Creek St. - \$1,385,000
- 119 Beresford Creek St. - \$1,157,000
- 127 Beresford Creek St. - \$1,500,000
- 614 Bermuda Isle St. - \$6,400,000
- 1240 Blakeway St. - \$1,150,000
- 1225 Blakeway St. #602 - \$365,000
- 811 Center Park St. - \$545,000
- 482 Creek Landing St. - \$4,000,000
- 4009 Crown Pointe St. - \$1,055,563
- 79 Dalton St. - \$3,500,000
- 248 Delahow St. - \$2,550,000
- 308 Ginned Cotton St. - \$1,250,000
- 103 Iron Bottom Lane - \$1,875,000
- 220 King George St. - \$1,755,500
- 120 Nobels Point St. - \$2,375,000

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
April	29	25	22	38	\$21,877,933	\$22,933,229	\$17,382,532	\$39,994,775
May	33	38	20	54	\$25,304,147	\$33,828,169	\$16,069,400	\$66,726,340
June	46	45	51	53	\$35,354,667	\$33,624,296	\$51,424,771	\$65,478,800
July	32	30	61	50	\$28,126,722	\$21,411,329	\$54,504,748	\$70,231,467
August	36	39	48	63	\$27,799,949	\$27,879,600	\$48,663,823	\$74,046,460
September	25	26	57	39	\$21,384,686	\$20,520,565	\$63,680,403	\$46,091,470
October	17	24	62	37	\$13,220,241	\$16,615,825	\$57,934,023	\$44,705,585
November	21	22	47	35	\$16,874,070	\$18,646,574	\$46,020,216	\$46,100,000
December	21	31	43	27	\$17,803,292	\$29,027,031	\$48,971,346	\$41,678,063
YEAR TOTALS	341	345	498	508	\$265,523,246	\$262,723,717	\$475,878,541	\$606,240,942

- 1874 Pierce St. - \$605,000
- 1260 Smythe St. - \$1,226,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #7106 - \$189,000
- 1405 Tidal Mill Place - \$1,300,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #7309 - \$205,000
- 2623 Townsend Place - \$900,000
- 101 Scott St. - \$1,025,000
- 3019 Viscount St. - \$885,000
- 225 Seven Farms Drive #306 - \$850,000
- 1458 Wando View St. - \$1,650,000



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HEALTHY HABITS

Keeping your body protected against common winter colds, illnesses and COVID

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Love or hate the winter weather, staying healthy during the colder months can be a challenge. Spending more time inside with dry air and close quarters can help spread seasonal illnesses. Dr. Edward Giove with Daniel Island Family Medicine on Seven Farms Drive, and Dr. Elizabeth Whirrett, a family medicine provider at High Tide Internal Medicine in Mount Pleasant, both stress to patients the importance of eating a healthy diet, staying hydrated, practicing good hygiene, exercising and getting plenty of sleep.



Dr. Edward Giove has lived on Daniel Island for more than 20 years. In 2019, he opened Daniel Island Family Medicine, where he provides comprehensive health care through all stages of life, from children to seniors.



Dr. Elizabeth Whirrett lives on Daniel Island and provides full-service family medical care at High Tide Internal Medicine in Mount Pleasant, a part of East Cooper Medical Group.



EAT HEALTHY

A diet full of fruits and vegetables and immune-boosting foods can help the body fight infections and disease. Trading salty snacks and sugary treats for lean proteins and whole foods can go a long way in keeping you well.

"I talk to (patients) about what they're eating for breakfast, lunch and dinner and then make little tweaks to how they can go with a healthier diet and not focus on fad diets," Whirrett said.

Giove also encourages supplements like vitamin C, zinc and vitamin D during cold and flu season. "Vitamin D has been in vogue over the last few years with deficiencies being common and (studies showing) that it helps with immunity," he said.



STAY HYDRATED

Dr. Whirrett encourages people to drink plenty of water. "When I tell patients they are supposed to be drinking half their weight in ounces of water a day they are pretty shocked," she said. "And stay away from caffeinated beverages and alcohol that will dehydrate you."

It's also beneficial to keep skin and nasal passages hydrated. Dry, cracked skin can allow bacteria into the body, so using lotion for skin and saline spray in the nose can bring back moisture. A room humidifier also helps combat dry air.

"I see patients when they're sick or have allergies overdo the antihistamines and the decongestants and that dries out the mucous membranes," Whirrett said. "It's the same concept where you over dry and make your body more susceptible to infections."



KEEP IT CLEAN

Practicing good hygiene is one of the best ways to prevent catching and spreading illness. The viruses that cause colds, flu and COVID-19 are all spread from the nose and mouth of infected people.

"Cover your cough, cover your sneezes, then wash your hands afterwards," said Giove, who reminds his pediatric patients to cough or sneeze into their elbow or a tissue.

"Hand washing is one of the biggest things we push patients to do," Whirrett said. "Use hand sanitizer if you can't wash, but I'm a big proponent of washing your hands as much as you can, especially in the wintertime."

Disinfecting high-touch surfaces also helps reduce the spread of bacteria and viruses. And try to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible.



GET MOVING AND SLEEP TIGHT

Regular physical activity is important in helping the body and mind fight seasonal ailments and the winter blues. Even a short daily walk can lower blood pressure and boost metabolism, energy levels, and vitamin D intake from the sun.

"I always recommend exercise," Whirrett said. "I try to stress to my patients doing a cardiovascular-type exercise plus weight training ... year-round people should be exercising to take care of themselves."

And both doctors emphasize the value of a good night's sleep. "Sleep is where your body regenerates itself, it's how it gets healthy again," according to Whirrett.

Giove said he talks with all his patients about the benefits of a balanced diet, exercising and getting plenty of sleep, but it's particularly vital for children to stay physically active and mentally healthy.

"Try to stay off social media as much as possible and limit TV," he suggests to his younger patients. "Spend more time with friends and exercising and reading. It's important to start kids getting into good habits."



COLD, FLU OR COVID?

What happens when a patient comes into the office feeling under the weather? The cold, flu and COVID-19 can all have similar symptoms, and doctors say it's getting more difficult to tell them apart.

"This time of year we recommend getting a COVID test, a flu test and a strep swab if they have a sore throat to help us distinguish between the three of them," Whirrett said. "But even before COVID came about, it was difficult because viruses are very similar ... you have to use your clinical judgment and years of experience to distinguish between all of them."

Giove also uses a variety of testing methods to help diagnose patients. "Luckily we have some rapid tests now that, although not 100 percent predictive, can tell us what's going on," he said. "Right now we're doing a lot of rapid COVID tests and if that's negative, we'll do a flu test and treat based on that."

The flu typically presents with classic symptoms, according to Giove. "If you see somebody who is feeling fine one minute and has a sudden onset of fever and body aches with a dry cough and nasal congestion, that's usually the hallmark of the flu; it hits you hard and fast," he said.

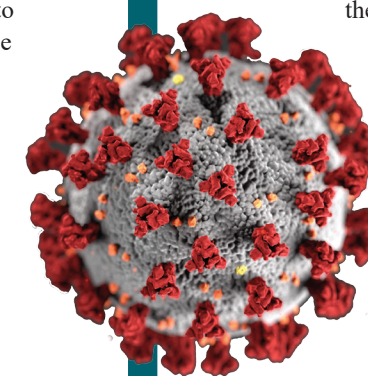
"A regular head cold starts with a sore throat followed by congestion and cough," Giove added. "... and COVID keeps changing, but right now it presents like a head cold with or without fever."

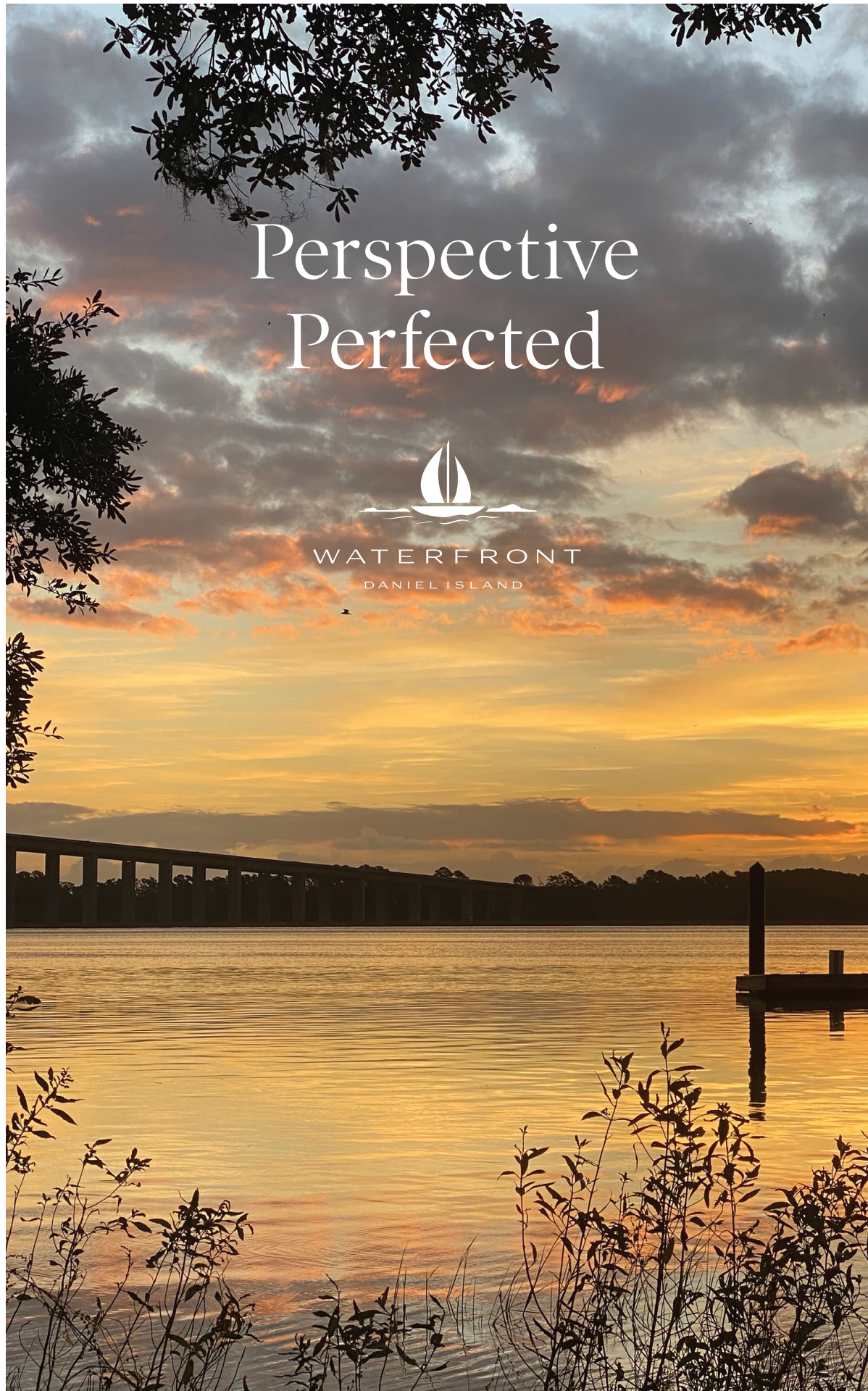
If a patient tests positive for COVID-19, Giove tells them to quarantine and seek emergency medical attention if they start developing shortness of breath. He also recommends getting a pulse oximeter to keep an eye on oxygen saturations and he looks for secondary bacterial infections like pneumonia.

He said a big challenge now is the lack of therapeutics for COVID, and his office is flooded with patient calls inquiring about medications. "With the flu we have antivirals like Tamiflu and Xofluza that can shorten the course, so it's a little less frustrating."

The CDC recommends patients with COVID-19 who are recovering at home take over-the-counter medicine, like acetaminophen or ibuprofen, to ease symptoms.

There are not yet any widely-used prescription drugs for outpatient use, but Giove said he is optimistic about new treatments and antiviral medications on the horizon.





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Philip Simmons to field first boys' varsity lacrosse program

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Nate Gowan didn't have much time to celebrate when he was named the first coach of the Philip Simmons High School boys' lacrosse team last winter.

The Iron Horses were fielding a team for the first time in the school's brief history, and Gowan was selected to guide the program. He was named head coach on Jan. 20, 2021, and the first practice was held 12 days later.

But he had time to savor the success. The school fielded only a junior varsity team last spring, and the Iron Horses posted a 4-2 record in a season that was shortened by COVID-19.

"They were in the beginning stages down here," said Gowan, a native of Buffalo, New York, who played lacrosse for Rutgers. "That's why I came down here. I wanted to create something special, and something that lasts. I received good coaching when I was a player, and good coaching breeds good coaching."

This spring, the Iron Horses will field their first varsity team and Gowan has much more time to prepare. Although the team is young and isn't abundantly experienced, Gowan is ready for the challenge and to continue to grow the program.



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Philip Simmons High School will field its first boys' varsity lacrosse program this spring under head coach Nate Gowan, who coached the junior varsity team last season.

"It helps to have last year to build off," Gowan said. "Last year, we built the foundation. We just don't want to be a varsity team. We want to be a program – and that includes both varsity and junior varsity."

About 30-40 student-athletes have been working to prepare for the season, and Gowan expects the number to increase once the players who play winter sports join the team.

"A lot of the players who were on the

junior varsity team will play on the varsity this year," said Gowan, who anticipates fielding both JV and varsity squads. "I'm excited about the season, and having the opportunity to turn some heads. People really don't know much about the team, who we are or what we're about. We can turn some heads by winning some games."

While the Philip Simmons program is new, some of the potential stars already have lacrosse experience at the club level. That includes Lucas Mullaney, Jacob Morris and Andrew McQuade, who also shone on the junior varsity team.

Mullaney is a goalkeeper who plays at a high level, and showed improvement every week last year. This spring, he could be one of the top keepers in the Lowcountry.

Gowan describes attacker Morris as the "quarterback" of the team who combines strength and athleticism and converts it into good shots and goals.

McQuade should split time between attack and midfield, a transfer from Bishop England.

The team will open its season Feb. 22 with a home game against Carolina Forest.

"We are excited to start the season," Gowan said. "We are ready to win some games and turn some heads."

Bishops' Runey chases SC's most-winningest coaches

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Bishop England girls' basketball coach Paul Runey was expected to reach another coaching milestone on Tuesday, Jan. 18, when the Bishops played North Charleston. The veteran coach was aiming for his 750th career victory on Tuesday evening, after the paper went to print.

One thing was just as impressive: Runey's team was gunning for its 114th consecutive region victory when the Bishops hosted the Cougars at Father O'Brien Gymnasium in a Region 8-AAA contest.

Ironically, North Charleston, which entered the game with a 2-8 record, was the last team to defeat the Bishops in region play. On Jan. 4, 2011, North Charleston posted a 67-54 victory over the Bishops when the schools

competed in Region 6-AA.

Since then, the Bishops have averaged 66.4 points per game in region play while allowing only 29.7 points per game.

Runey, meanwhile, began the 2021-22 season as the state's sixth winningest girls' high school basketball coach, according to Palmetto's Finest, the official publication of The South Carolina High School League.

Runey has moved up to No. 3 on the list as the Bishops posted nine victories in their first 15 games. Only Anne Long and Fred Senter have more career victories as girls' high school basketball coaches in the Palmetto State.

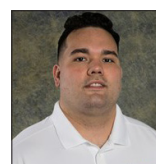
Long coached at Dutch Fork and Spring Valley from 1974-2015 and logged 824 career victories. Senter coached at Mullins from 1961-2006 and posted 792 career wins.

Runey was at the helm of the program when the Bishops won their first state title during the 2011-12 season. The Bishops posted a 236-21 record from 2011-12 to 2020-

21 and won six state titles to become the gold standard for girls basketball in South Carolina.

BE ALUM WINS D3 FOOTBALL TITLE

Remember Bishop England standout football lineman Adam Dobbins?



Adam Dobbins

The Hanahan resident played on two state championship teams for coach John Cantey as the Bishops won back-to-back titles in 2011 and 2012.

Well, he's still winning championships as a football player. The 6-foot-1, 295-pounder was a member of the Mary Hardin-Baylor football team that recently won the NCAA Division III title.

In mid-December, Mary Hardin-Baylor posted a 57-24 victory over North Central (Illinois) in the NCAA Division III national

championship game, which was contested in Canton, Ohio.

Mary Hardin-Baylor, located in Belton, Texas, finished with a 15-0 record. The Crusaders "claimed" a 20-0 record during the 2021 calendar year because the American Southwest Conference played a five-game spring schedule to compensate for not playing in the fall of 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dobbins began his college career playing for Wheaton College, located in Chicago.

He is working on his MBA at Mary Hardin-Baylor, a private Christian university that was chartered by the Republic of Texas in 1845. It has nearly 4,000 students and awards degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. It is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Dobbins was a three-year starter and two-time all-state selection on the gridiron at BE. He also lettered in track.



Paul Runey

Spontaneous fishing never spoils the fun



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Sometimes fishing does not go according to plan. Saturday was one of those days.

My son Elliott, my brother David, Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, and I pulled away from the dock at 6:30 a.m. Our plan was to hit the 30-fathom curve and troll for wahoo and blackfin tuna. However, upon clearing the jetties, it became clear a 50-mile run was not in the cards. A strong northeasterly wind made sea conditions choppy and confused. Brody described the conditions as “ruff.” Of course, that is the only word Brody knows how to say. But in this case it was appropriate.

Rather than go home, we decided to work our way south to a ledge in 45 feet of water. Traditionally, large schools of redfish spend the winter there. Upon our arrival,

the depth finder showed a large school fish holding near the bottom. Brody described this as “ruff.” Which I interpreted as a good place to fish. After moving the Yellowfin into position to drift over the ledge, we dropped Shimano 80-gram wing Fall jigs to the bottom. All three of us hooked up with big redfish. After taking a quick picture and releasing the fish, I moved the boat back into position and we made another drop. Boom, another triple hook up. More high fives. More pictures. More released fish.

As I moved the boat back to the ledge, we all agreed sea conditions were deteriorating. Brody said “ruff.” Which we interpreted to mean “make one more drop and let’s go home.” On the third drop, we tripled up again. In Brody’s words, a “ruff” day turned out pretty well.

Sometimes fishing does not go according to plan. No problem if you have a fish-finding and stock-trading dog!

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



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Capt. Greg Peralta, his brother David, and his son Elliott proudly hold up some “ruff” redfish while Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, looks on.

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Iron Horses' hoops prove resilient on the road



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Chesterfield High School boys' varsity basketball coach Ernest Davis, left, poses with Philip Simmons High School senior Matthew Lemon, who was named to the all-tournament team at the Chesterfield High School Holiday Tournament in December.

PHILIP M. BOWMAN
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Road weary? Not hardly. Members of the Philip Simmons High School boys' basketball team have played like they are road warriors.

The Iron Horses just completed a 10-game road swing and fared quite well, going 8-2.

They owned a 16-3 record and the No. 4 ranking among Class AA teams in the Palmetto State heading into the Jan. 18 home game against Region 6-AA foe Timberland.

It marked the first time since Dec. 12 that the Iron Horses played at home. The Iron Horses beat Bishop England in their last home game, a 56-43 victory.

Since then, it's been travel bags, bus rides and victories.

"We have embraced being on the road," coach Garrett Campbell said. "It's not a crutch and it's not an excuse. But you have to be able to win on the road if you want to succeed."

The Iron Horses entered the Timberland game with a 3-0 record in Region 6-AA

play. The schools played on Jan. 14 and the Iron Horses overwhelmed the Wolves with a 71-44 victory to cap the road swing that produced eight victories in 10 games.

Campbell said the key to the season so far is that his team worked hard in the offseason to become stronger and faster.

"We come out with an energy level that is hard for other teams to match," Campbell said. "We have played with energy and that has helped us to get off to a fast start in region play."

Miles Haight leads the team in scoring with 16.4 points per game while averaging 4.1 rebounds per contest. He's about 150 points away from 1,000 career points.

But top 4 teams are hardly one-man shows and that includes the Iron Horses.

Senior Matthew Lemon is one of the hard workers who has seen the work ethic pay off on the hardwood. He's 6-5 and 170 pounds and is a force anywhere on the court.

He's averaging 10.7 points, 8.1 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

"He's been the biggest difference from last year to this year for our team," Camp-

bell said. "He can hit the 3-pointer or make a hook shot inside. He can rebound and even bring the ball up court. He's so dominant. The other teams don't have an answer for him."

Sophomore guard Robert Watson is also averaging double figures in scoring with 11.9 points per game. He's averaging 4.9 rebounds an outing.

Meanwhile, the Iron Horse girls owned a 7-3 record, including 1-2 in region play heading into this week's games.

The team has had to deal with COVID-19 issues this winter, but the biggest challenge may be the loss of standout Kylee Keller-mann, who is out for the remainder of the season because of a knee injury. She was headed to another all-state season with 19.2 points, 4.2 rebounds, 2.3 steals and 1.8 assists per game.

"We really haven't played together as a team since Christmas," said coach Dustin Williams, whose squad has played some games without four starters because of COVID-19 contact. "We have had to rely a lot on role players."

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Glenn Churchill beats Rob Preiditsch, wins gift card to The Kingstide



Glenn Churchill

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Glenn Churchill slides by with a score of 9-3, just enough to beat the 8-4 record of Rob Preiditsch with the Cawood Dinsmore team of Carolina One.

Churchill has been practicing law on Daniel Island since 2010 and handles many kinds of cases, including personal injury, criminal defense, and probate

court. He got married last year to Lisa Cameron, a high school friend with whom he reunited in 2018 after not seeing each other for more than 40 years!

"I play the Pigskin Pick'em because I've always enjoyed trying to predict the outcomes of games, particularly professional ones," he wrote via email. "It

makes the weekend sports viewing more interesting, while tracking my predictions!"


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BALLOT:
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NFL GAMES

Bengals at **Titans**
Leading receiver: **J. Chase**
Leading tackler: **Vonn Bell**


49ers at **Packers**
Leading rusher: **Aaron Jones**
Player most interceptions:
Rasul Douglas

Bills at **Chiefs**
Leading passer (yards): **Josh Allen**
Team most sacks: **Chiefs**

Rams v. **Buccaneers**
Highest QB rating: **Brady**
Team defense - least rushing yards:
Rams



Rob Preiditsch
Carolina One



148-75

BALLOT:
For the week of
January 20, 2022


NFL GAMES

Bengals at **Titans**
Leading receiver: **J. Chase**
Leading tackler: **Kevin Byard**


49ers at **Packers**
Leading rusher: **AJ Dillon**
Player most interceptions:
Rasul Douglas

Bills at **Chiefs**
Leading passer (yards): **Mahomes**
Team most sacks: **Bills**

Rams v. **Buccaneers**
Highest QB rating: **Brady**
Team defense - least rushing yards:
Buccaneers



Chris Mingledorff & Michael Patterson
Mingledorff & Patterson



146-77

BALLOT:
For the week of
January 20, 2022


NFL GAMES

Bengals at **Titans**
Leading receiver: **J. Chase**
Leading tackler: **Logan Wilson**


49ers at **Packers**
Leading rusher: **Aaron Jones**
Player most interceptions:
Rasul Douglas

Bills at **Chiefs**
Leading passer (yards): **Josh Allen**
Team most sacks: **Bills**

Rams v. **Buccaneers**
Highest QB rating: **Brady**
Team defense - least rushing yards:
Buccaneers



Ashley Severance
Atlantic Properties



145-78

BALLOT:
For the week of
January 20, 2022

NFL GAMES

Bengals at **Titans**
Leading receiver: **J. Chase**
Leading tackler: **Logan Wilson**

49ers at **Packers**
Leading rusher: **Deebo Samuel**
Player most interceptions:
Rasul Douglas

Bills at **Chiefs**
Leading passer (yards): **Mahomes**
Team most sacks: **Chiefs**

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Highest QB rating: **Brady**
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BALLOT:

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NFL GAMES

Bengals at Titans

Leading receiver: **J. Chase**

Leading tackler: **Logan Wilson**

49ers at Packers

Leading rusher: **AJ Dillon**

Player most interceptions:

Chandon Sullivan

Bills at Chiefs

Leading passer (yards): **Mahomes**

Team most sacks: **Chiefs**

Rams v. Buccaneers

Highest QB rating: **M. Stafford**

Team defense - least rushing yards:

Rams



Dr. Jimmy Smith
Daniel Island Chiropractic



143-80

BALLOT:

For the week of
January 20, 2022

NFL GAMES

Bengals at Titans

Leading receiver: **J. Chase**

Leading tackler: **Germaine Pratt**

49ers at Packers

Leading rusher: **Deebo Samuel**

Player most interceptions:

Jair Alexander

Bills at Chiefs

Leading passer (yards): **Josh Allen**

Team most sacks: **Chiefs**

Rams v. Buccaneers

Highest QB rating: **M. Stafford**

Team defense - least rushing yards:

Rams



Mary Patterson
Quartermaster Properties



136-87

BALLOT:

For the week of
January 20, 2022

NFL GAMES

Bengals at Titans

Leading receiver: **J. Chase**

Leading tackler: **Vonn Bell**

49ers at Packers

Leading rusher: **AJ Dillon**

Player most interceptions:

Chandon Sullivan

Bills at Chiefs

Leading passer (yards): **Mahomes**

Team most sacks: **Chiefs**

Rams v. Buccaneers

Highest QB rating: **M. Stafford**

Team defense - least rushing yards:

Rams



Nancy Crick
Carolina One



132-91

BALLOT:

For the week of
January 20, 2022

NFL GAMES

Bengals at Titans

Leading receiver: **J. Chase**

Leading tackler: **R. Evans**

49ers at Packers

Leading rusher: **Deebo Samuel**

Player most interceptions:

Rasul Douglas

Bills at Chiefs

Leading passer (yards): **Mahomes**

Team most sacks: **Bills**

Rams v. Buccaneers

Highest QB rating: **Brady**

Team defense - least rushing yards:

Rams

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department reports within Team 5, which serves Daniel Island and parts of the Cainhoy peninsula, between Dec. 1-15, 2021.

MISSING WINE GLASSES

On Dec. 1, an officer responded to a complaint of an ongoing theft from a residence on Robert Daniel Drive. The victim claimed that during the past year, she suspected that someone had been entering her apartment and taking miscellaneous items. She said that she is the sole key holder, except for apartment maintenance personnel, and always keeps the door locked. A motion detector was purchased for the front door of the home and the complainant documented records of motion being present while she was at work and away from the apartment on Nov. 27, 28, and 29 around 12:30 p.m. each day. Six wine glasses went missing during that time frame valued at \$200. The victim plans to purchase a device that will capture video of any future entries. Team 5 noted that there were no signs of forced entry.

VEHICLE FIRE

At 1:18 a.m. on Dec. 3, officers responded to an apartment on Island Club Drive regarding a vehicle fire believed to be set intentionally. The resident said that her boyfriend's 2004 Honda Pilot had been parked in the driveway. She awoke to flames circling the vehicle and was unable to put out the fire with a hose and fire extinguisher. Neighbors witnessed the car engulfed in flames and said that they saw a vehicle speed away from the residence. Another neighbor provided Ring camera footage that showed an individual walking around the vehicle, but a good description of the individual was unattainable due to the distance of the camera from the driveway.

TRAILER THEFT

Officers were called to a business on Clements Ferry Road on Dec. 3 to investigate the theft of a work trailer. The complainant advised that the 16-foot trailer had been parked against the building with a lock on its hitch. The trailer held metal scaffolding and heavy equipment; all were illegally removed from the site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On Dec. 10, a victim reached out to Team 5 to report that he had hired an individual in May 2021 to complete a landscaping job at his home on Barfield Street. The victim paid the individual \$2,750 in advance to purchase sod. The check was cashed but materials were never supplied and work had not begun. Further, a refund was not issued. The party is wanted for breach of trust and a warrant was issued for his arrest on Dec. 20.

ROBBERY BY KNIFE

On Dec. 9, officers responded to a reported robbery at a business on Clements Ferry Road at 8:02 a.m. The store manager said that a coworker had been setting up a merchandising display outside of the front door when she was approached by a man wearing a black hoodie and blue surgical mask. He produced a knife and grabbed the employee around the neck, told her not to say anything, and pulled her into the store. The victim and store manager were instructed to open the cash register and safe and hand over \$1,200 in currency. The perpetrator fled by foot. The incident was captured on the store's surveillance camera and turned over as evidence. Berkeley County's Sheriff Department deployed its canine unit in a search effort. The man was identified as a 35-year-old North Charleston resident suspected to be involved in a string of robberies all over the Lowcountry. He was arrested by City of Charleston police on Dec. 14 and charged with armed robbery and possession of a firearm or knife.

DID YOU KNOW?

The police documented 21 collisions in the area between Dec. 1-15, 2021.

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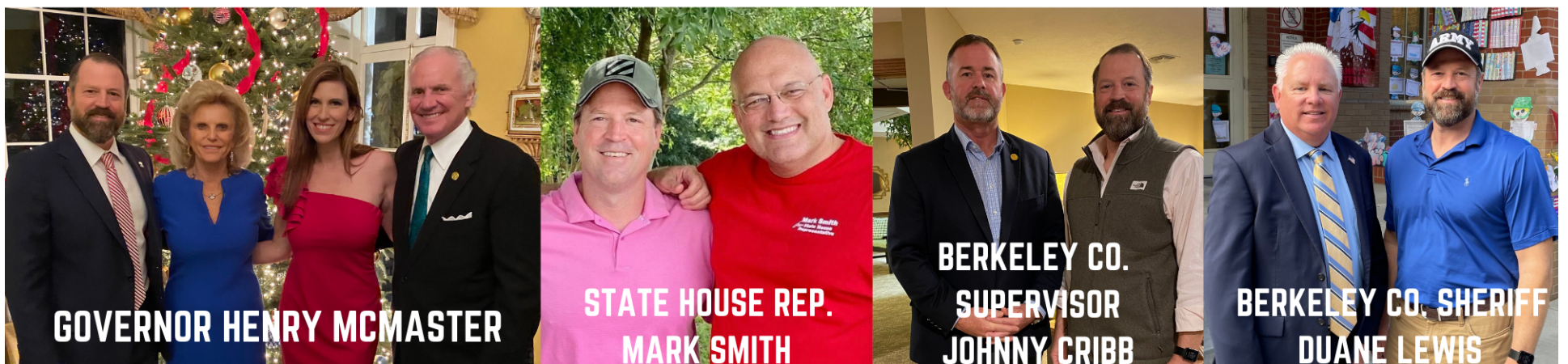
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meeting **NOTES**

Here are upcoming development plans before the City of Charleston and results specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. All meetings are open for public comment except the Technical Review Committee (TRC) meetings. Learn more online at charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter/.

UPCOMING MEETINGS**City of Charleston TRC****Date: Jan. 27**

Site plan for Foundation Place at Pointe Hope at 800 Hopewell Drive in Cainhoy (first review). This is a 4.14-acre site plan for a commercial development including five buildings totaling 38,000 GFA (gross floor area). The owner is Vulcan Property Group. The applicant is Barrier Island Engineering & Consulting. Contact: Andrew Bajoczky, andy@barrierislandeng.com.

RESULTS FROM PAST TRC MEETINGS**Date: Jan. 13**

• **Site plan for Project Throughput at Charleston Regional Parkway in Cainhoy (fourth review).** This is an early site work plan for 172 acres for a new container handling and storage facility. The owner is South Carolina Ports Authority. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Scott Greene, greenes.s@tandh.com. Result: Revise and resubmit to TRC. **Results: Pending final documentation. Once approved, submit Site Plan to Zoning for stamping.**

• **A site plan for Southern Eagle Expansion at 1600 Charleston Regional Parkway in Cainhoy (first review).** This is a 4.2-acre site plan for a warehouse expansion and construction of expanded truck court, trailer parking areas, and existing utility relocation. The owner is Southern Eagle Distributing. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Scott Greene, greenes.s@tandh.com. **Results: Revise and resubmit to TRC.**

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Berkeley County Council meets 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. Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Charleston City Council conducts its meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS**PIERCE PARK POOL RESURFACING**

The Pierce Park Pool will be closed for resurfacing. The Scott Park Pool will be open until Pierce Park renovations are complete, which could take one month.

POA OFFICE CLOSED

The Daniel Island Property Owners' Association is closed to the public until further notice due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. The POA can be reached Monday-Friday at info@dcommunity.org or 843-971-9200.

THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS' AUTHOR SERIES

Local children's book authors Vijaya Bodach and Pamela Brownstein will speak Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1 pm at the theater at Daniel's Pointe Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Island Drive. This free event is open to the public and offers an opportunity for book signings, meeting the authors, and engaging in literary discussions.

DANIEL ISLAND SPEAKER SERIES

Betsy Kirkland Cahill, board chair of the Preservation Society of Charleston, is the featured speaker, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 7-8 pm at the Daniel Island Club and via Zoom. Registration at eventbrite.com. Cost is free.

COMMUNITY MEETING ABOUT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

On Thursday, Jan. 27, from 4-6 pm at Providence Church there will be a drop-in meeting hosted by the City of Charleston to gather information and provide input on two design options for a pedestrian and cycling bridge planned to span Nowell Creek along Daniel Island Drive and St. Thomas Island Drive.

DICA BOARD MEETING

The Daniel Island Community Association meeting, Friday, Jan. 28, 10-11 am, will be held virtually for DICA members only. Registration will be available closer to the meeting date.

BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross Blood Mobile hosted by St. Clare's Parish and Bishop England High School will be held Sunday, Feb. 13, in the BE parking lot, 8:30 am to 1:30pm. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org or contact christinelark@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Credit One Charleston Open is seeking volunteers for the tennis tournament April 2-10. Volunteers will receive a credential, which grants them access to all day sessions throughout the tournament, including the finals. For more information, visit CapitalOneCharlestonOpen.com. For questions, email Jo Cooper at Volunteercoco@gmail.com.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am at Providence Church, and Sat., 8 pm at Holy Cross Church.

COMMUNITY YOGA classes are held Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am at the

DI Recreation Center. All levels welcome. Email Teresa Donohue at dcommunityyoga@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND CONNECT 50-plus age group that meets the third Thurs. of each month, 6-8 pm, at the Crow's Nest. Free. Call Kathy at 502-387-3046.

DI GARDEN CLUB meets the second Wed. of the month at 3 pm at Holy Cross Church Parish Hall. The next meeting is Wed., Feb. 9, and Mark Motley of Wild Birds Unlimited in Mount Pleasant will speak about "Preparing Your Yard for National Wildlife Certification." Raffle for six bluebird houses. Contact Linda Price at lmwpr@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB meets the third Mon. of the month, 8 am, at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free and open to the public.

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY CLUB EVENTS Capt. Daniel's Pipers Recorder Group: Tues. 2-3 pm; Needleworkers: second and fourth Tues. of the month, 11:15 am; Book Club: third Tues. of the month, 11 am - noon; Deepthinkers Discussion Group: Wed., 10:30 am to noon; Social Bridge Club: second Fri. and fourth Mon. of the month, 1-4 pm; Writers Group: first Wed. of the month, 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL ISLAND WYLDLIFE for all middle schoolers on DI, club meets Mon. from 7-8 pm at DI Recreation Center. Campaigners meet Wed., 6:30-7:30 pm. Email Tlengyel91@gmail.com.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND meets on the fourth Tues of every month at 5:30 pm at the Daniel Pointe Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr. More info at dixchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A meets the first Mon. of the month at the DI Library, 4-6 pm. Master gardener will be on hand to answer questions and accept soil samples.

PHILIP SIMMONS YOUNG LIFE all Philip Simmons High School students welcome. Club meets every other Wed. at 208 Grand Park Blvd. Campaigners every Mon. at 7 pm. Email Tlengyel91@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN meet the fourth Mon. of each month at 11:30 am at Hilton Garden Inn, 300 Wingo Way, Mt. Pleasant. Visit East Cooper Republican Women on Facebook or email tblairecrv@protonmail.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF DI meets every Wed. at 7:30 am at the DI Club and virtually. Email maryjo@mjrccac.com at danielislandrotary.com.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS meet at 4 pm the third Sun. of each month at Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.

TAI CHI CLASSES will be held at the DI Library every Tues. at 10 am and Fri. at 9 am.

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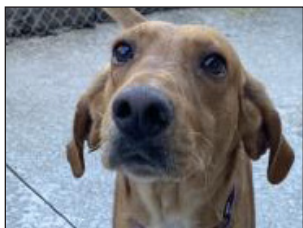
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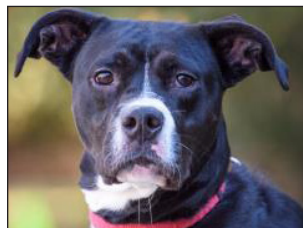


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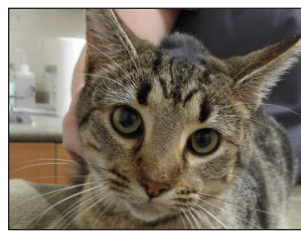
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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Counting Commas



Read the sentences below, and insert commas where they are needed. Then on the line before each sentence, write the number of commas you used. At the end, add them up. What is the number?

- ____ 1. Charlotte the girl who cuts my hair is opening her own shop.
____ 2. Well I think you have some explaining to do Mary.
____ 3. For her report Marcie interviewed a scientist a chemist and a pharmacist.
____ 4. Wes James the famous soccer star donated all his money to charity.

Answer: 8 total
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MYSTERY ? **CONTEST**

CONGRATS TO LAST WEEK'S WINNER: CHARLOTTE HAMLETT

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest from Jan. 13 is Charlotte Hamlett, who correctly identified the picture as part of the sign for Totality Medispa, located at 885 Island Park Drive.

Charlotte has lived on Daniel Island since 2019 with her parents Collin and Allison, and her Boykin Spaniel Hazel.

Her mom said Charlotte loves the community atmosphere and has made several great friends here. “She loves exploring the nature trails, going out on the water, karate, reading, and walking Hazel around the island,” Allison said.

Charlotte is in the third grade at the Daniel Island School and attends the TASK karate program at Osupure Karate.

Congrats are also in order for the following readers for sending in the correct responses: Robert Peffer, Rebecca Bechhold, Karen Fedder, Addison Stephens, Greta Hughley and Suzanne Gilroy.



CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



If you recognize this photo, please send your answer, along with your phone number, to mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com by noon on Saturday, Jan. 22. The names of the winners with the correct response will run in next week's paper.

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

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO JANUARY 18, 2007:



The center-fold article titled “How safe are our children?” reported on a possible child predator prowling area Mount Pleasant neighborhoods in a red van for potential victims that had Daniel Island parents on high alert. Police and medical

professionals urged safety and awareness. Daniel Island parents were shaken but vigilant. No incidents occurred on the island.

In a business feature, Soda Water Grill (now occupied by Vespa) manager Deanna Kasting was featured. By 2007, Kasting had already been working at the bar and restaurant for five years.

TEN YEARS AGO JANUARY 19, 2012:



It was reported that new schools in the Daniel Island/Cainhoy area were close to becoming a reality. The school board approved a plan for a \$250 million bond referendum. This was eventually passed and resulted in the completion of the Philip Simmons elementary, middle and high schools.

In other news, Bishop England High School’s Options Program students and mentors teamed up with the Charleston Parks Conservancy Park Angels to beautify and tend to Etiwan Park.

FIVE YEARS AGO JANUARY 19, 2017:



The Philip Simmons High School was on schedule for a summer completion and August 2017 opening. The Berkeley County School District made plans to officially cut the ribbon on the brand new high school named in honor of the late master blacksmith, a revered Charleston icon. As for the student body, between 300 and 400 ninth and 10th graders were expected to begin at the school that fall.

The centerfold featured plans proposed by former Rep. Mark Sanford for a Central Park-style amenity for the State Ports Authority land at the southern tip of Daniel Island that he first introduced in 2006, while serving as governor.

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