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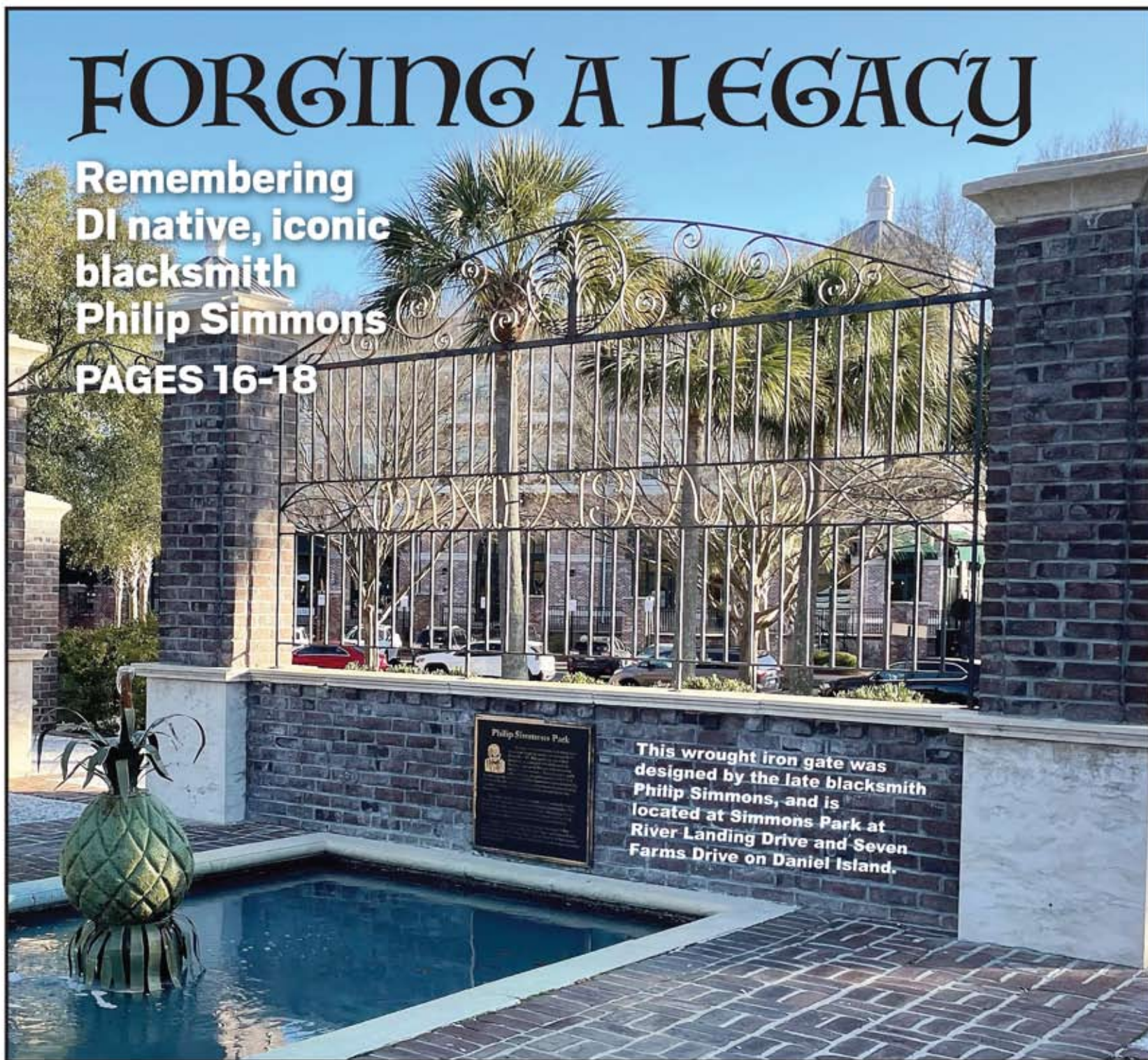
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Philip Simmons Park

This wrought iron gate was designed by the late blacksmith Philip Simmons, and is located at Simmons Park at River Landing Drive and Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island.



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Berkeley County seeks citizen input on plan to manage growth

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Last Thursday evening, the walls of Philip Simmons Elementary were plastered with colorful maps. But this wasn't student artwork.

The maps were part of a public meeting the county held in conjunction with the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) seeking public input on the One Berkeley Comprehensive Plan. Comprehensive plan team members facilitated the gathering and discussed scenarios to manage growth and development over the next 10 years.

In 2020, Berkeley County's population was approximately 230,000 people, 84,000 homes and a workforce of 60,000. Those numbers are expected to rise significantly.

Residents can complete an online survey on four scenarios that evaluate the impact of population, housing and workforce demands in Berkeley County by 2040. The county will then use the feedback to assess the preferred scenario and develop a future land-use map.

Scenario A: "Committed Development" Outlines the current state of affairs and illustrates all existing development in the county as well as expected buildout that has already



PROVIDED

Residents attend a meeting Feb. 17 about the One Berkeley Comprehensive Plan.

been approved. Rural land preservation becomes an unintended benefit due to limited available infrastructure capabilities.

In this scenario, most employees will drive long distances for work and recreation and more large-lot single family neighborhoods will be available. The population is projected to grow to 351,000 people, 134,000 housing units and a workforce of 65,000.

Scenario B: "Trend Development" Considers how the county may grow if the existing trends continue. Rural land preservation is not a priority and significant land will be lost to new development.

Like Scenario A, most employees will drive long distances for work and recreation and

more large-lot single family neighborhoods will be available. However, the population is expected to reach 399,000 people, 154,000 housing units and a workforce of 134,500.

Scenario C: "Accelerated Trend Development" Builds on the trend and considers the maximum impact of growth and development in all facets. Increased growth pressures extend into rural areas and further degrades the integrity of the land and creates a "rural sprawl" development pattern.

Like Scenarios A and B, most employees will drive long distances for work and recreation and more large-lot single family neighborhoods will be available. The population is expected to reach 468,000 people, 181,500 housing units and a workforce of 134,500.

Scenario D: "Managed Growth" Considers a more compact and tighter footprint. Rural land preservation is a high priority and such areas will be protected using policies, rules or incentives that promote farming or rural stewardship.

Unlike the other scenarios, there is an opportunity to walk or ride a bike from home to the workplace or areas of business. New neighborhood design and housing choices favor a shift to a greater variety of options.

There will be more availability of single-family detached housing, townhomes, condominiums and apartments.

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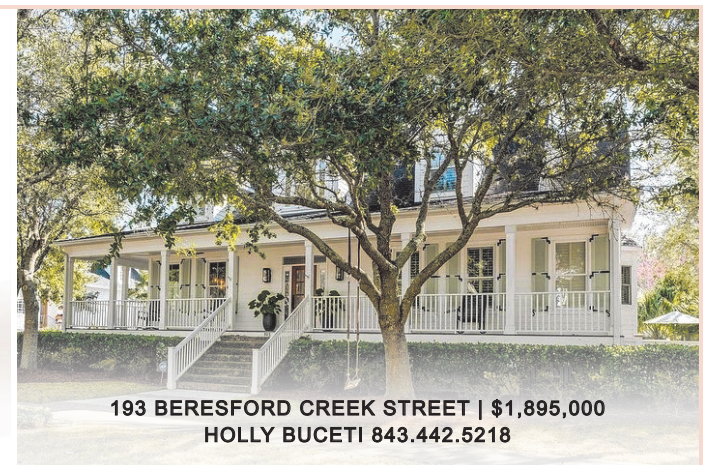
Thus far, more than 1,000 residents have provided input on the comprehensive plan's direction. According to the county's data, the biggest concern is inadequate infrastructure and services for growth. The second most concern is growth and development impacts.

"The One Berkeley Plan is crucial not only for the county's future, but also the rest of the region," said BCDCOG planning director Kathryn Basha. "Planning efforts in Berkeley County affect jurisdictions and individuals both within and outside of its borders. As a regional planning agency, BCDCOG views it as being vitally important to hear from the public in efforts like this to ensure that the growth scenarios being established reflect the desires of residents for the benefit of our community as a whole."

To learn more, visit OneBerkeley2020.com. To take the survey, visit surveymonkey.com/t/OneBerkeleyFLU. The deadline for citizens to submit feedback is March 4.



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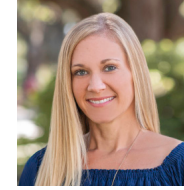
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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department reports within Team 5, which serves Daniel Island and parts of the Cainhoy peninsula, between Jan. 16-31, 2022.

INTERNET SCAM

On Jan. 18, a victim came to the Team 5 office to file a report regarding an attempted internet scam. The victim, a subscriber of Norton LifeLock, received emails from parties posing as Norton. The email seemed official, so he responded. The complainant was instructed to provide access to his computer to two service technicians. One technician requested that the victim purchase prepaid gift cards to cover the cost of the service and at that point, the victim's wife noticed that an individual had gained access to their bank account. When the technician was questioned, he became aggressive and verbally threatened the couple. The victim immediately contacted a legitimate IT company that he had worked with in the past, and they were able to shut down the computer access before any funds were removed. The family did not suffer any financial loss.

INCOMPLETE JOB

An officer responded to a residence on River Landing Drive on Jan. 18 in reference to a contract dispute. On July

22, the victim contacted an individual and hired him to reupholster a chair and make a bed skirt. She paid him a \$1,000 deposit via Venmo. The total cost of the project was quoted at \$1,600. The contractor provided a handwritten invoice. Over time, he continued to push back the completion date and finally promised delivery on Jan. 10. The delivery was never made. Team 5 made contact with the individual who stated that the job is still in process. The officer informed him that he had until Feb. 10 to complete the task or refund the payment; failure to do so would result in an arrest. The case is pending.

STOLEN SHIPPING CONTAINER

A business on Charleston Regional Parkway advised that a shipping container had been illegally removed from the property. The maroon container had been picked up from the Wando Welsh terminal and contained 42,000 pounds of industrial molding. The business looked for the container for three weeks before contacting Team 5 on Jan. 18. The value of the container was \$25,000, the chassis \$18,000, and the materials inside of the container were valued at \$52,000. Security footage was not attainable at the time of the report.

SLASHED TIRES

On Jan. 19, an officer was called to a home on Longkeep Lane and met with a victim who advised that an unknown individual slashed two tires on his 2016 Ford passenger van.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have information about a crime, call Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch at 843-743-7200 and ask for the on-duty central detective at the Charleston Police Department, or call Crime Stoppers of the Lowcountry at 843-554-1111. At left is Lt. Matt Wojslawowicz with Team 5.

At the time, the vehicle had been parked on Parkline Avenue. On the driver's side, a 5-inch slash was cut on the outside sidewall of each tire. No cameras were on the premises.

JEEP JACKED FROM GARAGE

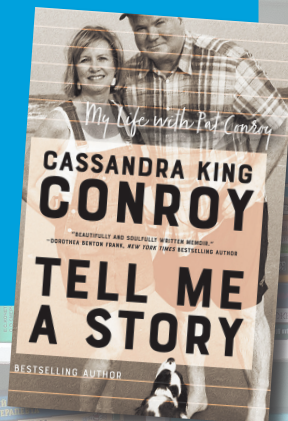
A 2018 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon was reported as stolen on Jan. 25 from a residence on Robert Daniel Drive. Identifying features of the Jeep include a custom lift kit and winch on the front bumper. The vehicle had been parked in the complex's garage the night before. It was valued at \$40,000 and belonged to an automobile dealership. The victim advised that he had left the keys in the center console prior to the theft.

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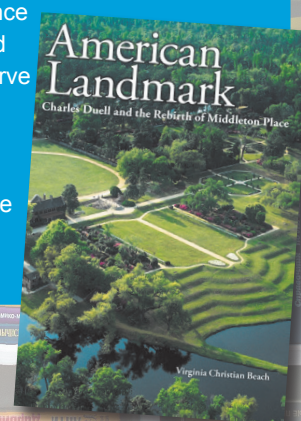
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**VIRGINIA BEACH**

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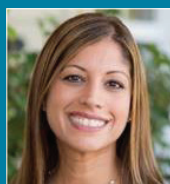
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The Biden administration recently restored a Clinton-era rule mandating all new showerheads sold in the U.S. adhere to "low-flow" standards.

Showerhead flow rules save water usage, energy costs

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The shower is a place of rejuvenation and relaxation for many of us, but it is also a big water hog, accounting for roughly 17% of the average U.S. household's water usage. Americans use a lot less water in our showers nowadays due to a Clinton-era law mandating that new showerheads sold in the U.S. could not top a flow rate of 2.5 gallons per minute (GPM). While some showerhead manufacturers attempted to circumvent these new restrictions by utilizing multiple nozzles, the federal government eventually issued a rule (in 2013) to limit entire fixtures to 2.5 GPM.

In December 2020, the Trump administration reversed the Obama-era rule; this restored the federal limit of 2.5 GPM to be applied to individual nozzles instead of the entire fixture. This meant that a shower head with three nozzles would be permitted to use 7.5 GPM.

Although the 2020 rule did not have a significant impact on the market demand for luxury shower heads, the loophole posed detrimental environmental impacts. Americans take about 200 million showers every day. The Alliance of Water Efficiency estimates that under the 2020 rule, the country's water usage would increase by 161 billion gallons per year. An increase in water usage also results in more energy use to heat that water, which in turn increases greenhouse gas emissions.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), homes that have

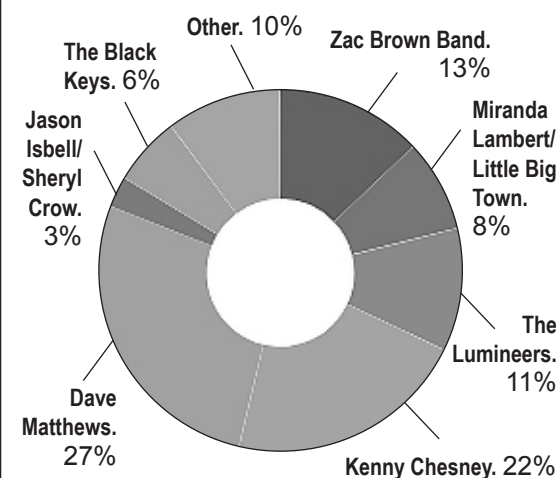
switched out older, less efficient showerheads with newer models have realized savings of some 2,700 gallons of water per year. This equates to a savings of 330 kilowatt hours of electricity annually, which is enough to power an entire house for 11 days. The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that the average American household stands to save \$500 per year on utility bills after switching to low-flow shower heads. The group estimates that the nationwide transition to lower flow showerheads now underway can generate annual savings of \$2.9 billion in water utilities and \$2.5 billion in energy costs.

Saving water by using a low-flow shower head is a great start, but if you're looking for more ways to maximize your impact, the EPA has a few suggestions. When it comes to appliances, making sure to fix leaks is one easy way to save water. Additionally, whenever you need to run your dishwasher or washing machine, make sure you are optimizing for water- and energy-efficiency by only running it with a full load. Lastly, landscaping is always a talking point when it comes to reducing residential water use. If you have a lawn, it is recommended to save water by replacing it with native plants that don't require additional watering. If you're not ready to part with your lawn, the EPA suggests keeping the grass two to three inches high to ensure the soil retains water, reducing the need for frequent watering.

EarthTalk is produced by Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss for the nonprofit EarthTalk.

Readers speak out on Credit One stadium concerts

The renovations at Credit One Stadium are nearly complete and will be ready for the return of the Credit One Charleston Open women's tennis tournament April 2-10. The stadium will also begin hosting a slate of entertainers following the tennis event. Which of the scheduled concerts are you most interested in attending?



COMMENTS:

- Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefers
- Less country music
- Train, Old Dominion
- Pentatonix, Darius Rucker
- Counting Crows, Pearl Jam, Incubus
- I am very excited about the stadium reopening. Will be curious how parking is handled as it will be limited.
- KISS, Loverboy, Def Leppard, Mammoth WVH, Kid Rock
- I would love for there to be a direct ticket/early ticket purchase option for residents for concerts/events at the stadium box office.
- Thomas Rhett
- Black Pumas, Nathaniel Rateliff and the Night Sweats, Leon Bridges, Alabama Shakes, Glass Animals, Tyler Childers, Cage the Elephant
- Rainbow Kitten Surprise, The Revivalists, Trevor Hall, Elton John, Billy Joel
- Classic rock with pre-buy sale for DI residents
- Would like to see singer/songwriters like Jack Johnson, John Mayer, or multi-band lineups.
- Foo Fighters, Billy Joel, Elton John
- Keith Urban, Morgan Wallen, Sam Hunt, Blake Shelton, The Weeknd, Ed Sheeran
- Chris Stapleton

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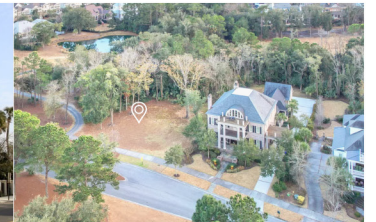
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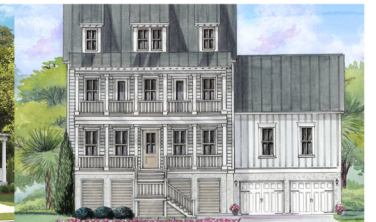
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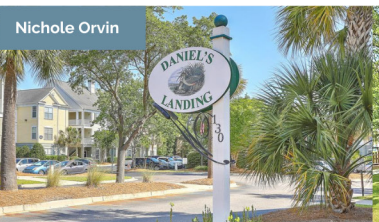
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'DI residents should be able to purchase presale tickets'

From COMMENTS on PAGE 06

- I would like to see more than country artists. I see that Dave Matthews is a start. Daniel Island and Charleston can support artists of every genre!
- I would like to see more Top 40 Pop artists at the venue. More mainstream pop artists would be appreciated.
- Love the country artists already on the schedule. Continue adding country. Maybe some more rock or pop artists.
- Love the mix, just not all country, please!
- Stick Figure
- Blink 182, TOOL, Pink, Peter Gabriel, Barenaked Ladies, Foo Fighters, Billy Joel, Adele, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Lumineers
- Less country, more variety. Maybe comedy too?
- Morgan Wallen, Luke Combs, John Mayer, Greta Van Fleet, Kings of Leon, Mumford & Sons.
- Eric Church!
- Christian artists
- Pearl Jam, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Black Crowes
- I would love to see larger names that

- may like the idea of playing a smaller venue for a stop over — Imagine Dragons, Elton John, etc., maybe stand-up comedy or a pro fight.
- Whitesnake, Keith Urban, Luke Bryan, Eric Church
- I would love to see The Smithereens & Marshall Crenshaw. Also, bands like The Jayhawks. For more contemporary artists: Sara Bareillas, Lizzy McAlpine, Joseph, Tommy Emmanuel, The Decemberists.
- Brooks and Dunn, George Strait, Chris Stapleton, Cody Johnson, Luke Combs
- Jimmy Buffett again, John Mellencamp, Hall and Oates, Heart, etc. But even more I would like to see more parking because this island is going to be a nightmare and no one thought ahead. They just keep building and building and building and there are not enough roads or parking places to accommodate the big plans.
- Poison/Def Leppard/Motley Crue, Alanis Morissette
- Mercy Me, Casting Crowns
- James Taylor
- Would love to see Chris Stapleton,

- caamp, Garth Brooks.
- Rascal Flatts, Maroon 5, Matchbox 20
- Hoping to book more artists like Billy Strings, Widespread Panic, and Goose!
- The Killers
- Hopefully ticket purchases will be available to local residents.
- We The Kingdom, Frank Foster
- Sister Hazel, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Goo Goo Dolls, The Clarks, Theory of a Deadman, Simple Plan, Hootie and the Blowfish, Cartel, Yellowcard, All Time Low, Paramore, Chalk Farm, Kutless, Blackberry Smoke, Alter Bridge, Bowling for Soup, Anarbor, The Calling, O.A.R.
- Completely dismayed that Ticketmaster is the primary way to purchase tickets to these events; their fees are ridiculous. As a good neighbor and business, the stadium should recognize and encourage DI resident attendance by offering early ticket purchasing, purchasing tickets at the tennis center and/or ticket discount codes.
- DI residents should be able to buy presale tickets.

NEXT WEEK: BEANS OR NO BEANS IN YOUR CHILI?



Feb. 24 is National Chili Day, and while the spicy comfort food is enjoyed from coast to coast, hard lines

are drawn by some — beans or no beans! What side of the line do you fall on? Share your thoughts online at [surveymonkey.com/r/Favorite_Chili](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Favorite_Chili) or use the QR code by Sunday, Feb. 27, 5 p.m.



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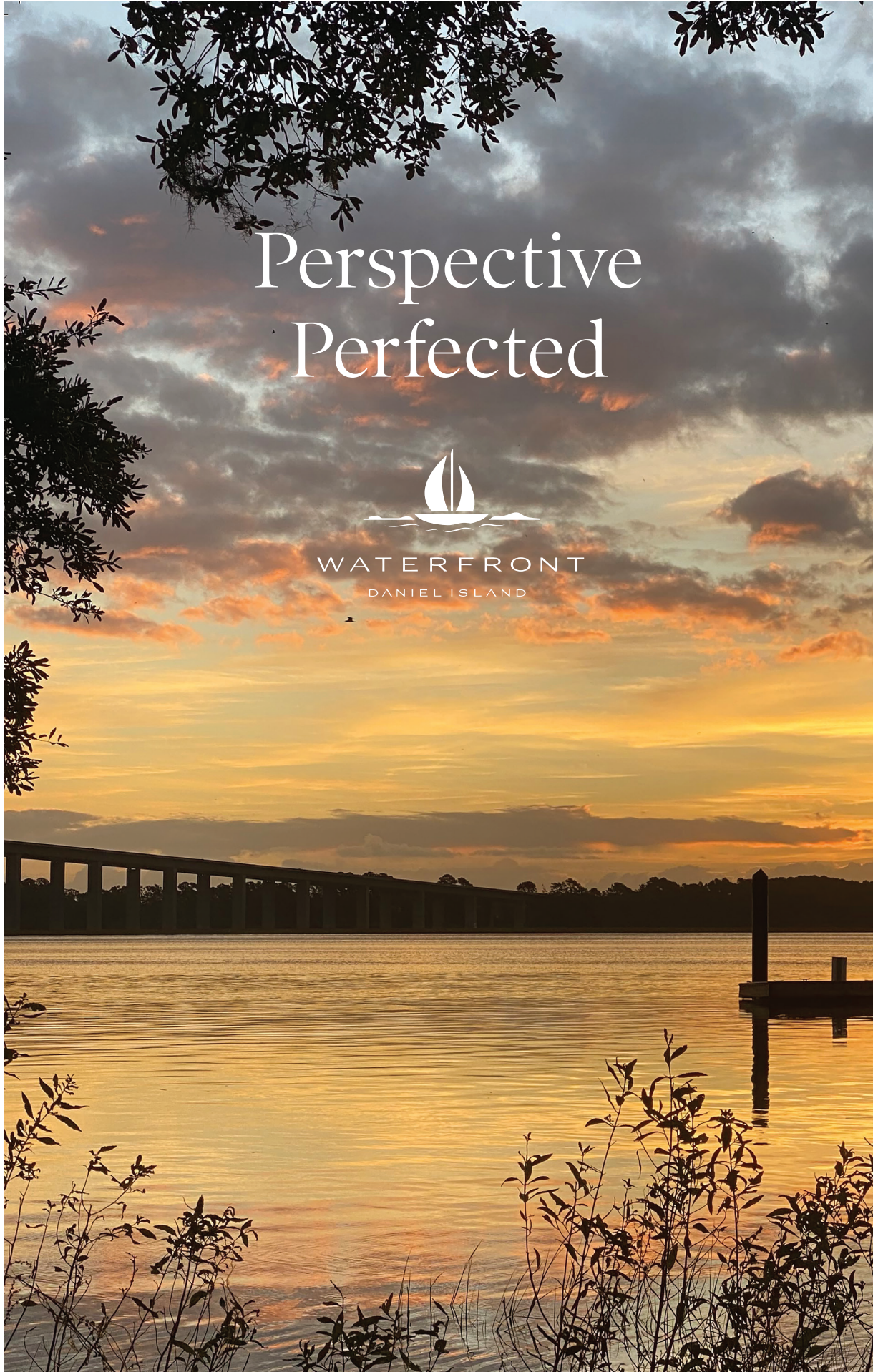
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Local scouts celebrate 'Scout Sunday' during church service

BY NICHOLAS M. SALLEROLI

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Feb. 6 was recognized as "Scout Sunday" across the country. On this day, scouts showed the last of the 12 points of the scout law — A scout is reverent. This means a scout is faithful to his or her own interest and the interests of others and is true to their country and God. They are reverent toward God and faithful in their religious duties and respect others' convictions in matters of religion and customs. The BSA statement of Religious Principle "maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God."

Members of Troop 519 showed their appreciation to their charter organization on Sunday, Feb. 6. Scouts donned their Class A dress uniforms and greeted members of The Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island. The scouts rang the bell "La Madeleine" to welcome celebrants to the start of the service. Adult leaders and youth members of Troop 519 celebrated with Rev. Jonathon Bennett and members of the church. Joe Coates, scoutmaster of Troop 519B, thanked the pastor for the generosity extended to the troop to allow the use

of the annex to hold their weekly scout meetings.

After mass, parishioners mingled with the scouts. They asked questions about various merit badges on the boys' uniforms and some reminisced with the boys of their own days gone by in scouting. One parishioner stated, "Albeit a long, long time has passed, the values and core principals still remain."

The 1911 original edition of "The Boy Scouts Official Handbook" states on page 10: "The final and chief test of the scout is the doing of a good turn to somebody every day, quietly and without boasting. This is the proof of the scout. It is practical religion, and the boy honors God best when he helps others most."

This was also the core message of Pastor Bennett's sermon at the church service; 111 years later the message of scouting and duty to God is still on par with the core values that are discussed and taught today.

Any boys or girls interested in joining Troop 519B or 519G can stop by the Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island on any Wednesday at 7 p.m. and speak to Coates or Ruth Meloney for more information.



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Members of Troop 519 participated in "Scout Sunday" at the Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island on Feb. 6.

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January with DI Rotary

The Rotary Club of Daniel Island celebrated January with a lineup of interesting guest speakers at its weekly meetings.

The first meeting began with guest speaker Micah Mallace, senior vice president of marketing and sales for the South Carolina Ports Authority. Mallace is in charge of all sales and marketing efforts to help the ports authority grow a diverse cargo base while increasing retail cargo volumes.



Micah Mallace

He joined the ports authority in 2011 as the director of national accounts.

On Jan. 12, the Rotary Club announced that the Duck Race will kick off “Quackapalooza – a Yellow Affair” on March 24. The featured speaker was Dr. Heather Boger from the Medical University of South Carolina. Boger spoke about their Senior Mentor Program, which enables medical students to learn more about geriatric care. This program is for 65-plus aged adults willing to work with students over four years to document their progress. The seniors teach the students



Heather Boger



Colby Hollifield

Pacific. He started in real estate development and moved back to Daniel Island in 2006 with his wife, Heather, and sons, Jack and William. He’s one of the first DI resident board members. Hollifield believes in high-level service and hospitality versus just strictly a transportation business. They are currently discussing routes to Sullivan’s Island, Isle of Palms, North Charleston and James Island.

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a lot about geriatrics, building invaluable skills for the medical students. The program has 325 volunteers for roughly 800 medical students.

On Jan. 19, the guest of honor was Colby Hollifield, co-owner of Daniel Island Ferry. Hollifield grew up in the Charleston area, sailing and boating. During college, he taught sailing and spent time in California while doing rescue operations in the

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Building to Building: 880 Island Park Drive

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Here's a look beyond the brick and mortar at the businesses that reside at 880 Island Park Drive, also known as Daniel Island Square.

The four-story, 45,000 square foot, mixed-use modern design is home to eight tenants including: Bowman, East Cooper GI, East Cooper Maternal Fetal Medicine, Island Medical, Lowcountry OB/GYN, Mount Pleasant OB/GYN, New Realm Brewing Company, SC Physician Operations-TPR, and Student Transportation of America, Inc.

The following tenants provided descriptions of their companies.

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What does your business do? With 1,100 employees and more than 40 offices nationwide, Bowman provides a variety of planning, engineering, construction management, commissioning, environmental consulting, geomatics, survey, land procurement and other technical services to customers operating in a diverse set of markets.

What is the most important thing you want us to know about your business? Bowman is a trusted, multi-faceted professional services firm offering a broad range of infrastructure, environmental management, energy and real estate

solutions to public and private clients across the Carolinas. From large commercial developments to master-planned communities to local transportation projects, Bowman provides value-driven solutions and exceptional project results.

What do you like about doing business on Daniel Island? Daniel Island's beauty and central location creates a work environment like no other.

EAST COOPER FETAL MEDICINE

Point of contact: Morgan Potts
859-640-0696

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What does your business do? Provide high risk OB care to the greater Charleston area

What do you like about doing business on Daniel Island? The convenience for our patients west of Mount Pleasant.

EAST COOPER GI

Point of contact: Kathaleen Thorson
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What does your business do? Treatment and management of diseases and ailments of the gastrointestinal tract (stomach, esophagus, small intestine, colon, rectum, gallbladder, liver, bile ducts and pancreas).

What is the most important thing you want us to know about your



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business? Our gastroenterologist not only performs routine colonoscopy, she strives to provide a caring, comprehensive, and state-of-the-art evaluation and treatment of patients with an array of digestive and liver disorders. She also provides convenient office and endoscopy locations easily accessible to patients, especially those in the East Cooper area.

What do you like about doing business on Daniel Island? We enjoy providing quality care to the Daniel Island community.

ISLAND MEDICAL

Point of contact: Sherrill Almes
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What does your business do? Medical family practice

What is the most important thing you want us to know about your business? Island Medical has been

taking care of patients and families on Daniel Island for 16 years.

What do you like about doing business on Daniel Island? Daniel Island is centrally located enough to accommodate our patients from Summerville to Isle of Palms.

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What do you like about doing business on Daniel Island? We have always been drawn to South Carolina and we enjoy the true sense of community here. This location continues to become a destination for the community to come together through great beer, great food and great music.

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Medical spa offers noninvasive approach



meet the merchant

MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Stanley Wilhelm and Dr. Nicole Nadel, owners of Totality Medispa, have helped keep the Daniel Island community looking good since 2018. From laser skin resurfacing, fillers, Botox, and skin tightening to laser hair removal, the Daniel Island duo takes a more noninvasive approach to keeping clients looking youthful.

Totality's process of natural rejuvenation reduces many of the inconveniences and complications associated with invasive plastic surgery procedures.

"Our quality of work is the best in Charleston. The experience is nonmedical and more akin to a spa experience," Wilhelm said.

By using injectables, lasers and fillers, Totality can rejuvenate the face and body to prevent and reverse signs of aging. While some physicians in the beauty industry focus more on the operating room, Nadel uses her skills on a nonsurgical approach.

Although aesthetic medicine can't always



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Daniel Island residents Stanley Wilhelm and Dr. Nicole Nadel opened Totality Medispa in 2018.

replace surgery, it can provide an alternative for patients who aren't ready to go under the knife. Totality's approach has clients and celebrities from all over seeking out their services.

"We are sought out by patients wanting to avoid the costs, risks, and downtime involved with plastic surgery procedures. By using injectables appropriately, we reposition the face back to its youthful self, eliminating the need for surgery," Nadel explained.

Nadel added, "We are able to customize every treatment to do what best suits them



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Totality Medispa's warm and inviting atmosphere puts clients at ease the minute they step through the doors.

and make sure our patients are happy with their results 100% of the time. We focus on each patient's specific needs and want the best for whatever their goals may be; from skincare and body positivity to overall physical appearance. Working with thousands of different faces and personalities is part of what makes this the best job ever."

James Cummaro of Daniel Island has been going to Totality Medispa for two years.

Cummaro is so satisfied with the service he often recommends the medical spa to friends and neighbors. "There are so many reasons why my wife and I go to Totality. First and foremost, Dr. Nicole is the best medi-spa doctor in Charleston and beyond. She is a true perfectionist and artist. The aestheticians are amazing. My favorite is Mai. When you walk into Totality, they make you feel like you are the most important person in the world and you can tell that they truly mean it."

Lowcountry local MaryBeth Stanley has been a client of Nadel's since they opened. "Nicole is a perfectionist in the best way possible. She never underdoes or overdoes anything. It always is 'just right' When I walk through the doors they always make me feel like I'm in my happy place!"

To discover all the services offered by Totality Medispa, visit totalitymed.com and check out Totality's Instagram pages to see before and after photographs.

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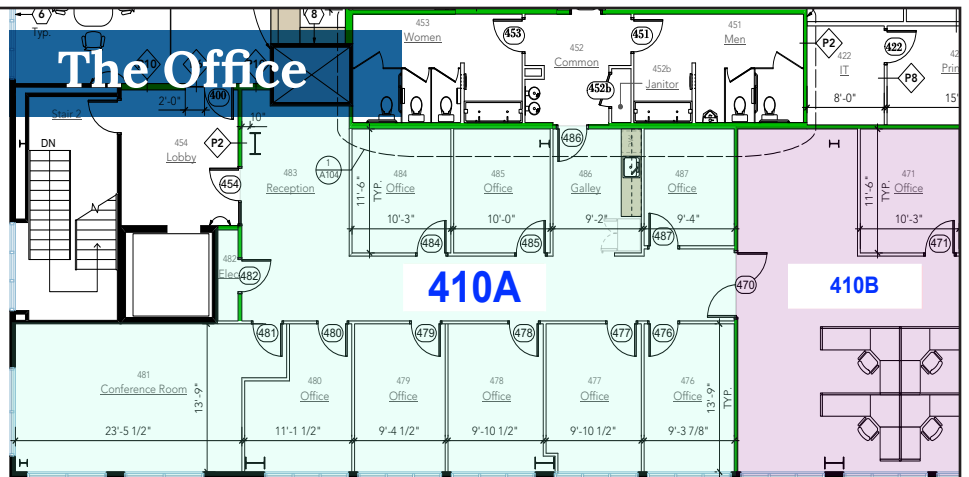
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'People quit people, not companies'



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DOUG DICKERSON

People quit people, not companies.
— John Maxwell

I remember my first job out of college. I was excited and filled with great enthusiasm. But it played out like “A Tale of Two Cities” — It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. I was surrounded by people I genuinely liked with many friends. With a great team in place, we made great strides in the community we served. But I had “the boss from hell” who made life hell. So, I fired him.

An article in Inc. magazine identified the top five characteristics that caused employees to leave their jobs. They are: Management style, condescending attitude, mean or bad temper, inappropriate behavior, and harassed employees.

Speaking of bad boss behavior, here is a sampling of what respondents called unacceptable or deal-breaking behaviors: Your boss takes credit for your work 63%, your

boss doesn't trust or empower you 62%; your boss doesn't care if you're overworked 58%, your boss doesn't advocate for you when it comes to compensation 57%, your boss hires and/or promotes the wrong people 56%, your boss doesn't provide proper direction on assignments/roles 54%, your boss micromanages and doesn't allow you “freedom to work” 53%, etc.

When you look at the above examples of why people leave their work or the characteristics of bad bosses, one thing is certain — there is a leadership gap. As it relates to employee engagement, bad bosses, company morale, and corporate culture, how the leadership gap is addressed going forward is critical. A boss without strong leadership skills will drive his or her people away.

Building the type of organization that your people would never dream of leaving begins by being the type of leader everyone wants to follow. Let's explore three basic ways in which you can build that type of culture.

SERVE YOUR PEOPLE

The higher you ascend in your organization the more responsibilities you take on — not

more rights. This is where many bosses drop the leadership ball. Think of a pyramid. The old way of thinking is that at the bottom you have many rights and at the top, few responsibilities. Now flip it — when you do, the opposite becomes true. You now have more responsibilities as the leader/boss and fewer rights. Now, start acting like it.

You will build the type of organization people would never dream of leaving when you develop the mindset of servant leadership and by empowering your people at every opportunity.

EMPOWER YOUR PEOPLE

Employee engagement is directly tied to empowered employees. If your people are micromanaged, underappreciated, and not given credit for their ideas and work, is it any wonder they are firing their bosses?

Billy Hornsby said, “It's OK to let those you lead outshine you, for if they shine brightly enough, they reflect positively on you.” The boss who makes for a good leader understands that when his or her people are empowered, it makes them look good. You will build the type of organization they

would never dream of leaving when you empower them to reach their full potential.

ENGAGE YOUR PEOPLE

Employee engagement is only as meaningful and effective as the leader who engages on this level. The boss who only sees employee engagement as something “they do” may have the work of his employees' hands, but will never have their hearts. If you want to stop your people from walking out the door, then you must open yours. You must be among your people, know your people, and serve them.

Building the type of organization people would never dream of leaving begins when you understand that they are the most appreciable asset you have. Simply put, employee engagement begins at the top.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Engaged and invested people need to step up and help right the ship. What role will you play in helping build the type of culture no one would ever dream of leaving?

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FORGING A LEGACY

REMEMBERING DANIEL ISLAND NATIVE, ICONIC BLACKSMITH PHILIP SIMMONS

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Imagine a Daniel Island much different from the place we see today — where families are up with the sun to start collecting the day's harvest, where homemade cast nets bring home meals from the surrounding rivers and creeks, where life is about making the most of what you have.

That is the world Philip Simmons grew up in more than a century ago on Daniel Island. He was born in 1912 and lived with his grandparents, William and Sarah Simmons, in a small clapboard house on the northern side of the island. The young Simmons would spend only his first eight years of life living full time on the island before moving to downtown Charleston, where he would later forge a successful career as an award-winning master blacksmith. But his legacy here and on the Cainhoy peninsula remains as sturdy as his ironwork.

'FIRST AN ISLANDER'

"Destined to become a blacksmith, he was first an islander who learned the ways of the farm and the river," wrote John Michael Vlach in his book "Charleston Blacksmith: The Work of Philip Simmons."

"... His great grandparents had once been slaves, and they told him about those days in bondage. He learned that the work was hard then and learned from his grandparents that conditions had remained hard. He came to know and prefer a busy life full of chores and tasks."

It was a routine that he would never abandon, noted Vlach, who wrote that Simmons' action-oriented work ethic would become a trademark of the artisan's life.

Author Herb Frazier sat down with Simmons in the fall of 2005 to interview him for his book "Behind God's Back: Gullah Memories of Cainhoy, Wando, Huger, Daniel Island, St. Thomas Island."

"We used to call this Dan's Island," Simmons told Frazier, who shared the comments in his book. "That name held fast until the Northerners started calling it by its right name. Everybody on this island made a living either hunting, fishing or farming. Everything we had on the table came from that island. On the farm, we cured meats such as pork, beef, chicken, and wild game. Everything in the air, we eat that. Everything in the water, we eat that."

Simmons left Daniel Island in 1920 to live with his mother in



MIKE DAHLMAN

Philip Simmons is seen at his home and blacksmith shop on Blake Street in downtown Charleston in 2006.

downtown Charleston and attend school, but in the summers, until he was 13, he would return to the island to help his grandparents' farm and fish. His time immersed in nature amidst the island's rural splendor would serve as inspiration for many of his ironwork designs.

A DREAM SPARKED

Simmons spent his first months in Charleston admiring the city's many iron gates, intrigued and inspired by their designs. On his walking route to school at Buist Academy, he discovered a blacksmith shop owned and operated by Peter Simmons. It didn't take long for the sounds of metal working and the sparks of the forge's fire to lure him in.

"I always tell people I wanted to go to the blacksmith shop because it was exciting," Simmons told The Daniel Island News in 2005. "There was fire, darkness, sparks of fire flying, horses kickin' up and you had to hold them."

Although Philip shared the same last name as Peter, they were not related. But the young Simmons knew he wanted to be part of the shop's activities.

"He was 8 years old and he asked for a job!" said Rossie Colter, a close family friend and project administrator for the Philip Simmons Foundation. "And Peter looked at him and asked how old he was. When he said '8 years old,' he said, 'come back when you're 13!'"

And so he did. Simmons returned five years later and got a job at the shop. By 1938, he began working in ornamental ironwork. His career would span some 78 years and earn him the title of the "most celebrated of Charleston ironworkers," according to the Philip Simmons Foundation, which was established in 1991. He "fashioned more than 500 decorative pieces of ornamental iron: gates, fences, balconies and window grills," states the foundation's website. "The city of Charleston from end to end is decorated by his hand."

Simmons' work has received multiple recognitions over the years, including a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts in 1982, the prestigious "Order of the Palmetto" award from the state of South Carolina in 1998, and the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award for "Lifetime Achievement in the Arts" in 2001. In addition to many public and private commissions, his work is also displayed in the Smithsonian Institute.

A LASTING LEGACY

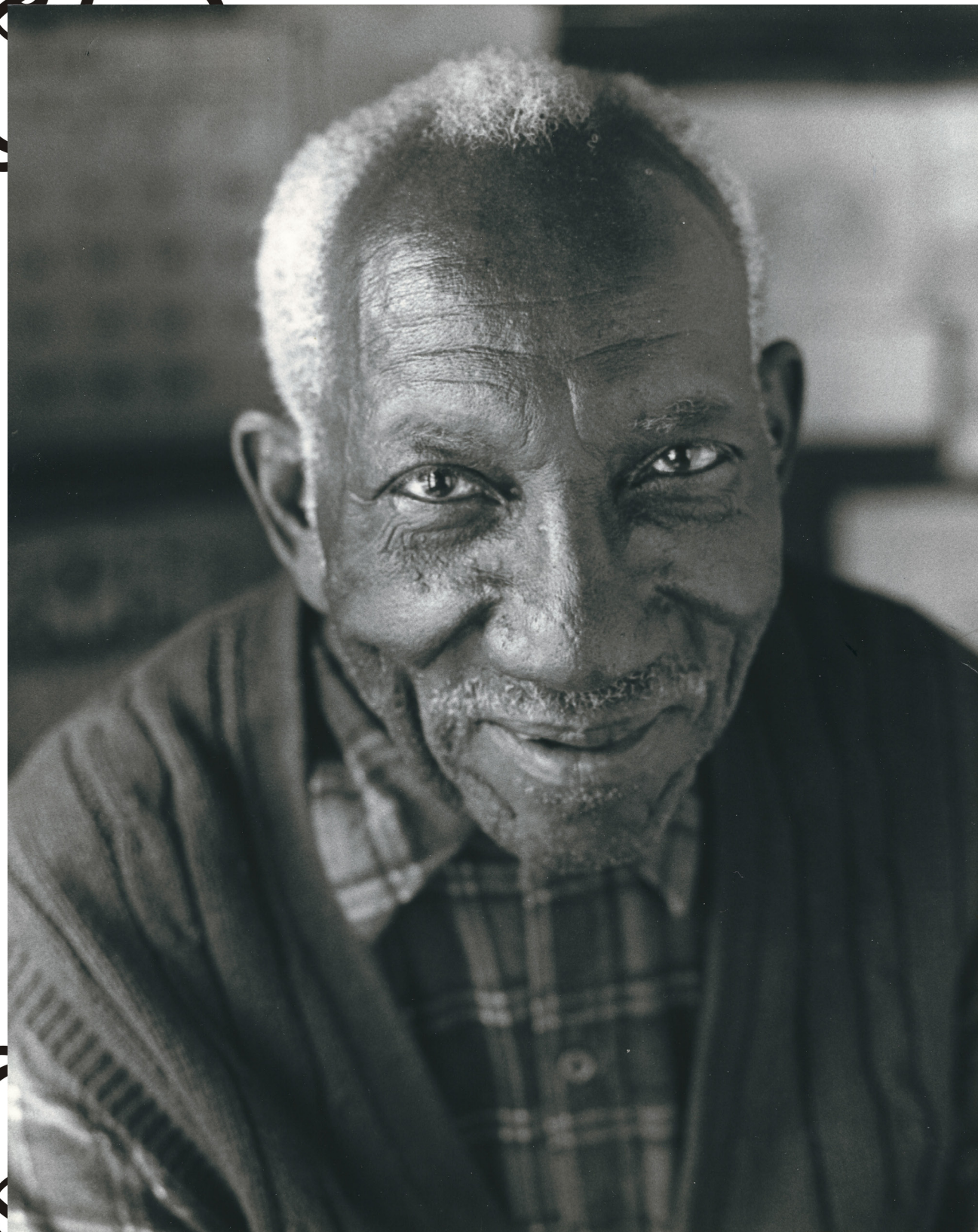
There are plentiful visible reminders of the late Simmons' presence on the Cainhoy peninsula today — from Simmons Park, the park named in his honor at the corner of River Landing Drive and Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island, to the gate he designed behind the park's fountain, to the three public schools named for him in the new Point Hope community off Clements Ferry Road.

At Philip Simmons Elementary, Middle and High schools there are multiple tributes to Simmons' artistry in the form of murals, art projects, and architectural elements in each facility's design.

"We are so proud to honor the work and life of Philip Simmons," said Charla Groves, principal at Philip Simmons Middle School.

"We make an effort to teach the value Mr. Simmons's family placed on education ... We (also) teach that curiosity is an important characteristic ... Without his sense of wonder and curiosity, he may never have discovered his passion and made such an impact on the world."

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Philip Simmons schools aim to honor their namesake

At Philip Simmons High School, iron gates inspired by Simmons' work welcome visitors to the football stadium and photographs, paintings and other homages to the blacksmith adorn walls inside the main facility.

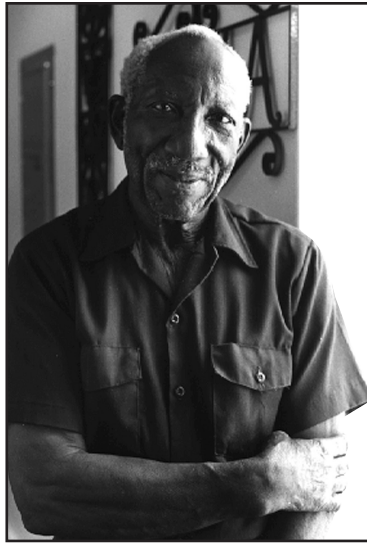
"We all work together with all of the other Philip Simmons schools, because we take great pride in it here, whether you're a student or a staff member," noted Dan Minkin, PSHS athletic director. "... We are so honored to be named after him and we want to make sure here at the school that we're doing everything we can to honor the namesake and the family ... It's a special place, it really is."

Although Simmons passed away before the schools were opened, Colter is confident he would have been delighted to see the facilities and the wonderful school families that have developed over the years.

"The schools are just incredible," Colter said. "... I am sure he would be thrilled. He didn't get to see that, but he would be thrilled."

One of the most prevalent examples of Simmons' imprint on Daniel Island is the wrought-iron logo he designed of a palm tree and water for the Daniel Island Company in the island's early days of development. Not only is the logo still in use today, more than 25 years later, but it can still be seen on all of the island's community signage and flags.

"His design represents the water-oriented location of the island, with the squiggly lines representing the rivers and creeks, and the scrolls representing the nearby ocean," noted Julie Dombrowski, communications director for the DI Development Company. "When it came time to develop Simmons Park, he was asked to incorporate the logo design into a gate design for the park. I believe his nephew Carlton is the one who actually constructed the ironwork. The original iron logo is displayed in the Daniel Island Real Estate sales gallery."



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'HE LOVED TO TALK ABOUT GROWING UP ON DANIEL ISLAND'

For many years, Simmons attended early Park Days on Daniel Island to talk about his craft and participate in demonstrations.

"He loved to talk about growing up on Daniel Island," Dombrowski recalled.

Longtime Daniel Island resident Faith White remembers the special evening that she and her late husband, Henri, hosted Simmons at their home for dinner.

"We had a good time!" said White recently, when reminiscing about what she called a "grand evening."

"He and my husband just talked and talked and talked ... It was a pleasure to have Mr. Simmons as a guest in my home."

Daniel Island Historical Society co-founder Mike Dahlman also recalls spending time with Simmons, while writing his book, "Daniel

Island." He was introduced to Simmons by Reverend David Reilly, who was Simmons' cousin and also grew up in the area. Dahlman and Reilly visited Simmons at his home and blacksmith shop on Blake Street downtown in 2006.

"(They) spent most of the time discussing their combined family history and the location of many of their relatives interred on Daniel Island," Dahlman said. "I was struck by his soft tone and total humility as they talked ... Philip gave me a tour of his home. Besides the living area and the office, there were two small bedrooms and a bathroom. I remember his bedroom having a full sized bed with a bible on a nightstand nearby."

Simmons' forge was located in another structure behind the main house, added Dahlman.

"I remember the anvil and the furnace for heating iron — silent and dark as the forge was not in operation that afternoon ... Philip asked me if I had seen his forge. Although not working iron any longer, it was very obvious how much pride he still took in the art that had shaped his life."

Simmons would enjoy his work well into his final years, said Colter, spending time designing up until just a short time before his death at 97 in 2009.

"He was always a blacksmith," Colter added. "He would always say he was just a boy who wanted to earn a dollar ... He lived a full life and when it was time to go, he decided he was ready to go."

Although Simmons spent most of his life away from Daniel Island, he still held a special place in his heart for the rural landscape that framed his early days. A comment Simmons shared while visiting the island in 2005, captured in Herb Frazier's book, conveys a bit of that nostalgia.

"This is home," he said.

To learn more about Simmons' life and achievements, visit the Philip Simmons Foundation's website at philipsimmons.org.

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FILE

This mural by artist Matthew Foreman of the late master blacksmith Philip Simmons was unveiled at Philip Simmons Middle School in 2018.



MIKE DAHLMAN

Philip Simmons, left, talks with his cousin Reverend David Reilly in 2006.



DI DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Philip Simmons is pictured here at the dedication of Simmons Park in 2003.



ELIZABETH BUSH

The palm tree and water logo that has become a trademark of the Daniel Island community was designed by Philip Simmons in the island's pre-development days. This sign for the Waterfront Park is one of many on the island that bears the symbol. The original wrought-iron logo is on display in the Daniel Island Real Estate Sales Gallery.

Iron Horse squads persist on postseason charge

Miles Haight becomes newest member of 1,000-point club

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Miles Haight reached the 1,000-point career milestone in Feb. 19's Class AAA boys' playoff game against Latta. But the Philip Simmons High School sharpshooter will trade every basket he's swished, every honor he's earned and every trophy he's collected for one thing: a state championship.

"It's pretty much everyone's dream, to win a state championship," said Haight, who scored 16 points in the win to push his career total to 1,005. "Until this year, the program never won a playoff game. Two years later, we have a chance to win the state, and that would be wonderful. It's something you remember for the rest of your life."

Philip Simmons took a big step toward that goal in a deep playoff run with a 65-32 victory over Latta at "The Phil." It was coach Garrett Campbell's squad's 14th straight victory to enter the Feb. 24 Elite 8 game against

York Prep with a 23-0 record.

Haight became the third Philip Simmons boy to reach the elite scoring fraternity. The others to reach the milestone are Marc Haight and Jaylen Green. Marc was the first PSHS athlete to crack the mark in January of the 2019-20 season, and Green joined him in the club two weeks later.

"I looked up to my brother and Jaylen," Haight said. "I thought scoring 1,000 points was amazing and I hoped I could do it. My brother Marc and Jaylen were put on pedestals when it came to Philip Simmons basketball."

The Iron Horses play an undefeated York Prep team that has dominated opponents this winter. York Prep's average margin of victory has been 31 points. They have scored at least 100 points four times, including a season high 123 against Chesterfield in mid-January.

"It's good to get 1,000," Haight said. "It wasn't a distraction because I didn't think about it until a few games ago. Now, it's time

to focus on the team's goal and that is to win the state championship."

Haight, a strong candidate to repeat as an all-state selection, is averaging 19 points and 11 assists per game.

LADY IRON HORSES OVERCOME OVERTIME

Meanwhile, the Philip Simmons girls' team had dramatically opposite victories to reach the third round of the Class AA playoffs. The Iron Horses were scheduled to play at Silver Bluff on Feb. 23, in an Elite 8 clash.

The Iron Horses are riding a nine-game winning streak to up their record to 16-3. Silver Bluff enters the showdown with a 16-2 record.

The Iron Horses opened the playoffs with a 55-19 victory over Barnwell, but found the going tougher in a second-round game at Latta, winning 49-45 in overtime.

The Iron Horses face a Silver Bluff team that will present a challenge. Last year, the



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Miles Haight celebrates with his family after reaching 1,000 points for varsity basketball at Philip Simmons High School. His brother, Marc, at right, also reached the 1,000 point mark when he played in 2020.

Bulldogs defeated the Iron Horses 51-40 in the Lower State championship. Silver Bluff lost to Saluda 61-41 for all the Class AA marbles last March.

The Lower State championship will be Feb. 28 at the Florence Civic Center, and the Class AA state championship will be March 3 at the USC Aiken Convocation Center.

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fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Brody — the amazing fish-finding dog — said the redfish would be in the shallows warming up and eating mullet.

Over the past few days, Brody and I have been organizing the storage lockers in our boats. I guess you could call it spring cleaning. No matter how many times we have done this together, Brody and I are always amazed at what we find. Three bottles of sunscreen (all of which are out of date). Two rain jackets that I have been missing for months. One large bag of beef jerky (no telling how long that has been in there), so I threw the jerky in the trash. Brody gave me the “are you completely stupid” look and removed the beef jerky from the trash. I threw it away again. A few minutes later, Brody was carrying the beef jerky around on the dock. He brought the bag back to

me, and I examined the expiration date. As it turns out, the beef jerky will expire long after I do.

We opened the bag and tried some. It was good! After eating a few pieces, we decided to launch the skiff and do a little fishing. The tide was just about dead low, and the surface water temperature was 60 degrees. Brody said the redfish would be in the shallows warming up and eating finger mullet. He said he knew exactly where they were and would show me for a couple of more pieces of beef jerky. I said you already had enough, and I can find the fish on my own. After an hour of looking and not finding, I decided to give Brody some jerky. He happily

wolfed it down and said the redfish were holding near a dock further up the creek.

He was right. The redfish were there, and they were hungry. Casting a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/6-ounce NedLockZ jig to the dock pilings was highly effective. The fish were not particularly large, but they were plentiful. Each time I would catch and release a fish, Brody got a piece of beef jerky. We ran out of beef jerky pretty quickly.

Spring is nearly here. It is time to organize your boat and buy beef jerky. Lots of beef jerky.

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



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Capt. Greg Peralta caught a redfish over the weekend and couldn't help but take a water selfie.

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Lady Bishops relentless en route to Elite 8

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Perhaps it was a pundit. Or maybe it was an ink-stained wretch or grizzled coach.

But whoever came up with the phrase, “the game wasn’t as close as the score indicated” would have been 100% correct in their assessment of Bishop England girls’ victory over Strom Thurmond High, in a girls’ Class AAA second-round basketball playoff game.

For the record, Bishop England posted a 49-25 victory Feb. 19 at Father O’Brien Gymnasium.

But in reality, this was over within the first couple of minutes. Bishop England led 18-0 at the end of the first quarter and increased the margin to 33-1 at halftime, as BE coach Paul Runey cleared the bench, substituting players early and often.

“I have never been in a playoff game where it was 33-1 at halftime. Score-wise, it was over early,” Runey said. “They have some talented players, but their shots wouldn’t go. We were able to run and make our shots because of our press and points off

turnovers. They shot badly.”

Ally Diminiak was one of eight BE players to enter the scoring column, and led the way with 14 points. Madison Riley added 12 points for the Bishops, who improved to 18-6 on the season. Strom Thurmond exited the playoffs with a 16-7 record.

The Bishops have saved their best basketball for the second half of the season. This conquest was their 11th consecutive victory and 13th in their last 14 games.

The Bishops were 2-0 at home in the playoffs with an 81-33 win over Manning in the first round. But now, they must travel to Loris on Feb. 24 for an Elite 8 showdown.

Loris has matched the Bishops down the stretch. The Lions also own an 11-game winning streak, and have won 12 of their last 13 contests.

“They are a lot like us,” Runey said. “They are not that big, but they are scrappy. They press a lot and get a lot of points off turnovers. It’s almost like looking in the mirror.”

The winner will advance to the Feb. 28 Lower State Championship, which will be

contested at the Florence Center. The state championships will be held March 3-5 at the USC Aiken Convocation Center.

BE BOYS ROUTED FROM PLAYOFFS

Meanwhile, the Bishop England boys traveled to Sumter to battle Lakewood in a first-round Class AAA game, and it appeared the Bishops left their offense at home. Lakewood posted a 49-19 victory to halt the Bishops season. Coach Bryan Grevey’s squad ended with a 14-13 record, while the winners improved to 16-9.

Lakewood took a 12-3 lead after one quarter and led 27-13 at halftime. The Gators outscored BE 8-0 in the third quarter.

Senior Cole Alexander led the Bishops with seven points, hitting 50 percent from the field. He also collected a team-best five rebounds.

The loss was the lowest point total by the Bishops since losses to the old Charleston High School back during the 1948-49 season. Charleston beat the Bishops twice that season with 34-18 and 35-19 victories.



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Bishop England senior guard Adaire Tarrant makes a pass in transition on the way to a 49-25 victory over Strom Thurmond on Feb. 19.

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Safely navigating the roads on Daniel Island



Legal notes

CHRIS MINGLEDORFF & MICHAEL PATTERSON

Holy traffic, Batman! While we do not sit in our Seven Farms Drive office and count the passing cars, casual observations reveal increased vehicle traffic on Daniel Island. Adding construction related traffic, a typical Daniel Island weekday sees thousands of vehicles coming and going. Inevitable is the occasional slow speed vehicle collision. While these will dampen your day, this article is devoted to understanding some basics so it does not dampen your month or year.

The City of Charleston maintains an interactive traffic incident website that reveals speeding and failing to stop at stop signs are Daniel Island's primary police involved traffic incidents. Even though minor collisions are not always reported to the police,

there are things you can do should you be involved.

- **Stop!** This may seem like an obvious statement, but you would be surprised (or not) at the number of drivers who do not stop following a collision with another car (especially unoccupied parked cars). Leaving the scene of any collision can lead to much more serious legal consequences, including criminal charges. Even if the collision is minor and you are confident there is no damage, it is best to stop.

- **Share and collect information.** South Carolina law requires all drivers to maintain insurance, including underinsured and uninsured motorist coverage. In addition to insurance information, it is wise to collect and share your name, phone number and mailing address with the other driver. While some drivers would rather debate fault on the side of the road, this is not the time or place for such a debate.

- **Photographs.** In the day and age of smartphones, taking a couple photos of the condition of both vehicles is wise. In

With increased traffic and number of cars on the island, these tips can help, should you be involved in a minor vehicle collision.

the event you notice unrelated damage on the other vehicle, then it is prudent to document. Unfortunately, some drivers will claim a minor rear-end accident put a crack in the front windshield. Thus, documenting pre-existing damage to the other vehicle could prove useful in the future.

- **Do I call the police?** Calling the police is never the wrong answer. With that said, if there are no injuries and both cars are capable of leaving the scene, then you may not need the police to simply document the aftermath. In other words, if you do the

things outlined above, then the police will rarely be able to offer anything additional.

One other point relevant to life on Daniel Island concerns pedestrians and crosswalks. Pedestrians in a crosswalk have the right of way. One of the tricky designs of Daniel Island concerns the stop signs and crosswalks on the many roads accessing Seven Farms Drive. You probably already know what we are referring to (as you mutter under your breath) — the stop sign set back 15 feet from Seven Farms Drive, immediately followed by the crosswalk set back 10 feet from Seven Farms Drive. If there is a pedestrian, yes, a driver must stop at both the stop sign and the crosswalk.

In closing, we hope you avoid any situations in which this article may be useful. But, should a minor accident occur, heed some of the points outlined herein.

Safe driving!

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nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

On a very cold morning last month, I sat in a well-concealed hide near a small, wooded pond. It was quiet and still there, just off the Cooper River, and the first hints of daybreak had begun coloring the eastern sky. Suddenly a loud “pop” nearly jolted me off my stool.

Though it still startled me, I had heard the sound before. As the noise was being repeated several times my eyes searched the still-dark pond, and at last I found the source. A dark form was silently making a small wake through the water. It headed towards the nearby bank, eased through some tall reeds and was gone. This protesting beaver had made it very clear that I had intruded too close to her lodge. These tail slaps are a beaver’s alarm signals, and they can be heard and recognized from quite far away.

Castor canadensis, the American beaver, is sometimes called the North American beaver or the Canadian beaver. These beavers inhabit most of North America and, through human introduction, a small part of South America. Paleontologists have identified beaver fossils as far north as Ellesmere Island, in the high arctic, dating from much warmer times some 3 million years ago. They have been here a very long time.

The American beaver is a “keystone species.” Keystone describes a species that can fundamentally change entire ecosystems by itself. I was reminded of that fact recently in another pond where I saw some of the damage a local beaver family had done in an amazingly short period of time. In less than two weeks, and probably in just a few days, a beaver or beavers chewed through and felled a tall, healthy tree, which appeared to be a swamp chestnut oak, about a foot and a half in diameter. In no time these industrious rodents had killed what took decades to grow and mature. There is a great YouTube video, “Why do Beavers Build Dams?”

Nature’s Engineers” by Real Wild. It details how man’s introduction (or reintroduction) of beavers into a given area largely saved the Elk Island National Park in Alberta, Canada, but is also threatening to destroy the natural balance of Tierra del Fuego.

Beavers inhabit freshwater swamps and ponds, especially with moving water. Their lodges are conspicuous mounds of wood, brush, etc. and have underwater entrances for protection. Beavers eat the bark and cambium from the trees they fell and use much of the rest in their construction projects. They have several adaptations, like their self-sharpening teeth, their nasal and ear valves for diving and their third eyelids for underwater vision, that make them very good at what they do.

Young beavers will live with their parents for a couple of years while learning their trade and helping with the dams and lodges. Then they will move on, find their mates, and build dams and lodges of their own. They can live as long as 20 years in the wild.



FRANK CONWAY

In less than two weeks, a beaver or family of beavers chewed through and felled a tall, healthy tree — likely a swamp chestnut oak — at a local pond. These industrious animals eat the bark and cambium from the trees they fell and use much of the rest to help build the lodges and dams where they live.

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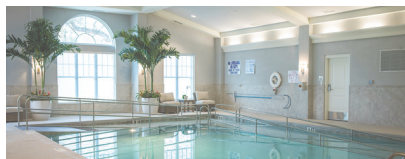
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KELLY MARTIN

Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church is building a new 850-seat church at 990 Etiwan Park St. on Daniel Island. On Monday, Feb. 14, a 200-foot crane lifted and set a 90-foot copper spire on top of the in-progress construction project. Raising the spire was akin to lifting an eight-story building. With the spire installed, the structure measures 180 feet high, making it the sixth tallest in the City of Charleston. Completion of the three-year project is expected in 2023,



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These photos show the church under construction and the cranes lifting the spire at night.

DI real estate hurdles continue in new year



Renee Reinert Pote

In the first month of the new year, 32 homes sold on Daniel Island. The least expensive home sold was a condo at 600 Bucksley Lane which sold for \$200,000. The most expensive home sold was in Daniel Island Park on Delahow Street which closed at \$2.72 million. Total sales for January were \$31,722,900.

According to Renee Reinert Pote, owner of Iron Gate Realty, the lack of inventory remains a hurdle for Daniel Island real estate sales.

“The market continues to have low inventory. We are not seeing any slowing down of the number of buyers relocating to our area, but we are definitely now feeling the pinch of not having enough homes available to sell. Many agents have buyers waiting for the next property available and they will hop on a plane with very little notice. Buyers purchasing via Facetime is not unusual these days,” Pote noted.

Pote doesn’t think the market will change any time soon. “I think we will continue with low inventory for another year or two at least and prices will continue to rise,” Pote added. “The rate of the value increase will steady itself as interest rates continue to slowly rise.”

HOMES THAT SOLD IN JANUARY

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- 1225 Blakeway St. #903 - \$407,000
- 600 Bucksley Lane #306 - \$200,000
- 1007 Cochran St. - \$1,050,000
- 2234 Daniel Island Drive - \$1,060,000
- 2273 Daniel Island Drive - \$440,000
- 2356 Daniel Island Drive - \$460,000
- 2320 Daniel Island Drive - \$635,000
- 252 Delahow St. - \$2,720,000
- 130 Fairbanks Oak Alley #2B: \$1,280,000
- 8037 Gibbon St. - \$1,025,000
- 143 Island Park Drive - \$2,175,000
- 274 Island Park Drive - \$1,299,000
- 290 Island Park Drive - \$1,300,000
- 631 Island Park Drive - \$2,545,000
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- 706 Netherton Court - \$995,000
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- 145 Pier View Street #207 - \$569,900
- 135 Pier View Street #309 - \$430,000

Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	14	22	34	32	\$10,440,644	\$15,414,201	\$28,987,528	\$31,722,900
February	16	23	37		\$11,130,138	\$21,287,233	\$31,307,425	
March	35	42	41		\$16,666,317	\$34,525,845	\$51,893,029	
April	25	22	38		\$22,933,229	\$17,382,532	\$39,994,775	
May	38	20	54		\$33,828,169	\$16,069,400	\$66,726,340	
June	45	51	53		\$33,624,296	\$51,424,771	\$65,478,800	
July	30	61	50		\$21,411,329	\$54,504,748	\$70,231,467	
August	39	48	63		\$27,879,600	\$48,663,823	\$74,046,460	
September	26	57	39		\$20,520,565	\$63,680,403	\$46,091,470	
October	24	62	37		\$16,615,825	\$57,934,023	\$44,705,585	
November	22	47	35		\$18,646,574	\$46,020,216	\$46,100,000	
December	31	43	27		\$29,027,031	\$48,971,346	\$41,678,063	
YEAR TOTALS	345	498	508	32	\$262,723,717	\$475,878,541	\$606,240,942	\$31,722,900

- 1941 Pierce St. - \$650,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #1202 - \$296,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #12200 - \$351,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #7112 - \$241,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #7118 - \$330,000
- 200 River Landing Drive #H302 - \$550,000
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meeting NOTES

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

City of Charleston TRC

Date: Feb. 24

A site plan for Point Hope Retail on Renaissance Lane in Cainhoy (third review). This is a 0.51 acre site with a proposed 5,000-square-foot building. The owner is Joseph Lasardi. The applicant is Earthsource Engineering. Contact: Vince Sottile, sottilev@earthsourceeng.com.

Date: March 3

A site plan for Dominion Energy SC Jack Primus on Jack Primus Road in Cainhoy (pre-app). This is an 81.6-acre site plan for new DESC Crew Quarters and lay down/outdoor storage yard. The owner is Dominion Energy. The applicant is Forsberg Engineering & Surveying, Inc. Contact: Trey Linton, tlinton@forsberg-engineering.com.

A site plan for Southern Eagle Expansion at 1600 Charleston Regional Parkway in Cainhoy (second 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.

A site plan for Woodfield Daniel Island 3 at 225 Benefitfocus Way on Daniel Island (first

review). This is a 5.4-acre site plan that calls for a 175-unit multifamily development. Early site work will include tree and vegetation clearing, demolition of existing building and hardscape, and rough grading and surcharge. The owner is DIEC III LLC, DIEC IV LLC. The applicant is Seamon Whiteside. Contact: Hampton Young, hyoung@seamonwhiteside.com.

RESULTS FROM PAST MEETINGS

Date: Feb. 17

A site plan for Woodfield II at Point Hope Parkway Parkway in Cainhoy (fourth review). A 10-acre site plan for a mixed-use project on Point Hope Parkway, Foundation Street and Hopewell Drive for multi-family units (223) and retail that includes seven buildings, parking and associated site improvements. The owner is Woodfield Investments, LLC. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com. **Results: Pending final documentation. Once approved, submit Site Plan to Zoning for stamping.**

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.

FOOD DRIVE

Providence Church, 294 Seven Farms Drive, is collecting non-perishable food items for the Lowcountry Food Bank through end of Feb. Items include: baby food, canned meats, canned soups/stews, cereal, fruit juice, peanut butter. Containers for food donations are located on the front and back porches of the church.

GRIEF SEMINARS

Each Tuesday through May 3, 6:30-8:30 pm, the Parish Hall of the Church of the Holy Cross will host a free recovery seminar and support group called GriefShare. Contact Deacon Ed Dyckman at 843-367-5647 or dyckman.edward@gmail.com.

DI NEWS AUTHOR SERIES

Noted local authors Gordon Rhea and Herb Frazier will present their new books focusing on Civil War and Reconstruction eras, followed by discussion, Q&A and a book signing Wed., Feb. 23, 7 pm at the theater in Daniel's Pointe Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Dr. The event is free and open to the public. To give organizers an idea on attendance and how many books to have available for sale, sign up at eventbrite.com/e/daniel-island-news-monthly-author-series-february-23-event-tickets-258022410977.

DI NIGHT AT THE STINGRAYS

On Saturday, Feb. 26, from 5-8 pm, Daniel Island residents are invited to enjoy a fun night with the South Carolina Stingrays. Tickets can be purchased on the DI Property Owners' Association website.

SPRING RED BALLOON SALE

On March 26, from 7 am to 1 pm, the annual Spring Red Balloon Yard Sale provides an opportunity for shoppers to wander the neighborhoods in search of unique finds and special deals. Put out a red balloon at your home to let everyone know you are participating in this island-wide event.

PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION

The Exchange Club of Daniel Island will be

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

displaying Pinwheels during the month of April to bring Awareness to National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pinwheels will be for sale at bluepinwheels.com to display in yards. All proceeds will benefit local children's organizations such as Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center, Darkness to Light, and the Humanities Foundation

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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REGULAR MEETINGS

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

COMMUNITY YOGA held Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am at the DI Recreation Center. All levels welcome. Email Teresa Donohue at dicomunityyoga@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 lmcwpr@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. Daniell'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 on hand to answer questions and accept soil samples.

PHILIP SIMMONS YOUNG LIFE All Philip Simmons 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, 11:30 am, 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 marjyo@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. **TOASTMASTERS** meets virtually every first and third Sat., 9-10 am. danielislandtoastmasters@gmail.com.

WILLINGWAYS "CONTINUED CARE GROUP" is designed to help families struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.





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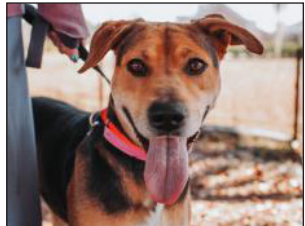
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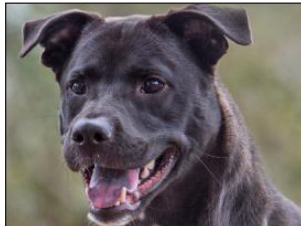


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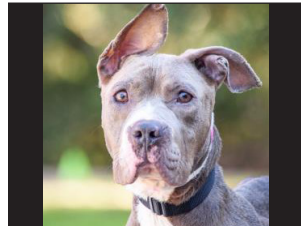
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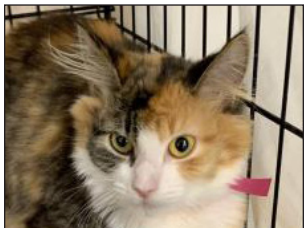
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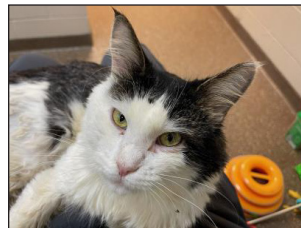
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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Don't Go There

Don't and *doesn't* are contractions for *do not* and *does not*. Like all verbs, they must agree with their subjects. Choose the correct one below.

1. Lori is one of several employees who (*don't/doesn't*) like the new dress code.
2. The clothes in the dryer (*don't/doesn't*) need to be ironed.
3. It just (*don't/doesn't*) seem right.



Answers: Use **don't** with all plural subjects and the pronouns **I** and **you**. Use **doesn't** with all singular subjects except **I** and **you**.
1. doesn't 2. don't 3. doesn't

MYSTERY PHOTO CONTEST

CONGRATS TO LAST WEEK'S WINNER: PATTY FISHER

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest from Feb. 17 is Patty Fisher, who correctly identified the picture as part of the sign on the door at the New York Butcher Shoppe, located on Island Park Drive.

She said she recognized “Mario” because “I am a frequent customer of this wonderful store.”

Fisher and her husband, Chuck, live in Huger and enjoy spending time with family and friends, working in their yard and boating. Their daughter, Jules, attended the Daniel Island School and Bishop England High School, and will graduate from Clemson in May with a degree in Industrial Engineering.

“I have had the privilege to work with our DI children the past 16 years,” Fisher said. “I helped open DIS as a second grade teacher and retired in 2019. Now, I enjoy teaching at Holy Cross Preschool.”

Congrats are also in order to the following readers for sending in the correct responses: Karen Fedder, Kathie Harvey, Greta Hughey, Robert Peiffer and Aly Hall.



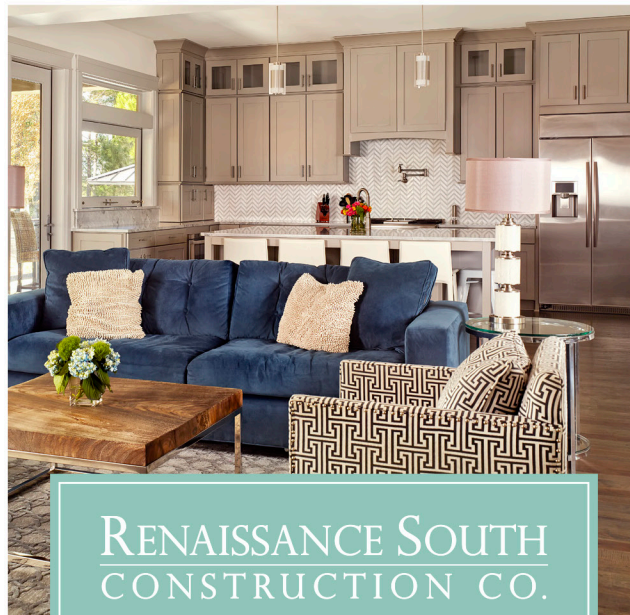
Patty Fisher, right, with her daughter, Jules.

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, Feb. 26. 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 FEBRUARY 22, 2007:



The cover and centerfold featured an article with a large-scale drawing of a proposed public waterfront marina for Daniel Island by The Daniel Island Company and the City of Charleston. The article stated that if the project was approved by regulatory agencies, nearly two miles of shoreline north and south of the Mark Clark Expressway

would be transformed into a wide array of water-oriented recreational opportunities. It would include a public access boat ramp, fishing pier and full-service marina. Recently, a variation of this project (without the boat ramp) came to fruition in the form of The Waterfront.

In school news, a School Improvement Council was formed at the Daniel Island School to work behind the scenes to ensure that the school made the grade in everything from properly functioning traffic patterns to academic excellence.

TEN YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 23, 2012:



The cover and feature stories centered around bullying and bully-busting. A group of Daniel Island School fifth graders graduated from a New York University School of Law's Bullying Academy to become anti-bully advocates.

The Bullying Academy is a web-based interactive program for fourth through eighth graders. It is designed to help students recognize and respond to bullying, but it goes one critical step further: it actually tests what the participants have learned so that educators can ascertain whether or not the critical messages have been received and comprehended.

In other news, Daniel Island residents met with Officer Franco Pigoni to learn more about forming a Daniel Island neighborhood crime watch.

FIVE YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 23, 2017:



The cover and centerfold featured the formation of the Brouhaha Marching Band, which was organized by the Black Tie Music Academy. Daniel Island would be home to a grand Mardi Gras celebration and parade headlined by the V-Tones band along with the "Brouhaha Marching Band."

In honor of Black History Month, there was an article about local historian Nic Butler's lecture at the Daniel Island Library. As part of his presentation, he spoke of Boston King and John Kizell, two brave men and former slaves in Charleston who were largely responsible for the success of an operation that helped thousands of slaves in America find freedom back in Africa.

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