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DI family opens their hearts and home to foster parenting

ELIZABETH BUSH

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It's a few weeks before Christmas - and life in the Leeke home on Daniel Island is festively busy.

Eighteen-month old Eleanor is expressing her dissatisfaction with applesauce and being confined to her high chair, so her Mom, Cathy, sets the toddler free to explore the kitchen area. Brother Grayson, 6, is focused on an activity on an iPad at the table, while big sister Meredith, 7, politely asks to begin a stamping project. Dad, Jonathon, is preparing fresh spinach for dinner, along with macaroni and cheese. He and Cathy move about effortlessly, tag teaming duties to keep everything running smoothly. It is the steady hum of noise and moving parts associated with an engaged and active young family.

But there is one more member of the Leeke clan to add to the mix. And he is very much a part of the family's daily happenings. Michael* may not be one of Cathy and Jonathon's biological children, but they give him the same attention and love they give their other kids. He is a foster child, placed with them through Lifeline Children's Services of South Carolina last August. Michael, who is a few months younger than Eleanor, is at daycare on this particular afternoon, but the family has plans to pick up him soon while on the way to a church event.



ACACIA FALZONE

Cathy and Jonathon Leeke of Daniel Island are currently serving as foster parents through Lifeline Children's Services of South Carolina. They are shown here with their biological children Meredith, Eleanor and Grayson.

"He was an emergency placement," said Cathy, when discussing Michael's arrival at the Leeke homestead in August of 2016. "He came to us with a 'Can you take him now?' (plea). We didn't know if he was born in a hospital or if he had been immunized. We didn't know his medical records, what he eats or what size diapers he wears. We didn't know anything about him."

All they knew was that Michael needed a safe place to call home. And they didn't hesitate to say yes.

"Being a foster parent, it's like every day could be the delivery day," added Cathy. "You could be 'giving birth' and getting a call that will change your day."

But the Leeques were well prepared for the challenge. They first attended an information session about foster parenting in December of 2014, after considering adding another child to their family (a similar class will be held on Daniel Island this month - see sidebar). At the time, they were thinking about an international

adoption. They began discussing the idea with Lifeline, a Christian non-profit organization that specializes in adoption, foster care and orphan care.

"We were talking to Lifeline about different countries and wanted to make the biggest impact we could, so we were asking about where the greatest needs were," Cathy recalled. "So having the support of them here, it really clicked for us. We just felt called to (foster care), because we were able to serve kids right here in our local area. The need was just overwhelming."

According to Lifeline's South Carolina State Director Brett Chapman, there are more than 4,000 kids in foster care in South Carolina and a need for 1555 more homes. In Charleston County alone, there are about 292 children currently in foster care and only 140 foster families - exposing a need for an additional 152 homes.

"The need for licensed foster families is apparent in the disparate numbers of children needing placement and the number of families available to care for them," stated Chapman. "The lack of equipped and supported homes results in children being placed in overcrowded homes or in institutions where their unique needs cannot be met with excellence."

Compounding the problem, continued Chapman, is the fact that about one third of

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letter to the EDITOR

RE: "TIME FOR A GRAND PARK ON DANIEL ISLAND"

I love the concept of a grand park for the southern tip of Daniel Island as presented by Rep. Sanford. As a New Yorker, my life in Manhattan was incredibly enhanced by Central Park. It was my playground.

But wait, Rep. Sanford mentioned that "traffic is going from bad to worse" and "[w]e see signs . . . of our own growth with . . . traffic conges-

tion." These concerns about growth and traffic very accurately describe Daniel Island. While Rep. Sanford touts that the park "would be accessible by water taxi from downtown or Mount Pleasant," he omits the burdensome increase in auto traffic that would result from the park and adversely impact already crowded residential streets on Daniel Island. If only this concept with appropriate vehicular access would have been developed and included in the Daniel

Island Master Plan. That would have been spectacular.

Yes, I love the concept of a grand park. No, I do not want park traffic to further crowd the streets on Daniel Island. If Rep. Sanford can offer a concrete and viable solution to automobile access, I will be among the first to support the effort.

*Robert P. Jacobs, MD
Daniel Island, SC*

Berkeley County Government Public Hearing Announcement

PUBLIC HEARING
Berkeley County Government
Supervisor Referendum
January 23, 6 pm

If you'd like to express comments on the proposed referendum regarding a change to the Berkeley County form of government, from a Council-Supervisor system to a Council-Administrator system, a public hearing and final reading on the measure will take place at the Berkeley County Council meeting on Monday, January 23, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held in the Berkeley

County Administration Building, located at 1003 Highway 52 in Moncks Corner. If approved, the referendum would be put before voters on a special election ballot on March 28. More information can be found about the proposal, dubbed Bill #17-03, in last week's Daniel Island News: <http://www.thedanielislandnews.com/news/berkeley-county-considers-changing-form-government>.

Abs are made in the kitchen



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"You can make abs
for dinner, I'm
making pizza."

The first time I heard the expression, "Abs are made in the kitchen," I was watching a highlight video of the 2015 CrossFit Games. Here were some of the fittest athletes in the world - all with washboard abs, all lifting incredible amounts of weight, all serious athletes. Yet, one of these strong and ripped athletes, Matthew Fraser, who went on to win the CrossFit Games in 2016, made the statement.

I promptly wrote it down and posted it on

the refrigerator. A longtime on again/off again cross fitter myself, I noticed that as I turned 50, my abs were trying to hide behind, umm, well, a little belly bulge. I needed the reminder to eat healthier foods.

In writing this column, I googled the phrase and discovered it was not original to Mat Fraser. And, some have called it a fitness myth on the grounds that only exercise will make your abs strong - diet might keep you slim - but it

will not strengthen the muscles.

True enough. Some folks have skinny waists but no visible abs. They might be eating the correct foods but they are not strengthening their core. Others might have a strong set of abs that is hidden by a belly of fat. Prime example - NFL linemen.

Back in our kitchen, my husband noticed the sign and said, "You can make abs for dinner, I'm making pizza."

When I tickled his doughy belly, he tried a different angle, "Crunches in the kitchen are fine but burpees will cause my soufflés to fall."

This from a man who's never made a soufflé in his life.

In the end, we agreed - you do need both exercise and nutrition to show off the abs. And the sign is a reminder to us both to not only burpee more often, but also to heavy lift the veggies.



We received an additional two suggestions as part of our "101 Ways to Improve Our Community" survey. We're now at 90 suggestions, thanks to the following two ideas sent in by a reader:

89. Fine people for littering. For example, people pick up dog droppings and then leave the bags on the ground.

90. Remind people of the HOA and POA rules. Maybe a quick article in the paper periodically with a couple of "Did You Know" points.

If you'd like to add to our list, please send an email to beth@thedanielislandnews.com.

Ten and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

TEN YEARS AGO

Attempted child abductions put parents on alert

In the January 18, 2007 edition of the paper our center-fold article was titled "How safe are our children?" Several reports of a possible child predator prowling area Mount Pleasant neighborhoods in a red van for potential victims had Daniel Island parents on high alert. Police and medical professionals urged safety and awareness and Daniel Island parents were shaken but vigilant. No incidents occurred on the island.

In our business feature, "What I do", we highlighted Soda Water Grill (now occupied by Vespa) employee and manager Deanna Kasting. By 2007, Kasting had already been working at the popular island bar and restaurant for five years.



Busted! In 2007, students in Mrs. Williams' class take turns releasing "snow" into the classroom.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Berkeley County School Board approves plan for \$250 million bond referendum



In 2012, Bishop England's Options Program students and Band of Buddies rest proudly after tending to the lovely Etiwan pocket garden.

In the January 19, 2012 edition of the paper we reported: "When it comes to funding new schools in Berkeley County, including a new high school for the Daniel Island and Cainhoy areas, the buck will stop with voters. On January 10 [2012], the Berkeley County School Board voted 6-3 to put the issue on the ballot in November in the form of a \$250 million bond refer-

endum." This was eventually passed and is the basis for the completion of the Philip Simmons elementary/middle school and the ongoing construction of the high school, which is slated to open next year.

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

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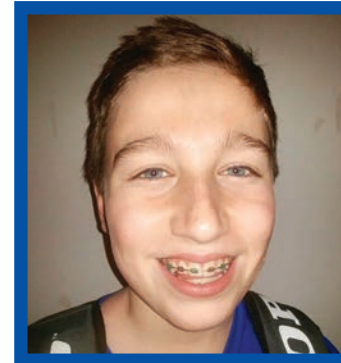
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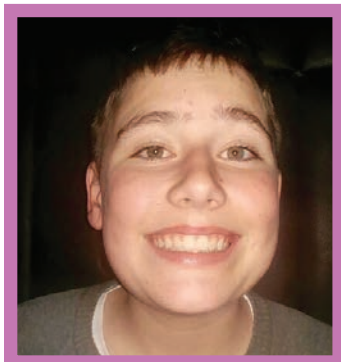
A more diverse athletic program because more people want to play different sports nowadays.
Will
Age 14



Better and healthy foods so the students can get energy throughout the day.
Keith
Age 11



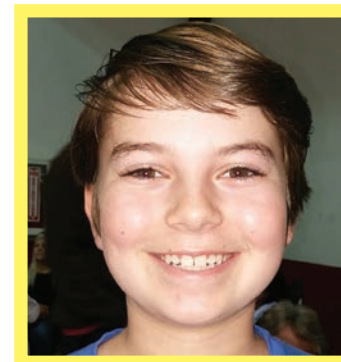
More hands-on learning so the students get more engaged in class activity.
Calum
Age 12



A marching band in all schools because my school doesn't have one.
Milo
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I would want a school band so I can educate people on music.
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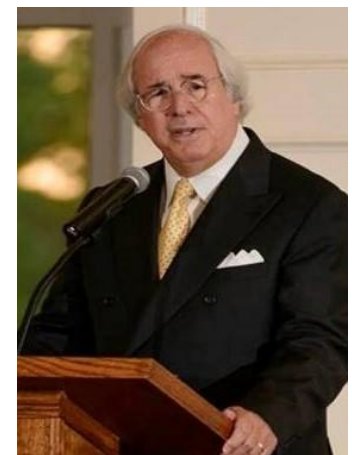
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2nd Annual Intergenerational Forum planned

Applications being accepted now for March 7 event

Calling all seniors! What are your thoughts on humanity, our nation, and the world today? Your valuable insights and perspectives are needed. The 2nd Annual Intergenerational Forum, featuring a panel of senior high school students and senior citizens, will be held on Tuesday, March 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Bishop England High School's Performing Arts Center.

Five senior high school students will be selected from a pool of applicants to participate. High schools taking part in the application process include Bishop England, Porter-Gaud, Palmetto Scholars Academy, Academic Magnet, Hanahan, Oceanside Collegiate Academy, and Wando. Applicants from other schools are also welcome. Additionally, five senior citizens will be selected to join the panel from the community at large.

Application forms have been sent to each school, but can also be obtained at the following link: <http://www.thedanielislandnews.com/news/2017-intergenerational-forum>. Completed applications, along with a headshot/photo, should be emailed to igf29492@gmail.com or dropped off at The Daniel Island News office at 225

Seven Farms Drive, Suite 108. The deadline for submission is February 3, 2017.

Applicants will be asked to write a brief statement about themselves and provide answers to three questions that will be addressed at the event. This year's questions are as follows:

- **What can we do about the rising trend of incivility in our country?**
- **In this age of technology and digital communication, how is the way we engage with one another affecting our interactions? What impact is this having on relationships across generations?**
- **What should America do about the 11 million undocumented immigrants now living in our country?**

According to Fred Danziger, Intergenerational Forum Chairman, applicants should have a natural curiosity about the world, have good interpersonal skills and be comfortable speaking on a panel and answering questions in a public forum. They should also be able to thoughtfully articulate an opinion on the subjects listed above, and do so in the context of their generation. This year's event will feature

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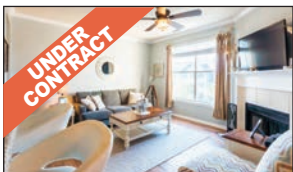
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DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL TO PRESENT 'THE JAZZ CAFÉ'

The Daniel Island School Jazz Band and the Charleston Community Jazz Band will present "The Jazz Café," an inaugural fundraising event featuring a family-friendly spaghetti dinner and jazz music experience, on Thurs., Jan. 19, 6:30 to 8 pm. in the DIS multi-purpose room. Proceeds benefit the DIS Orchestra and Band Booster Club. Tickets are being sold online only. For reservations, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-jazz-cafe-tickets-29509157685>.

WANDO RIVER BEACH SWEEP

Join Daniel Island resident Nick DeFazio for a Beach Sweep of the Wando River shoreline on Daniel Island on Sat. Jan. 21, from 9-11 am. Nick is spearheading this clean-up initiative as part of his 8th grade IB project at Christ Our King Stella Maris School. Anyone interested in joining this community effort can meet in the parking lot to the right of Pierce Park Pool at 9 am. The group will then travel along the trail to the area near Children's Park at the Wando River dock, picking up trash and other debris along the way. Contact: rdefazio@bellsouth.net. A separate clean-up, led by Mason Jordahl, will be held on Sun. Jan. 22, from 10 am to 12 pm. Anyone interested in helping should meet in the parking lot of the Daniel Island Sales Center. Contact: rana@homesc.com.

CROSSFIT DISCOVERY 1ST ANNUAL ROW RAISER

The 1st Annual Row Raiser to benefit Special Olympics of S.C. will be held at Daniel Island's CrossFit Discovery, 115 Pier View Street, on Sat. Jan. 21, 4-7 pm. The event will feature a 2-hour team relay rowing activity (on rowing machines). Teams consist of 6 to 10 people. You can sign up as a team or sign up as an individual and be placed on an open team. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories, including fastest team in each division and best dressed. There will also be a DJ and team trivia during event as well as refreshments and food from event partner, Daniel Island Dinners. Cost is \$50/person (includes t-shirt, bag and sponsor gifts). All special needs athletes can participate free of charge. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/row-raiser-registration-29841050385>. Contact Amy Gege at (843) 224-7526 or Amygege@so-sc.org.

DANIEL ISLAND SPEAKERS SERIES

Mayor John Tecklenburg will serve as the guest speaker at the next Daniel Island Speaker Series event, Wed., Jan. 25 at the Daniel Island Club, 6:30 to 8 pm. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/daniel-island-speakers-series-presents-mayor-tecklenburg-tickets-30135808013>. The Speakers Series is sponsored by Rotary Club of Daniel Island, the Daniel Island Property Owners Association, the Daniel Island Club, and the Daniel Island Business Association.

F.T. STACK MEMORIAL OYSTER ROAST

Love oysters? Don't miss the F.T. Stack Memorial Oyster Roast Sat. Jan. 28. Also on the menu will be southern style chili and hot dogs with all the fixings. Entertainment includes a silent auction, raffle and live music by the Kelly Sanchez Duo. Bring your own oyster knife, gloves and towels. \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Proceeds benefit scholarships for students east of the Cooper. <http://www.ioproast.com>.

FOSTER CARE TRAINING CLASSES

Lifeline Children's Services of South Carolina trains families to address the need locally for more foster families. The organization is actively recruiting families to meet this need. A Foster Care Training Class Orientation will be held on Tues. Jan. 31, 6:30 to 8 pm at Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island, 299 Seven Farms Drive. The Foster Care Training sessions will take place Feb. 21 - April 18. Child-care is available. Attending orientation is required in order to apply for the classes. Register at <http://lifelinechild.org/foster-parenting-training-classes/> or contact Laura Deboer at laura.deboer@lifelinechild.org.

TGIFF

Thank Goodness It's First Friday, the longest running, informal social gathering of Daniel Island residents, will be on Fri. Feb. 3 at Daniel's Landing Clubhouse 6:30-9 pm. Open to all Daniel Island residents. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and your favorite beverage. Kathy and Paul Banister will be the hosts. Contact: Walter and Barbara Jenner - (843) 216-2573.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads, mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Father-Daughter Dance on Fri., Feb. 3, 6 - 8 pm at Seacoast Church on Long Point Rd. in Mt. Pleasant. This "red carpet" event is a Valentine season highlight that includes dinner, dancing, roses for your daughters, and photos. There will also be raffles for prize packages for moms and dads. The event is hosted by Lowcountry Christian Community School. Visit www.lowcountrychristian.com/dance. Cost is \$40 for dad and one princess (add \$15 for each additional princess).

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Make plans to attend this tennis and golf fundraiser Feb. 17-18 at Wild Dunes Resort on Isle of Palms. Oyster roast and BBQ party on Friday, Feb. 17, 18-hole golf tournament and tennis team competition on Sat. Feb. 18. Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For ticket info and details visit KomenLowcountry.org/Swing.

PORK & PEARLS TICKETS ON SALE

Presented by the DIPOA, the 8TH Annual Pork & Pearls oyster and pig roast benefitting Windwood Family Services is set for Sat. Feb. 25, 3-7 pm. The event, to be held on the Grand Lawn of the Family Circle Tennis Center, will feature live music, adult libations and all you can eat oysters & BBQ. Kids activities are also planned. <http://www.citypaper-tickets.com/events/40176459/pork-and-pearls>.

2ND ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL FORUM

It's back - with a new and exciting format! The 2nd Annual Intergenerational Forum will be held on Tues., Mar. 7 at 7 pm at the Bishop England High School Performing Arts Center. The program, free and open to the public, is intended to bring together in a public forum representatives of the younger generation (high school seniors) and senior citizens to glean their perspectives on vitally important matters concerning humanity, our country, and the world today. Panelists are currently being sought for the event. If you'd like to be considered, contact Fred Danziger at IGF29492@gmail.com for an application.

DANIEL ISLAND WALK/RUN GROUP

A Daniel Island walk/run group meets in the Pierce Park parking lot on Wednesdays at 9 am (the meeting time used to be 8:30). This group offers a great way to get some exercise and socialize. Everyone welcome!

DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Guests are welcome at our 2nd Wednesday of the month meetings at Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island, at 1 pm. Contact Lydia Freilich at frenchlydia@homesc.com.

DANIEL ISLAND INSHORE FISHING CLUB

The DI Inshore Fishing Club offers the opportunity to meet other Daniel Islanders interested in fishing, from beginners to more advanced anglers, and serves as a focal point to participate in various aspects of fishing and related educational, conservation, and social activities. Meets on the third Tue. of each month at 7 pm at Providence Baptist Church. All welcome. Contact Grant Gustafson, grantnc74@gmail.com.

CULTURAL LITERACY CLASS

Cultural literacy is defined as having a knowledge of history, contributions and perspectives of different cultural groups necessary for the understanding of reading, writing and other media. Join Hillyer Rudisill on Wednesdays at 10:30 am at the Daniel Island Library for a weekly lecture and discussion on varied topics that make up cultural literacy. Participants can attend at any time since each session stands on its own.

YOUNG LIFE

Every Mon., high school students gather for a night of crazy fun and fellowship at Anna Kate Gardner's house from 7:47-9 pm (851 Dunham Street). Contact Tracey Lengyel Thomas (tlengyel91@gmail.com) or charleston.younglife.org.

WYLDLIFE

Every Monday middle school students gather from 7-8 pm for an amazing night of fun and fellowship at the home of Kevin and Catherine Brookes (1712 Doldridge Street). Contact Tracey Lengyel Thomas: (412) 852.2123 or tlengyel91@gmail.com or charleston.younglife.org.

BENG

"Business Executive Networking Group" meets the first Tues. of every month at the Berkeley County Library on

Daniel Island, from 5-6:30 pm. BENG (www.thebeng.org) is a multidiscipline group for mid- to senior-level executive professionals who are seeking a new career. Cathey Petkash, cpetkash@frannet.com. Register at <http://bengcharleston.eventbrite.com>.

WILLINGWAY CONTINUING CARE MEETINGS

Every Monday 6:30-7:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Dr. Provides a community for addicts, their family and friends to talk about their experiences and find ways to connect with 12-step recovery. Free. Contact Rhett Crull 843-323-7111.

RUN CLUB

Gaia Fit Run Club meets on Fridays 5:30 am and Sundays 7:30 am for group runs as well as First Friday Happy Hour Runs at DI restaurants. Email mary@gaiafit.com.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Daniel Island ladies of all denominations gather Wed. mornings at 9 am for an hour of prayer and sharing. Call Joan Vitalo, 843-884-1484, or Kay Uhler, 843-971-1445.

WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK (WIN)

Join professional women for a networking luncheon, which is held the last Wednesday of each month at The Islander, from 11:45 am - 1 pm. Contact Sheila Underwood - 843-654-6289 or email Sheila.underwood@suntrust.com. RSVP is required.

TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters of Daniel Island meets on the first and third Friday of every month, 12 to 1 pm at Summit Place, 320 Seven Farms Dr. For more information please contact claire@eduave.com or Brian Richards (843) 884-5987.

AA MEETINGS ON DI

Daily M-F 8 am, Tue. 7 pm, Fri 7 pm at Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Dr.; Sat. 8 pm at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Dr.

DANIEL ISLAND EXCHANGE CLUB

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (with some exceptions) at 5:30 pm (social) and 6 pm (meeting) at Daniel's Landing Clubhouse at 130 River Landing Drive. Their next meetings will take place in January. The club centers its service initiatives on Americanism, youth programs, community service and the prevention of child abuse. Contact PresidentDIEExchangeClub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page.

MOM'S PLAYDATE

Join local Moms and kids for playdates twice a month. Meets at the Center Park (train side) playground on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 10:30am. Contact Erica Elmenhurst (ericaelmenhurst@gmail.com) and/or Marie Corbin (mariefw@gmail.com) for more information or let us know you're coming.

MEN'S FITNESS GROUP

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New high school campus takes shape

Philip Simmons High School on schedule for summer completion and August 2017 opening

CHARLIE MORRISON

Nearly one hundred years ago, in 1920, a then eight-year-old Philip Simmons left his Daniel Island home, where he'd grown up with his grandparents, to move to downtown Charleston. The reasoning was simple enough: the family wanted the best for young Simmons, and living downtown with his mother allowed him to go to a public high school, something not possible then or now on the Cainho Peninsula.

But that's all set to change in a matter of months. In August of 2017, the Berkeley County School District will officially cut the ribbon on a brand new high school named in honor of the late Master Blacksmith, a revered Charleston icon. Construction of the new, \$69 million Philip Simmons High School and campus is on track for completion this summer. The creation of a trio of new Philip Simmons schools represents a new chapter for the residents of Daniel Island and the Cainho Peninsula, who haven't seen formalized education in the area at the high school level since the closure of Cainho High School in 1996. What began with the creation

of the Philip Simmons Elementary and Middle Schools, which opened to students from Cainho, Daniel Island, and Huger last August, will be brought to completion this summer when the last of the more than 750,000 bricks comprising the new high school are laid.

The elementary/middle and high school campuses will be located less than a mile from one another, and the schools will share everything from their curriculum to their school mascot, the Iron Horses. The schools are so intertwined in fact, that the man hired last June to serve as principal of PSHS, Dr. James Spencer, currently works from an office on the elementary and middle school campus.

And for Dr. Spencer, who, along with the initial members of his leadership team, is known to on occasion drive over to the job site for extemporaneous meetings with construction firm Thompson Turner Construction, he wouldn't have it any other way. After all, Spencer was hired a year-and-a-half ahead of the 2017 school year for a reason: along with the school itself, Spencer and his small team of three are building the school's curriculum from the ground up.



CHARLIE MORRISON

Philip Simmons High School Principal Dr. James Spencer stands in his school's as yet unused baseball press box, with newly-hired Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Brion Packett. Looking out at the baseball field, where the faint impression of a baseball diamond is now visible, Spencer smiles. "What a view," he says. "This is amazing."

"If you go into an existing school right now, everything you see, every pencil, every piece of paper, every process being undertaken by a human being, anything you can put your eyes on, we've got seven months to get that done here," said Dr. Spencer, during a recent tour of the campus. "And it's all being planned simultane-

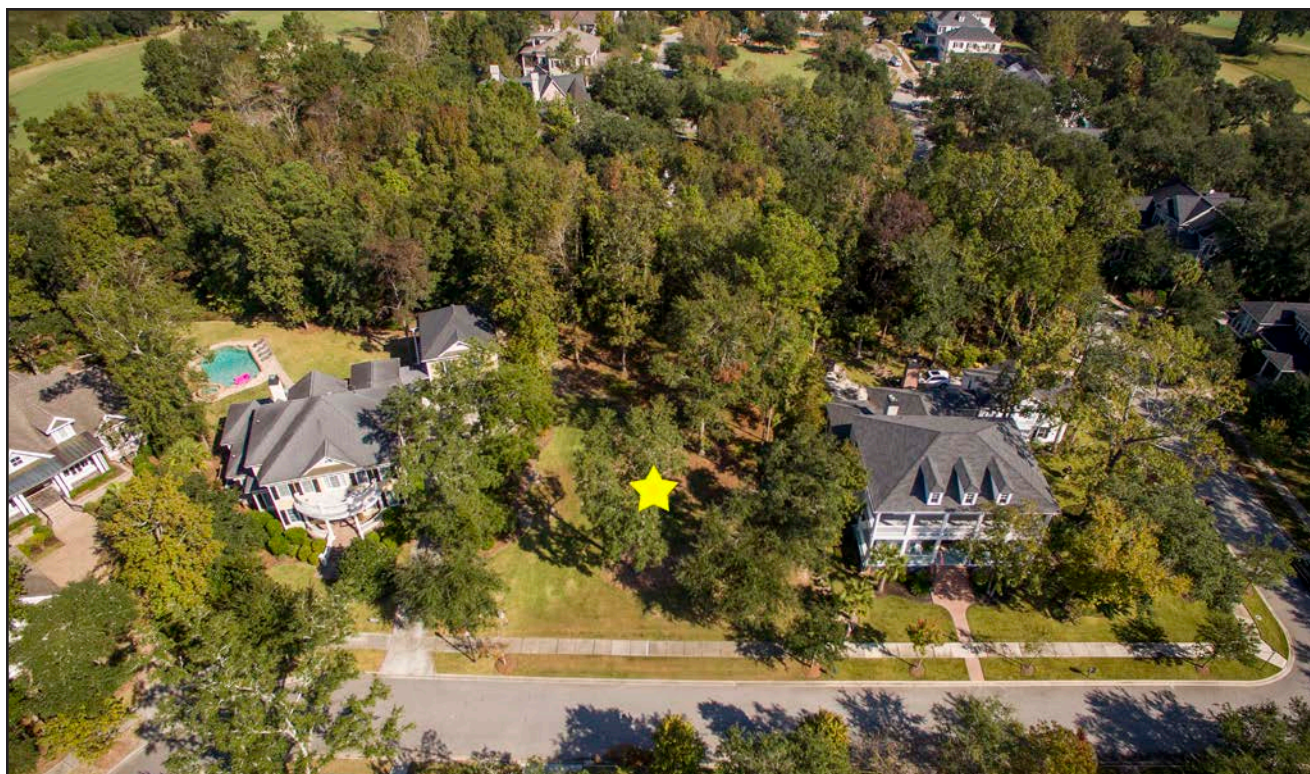
ously. You can't isolate things like the decision-making over the furniture and the curriculum, it all has to be part of the culture, it has to be part of the facility, it has to be part of the vision."

The Philip Simmons High School is being constructed, like it's elementary and middle school companions, around a STEAM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). The curriculum will be technology-rich, and will include some class offerings unique to STEAM programs. Examples include PSHS's four-year pre-engineering program, a four-year program for cyber security, and the school's innovative "mechatronics" program (the second such offering in Berkeley County Schools) that incorporates computers, robotics, and manufacturing.

As for the student body, Spencer expects between 300 and 400 ninth and tenth-graders will begin at the school this fall. The school is being built for an eventual 1,500 students, with capacity for another 400 to be added later in the form of a second school building. Additional ninth-grade classes will be added in the subsequent two years with class offerings growing as the first class of 2020 matriculates through the school. The school will have eleventh-grade classes beginning in 2018 and a full four-year curriculum, including twelfth-grade, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

"You will have three different levels of students," said Spencer. "You will have some

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Philip Simmons High School to open August 2017

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that will be job ready that can go to Boeing immediately and do an entry-level job. You'll have some that are going to be ready for a two-year program and you obviously will have some that can leave this program and go right into a four year college program. So we're really excited to be able to offer all three options to our students."

The project to construct the new PSHS goes far beyond the simple creation of a campus and the coordination of a curriculum, according to Spencer, a 27-year veteran educator who will lead his third school as principal at PSHS. A concurrent mission, he explained, is the concept of creating a school culture.

"What's unique with modern school construction in our district is having the capacity for everybody to be on board from the beginning and move forward together," said Spencer. "So many people play a strong part in creating this school. We only have four employees so far, but it's four people working really hard for these kids. They are working hard for these kids already, and we're already a team."

The newest member of that team is Assistant Principal and Athletics Director Brion Packett, who just last month joined a Philip Simmons High leadership team that includes head secretary Cathy Chiasson and Guidance Director Virginia Reijners. Though he was only hired earlier this month, Packett is already making

key decisions in the athletics department and forging new partnerships with area businesses, a secondary function he was hired to perform. Reijners has been instrumental in planning the curriculum and the guidance processes the school will implement. Spencer describes Chiasson as "the glue that holds it all together."

When it comes to the creation of the new PSHS campus specifically, Spencer and his group turn to a larger team working on scene and behind the scenes at the facility, a team that includes the BCSD Capital Projects team, the group from Thompson Turner Construction, and even the team of architects from local firm McMillan Pazdan and Smith.

"It's a more cohesive process when everyone's on board sooner," continued Spencer. "And being on board early helps because there are changes we've made along the way to make sure the building reflects the curriculum we've designed."

"This is an absolutely wonderful relationship," he added, of his work with building firm Thompson Turner Construction, with whom he's worked with previously at Marrington Middle School of the Arts. "They act as though they are building a school building for their own children. That's how they work. That's how they communicate with me."

And of the architects behind the project, Spencer was equally effusive in his praise of the



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This aerial image provided by the Berkeley County School District shows construction underway at the new Philip Simmons High School campus off Clements Ferry Road. The facility is set to open to students in August of 2017.

team environment. "They bend over backward," he said. "They listen to us, they take our calls, and they meet with us even when they aren't required to."

As for the design of the 215,000 square foot main school building, Spencer asserts that every aspect of the design of the facility was

done with the student body and the STEAM curriculum in mind. One highlight is the wide, serpentine couch-laden cafeteria, which is affronted on one end by an expansive outdoor patio space and on the other by the student friendly "technology forest" seating area, where students will be able to have their lunch while staying plugged in and powered up.

"What we want is for it to feel like a small college campus where the kids are going to have a lot of liberties," said Spencer.

Other design highlights include a 715-seat auditorium with beveled seating and a production room, wide education wings with their own serpentine couches for outside classroom student seating and the school's full athletics complex, with features that include a fieldhouse, press boxes, fields, and even a well-located sports medicine classroom and clinic, a feature suggested by Spencer himself.

Perhaps the most unique feature will be the ironworking used for hand railings and located throughout the school. The design was inspired by the work of Philip Simmons. Not only that, but Simmons' nephew Carlton Simmons will be introducing some of his own work for inclusion into the design.

The younger Simmons himself will be completing the iron work for a pair of exterior bike racks, the front signage, the front door pulls, and a series of medallions slated for placement just inside the entrance. For sure, Carlton's uncle would be proud to see the educational progress being forged in his former community.

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Pro-Am Jam nears \$1 million in funds raised for charities

The Denis, Denny & Mark's Pro-Am Jam hosted by Student Transportation Inc. nearly topped \$1 million in funds raised over the five-year span of the annual celebrity concert and golf event held every October at the Daniel Island Club. The 5th Annual event, held this past October 24-25, raised a Pro-Am Jam record amount of \$270,000, bringing the five-year fundraising tally to \$990,000.

The fundraiser again featured the partnership of NASCAR driver Denny Hamlin, Hootie & the Blowfish founding member and lead guitarist Mark Bryan, and Denis Gallagher, CEO of Student Transportation Inc. Proceeds from the event were recently donated to the charitable organizations represented by the three partners, which have a common mission in creating better opportunities for children in the Lowcountry.

"Our 5th Anniversary Pro-Am Jam was another huge hit," stated Denis Gallagher. "We raised more funds for our three individual charities than any other year and are really just getting started. As always, all of our guests and sponsors had a great time at the auction, concert and golf tournament helping raise money to improve the lives of many children in the area and beyond."

"Being on the verge of \$1 million raised in only five short years is a testament to the generosity of all that support and participate in the Pro-Am Jam and the organizations it benefits,"



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Doug Coupe of Student Transportation Inc. and STI Cares Foundation (left) and Mark Bryan of Carolina Studios (right) pose with a check representing the record-breaking proceeds of the 5th Annual Pro-Am Jam at Daniel Island Club last October.

added Hamlin, a 29-time winner on the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. "Mark, Denis and I are amazed at how the event just gets bigger every year and enabling more children to benefit."

Joining the three hosts at this year's Pro-Am Jam were celebrities from the worlds of racing, music, entertainment and sports. NASCAR

personalities included Hamlin, Danica Patrick, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Kyle Larson, Michael Waltrip, Joe Gibbs and Rick Allen. Bryan once again led an incredible "Jam" concert with his friends in the music industry, including fellow Hootie & the Blowfish band members Darius Rucker and Jim Sonefeld, plus musicians Gary U.S. Bonds, Edwin McCain, Kevin Kinney of Drivin' N Cryin', Chris Kirkpatrick of NSYNC, Javier Colon and Preston Pohl of NBC's The Voice, Patrick Davis, 14-time Grammy winner Dan Tyminski, and Vini "Mad Dog" Lopez of the E Street Band among others.

"I'm thrilled with the success of this event," added Bryan. "Denny, Denis and I are bringing people together to make a difference, through the joy of golf and music. We feel blessed by the opportunity, and hope to continue its legacy for years to come."

The 2016 event also featured a hole-in-one by a Wounded Warrior who received a complimentary Toyota truck for achieving his accomplishment.

With proceeds from this year's celebrity-packed event, the three partners have donated \$90,000 to Carolina Studios, \$90,000 to Student Transportation Inc. Cares Foundation, and \$90,000 to The Denny Hamlin Foundation which in turn donated \$25,000 of its portion to The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Children's Hospital.

With its \$25,000 donation to MUSC, The Denny Hamlin Foundation continued its long-standing support of Cystic Fibrosis research at children's hospital facilities in Richmond, Virginia and Charleston, South Carolina. The Pro-Am Jam has donated \$190,000 of its proceeds to The Cystic Fibrosis Center at MUSC Children's Hospital over the event's five-year span.

"New, more effective therapies are developing fast that we hope to introduce earlier to our patients to prevent the consequences of CF," said Barbara Rivers, Director of Development at MUSC Children's Hospital Fund. "This means bringing studies for patients who are younger and have milder disease. The support from The Denny Hamlin Foundation helps us provide those studies for our patients as we work towards bringing a cure to CF. We are pleased to have recruited a new Pediatric CF Director at MUSC Children's Hospital who will be engaged in these clinical studies for our younger patients with CF."

Sponsors for the event included SunTrust, Blue Bird, Navistar/IC Bus, Thomas Bus, Collins Bus, FedEx and Tito's Vodka. The 6th Annual Denny & Mark's Pro-Am Jam hosted by Student Transportation Inc. will again return to the Daniel Island Club October 23-24. For sponsorship information please contact Doug Coupe at dcoupe@ridesta.com and for updates on the event, please visit www.facebook.com/TheProAmJam and follow on twitter at @ProAmJam.

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Become a foster parent

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the children that are reunited with their birth families re-enter the foster care system due to the birth families not being adequately prepared or supported to take them back.

"This creates a cycle in which children and families are left without hope," he added.

Enter Lifeline Children's Services, a resource and support to the Department of Social Services (DSS) that seeks to infuse a faith-based message into the foster care system.

"We believe that every child placement is a unique opportunity to minister to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of that child," said Chapman. "And in many cases, his (or her) birth family. Lifeline believes that a child's needs are best met under the guidance of Christian foster parents who can ensure the safety, well-being and development of a children during a time of great uncertainty."

It is a mission that clearly resonated with Jonathon and Cathy Leeke and prompted them to sign on as foster parents.

"We really need an advocate and a partner that can kind of buffer some of this stuff, especially because Jonathon and I did not come from foster families," said Cathy. "We did not come from adoptive families. We knew nothing about this. It was really important for us that we felt like we had an advocate, a partner, and advisor that, for us, had the same belief system that we

do... When you have a difficult situation, they are right there to help."

Cathy and Jonathon initially signed on to serve as a "respite family" for Lifeline, which meant they would help out another foster family when they needed temporary care for their foster child or children.

"That's how we wanted to start," explained Jonathon. "Just to test out the waters a bit."

"For our first assignment, we had four respite children," added Cathy. "The other reason we wanted to do respite care is we found out I was pregnant with Eleanor the day we started foster parenting classes!"

About six months after Eleanor was born, they signed on as a full-time foster family.

"Whether these children are products of neglect or abuse, they're in highly vulnerable situations," said Cathy. "They are low resource families and that's not just monetary resources, that's relational resources, spiritual resources, educational resources.... and it gives them stability to be in foster care."

The Leeke's first child placement was an eight year-old girl who had stayed with the family before for respite care. She arrived February of 2016 and stayed for about five months.

"Once a child in your care goes home, the goal is to reunite them with their parents," said Cathy. "It's only a matter of days before you get another call. That's how fast it happens."

Within a couple of months, Michael arrived and has been with the family ever since. According to Cathy, both of the full-time foster children

they have taken in have had regular visits with their biological parents. All have worked hard throughout the process, she said, and have expressed love for their children and regret for their mistakes.

"The state has to balance giving the biological parents enough time to do whatever it is they need to do to get to the place where they can have their child back," said Cathy. "The parents need time. This is not a quick fix. It's usually pretty complex."

To help things go smoothly and ease the burden on foster families, Lifeline also provides "wraparound" services to offer additional support when needed. For the Leekes, the benefits of fostering far outweigh any extra work an additional child may bring to the family.

"I will tell you for me, it's a very easy decision," said Cathy. "...We come prepared to advocate on their behalf...Are we going to grieve (Michael's) loss when he leaves? Absolutely. The alternative to that - him never having experienced the love of a family - is not acceptable to me."

On December 25, Michael celebrated his first Christmas with the Leekes and his first birthday on December 30. They expect his biological parent may be ready to take him home within a few months. For now, they are relishing the chance to have him as part of their family.

"It's about investing in a child that is coming from a hard place," said Jonathon.

"The best part about foster care has been the fact that you get this huge bonus of not only

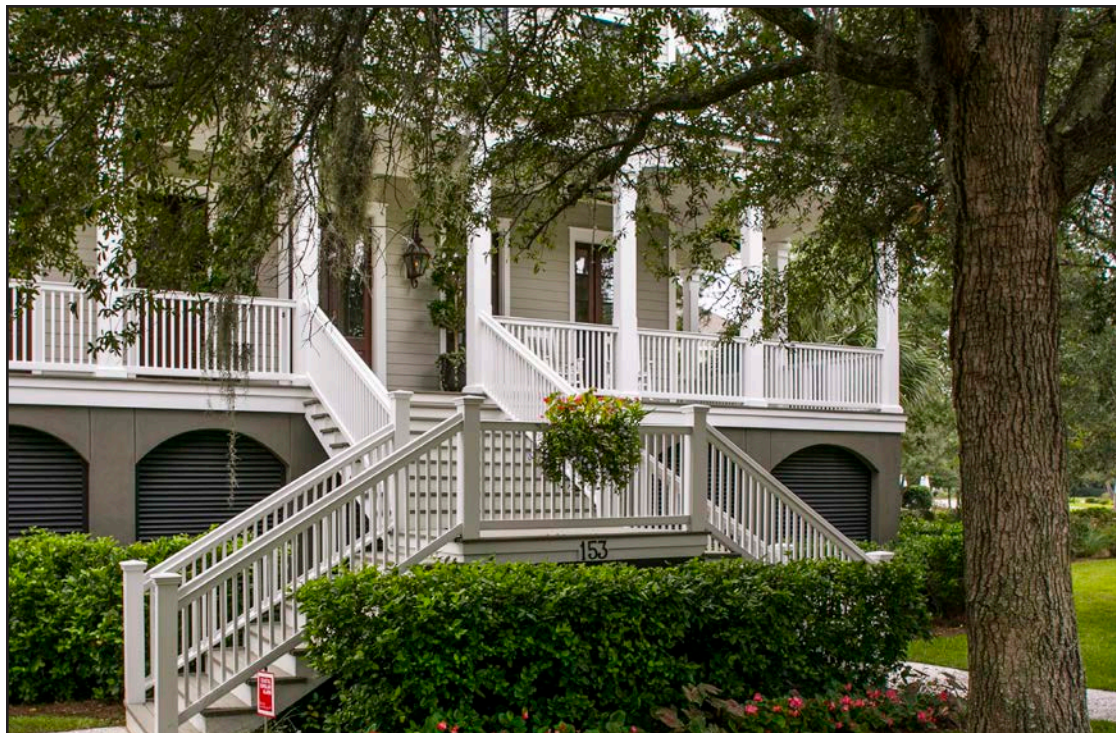
investing in a child and having a true life significance for a child - but it will have a generational impact on their children to come," added Cathy. "...And our (biological) kids are being impacted by this. They are getting to know what it is to share and know what it is to care for their community. That level of generosity is just normal... I think for me, it gives great significance to our parenting."

**The name of the foster child was changed to protect his identity*

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This session is an orientation for the Lifeline Foster Care Training Class, which will be held on **Tuesdays, February 21 - April 18, at Church of the Holy Cross. Attending registration is required to participate in the classes. Lifeline currently has 18 families licensed to provide foster care in South Carolina - 11 are providing full-time foster care and seven are providing respite care. The organization estimates that they have served approximately 42 children over the last two years but more foster families are needed. To register, or for more information, contact Laura Deboer at laura.deboer@lifelinechild.org.**



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Amplify, LLC, a Charleston based real estate, development, and consulting company, recently announced the formal ground breaking for the Daniel Island Square building located in the heart of the island's commercial district on Island Park Drive. This building is Phase 1 of a larger development that will later include the planned Daniel Island Performing Arts Center and additional retail and office space.

The prominent, four-story, 44,000 square foot Daniel Island Square building will consist of 33,000 square feet of Class-A office space, the 11,000 square foot anchor restaurant, Dockery's, and ample parking. On the western side of the Daniel Island Square building will be a 9,000 square foot covered outdoor patio and community event space that will be available for art shows, small musical performances, farmers' markets, and similar events. In addition to the patio, these uniquely designed offices will provide tenants with access to a dedicated private balcony per office floor.

"We wanted to design a building that not only reflected the community that it was going to reside in, but something that the community can actually gather around," said Chad Colman, Managing Director of Amplify. "We wanted to give Daniel Island a place to work as well as a place to congregate and come



The new Daniel Island Square Building will feature 33,000 square feet of office space and a new Dockery's restaurant.

together — a place to get to know each other better. We think that Daniel Island Square, with its large restaurant and outdoor space, will do just that."

The Daniel Island Square anchor tenant, Dockery's, will be an 11,000 square foot destination restaurant that will offer live music and its own on-site brewery. The family-friendly concept with high quality fare and craft beer is a project by Concentrics Restaurants, a James Beard nominated, nationally acclaimed restaurant group based in Atlanta, Georgia. Dockery's is slated to open in the fall of 2017. Updates on the project can be found at www.dockerysdanielisland.com or via Facebook at facebook.com/dockerysdi/.

MCQUILLIN ELECTED SHAREHOLDER OF LAW FIRM

Daniel Island resident Mac McQuillin, a member of the Berkeley County School Board, has been elected as a new shareholder of the firm Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.



School Board member Mac McQuillin

A Charleston native, McQuillin is a business litigation attorney and certified Circuit Court Mediator. According to a press release from Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, he has established a successful practice advising individuals, local businesses and governmental entities in complex matters, including frequently litigating LLC and partnership disputes; handling probate estate and trust cases; and providing general counsel and litigation services to local governments. McQuillin also has significant experience with both jury and non-jury trials.

McQuillin was recognized by South Carolina Super Lawyers® "Rising Stars" in Business Litigation in 2014-2016. Active in the community, he was elected to the Berkeley County School Board in 2014, and serves on the Coastal Advisory Board for Junior Achievement of Greater South Carolina and the Board of Directors for the Lord Berkeley Conservation Trust. McQuillin received his juris doctorate, cum laude, from the University of South Carolina School of Law where he graduated in the top ten percent of his class.

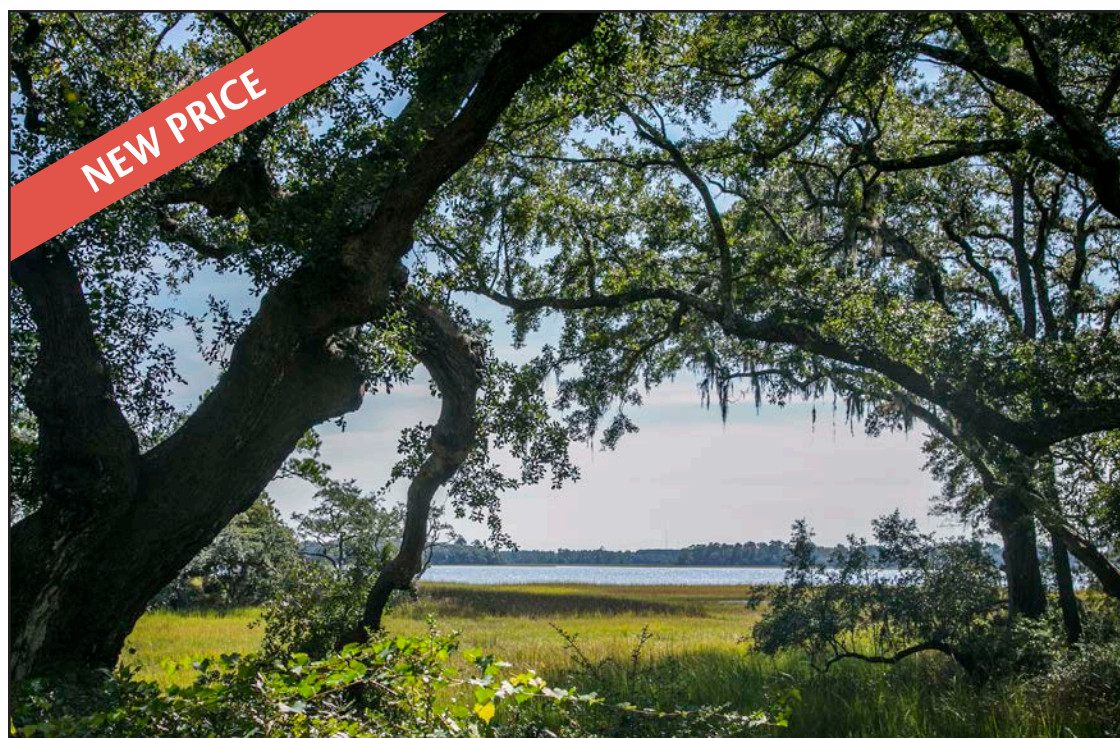
IGF forum March 7

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a new and improved format, said Danziger.

"The most repeated comment from last year's attendees following the IGF on a post event survey was that there wasn't enough time for participants to get more involved on their issues," he explained. "So, in response, we have narrowed down this year's issues to just three. Last year, there were 12. This is going to allow for a more in-depth discussion and a more meaningful interaction between seniors citizens and high school seniors."

The Daniel Island News will serve as the presenting sponsor of the event. Cash grants will be awarded at the conclusion of the program to the participating students who offer the most well-presented issues and proposed solutions. For additional information on the event, please contact Fred Danziger at (516) 524-2208 or email him at fred.danziger13@gmail.com.

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The sweet spot of encouragement



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If you are a leader, you should never forget that everyone needs encouragement. And every one who receives it - young or old, successful or less-than-successful, unknown or famous - is changed by it. - John Maxwell

A story is told of American painter John Sargent, who once painted a panel of roses that was highly praised by his critics. It was a small picture, but it approached perfection.

Although offered a high price for it on many occasions, Sargent refused to sell it. He considered it his best work and was very proud of it. Whenever he was deeply discouraged and doubtful of his abilities as an artist, he would look at it and remind himself, "I painted that." Then his confidence and ability would come back to him.

In all of my years in leadership, I have yet to find a leader who didn't want, need, or appreciate encouragement. I believe it's a universal need and one not just exclusive to leaders. Regardless of your walk in life, who doesn't appreciate some encouragement along the way?

The above story is a reminder to us of some simple truths in leadership. Let me share three with you.

EVERY LEADER HAS VALUE

John Sargent is considered to be the leading portrait painter of his generation. His mark on the world was made through the arts.

Your gifts or talents may not revolve around being a distinguished artist, but your value exists in other areas. Perhaps you have organizational gifts that keep your business running smoothly. You might be the visionary that causes people to see the big picture, which creates the necessary momentum to plan for the future. You might be the change agent who speaks the truth about what needs to happen for the sake of your future.

The point here is this: You are a person of value not because of what you do but because of who you are. Your value is more than what you

contribute to the bottom line.

EVERY LEADER HAS DOUBTS

Despite his acclaim as an artist, John Sargent still had seasons of discouragement and moments when he called his own abilities into question. Sound familiar?

At some point in time, I think every leader experiences the same struggle. I have. We look at heroes in our respective fields of expertise and we say, "If I can only be successful like them, then I will have it made," not realizing they most likely had the same struggle.

We unfairly compare ourselves to others and think that because we haven't reached the same level of fame or success then we are a failure - not realizing it may have taken them decades to get there and we want to be there in a fraction of the time. It's unrealistic and self-defeating. And in the end, discouragement sets in.

The point here is this: You are not the sum of your doubts and fears. And your growth and development as a leader is not a 50-yard dash, it's a marathon.

EVERY LEADER HAS A SWEET SPOT

John Sargent held on to the prized painting as a reminder of his talents. In moments of self-doubt or discouragement it motivated him to keep going.

The sweet spot in your leadership comes when you realize that you are not as great as the headlines you write yourself. You are not as bad as the headlines your enemies or critics write. Joy in leadership comes when you discover your why, find fulfillment in the moment, and live for something greater than yourself.

For Sargent, his sweet spot moment came when his focus was on his best work, not his worst. Train yourself to look at the positive. Don't allow the negative things to define you.

The point here is this: How you rise above self-doubt and discouragement begins with how you see yourself.

Have you found your sweet spot?

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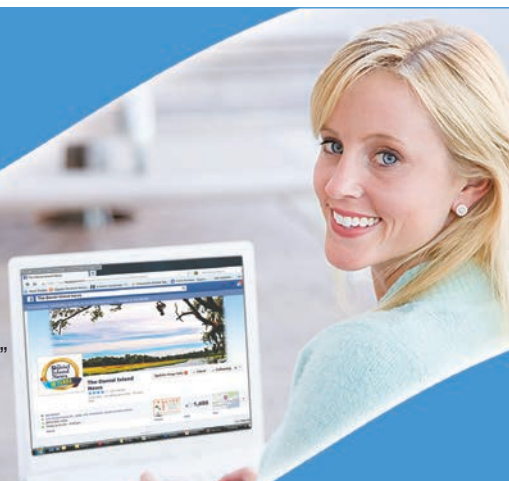
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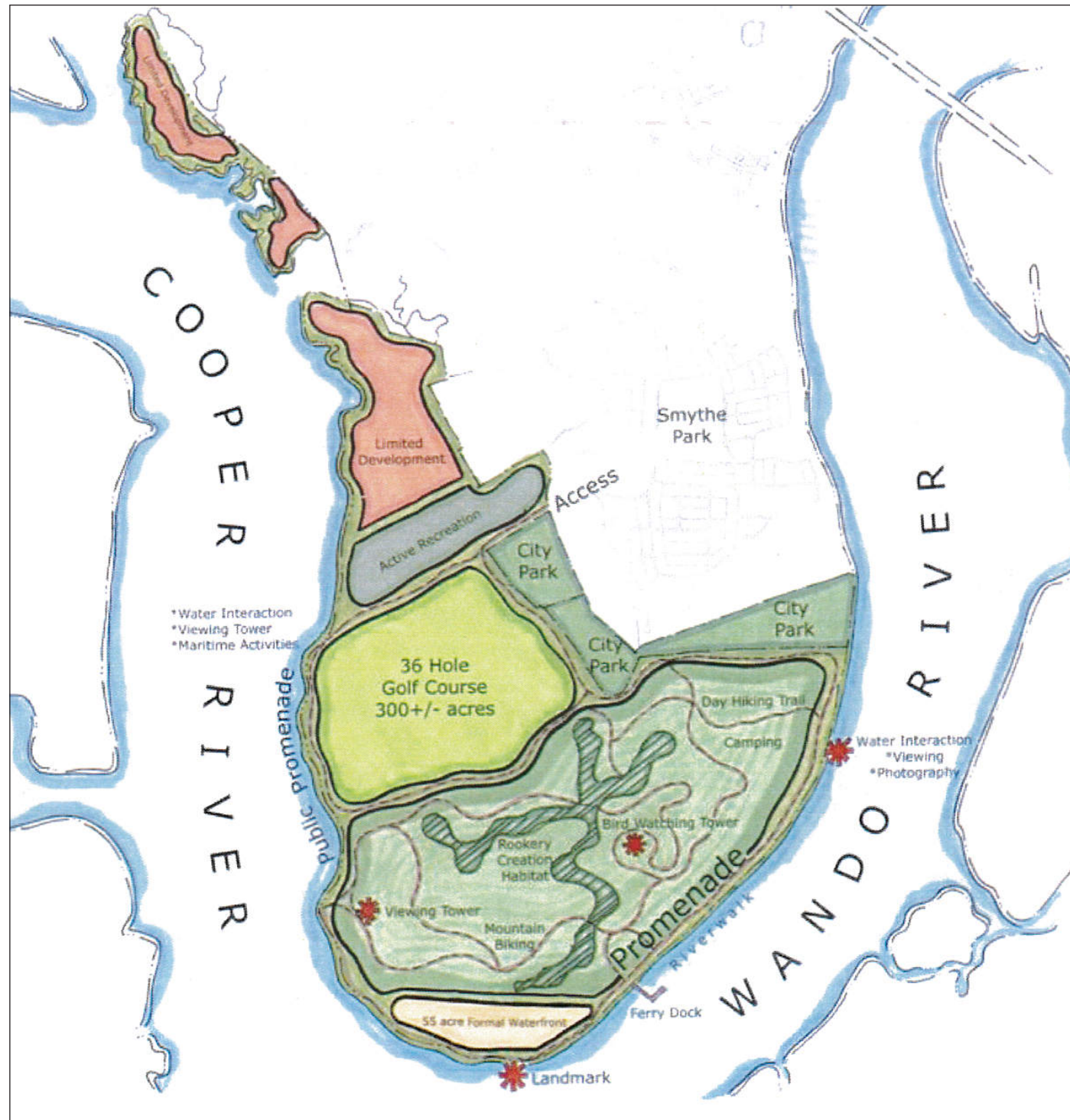
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A LARGE-SCALE PARK

on Daniel Island's south side: It's a grand idea, but is it feasible?



Rep. Mark Sanford recently re-championed an idea for a Central Park-style amenity on Daniel Island that he first introduced in 2006, while serving as Governor. This image, provided by Rep. Sanford, depicts his original proposal for the property.

ELIZABETH BUSH
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What are the chances of a grand, large-scale park being set aside on Daniel Island's southern tip for generations to enjoy?

Depends on who you ask. Last week, in an op-ed piece, Rep. Mark Sanford re-championed an idea for a Central Park-style amenity on Daniel Island that he first introduced in 2006, while serving as Governor.

"Let's do something remarkable," Sanford wrote. "...That fits with the magnificent area we call home."

The Daniel Island land Sanford is referring to is currently owned by the State Ports Authority (SPA), or as he puts it, the South Carolina taxpayers. Sanford, who now represents South Carolina's First Congressional District, has long advocated for preserving green space in the fast-growing Charleston metro area, as other cities around the world have done, to leave places for respite and recreation amidst surrounding urban sprawl.

"As a community, we want to close our eyes and imagine what we want our tri-county area to look like 100 years from now," said Sanford, while on a visit to The Daniel Island News office last week to discuss his park plan. "I think when you do that, it changes one's perspective...I would argue that quality of life is a point of competitive advantage for the Lowcountry."

"I fully support Rep. Sanford's idea for a grand park," stated Berkeley County Councilman Josh Whitley, a Daniel Island resident. "It's a prime example of what we need to do more of - thinking big and thinking about the future...I wholly support it."

"I think the basic idea is great," added Daniel Island Neighborhood Association President Glenn Williman. "The more green space and park land we could have in Charleston would be highly desirable and would be a real plus for Daniel Island."

"Overwhelmingly, it would be a really great thing to have, something like that in Charleston, that is of that magnitude, because we don't have anything like that," said Charleston City Councilman and Daniel Island resident Gary White, who admitted, however, that there would

be challenges in pulling it off.

"It was a great vision that then Governor Mark Sanford brought to the table," added Daniel Island Company President Matt Sloan. "The timing was great as the possibility of a port on the island was still under discussion. We were very grateful to him for thinking out of the box."

But the plan, he continued, was never feasible due to soil conditions and access.

"It would have needed its own roadway out to Thomas Island as Daniel Island Drive was not designed for large scale visitor traffic," added Sloan, who has worked for a number of years with SPA officials, legislators, and other local representatives to come up with a good outcome for the property. "Further, the bulk of the land is unstable dredge. The economics would have been overwhelming."

The SPA currently holds about 1300 acres of property on Daniel Island, bordering Charleston Harbor and the Wando and Cooper Rivers. The parcel, which encompasses some of the last available waterfront property in the heart of the Charleston metro area, represents a unique opportunity, said Sanford.

"Given the fact that the taxpayer has already procured this," he continued, "I think that what we shouldn't do as a community is pave and build on every square inch of land in the tri-county area. I think from a traffic standpoint, from a quality of life standpoint, to do so would be a mistake...There is no other spot that's (available) on the water. None. Zero. Nothing. There is nothing of this scale."

Sanford supports setting aside several hundred acres on the property's Wando River side as a starting point for a park. The rest could be developed over time, he said.

But according to Kelsi Childress, external affairs coordinator for the SPA, almost all of their Daniel Island property "has been earmarked for dredge disposal or other uses affiliated with harbor and port operations."

"The port's dredge disposal requirements are constant and long-term with anticipated use into the next 50 to 100 years and beyond," stated Childress. "...Under our current plans and conditions for virtually all of our acreage, the park would not be feasible."

Childress said the SPA has been working with local legislative leadership on an ongoing basis



ELIZABETH BUSH

Rep. Mark Sanford stopped in at The Daniel Island News offices last week to discuss his plan for the SPA land at the southern tip of the island.

for disposition of the property that will not be used for dredging. But that land is minimal. Approximately 50 acres on the northwest side of the parcel has already been set aside for a long term lease to South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism department, said Childress.

Sen. Larry Grooms and Rep. Jim Merrill, both of Daniel Island, have been working with port officials over the years to come up with a plan for the property. When it comes to determining what to do, Sen. Grooms said it's about "dealing in the world of what's possible."

"Ever since I was able to get the legislation passed that made the (building of a new Global Gateway) port off limits to Daniel Island, the ultimate goal was first to make sure there was no commercial construction on that property," added Grooms. "And number two was to make the land available for public use."

According to Grooms, a main creek on the island's western side that existed prior to 1938 has been filled over the years as port spoil. Several spoil sites are expected to remain in place and used for harbor deepening and maintenance, he

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The South Carolina State Ports Authority currently owns about 1300 acres of land south of Daniel Island's residential development. Rep. Mark Sanford has proposed setting aside a large portion of the property for a public park.



said, but for the rest of the property he and others are working to develop a 134-acre saltwater mitigation bank. Last Friday, the Army Corps of Engineers announced that public comments are now being accepted on that project, which would provide in-kind compensatory mitigation, or credits, for authorized impacts to aquatic resources located within the Cooper River, Stono River, Santee River and Bulls Bay watersheds (see article on page 20 for additional information).

"That's how you make it a public park," Grooms continued.

As part of the mitigation bank plan, some areas could be reserved for biking and hiking trails, and perhaps a couple of small fishing piers, he said, but not an active, large-scale amenity.

"Most will be returned to its natural state," Grooms said. "...What (Rep.) Sanford unveiled when he was governor, that's not possible...Biking, hiking and fishing is all that's possible there, and that 250 to 300 acres gets restored to what it was prior to 1938 when the main creek that went through the channel was filled in...That's what's possible in creating a mitigation bank, and that's what we're trying to do."

Grooms added that engineering work is currently underway to determine which areas can be safely utilized.

"The whole area has to be completely understood from a geological standpoint," he said.

"...Most of the port properties will remain active spoil sites...We will continue to work with the Daniel Island Company, the City of Charleston, and the State PRT over some high ground areas where there could be soccer fields and other ball fields...There are a number of separate threads, but they need to all be woven together."

Sanford recognizes that there are obstacles to his plan, noting that "inertia is always a difficult thing." But he again reiterated that development of a park could be done in stages, as dredging usage gradually declines. He is also not an advocate of selling portions of the property off for development.

"Some people would argue (a park) is not the highest and best use. I would argue it is the highest and best use because the parks of the great cities around the world suggest there is an additional value that comes, and that value can be realized in different forms. You can do cash

now. Or you can do equity over a lifetime in a park that pays dividends in the way people live in the community."

Sanford is confident that when all parties come together, the end result will be something the region can be proud of.

"There is a win-win to be found," he continued. "And I want to work toward that end...I think that there are a variety of different pots of money that could help facilitate this kind of (project)."

"The (Ports Authority) clearly has a game plan for the use of that land over a period of time," added Councilman White. "Even if you can get over that hurdle, to do something of that magnitude would be on the cost scale of a Gaillard Auditorium. That's just a massive amount of money...I would say if that is something (Rep. Sanford) is going to bring forward and has federal dollars to put behind it, that's wonderful. There would be a lot of hurdles to clear before it can ever become a reality."

But, with the addition of the saltwater mitigation bank and other land use projects, it appears that some of those hurdles are being removed.

"It's been one of my Daniel Island 'bucket list' items," added Sloan, who praised both Sen. Grooms and Rep. Merrill for their efforts. "...I can say with confidence that we have arrived at an open space driven solution. Aside from the dredging between the City land that will be transferred to the POA this year and the SPA land already transferred to the State PRT, we will have over 100 acres of recreational opportunities that can be built over time...So at the end of the day, the end result may have strong similarities with Congressman Sanford's original concept."

"I think it's a look into the Christmas of the future," added Sanford. "What do we want to look like? We're not going to be able to save all of the Lowcountry and major parts of the tri-county area. But this is an area we can...What I have found in life is where there is a will there is a way."

Mitigation Bank planned for SPA land on DI

Public comments now being accepted

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced the opening of a public comment period on a 134-acre commercial saltwater mitigation bank proposed for a portion of land owned by the State Ports Authority (SPA) on Daniel Island. Under the plan, the property would be preserved and restored to its original condition, stated Sen. Larry Grooms, who has been working on the proposal for a number of years.

"Restoring this land is a genuinely rare opportunity," stated Grooms, in a press release. "The existence of a saltwater mitigation bank is itself unusual, to say the least. Having the ability for the public to enjoy the same large, natural, open space is simply icing on the cake."

Once the land is restored, it could be used for recreational activities such as hik-

ing, biking and kayaking, noted Grooms.

"The mitigation proposal includes creating land elevations on the site that are conducive to the natural formation of tidal creeks and marshlands," stated the press release. "The mitigation work would be monitored to ensure that the restoration meets Corps' guidelines and community standards."

A "Public Notice" issued by the Army Corps of Engineers on January 13 indicated that the site of the mitigation bank is a portion of a former confined disposal facility. Prior to 1970, it was used to manage dredge materials for the SPA. The Corps' announcement further stated that during the 1980s and 90s, the majority of the mitigation site was used for farming. Those activities, however, were discontinued more than a decade ago.

The plan for the site calls for removing existing vegetation and excavating 105.35 acres to create the elevations necessary to establish tidal creeks, low marsh and high marsh. Once that work is complete, saltwater marsh vegetation would be planted and natural tidal flows would inundate the

mitigation site twice a day.

The proposed mitigation bank would also provide credits (or in-kind compensatory mitigation) for "authorized impacts to aquatic resources located within the Cooper River, Stono River, Santee River and Bulls Bay watersheds," stated the Corps' announcement.

"We'd be able to pre-sell some of those credits and use the monies to do the restoration work, and create the walkways, pathways and parks," added Grooms.

The public notice on the Daniel Island mitigation bank can be found at <http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices>. Public comments on the proposal can be mailed to:

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If submitting comments, be sure to include the public notice number of the project (P/N SAC-2015-00526). Written comments will be accepted until February 13, 2017.



This image, provided by the Army Corps of Engineers, shows the site of the proposed saltwater mitigation bank on Daniel Island.

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Rogers steamrolls opponent in opening match of Australian Open!

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

Shelby Rogers had one of the most stunning performances of 2016, shocking just about everyone but herself, by reaching the quarterfinals of the French Open.

The Daniel Island native's success at Grand Slam events has carried over to the new year. The unseeded Rogers breezed past fourth-seed Simona Halep, 6-3, 6-1, in an opening match of the Australian Open, which was contested on center court at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne.

Rogers was unfazed when she first saw the draw in Melbourne. She also was unfazed about the outcome.

"It's no surprise to me," the 24-year-old Rogers said during a post-match press conference. "I have had some tough draws in the slams, so I'm kind of used to that, playing the seeds and playing big matches right off the bat."

"But it's always fun," she continued. "You know you're going to play on a good court. You know you're going to get the atmosphere. It can be tough sometimes to play on the outer courts, not too much going on."

Rogers steamrolled the Romanian Halep. Ranked No. 52 in the world, Rogers needed



PETER FINGER PHOTOGRAPHY

Shelby Rogers, shown here at the 2016 Volvo Car Open on Daniel Island, won her opening match in the Australian Open on Sunday, January 15.

only 75 minutes to pull off the first major upset of the year's first major tournament. And, she did it in style. She won 71 percent of her first-serve points and 63 percent on her second serve. She faced only one break point, which she saved, and broke Halep's serve four times.

"I think I played great today, trying to be aggressive going out there. My game plan

worked. Just move forward, hit your shots, be really aggressive. When I'm doing that, I am playing well. Very happy with how I did today."

Rogers' effort might just be the crowning achievement of her career. She sent out notice of her Grand Slam potential last May at Roland Garros when she reached the quarterfinals, despite a world ranking of 108. She lost to eventual champ Garbiñe Muguruza.

ruza. She built on that success in Paris and it showed in Melbourne.

"The biggest thing I took away from that was just that I can compete with the top players in the world and I'm good enough, you know. And little things here and there I need to work on, but I'm here. I need to believe in myself. So I have definitely carried that away from the French Open and just been enjoying it a little bit, I think there has been a lot of positive feedback, which has been nice; just trying to keep that going."

Halep blasted Rogers in the third round of the 2015 U.S. Open in their only previous meeting.

Halep, a two-time quarterfinalist at the Australian Open, lost in the first round at Melbourne for the second straight year. She lost to Chinese qualifier Zhang Shuai last year.

Rogers is playing in her third tournament in Australia this year. She reached the quarterfinals in Hobart and the Round of 16 in Brisbane in preparation for Melbourne.

Rogers was scheduled to play wildcard entry Ashleigh Barty of Australia in the second round of the Australian Open, which concludes with the championships on Jan. 29.



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Noah Ward (left), who competed in the Boys 13-14 4k division, finished 16th with a time of 12:56:90 and was named All-American. Noah's 13-14 boys team placed 2nd, with 152 points, earning him an additional All-American title. Noah is pictured with Zane Jackson (right), who took 4th place at Nationals and was named All-American as an individual and team member. Other members of the team are Doug Carson, Daniel Munoz, Carson Archie, Andrew de Arellano, Mark Richter, and Matthew Sawyer.

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Daniel Island School students Jackson Muller (3rd grade), Emma Muller (5th grade), Grace Ward (5th grade) and Noah Ward (8th grade) joined over 4,100 other

athletes from across the country in Hoover, Alabama last month to represent S.C. and their local team in the 2016 USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship. The event was held December 10,

2016. Individual finishes and titles are listed beneath each of the runners' photos. All four are residents of Daniel Island and participate in track and field with Mt. Pleasant Track Club.



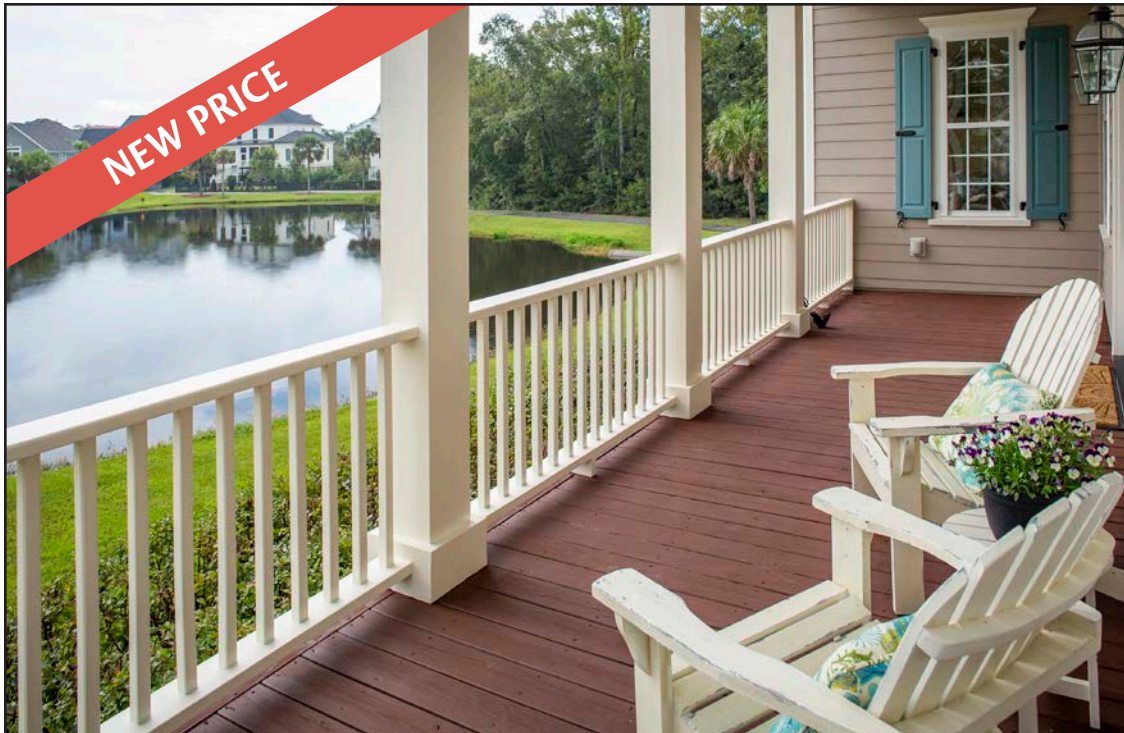
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Emma Muller (right) and Grace Ward (left) competed in the Girls 9 & 10 3k. They finished respectively 127th and 139th with times of 13:58:37 and 14:11:17.



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Jackson Muller competed in the Boys 8 & Under 2k, finished 16th with a time of 8:23:66 and was named All-American.



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7th GRADE BOYS
The 7th grade boys' Player of the Week is Ben Dreyer. Ben averaged six points for the week and hit four three pointers.



Eddie Marinaro
8th GRADE BOYS
The Ospreys 8th grade boys had a tough week, dropping their first two games of the year to fall to 4-2 for the season. Player of the Week, Eddie Marinaro, continued his strong team play in both defeats. Eddie's all-around game makes him such a valuable player on the court, and his leadership and competitive drive pulls the team together in every game.



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Coco Pampu, who scored five points in the team's most recent game, played through injury and displayed great leadership.



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It's not always the catch that makes fishing fun



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Weather in the Lowcountry can be highly variable. Last week, the wind chill factor was 19 degrees. This week, I have been fishing in shorts and a t-shirt. When it comes to weather conditions, I prefer the latter. It seems the Redfish do as well. They have been eating everything they

can catch and fit in their mouths. The bite has been fantastic. Given a highly cooperative target species, I quit fishing with my favorite soft plastic lures and started fishing with my new TFO 6 weight fly rod (a Christmas present to myself). Typically, when fly fishing for Redfish, I use a heavier weight rod (ranging from 7 to 9 weight). I purchased the TFO 6 weight to make things a lot more challenging. Of course, I got more challenge than I bargained for.

When fishing with such a lightweight rod, you have to downsize the fly you are using (making it easier to cast). So I sat

down at my fly-tying bench and tied a series of smaller Clouser Minnow flies. Wanting to make things really challenging, I also downsized my fly tippet (leader) to 6-pound test. Turns out, this was not a particularly smart thing to do. While locating, casting and hooking a Redfish was pretty easy. Actually catching one proved to be quite difficult. Every fish I hooked broke me off by running into the marsh grass or behind an oyster bar. While kind of frustrating, it was also great fun. This week, there is no picture with my report because I failed to catch one with

my new fly rod. The weather this week is forecast to be warm with light winds. Favorable conditions for targeting Redfish with a lightweight fly rod. I may not catch anything but I will have fun!

If you want to learn more about fly fishing in the Lowcountry, the Daniel Island Fishing Club is hosting an educational event at the Charleston Angler in Mt. Pleasant on January 26 beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join.

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Louise Poole

Louise Poole is the winner of the Pigskin Challenge. Louise was one of three players to correctly pick 12 out of 16 games and statistical leaders from the NFL playoff games. Louise won in the tiebreaker to beat the Brookes Family/ South State Bank Mortgage and earned a \$50 gift card to Sermets.

The Pennsylvania native who arrived on Daniel Island 11 years ago with her husband, David, via Greensboro, NC said, "I always loved football I guess because I grew up with three brothers and our family would play touch football every Sunday afternoon. I like to play (the) pigskin challenge

because it adds interest when watching the games on TV."

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Each week, we will also include a running win-loss

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In the sponsor competition, longtime leader Rosie Stieby of Daniel Island Real Estate was unseeded by the Brookes Family/South State Mortgage. Stieby drops down to a three-way tie for second place with Jeff Burton & Steve Meyer of Millennium Private Wealth and Drs. Jackson and Basha of Daniel Island Dental Group. Robert VanNewkirk of CrossFit Discovery had the best sponsor record this week, selecting 14 items correctly.

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Leading receiver: Jones
Most touchdowns: Freeman

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Leading passer: Brady
Leading receiver: Brown
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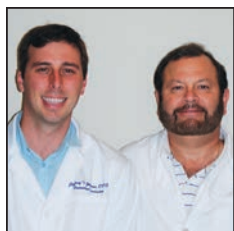
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Leading receiver: Gabriel
Most touchdowns: Freeman

Pittsburg at New England

Leading rusher: Bell
Leading passer: Brady
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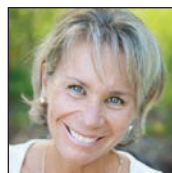
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Leading rusher: Bell
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For the week of
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PROFESSIONAL GAMES

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Michael Runey III focus of tribute at Jan. 7 BE game

New tennis complex at school will be named in his honor

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

"If you build it, he will come" is the catch phrase of the 1989 movie "Field of Dreams." The lead character hears a voice utter these words when walking through his cornfield. Later he sees a vision of a baseball field. He builds the field and eventually his father, a long dead professional baseball player, turns up and asks to play catch with his son.

A similar story is playing out at Bishop England High School. This story, however, involves soon-to-be-completed tennis courts and includes a son and his father, who doesn't have long to live.

Michael Runey III, a 1964 graduate of Bishop England, a member of the school's 1963 state championship basketball team and a longtime Bishop England benefactor, is the father. He has survived other types of cancer, but has been diagnosed with brain cancer and this is one he's not going to be able to beat,



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Michael Runey III (center) poses with his daughter-in-law Martha and son Michael IV at a recent ceremony at Bishop England High School where the tennis facility will be named in his honor

even though he's put up a valiant fight.

Michael Runey IV is the son. He's always loved and respected his father, who always seemed to be in attendance during a Bishop England athletic event, especially when Michael IV played tennis for six years at the school, which, at the time, was located on Calhoun Street.

The son has accepted his father is dying, saying, "It's the baddest and biggest form of brain cancer. We've been all over America searching and hoping for a cure. But it's not going to happen."

In the meantime, the duo is checking off

items on the bucket list, whether it be something so simple as a family meal or fishing off the dock at the house.

But the No. 1 item on the list was checked off on Jan. 7 at the Father O'Brien Gymnasium, when the BE community came together at halftime during a basketball game to honor and remember Runey, an orthodontist who had deep pockets when it came time to financially supporting his school.

Because of his generosity, the new tennis complex, which is expected to be completed in May, will be named the Michael L. Runey III Tennis Center, home of the Monsignor

John L. Manning Tennis Courts.

"I got to watch and cry with my dad in happiness," Michael Runey IV said after the ceremony. "Priceless. Thank you to all of our wonderful family and friends for taking time out of your very busy schedule on such a cold day to join us in such a special tribute to a man who never wants attention or recognition. To look around and see people from all walks of life come and show support for my dad means more than you know or any material things."

The younger Runey said his father, who helped found the BBB Club, never expected anything in return, except for anonymity.

"Glad for once my dad could get acknowledged for trying to give to others," he added. "If he had his way everything he does and has done would be anonymous. Bishop England High School means the world to our entire Runey family."

On the way home, Runey noted his son, Michael Runey V told his grandfather he noticed he was crying.

The eldest Runey replied, "My dream is that you and all kids get to pay tennis and have fun."

Mission accomplished.



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Special Olympics to hold first annual DI “Row Raiser”

DEBORAH BAILEY

On your marks, get set, ROW! Join in the first ever “Row Raiser” for the Special Olympics at CrossFit Discovery this Saturday afternoon, January 21.

The Row Raiser is a two-hour team relay rowing fundraising event (on rowing machines). Teams will consist of six to 10 people. You can sign up as a team or sign up as an individual and be placed on an open team.

There will be prizes for the team that rows the furthest in two hours. Additional prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories, including fastest team in each division (all male, all female, coed, and youth), as well as best dressed rowers, and more.

Participants will enjoy a DJ and team trivia during the event as well as refreshments and food from event partners: Daniel Island Dinners, Costco and Cooper River Brewing.

Charleston Jump Castles will be providing a jump castle and slide to entice the little ones. Crossfit Discovery owner Robert VanNewkirk says he is expecting about 70-90 people to participate in this year’s program. However, he hopes Row Raising for



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AMY GEGE

Special Olympic athlete Cate Oxford is shown here practicing her basketball skills. Cate will be rowing in the Row Raiser event on Saturday.

Special Olympics will become an annual event at his studio.

Proceeds will support programs for nearly 25,000 Special Olympics athletes in South Carolina that are competing in year-round sports training and competitions for 24 Olympic sports.

“When I speak to people about Special Olympics, the first question they ask is WHEN is Special Olympics?” says Daniel Island’s Amy Gege, marketing associate for the Special Olympics of SC. “I think it’s a common misconception that the Special Olympics is a track and field event that happens once a year and the money they give is supporting this annual

track meet.”

Not so, says Gege: “In fact, the Special Olympics is year-round sports training and competitions on all different levels (area, state, national and even World Games).”

“In Charleston alone, we have over 1,000 amazing athletes taking part in 11 different Olympic style sports (kayaking, soccer, basketball, tennis and swimming just to name a few) on any given day,” she explains. “All of these athletes and events need our support.”

WANT TO GO?

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Sign-in begins at 4 p.m. and rowing begins promptly at 5 p.m. for two hours. Register at the following site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/row-raiser-registration-29841050385>. The cost is \$50 person, which includes food, entertainment and a gift bag. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics of SC. For additional information, contact Amy Gege at (843) 224-7526 or via email at Amygege@so-sc.org. Sponsors include: CrossFit Discovery, Peace Love Hip-Hop, Made 2 Move Physical Therapy, O.L. Thompson Construction, Kellermann Smith Real Estate, Carolina Fitness Equipment, and AdvoCare.

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Bill Stevens, Tom Richards and Father Gregory West of Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, and church friend Jim Morrill (not pictured), recently installed these signs on the field at Seven Farms Drive and Etiwan Park Drive where the church will break ground on their 800+ seat sanctuary in the second half of 2019. Church and site design is scheduled to begin next month.

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DI physician hones in on peanut allergies

KATE MAAS

Baseball season is almost around the corner, reminding us of a familiar tune: "Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the park. Buy me some peanuts and ..." Wait! Hold that thought! Maybe a hotdog would be a better idea?

Approximately five million people in the U.S. and Europe are allergic to peanuts, nearly half of them children under 12. Just one innocent taste of a peanut, even a tiny fraction of a single kernel or even a quick rubbing of tired eyes with fingers inadvertently - and invisibly - sullied by a peanut or peanut containing product - can lead to an emergency room visit. Frighteningly, hospitals in the U.S. report as many as 200,000 peanut-allergy ER visits each year.

How could such a tiny particle of food create such havoc? Dr. John Ramey, a board-certified allergist and immunologist with National Allergy and Asthma, a specialist in the field of food allergies, and a Daniel Island resident, explains: "With food allergies, the body's faulty immune



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Dr. John Ramey, a board-certified allergist and immunologist with National Allergy and Asthma, is conducting a peanut allergy clinical trial.

system over-reacts to a protein found in the peanut - the allergen - and sets off alarms that manifest in a number of possible symptoms, like tingling around the mouth, nausea, diarrhea and skin rash, to

more severe symptoms like racing heart-beat, severely low blood pressure tightness of throat and even life threatening anaphylactic shock."

Dr. Ramey points out that, while an injection of epinephrine may provide immediate relief of these symptoms, there is no known preventative cure, aside from keeping distance from the culprit food itself. Patients should always go to the emergency room after using epinephrine in case the reaction doesn't resolve. But simple avoidance is no easy feat, especially for parents of children with peanut allergies, who must always be hyper-vigilant, examining food labels for any mention of peanut (including indication that a food might have been made in a facility that processes with peanuts). They have to be careful at restaurants, worry about classrooms, school cafeterias, camp environments and social activities, like birthday parties, where the dangers of peanuts and peanut-tainted foods lurk around every corner. Even with clear, insistent communication with teachers, camp counselors, waiters and other parents, the threat of accidental ingestion of, or contact with, peanut-laced foods is always a concern.

But good news may at last be on the horizon. Two biopharmaceutical companies, Aimmune and DBV Technologies, are studying possible new treatments, that while not a panacea for peanut allergy sufferers, could literally help peanut allergic patients and parents breathe a little more easily.

Experts at Aimmune have developed AR101, an orally administered biologic immunotherapy for treatment of peanut allergy; it's a product that helps to desensitize the body to the protein. The company's website describes the product as a "convenient dosing of consistent amounts of peanut protein together with highly controlled dosages of peanut allergens, administered through [the company's proprietary] CODIT™ desensitization... regimen delivered over an approximately 20-week period." Patients would be assessed initially at their allergist's office for the optimal dosage, followed by subsequent, slightly increased dosings scheduled every two weeks, supplemented with steady-level daily home dosing in between visits. Once the regimen of incrementally increased dosings is complete, patients would continue taking a set amount of AR101 at home to maintain desensitization. Dr. Ramey points out, "the hope is that, once desensitized, patients will be far less likely to suffer such severe and potentially life-threatening reactions and that they and their families will enjoy a better quality of life."

Two prior successful clinical trials have yielded very promising results. A third trial, already underway, known as PALISADE (Peanut Allergy Oral Immunotherapy Study), is working with patients aged 4 -55, in 60 clinics across the United States, Canada and Europe. Once successfully completed, the Food and Drug Administration will evaluate the results from this Phase III trial and determine if AR101 is safe and efficacious to release to the general population.

DBV Technologies is also testing the efficacy of a product intended to mitigate severe allergic reactions to peanuts: the company's promising Viaskin® patch

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Hospitals report 200,000 peanut-allergy ER visits each year

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across 30 medical centers in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia.

Dr. Ramey's National Allergy and Asthma practice location is the only site in SC participating in the Viaskin® clinical trial and is currently enrolling volunteers (pediatric patients ages 4-11) with a history of allergic reaction to peanuts. Contact the practice at 843-261-2222 for further information, or visit the websites www.nationalallergyandasthma.com or www.ClinicalTrials.gov.

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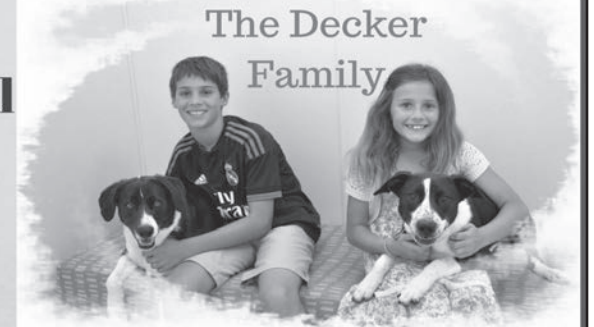


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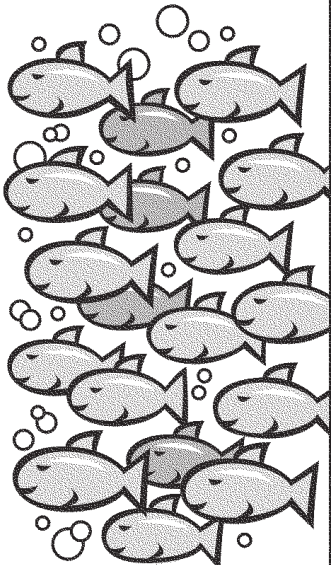
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by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Collective Nouns

A collective noun is the name for a group of people, objects or animals. Choose the correct answer in the parentheses.

- 1. A group of witches is a (gaggle, coven).
- 2. A group of fish is a (set, school).
- 3. A group of soldiers is a (pack, platoon).
- 4. A group of angels is a (choir, bouquet).
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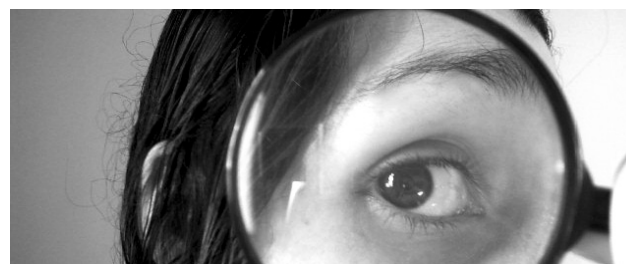
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