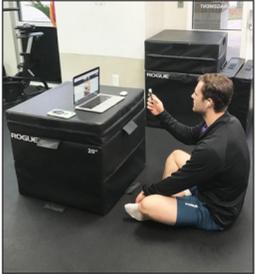


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DI patients and health care providers adapt to new telemedicine world

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It was time for a follow-up appointment for her hamstring injury, but as Mount Pleasant resident Heather Dolan got ready to meet with her physical therapist, Dr. Matt Shiver, at Made 2 Move on Daniel Island, she didn't head for the car. Instead, she stepped out onto her back porch and began a video call with the practice using her smartphone.

Welcome to the new age of health care in coronavirus times.

Dolan is one of thousands of patients across the country who are now visiting their health care providers via electronic devices, instead of in-person.

"I was able to set my phone up so they could ask me to do different stretching or exercises," she explained. "...I could show



DANE GIFFORD

Made 2 Move, a sports physical therapy practice on Daniel Island, is conducting close to 20 telemedicine visits per week with patients. Here, Dr. Matt Shiver, a physical therapist, talks with a patient via his laptop during a recent appointment.

them my progress so he could evaluate that, and then he was able to show me some new exercises that he wanted me to start doing."

Although telemedicine does take away from the interaction patients receive with in-office visits, Dolan is thankful for the op-

portunity to stay connected and keep up her good progress.

"The whole thing is kind of surreal," she continued. "For followup care, it certainly has been a good way to continue getting stronger and working on that injury."

Physical therapists at Made 2 Move are conducting close to 20 virtual care visits a week, according to owner Yves Gege, MPT. Hands-on care is important, he added, but connecting with patients electronically has been valuable as well.

"We're getting good results — and in some ways even better results," said Gege. "... The main things that get our patients better is the education piece of it, the empowerment of it ... Kind of really encouraging them and saying there are a lot of things you can do, and here are the things you should be doing. That's such a big piece of getting them healthy."

Daniel Island resident Mary Lee Busick has high praise for virtual health care, as it has been a lifesaver for her husband, Jim, who is being treated by MUSC physicians for Parkinson's Disease. Not only are in-person visits difficult due to his limited mobility, but they are also dangerous in terms of COVID-19 risks.

"Telemedicine is the perfect solution for us, as Jim does not need to go anywhere, and he can see his doctors from the comfort of our home," she said. "We used my iPhone to connect to the scheduled appointment, and the doctor was able to both see

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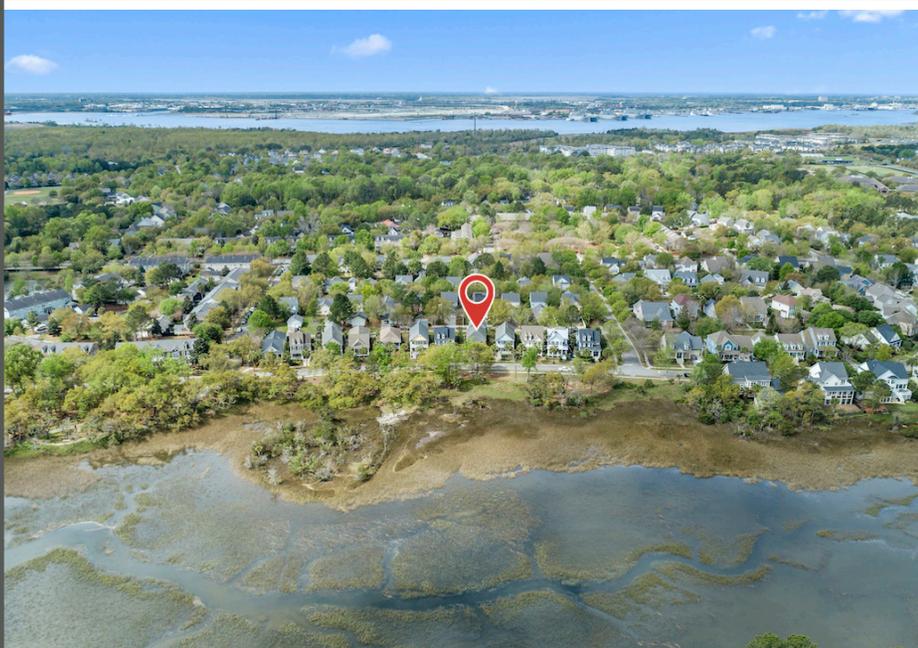


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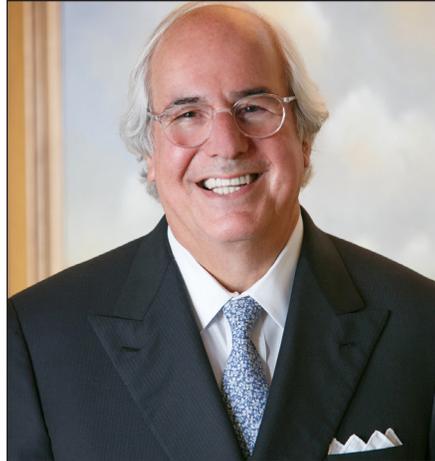
Frank Abagnale, author of the best-seller “Scam Me If You Can,” has advice to protect DI residents

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Unfortunately, the COVID-19 crisis is making it easier for con artists to scam people. Frank Abagnale, a Daniel Island resident and former con-man turned security expert, was the inspiration for the 2002 movie “Catch Me If You Can,” starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. He says scam artists are using people’s fear of COVID-19 as opportunities to steal money or sensitive personal information.

For scammers, it’s still business as usual. “Scammers are coming out of the woodwork on all sorts of scams because the hard part of their work has been done for them amid our fears of the coronavirus,” Abagnale said.

Under the current circumstances people need to be even more vigilant, especially when the \$2 trillion economic rescue package goes into effect. Abagnale advises residents to be on the lookout for shady phone calls, emails, or texts asking for personal information before they can



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Frank Abagnale, the inspiration for the movie “Catch Me If You Can,” has sound advice to keep Daniel Island residents financially safe during the COVID-19 crisis.

send you a check.

“This is the time you hang up the phone on callers you do not know. You do not answer phishing emails that are asking you for money or personal information. Whether it’s the IRS scam, a romance scam, sweepstakes scam, grandparents scam, or any other type of scam, they all have two red flags. At some point the

scammer is going to ask you to provide them with personal information or ask you for money. If you do not know who is on the other end of that call or email, do not make the mistake of providing information or money. The other red flag is you have to provide this information/money immediately,” explained Abagnale.

He is concerned that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act direct payments will be misused.

“After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the government discovered that about 10% of its payments turned out to be fraudulent. If that scale of fraud was replicated with the CARES Act direct payments, the IRS risks wasting \$30 billion of taxpayer money. Even these days, that’s a lot of money,” said Abagnale.

Here is a list of things to look out for during the pandemic:

- Scammers offering coronavirus testing (some are even going door-to-door) in an attempt to steal your health insurance or Medicare information to submit false claims.
- Scammers saying they need your bank account information to deposit your “Trump dollars.”
- Scammers offering air duct replacement to help keep the coronavirus out of your home.

- Text messages falsely claiming to be from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services asking you to click a link to take a “coronavirus preparedness” test. Instead of downloads, it puts malware onto your device.

- Claims offering a treatment or cure. At this time, there is no vaccine, treatment, or cure for COVID-19.

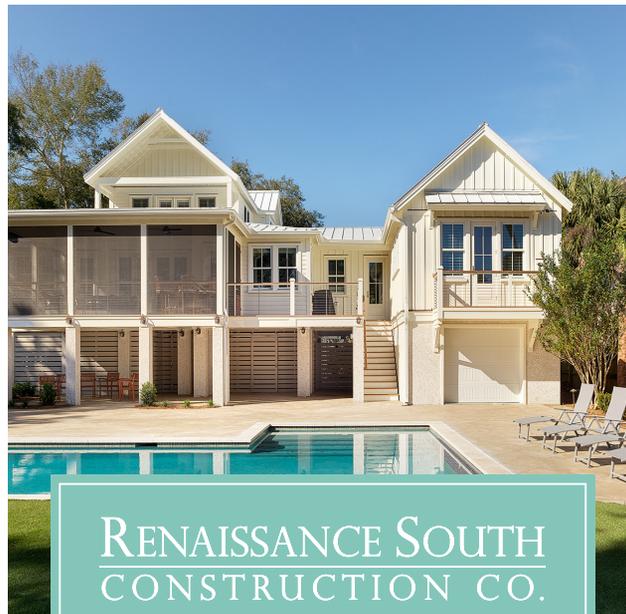
- Requests for donations to help people affected by the coronavirus. Ask the caller to send you information by mail, and to defer any decision to give a donation to a cause until you’ve researched it. Online options include charitynavigator.org and give.org.

- Be suspicious of any emails claiming to be from CDC or experts saying they have breaking news about the virus. Emails from government entities come from an address that end in .gov.

As a long-time Daniel Island resident, Abagnale is impressed with how the community is handling the coronavirus crisis.

“One of the reasons I really like living on Daniel Island is it’s a great mix of retired people, seniors like myself who still work, and young families with children ... I don’t see a lot of children riding around together or hanging out together and for that I give a great deal of credit to their parents,” he said.

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Last week, like most small business owners, I waited to hear about the status of my Paycheck Protection Program loan. Many of you may have heard that the program got off to a rocky start.

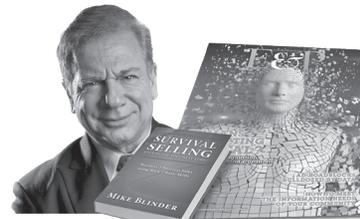
And perhaps it did. But I am actually amazed at how quickly a massive amount of money was distributed, or is in the process of being distributed, by many local banks, especially without a pre-existing framework to make it happen. These payments are being processed thanks in large part to local banks willing to dedicate employee time, expand document intake resources, and confirm preexisting banking relations to help prevent fraud. Thank you to our local bankers.

I received great business advice from my TAB business consultant – apply for the loan and then get back to work. That's what we've done at The Daniel Island News. We continue to find ways to serve our community by providing news and information and by helping our business community weather this storm.

Here are some of the proactive steps we are taking to help our local businesses.

FREE SURVIVAL MARKETING WORKSHOP

We are hosting a Survival Marketing Wor-



shop on Thursday, April 23, at 10 a.m. This live, online workshop is free to participants. The paper, the Daniel Island Town Association and the Daniel Island Business Association are footing the cost for the seminar because all three organizations want our local businesses to survive and thrive the impact of COVID-19, and to emerge even stronger.

Mike Blinder will lead the seminar. He is an author, international marketing consultant, the publisher of Editor & Publisher, and is one of the nation's premier digital marketing experts. He works with over 350 media companies worldwide and over 60,000 small businesses are currently using an advertising solution that he designed.

The seminar will highlight case studies on how businesses that market in economic downturns perform better than their competitors and surge even higher during recovery.

Mike will teach businesses how to market effectively in a tough economy and what messages will work best in order to build their local brand, maintain their customer base and even increase their market share.

In the seminar, Mike will share details of gain-

ing the best return on investment from any form of marketing regardless if it is traditional media like newspapers or digital outlets like Facebook and Google.

You can sign up for the seminar at: editorand-publisher.com/danielisland.

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One of the positive outcomes of these tough times is that it challenges us to come up with novel ways of thinking and doing. You may have found this to be true for both your home and professional lives.

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Letters to the EDITOR

KUDOS TO CAPITALISM

The current health crisis should give us all a new appreciation for the free-enterprise system that allows for the abundant comforts and conveniences that we normally take for granted. Paper and plastic products are good examples of innovations without which we can hardly imagine modern life. They also contribute greatly to the mitigation of the coronavirus, whether at home or in a clinical environment.

During times of crisis, some tend to look toward government for solutions. We should rather remind ourselves that it is market capitalism (i.e., economic freedom) that is the fountainhead of our prosperity and health and, to a large extent, our happiness.

*Rob Carew
Daniel Island*

BELLS FOR BICYCLES, PLEASE

One of the great things about living on Daniel Island is the opportunity to walk and ride bicycles, and this is even more so during the current coronavirus restrictions. But there is also a problem because the walkers and the bikers, more often than not, share the same space: the sidewalks of Daniel Island.

I totally understand why people choose to ride their bikes on the sidewalks. I know that I would not want my child riding on the street with traffic, and especially in this age of texting and mobile phones when people's attention tends to wander.

At the same time, I worry about sharing space with the bikers. On multiple occasions in the past two weeks, my husband and I have almost been sideswiped by bikers who came, unannounced, from behind us. Perhaps the bikers think that

they can be heard, but that is often not the case, especially when there is traffic passing by on the street or the walkers are conversing. One ill-timed, sudden step left or right to avoid something on the sidewalk could cause grave harm to both the walker and the biker.

I suggest there be a requirement for all bicycles to be outfitted with a bell. A bicycle bell is inexpensive and easy to install, and its ring can generally be heard over the noise of passing traffic. If all bikers had a bell, and used it when approaching walkers from the rear, it would greatly enhance the safety for all.

I am writing this letter in the hopes that Daniel Island bikers will read it, and use this simple tool so that all bikers and walkers can enjoy what they like to do without being concerned about injuring someone or being injured.

*Susie Peiffer
Daniel Island*

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How will staying at home affect your electric bill?

PAMELA BROWNSTEIN

With families at home, parents working remotely, online school, and devices running around the clock to keep people connected during the coronavirus shutdown, many customers are concerned that an increase in energy consumption will affect their utility bill.

Paul Fischer, public affairs specialist with Dominion Energy and a Daniel Island resident, said, "Our customers should not have to worry about losing service during this critical time. Therefore, Dominion Energy is suspending all service disconnections for nonpayment and waiving all

fees for late payment reconnection."

Still, Fischer recommends continuing to pay your monthly bill as usual, if you are able to do so, in order to avoid a big balance later.

"We know many of our customers are experiencing financial hardship during this crisis, and we will continue to do everything we can to help," he said.

Fischer emphasized contacting Dominion Energy to ask questions and to discuss what payment options or plans would best match your budget and circumstances. Options may include extended due dates, monthly budget billing, or energy assistance.

For more tips and information, visit DominionEnergySC.com.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Wash and dry only full loads of laundry, and regularly clean the lint trap in the dryer to increase air flow.

- When possible, use a microwave, toaster oven or outdoor grill instead of a conventional oven, which not only uses energy, but can also raise the temperature in the kitchen and home.

- Replace furnace filters and keep interior doors open so as not to restrict air flow. This will help your heating and cooling unit run more efficiently.

- Connect multiple devices to a central power strip that can be easily turned off when devices are not in use. This includes work-related devices, phone and laptop chargers and computer monitors. Even when devices are turned off, they will still use a small amount of electricity if they are plugged into an outlet.



DID YOU KNOW?

The biggest consumer of energy in the home is the heating and air conditioning. If possible, Dominion Energy recommends setting the thermostat to 68 degrees on cool days and 78 degrees on warmer days, but every degree lower when it's cool, or higher when it's warm, will increase your savings. "We want people to be mindful of the thermostat," Fischer said, especially with fluctuating temperatures outside. A good rule of thumb: Find a degree and set it there.

BEWARE SCAMMERS

Scammers are trying to prey on customers' fears and take advantage when people are at their most vulnerable, particularly during this crisis. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Dominion Energy and demanding immediate payment to avoid a disconnection of service — simply hang up. It's a scam.



Account access with an app

One less thing to worry about right now is having to pay a bill in person or through the mail. Managing your account online or with the Dominion Energy mobile app is a good idea — now more than ever. For everyone's safety. The app also gives you 24/7 access to your account and provides an effective tool to fight against scammers.

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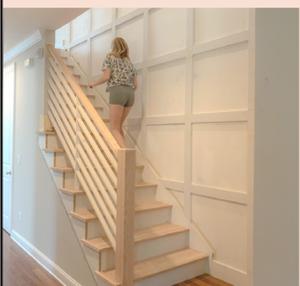
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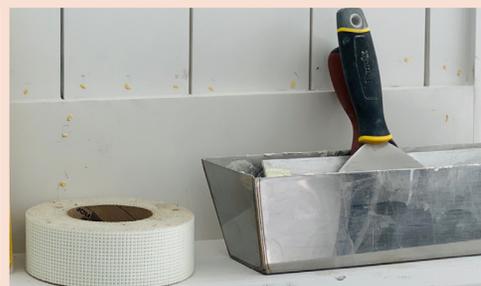


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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department reports within the Team 5 area (Daniel Island and parts of the Cainhoy peninsula) between March 16 and March 31, 2020.

EMBEZZLEMENT

On March 16, officers responded to a call from a nonprofit organization located on Clements Ferry Road regarding theft of money by an employee. The victim discovered a discrepancy in accounting of \$230,000 between January 2019 and March 2020. Early in March, the victim noticed that balances were not what they should be and confronted the employee, a bookkeeper. The employee stated that she put the money toward operations and didn't divulge the transfer because "she didn't want to upset anyone." On March 12, the victim noted that three checks in the amount of \$680 were deposited into an account that didn't belong to the business. Further investigation revealed that the bookkeeper was working with an outside accounting firm that didn't actually exist. The case is under further inves-

tigation by the White Collar Crimes division of the City of Charleston Police Department.

FLIM-FLAM

A case of flim-flam was reported on March 16. The victim attempted to sell furniture, valued at \$1,200, on a buy and sell website called Letgo. She was contacted by a potential buyer, who paid the victim for the furniture and for moving expenses via electronic check. The victim then sent the moving expenses to the moving company via Venmo, and the furniture was picked up. The electronic check was deemed fraudulent and denied by the bank; at the same time, the buyer canceled the order and requested a refund. The victim did not allow for a refund since the payment bounced, but lost the value of the furniture sold and the money sent for moving expenses. The victim was ultimately scammed out of \$2,400 during the transaction.

VANDALISM

Officers spoke with a complainant who stated that his vehicle was vandalized on March 19 while it was parked at the SIA soccer complex located at Oak Leaf Street. His Ford F-800 truck was parked at a construc-

tion job site overnight; the next day, all of the windows were broken as well as both of the side view mirrors. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

SOCIAL DISTANCING VIOLATION

On March 21, Team 5 received several complaints about an outdoor party with live music during the city-wide order for social distancing (no gatherings of 10 or more people). The business, located on River Landing Drive, was hosting an event with food, alcohol, and entertainment, with more than 20 guests. The business believed that they could have 20 guests because they were using an adjoining property with permission. Officers educated the business about the new laws, issued a formal warning, and ordered the party to be shut down immediately. The business owner complied.

LARCENY

A complainant advised officers that 12 windows were stolen from a home construction site on Spring Hollow Drive. The windows, valued at \$2,000, were left in an unsecured garage during the overnight hours. A report was filed on March 26 for insurance purposes.

Team 5 strives for education and compliance

ELIZABETH HORTON
Lt. Matt Wojslawowicz's goal is to educate and encourage voluntary compliance from citizens during the state-wide stay at home ordinance.

ELIZABETH HORTON

Daniel Island residents are encouraged to voluntarily follow social distancing rules, now mandated by the state, said Lt. Matt Wojslawowicz, commanding officer of the Charleston Police Department's Team 5.

All parks, trails, common green spaces, and recreational areas are closed. Fishing is prohibited. There are four city parks on the island that are clearly marked with signage to discourage use. Areas maintained by the Daniel Island Park Association also are closed. Team 5 will be patrolling the parks daily.

Wojslawowicz's goal is to educate citizens about the stay at home ordinance, to explain its

importance, and to support cooperation.

"At one time, the rules were changing daily, but now we have reached a status quo for our new normal, and we can expect this order to be in place at least until May 1," he said. Repeated warnings for non-compliance can result in a citation for trespassing, resulting in fines and potential jail time.

To report an issue regarding the stay at home ordinance, Wojslawowicz requests that residents call the dispatcher at 843-743-7200 so patrols can be sent out immediately. He has received reports through telephone calls and emails, which cannot be addressed as quickly.



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Rotary postpones Duck Race, lends helping hand

STAFF REPORT

The Charleston Duck Race originally scheduled for June 6 will be held Oct. 10 due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Local Rotary clubs involved will be identifying organizations and individuals most impacted by the coronavirus pandemic so that funds raised from the 2020 Duck Race can be distributed accordingly. Event organizers stated, “this year’s focus, even more than ever, is to help those in our community that have suffered the greatest because of this pandemic.”

For more information on the upcoming Duck Race, visit charlestonduckrace.com.

In the meantime, funds from the past races are making a difference right now. Contributions to the races or other fundraising efforts are being used to offer assistance for those in immediate need.

Financial donations were made to the following organizations, funded 50% each by the Rotary Club of Daniel Island and The Daniel Island Community Fund.

- Ronald McDonald House received a donation in the amount of \$2,000. The Ronald



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Daniel Island Rotary members were part of the Nailbangers Hobby Club working to repair the staircase on a neighbor's home.

McDonald house usually relies on volunteers to prepare meals for its families, but the COVID-19 restrictions caused the practice to stop. So, Daniel Island Rotary Club and Dan-

iel Island Community Fund are purchasing meals from Daniel Island restaurants, with a goal of supporting those local businesses and to feed families whose child is experiencing medical hardships.

- East Cooper Meals on Wheels received a donation in the amount of \$3,000. The organization has seen a spike in demand in the last few weeks.

- ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach) received a donation in the amount of \$2,000. Typically ECCO provides meals to 375-400 households per month. The week of March 23-27, ECCO supplied 339 prepackaged food orders to feed 309 families — 43% of these were new orders. Rotarians have also personally delivered a large quantity of canned items to help replenish the outflow of goods.

- The Daniel Island Rotary Club and The Daniel Island Community Fund partnered to purchase a big screen Smart TV for Summit Place. Carl Wist, a Daniel Island resident, volunteered to install the TV and equipment that will allow more residents to have access to WiFi to connect with family and to watch movies. Home Telecom also increased

WiFi capacity, while The Daniel Island Club chipped in three putters so that the residents can practice putting indoors.

- Lowcountry Hope Center received appliances and minor furniture items donated from Summit Place, which Rotary Club members helped to deliver.

- Seven Farms Apartments received a donation in the amount of \$800 to go toward meals for residents provided by Holy Cross Church.

Additional activities through the Daniel Island Rotary Club — which took place before the stay-at-home order — included a presentation by Gen. Glenn Walters, president of The Citadel, on March 4. Walters talked about changes taking place at the campus as well as the successes of recent graduates.

Also, several Rotary members were part of the Nailbangers Hobby Club that added a new staircase to a neighbor’s home to improve safety and accessibility.

During the stay-at-home restrictions, weekly meetings are held virtually on Wednesday mornings, at 9 a.m. Those interested in attending can email Bethm.Lee@att.net for details.

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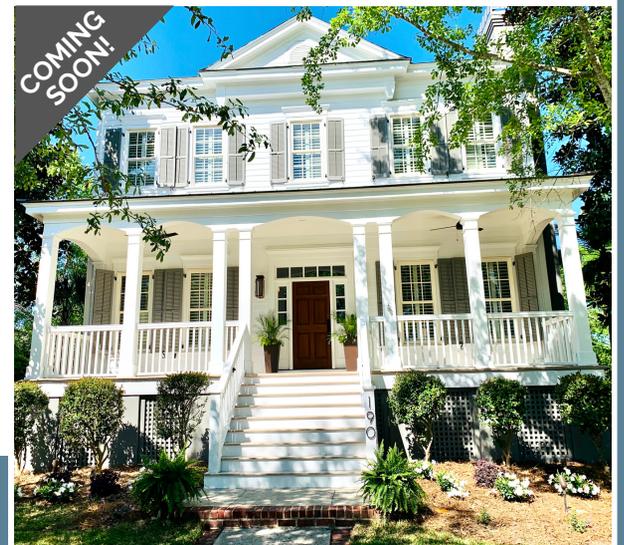
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DI patients and healthcare providers adapt to new telemedicine world

From TELEMEDICINE on PAGE 02

Jim and discuss his health with him. We're hoping that telemedicine appointments continue in the future once the pandemic has passed."

Palmetto Primary Care on Daniel Island is conducting about 130 telehealth visits per week now, according to Family Nurse Practitioner Lindsay Fried.

"Patients seem to really like it and they seem happy that they can still get their health care without having to leave their house," said Fried, who conducted an appointment via FaceTime for an 85-year-old patient recently. "... We haven't really had any issues with people trying to figure out how to use it."

They also offer patients the option of seeing providers from their vehicles in the practice parking lot, so they don't have to come into the office, or waiting in their cars for appointments, instead of inside in the waiting room.

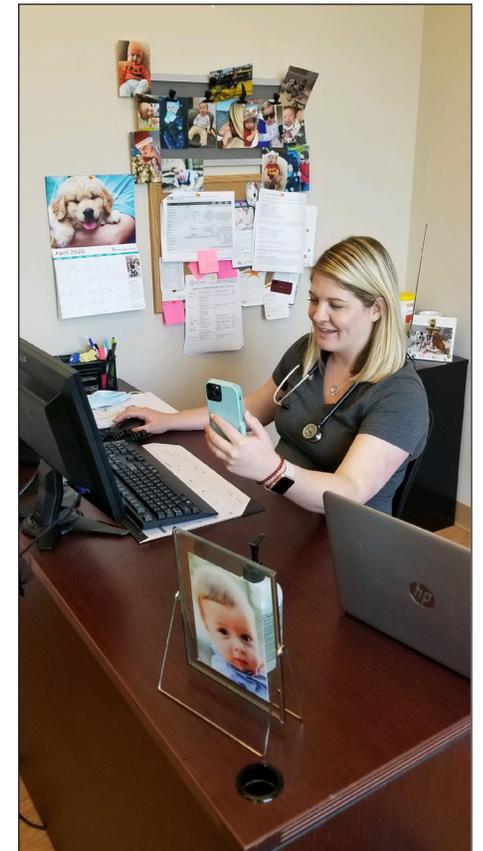
New telehealth options also are in full swing at Daniel Island Family Medicine and are "going great," according to Amy Giove, practice manager.

"Most insurance companies moved quickly to include telehealth coverage for their subscribers," noted Giove. "Our platform is secure and patients have found it really easy to use. It's not suitable for all appointments, but right now about half of our appointments are virtual."

Virtual care has also been a good remedy for Daniel Island-based Sahn Dermatology in today's COVID-anxious environment. The practice is using the PocketPatient app, which allows patients to share photos of areas of concern on their skin with their physician in real time.

"For dermatology, it's perfect," noted Dr. Eleanor Sahn. "You get such a good picture ... The doctors sit at their computer, and the patient takes their iPhone at home and the doctor can look anywhere they need to look. We've even done complete skin exams."

Dr. Sahn, who is semi-retired, credited her partners Drs. Rachel Hill and Heather Wolf for their efforts in working with patients during this coronavirus outbreak. She estimates they are seeing about 10 to 15 patients a day via telehealth visits, down from their typical 35-40 daily in-person appointments. They still see patients at the office if they are experiencing emergencies, but take appropriate precautions.



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Family Nurse Practitioner Lindsay Fried of Palmetto Primary Care on Daniel Island conducts a tele-visit with a patient on Friday, April 10..

"We're trying to be as safe as we possibly can," added Sahn.

Dr. Jimmy Smith of Daniel Island Chiropractic reports that they, too, are seeing less volume in the office due to the coronavirus crisis. About 15 patients per week are opting to do televisits, he said.

"Chiropractic care is definitely hands on, so it's not effective in that aspect," added Dr. Smith. "(But) we can show patients stretches and exercises with video teleconferencing and answer questions to help with pain relief over the phone."

Some researchers predict the number of telemedicine interactions between patients and health care providers could top 1 billion by the end of this year. In the meantime, those impacted continue to navigate the changing environment as best as they can.

"People are realizing that life before COVID-19 is not going to come back anytime soon," Gege said. "So let's create a new normal."



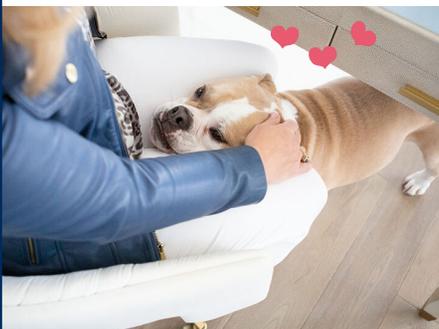
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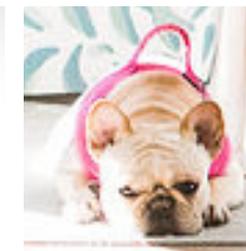
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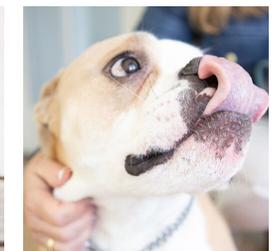
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I don't know any other way to lead but by example. — Don Shula

When General George C. Marshall took command of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he found the post in a run-down condition. Rather than issue orders for improvements, he got out his own paintbrushes and equipment and went to work on his personal quarters.

Other officers and men did the same thing, and the U.S. Army base eventually looked better.

Leadership by example is a timeless principle, and actions like this speak volumes.

While our current circumstances we find ourselves in today obviously do not mirror those found in the story, we need leadership by example as we've never needed it before.

To be sure, leading in a time of a worldwide pandemic is not something any of us have

experience in. It's new territory.

But the foundational principles of leadership are applicable to any situation and is why it's incumbent upon leaders the world over to step up and be the leader others are looking for.

What exactly does leadership in a global pandemic look like? When the people you lead look to you, what hope and assurances are you offering to them?

Recently, I was re-reading "Leadershift" by John Maxwell. In the book he makes this noteworthy observation: "What is happening around you determines whether you hold fast or move forward." This is especially true today.

Whether or not you move forward depends on how you act today. It's why your leadership is so important to you and the people you lead.

I believe in times like this that there are a few foundational leadership principles that you need to be standing on.

LEAD WITH FOCUS AND PERSPECTIVE

In uncertain times, we need leaders with a steady hand and proper perspective. We don't need endless knee-jerk reactions to everything

we see and hear. This only breeds more fear and stress. We need leaders who know how to weather the storm that allows others to gain much-needed confidence. Calm focus and perspective should serve as a model for stable leadership.

LEAD WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

Attitudes are contagious and the attitude of the leader tends to be the attitude throughout the organization. If you want to keep morale strong and hope alive, be a leader with a strong attitude. The impact of your strong attitude will prepare you for the long haul. No one knows how long this pandemic will last, but a strong attitude is essential to beat it. Be the leader who brings hope to your people. Begin with the right attitude.

LEAD WITH EMPATHY AND COMPASSION

Before this pandemic is over, most of us will be touched directly or indirectly by COVID-19. Your empathy and compassion as a leader are needed now more than ever and this is the time to step up and help those in your care. Your leadership will be defined by the

empathy you show and the compassion you mobilize. Let's be all about bringing hope and healing to those around us.

LEAD WITH THE END IN MIND

When this pandemic is over, many people will be walking back into their places of business and familiar surroundings. But it will not be the same. Just as many have had to learn how to adjust to new ways of doing things while working remotely, new adjustments will be made upon return to the office. A wise leader looks ahead and knows how to think long-term for the good of the people.

FINAL THOUGHTS

In these uncertain times, people need the assurance of proven leadership. The people in your sphere of influence need you. Be the leader they can look to who is steady under pressure. Be an influencer of hope. Above all else, keep the faith. We will get through this together.

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Local distillery starts turning spirits into sanitizer

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Amid the widespread shortages of disinfectant supplies, Local Choice Spirits founder Paula Dezzutti now is bottling batches of sanitizer at her Striped Pig Distillery. The Daniel Island resident started making the sanitizer to help meet demand caused by the COVID-19 crisis.

Even before the shortage, Dezzutti was already thinking about using the usually discarded “heads and tails” from the distilling process as a cleaning product. (Distillers make heads and tails cuts while producing high proof spirit as a way to separate the good parts of the spirit from the poisonous and/or unappealing flavored portions). Her idea was to use the byproduct to clean their floors.

“Why am I buying Clorox when we have much higher proof antiseptic right off the still and it smells great? That started me thinking that we should make hand sanitizer as well. My team laughed at me and said we can't make hand sanitizer that anyone would want to buy from us. Boy, did they change their tune over the next few weeks,” said Dezzutti.



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Local Choice Spirits founder Paula Dezzutti and Master Distiller Johnny Pieper work hard to produce some much-needed hand sanitizer.

She began brainstorming with her team on ways to get as much high proof product made as quickly as possible.

“We needed to figure out how to make high proof products faster. So we came up with a ‘Beer Bourbon Program’ where we invited all local breweries to bring us their

beer, typically low proof of 5% to 8%, that would otherwise now be wasted from spoilage,” she said. “We could dump the beer into our stills and get it up to high proof a lot quicker than waiting for new products to ferment, and we could all work together to support our community.”

Dezzutti needed new licenses to produce the sanitizer and quickly applied for them. Regulatory agencies relaxed their processing restrictions during the shutdown and they advised the company to do what was necessary to help the local community.

“We applied for our license anyway ... There is a whole new focus for sanitation now and I don't think that will go away. I think the world will practice healthier habits all around now,” stated Dezzutti.

The generous entrepreneur has already donated the hand sanitizer to first responders, MUSC, and Lowcountry Food Bank.

Dezzutti said she is grateful for her team. “As a single-female, family run business, it's not always an easy task to keep up with the larger companies who have huge financial, emotional and economic support behind them,” she said. “This is one of the many times that I am so proud of my children and extended team who are like family to me.”

The sanitizer will likely be available at the Striped Pig Distillery soon. The distillery is still open for sales and currently is offering a 25% discount. Purchases can be arranged by going online at stripedpigdistillery.square.site or calling 843-814-8347.

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Sit! Stay! (at home)

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Pet owners now have to learn to obey the “stay” command, as the COVID-19 pandemic has forced most Daniel Island residents to remain home. While the stay at home ordinance may be “ruff” on owners, island animals are enjoying the extra attention.

Many pet parents are concerned about how COVID-19 will affect their animals. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, there isn't any evidence pets can spread the virus at the present time.



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Jeff Cluver and Stephanie Alexander pose on the porch with their pets — Trinket, left, and Topsy, right — during their quarantine happy hour.

is no evidence at this point to indicate that pets spread COVID-19. But she cautions, “Those ill with COVID-19 should limit contact with animals until more information is known about the virus. If you have a service animal or you must care for your pet, then wear a face mask. Don't share food, kiss, or hug them; and wash your hands before and after any contact with them.”

The animal hospital remains open for business,

but because of the stay at home ordinance, they're encouraging clients to postpone pet care that isn't time sensitive.

“To further encourage pet owners to stay home, we have begun offering free porch delivery of pet medications, prevention, and food. We feel a civic responsibility to do what we can to flatten the curve. Limiting the quantity of clients visiting our practice each day, while still remaining available to help those who need it, is how we are currently operating to meet those goals,” Suiter explained.

However, Suiter says it's important to come in for required vaccinations, spaying procedures, medically necessary dental procedures, and rechecks for existing medical conditions to make sure pets remain healthy.

During the COVID-19 outbreak when many residents are working from home, it's important to keep pets busy during business hours.

“Providing chews and enriching puzzles will help them stay happily occupied, leaving you free to work uninterrupted while working from home,” said Karen Patrohay of Michael's Barkery.

Blackbaud employee Lisa Brogden and her husband, Gabe, are both working from home, much to the delight of their fur baby, Bella.

“She is such a good girl and spends most of the day napping in her bed or on the loveseat. Occasionally, she will alert us of other dogs walking down the street. Fortunately that only occurred during one of my conference calls. Nothing the mute button won't fix,” said Brogden.

Stephanie Alexander said her two dogs will be sad once things return to normal.

“As far as Trinket and Topsy are concerned, this quarantine is the best thing that's ever happened! My husband Jeff and I have five kids. So between me working from home and the kids being home, they are in heaven,” she said. “For me, I would say the challenge is that they want to go in and out all



PROVIDED

At the end of the day, Teddy is tired from all the extra activity with the whole Bridges family at home.

day while I'm working.”

During the COVID-19 outbreak, Clements Ferry Veterinary is taking precautionary measures to protect pets, owners, and staff. The clinic now offers “low contact visits” to perform all necessary treatments and vaccines. The staff transports all pets to and from the parking lot and can discuss any concerns with owners over the phone. The vet's office is also providing curbside pickup of

products or prescriptions to clients who call ahead.

Besides increasing sanitation efforts in high touch areas, Clements Ferry Veterinary says it is practicing social distancing in accordance with the recommendations by the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The adjustment in Daniel Island residents' routines is a big treat for their pets. Natalie Perry



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Natalie Perry's rescue pup, Manny, takes a well deserved nap after completing one of his many walks around Daniel Island.

Despite coronavirus concerns, the ‘Stay at Home’ order is a treat for DI pets

noted that her rescue pup, Manny, is getting a lot more exercise and attention from his whole family.

“Manny loves having everyone home. He wakes up excited every day knowing that his whole family will be with him all day. We walk the entire Island Park Drive, which tires him out. He loves to see the other dogs out walking too,” said Perry.

The Morgan family is enjoying their “new norm” spending extra time with their felines, 17-year-old Hector and his 3-year-old “brother” Finlay. During the quarantine, the two cats have been staying especially close to their pet parents, Wayne and Lindy, who admitted the extra cuddling and play time keeps the two Maine Coon cats happy all day.

Katherine Russell's 12-week-old cockapoo, Nile, was only home for three weeks before the quarantine started. The young pup is exploring his new surroundings, while practicing social distancing skills, of course.

“He is enjoying learning new tricks, soaking in all the cuddles, and playing with his new toys,” said Russell.

With two cats and two dogs, the Bridges family of Daniel Island always has a full house. With the stay at home order, the family pets are excited to have their pet parents home full time. Teddy, the family's mini Bernese, loves having his busy daddy home and follows him around all day. By the end of the day, the constantly playful pup is exhausted.

People benefit from interacting more with pets, and it can be one of the best therapies for owners during the crisis. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association, pets can help their owners cope better in stressful situations. Pets can help with the loneliness of a lockdown and provide emotional support.

But these changes can also cause some reactions

that pet owners need to be keep in mind.

Dr. Bridget Luke of the Daniel Island Animal Hospital said some pets can suffer stress from disruption of daily routines or in response to their owner's anxiety.

“Cats are particularly prone to this and may express their anxiety with inappropriate elimination (urinating and defecating outside the litter box) and hiding. Owners can help ease this stress by allowing pets a space to be alone whenever they desire,” said Luke.

For pets suffering with anxiety, over the counter remedies such as calming pheromones and music are good options to try. CBD treats also may help to calm pets. If these methods don't work, prescription medications are available to help alleviate symptoms.

Once things get back to normal, most pets will transition back to their old routines without too much trouble.

“We do not anticipate pets to develop separation anxiety during this time if they did not have this behavioral condition previously. Those who do have a history of separation anxiety that is not controlled, could experience a flare up when families return to their work and school routines,” explained Luke.

For pets that have trouble adjusting to separation, Patrohay of Michael's Barkery suggests providing a special place just for them that has their toys, games, and maybe even an old T-shirt or blanket with your scent on it.

“Train them to go to that space while you are still home and then start to take short trips to help them ease away from always being with you. If you usually leave a radio or TV on when you are home, leaving it on while you are away may also help,” she said.



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Bella enjoys the extra time she has with her owners, Lisa and Gabe Brogden, now that they are working from home.



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The Morgan cats feel there's no need to practice social distancing when it's all in the family.



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The Bridges' cats are keeping a close eye on their family while everyone is home.

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Former BE standout Jeresaty going 'BIG' time

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Remember that 1980s song "Big Time" performed by former Genesis frontman Peter Gabriel? You know, the song that satirically tackles a basic human want: success. It tells the story of a man from a small town who grows to be larger than life.

That song should be on former Bishop England High School standout Blake Jeresaty's playlist right now. In fact, it could be Jeresaty's life story after his recent athletic transaction.

Jeresaty, who earned All-American status last fall as a member of the Wofford College Terriers' football program, announced over the weekend that he will play for the University of Illinois Fighting Illini this fall. Illinois competes in the Big Ten, a conference whose logo is BIG.

"It's time to go BIG — I'm excited to announce my commitment to the University of Illinois!" Jeresaty announced on Twitter. "Thank you to my Wofford teammates, coaches and peers for the last four years — I will always be grateful. Time to take the next step."

Jeresaty was an Associated Press All-American at Wofford last fall, and his Twitter announcement came about a week after he entered the college football transfer portal.

Champaign, home to the University of Illinois, might not be the final destination for Jeresaty. It could be the next stop, with the NFL on the horizon, however distant.



WOFFORD COLLEGE

Blake Jeresaty was named an Associated Press All-American at Wofford College last fall. The offensive lineman announced he will play for the University of Illinois, which is part of the Big Ten Conference.

If the NFL isn't in Jeresaty's future, Champaign still makes sense. Jeresaty plans to get a master's degree in finance, and the school's finance department is considered top 10 in the country.

Jeresaty was a freshman on the 2012 Battling Bishop team that won the Class AA state championship. He was a three-year starter and a three-year all-region pick on coach John Cantey's teams.

In his senior season at BE, Jeresaty was the

region Lineman of the Year, first team All-Lowcountry, first team All-State, and a North-South All-Star Game selection.

"He was always very disciplined, very humble," Cantey said. "He was very humble. He was a captain at Wofford for a year or two, so you know he's a leader. He never had an ounce of arrogance. He's a great kid from a great family."

Cantey admitted he was surprised that Jeresaty will play in one of the top conferences in



FILE

Blake Jeresaty, pictured here in 2015, played football for Bishop England High School. He plans to play for the University of Illinois, transferring from Wofford College.

the country.

"I didn't see that coming," Cantey said. "I didn't see that especially with the offense they ran at Wofford."

Wofford ran a triple-option offense and Jeresaty was the anchor of a line that helped pave the way for the second-ranked rushing game in FCS football at 305.8 yards per game and allowed only four sacks.

Jeresaty will give Illinois coach Lovey Smith's team more depth upfront. Smith signed three offensive linemen in his latest recruiting class, and has four OL listed as returning starters.

Smith also has helped the team build depth as Jeresaty is the third player to recently join the Fighting Illini via the transfer portal. Smith's other two transfers include a wide receiver and linebacker. Smith has scored major success in signing transfer players the last few seasons as he rebuilds the school's football program.

Philip Simmons' Bendig finding new ways to 'coach' spring practices

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As the head football coach of a high school that has been in existence for only a short time, Eric Bendig seeks normalcy and continuity as he builds the program at Philip Simmons High School.

But the novel coronavirus has probably sacked the team's spring practices, which were scheduled to begin May 1 and culminate with the May 28 Purple and White Game. And, it has put summer conditioning programs at the school up in the air.

Now, it's anything but normal and continuity has been put on hold.

"Spring practice would have been huge for us," Bendig said. "But we do feel blessed that we know our coaches, we know our players. We can call our players, FaceTime with them. We can get the information out that our players need to know."

While the fate of the remaining academic

year is to be determined, the High School League hasn't canceled sports just yet, with a May 2 update from the league looming.

While it is unlikely that the state of South Carolina will reopen schools or the High School League will allow schools to resume sports, it could happen.

"If sports resume, we will push (the football players) to continue playing their spring sports whether it is baseball, track or whatever," Bendig said. "Spring practice will become a time when the coaches will work to develop sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders while the football players compete in other sports."

Bendig said spring practice is critical for the development of athletes making the jump from junior varsity to varsity, and for finding — and filling — holes in the depth chart. Bendig watches some players add 10-15 pounds of muscle while improving their speed during the offseason, and spring ball is typically the time to shine.

"During spring practice, we look to see how a player's growth will equate on the football field, and it's a big time for them psychologically to show how much they have grown physically and mentally."

In past years, high school gyms around the state were opened the day after the final day of the school year to allow athletes to lift weights and run on their own.

Bendig predicts the High School League will issue mandates about school gyms being open during the summer months.

The Iron Horses are hoping to build on their success of the past seasons. In 2018, its first year as a varsity program, the Iron Horses went 2-8.

Last fall, the team went 4-5 during the regular season, including 3-1 in Region 6-AA after Oceanside Collegiate forfeited its game. Whale Branch High ended the Iron Horses' season with a victory in the first round of the Class AA playoffs.



FILE

Eric Bendig, the Philip Simmons High School football coach, is concerned how the lack of spring practices will impact next season on the gridiron.

No longer a fish out of water



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

The best in people comes out in the worst of times. This is the bright side of the COVID-19 pandemic. While my biggest challenge is the inability to fish due to closure of our boat landings, I am amazed by the number of people who have reached out to help.

A few days into the boat landing closure, a friend ran his skiff across the harbor from Sullivan's Island to Daniel Island and took me fishing in the Wando River. He joked that he was compelled to help because I was literally a fish out of water.

The next week, another friend invited me to fish on his boat, which was docked on Ralston Creek. It was good to catch a few fish. It was better to catch up with an old friend.

Then, to my surprise, another friend offered to let me keep my Pathfinder at their dock. I

am lucky to have such thoughtful and caring friends.

With my Pathfinder back in the game, I am making up for lost time and fishing nearly every day. The water temperature is approaching 70 degrees. Baitfish have returned to the rivers and creeks. Redfish, trout and flounder are feeding aggressively. It is great to be fishing again!

More good news. Brody, the amazing fish-finding dog, has stopped trading stocks and returned to finding fish. While I am happy to have him back on the boat, I do have mixed feelings. Turns out, Brody is fantastic at picking stocks. Well, at least, better than me.

So, after intensive negotiations, Brody has agreed to trade stocks during the day and then fish after the market closes at 4 p.m.

Brody is also the new owner of my Pathfinder 2500 Hybrid. A small price to pay for an amazing fish-finding dog that can pick stocks too!

Yes, I feel fortunate to see the best side of people (and dogs) that comes out in the worst of times.

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Captain Greg Peralta was back to fishing on the Wando River with help from his friends.



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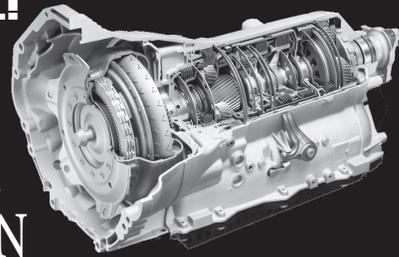


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art around town

HEATHER MACQUEEN JONES

If you ever thought, “I wish I had time to learn guitar” or “I’d love to have the time to learn to paint,” there is some good news courtesy of COVID-19: we all now have more time.

Once in short supply, we finally have that precious luxury of being able to — without guilt — just sit and strum, sketch, or be creative in some other way.

The best part of being creative is that art is therapeutic. The simple act of creating a work of art, a body of music or writing uses a different part of your brain and can relieve tension, reduce anxiety and create joy.

Visual art mutes the bickering in the background when you break out a pencil on the porch to sketch the palm tree across the street.

Audible art allows you to output your pent-up emotions by blowing hot air through a trumpet, turning the tempo to tempo.

Creative writing is an important way to express emotions, journaling fears and anxiety gets them out of your head and onto paper.



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Instructor Kelly Boardman finds harmony at home by teaching virtual classes.

Even if you are the kind of person who can’t draw a straight line or play chopsticks on a piano, the mantra of Kris Manning and Braeden Kershner, co-owners of Black Tie Music Academy, is “we can teach anyone anything.”

Black Tie Music Academy is a locally owned business with five brick-and-mortar locations in Charleston, Daniel Island, Mount Pleasant, North Charleston and Summerville.

“Don’t let our name fool ya ... we’ve been offering incredible art instruction for years, and now we can teach online!” Manning explained. A self-described “artpreneur,” Manning was also selected by the community



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Black Tie Music Academy teacher Josh Roberts tunes in to students’ colorful chords.

as this year’s Daniel Island Grand Marshal.

“We’re reinventing our business,” she says of the recent shelter-at-home quarantine which prevents art lovers from gathering in a class. “The good news is, we have seven rooms on Daniel Island, it used to be when they were filled, they were filled,” Manning said. Now, with 43 teachers all working from home, “We’re flexible to our client’s schedules!”

All of the instructors are equipped to handle all ages and ranges of experience (including zero) due to their background as educators and studio artists.

On a recent Facebook post, teacher Kelly

Boardman wrote, “I do three different things at BTMA, the first is I teach music lessons: guitar, piano, ukulele, voice, woodwinds, all sorts of things. The second is I teach early learner lessons — it’s a lot of fun! And the third thing is music therapy, so if you are finding yourself wanting to process things in a creative outlet, I’m your person!”

Boardman and other instructors “are no longer bound, geographically speaking,” Kershner said.

He added, “We take music education seriously, but not ourselves!”

No explanation needed if you’re one of the thousands of viewers who watched their recent variety show skits online.

If a friend’s blood pressure is through the roof, maybe what they need is an ART attack: Share Black Tie Music Academy’s Facebook page to a friend in another state or country.

Manning also recognizes that not everyone can afford private lessons, which can run \$125 for a 30-minute, one-on-one lesson. That’s why every Friday in April they are holding free online classes where anyone can “create art, create peace and create a connected community.” Interested participants can email manning@feralcreative.com to sign up.

For more information about all of their creative offerings online, visit BlackTieMusicAcademy.com.

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Survival tips for close quarters during confinement

TOM WERNER

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There comes a time in every marriage where a man must ask himself, “Am I annoying my wife?”

For me, that time was 3:30 a.m., and I was frozen in a half-crouch somewhere between the side of the bed and the nightstand. Sue was doing her best to help me stand, or sit, or walk or something that would result in progress toward the very urgent goal of reaching the bathroom. But, every slight movement brought with it a new spasm, and a most pitiful groan.

I felt a little twinge earlier that evening in what my chiropractor, Dr. Lou, refers to as the lower “tramp-stamp” region of my back. I went to bed hoping that it would all work itself out by morning. That’s the kind of willful negligence that lead to cat-tail-caught-in-a-door-like screams that woke Sue in the middle of the night so she could stand helplessly by my side for the entire 20-minute shuffle



Next to wedding rings, there is no greater symbol of a blissful marriage than a pair of form-fitting, 32 db-noise-reducing foam ear plugs on the nightstand.

to the bathroom.

Oh, how I envy young people and their stories about how they injure their backs. Typically, it is the result of a mountain climbing accident involving a 50-foot fall into a rocky crevasse, then a mauling by a mountain lion and an unlikely recovery facilitated by a herd of mountain goats. The retelling of these tales consumes hours and draws audiences in by the dozens. But, being over 50, my audiences rarely number more than one (Sue) and my stories rarely stretch past two words,

such as “I sneezed” or “I coughed,” or perhaps even, “I breathed.”

I telemedicined Dr. Lou the next morning to ask if there was some kind of back brace I could wear at night to help with my trips to the bathroom.

“Sounds more like you could use some Depends,” he said, between bites of a Honeycrisp apple. “With everyone working from home, the only time our wives get a break from us is when they’re sleeping. Don’t annoy your wife by waking her up at night or you’ll be sleeping on

the garage floor and your back will never heal.” Seems that chiropractic college is not charm school, but it is loaded with practical knowledge.

With the world in near-total lockdown, it is more important than ever that we menfolk take count on how best not to annoy our wives:

Do some, but not all, of the laundry.

I’ve done my own laundry for years, but never in that time did I launder an item so confounding as a bra. Turns out, bras

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“Am I annoying my wife?”

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have rules: The first rule is that no bra is ever allowed in the dryer. Ever. The second rule, which is far more important than the first, is that I am not allowed to comment when Sue places one of her bras in the dryer. This would seem to be in clear violation of rule number one, but I assure you, it is not.

Wear ear plugs. Next to wedding rings, there is no greater symbol of a blissful marriage than a pair of form-fitting, 32 db-noise-reducing foam ear plugs on the nightstand. As part of a two-snorer marriage, a restful night of sleep used to depend solely on who got to sleep first. But, pop a couple of these foam wonders into the external auditory canals, and a full night's sleep for both is moments away. The danger comes in wearing these peacemakers in the daytime, where they are known to be ripped from one's ears, and you find yourself posed with the question as to whether you have been wearing them the entire time your spouse has been talking. At this point, it is best to choose

your words wisely...

Unfriend your wife. While talk of “social distancing” is all the rage, too little attention has been paid to the importance of “social network distancing” between spouses. Specifically, your wife does not want to hear of all your Facebook and Twitter battles over which idiot relative or former high school classmate is in lockstep with which Russian Troll farm. Guess what? Your wife may not share your opinion on these matters or she may simply wish to remain friends with her side of the family. So shut your trap, already.

While we find ourselves confined to close quarters, it is important that we give each other the space we need as individuals.

In our case, that has been rather easy: Sue roams about the house, while my back has me confined to our room. And, thanks to the advice of Dr. Lou, there really is no reason for me to leave the bed. Sue may soon have a different opinion, but for now, it works.

Letters to the editor

From LETTERS on PAGE 6

SO MUCH GOOD CLOSE TO HOME

The headlines appear grim these days, but if you look close to home, you'll see so much good taking place! I am blessed to serve at an organization that provides daily meals and visits from a volunteer to our homebound neighbors.

This pandemic has forced major changes in how we operate, but we're still sharing the love while not sharing the virus. Our deliveries are now once a week rather than daily, but our amazing volunteers are making phone calls each day to check on those we serve — the homebound, who are mostly elderly, and the most vulnerable. This daily contact is critical to our recipients and their mental health.

As many of us have learned, being confined to our homes for days and weeks can make you stir-crazy. This is the reality our recipients live

each day, and why this daily interaction is so important.

I would ask everyone in our community to take a look around your neighborhood — find that neighbor who lives alone and mostly isolated, and use this event as an opportunity to connect. Check on them to ensure they are OK. If you make a great home-cooked meal at your house, maybe share a plate with that neighbor while following all protocols and social distancing. Let them know they're not forgotten, help them to find hope, and take just a few minutes to check on

them, even if only by phone. You have no idea how much it will mean to them, and you will be surprised how rewarding it will be for you.

We will get through this, and hopefully, come out as an even more caring and compassionate community on the other side. Stay safe!

*George Roberts,
President*

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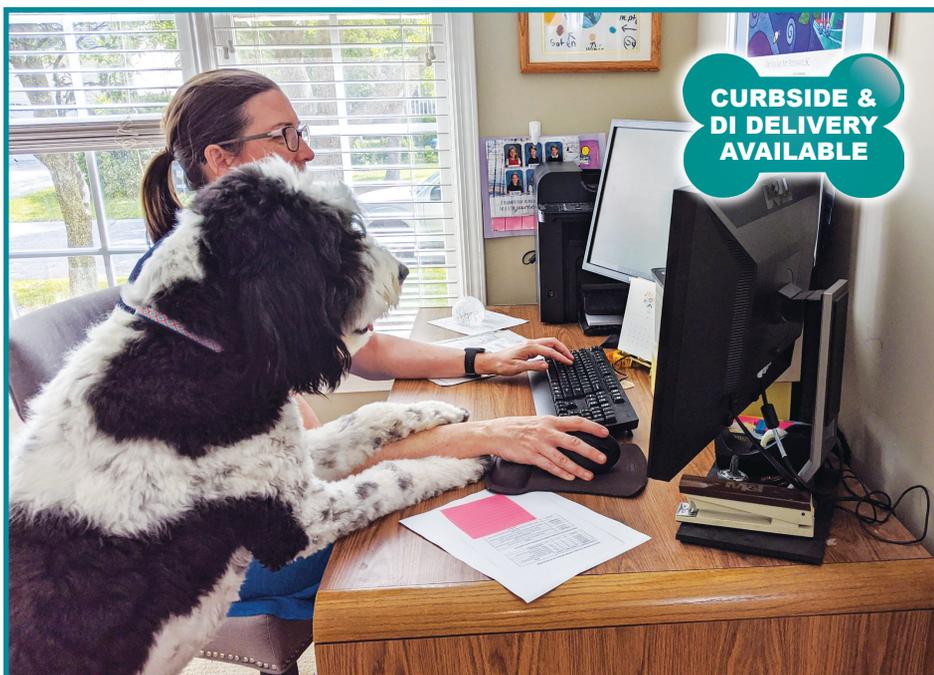
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School closures don't dampen students' spirit

Area students still helping others and reaching their goals

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Area students have been sheltering in place for several weeks, but they've still been earning honors and lending a helping hand where they can. Here's a roundup of several accomplishments.

DI TEEN GETS CREATIVE FOR CHARITY

The coronavirus has curtailed charity events, but it hasn't prevented Daniel Island teen Karoline Surdyk from fundraising. The Academic Magnet High School junior is using her artistic talent to draw portraits in an effort to raise money for backpacks and supplies that will benefit Lowcountry Orphan Relief. The nonprofit organization provides goods and services to approximately 4,000 area children who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected.

The idea to provide school supplies was born after Surdyk volunteered to sort items at Lowcountry Orphan Relief's donation distribution center. "I realized that donations of used clothing were more abundant than school supplies, which must be new. In 2018, I bought 20 backpacks for only \$70 during a sale. My intent was to involve others who might be interested in filling the backpacks. Some people filled the backpacks I provided, others donated supplies or money," she explained.

When the coronavirus crisis hit, Surdyk began social distancing and staying home, but she still wanted to do something to help the organization.

She said, "I tried to think of another way to continue raising money. I draw portraits for people to earn money, so I thought people might be interested in donating to what I call 'Backpacks for Lowcountry Orphan Relief' in exchange for a drawing."

Her mother posted a request on the Daniel Island Moms Facebook page that her daughter would draw a portrait in exchange for a donation, and the response was overwhelming.

Daniel Island resident Caroline Wise Stanley saw the post and immediately commissioned Surdyk to draw a portrait of her 14-year-old Chesapeake Bay Retriever. "I am very excited to support her fundraising effort for the LOR," Stanley said.

"Each drawing takes a lot of time so I can only do a few right now. In the meantime, I am happy to pick up donations of backpacks (the most cost prohibitive item), school supplies, or money from anyone who would like to donate," Surdyk said.

Since starting her charity, Surdyk has delivered 84 backpacks filled with supplies to Lowcountry Orphan Relief.

Those who would like to help can email Surdyk at karolinesurdyk@outlook.com, visit her GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/t/school-supplies-for-lowcountry-orphan-relief>



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Through her fundraising efforts, Daniel Island teen Karoline Surdyk has donated 84 backpacks filled with supplies to Lowcountry Orphan Relief.

relief, or find out more online at lowcountryorphanrelief.org.

BE CLUB CONDUCTS FOOD DRIVE

After learning the shelves at East Cooper Meals on Wheels were close to empty in the midst of the coronavirus outbreak, the Bishop England Random Acts of Kindness Club kicked into high gear. The group is conducting a food drive to replenish supplies for the nonprofit.

"Our ultimate goal is to help those in need and provide an opportunity for those in the community to help those that are less fortunate," said Kennedy Coupe, a BE student and club member who is leading the food drive project. "...It's good to give back any time, but especially during this challenging time."

Coupe is also captain of the BE girls' lacrosse team, which has seen its season cut short when they were hoping to earn their fifth consecutive state title.

"Unfortunately, the season coming to an end so soon was very disappointing, but clearly there are people with much bigger problems in the world than us being able to complete another potential championship season," noted Coupe.

"...This food drive has given me a new sense of purpose because it makes me realize how fortunate we are to live in this great community and to think of others first, and help those who really need our help."

The community can drop off nonperishable items through April 26 at any of the following locations: Bishop England High School; 2413 Louisville Street, Daniel Island; 1926 Bellona Street, Daniel Island; 950 Covenant Square, Mount Pleasant; and 1723 Sailmaker Street, Daniel Island.

BE SENIOR AINSLEY WESTERN NAMED A RISING STAR

Bishop England High School student Ainsley Western was selected for the Rising Stars Piccolo Spoleto program out of the more than 1,000 students who auditioned.

The performances originally were to be pre-



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The Bishop England High School Random Acts of Kindness Club is conducting a food drive for East Cooper Meals on Wheels during the coronavirus situation. Pictured from left is senior Kaitlyn Jackowski, senior Grace Iaria, senior Kennedy Coupe, club advisor Jimmy Garrett, junior Madeline Mazur, and junior Lily Woods. Those not pictured but also involved with the project are sophomores Hailey Hubbard, Molly Moore, and Celia Murphy.

sented during the 2020 Piccolo Spoleto Festival from May 25 to June 5, however the event has been canceled. But music fans can view a performance by Western on the festival website at palmettoartsed.org/rising-stars.

Additionally, Western was recognized as a distinguished scholar, receiving a \$25,000 a year scholarship at Southern Methodist University. The SMU Distinguished Scholar Committee said it selected Western based on her academic and personal achievement, admiring her leadership as captain of the golf team and dedication to the performing arts.

AREA SENIORS WIN SILVER PEN COMPETITION

Three local high school seniors were among the winners of The Maxwell Group's Silver Pen Scholarship Competition.

The Maxwell group is the parent company of Wellmore of Daniel Island, a luxury senior living community in Charleston.

This year \$3,750 in scholarships were awarded for the top three entries:

First Place Winner: Amber Tu, Academic Magnet High School

Second Place Winner : Taylor Jenkins, Ashley Hall

Third Place Winner: Rebecca Smith, Wando High School

The community members at Wellmore played an integral role as judges in the competition.

"It's a great scholarship opportunity, as local students write essays on a chosen topic and our members get to read and judge the entries based on the set criteria," said Jeff Barber, Wellmore's executive director. "Our members love participating and it's a great way to connect with our local community."

The goal of the competition is to bridge the communication gap between high school seniors and community members.

The Silver Pen Competition is open to high school seniors who live or attend school within 25 miles of Wellmore of Daniel Island, employees of Wellmore and their families, and community residents' immediate family.

BOY SCOUTS GO VIRTUAL CAMPING

Local Boy Scout Tanner Woody, senior patrol leader of Troop 63, is preparing for new virtual camping and merit badge programs due to social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis.

The local Boy Scouts of America launched a new program offering virtual camping, and merit badge courses along with other online programs.

Ray Bryant, council commissioner, has been working to develop the program and has started planning a virtual camping contest.

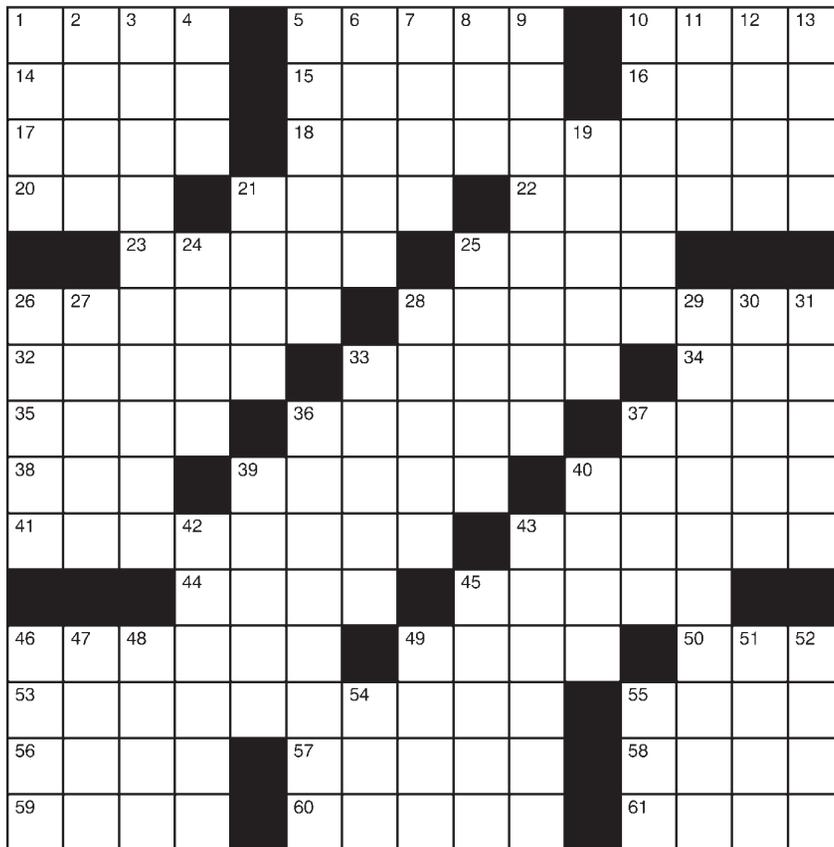
"My staff is working on the ground rules, and the individual units will provide photos and videos of their virtual campouts. We know the scouts are really going to be excited about this new program," he said.



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Local Boy Scout Tanner Woody, senior patrol leader of Troop 63, prepares for new virtual camping and merit badge programs.

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By Charles Preston

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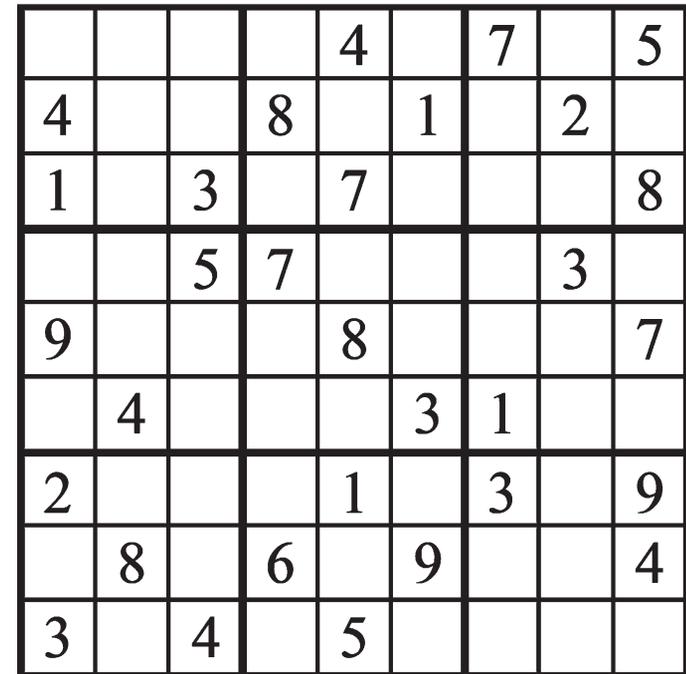
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Let's Have some FUN



Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

A Bit of Noun-Sense

Sometimes nouns can be used as verbs, and sometimes they cannot. Which of the following italicized verbs are used correctly?



1. Bill and Joan plan to *summer* at their cottage this year.
2. I *windowed* my soul to my manicurist, and she told the whole town.
3. They are *four-laning* this road, and the traffic is terrible!
4. Louis is going to *gift* his 1965 Cadillac to his grandson.

Answers: 1. Correct 2. Incorrect 3. Incorrect 4. Correct

MYSTERY ? PHOTO ? CONTEST

CONGRATS TO MATTHEW HARTFORD - LAST WEEK'S WINNER!

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident Matthew Hartford, who correctly identified the picture as the traffic sign at the new roundabout at the intersection of Seven Farms Drive and Daniel Island Drive that says "PUSH BUTTON TO TURN ON WARNING LIGHTS."

Matthew is a high school student who has lived on Daniel Island for four years.

How was he able to recognize the mystery photo? "I had gone for a run past that spot earlier that week," he said.

When it comes to what he likes best about Daniel Island, he said, "I really appreciate how photogenic a large portion of the island is. It's quite aesthetically pleasing."

This is the first time entering and winning the mystery photo contest for Matthew.

Congratulations to all of our readers who guessed correctly: Marshall Love, Charles Maraziti, and Charlotte Good.

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



This week's mystery photo.

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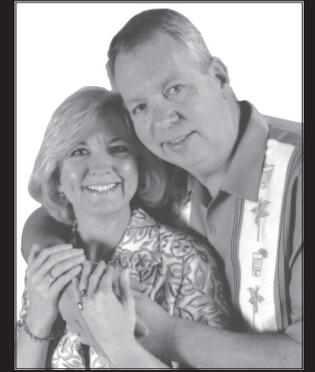
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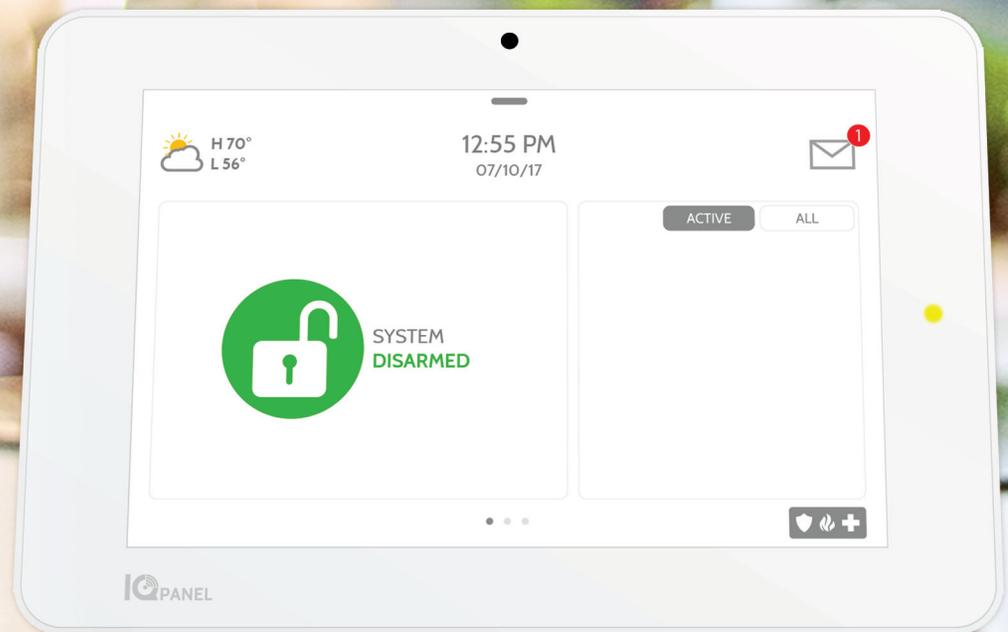


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In other news, then-Charleston Mayor Joe Riley made a special trip to Daniel Island to visit with old friends and take a tour of Spring Arbor Assisted Living on Daniel Island (now Summit Place).

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TEN YEARS AGO



FILE

In the April 15, 2010, edition, top Family Circle Cup players shared how their fitness and nutrition plans keep them in top form.

In the April 15, 2010, edition, the cover featured midweek tennis coverage of the Family Circle Cup with a photo of Caroline Wozniacki and tips from the top players on how their fitness and nutrition plans keep them in top form. Also, Matt Sloan, president of the Daniel Island Company (currently the DI Development Company), wrote about how the woman's tennis tournament was celebrating its 10th year on Daniel Island.

In education news, Daniel Island resident Marty French was principal at Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School (AIMS) in Goose Creek when it was nominated as Berkeley County's first nationally honored Blue Ribbon school. French later served as principal at Daniel Island School for several years.

FIVE YEARS AGO



FILE

In addition to the Family Circle Cup News, the April 16, 2015, edition, it was announced a 300+ luxury apartment complex would be developed on Island Park Drive.

The April 16, 2015, edition of the paper featured the winner of the Family Circle Cup, Angelique Kerber. In what some called the best final in tournament history, German veteran Kerber defeated Madison Keys, a fast-rising American tennis player.

In business news, a luxury apartment complex with more than 300 units was set to be developed on Island Park Drive inside Daniel Island Park — now known as Wharf 7. Also, discussions were underway for a Catholic church on another parcel in Daniel Island Park, adjacent to the apartment project. Just recently, Saint Clare of Assisi Church broke ground in the new location next to Bishop England High School.

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