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Wellmore seniors and staff among first to get COVID-19 vaccine

Plans in the works for other local facilities

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“It’s finally here! The day has come!”

That was the message sent out to residents and staff of the Wellmore senior lifestyle community on Daniel Island to announce the arrival of Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine. On Wednesday, Dec. 30, through a partnership with CVS, the facility administered more than 130 doses to waiting arms.

Wellmore Executive Director Colby Bryant described the atmosphere as the long-awaited day unfolded.

“Electrifying!” he said. “Everybody has been ecstatic. We actually had some residents coming down about 8 o’clock (in the morning) that wanted to be early ... We had said between 9 and 10 (a.m.), and they were ready to go.

Everybody has been really excited and wanting to get it. Nervous excitement maybe a little bit, but everybody has been just phenomenal ... and very positive both before and after.”

According to Bryant, Wellmore is one of the first facilities of its kind in the Lowcountry to offer the vaccination. The shot was not required for residents, but most elected to get it, he said. They will return for a second shot in about three weeks.

Michael “Micky” Calderon, president of the resident council at Wellmore, was among the first in line last Wednesday.

“I feel very, very good about this,” he said, after getting his shot. “Because we waited a long time for this ... We’re all excited about it.”

“I feel fine about getting it,” added Jessie Kreidler, who has



ELIZABETH BUSH

Wellmore resident Michael “Micky” Calderon was among the first at the facility to receive the COVID-19 vaccination last week.

lived at the facility since April 2018. “I certainly would prefer getting the shot to having the virus! And I guess the only way to do it is to vaccinate everyone.”

Joyce Lyons, who moved into Wellmore about four months ago, said she had “no hesitation” in getting the vaccine.

“(It was) very, very painless ...

Don’t be afraid – just go get it!”

Other senior facilities on Daniel Island are working out their own vaccination plans. According to Kelly Jo Hinrichs of the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community, where there are 128 rentable apartments and 30 staff members, details are “still in the works,” but will be announced soon. The Daniel Island News also reached out to Summit Place, an assisted living facility on the island, but did not hear back by press time.

This first round of vaccinations, known as Phase 1A, is intended for health care workers and residents and staff of nursing homes and other senior facilities. Dr. Danielle Scheurer, chief quality control officer for the MUSC Health System, noted that MUSC received their first doses of the vaccine on Dec. 15. Within hours, the shots were being administered.

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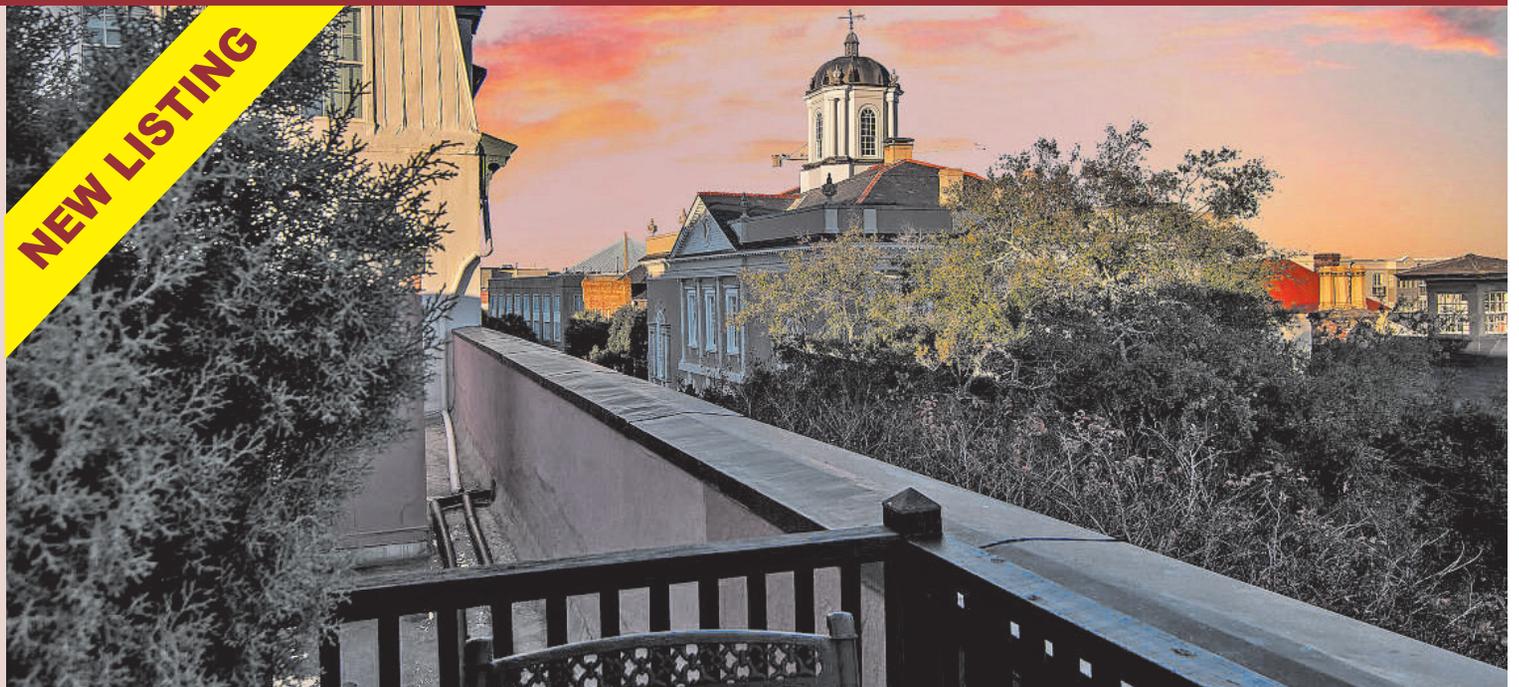
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THE OTHER PANDEMIC

2019 overdose fatality data shows grim numbers for South Carolina

DOUG TREASURER

With nationwide deaths now exceeding 350,000 as of Jan. 1, the coronavirus (COVID-19) has eclipsed our country's other pandemic – drug overdose fatalities.

In 2019, a record number of 70,980 individuals died from drug overdoses, a 4.8% increase from 2018. By comparison, approximately 58,000 soldiers died during the entire Vietnam War. The number also beats yearly records for nationwide fatalities caused by car accidents, gun violence, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It also exceeded deaths caused by both prostate and breast cancer in 2019.

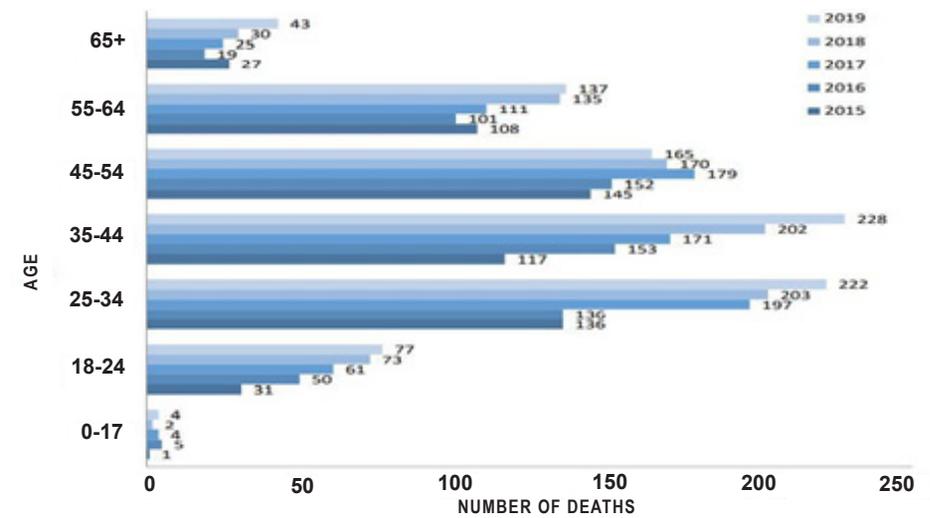
Recently, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) published its annual report detailing the number of overdose deaths that occurred in the state of South Carolina during 2019. The report shows that South Carolina experienced approximately 1,131 total overdose deaths from all drugs, a 2.5% increase from the 1,103 in 2018.

While the number of total overdose

deaths from all drugs rose 2.5% in 2019, the number represents an improvement from the jump that occurred between 2017 and 2018, which went from 1,001 to 1,103, or 10.2%. Since 2015, South Carolina has seen a 43.3% increase in total overdose deaths, jumping from 789 to 1,131. Deaths due to certain type drugs still remain, or have emerged, as being problematic.

As illustrated in the DHEC report, an overdose fatality often involves multiple types of drugs, and each was reflected separately in the data corresponding to an individual death. Of the 1,131 total overdose deaths in 2019, DHEC reported that 923 involved prescription drugs, 876 involved opioids, 537 involved fentanyl, 196 involved heroin, 230 involved cocaine, and 338 involved psychostimulants. This last group includes such drugs as methamphetamine, amphetamine, methylphenidate (Ritalin), and 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA, a.k.a., ecstasy).

While at a slightly slower pace than reported for 2018, overdose deaths involving



opioids continue to rise in South Carolina. In 2019, opioid involved overdose deaths jumped from 816 to 876, an increase of 7.3% from the preceding year.

The number of opioid involved deaths was highest in the following counties of South Carolina: Horry (131); Charleston

(107); Greenville (102); Spartanburg (55); and Richland (52). Horry County observed a 54% increase in opioid involved deaths, the highest in the state, going from 85 in 2018 to 131 in 2019.

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Fight continues against opioid overdoses

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Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was another epidemic occurring across the United States that was claiming many lives – opioid overdoses.

With more than 33,000 deaths per year from both prescription and illegal opioid overdoses, roughly half of these deaths were attributable to prescription opioids, which include hydrocodone (Vicodin), Oxycodone (OxyContin/ Percocet) and fentanyl. Oftentimes, many turned to using illegal opioids, such as heroin, due to its availability and cost.

Since March 2020, South Carolina has seen a steady increase in suspected opioid overdoses and first responder Narcan administrations. In May alone, EMS responded to an estimated 915 suspected opioid overdoses in South Carolina, the highest monthly number in the state's history, and nearly twice that reported for May 2019. Year-to-date, suspected opioid overdoses were 50% higher than for the same timeframe last year.

With COVID restrictions, individuals are struggling with higher levels of isolation and anxiety, which is causing people to turn to substance abuse, or hamper the recovery of those already suffering from addiction.

The City of Charleston has not been immune to this current trend. Due to the significance of South Carolina's continuing overdose death trend, Charleston's Addiction Crisis Task Force (ACT Force) was brought in to battle the epidemic. The ACT Force is an assembly of local law enforcement officers, first responders, drug treatment providers, mental health professionals, physicians, clinical pharmacists, education experts, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) intelligence analysts, drug and family court judges, and citizen volunteers working collectively to find answers and implement solutions to the drug overdose epidemic and addiction crisis.

In 2016, the Charleston Police Department became the first in the Lowcountry to train officers and supply them with Narcan (Naloxone nasal spray) to treat an overdose victim before EMS arrived on scene. This additional tool has greatly improved the chances of survival for an overdose victim.

A recent example of this life-saving measure occurred on Dec. 8, 2020. At approximately 4:45 a.m., Charleston Police Officer Dillon Chow responded to the area of Huger Street and Morrison Drive for a reported overdose. Upon his arrival, he located two people, male and female, under the overpass and found that

they were unconscious and unresponsive to any stimulus.

Officer Chow started to attend to the male subject while EMS, who just arrived on scene, began to treat the female. Officer Chow noticed that the male had a weak pulse, was warm to the touch and appeared to be barely breathing. Having seen drug paraphernalia in the surrounding area and recalling his training, he identified the signs of an opioid overdose and immediately administered Narcan to the individual. Both parties were transported to the hospital, the male survived but unfortunately the female passed away.

With Officer Chow's alertness, attention to detail and quick response to administer Narcan, he was able to save the man's life.

In 2020, there were 13 total incidents in which a Charleston police officer administered Narcan.

When officers respond to an overdose call, they are equipped not only with Narcan, but are also able to provide a "Pathway Initiative Resource" card to the overdose victims and/or their families in an effort to have victims seek treatment options and obtain Narcan to have on hand should a similar situation arise.

As the number of deaths from opioid misuse and abuse increases, it has become too easy to lose sight of those who have been impacted by the seemingly unstoppable epidemic. For those struggling with addiction, or the family members who are seeing this occur before their eyes, many struggle to find the right resources or are unaware of local resources that are available.

The Charleston Center offers outpatient services, medication-assisted treatment, medical detoxification, counseling, residential services for women and men, residential programs for women who are pregnant and/or parenting young children, and financial assistance is available. The center can be reached at 843-958-3300 or 843-722-0100 (24 hours).

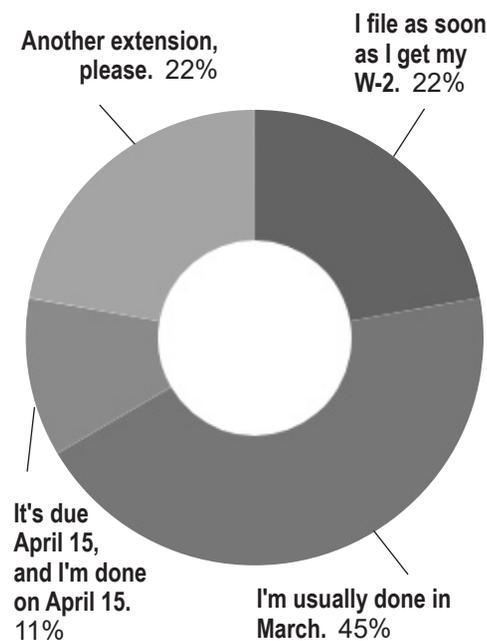
Naloxone, an opioid overdose antidote, is available without a prescription. For patients with insurance or payment concerns, many community distributors offer free doses of Narcan. For more information about availability, visit naloxonesavessc.org.

Additional information about DHEC opioid prevention programs for families and community organizations is available at scdhc.gov/opioid-epidemic.

Editor's Note: For more information about the opioid epidemic and other drug-related fatalities in South Carolina, read the story on page 4.

Readers say:

With the start of the new year, it's officially tax season. Some people are fast filers, others procrastinate until the last minute. What's your tax-filing style?



Comments:

- Although taxes get a bad rap, to me they are a sign of optimism in the future of our country.
- I'm always late but yearn to be early! This is the year!

NEXT WEEK:



In the past several months, The Daniel Island News Police Blotter has reported an increasing number of thefts from parked cars and garages. In most cases there were no video cameras in place. In a few cases, video helped identify the alleged thieves. Do you have video cameras protecting your property? Share your thoughts with us at surveymonkey.com/r/SurveillanceCameras or use the QR code by Sunday, Jan. 10, 5 p.m.

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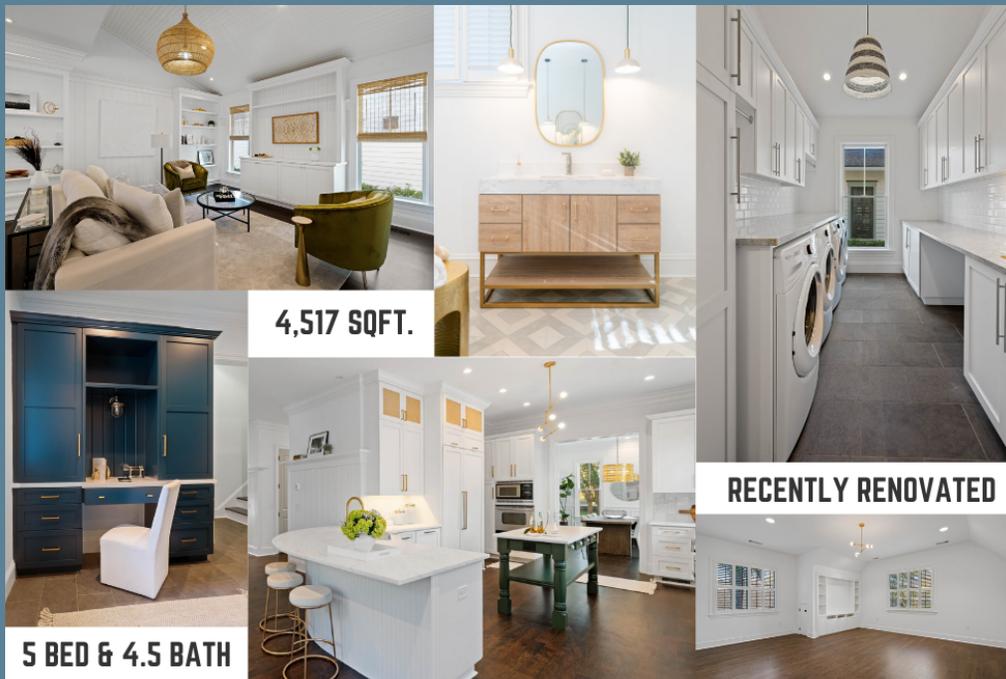
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Congresswoman Nancy Mace discusses her agenda for the Lowcountry and Washington

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From high school dropout to graduate of The Citadel to congresswoman, Nancy Mace's backstory is as inspiring as biographies get. But the inspirational journey to who she is, where she stands and what she stands for is far from a storybook transformation.

The Daniel Island resident and representative for South Carolina's 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, who was sworn in Jan. 3, is a lady of many firsts.

In addition to being the first U.S. congressperson from Daniel Island, she was the first female to graduate from The Citadel's Corps of Cadets, with magna cum laude honors in 1999. Now, in 2021, she is shattering yet another glass ceiling among her peers. Mace is the first Republican female from South Carolina to assume a congressional seat as a member of the 117th U.S. Congress.

Arriving at this juncture was not easy, and Mace has been publicly forthcoming about her life's journey. Her formative years as an adolescent weren't idyllic. The Goose Creek native was a sexual assault victim at 16 years old. She also dropped out of Stratford High School at the age of 17, where she then went to wait tables at a Waffle House off Exit 203 on College Park Road in Ladson.

Her difficult early experiences shaped her into the passionate, no-nonsense, single working mother of two school-aged children that she is today.

Mace did go back to get her high school diploma by enrolling in classes at Trident Technical College before moving on to The Citadel.

In 2017, Mace broke through into the political realm as a representative for S.C. House of Representatives District 99, going on to challenge incumbent Democrat U.S. Representative Joe Cunningham to win the 2020 election.

Recently, Mace was again forthcoming as she sat down with The Daniel Island News for an open discussion about her life, outlook and political goals. Here's where Mace stands on the following fronts, from hyper-local Lowcountry topics to her congressional agenda in Washington, D.C.

LOWCOUNTRY AND SC PRIORITIES

• Infrastructure

Roads, bridges and transportation are at the top of Mace's mind. She noted how an average of 40-50 people are moving to Charleston daily, pre-COVID-19.

When the Don Holt Bridge's tarp collapsed in July 2017, Mace said she was out there asking the "hard questions" to improve the Lowcountry's infrastructure. She noted she will always be an advocate on this forefront and will be proactive to hopefully prevent future incidents such as that.

Mace received the 2019 Taxpayer Hero Award from the South Carolina Club for Growth.

• Offshore drilling

In the November 2020 general election, Mace maintained her platform on saving the natural beauty of South Carolina with a focus on banning offshore drilling off the coast of the state. She co-sponsored a South Carolina anti-offshore drilling bill in 2018 and during her U.S. congressional run, she broke ties with President Donald Trump's plan to offer oil drilling leases off of South Carolina beaches.



SUE DETAR

SC 1st Congressional District U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace visited The Daniel Island News office for an interview about her political priorities.

Mace said that preventing oil exploration and offshore drilling is an issue for which she will continue to be a strong advocate.

• Law enforcement

Mace believes it's important that law enforcement has the proper training and resources to be successful. In May 2020, Mace's prison reform bill, which ended the shackling of pregnant mothers in prison, was signed into law by South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster.

Mace plans to revisit federal drug sentencing guidelines in the future.

• Abortion

In 2019, Mace successfully advocated for the inclusion of exceptions for rape and incest in a fetal heartbeat abortion ban bill that passed in the S.C. State House. She has stated that she opposes abortion but does not believe the government has the right to tell a victim of rape or incest they do not have the right to choose.

• Education: School-choice

In October 2020, McMaster attempted to spend \$32 million in federal coronavirus aid on grants to help parents afford K-12 private school tuition. In the fall, the South Carolina Supreme Court rendered a unanimous verdict that it violated the state's constitution. While state Republicans fought for a reconsideration, the court upheld its original decision in early

December.

"I am a firm believer that no child should be left in a broken school system," Mace said.

"Everyone, regardless of their economic situation, should have access to the best educational opportunities afforded to them."

She added that Congress needs to look at providing vouchers and tax credits, allowing low-income children to attend whatever schools they choose — charters, private schools or public schools.

In an Aug. 11, 2020, op-ed in The Daniel Island News titled, "Pandemic makes school choice more important than ever," Mace further opined her policy views on the issue.

"I believe the time has come to change the way we think about how we fund education and how we allow parents to determine where their kids are educated," Mace continued. "As a mother, I know when parents only have one choice, they have no choices. But school choice is meaningless without choice in funding."

For this reason, Mace supported McMaster and multiple proposals in Columbia and Washington that support private-school choice. She viewed this as a one-time scholarship for low-income students to attend a private school if they wish.

In 2019, Mace received the Champion Award from Palmetto Goodwill for her efforts in education.

WASHINGTON: CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITIES

When asked if Mace plans to work on both sides of the political aisle to accomplish objectives or take a hardline party stance, her answer might shock some party loyalists. Particularly as one of the most staunch fiscally conservative members of the General Assembly and one of the most pro-conservation lawmakers in the state with a 100% rating with Conservation Voters of South Carolina.

"Washington hasn't worked for a long time because both sides have failed to listen to each other," Mace said. "It's become a sounding board for the extremes on both sides."

Mace will be joining the Problem Solvers Caucus, a group of Republican and Democratic legislators that work to get to "yes" to help solve some of the country's most pressing challenges.

As far as the Electoral College is concerned, Mace said she would not vote to overturn the results from the recent presidential election.

"I do not believe Congress somehow knows better than voters and overturning the results of the Electoral College assumes just that," Mace continued. "The principles of federalism and the idea of preserving the Electoral College demand that we respect the decisions the states make in choosing their electors."

Top-of-the-line congressional topics that Mace foresees will pose as the most challenging:

- The COVID-19 pandemic
- Restoring the economy and job growth
- Holding Washington accountable for out-of-control spending on both sides of the aisle
- Restoring fiscal responsibility and being good stewards of your tax dollars
- Strengthening environmental protections with free-market solutions.

"This is the honor of my lifetime," Mace added. "Even if folks here on (Daniel Island) didn't vote for me on election night, I'm just asking for a chance. A chance to prove that I will be a thoughtful leader, a good listener and that I will be compassionate in every way ... No one will work harder for the residents of South Carolina's 1st Congressional District because they've earned it."



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The greatest leaders aren't necessarily the ones who do the greatest things. They are the ones who empower others to do great things.
— John Maxwell

When the great singer Enrico Caruso had his first voice lesson, his teacher was less than impressed. “You can’t sing,” his teacher exclaimed. “Your voice sounds like a wind in the shutters.”

Not deterred by the review, Caruso’s mother believed her son indeed could sing. She was very poor, but she scraped up enough money to pay for his voice lessons. She believed in her son and made great personal sacrifices to help him along.

In order for your organization to move forward and succeed it needs a leader who

will dare to defy the words of its critics and believe in its people. For an aspiring singer like Caruso, he had a mother who believed in him and made sacrifices for his success. Who do your people have?

Building a culture of empowerment is one of the single most important roles you have as a leader. In order to get it right, you have to be intentional.

ENCOURAGE OWNERSHIP

Chances are within your organization are individuals who have a “take the bull by the horn” mentality – those who contribute in significant ways to move your organization forward. Then again, there are those who simply need encouragement to embrace their skills and overcome their fears in order to rise to their potential.

As a leader, make it your priority to empower your people to own their work, make decisions in real-time, and to act in harmony with your values. When ownership increases so does morale, which leads to greater wins for everyone.

PROMOTE COLLABORATION

When the people within your organization learn how to collaborate with one another it builds momentum. This type of energy is not created alone nor is it sustained alone. It takes a group of dedicated people working together to make it happen.

As a leader, it’s important to understand the power of collaboration. When your people see each other as allies instead of competitors, it will change the dynamic of your organization. When you promote collaboration and you promote empowerment.

CHALLENGE TRADITIONS

The most deadly words in any organization – “This is the way we’ve always done it” – will have consequences if you do not challenge traditions. If 2020 has taught us anything in leadership, it’s taught us how to pivot and has upended many traditional ways of doing things. When your people have the freedom to shake things up a bit it creates a new energy that can move your team to a higher level.

As a leader, you must empower your people to challenge traditions that have lingered too long or serve no practical purpose now. Don’t forsake the values that brought you where you are, but be willing to take a fresh look at those practices going forward.

ELEVATE EVERYONE

Your people are the most appreciable asset you have as a leader. When you elevate your people with your words, your actions, and your daily decisions, you demonstrate their importance in tangible ways. This type of empowerment has a lasting impact.

While empowering your people is one of the most important things you can do for your organization, being the type of leader that adds value to others is your highest calling as a leader. Make it your practice to add value above all else.

FINAL THOUGHTS

One of the greatest returns on your leadership is not what you can get others to do for you, but what you can do for them. The day you realize that it’s not about you is the day you will begin to empower others.

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On sunny days, Daniel Island resident Michael Sudzina can be spotted cruising around town in his classic '64 black Bonneville convertible. Affectionately known as Bonnie, the head-turning auto even has her own fan club. Last year Bonnie won best American car at Cars on Kiawah.

When Sudzina first laid eyes on Bonnie, it brought back fond memories of cruising, drive-in movies, and hanging out at the local diner.

"In high school, I had a red Bonneville convertible," he said. "Back then the car was our freedom ... Every time I drive her I feel 18 again."

Sudzina's love of the past led him to volunteer at Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, where he spends time in the Collections Department organizing and cataloging artifacts, pictures and documents.

Patriots Point is home to the Patriots Point Museum and includes a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships, the Cold War Memorial, the largest Vietnam exhibit in the country, and the agency's official Medal of Honor Museum.

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Sudzina has volunteered on the ship since 2008 and was a co-founder of the Yorktown Foundation for Educational Outreach. The foundation focuses on educating visitors on patriotism, honor, and sacrifice demonstrated by veterans. It takes a high-tech interactive approach to enhance the learning experience of today's tech-savvy audiences.

For his dedication and hard work, this year Sudzina was named the Patriot Point Distinguished Volunteer of the Year, on Veterans Day. Sudzina was humbled by the award.

"We have about 140 volunteers at Patriots Point and to be selected was quite an honor," he said. "In fact, nine of our volunteers live here on Daniel Island. Since opening in 1976, Patriots Point has become one of the state's most popular tourist attractions with more than 300,000 visitors each year."

His wife, Mary, was pleased about the recent recognition.



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Michael and Mary Sudzina love cruising around Daniel Island in Mike's classic black Bonneville convertible.

"Before we even moved here, Mike had said that he would do two things – volunteer at the Yorktown and join the DI Rotary," she said. "He has worked selflessly for both organizations and has been recognized by his peers for his efforts. There is no greater honor."

The Sudzinas moved to Daniel Island in 2006 because of the active lifestyle their Parkside neighborhood offers. Originally, the couple planned to retire in Kiawah, but after venturing to Daniel Island on a whim they were sold on the multi-age community with schools, churches, and sports stadium.

The former Marine always knew he

QUICK QUOTES

- **Favorite DI establishment?** Food, Dragon Palace. Other, Delta Pharmacy
- **Best part about living on DI?** Terrific friends and neighbors.
- **First thing you want to do after COVID restrictions are lifted?** Have a party to celebrate our 50th Anniversary (August 8, 2020) where no one wears a mask nor social distances.
- **Favorite dessert?** Cheesecake

wanted to volunteer, so after he retired from Procter & Gamble in 2008, he immediately became involved with the Patriots Point organization.

"I've had the opportunity to meet with other veterans and learn about their experiences in the service. It's been a great patriotic group," he said. "I served in the Marine Corps and feel it is important for today's young people to understand what their predecessors did to protect our freedom. I think Patriots Point does a great job of telling this story."

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As supply becomes more readily available, MUSC Health will offer the Pfizer vaccine to essential workers and high-risk patients in early 2021.

Area residents optimistic about vaccination

From VACCINE on PAGE 02

“It was the most inspiring day of work in all of 2020,” Scheurer said. “It just felt like the whole mood changed ... it was like, finally, this thing is going to end without killing another million people. There is a pathway of resolution here.”

Phase 1B should begin in two to four weeks, Scheurer noted. That round will be directed at citizens over the age of 75, as well as frontline essential workers such as first responders, teachers/educators, daycare workers, manufacturing workers, corrections officers, postal workers, public transit employees, and grocery store workers. Phase 1C will include those 65 and over, in addition to those aged 16-64 who have one or more high risk medical conditions. Once large supplies of the vaccine are available, efforts will move into phases 2 and 3, which will involve continuing to vaccinate targeted groups as well as the general population through an expanded provider network.

According to Scheurer, MUSC currently has four locations to administer vaccinations, but once phases evolve she expects their Daniel Island practice will serve as an administration site for the community.

Dr. Lucy Davis of Palmetto Primary Care on Daniel Island reports that they are in the process of applying to be an administrator of the vaccine.

“We hope to be able to administer the vaccine in our Daniel Island location,” she stated. “We have formed a committee of physicians, lab personnel and pharmacists that are actively working on a roll-out plan ... I am optimistic we could be offering the vaccine to our higher risk patients as early as February and to the general population later in the spring.”

And she hopes all will take advantage of what the vaccine offers. “While there are still many unknowns about the long term efficacy of the vaccine, it is our best bet at returning to some sense of normalcy and I hope that most Americans will take this opportunity to crush COVID,” Davis added.

Residents and staff at Wellmore on Daniel Island are certainly grateful to have been among the first to roll up their sleeves.

“It’s like Christmas,” Bryant said. “... It’s a great way to bring in the new year!”

For additional information on the South Carolina COVID vaccination plan, visit sedhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccination.

Dealing with drug overdoses in SC

From DATA on PAGE 04

In 2019 there were 6,989 naloxone administrations by EMS, an approximate 11.2% increase from the 6,285 administered doses in 2018. Naloxone (sold under the brand name Narcan among others) is an antidote medicine used to reverse and counter the effects of opioids in an overdose event. Since 2015, there has been an approximate 41.6% increase in naloxone administrations, jumping from 4,933 to 6,989. These naloxone administration numbers do not reflect private third-party administrations not made by EMS or law enforcement.

While reporting for the 2020 overdose fatalities will not be available until sometime later this year (usually summertime), the number of naloxone administrations by first responders for the year were up drastically, believed to be associated with a host of negative impacts caused by COVID-19. For instance, in May 2020, EMS responded to an estimated 915 suspected opioid overdoses in South Carolina, the highest monthly number in the state’s history, and nearly twice that reported for May 2019. Anecdotal evidence suggests that this unfortunate trend is directly related to the negative impacts of COVID-19, including greater unemployment levels, isolation from others, and reduction of in-person treatment and recovery options, all of which is believed to be resulting in greater drug use by those suffering from substance use disorder.

Particularly problematic were overdose deaths involving psychostimulants and fentanyl. For instance, overdose deaths in 2019 involving psychostimulants jumped 39.6%, going from 242 to 338. Likewise, fentanyl involved deaths grew 16.7%, going from 460 to 537. Overdose deaths involving prescription drugs jumped approximately 6.9%, going from 863 to 923 during 2019. Cocaine related overdose death saw a decline of approximately 9.4%, dropping from 254 in 2018 to 230 in 2019.

In 2019, the highest number of opioid involved deaths was in the age group of 35-44, with 228 total deaths. Closely behind was the age group of 25-34, with 222 total opioid involved deaths. White males accounted for 55% of the total of opioid involved deaths.

Comprehensive and accurate overdose and drug mortality data remains critical to formulating pragmatic strategies to battle this continuing public health emergency, and is becoming more accurate with each passing year. Government and community coalitions

are using this improved data to navigate successful campaigns against the overdose epidemic.

Since December 2017, under the leadership of Gov. Henry McMaster, the South Carolina Opioid Emergency Response Team (SCOERT) is leading the effort to quell overdose deaths in the state. The SCOERT is comprised of representatives from more than two dozen state and local agencies with expertise in substance use disorders, treatment and recovery, public health, emergency response, and law enforcement.

Likewise, during the spring of 2019, United States District Court Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks joined forces with Gil Kerlikowske, former director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (i.e., Drug Czar) under President Obama, to spearhead the creation of the Addiction Crisis Task Force (ACT Force), a local coalition that works collectively to reduce the number of overdose deaths in Charleston.

Both the SCOERT and ACT Force were created to develop and implement effective strategies to combat the opioid crisis and reduce overdose deaths through collaborative sharing of information, resources and expertise. Some such measures include improving on the effectiveness of law enforcement response and strategy, increasing access to treatment and recovery services, reducing the stigmatism commonly associated with drug addiction, offering evidence-based drug awareness and prevention educational programs, decreasing the amount of unneeded prescription medications in homes, and supporting drug courts that facilitate rehabilitative treatment options instead of merely imposing incarceration sanctions for first-time drug offenders with substance use disorders. Central to both their missions is the bridging of communication gaps that traditionally exist between the various entities that are dealing with the problem.

As many other areas of the country have observed, the successful elimination of opioid addiction and its unfortunate consequences depends greatly on community engagement. Working collaboratively with governmental stakeholders, including public health and public safety entities, a united front and consistent message will serve as a force multiplier in achieving the goal of reducing the number of overdose deaths.

As McMaster recently declared while recognizing the achievements of the SCOERT’s work, “There is still much work to be done in combating the growing epidemic of opioid misuse and addiction.”

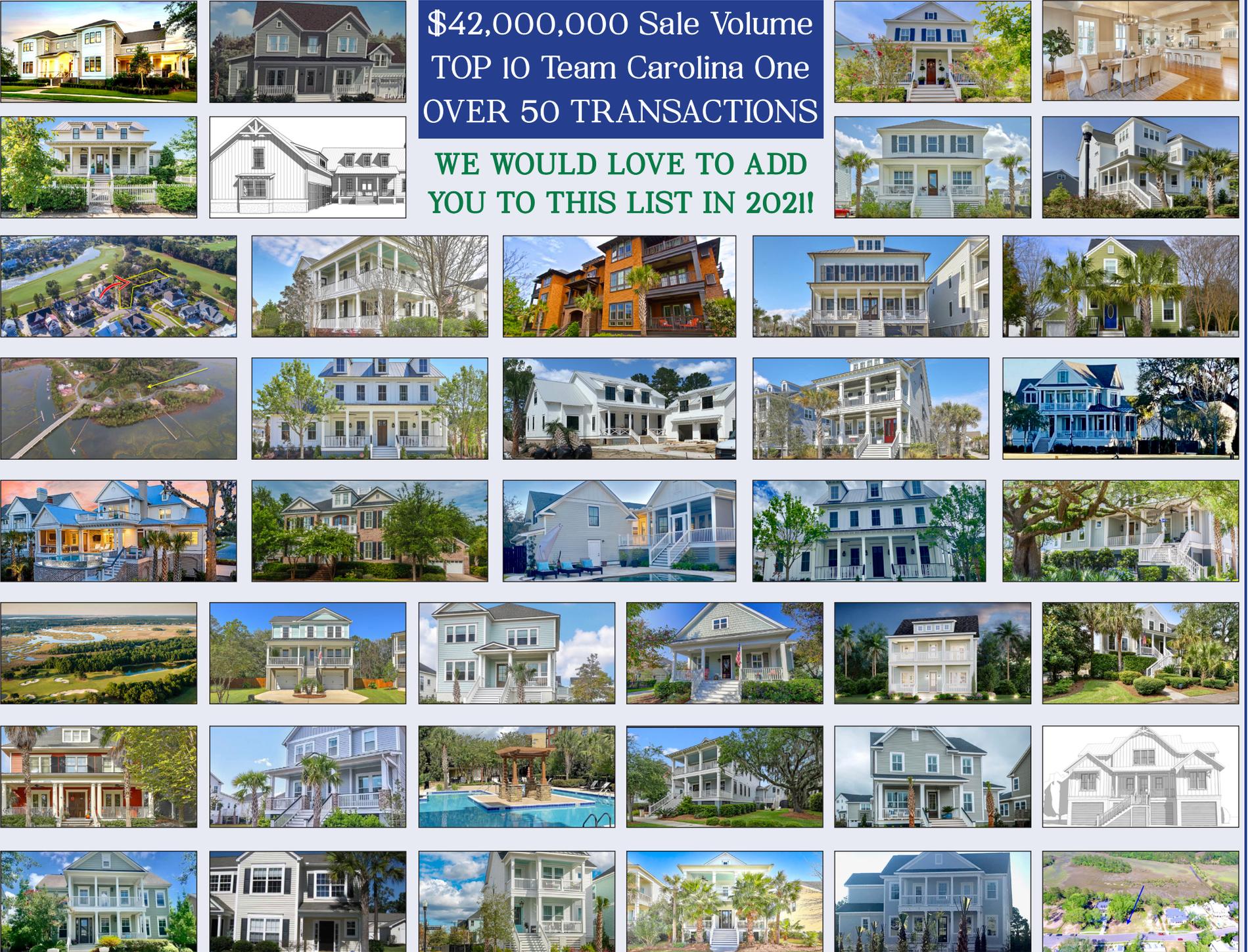
Doug Treasurer is a Daniel Island resident and intelligence analyst with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program in Charleston.

Year	Total Drug Overdose	Prescription Drugs	Opioids	Psychostimulants with Abuse Potential	Fentanyl	Heroin	Methadone	Cocaine
2015	789	641	565	95	130	95	59	117
2016	876	684	616	129	190	108	53	139
2017	1,001	782	748	194	362	144	45	235
2018	1,103	863	816	242	460	168	57	254
2019	1,131	923	876	338	537	196	28	230

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GIVING THE 'GIFT OF LIFE'

Daniel Island hosts Red Cross blood drives to raise donations amid COVID-19 shortages

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January is not just the beginning of a new year or an opportunity for a clean slate from the havoc wreaked by the pandemic of 2020. The start of 2021 also spotlights the health care and medical industry with the celebration of a live-saving holiday — National Blood Donor Month.

It comes as no surprise that there is a desperate need for blood donations in the Lowcountry, nationwide and worldwide. This massive blood shortage has been exacerbated by mass cancellations of donation functions over the last nine months due to the global health crisis that is COVID-19.

Since March, the Red Cross has had more than 300 blood drive cancellations in the Lowcountry, which represents more than 8,500 units of blood lost. This was largely affected by the closure of schools, businesses and community events, which make up about 80% of blood donations.

Locally, the Red Cross collects on average 30,000 units of blood annually and ensures patients at more than 30 hospitals statewide have access to blood products. Nationally, the daily number is nearly 13,000 units of blood and more than 2,600 platelet donations, in order to meet the needs of patients at about 2,500 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

This demand was satisfied in 2020, despite an unprecedented low number of blood donations. Approximately three times lower than their annual average, according to Lowcountry South Carolina Red Cross Executive Director Ashley Henyan.

"Blood is constantly needed," she said. "At the Red Cross we look to generous donors to roll up their sleeves to give the gift of life in January and throughout the year."

Henyan, who has been with the Red Cross for the past five years, is also a member of the Rotary Club of Daniel Island. On Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 3-8 p.m., the club will be sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive at 299 Seven Farms Drive. The whole process is estimated to take about 45 minutes to an hour from check-in to checkout. Afterward, donors will receive a snack of cook-



City of Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg gives a "thumbs up" with Red Cross Blood collection staff after his latest donation in December.

ies, chips, orange juice or water.

But the real incentive is a free COVID-19 antibody test to all participants. Depending on the result, that blood can then be used for plasma therapy treatment for hospitalized patients with COVID-19 ailments.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to participate in the blood drive and hopefully we'll have a huge success with turnout because people in the Daniel Island community do like to give back and this is a good way during this time of need," said Angela Drake, president of the DI Rotary Club.

On Jan. 4, The Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island also sponsored a blood drive. Every donor received a free COVID-19 antibody test and a long-sleeved T-shirt for participation.

"If you're looking for a simple and safe way to 'love your neighbor' during this pandemic, this is

definitely a good one," said Rev. Jonathan Bennett, associate rector and Daniel Island campus pastor at Holy Cross.

BLOOD SUPPLY URGENCY

The urgent need of the vital bodily fluid has to do with its exigency. Blood has a shelf-life of 42 days until it goes bad like spoiled milk in a refrigerator, Henyan explained.

Donors are eligible to give blood every 56 days or once every two months, according to Henyan. The two week overlap between the blood's expiration and donor availability is a crucial gap the Red Cross hopes to close.

"You know that blood is going to someone who will not be alive unless they have it," Henyan added. "Your gift really gave someone the 'gift of life.'"

A sufficient blood supply is critical to treating



Red Cross supporter and Tiffany Circle member Laura Heinauer Barber donates blood in Charleston.

cancer patients, children with health complications, and even mothers who have just given birth. When a donor gives a pint-size donation of blood, it helps save up to three lives.

"Blood is an essential service and collecting blood is an essential service," Henyan said.

By giving blood to the Red Cross, a person's donation circulates even further, across four more lines of service — disaster relief, military families, health and safety services, and international services.

Through the assistance of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Homeland Security, and thanks to the help of its many volunteers, the Red Cross was able to get the word out to the public about the shortage of blood.

Across the state in 2020, the Red Cross pro-

vided more than \$1 million in financial assistance through donations. Ninety cents of every \$1 donated to the nonprofit, tax-exempt, charitable institution goes directly toward helping those in need. The remaining 10 cents of every dollar goes toward the organization's overhead.

In 2019, Red Cross Lowcountry volunteers provided care, food and shelter to more than 1,300 people who faced emergency situations. In April 2020, more than 3,000 people were provided with safety and shelter during a stretch of devastating tornadoes.

Additionally, volunteers helped install more than 3,500 free smoke alarms throughout the Lowcountry in 2019. Since 2014, in South Carolina alone, those smoke alarms have saved approximately 80 lives and counting, according to Henyan.



FILE PHOTO

The Rotary Club of Daniel Island held a blood drive in June 2020. The club's next blood drive event is Jan. 12.

REBOUNDED FROM A 'TRYING YEAR'

Henyan admitted that 2020 has been a "trying year" for the Red Cross. She referenced an "astronomical increase" to expenses nationwide in the form of an unbudgeted \$150 million increase to general operating expenses for training, cleaning and new technological equipment due in part to COVID-19.

Responding to several major disasters — including wildfires, hurricanes and tropical storms — also impacted the organization nationwide.

However, the Red Cross is persevering through COVID-19, putting in place a plan of action that calls for additional precautions and safety standards.

Following the CDC's sanitation protocols and procedures for face mask and hand sanitation, Red Cross personnel also spread out beds, space out waiting areas and check temperatures beforehand. Keeping donors safe while they give blood is very important to everyone.

"I can tell you that right now donations are needed more than ever," Henyan added. "... We need those that are in a position to step up and help to do so."

To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter your zip code. For the Jan. 12 blood drive on Daniel Island, sign up on the Rotary Club website at danielislandrotary.com or at rcblood.org/2WCihHr.

For more information about how to give blood or volunteer, visit redcross.org.





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First is a spectacular book by Yaa Gyasi.

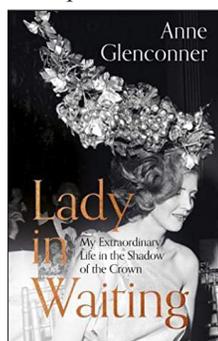
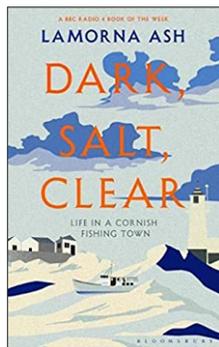


"Transcendent Kingdom" is the story of a woman who becomes a neuroscientist in search of the science behind the mental health issues of her beloved brother and mother. If you missed Gyasi's first

book, **"Homegoing,"** it is mesmerizing. The author's background is also fascinating and easily accessible in online interviews.

"Memorial Drive" is a memoir by Natasha Trethewey, Pulitzer Prize winning poet and twice United States Poet Laureate. The author is biracial and was raised in the South which is challenging in itself, but then her mother is shot and killed by her former stepfather. Though clearly sad, she is never maudlin or self-pitying.

To continue with nonfiction, **"Dark, Salt, Clear"** by Lamorna Ash is the story of the Cornish fishing community at the end of the rail line in southwest Great Britain. Ash weaves a complete portrait of this tight population, those at sea and those who stay ashore to support them. A dying breed and a well written tribute to hard work, dedication and personal pride.



"Lady in Waiting" by Anne Glenconner is a must read for all of you who need your Royals fix now that "The Crown" season is finished. She was the lady-in-waiting for Princess Margaret. Not only

will you get the backstory to the whole Crown, Glenconner's husband bought and

created Mustique as a luxury island for the rich and royal. Their family story is bizarre reading and I was struck by the insularity of the British upper class. It explains a lot.

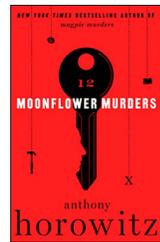
The next two books I found somewhat unsettling. They posit scenarios that disrupt the status quo. Lydia Millet writes of a catastrophic event stranding families at a vacation rental where the self-servient adults leave the children to fend for themselves. **"A Children's Bible"** is ultimately children seeking security and protection.



Charles Baxter writes **"The Sun Collective"** about an activist cult in the Midwest which attracts seekers of purpose, the unmoored, under the guise of helping the oppressed. Those

of us who have never lacked goals find it difficult to understand the attraction to these groups, but this is a well written if discomfiting read.

For mystery lovers, Anthony Horowitz's latest is **"Moonflower Murders"** and it does not disappoint.



Though tangentially related to **"Magpie Murders,"** you do not need to read them in order. But if the library has a waiting list, get any of his books — you will enjoy them. **"The Lady Upstairs"** by Halley Sutton is a modern-day thriller set in LA. Multiple twists and deceptions in this dark debut novel.

"Beneficence" by Meredith Hall is the story of a loving family that is destroyed by tragedy and works through loss and grief to reunite. Luminous is the word most commonly used to describe this poignantly written novel. Heartbreaking and redemptive.

If you just want a fun and fast read, pick up **"The Chicken Sisters"** by KJ Dell'Antonia. Comic but never silly, serious but not tragic, an enjoyable and contemporary tale. For fans of **"Daisy Jones and the Six,"** try **"The Unraveling of Cassidy Holmes"** by Elisa Sloan. The story of a girl group reminiscent of the Spice Girls and the dark side of music management.

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The Cooper River Bridge Run has been postponed again amid continued COVID-19 concerns. The 2021 race, which was scheduled on March 27, will now take place Sept. 25.

“We are hopeful that this change will allow for fewer limitations imposed by COVID-19 guidelines now that vaccines have begun to be distributed,” said David Bennett, chairman of the Cooper River Bridge Run board of directors in a statement.

The date change will also allow for a more extensive two-day Health and Well-

ness Exposition on Sept. 23-24 at the Charleston Area Convention Center.

“In collaboration with local community, municipal and medical leaders, we will continue to keep the safety and welfare of everyone involved as our number one priority,” said Irv Batten, Cooper River Bridge Run Race director. “We are excited to be able to offer this new date so that the Bridge Run can return with all of its traditions, when people can feel safer gathering together again.”

For details, visit bridgerun.com.

Reviving tradition with the first fish of the year



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA



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Capt. Greg shows off his first fish of the new year – a trout caught not too far from home.

Just before the New Year, Brody injured his right front leg. He is going to be OK, but the vet says to keep him off the boat for two weeks. Needless to say, I am a little lost without his fish-finding skills. Thankfully, he can still trade stocks.

On New Year’s Day, Elliott and I reinstated our long-standing tradition of fishing together on Jan. 1.

While I was incredibly happy to be fishing with Elliott, it felt a little odd leaving Brody at home.

As we launched the Pathfinder, Elliott asked if I could find fish without the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog. Earlier that morning, I was wondering exactly the same thing. So, I traded Brody a New York strip breakfast for fishing location information. He said that the warm conditions would have the trout feeding in the shallows adjacent to depth transitions.

As it turns out, there is a place like this just down the creek from the house. After a short run, I deployed the trolling motor and began looking for fish on the depth sounder. As promised, a bunch of fish were holding at the top of the depth transition. I positioned the boat to keep our lures in the two- to four-foot depth range and cast a Z-Man Finesse TRD. Soon as the lure hit the bottom, a trout ate it. The fish was not particularly large, but it was the first fish of 2021.

For the next few hours, Elliott and I fished according to Brody’s advice. We caught and released a bunch of trout.

On the ride back to the dock, I wondered aloud how we would find fish tomorrow. Elliott said we need to buy more steaks.

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chapter two

VICKIE BERNIE

Living life as a senior

I lost one of my very best people in the whole world a few weeks ago.

Calling her a “friend” of over 35 years doesn’t come close to describing what she was to me and I to her. She was an unexpected soulmate and I say that because neither of us would have ever thought two people so very different could have a relationship that would bloom into something as amazing as ours.

Nothing is perfect of course. Penny began with a very rough childhood and her road was rocky for a long time. I always told her she was my hero because of the way she went from sucking lemons to drinking nectar – Woodstock to Paris and beyond. What she lacked in formal education she made up for in her continual hunger for knowledge. Her fashion sense and style were iconic in our hometown. She was incredibly smart and



PROVIDED

Vickie Bernie and her friend, Penny.

my go-to person for everything. She was passionate about what was important to her, especially women’s rights, culture, food, architecture, design and the people she loved. And I was one of those lucky ones. She was also bossy, opinionated and irreverent and if you couldn’t accept those things then you really missed out on all of the rest.

She was my shiny penny, pennyloou, peninah, penzoil, pens – I couldn’t have loved her more. We traveled the world together with and without our husbands. She was always there for me – and I mean always. We argued on occasion and once I smacked her

in the head with a magazine, but we always worked it through.

My heart is broken.

I can’t blame COVID-19 for this, although I can blame it for not being able to visit her more often in Ohio while she was sick. She was diagnosed at the beginning of 2020 and passed away at the very end. She was trying to make it a full year. She was brave and strong and Penny all the way.

And now I am trying to just get through my sadness every day, knowing when I get to heaven, she will be waiting there to tell me what to wear.

I am spending time with my pandemic bubble people and relying on their comfort and support – forcing myself, through my grief, to continue on.

Yesterday, in one of my efforts to push through my sadness, I took a (masked) walk with my daughter where we were confined to circling the huge green space in front of her house about a million times while keeping an eye on my granddaughter and her BFF. Before our eyes they transformed into two beautiful fairies running to and fro with the sun glinting off their shiny hair and their

flowy tulle dresses billowing out behind them. (You may have noticed fairies seem to play a big part in my life.) They played hide and seek, they collected rocks, pretending they were potatoes and then they were making them into French fries at their imaginary campfire until the pink fairy ran up to us to tell us that the blue fairy (dragging sheepishly behind) had a little “accident.” “Don’t worry,” we heard the pink fairy say as they ran into the house, “sometimes I wet my bed still.”

A quick outfit change later and the pink and now lavender fairies were right back to dashing in and out of the shrubs and trees, laughing in the breeze. A wise fairy always has extra gowns in her wardrobe.

Being prepared and rising above the difficult times was one of the many things I also learned from Penny. She was an amazing teacher and I am going to be her best student.

I am so looking forward to a brand new year and a world in which dirty rocks can become crispy French fries and a shiny “Penny” can be worth more than piles and piles of gold.



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Collin Coggeshall's first attempt with the Pigskin Pick'em lands him a win! His 10-2 score beat sponsor Nancy Crick with Carolina One's 7-5 score.

Several contestants tied with Collin and actually one contestant would have beat him with the tiebreaker, however, that contestant did not include their name and contact info.

Collin and his family have lived on DI since early 2010. He and his wife Melissa have two boys, Hayes and Weston, who both attend Philip Simmons High. "My family and I absolutely love Daniel Island and are so thankful that we decided to make it our home," wrote Collin via email.

"As far as why I play Pigskin Pick'em,

to be honest...one of my great friends (and golf buddies) is a regular weekly "picker" (Hill Shaw w/Atlantic Shield)," wrote Collin. "Since I can never seem to find a way to beat him in golf, I figured I'd try to beat him in something."

Email katherine@thedanielislandnews.com to be added to the pick'em list, enter the



Collin Coggeshall

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Leading Passer: **Mac Jones**
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COMING UP

BLOOD DRIVE: The Rotary Club of Daniel Island will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive Jan. 12, 3-8 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island. Sign up on the Rotary Club website or on the Red Cross site at rcblood.org/2WCihHr. For more information email marytps@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Rotary Club of Daniel Island is a service organization with about 75 members of all ages. Would you like to learn more about what we do and how you might get involved? Join us for an informative virtual meeting on Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Start the new year off by getting involved and making a

difference in your community. To register, email Mary Jo Romeo at maryjo@mjrccac.com.

VERTICAL GARDENING: The Daniel Island Garden Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. Horticulturalist Tony Bertauski from Trident Technical College will present a program on Vertical Gardening. For more information, contact Linda Price, Imcwpr@gmail.com.

REGULAR MEETINGS

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS meet virtually the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Visit online at berkeleydems.com/calendar to learn about accessing the meeting online.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND

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meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. both in person at the Daniel Island Club and virtually. For more information on attending, email maryjo@mjrccac.com. For more information, visit danielislandrotary.com.

TOASTMASTERS OF DANIEL ISLAND meet on Zoom on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Every member practices giving speeches and has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. These in turn foster greater self-confidence and personal growth. We're

having a membership drive with advantages if you join before the end of the year. Email claire@eduave.com and see us at <https://www.facebook.com/DITMClub>.

THE COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES, sponsored by the Daniel Island Rotary Club, Daniel Island Club, Daniel Island Community Fund and Daniel Island Business Association. For the complete schedule, go to danielislandrotary.com.

THE DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB meets the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. The club is meeting by Zoom due to the rising numbers of COVID cases. Contact Linda Price, Imcwpr@gmail.com, for more information.

meeting NOTES

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

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Jan. 7 via Zoom. To access via telephone, call 301-715-8592, then Webinar ID# 859 6475 0850, followed by password 682487. The agenda order may be subject to change at the discretion of the TRC Administrator. Guests are encouraged to join the meeting 20 minutes prior to the published start time of a specific agenda item.

The items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula include:

- Preliminary subdivision plat plan and road construction plans for 81.3 acres at Lesesne Street (Fish Camp Island) on Daniel Island. 62 lots for single family residential subdivision. Owner: The Daniel Island Company. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. 843-725-5276 Contact:

Brian Riley riley.b@tandh.com.

CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS-SITE DESIGN

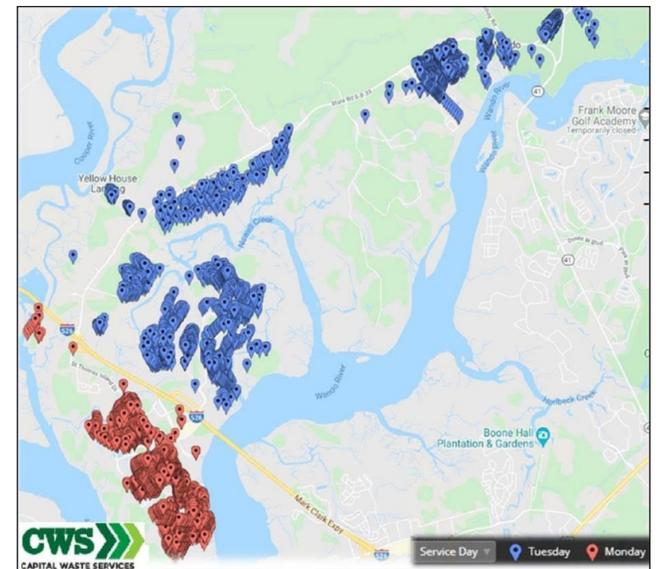
A meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals-Site Design will be held Jan. 6, 5 p.m., virtually via Zoom. To access via phone, call 1 301-715-8592. Meeting ID# 836 2700 9798. Technical assistance line: 843-724-3788.

There were no items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Berkeley County Council conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner.
- Berkeley County Board of Education meetings are held twice each month. The second meeting of each month includes special recognitions of students, employees and community members. The Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. with the public meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Charleston City Council conducts its meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m.

MAP OF NEW TRASH COLLECTION DAYS



PROVIDED

Capital Waste Services took over trash collection for Daniel Island and the Cainhoy peninsula starting Jan. 4, 2021. The areas marked with red pins on the map will see pickups on Mondays, with the blue pins on Tuesdays. Should residents experience any issues with this new service, they should call the Citizens Service Desk at 843-724-7311.

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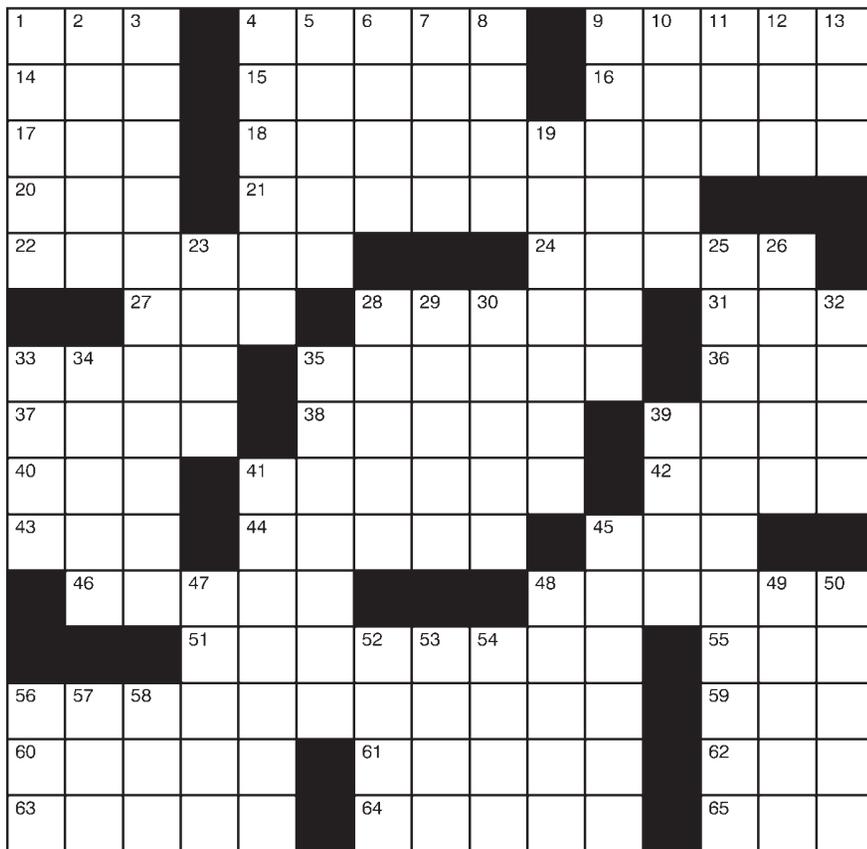
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- 9 Egg-shaped
- 14 Greek letter
- 15 Flicker
- 16 Staircase part
- 17 Chaney, of films
- 18 Way of hiking retail profits
- 20 Asner and Begley
- 21 Power
- 22 Vietnam city
- 24 Cut in small pieces
- 27 Like the Nineties
- 28 Lincoln's first dwelling
- 31 Get the ____
- 33 High card
- 35 Fraternity members
- 36 ____ off
- 37 ____ *la Douce*
- 38 Wait for
- 39 Oven
- 40 Tribulation
- 41 Buys and sells stocks
- 42 Ms. Kett, of comics
- 43 Hostelry
- 44 Bribed
- 45 Teachers' org.
- 46 Walk like a peacock
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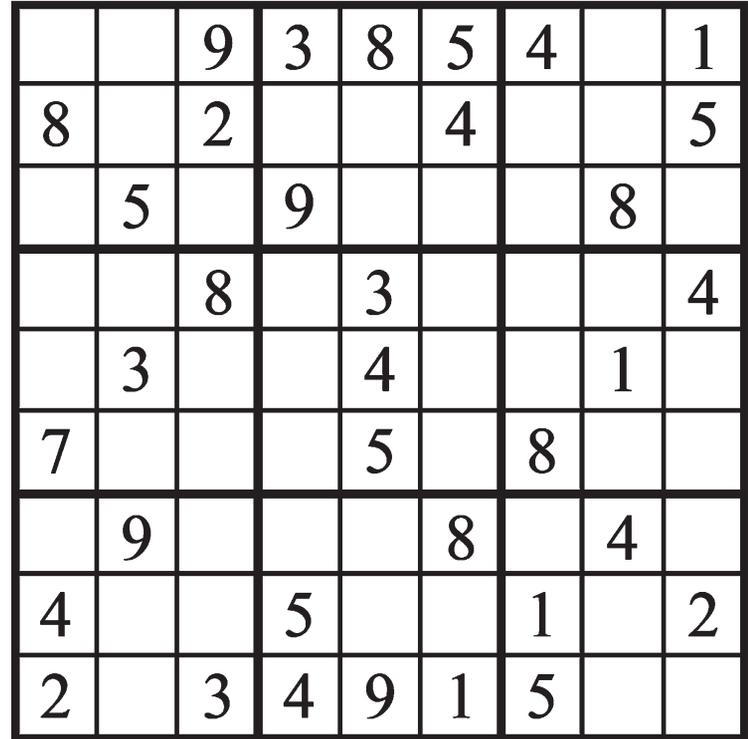
- 55 Wildebeest
- 56 Firm's financial obligations
- 59 Goal
- 60 Soreness
- 61 Aesthetic discernment
- 62 Doctrine
- 63 Started a card game
- 64 Gloss
- 65 Famed French marshal

DOWN

- 1 City on the Rhone
- 2 1970s TV sitcom
- 3 Order of goods shipped
- 4 Use
- 5 Actress Sophia
- 6 Tel ____
- 7 French seaport
- 8 Caribou
- 9 Sources
- 10 Female fox
- 11 ____ was saying
- 12 ____ *Little Indians*
- 13 Work unit
- 19 Food shortages
- 23 Bonkers
- 25 Profit from sale of investments
- 26 Be jubilant
- 28 Secret plot
- 29 In reserve

- 30 Foretold
- 32 Sicilian landmark
- 33 NZ bird
- 34 Golf clubs
- 35 Conjugal
- 39 On an even ____
- 41 Sightseer
- 45 Kind of hut
- 47 Rise up
- 48 PGA's Calvin
- 49 Plant with savory seeds
- 50 Card game
- 52 Holds a session
- 53 Beehive State
- 54 Mezzo-soprano Stevens
- 56 Youngster
- 57 ____ Age
- 58 Eureka!

Let's Have
Some FUN



Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Dangling Modifiers



Dangling modifiers are words in a sentence that seem to modify no word at all. Readers become confused by these sentences, and the only way to fix them is to rewrite them. Can you pick out the sentences (A or B) without misplaced modifiers?

1. A. Working all weekend, the family room was finally painted.
B. Working all weekend, I finally painted the family room.
2. A. While taking a bath, the phone rang.
B. While Maria was taking a bath, the phone rang.
3. A. As I was carrying groceries, the bag dropped and the jar shattered.
B. Carrying groceries, the bag dropped and the jar shattered.

Answers: 1. B 2. B 3. A

MYSTERY ?



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CONTEST

CONGRATS TO WINNER SAVANNAH OBERLY!



Savannah Oberly

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest in the Dec. 24, 2020, edition, was Daniel Island resident Savannah Oberly, who correctly identified the picture as the lanterns at Smythe Park.

Savannah, who has lived here for five years, said the part of Daniel Island she likes best is Smythe Lake, and that's how she was able to guess the mystery photo. "I've been to Smythe Lake a million times and I recognized the words on it," she said.

The first grader is homeschooling this year and her favorite subject is PE.

When asked what she is most looking forward to in the new year, Savannah responded, "Coronavirus stopping."

Congratulations are also in order for Karen Fedder for her correct response.

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



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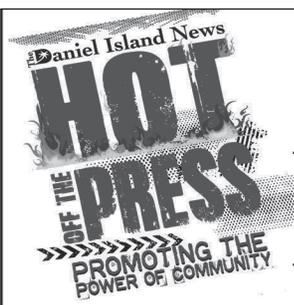
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Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



The cover and centerfold of the Jan. 5, 2006, edition featured the Lowcountry's minor league hockey team, the South Carolina Stingrays. The Stingrays introduced an exciting, lightning-fast, northern game to the Deep South and spawned

a growing interest in all things icy, from youth and adult hockey leagues to recreational skating that can be enjoyed by the entire family.

In other news, Beth Bush joined the DI News team and began contributing stories in the fall of 2005. Fifteen years later, Beth is still very active with the paper.

TEN YEARS AGO



It was announced in the Jan. 6, 2011, edition that a whopping \$1.7 million-plus was raised through various island events and initiatives for charitable organizations during 2010. "I think it's a testament to the power of community, really," said Julie Dombrowski,

communications manager for The Daniel Island Company, at the time.

The centerfold featured humor columnist Dalton Williams' top news story predictions for 2011. One was that the Ohio State University athletic director would disclose that the school may need to reschedule some of its upcoming football home games after discovering that several team members sold the school's 100,000-seat stadium for an undisclosed sum to a hedge fund.

FIVE YEARS AGO



The Jan. 7, 2016, edition featured humor columnist Dalton Williams' top news story predictions for 2016. Two of his predictions were that Uber would announce ride service

to Mars and doctors at Johns Hopkins would report they had successfully grafted a cell phone to a patient's palm. In other news, Berkeley County Councilman Josh Whitley announced in a press release that he would be hosting a special town hall meeting about Clements Ferry Road improvements.

In sports, Phil Bowman reviewed the top sports stories of 2015.

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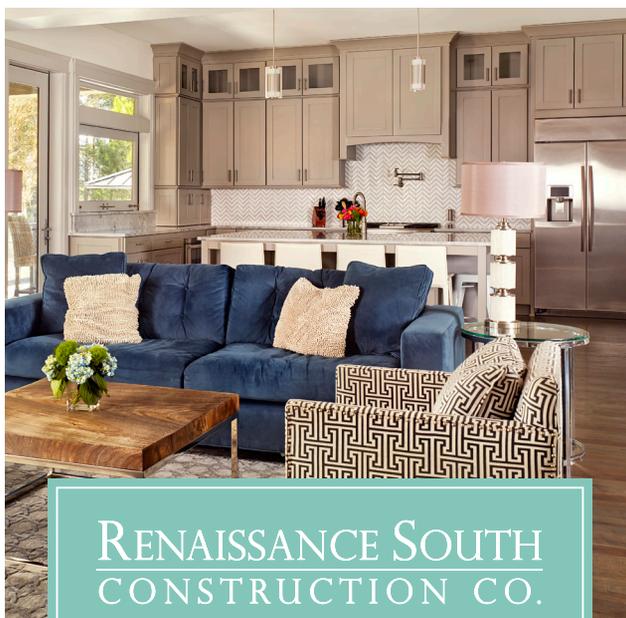
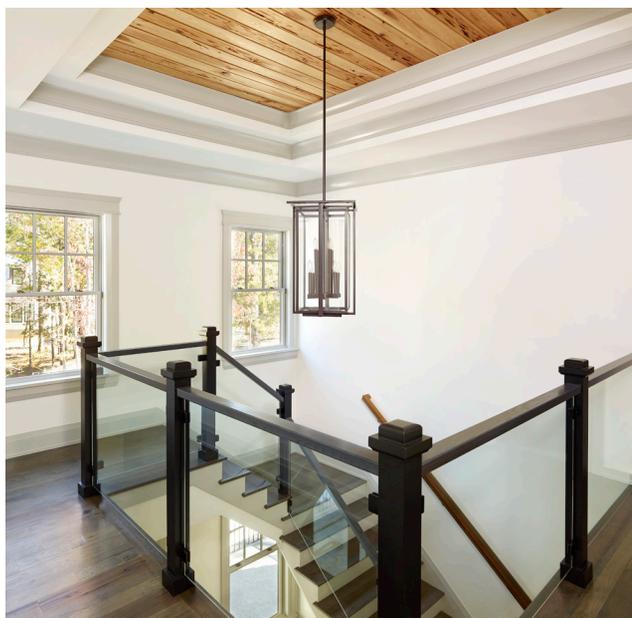


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