



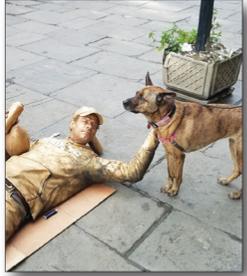
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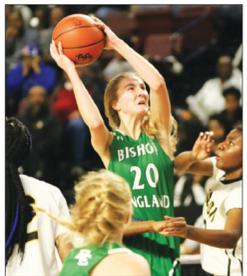
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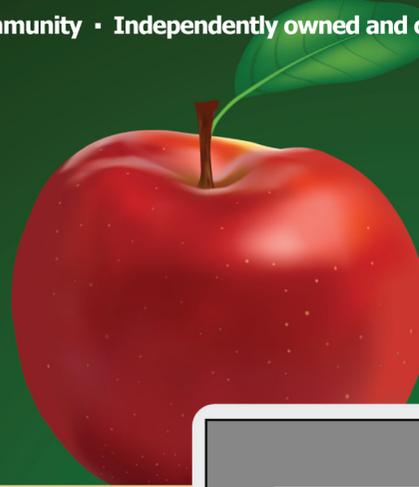
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Former BCSD chief financial officer sentenced to 63 months in prison on federal charges

Former Berkeley County School District Chief Financial Officer Brantley Thomas will spend at least the next five years behind bars for a far-reaching embezzlement scheme that cost the district more than \$1.2 million, according to court documents.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, a judge in U.S. District Court in Charleston sentenced Thomas to 63 months in prison on federal charges, which encompass one count of fraud and embezzlement, nine counts of money laundering, and 10 counts of honest service wire fraud.

“(Mr. Thomas) repeatedly and systematically abused his position of trust and stole from his employer Berkeley County School District (BCSD) over the course of at least sixteen years,” stated Special Attorney Daniel Ryan of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, in a government memorandum issued to the court five days before the sentencing hearing.

Ryan called Thomas’ actions “thievery” and stated he deprived the district’s students and teachers “out of a significant amount of already limited resources” and then “laundered those funds through his own bank accounts.”

Thomas’ illegal transactions took place between 2010 and 2016. According to the indictments, the former CFO used a number

Berkeley County School Board Member Mac McQuillin of Daniel Island called the sentencing “a sad day for everyone involved.”

of methods to carry out his scheme, including overpaying district vendors and then depositing the reimbursement money into his personal account for expenses such as paying off car loans, membership at a private club and foreign travel.

The 63 month sentence reflects the high end of the sentencing guidelines, based on Thomas’ total number of offenses. Ryan called the nature and circumstances of Thomas’ crimes “terrible” and stated his conduct has impacted thousands of lives.

“A significant term of imprisonment is necessary on this case to punish the Defendant for his serious and repeated crimes, to protect the public, and to deter him and others from committing similar crimes,” continued the memorandum.

In considering the sentencing, Judge David C. Norton read letters in support of Thomas from several of his family members, and also nearly two dozen “heartfelt letters submitted

by members of the BCSD family,” according to Ryan’s memorandum.

As per Judge Norton’s order, Thomas will reportedly pay restitution to the school district – and will serve an additional three years on court supervision following his release.

“I believe the Board and District are pleased with the federal sentence as it represents the highest amount given under the federal guidelines and assures restitution be timely received by the District,” stated Josh Whitley, who serves as legal counsel for BCSD. “The District looks forward to the state plea and further sentence in the coming weeks so we can move forward and put this terrible situation behind us.”

Berkeley County School Board Member Mac McQuillin of Daniel Island called the sentencing “a sad day for everyone involved,” and agreed with Whitley’s sentiments.

“As a board member, my goal is to see that all misappropriated funds are returned to the children and teachers of Berkeley County School District,” added McQuillin. “It was interesting to note and I personally found it moving that the hearing was held in the historic courtroom that started *Brown v. Board of Education*. I could not help but

think about a quote by Thurgood Marshall, the civil rights lawyer who argued *Brown*, ‘We deal here with the right of all of our children... Those children who have been denied that right in the past deserve better than to see fences thrown up to deny them that right in the future.’”

Thomas pleaded guilty to the 20 federal counts against him in January of 2018. He is still facing a plethora of state charges, including 14 counts of embezzlement and one count of forgery. Thomas first began working for BCSD in 1993. He was terminated from his CFO post in February of 2017, after an investigation into the case was launched. While CFO, he was tasked with managing more than \$400 million in district expenditures.

A statement issued by Thomas’ attorney, Matthew Hubbell, when the charges against him were initially filed, indicated that Thomas felt remorse over his actions.

“He deeply regrets the conduct described...” stated Hubbell. “And he apologizes to the Berkeley County School Board and the community.”

The Daniel Island News reached out to Hubbell via email and phone following the sentencing for a comment, but did not receive a response by press time.

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dispatches from the RV

Thomas Werner

Ahh, New Orleans. The French Quarter, Bourbon Street, jazz and Mardi Gras. More than any other American city, New Orleans thrives on its past. And, there's a lot of past to thrive on: It was founded by the French, then ceded to the Spanish, then gloriously re-ceded to the French, who held it for three years before Napoleon sold one quarter of what would become the Continental U.S. to Thomas Jefferson for \$15 million – the equivalent of a week's parking in downtown New Orleans today.

It has been said (by me) that New Orleans is a lot like Charleston in need of a power-washing. To be fair, most visitors to New Orleans never get to see the city during the day, or when sober. It is night time when New Orleans comes alive, so there's really no need for a deep clean. Night time is also when Sue and I are safely back in our RV. And, if it is past 7:30, Sue is sleeping, only she calls it "reading" because 7:30 is far, far too early for even Sue to be sleeping.

So, for Sue, me and our dog, Iggy, a daytime tour of the Big Easy it was. We, and every other tourist who was awake by noon, gathered in the French Quarter. Being that Sue and I are history buffs, we listened in as a fellow tourist and amateur tour guide explained that the second-story porches in the French Quarter were built so the occupants could step outside and promote their "business." Apparently, every house in sight was, at some point, a brothel, although it is rumored that fewer than half are today.

Music is the soul of New Orleans. Not only does music spill out from the hundreds of French Quarter bars, full bands perform on the streets. Yes, full bands. On the street. With trombones, and saxo-



SUZANNE DETAR

Iggy becomes part of the performance art in the French Quarter, New Orleans. The "statue" gave Iggy a treat and assailed the writer with a story about luring a baby penguin to him with a can of sardines!

phones, and banjos, and guitars and clarinets. This isn't Tracy Chapman playing her guitar in the Boston subway as commuters pass by. This is Tracy Chapman and her six-piece Dixieland Jazz band taking up a parking space on the corner of Royal and Dumaine. With rates exceeding \$25 per hour, they need to clear \$200 a day in tips just to hold off the meter maid.

As we walked toward Café du Monde for our mandatory coffee and beignets, Iggy licked what appeared to be a gold-painted statue that was laying prone upon the street, thus initiating a most-uncomfortable conversation. It may be old school, but we are of the mind that "statues" are to be seen and not heard. With no prompting from either Sue or me, this statue gave our dog a treat, then assailed us with the story of the time he rescued an injured baby pelican by luring it in with a can of sardines. One wonders, were the sardine offerings from tourists who hadn't any cash about them? Or, had the statue carried the sardines with him that day from his home at statue park? Dog treat or no, these questions were left unanswered because when a statue breaks the fourth wall and engages his audience, we do not indulge his

lack of artistic integrity, we keep on walking.

There is far more to New Orleans than the French Quarter. A rain day led us to a find even better than the Mob Museum in Las Vegas: The National World War II Museum. What we thought would be a quick three-hour tour grew into six hours and the sincere wish that we could have returned for another day.

I am the son of a World War II veteran who graduated high school early, joined the Army and was wounded three times during the Battle of the Bulge. Once the European Theater of War wound down, my father was slated to join the Pacific Theater for the planned invasion into Japan.

No one museum can accurately tell the story of World War II from all perspectives, which include extreme sacrifice for many and extreme injustice for others, but this museum tells more of the story than any I have visited.

Prior to Pearl Harbor, public sentiment was largely against our direct involvement in Europe's and Asia's wars. In the late 1930s, Charles Lindbergh was not only America's greatest celebrity, but an outspoken isolationist. Adolph Hitler had many admirers right here in America, including industrial and political leaders of the day.

The end of the war, with the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, has become more controversial over time. There is, however, a very good chance that neither my brother, four sisters or any of their children and grandchildren, along with millions of other descendants of World War II soldiers, would be here had we not ended the war with Japan prior to an invasion.

We are nearly all related to someone who served during World War II. If you find yourself in New Orleans, go ahead and visit the French Quarter at night, when it is somewhat presentable, but take a full day or two and visit the National World War II Museum to experience the division, the unity and the resolve it took America and its Allies to win World War II.

letter to the EDITOR

LOWCOUNTRY VOTER URGES CUNNINGHAM TO LISTEN TO HIS CONSTITUENTS ABOUT BORDER SECURITY

Voters in South Carolina's 1st Congressional District elected a Democrat in 2018, but not so he could serve as a stooge for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Representative Joe Cunningham is the first Democrat to win the traditionally red seat since 1981, and he did so in a district that President Trump won by nearly 15 points in 2016.

Cunningham won by sticking to local issues such as offshore drilling, the environment, and health-care. If he wants to retain his seat in 2020, he should listen carefully to what his constituents are saying about border security.

The 1st District is still predominantly red, and recent polling cited in an article in the Washington Examiner (<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/shock-poll-democratic-swing-districts-back-wall-trump-immigration-offer>) confirms that voters strongly favor the border wall

President Trump wants to build in order to address the crisis on our southern border.

According to the Washington Examiner piece, a "poll of 10 representative districts, some of which Trump won by a big margin but then voted a Democrat into office in 2018, also found that a plurality approve of the president's job performance, 49 percent to 48 percent. The Public Opinion Strategies survey done for the Republican National Committee provided some hope for the president and GOP messaging on the border wall."

Across 10 districts that flipped from supporting Donald Trump in 2016 to electing a Democrat in 2018, a solid majority agree with the President that illegal immigration represents a serious national security threat, and that a border wall is necessary to address the crisis.

Voters in those districts support President Trump's position on border security by an incredible 61 percent to 35 percent margin, whereas the average approval rating of Democrats only ranges between 20 percent and 35 percent.

Unsurprisingly, 53 percent of voters in these

Democrat-held congressional districts support "building a border wall or barrier to improve security between the US and Mexico."

That's not just the opinion of voters, though; it's also the position held by an overwhelming majority of the law enforcement agents who patrol the border every single day. They say a wall will improve national security, reduce crime, and cut the influx of drugs pouring in — just as the barrier separating Juarez, Mexico and El Paso, Texas has done with remarkable effectiveness (<https://nypost.com/2018/01/13/we-already-have-a-border-wall-and-it-works/>) since it was completed in 2010.

The Democrats' newfound opposition to building a border wall is purely about politics. Prior to President Trump taking office, Democrats overwhelmingly supported building barriers along our southern border, but now hardliners following Pelosi's lead are playing politics with our national security by refusing to consider any border security solution that includes funding for a wall.

Rep. Cunningham should listen to his voters in the Lowcountry rather than Boss Pelosi, or his first term in Congress might be his last.

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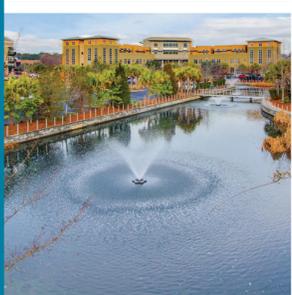


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I think a great teacher teaches their students without getting really strict and helps their students learn and work together.
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Age 8



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Local legislators propose bills against foreign law and shackling pregnant inmates in labor

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REP. NANCY MACE FILES BILL TO PROHIBIT RESTRAINING INMATES WHILE GIVING BIRTH

Representative Nancy Mace of Daniel Island recently filed a bill that, if successful, will put restrictions on the ways pregnant South Carolina inmates can be restrained. Female inmates not in labor will have restraints placed on their wrists from the front and “in a way that the pregnant inmate may be able to protect herself and the fetus in the event of a fall,” the bill said.

Bill 3967 is most notable for its requirement that an inmate in labor will not be placed in any restraints, unless “there are reasonable grounds to believe the inmate presents an immediate, serious threat” to herself or others, or “she presents an immediate, credible risk of escape that cannot be reasonably contained through other methods.”

If restraints are applied at any time during labor or delivery of the child, officers are required to alert the facility director immediately, with their reason why.

An additional bill provision will allow for “initial bonding” between an inmate and her



**Representative
Nancy Mace**



**Senator
Larry Grooms**

child. This is defined as skin-to-skin contact and nursing.

“As proposed this bill offers compassion for the infant both during pregnancy and during labor and delivery,” Mace said in a press release on the subject.

“I’m in favor of the bill,” said Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center Director Randy Demory. “I don’t believe it will introduce any risk that couldn’t be managed easily in other ways.”

“Sheriff Lewis and I believe inmates should be treated with dignity and respect in all areas, and that certainly applies to expecting female inmates,” he added.

“People in the chamber, both Republicans and Democrats are very supportive of the bipartisan measure,” said Rep. Mace.

Approximately two dozen states have banned the use of restraints on pregnant inmates. Mace’s recent legislation proposal was inspired by the First Step Act, a bill targeting prison reform, signed into law late last year. The extensive legislation attempts to curb America’s high inmate recidivism rates. One provision makes it illegal to shackle pregnant inmates in federal prisons.

On the decision to sponsor the bill, Mace added that she wanted to “clarify what the law allows and doesn’t allow, because I do think it’s an important issue.”

SEN. LARRY GROOMS FILES BILL TO PROTECT FROM FOREIGN LAW

State Senator Larry Grooms, whose district includes Daniel Island, has proposed a bill that will “prevent a court or other enforcement authority from enforcing foreign law in this state from a forum outside of the United States.”

Grooms clarified to The Daniel Island News that this “would make it such that a South Carolina court could not use international laws or ecclesiastical laws in determining whether a South Carolina statute or law is constitutional.”

The measure has been called an “anti-sharia” law, in reference to the religious laws

(sharia law) laid out in Muslim tradition. In fact, the bill is in response to an infamous 2009 court case in New Jersey, in which Superior Court Judge Joseph Charles denied a woman a restraining order from her husband, after he beat and sexually assaulted her. Both were Muslim.

According to Politifact, Charles asked the couple’s imam how Islam affects sexual behavior. “The imam testified that a wife must comply with her husband’s sexual demands, but a husband was forbidden to approach his wife ‘like any animal,’” said Politifact’s account of the events.

A year after Charles denied the restraining order on this basis, the New Jersey appeals court ruled that his decision contradicted U.S. and Supreme Court precedent between criminal law and procedure.

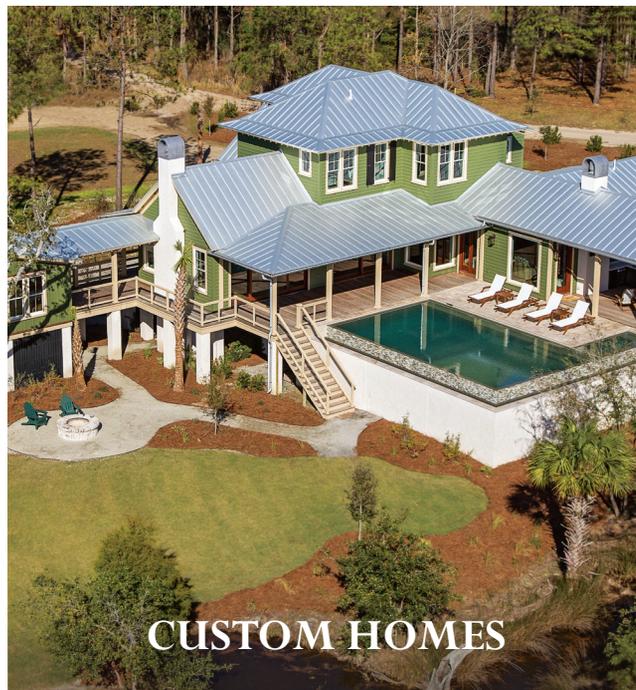
Grooms himself was hesitant, at first, to label his law as “anti-sharia.”

“I’m not anti-sharia,” he stated. “I’m just anti sharia being held at a position higher than South Carolina law.”

Grooms has proposed this legislation six times over the past six years, with it going out on the Senate floor once. He said that he has not changed the bill or its wording in that time.



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A Free Wills Clinic for heirs' property preservation will be held on Sat. March 9, from 10 am - 2:30 pm at the Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center, 1161 Baldwin Corner Rd., Huger. Appointments Required. Call Sharon Piggs at (843) 745-7055.

AMERICAN AND FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY FORUM

Modeled after the very successful "Great Decisions" program of the U.S. Foreign Policy Association and conducted in French, this series has begun its second flight. Absolutely no previous knowledge of foreign policy is necessary! Mar. 9 and 23, 12 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Topic: La Diplomatie au péril des "valeurs." Pourquoi nous avons eu tout faux avec Trump, Poutine et d'autres.... L'inventaire, 2017. Contact (843) 471-2952.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION WALK

The 10th Annual JDRF One Walk will be held on Sunday, March 10 in Smythe Park on Daniel Island. The walk is a fun, family-oriented event designed to increase awareness of Type 1 Diabetes, support family, friends and neighbors battling this disease, and raise money for research. Enjoy bounce houses, balloon animals, a photo booth, obstacle courses, snacks, and music by Y102.5. Activities begin at 12:30 pm and the 1.2 mile walk will start at 2 pm. Dogs and strollers welcome! Register at http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR/Walk/PalmettoChapter4596?pg=entry&fr_id=6645#event_about.

LOW COUNTRY EXPLORERS MARCH TRIP

Join the Lowcountry Explorers on March 13 for a walking tour that will explore Charleston's magnificent ironworks while strolling through the lovely historic downtown district. Many early ironworks were destroyed in raging fires and many noteworthy gates and fences were donated to the Confederate cause to be melted down for cannonballs and "skins" for the ironclad boats. But, even with the losses, the city retains a wealth of impressive ironworks. Hear the story of the late Philip Simmons, Charleston's most famous ironworker, and of earlier blacksmiths who crafted beautiful pieces of art throughout the city. Lunch at Henry's Restaurant. \$46 per person. RSVP by March 1. To register, visit www.dcommunity.org. Contacts: John/Alexis Edwards at johnwedwards1@gmail.com or Dani Hermann at danielle.hermann@dcommunity.org.

HALOS 'PARENTING A SECOND TIME AROUND (P.A.S.T.A.)' WORKSHOP

Presented by the Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center, 1161 Baldwin Corner Rd., Huger, this free workshop will be held on Wednesdays, March 13 - May 8. Breakfast will be served. Registration required by March 8. Contact Liz: (843) 990-9565.

ISLAND ENRICHMENT SERIES

The Daniel Island Library's "Island Enrichment Series," coordinated by Kim Blank, continues on March 15 at 10:30 am with a program entitled "Gut Health and the Keys to Mental and Physical Wellness." Attendees will learn why one's diet is so important to maintain overall good health. This session will be taught by Eileen Joyce, who has a master's degree in both holistic nutrition and electrical engineering.

KETO DIET EVENT

Join Nutritionist Denee Harvey at the Daniel Island Library on March 14 at 10:30 am for a session on the Keto Diet. The program will explore the true kenogenic science of the diet and the effects Keto can have on the body. It will also debunk some myths surrounding the diet and help participants decide if the keto program is right for them. Contact: (843) 471-2952.

YOGA FOR AUTISM

Yoga for Autism, an event benefiting the Walk for Autism and their mission of helping families pay for treatment and intervention of autism through behavioral and relational development programs, will take place on Saturday, March 23 at 9am at Smythe Park. A suggested tax deductible donation of \$15 would be appreciated. Those who can't attend are asked to consider a donation to the Walk for Autism Charleston via their website at www.walkforautismcharleston.org.

WALK FOR WATER

Rally together to bring hope to those who lack access to safe water at Water Mission's Walk for Water on Sat., March 30, at Riverfront Park, 1061 Everglades Ave., North Charleston. Bring your friends, family (and even the dog) to enjoy music, activities and the beauty of Charleston while raising awareness and funds to provide clean water to people in need. Register at http://events.watermissions.org/site/TR?fr_id=1911&pg=entry.

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BOCCE ON THE LAWN

Join in the fun at "Bocce Ball Wednesdays" - held at 10 am on the Pierce Park Pavilion lawn. Contact Carol at rokaro2@gmail.com.

CHARLESTON YOUNG ARTISTS GUILD

The Charleston Young Artists Guild (CYAG) meets on the first Fri. every month at Black Tie Music Academy on Daniel Island from 6:30-7:30pm. Membership dues are annually \$100 per young artist member. Contact: CYAGuild@gmail.com.

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DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

The Daniel Island Garden Club will meet on Wed., March 13 at 1 pm at Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Dr. Carmen Ketron will be the guest speaker. She holds masters' degrees in environmental studies and public administration from the College of Charleston. Ms. Ketron has worked in mixed vegetable and cut flower production since 2011 and has been the farm educator at the MUSC Urban Farm since 2015. She will discuss companion planting in gardens and containers. Contact: Janice Armandi at janicear@msn.com

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The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets every Wed. for breakfast from 7:30-8:30 am at The Daniel Island Club, 600 Island Park Dr. Visit www.danielislandrotary.com or swing by for breakfast Wednesday morning.

DI CONNECT FOR 55+

This over 55 group meets the third Friday of each month at the Crow's Nest, Edgefield Park Pool, off of Oakleaf Street, at 5 pm. Contact: Gail at g.trezz56@gmail.com.

DI EXCHANGE CLUB

The Exchange Club of Daniel Island meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community Auditorium, at 574 Robert Daniel Dr. Social - 5:30 pm; Meeting - 6 pm. Visit "Daniel Island Exchange Club" on Facebook for updated information. Contact: PresidentDIExchangeClub@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GIRLFRIENDS LUNCH

The Daniel Island Girlfriends Lunch meets at 11:30 am on the third Tues. of every month at a local restaurant. Open to women on Daniel Island and all surrounding areas. Contact: Stephanie McManus at (803) 413-0723 or stephiebrimmsmail@yahoo.com.

DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join the Community Gardeners in the Daniel Island School garden every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 to 11:30 am. Children accompanied by parents are welcome and this is a great service hours opportunity for older teens. The garden is located on the Purcell Lane side of the school behind the gym. Contact: Cynthia Rumph - (843)-530-7525.

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Healthy Living Revolution meets the third Thursday each month at Blondies Cafe on DI at 9 am. Theresa Dennis at (512) 966-2299 or www.healthylivingrevolution.com.

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join St. Clare of Assisi for a Morning Prayer Group on Wednesdays at 6 am in the parish office, located at 225 Seven Farms Drive, suite 107. Contact: Brian Headley at bjheadley@yahoo.com.

RECORDER CLASS

Join Capt. Daniell's Pipers under the direction of Professor Hillyer Rudisill to learn to enjoy playing the recorder. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 2-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS

The South Berkeley Democrats meet on the third Sunday of the month at 4 pm at Bin 526 on Daniel Island. All are welcome. Contact: Jen Gibson at (843) 870-7757.

TAI CHI

Free classes Tuesdays and Fridays 9-10 am at the DI Library. Contact: Gwen - (843) 718-5454.

THANK GOODNESS IT'S FIRST FRIDAY (TGIF)

TGIF is a long-standing informal social get-together for all Daniel Island residents meeting the first Friday of the month from 6:30- 9 pm at Daniels Landing Clubhouse, 130 River Landing Drive. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and your favorite beverage. Contact: walterjenner45@gmail.com.

TOASTMASTERS

PATHWAYS is the new, online Toastmasters program designed to teach leadership and self-confidence through the vehicle of public speaking. Toastmasters is a 95-year-old, non-profit organization. Meets first and third Friday at Summit Place at noon. Email DanielIslandToastmasters@gmail.com or come see us!

WILLINGWAY CONTINUING CARE MEETINGS

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

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Teens and Vaping:

THE UNFILTERED TRUTH – PART 4

Who is responsible? And what can be done about it?

HEATH ELLISON
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If there is one question that has persevered throughout all the words inked and spoken in our series on e-cigarette use among teens, it is this: what should be done about it?

In a moment of cogency, Charleston Police Lieutenant James Byrne of Team 5 summed up everyone’s feelings.

“It’s not the police department’s place, it’s not the school’s place, it’s not the newspaper’s place, it’s not anybody else’s place to be the lead educator in a child’s life,” he said. “It’s the parents, 100 percent.”

“Rather than relying on simply ‘what did they learn in school’ or ‘what did the police officer tell you’ - those can be conversation starters - but this conversation, not just about vaping, but about tobacco, alcohol, drugs, needs to be coming from the parents,” Byrne continued.

So what’s a parent to do? Almost unanimously, everyone interviewed in this series implored people to simply talk to their kids.

“If you see that your kid has vaped or you’ve found a JUUL, it doesn’t necessarily mean that they are addicted or that they’re using every day, but it certainly is time for a conversation to understand where they are,” said Professor of Addiction Sciences at MUSC Dr. Kevin Gray, a Daniel Island resident.

Keeping parents in the loop is one of Philip Simmons High School’s favorite policies when



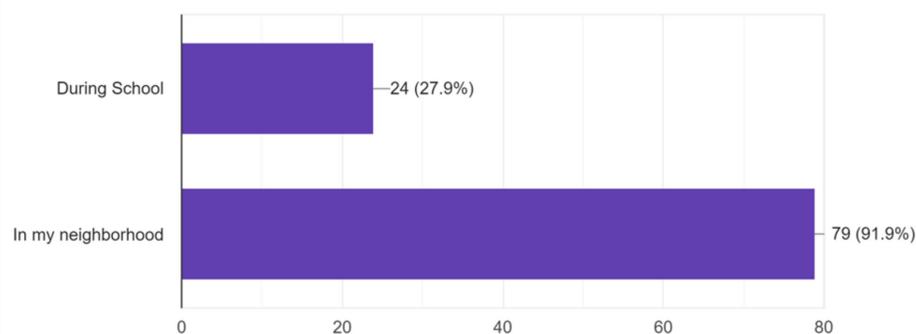
Law enforcement officers, educators, and counselors agree parents should keep the lines of communication open with their kids when it comes to e-cigarette use and its impacts. According to Dr. Andrew Mantini, a child, adolescent, and family psychologist at Sprouting Minds on Daniel Island, being clear and direct is the best course of action.

it comes to combating e-cigarette usage. According to Principal Anthony Dixon, they want to “give parents the opportunity to parent,” on this matter. Now, Dixon asks parents to use the school as a resource for the problem.

“Communicating back to the school is what

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WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN VAPING TAKE PLACE?



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In an independent survey conducted among students at a local middle school, about 39 percent of respondents reported that they have witnessed kids their age vaping. When it comes to where vaping is taking place, the vast majority (91.9 percent) said they have seen e-cigarette use in their neighborhood (91.9 percent), while only 27.9 percent have seen it take place during school.

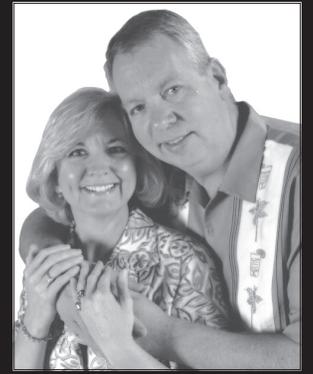
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Have conversations with kids about vaping risks

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parents should do, and if they need help, don't be afraid to ask," he said.

When they first started to notice vaping at the beginning of the current school year, Dixon said that his administration would contact parents before taking any action, if they heard rumors that students were using e-cigarettes.

Philip Simmons Middle School Principal Charla Groves commented that she has learned a lot about the e-cigarette phenomenon by looking at the media that kids consume.

"I'm not only an educator, I'm a middle school parent," she said. "I have a sixth grader and an eighth grader. Listening to them and paying attention to social media and YouTube and that type of thing, we as a team have become aware [that] it is just so easy for students to get their hands on JUULs or BLUs or Boulders."

When talking to a young person about vaping, both Groves and Associate Principal of Bishop England High School Mary Anne Tucker implore parents to speak from fact and keep an open mind.

"Do the research on it," Tucker said. "Investigate what is available in the way of the medical repercussions."

"It's a big picture approach," she continued. "You're having conversations with your kids about these kinds of things, frequently. And a lot of times, it's not so much the parent doing the

talking, but the parents doing the listening."

So, what's the best way to talk to a child or a teenager about substance abuse? According to Dr. Andrew Mantini, a child, adolescent, and family psychologist at Sprouting Minds on Daniel Island, being clear and direct is the best course of action.

"Make sure that they are engaging in conversation about this because, if they are not setting guidelines about this and rules for their kids' behavior, then it's likely that somebody else is," Mantini said.

Just as Groves and Tucker suggested, Mantini believes a parent should educate themselves first, then speak with their child or teen.

"Some kids, especially teenagers, are smart enough to know that they need some supporting facts, and so even doing research with kids, looking at popular websites and trying to find original sources is a really useful practice, just so there's more education," he stated.

As far as the specifics, like tone of voice or body language, Mantini said that it's a matter of parental judgement.

"Whereas some kids are going to want something very structured, and say 'hey, let's have a formal conversation about this,' other kids are going to want to talk about it in passing," he said. "Parents know more about their kids and understand how they're going to process that in-

formation, they're going to have to rely on their own judgement for how to address that."

The Daniel Island News asked high school and middle school students what parents could do to help, in a survey conducted earlier this month.

"Instead of punishment, they need to help us who started vaping to fit in and are now addicted. Negative reinforcement will never solve the problem for teenagers," said one respondent. "The most common vape, called a boulder rock, is \$13 for the device. Taking it away and punishing teenagers who were just trying to fit in... does not solve the problem."

One student, on the other hand, advocated for stricter punishments.

"Schools should also ban any students from sports-related (activities) to the school they attend if caught vaping on social media, especially if they are wearing anything related to the school while doing it," they stated. "Students should be suspended if they're caught vaping on school property, even if it's after school hours."

Another respondent agreed that education was the best policy.

"I believe the job should be to teach students about vaping, alcohol, and drugs and make school an environment for learning purposes (meaning these things should not be done on campus)," they said. "It's silly to hear about kids' college careers being thrown away because they decided to experiment with substances that most adults are using. Ultimately, it's the parents' job to raise their kids and the schools'

A Q&A SESSION ABOUT E-CIGARETTES

Thursday, March 28

6:30 to 7:30 pm

Daniel Island School
Multi-Purpose Room

Presented by the Daniel Island School PTA as part of their Parent Education Speaker Series, this program will address frequently asked questions about student use of e-cigarettes and JUULs. Guest speaker will be Dr. Kevin Gray, professor and director of child and adolescent psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina. Open to the community.

job to teach them books."

One middle school survey participant was not optimistic that parents and other adults can make a difference.

"I don't think that there is anything adults can do because kids will keep doing it. It doesn't matter if they get in trouble, they'll try to sneak it."

Another student had a more direct plea when asked what parents can do to help.

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Mardi Gras event returning to DI on March 5

Daniel Island to let the good times roll on Fat Tuesday, 'family-style'

MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Daniel Island residents won't need to travel to the Big Easy for a Mardi Gras experience this year. Black Tie Music Academy (BTMA) and the Daniel Island Community Fund are sponsoring a family-friendly event on Fat Tuesday, March 5. This is the second time Daniel Island will host a Mardi Gras parade and celebration.

The parade gets rolling at 5 p.m. sharp. Anyone can join BTMA's Brouhaha Marching Band as they stroll down the sidewalk along Seven Farms Drive to the Mardi Gras festivities outside Agaves Cantina. Kris Manning, co-owner of BTMA, describes the Brouhaha Marching Band as "organized chaos where the participants can express their individuality while being part of the community."

Revelers should meet in front of the Black Tie Music Academy located at 162 Seven Farms Drive at 4:30 p.m. the day of the event. Parade participants are encouraged to wear their favorite tutu, cape, wig, or any other family-



PETER FINGER/FILE

Kris Manning (front left) of Black Tie Music Academy is one of the organizers of the Daniel Island Mardi Gras event slated for Daniel Island on March 5. Pictured here at the 2017 parade, along with the Brouhaha Marching Band, Manning described the festivities as "organized chaos where the participants can express their individuality while being part of the community."

friendly costume.

If you're at a loss on how to prepare for the party, BTMA is holding a free class on Monday, March 4 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Instructors will assign instruments or give suggestions on what to do in the parade. They will also teach every-one two songs, "Basin Street Blues" and "When

The Saints Go Marching In."

Manning said not to worry if you miss the practice.

"If you can't make the class, just show up at BTMA on March 5, Fat Tuesday, at 4:30 p.m. for parade line-up. We'll have fun things on hand for folks who need a little help."

Both Manning and her BTMA co-owner Braeden Kershner feel Daniel Island is the ideal location for a New Orleans-style celebration.

"DI is family-friendly and filled with fun loving people," said Manning. "(And) the perfect place for every community member to come on out to the Mardi Gras Celebration and express themselves in their own unique way."

Andersen Spina, a seventh grader at Daniel Island School, is looking forward to his first Mardi Gras experience. He said, "I am excited about participating in the parade because it'll be a lot of fun playing music and celebrating."

There will be plenty to do at the event from face painting to hula hooping. The fun and frivolity will include a stilt-walker, a fire spinner, jugglers, a caricature artist, a tarot card reader, and a variety of additional entertainment throughout the celebration. The Art Guild of Daniel Island will have art for sale and the Mystical Mask Lady will be on hand selling masks. Food and drink specials will be offered by area restaurants.

MARDI GRAS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

MONDAY, MARCH 4

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - Black Tie Music Academy
Free pre-parade class at BTMA, 162 Seven Farms Drive, Suite 305, Daniel Island.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

4:30 p.m. - Meet up at Black Tie Music Academy
5 p.m. - Parade kicks off

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What's the buzz surrounding Honeycomb Café?

Restaurant changing ownership, new eatery coming soon

ELIZABETH BUSH

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When Jonathan Broadhurst and Oanh Dang opened Honeycomb Café across from the Volvo Car Stadium on Daniel Island in the fall of 2010, they had high hopes for its success. But after a near nine year run, the popular eatery that became a regular dining spot for island groups and individuals has closed its doors. A sign at the entrance to the restaurant says renovations are underway.

"It's under contract with a buyer," explained Broadhurst, who said he was unable to offer additional details. "And we had several buyers interested. It will be another restaurant. We really felt the buyer was going to be a good fit for Daniel Island – and that was important to us."

Broadhurst, who has managed operations of the restaurant himself over the last year, was in the process of making some transitional changes, such as streamlining the menu and planning a remodeling, when the opportunity to sell presented itself.

"It just made me weigh out the benefits of one versus the other," he added. "I was prepared to go forward and make the changes to the restaurant that I thought it needed, just updating it,

but what this provides for me is really time for me to kind of step back, spend some time with my kids...and time to work on my house, which has been neglected the last couple of years!"

The restaurant business can be 24/7, said Broadhurst, which can take a toll on families.

"When most people are off on the weekends, and children are out of school, they do things together. And my children always had a babysitter on the weekends for the last eight and a half years...This also provides me space to create the next chapter. And that's it. Because when you're 24/7 at the restaurant, it's kind of hard to step back and plan what I want my life to be like going forward. It gives me time to work on the next opportunity."

And for Broadhurst, that might be another restaurant.

"I haven't made a definitive decision on that, but the likelihood of it being another restaurant is pretty high," he added with a smile. "That's what I've done for the last 40 years...I'm just kind of exploring options now, and I am going to take some time to do that."

Over the years, Honeycomb Café built a name for itself in the Daniel Island community, supporting a wide range of island events and programs, taking part in the Daniel Island Historical Society's History Under the Stars Movie Night & Campout, the Pumpkin Walk, and the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. The restaurant also showcased the artwork of dozens of local artists through its "Artist of the Month"



ELIZABETH BUSH
Daniel Island's Honeycomb Café has closed its doors, but a new buyer plans to open another restaurant at the site soon.

displays. But it was the site's designation as a favorite gathering place that Broadhurst was most appreciative of.

"That was really the biggest thing for us," he said. "That was the most rewarding thing. That's what it became. Our customers are the greatest customers. The nicest, most generous, most supportive (people). They became a big part of our lives. It's been a great experience for us."

At its busiest, Honeycomb served between 400 and 500 breakfasts on Sunday and about 350 breakfasts on Saturday, added Broadhurst.

While most spoke favorably of the restaurant during its tenure, it was, at times, the subject of some criticism on social media. Broadhurst takes full responsibility for any glitches in service that may have occurred, but admits having

reliable employees was sometimes a challenge.

"We had 12 to 14 team members on staff," he said. "And we would typically have anywhere from two to four call-outs or no shows every single day. So we'd be doing two to three positions at a time every day. We could do it because you just work through it, but I would say that was the biggest challenge out here."

Adding public transportation to and from Daniel Island would help, Broadhurst said, in terms of attracting new workers.

"I do understand people's resistance to that," he added. "But from a perspective of a business owner, looking for employees that don't typically live here, it's a game changer."

For now, he is confident the island restaurant scene will continue to do well – even if more eating options open up in the community.

"I've never looked at it as competition," he said. "I think having quality restaurants helps everybody in the restaurant business, because if you can make Daniel Island a restaurant destination, it helps everyone."

And while Honeycomb is coming to an end, both Broadhurst and Dang are leaving the community with nothing but appreciation for those they served.

"We thank all the people of Daniel Island," said Broadhurst. "For all the great memories, for all the great support. It made it a tough decision. But I believe it's the right one."

"We really appreciate the community we were a part of for almost a decade," added Dang. "...But we are very excited with the transition and many new projects ahead...Daniel Island has a very special place in my heart."



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Iron Tribe Fitness has opened a new location in downtown Charleston. The gym is co-owned by Jaime Bean and Corky Alexander. This new gym is Iron Tribe's second in the Charleston area.

"We are thrilled to expand Iron Tribe Fitness and offer the best full-body workout to the residents of Charleston. It's exciting to be a part of the developing Eastside neighborhood and to a part of this community," noted Bean, a Daniel Island resident.

Founded in Birmingham, Alabama, Iron Tribe's group classes are ranked as one of the top five best workouts in the nation. Iron Tribe's 45-minute group classes use HIIT-style training paired with one-on-one style coaching.

"We are thrilled to open another location in South Carolina," added Forest Walden, Iron Tribe founder and CEO. "It's been so fun to see the Charleston community become a part of the Iron Tribe fabric, and I have no doubt that the coaches of the new location will positively affect countless locals."

Iron Tribe's other location is 1145 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. in Mount Pleasant.

"Our purpose at Iron Tribe is to create fitness communities that change lives," continued Walden. "Corky and his team have lived



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Iron Tribe Fitness team members TJ Medlock, manager, and co-owners Corky Alexander and Jaime Bean pose at their new location in downtown Charleston. Bean is a Daniel Island resident.

out that mission in Mount Pleasant, and I can't wait to see how he grows his community in downtown Charleston."

DI'S LIONEL LOFTON NAMED AMONG 'AMERICA'S TOP 100 ATTORNEYS'

Lionel Lofton of the Daniel Island law firm Lofton & Lofton P.C. was recently named one of "America's Top 100 Attorneys." According to a press release, the designation is an invitation-only honor for the nation's most exceptional attorneys "whose accomplishments and impact on the legal profession merit a

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Selection is not achieved based on a single accomplishment or a single great year of success, continued the release, but rather on a lifetime of hard work, ethical standards, and inspiring community-enriching accomplishments. The candidate's professional experience, significant case results, and peer reputation also factor in to the selection screening process. Less than one-half percent of active attorneys in the U.S. achieve the honor, stated the release.

Lofton's practice areas include medical malpractice, nursing home abuse and neglect, white collar criminal defense, and personal injury. He is a native of McClellanville and has been practicing law since 1971.

DANIEL ISLAND REAL ESTATE INTRODUCES NEW BROKER-IN-CHARGE

Daniel Island Real Estate, the leader in real estate sales on Daniel Island for more than two decades and a growing Charleston-area brokerage firm, announced a change of leadership in January by introducing Jeff Leonard



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Lionel Lofton of the Daniel Island law firm Lofton & Lofton P.C. was recently named one of "America's Top 100 Attorneys."



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Jeff Leonard is the new vice president of sales and broker-in-charge at Daniel Island Real Estate.

as the company's new vice president of sales and broker-in-charge. Leonard replaces long-time broker-in-charge Rick Vale, who is transitioning to retirement by stepping down from management and joining Daniel Island Real Estate's sales team.

In his new role, Leonard is responsible for managing sales for all newly developed homes and homesites on Daniel Island and for directing Daniel Island Real Estate's Charleston area general brokerage services. He oversees a growing team which currently includes 18 sales associates and their administrative support team.

Leonard's real estate career spans nearly 30 years and covers a broad spectrum of leadership roles in the coastal Carolinas. For the past 16 years he served as the executive director of sales for Bald Head Island in southeastern North Carolina. Prior to that he held management and sales executive positions within a variety of master planned communities, including on Daniel Island, where he was part of the Daniel Island Real Estate sales team from 2001 to 2002. He also previously owned and managed a Century 21 real estate sales franchise in Ocean Isle Beach, NC.

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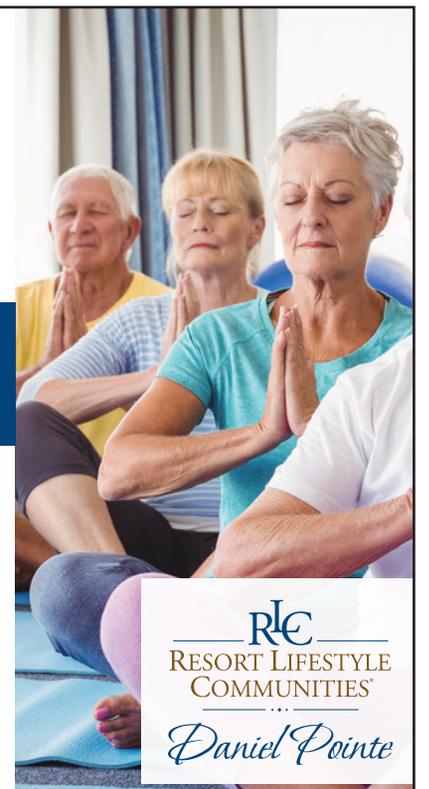
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TOP NOTCH Teachers!

Local schools
select 'Teachers of the Year'



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When it comes to teaching, they make the grade – and then some. Every year, each of the 47 schools in the Berkeley County School District nominates three educators to be considered for "Teacher of the Year." Each contender completes a statement of philosophy and biography. The nominee receiving the most votes from colleagues receives the award and is considered for District Teacher of the Year.

On these pages, we spotlight the winners from Cainhoy Elementary School, Daniel Island School, Philip Simmons Elementary School, Philip Simmons Middle School, and Philip Simmons High School.

ROOKIE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

The following local teachers have been nominated by principals at their schools for the Berkeley County School District's "Rookie Teacher of the Year."

JULIANNA PHILLIPS
Band
Daniel Island School

JOSH MCCALL
8th grade ELA
Philip Simmons
Middle School

KIMBERLY KEAN
2nd grade
Philip Simmons
Elementary School

KATHRYN SABLITSKY
Engineering
Philip Simmons
High School



COLLEEN BENDIG
Philip Simmons Elementary

R kindergarten teacher Colleen Bendig won the Teacher of the Year award at Philip Simmons Elementary School. Bending has been teaching for 12 years.

"My first nine years I taught in Charleston County and the last three years, I have been teaching in Berkeley County as a kindergarten teacher at Philip Simmons Elementary," Bendig said.

She describes her teaching philosophy as centered around smoothing over the transitional period for students entering into the school system.

"I believe in the importance of providing a safe and nurturing environment for my students as they make the transition from home to school for the first time," she stated. "I feel that as a teacher it is my duty to nurture and develop my students' social and emotional skills. They will carry with them throughout their lives these important skills. I have a passion for teaching early interventions to foster a strong base for my students' future academic achievements."

In a similar fashion, the educator said that watching the students progress before her eyes is the most rewarding aspect of her job.

"I love seeing the tremendous growth that my students show in his or her first year of school," she added. "I find joy when I pass former students in the hall and I get a hello and a big hug. Early intervention is key to learning, so teaching kindergarten for me is quite rewarding."

The award winner said that she feels honored to be selected.

"I hope to continue the precedents set by my predecessors in the role of Teacher of the Year," she added.



AMY HARDISON
Daniel Island School

A my Hardison is a 17-year veteran of the education world, now working as a seventh grade social studies teacher at Daniel Island School. Having taught social studies to all grades, 6-12, Hardison landed in her current position in 2006, when Daniel Island School first opened to the community.

"I'm originally from New York but went to a small college in Iowa where I played soccer and basketball and earned my degrees in teaching, psychology and human services," she said. "Eventually, earning my M.Ed. in Secondary Social Studies from Charleston Southern University."

Hardison has kept on kicking in her career because of two key factors.

"I love showing students that learning can be fun, plus there are no days that are exactly the same, which keeps things exciting," she added.

Hardison's philosophy on her career comes from a love of the subject matter she teaches.

"Well I think it goes without saying that teachers believe all students are capable of learning, they just need to be given the proper motivation and guidance," Harding said. "Teaching history allows for so many opportunities to incorporate lessons that are meaningful, applicable and inviting to students."

"I love taking my students on a journey each day through history," she added. "I love the connections and relationships. Middle school students are pretty amazing. I love inspiring them to become not only life-long learners, but to also be a better version of themselves as each day passes. But really, I have many favorite things I love about teaching."

As a teacher, she likes to keep her classroom upbeat. Hardison stays ready to learn, just as often as she's ready to teach.

"I really believe that high energy levels and a positive attitude from the teacher are key elements that foster successful learning classrooms and communities," Hardison commented. "I learn with and from my students every day. That is what makes teaching exciting for me. It is an ongoing process of learning."

"Amy Hardison is a wonderful educator who supports her students, but she also spreads her effectiveness across our school," said Daniel Island School Principal Kori Brown.

In Brown's Teacher of the Year recommendation letter, she described Hardison as "energetic, enthusiastic, creative, and a true asset to DI School."



DEREK CLASSEY
Philip Simmons Middle School

B and teacher Derek Classey was Philip Simmons Middle School's pick for Teacher of the Year. With a seven year career in education, joining PSMS last school year, Classey said that his favorite part of being a teacher is easily the relationship with the kids.

"I literally wake up every morning and go have fun with these guys," he commented. "There is plenty of learning happening, don't get me wrong, but we are learning while we have a good time. My students and I get four years to get to know each other and play some awesome music. I can't think of a better career."

Classey stated that he loves watching the development of the children, and thinks music is an excellent lens to view it through.

"Band allows students to develop not only music specific techniques and fundamentals but also leadership ability and core values," he said. "Seeing my students every day for several years affords me the privilege to witness them grow and evolve into young adults and establish meaningful relationships with them."

For the band teacher, music also grows a student's most valuable qualities.

"I teach them the importance of responsibility, punctuality, persistence, goal setting, time management, leadership, diligence, equality, empathy, and many more," he added. "To me and my students, band is much more than learning to play an instrument. It is about how to become a well-rounded person and a productive and compassionate member of society, regardless of stature or social status."

Philip Simmons Middle School Principal Charla Groves said that Classey has not only done a great job of teaching music to the students, but has also cultivated a program that the school can be proud of.

"He joined the PSM faculty last school year with the task of building our band program," she said. "He began with a small group of students, and through his hard work and excellent leadership the band has quadrupled in size."

As a teacher, Groves said that Classey "has the gift of transforming sometimes hesitant beginner band students into confident and creative musicians."

"As a parent, I am very proud to have my son in Mr. Classey's band," Groves added.



ERIC HATCHER
Philip Simmons High School

E ric Hatcher is Philip Simmons High School's pick Teacher of the Year. This is Hatcher's sixth year teaching social studies and is his second career.

"I spent 17 years in the automotive business selling car parts," he said.

Hatcher seems to have taken to the new career very well in the past few years.

"He is deserving of this award for many reasons, but mainly because he is passionate about students, his profession, and his community," said PSHS Principal Anthony Dixon. "Mr. Hatcher develops positive relationships with students, staff, and parents, and has committed his work to ensuring our students are well prepared for the future."

Hatcher said that his favorite part of teaching is the relationships he's developed with students and fellow faculty members.

"Education is a people business and I am lucky enough to spend my days with young people who are eager to learn, and adults who are excited to teach," Hatcher stated. "Teachers wield a lot of power and influence and it's rewarding to see the impact a positive learning environment can have on the growth of young people."

When describing his teaching philosophy, the award-winning educator said that he bases everything around the needs of the students.

"Sometimes those needs are related to academics, but often times they are not school-related," he adds. "I offer empathy and compassion for all of my students, which allows me to be more effective as a teacher. I think back to when I was their age and it was difficult. In fact, I didn't actually finish high school. I think about what I needed from my teachers when I was in high school and I try to provide that as best I can."

As far as the Teacher of the Year title goes, he said that it's brought a new sense of humility.

"I am fortunate to work with some incredible people who amaze me every day with what they do for our students," Hatcher added. "Unfortunately there just aren't enough awards to go around in a school like ours. Recognition is somewhat rare as a classroom teacher and I do appreciate the award greatly. The fact that it was voted on by my peers means a lot and I know that they all are just as deserving as me."



HOLLY NALL
Cainhoy Elementary School

C ainhoy Elementary School's Teacher of the Year is kindergarten teacher Holly Nall. In her 10 years of teaching, Nall sees the moment where a kid understands a new idea as the favorite part of her job.

"The 'aha' moments that lead to them making progress help remind me that what I do is important," she said.

As an educator, Nall carries this love into her teaching philosophy. "I believe that every child can learn," she stated. "No two children will learn at exactly the same pace or in exactly the same way, however there is always the ability to progress. I do my best each day to present information to my class in ways that are engaging and fun."

When it comes to doing her job to the best of her abilities, Nall tries to keep her teaching style loose. "Every child comes to school with different needs and abilities and I pride myself on forming connections with the students in my class, as well as their families, in order to help them reach their full potential in the classroom," she said.

Nall believes that working hard for her kindergarten students will prepare them for the rest of their school career.

"Kindergarten is the gateway to a student's school career, and making my classroom a welcoming and encouraging place is very important to me," she said. "I aim to foster a love of learning that will follow them throughout their lives. I want my kids to leave school each day knowing that they are loved and accepted at school, and that they are smart and capable of greatness."

Nall added that she is honored to be chosen as Teacher of the Year.

"I truly love the students and the families that I serve, and I work hard to make sure that I am doing everything I can to prepare my kids for their next school year," she said.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

PSE hosts poignant day of awareness and celebration in honor of Black History Month



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PSE second graders dug deep into the history of the local community to learn about and recognize local African American "change makers."

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On Feb. 21, Philip Simmons Elementary School students, teachers, families and community members gathered to celebrate what President Gerald Ford recognized in 1976 as Black History Month. President Ford called on the public to set aside time to recognize the many contributions that African Americans have made to the United States and the world.

According to Rosemary Herold, librarian at PSE, the school views this month as "a special opportunity to dwell with our students in the richness of black culture and history and these have been powerful learning experiences for our students, teachers, and community."

The school opened its celebration with comments from Dr. Glenda Levine, followed by a performance by the PSE choir, which sang three compositions: "I have a Dream," "Hallelujah Get on Board" and "We Live the Dream." PSE third and fourth grade poets then shared poems written with themes of equality, struggle, perseverance and justice.

"We then recognized second graders who designed and created a calendar recognizing local African American change-makers," added Herold. "This calendar will be sold and all proceeds will go towards a donation in Philip Simmons' name to the African American History Museum being constructed downtown."

As students returned to their classrooms, adult attendees were invited to walk the halls and view work students created in an effort to learn about, recognize and celebrate local and national African Americans who have made lasting impacts on our community and nation. Kindergarten explored the use of quilts to tell stories, first grade was inspired by great African



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The PSE kindergarten class explored the use of quilts to tell stories,

American inventors, second grade dug deep into the history of the local community to learn about and recognize local African American "changer makers." Third grade created beautiful Jonathan Green-inspired paintings and fourth grade studied the African Americans who paved the way to freedom in the American Revolution.

"It was a wonderful day," added Herold. "However, is our desire to not limit the study and celebration of African American history to a few special events or projects in February. Instead, we emphasize Black history as American history. Throughout the year we strive to celebrate the diversity of the U.S. and our great community by investigating, sharing, and celebrating the history and contributions of all cultures to our shared story -- we celebrate the 'story of us' and the important role that all members play in this story. This is one way that we at Philip Simmons Elementary 'make it better.'"

Iron Horses' softball team working to improve in second season as varsity team



MALLORY BENDIG

The Philip Simmons High School softball team has had a few scrimmages this month, but their first official game of the season will take place at home on Thursday, Feb. 28, against Palmetto Christian Academy. According to coach Mallory Bendig, the team is taking small steps forward as they begin their second season.

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

Philip Simmons High School softball coach Mallory Bendig admits her team will take small steps as the Iron Horses begin their second season as a varsity team. But she promises those steps will be important ones as the team builds for the future.

The Iron Horses won two games last spring, four if you count two forfeits against Garrett Tech, and Bendig hopes for modest success from a team that is very young with three seventh-graders, an eighth-grader and three freshmen.

"We're not trying to win the state championship," Bendig said. "We're not trying to win the region. What we're trying to do is show improvement."

The Iron Horses, basically, still are a junior varsity team competing at the varsity level. That makes life interesting – and tough – when the Iron Horses play against programs that are solid and have a full complement of players on the roster.

"Next year, we will have girls who will range from freshmen to seniors," Bendig said. "The big step will be when we have two teams – varsity and junior varsity. We have a lot of talented young players in the middle schools. But for now, when we play against teams with juniors and seniors, it makes everything interesting."

Bendig and Iron Horse football coach Eric Bendig are cousins. They have classrooms across the hall and often share stories and advice about starting a sports program from the ground up.

"We bounce ideas off each other all the

time," Mallory Bendig said. "The thing we talk about most is coaching the players where they are. You don't want to set expectations too high. We have players who never played softball. We have players who have never been on a team. Sometimes, they need for you to believe in them, for you to be there for them."

Bendig, who graduated from Appalachian State, coached at a couple of high schools in North Carolina before moving to the Lowcountry. She coached at Wando before accepting the job – and challenge – at Philip Simmons.

"Last year, we had 15 girls try out and we had 15 players on the roster. We kept everybody," Bendig said. "Last year, we beat North Charleston and Burke and made the first round of the playoffs. This year, we hope to win one or two more games. So far, the pitching and manpower is better."

The 2019 roster hasn't been finalized just yet because there are some players from the basketball team who are still going through tryouts. Their successful mindsets could be a boon to the rest of the team.

"We want to keep as many girls as possible and make them fall in love with the sport," Bendig said.

The team should be solid up the middle. Sophomore Kendall Hammett begins the season as the most promising season after an offseason that included lessons.

Two juniors should provide leadership. Riley Anderson transferred from Wando and will play softball for the first time this year. She plays catcher.

Shortstop Tamia Heyward is the leader in the infield and makes powerful contact at the plate. She also runs the bases well.



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Seasonal change can make it tough to find fish



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

In the Lowcountry, we are blessed with a great nearly year-round saltwater fishery. The one exception is the month of March. Consistently windy conditions can make fishing difficult. As the days get longer and the water warms up, redfish and trout transition out of their winter patterns. In March, the fish move around and finding them can take a lot of time. Don't get me wrong, you can catch fish in March. Fishing is actually pretty good. It is just not great. However, on a warm spring day, being on the water is a hard thing to beat. Even if you don't catch any fish.

Fishing this week was a lot like March. The tem-

perature was warm, and it was windy most of the time. Trout moved out of their deep-water winter haunts and into the shallows. Finding them took some time. Once located, at least they were hungry. The most productive lure was a Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 (Blue Back Herring) on a 3/16-ounce Finesse Jig. Casting this lure combination to marsh points and pockets in one to three feet of water provided enough action to keep fishing interesting.

Speaking of interesting (well at least to me), I will be teaching a fishing class at the Daniel Island Library from 9:30 -11:30 on April 13. The class is free. However, I am asking attendees to consider a donation to The Lucy Boyle Memorial Fund or Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. More to come. Please save the date. Seating at the library is limited and the class usually fills up pretty quickly. If you would like to reserve a seat, please send a note to captgregp@gmail.com.

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'The strength of the team is simply the players'

PSHS baseball team preps for second season



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Above: Batter up! Drake Nisbet, No. 10 for the Iron Horses, readies for the pitch. Right: Philip Simmons baseball player CJ Goforth keeps his eyes on his target as he winds up his pitch.

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

Philip Simmons High School baseball coach Josh Kubisz has high hopes as his team preps for its second season of competition.

Part of the reason for the coach's optimism is strength in numbers. There are 15 players on the varsity team and 16 on the junior varsity team. The other reason is because of performance. The Iron Horses went 5-13 in their debut season, reaching the second round of the Class AA playoffs.

Kubisz refused to let lack of experience be an issue when the school fielded a team for the first time last spring. Yes, the team didn't have juniors and seniors, but the coach said it wasn't a factor.

"Baseball is different," he said. "You don't need a guy lifting 300 pounds like you do in football. I didn't see having such a young team as a disadvantage. What I have is kids who will be in the program for four, five and six years. That's a big advantage, actually."

Kubisz played at Goose Creek High School and graduated in 2008. He matriculated to Newberry College and finished out at Penn State University Allegheny. After graduation, he returned to Goose Creek in 2013 as an assistant on Chris Pond's staff. He was named coach at Philip Simmons when the school opened.

It was a case of new, new, new. The team had a new field, a new locker room and a new weight room. The coach used social media to get the word out about the team and players donned athletic wear that boasted of their

sport.

The result was success in the first year as the team finished third in Region 6-AA. Encore? Kubisz set the bar just short of the stratosphere, and he expects the Iron Horses to be at the top of the region standings by the time May rolls around.

The team doesn't have overwhelming talent. But it has enough talent to win. Kubisz stresses the fundamentals and everyone who takes the field is expected to know the difference from small ball and long ball.

The Iron Horses will manufacture runs, play strong defense and support each other.

The way Kubisz talks, esprit de corps is a must.

The team has talent. Max Bailey is a sophomore who will play pitcher and catcher. Tripp Williams, who shone on the football field, is a physical specimen who has power. Ty Peterson is a much-improved shortstop while Taylor Harper patrols center field. He has been clocked at 6.9 seconds in the 60-yard dash.

Kubisz said the strength of the team is simply the players. No one dominates, but everyone contributes. He sees a path to the top of the Lowcountry baseball mountain in the near future. He points out that the Daniel Island area is a fertile baseball area and uses Bishop England and Hanahan as examples.

"If we keep things together, keep players in the program and keep them healthy, we can compete against Bishop England, Hanahan, Oceanside Academy and Academic Magnet." Stay tuned.

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BE girls on the road to state title...again!



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The Bishop England girls' basketball team poses on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Florence Civic Center, where the team defeated Dillon 46-22 to claim the Lower State title. They head to Columbia this weekend to compete for the Class AAA state championship crown.



STEVE BROOKS

Katie Brooks led the Bishops with 17 points, hitting 6 of 7 from the field. She added seven rebounds, three steals and four assists.

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

The way Bishop England girls' basketball coach Paul Runey talked, his team celebrated until it saw the scouting report for Saturday's Class AAA state championship foe Keenan.

The Bishops reached the state title game for the fifth time in seven years with a 46-22 victory over Dillon over the weekend at the Florence Civic Center. Then the Bishops found out their next opponent is a Keenan team that doesn't have a glitzy record, but has a golden girl in eighth-grader Milaysia Fulwiley.

Suddenly, the Bishops' anticipation might have turned to anxiety.

First about Kennan's record. The Raiders are 19-7 but that might be a little misleading since they opened the season with seven losses in 11 games, playing a tough non-conference schedule that included two games against defending Class AAAA state champ North Augusta.

Keenan, which moved up to Class AAA this year after winning the Class AA state title last season, enters Saturday's 2 p.m. showdown against the Bishops with a 15-game winning streak.

Now, about that golden girl, Fulwiley. She is a diminutive guard who has simply been dominant. She scored 30 points in the Upper State championship to lead the Raiders to a 75-48 victory over Emerald. She already has offers from programs such as the University of South Carolina and Ole Miss.

But the Bishops became one of the most dominant programs in the state by accepting and conquering most challenges.

Two games ago, the Bishops went up

against Swansea all-state selection Danae McNeal, who will play at Clemson, and held her in check. So the Bishops are well versed in shutting down superstars.

And the Bishops know all about stopping teams who are on a roll. Dillon entered Saturday's game against the Bishops with a 20-0 record, but went home with a 24-point loss.

The Bishops, who upped their record to 27-1 jumped to a 16-5 lead at the end of the first period, and that deficit had to be demoralizing for the Wildcats.

"No doubt about that," said Runey, after his team rolled to its 34th playoff win in 36 games. "We hope to do the same thing this week. This team (Keenan) has good support and is just not a two-man team. It will be a challenge. This is what a true state championship game should be."

The Bishops dominated against Dillon, shooting 52 percent from 2-point range, while Dillon hit only 14 percent.

Katie Brooks led the Bishops with 17 points, hitting 6 of 7 from the field. She added seven rebounds, three steals and four assists.

Josie Dennis also had a big effort with eight points, nine rebounds, four assists and four steals.

The Bishops expanded the lead to 32-10 at halftime and outscored the Wildcats 8-1 in the third period.

Saturday's championship marks the third time Keenan and Bishop England have played for all the state marbles.

The state championship series is tied 1-1. Keenan posted a 46-41 victory over the Bishops in 2013 and the Bishops posted a 53-37 victory in the 2016 state championship.

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2019 Trident League 8th Grade Boys Playoffs 8TH GRADE BOYS:

Back Row (left to right): Asst. Coach Laydon, Weston Peterson, Walker Bauknight, Luke Bishop, Asher Western, and John Brookes.
Front Row (left to right): Cole Preiditsch, Wilson Brookes, Brady Coupe, Ryan Cate, and Turner Orvin.



2019 Trident League Senior Girls Champions 8TH GRADE GIRLS:

Back Row (left to right): Evelyn Ketchin, Ella Butler, Coach Chambers, Morgan Davis, Kendall Cunningham, Maddie Moehlman, Asst. Coach Moehlman, Samantha Brown, and Bella Chambers. Front Row (left to right): Ghemyini Jefferson, Clair Esse, and Mallory Holleman.



2019 Trident League 6th Grade Boys Finalists 6TH GRADE BOYS:

Back Row (left to right): Nick Brunetti, Kolten Kellermann, Blake Darby, Andrew Putignano, and Gannon Barton.
Front Row (left to right): Carter Gregory, Banks Butler, Blake Stallings Jr., Charlie Helms, and Robby Ryan.



2019 Trident League 5th Grade Girls Playoffs 5TH GRADE GIRLS:

Back row (left to right): Ellie Chalupsky, Haley Taylor, Emmie Gregg, Jolie Mello, Kate Devries, Gracyn Ross, and Lilly Kay Vance. Middle row (left to right): Langley Stroble, Charlotte Cline, and Olivia Maher. Front row (left to right): Brooke Pennell, Lucy Graham, and Maris Musamanno.

Three top 15 players join Volvo Car Open field

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The Volvo Car Open has added three top 15 players to its 2019 field – Aryna Sabalenka, Anastasija Sevastova and Ashleigh Barty. They join a strong international player field featuring Sloane Stephens, Caroline Wozniacki, Kiki Bertens, Madison Keys, Julia Goerges, Elise Mertens, Danielle Collins and Jelena Ostapenko. The 2019 tournament is scheduled for March 30 – April 7 on Daniel Island.

“We are ecstatic to announce that Aryna, Anastasija and Ash have entered the Volvo Car Open,” said Eleanor Adams, Volvo Car Open tournament manager. “Ash is one of the most well-rounded players on the tour, Anastasija is a returning VCO semifinalist and Aryna is making her Charleston debut!”

World No. 9 Sabalenka will compete in the Volvo Car Open for the first time in



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Pictured left to right: Anastasija Sevastova, Ashleigh Barty, and Aryna Sabalenka.

2019. The 20-year-old has had a strong start to her season, winning the title in Shenzhen and reaching the semifinals in St. Petersburg. The Belarusian also won two titles in 2018, in Wuhan and New Haven, reached the finals in Eastbourne and Lugano and the semifinals in Cincin-

nati.

Ranked World No. 11, Sevastova recently made the fourth round of the Australian Open and the quarterfinals in Brisbane. She won the title in Bucharest last season and reached the finals in Beijing and Mallorca. She was a semifinalist at

the 2018 US Open, as well as in Moscow, Charleston and Brisbane. The 2019 Volvo Car Open will be the Latvian’s sixth time competing in Charleston, where she also reached the quarterfinals in 2017.

Barty is ranked World No. 12 in singles and World No. 6 in doubles. Already in 2019 she made a splash in her home country of Australia, when she reached the finals in Sydney and the quarterfinals in Melbourne at the Australian Open. Last season she won the title in Zhuhai and Nottingham and reached the semifinals in Wuhan, Montreal and Strasbourg as well as the final in Sydney.

Earlier this month, all three players helped their respective countries win the Fed Cup World Group first round to reach the semifinals.

The nine day Volvo Car Open is the largest women’s-only tennis tournament in North America and attracts an average of 90,000 attendees and more than 100 of the top singles and doubles tennis players.

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♥ Cupcake Love ♥

Valentine's Day presented a tasty opportunity to show some love for a favorite dessert – cupcakes! Tracey Noonan, CEO and co-founder of Wicked Good Cupcakes, hosted a Cupcake Jar Party on Feb. 14 at Bin 526 on Daniel Island to commemorate the popular holiday. The festive evening began with a sampling of different types of cakes and frosting

flavors to determine attendees' favorite combinations. The cake flavors were then paired with sparkling wine choices that included a Prosecco and Moscato.

Noonan's company was featured on the TV show "Shark Tank" in 2013, earning a deal from investor Kevin O'Leary. The company has been enjoying sweet success ever since.



ELIZABETH BUSH

Victoria Futrell, who handles marketing for BEECH at both of their locations, enjoyed taking part in the Daniel Island store's grand opening fun last Saturday. She is pictured here with fellow attendee, Andrew Bock.



ELIZABETH BUSH

Sophie of Kenchi Ferments shows off a colorful poke bowl at the BEECH grand opening celebration on Daniel Island on Feb. 23.

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About 200 people stopped in to enjoy free food samples, beverages and music at the BEECH grand opening.

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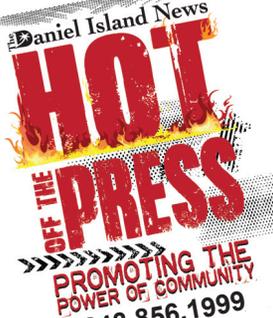


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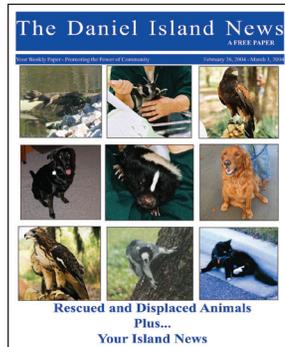
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Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The February 26, 2004 edition featured stories about rescued and displaced animals. Island veterinarian Lynne Flood wrote an article about displaced animals, including information about fox squirrels. Another article spotlighted the Keeper of the Wild.

In other news, Shoshanna Szuch won The Daniel Island News logo contest



with a logo that featured island activities.

In business news, the Soda Water Grill (where Vespa is located today) held their second anniversary party on Daniel Island and over 60 people attended a “Doing Business with Your Neighbor Happy Hour” sponsored by three island businesses: All About Windows, A Closest Case and Daniel Island Design. The event was also supported by the Daniel Island Property Owners Association.

FILE

This is a picture of the cover of the February 26, 2004 issue of The Daniel Island News.

TEN YEARS AGO

In the February 26, 2009 edition, a story titled “Are you socially connected? Daniel Islanders plug in to online connections” revealed the impact that social media was having on island businesses and residents.

In business news, it was reported that Hilton Garden Inn would break ground on Daniel Island with construction to begin in March, 2009. The new facility was to be located adjacent to the Hampton Inn, with an anticipated opening of summer 2010. This project never happened,



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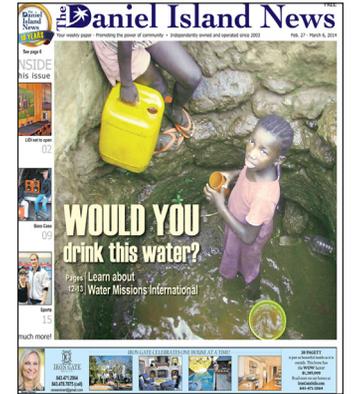
According to a study posted on www.compete.com in 2009, Facebook was listed at the time as the most popular social networking site, with one billion visits in the month of January.

although a Home2Suites is currently under construction at the corner of River Landing Drive and Fairchild Street. It was also reported that a new development known as Daniel Island’s “Town Square” – a 1.1 million square foot mixed-use facility with retail, residential and a hotel to be located in the empty fields on Island Park Drive – was to be completed in 2011, according to executives familiar with the project. While the plans changed somewhat over the years, parts of that project are well underway now.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The centerspread in the February 27, 2014 issue featured Water Mission International. According to the article, 25,000 people, including 4,000 children, reportedly die each day due to unsafe water and poor sanitation (that’s a little over 1,000 people an hour, or 17 people a minute). Charleston residents George Greene III and his wife, Molly, formed Water Mission International (WMI), a Christian engineering ministry dedicated to providing sustainable, safe water and sanitation to those in need all over the world.

In 2014, the safe water solutions, including the Living Water™ Treatment System (LWTSTM), had been deployed to almost 50 countries and could purify more than 10,000 gallons of water a day



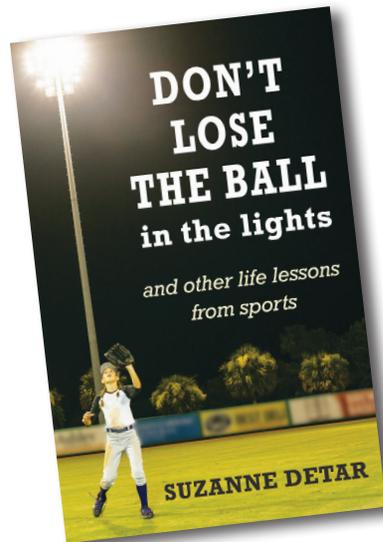
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for between 3,000 and 5,000 people. WMI also developed a mold for building latrines to cut down on sanitation-related illnesses and restore dignity.

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CONGRATS TO WALT GREGG – LAST WEEK'S WINNER!



Walt Gregg

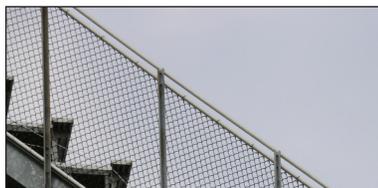
Last week's Mystery Photo Contest winner is Daniel Island resident Walt Gregg, a student at Daniel Island School. Walt correctly identified the picture as the sign for the Daniel Island Barber Shop. "I used to get my hair cut there until my barber moved to Mount Pleasant," he said.

Walt moved to Daniel Island almost 11 years ago after living in Atlanta and Kansas City. His favorite thing to do on the island is ride bikes to Refuel, Publix and Starbucks with friends.

This is Walt's second time entering the Mystery Photo Contest and his first win!

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO? ENTER AND WIN!

Send your answer to mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com by noon on Saturday, March 2. The winner can select from several prize options, including a Daniel Island News hat or t-shirt and local gift cards. Special thanks to our Mystery Photo Contest prize sponsors Subway, Ali Baba Mediterranean Deli, and BEECH of Daniel Island.



This week's mystery photo.

Land use and zoning activities on Daniel Island

These are the issues being brought before the various City of Charleston boards and committees that are specific to land use and zoning on Daniel Island. All meetings are open for public comment except the TRC meetings. For more information on any of these proposed actions, including location and time of meetings, please email president@dineighborhoodassociation.org.

City of Charleston Technical Review Committee (TRC) — The next meeting will be held on Feb. 28 with no issues of impact to Daniel Island on the agenda.

City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals – Site Design (BZA-SD) — At the next meeting on March 6, the agenda includes a request for a special exception from Sec 54-327 to allow the removal of one grand tree at 389 Ralston Creek Street on Daniel Island, as well as requests for variances from Sec 54-327 to allow the removal of 12 grand trees and

seven grand trees on Robert Daniel Drive.

City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals – Zoning (BZA-Z) — The next meeting will be held on March 5. The agenda is not yet published.

City of Charleston Design Review Board (DRB) — The next meeting will be held on March 4 with no issues of impact to Daniel Island on the agenda.

City of Charleston Planning Commission (PC) — At the most recent meeting on Feb. 20, the Commission discussed a request to modify Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by amending Section 54-263, the Daniel Island Master Plan zoning text, to add provisions that allow the visual buffer zone setback to be reduced or eliminated and allow the visual buffer zone to be reduced when conditions specified in the new provisions. The next meeting will be held on March 20. The agenda is not yet published.



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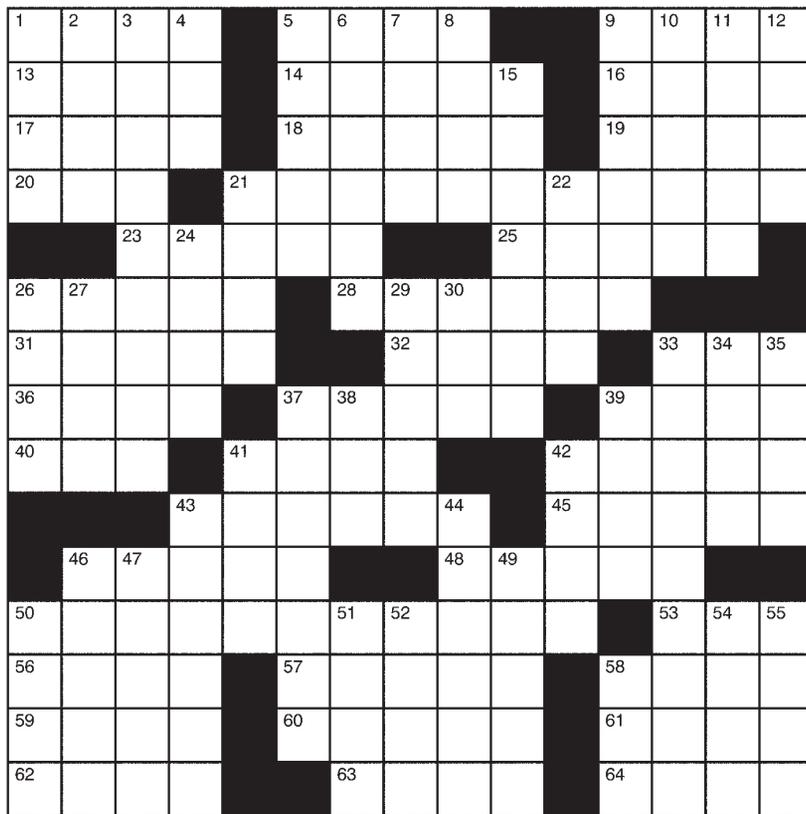
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By Charles Preston

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- 5 Squealer's tune
- 9 Between *O* and *Mio*
- 13 J.D. Salinger character
- 14 Trick's alternative
- 16 Stem
- 17 Oliver's movie mate
- 18 Marble
- 19 Bowling alley
- 20 Rapeseed product
- 21 Seismologist?
- 23 Charged
- 25 Early bird, e.g.
- 26 Anouk
- 28 Tight dress
- 31 Boa
- 32 Pierre's girl
- 33 Erwin, of films
- 36 Saint's headpiece
- 37 Self-styled expert
- 39 Figure heads, for short
- 40 Photog. term
- 41 Sly trick
- 42 Make happy
- 43 Beating
- 45 Soap Box Derby entrant
- 46 Consumed
- 48 Stage throwaway

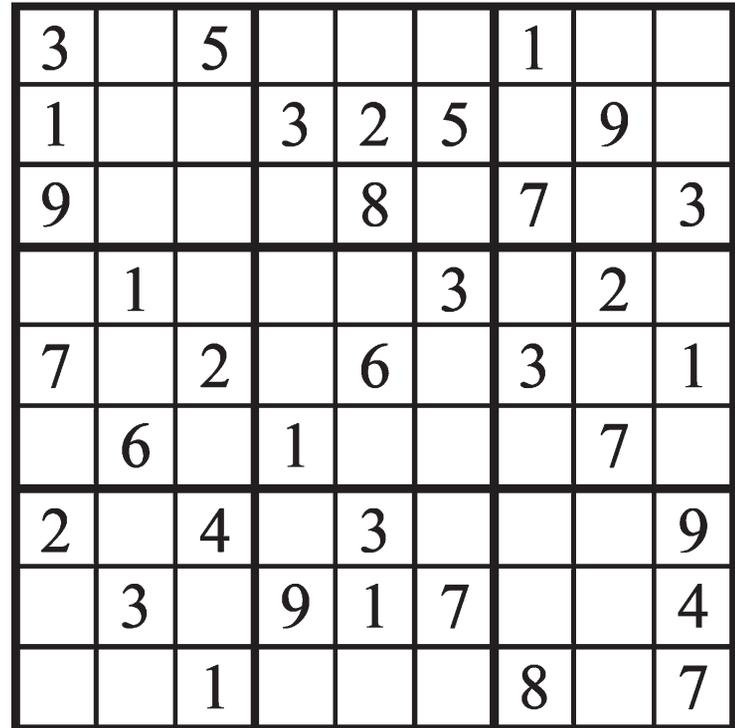
- 50 Back into the 3-wheeler?

- 53 George, of early animation
- 56 Sci. of angles
- 57 Dogie's leash
- 58 ___ *doble*
- 59 Every's associate
- 60 Polyphonic song
- 61 Gelati
- 62 Small barracuda
- 63 Dried up
- 64 Type of coal

DOWN

- 1 Pedro's coin
- 2 Italian sparkling place
- 3 Tiny shopping center?
- 4 In perfect shape
- 5 Gawp
- 6 Church music makers
- 7 Straight
- 8 Take
- 9 Small amount
- 10 Emulate Cicero
- 11 Solitary animal
- 12 Handled jug
- 15 Topography
- 21 B-G connection
- 22 Liturgy
- 24 Island in the Baltic
- 26 Netman Arthur
- 27 Yes, ___
- 29 Asylum
- 30 Sandy's uncle
- 33 Armstrong's first step?
- 34 London gallery
- 35 Computer buff
- 37 College exam
- 38 Clay, now
- 39 Decked
- 41 Nictitate
- 42 Ashtabula's lake
- 43 Zenith
- 44 Spat
- 46 Ankle binder
- 47 Charge
- 49 Ray
- 50 Fr. holy women
- 51 Mother's brothers, in Valencia
- 52 Price or value
- 54 On the Aegean
- 55 Misplaced
- 58 Apple seed

Let's Have Some FUN



Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Modify the Modifiers

Each sentence below contains a modifier (adjective or adverb). Determine whether the modifier is used correctly. If it is incorrect, choose the correct form of the word.

1. Sheila learns *quick*, doesn't she?
2. I've been up half the night, and I'm *real* cranky right now.
3. Bernie is the most *likeliest* guy to cross a picket line.



Answers: 1. Sheila learns *quickly*, doesn't she?
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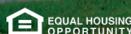
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