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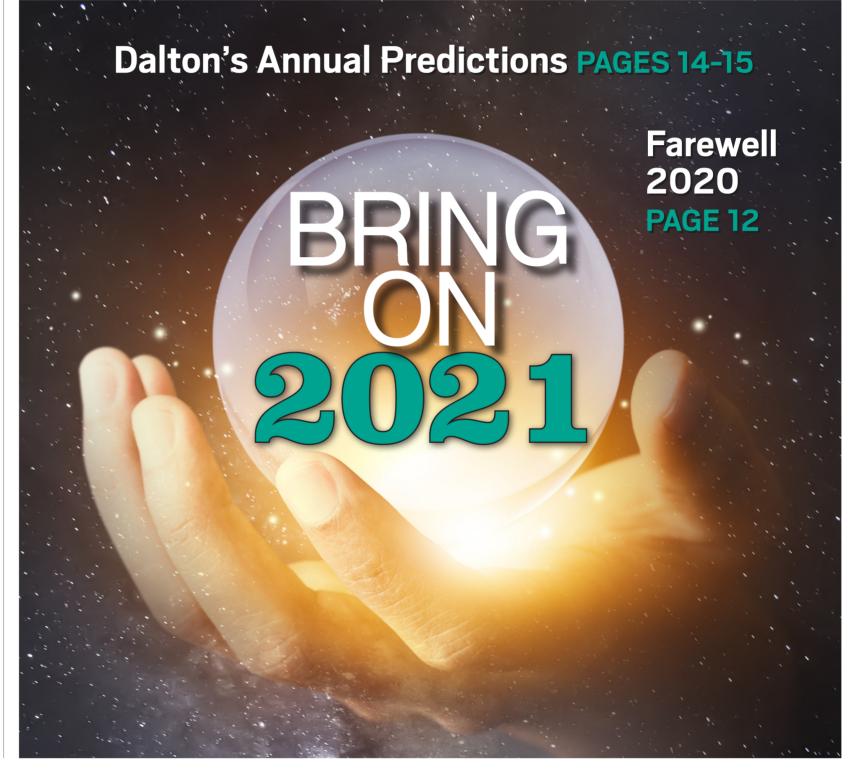


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## Ben & Kelly Navarro launch college scholarship for under-resourced students

#### **ZACH GIROUX**

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Billionaire businessman Ben Navarro and his wife Kelly have made another grand investment. This time it's a philanthropic effort toward the futures of college students.

The Charleston couple, who are known locally for buying Charleston Tennis, LLC in 2018, which operates the tennis center, the Volvo Car Open and the Volvo Car Stadium and bidding on the Carolina Panthers NFL franchise, are also known for their history of generosity when it comes to educational endeavors.

The Navarros are creating a new college scholarship fund that will benefit scholars in Charleston County School District (CCSD) with strong grades and struggling finances. The academic, financial aid package is called the Meeting Street Scholarship Fund.

"Students who worked hard to be ready for college deserve to be supported in reaching their dreams," the Navarros expressed in a joint statement. "We are excited to help thousands of Charleston County students on their path to earning a college degree."

In the works since 2006, the Navarros

launched Meeting Street Schools in 2008, which now consists of three public schools and one private academy that offers early childhood education, elementary and college counseling.

The schools were founded to raise the bar for education in South Carolina, upon the belief that all children deserve an excellent education regardless of their geographic or socioeconomic circumstances.

Since its inception, Meeting Street Schools has impacted the lives of more than 2.000 students.

The Navarros' goal with the Meeting Street Scholarship Fund is to break down the financial barriers that restrict many underprivileged and under-resourced students from receiving a college education. Recipients of the scholarship will be awarded up to \$10,000 per year, for a total of \$40,000 over four years, for tuition at in-state collegiate institutions.

"The Meeting Street Scholarship Fund will provide deserving young people the financial resources to graduate, eliminating a burden that keeps far too many from reaching their full potential," the Navarros

The scholarship application process is expected to open by Feb. 25, 2021.

Seniors from CCSD public high schools that are set to graduate in 2021 are eligible to apply if they meet the following eligibilitv criteria:

- Earning either the LIFE or Palmetto Fellows state-provided scholarship (Earn at least a 3.0 GPA; score at least 1100 on SAT or 24 on ACT and rank in the top 30% of
- Qualifying for the Federal Pell Grant, for family financial assistance for college.
- Gaining acceptance to a four-year South Carolina college with at least a six-year graduation rate of 50%.
- Continuing each year at that university in good academic standing.

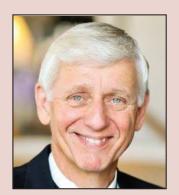
The acceptance period for applications will close by April 16. Recipients will be notified no later than May 31. By 2024, the Meeting Street Scholarship Fund is projected to support approximately 500 students by providing an estimated \$5 million annually.

For more information, visit meetingstreetscholarshipfund.org.



Kelly and Ben Navarro, pictured with their dog Major Tom, have created a college scholarship program for Charleston-area students.

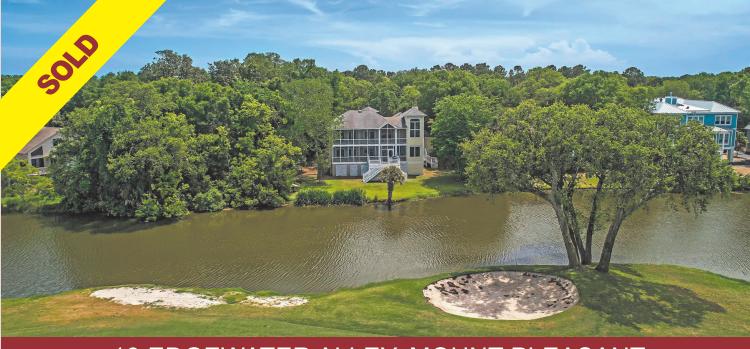
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The following cases were taken from the City of Charleston Police reports filed with Team 5 between Nov. 16-30, 2020.

#### THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS

On Nov. 17, an officer responded to a victim at a hotel on Fairchild Street in reference to a tire and rim that were removed from the right rear passenger side of his 2021 Toyota Camry. It had been parked overnight at the location. Security footage from the parking lot was not available. The tire and rim were valued at \$500.

A victim on Seven Farms Drive reported that all four wheels and rims were stolen from his BMW on Nov. 30. The vehicle had been parked in the complex's parking garage. The same individual was the victim of an attempted motorcycle theft in the same garage, earlier in November. Surveillance cameras were not installed in the parking area of the apartment building. Total value of the missing tires was \$2,000.

#### LARCENY

An officer met with a victim at a storage facility located on Seven Farms Drive on Nov. 23. Several items had been illegally removed from a boat which is stored at the location. A soft cover had been partially pulled back from the boat and a depth finder, chart plotter, UHF radio, various

switches, and battery charger were reported as missing. Serial numbers could not be provided. The case is under investigation.

#### DRUG/NARCOTICS VIOLATION

Officers were dispatched to Longkeep Lane to address a complaint about two individuals who were seen going through vehicles in the parking lot at 2:35 a.m. on Nov. 24. A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle occupied by the two parties. It was determined that the driver had a suspended license and the passenger had an active warrant with the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office. A search of the vehicle revealed tools and drills presumed to have been stolen, a cigarette package that contained a crystal-like substance, determined to be methamphetamine, and an eyeglass case that held pipes and narcotics. Both individuals were arrested for multiple offenses. The vehicle was towed.

Then on Nov. 29, an officer was patrolling the area surrounding Crow's Nest Pool on Oak Leaf Street when a vehicle was observed in the parking lot at 1:47 a.m. The officer made contact with a male and female in the vehicle, a silver Toyota Tundra, and observed, in plain view, material on the center console consistent with marijuana. The odor of the substance was detected from the interior of the vehicle. The driver admitted that they had come to the location to "smoke weed." A search of the car turned up 3.7 grams of marijuana.

The driver was cited for possession of marijuana, arrested

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Wojslawowicz, commander of Team 5. Citizens are not required to file a report but they should know that there will not be any additional investigation into the matter if there is no formal report filed.

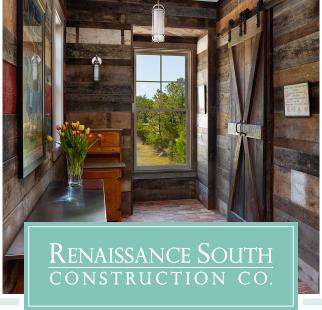
and released, as he was a first-time offender.

#### WIRE FRAUD

On Nov. 24, an officer made contact with a complainant at a business on Fairchild Street in reference to a fraudulent bank deposit. According to the victim, the business was in communication with a vendor and had arranged to make a payment on a contract. During that time, the vendor's email had been hacked. The complainant made the payment to a fraudulent account that did not belong to the vendor. Two deposits were made to the account totaling \$19,593.20. Silicon Valley Banking is investigating the fraudulent activity.

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The South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) offers these tips to help individuals get ready:

• Organize your records now! Save your tax records, W-2s, 1099s, receipts, and other important documents organized in a secure place electronically or in a folder. Keeping the year's important tax records together saves time when completing your return.

• Review electronic filing and refund options. To save time, increase security, and save tax dollars, the SCDOR encourages taxpayers to file electronically and choose direct deposit.

Direct deposit is the fastest refund option to process and provides you with the fastest access to your money. If you file online and choose direct deposit, you're less likely to make errors thanks to system checks.

• Report any new information from life changes, such as a new last name, new mailing address, or new bank account number. Life changes – such as having children, getting married or divorced, or buying a home – could impact your filing status and deductions. Since

state and federal tax returns are tied to Social Security numbers, notify the Social Security Administration of any new name using Form SS-5. Notify the IRS (using Form 8822) and the SCDOR (using MyDORWAY or an SC8822) of any address changes.

• Consider making additional or estimated tax payments if you believe the amount

currently being withheld from your

paycheck will not cover the

tax due next year. To plan ahead for 2022, consider updating your W-4 with your employer to adjust your withholding and more accurately pay the amount of taxes you owe throughout the year.

• If you usually owe taxes, learn about using MyDORWAY to make payments next year. Visit dor.sc.gov/MyDORWAY to get started.

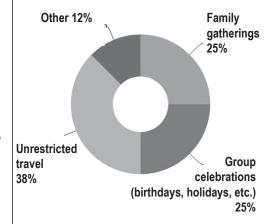
• Protect against identity theft. Do not share personal information,

such as your Social Security number and bank account information, online or in social media posts. Make sure your computer is protected with strong passwords, updated operating systems, and security software.

For more information about South Carolina Individual Income Tax returns, visit dor.sc.gov/iit. To learn more about preparing for your federal return, visit IRS.gov.

## Readers say:

As 2020 comes to a close, people seem more than ready to herald in 2021. We're all looking forward to a brighter outlook in 2021. While you're probably eager to do all these, what are you looking forward to most of all?



The answers "Going back to the office" and "Personal services" received no votes.

#### **Comments:**

Looking forward to seeing our children and grandchildren for the first time since last Christmas.

#### **NEXT WEEK:**



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-

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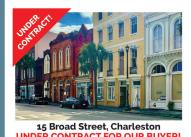
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## DI Community Fund and Foundation provides relief in 2020

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When people are in need, the Daniel Island community steps up. In 2020, two Daniel Island charitable organizations gave \$661,359 to local nonprofits. The Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation support community enhancement projects and philanthropic initiatives on Daniel Island and the Cainhoy peninsula.

Over the past several years, the organizations have helped more than 100,000 people.

"The philanthropic spirit of Daniel Island is what sets us apart from other masterplanned communities," said Jane Baker, vice president of community services for the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association. "Having the two non-profit vehicles allows us to directly impact thousands of lives."

The Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF) provides grants to local nonprofits and is supported by a half percent community enhancement fee from every real estate transaction on the island. Its grants committee is made up of Daniel Island residents

who choose what organizations to support. In 2020, DICF was able to fill all its 29 grant requests which totaled \$273,990 in donations.

The Daniel Island Community Foundation is supported by donations given directly by island residents, businesses and employees. Its resident advisory committee identifies charitable causes important to residents. Each year it selects six organizations to support in fundraising initiatives, which are matched up to \$5,000 by DICF. In 2020, the foundation and its matching campaign distributed \$237,369 to American Red Cross, Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center, East Cooper Community Outreach, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, Lowcountry Food Bank and Shifa Medical Clinic.

"This year with COVID-19, we definitely had a higher need for human services like food pantries and medical clinics, so we really focused on the basic human needs organizations," Baker said.

On Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1, DICF gave an additional \$150,000 distributed evenly between three COVID-19 relief organiza-



Volunteers load boxes for the Lowcountry Food Bank, one of the organizations supported by the Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation. This year the food bank saw a 500% increase in demand for services at its local pantry.

tions to help meet urgent needs in the community. Those funds went to East Cooper Community Outreach, Shifa Medical Clinic and Lowcountry Food Bank.

"Hunger is a 365-day-a-year challenge for many, many people and it's not going to

go away when Jan. 1st comes around," said Brenda Shaw, chief development officer for Lowcountry Food Bank. "We are having to purchase more food than we've ever had to purchase and the cost of food has increased





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## ECCO expands warehouse, installs new software system

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In the 2021, East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) will be able to roll out an initiative thanks to another generous donation from Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF).

Since COVID-19 inundated the Low-country in March, ECCO has launched online and over-the-phone qualifying for their services. Additionally, it added online food ordering to meet the need for clients' privacy and provide food delivery to those without transportation.

"At the beginning of this pandemic food was going out fast and furious when we fed almost 900 families that first month," executive director Stephanie Kelley said.

ECCO's application to DICF's annual grant program requested help to fund their warehouse renovations for their Wellness Pantry and a new software system, Smart Choice, to relaunch their client-choice service.

The former will allow more space for food and cleaning supplies storage, whereas the latter will allow clients to custom-

ize their pick-up, instead of pre-packaged orders which are available every two weeks in a drive-thru style.

This fall, ECCO used DICF's grant to reconfigure 4,000 square feet of existing warehouse space to accommodate bulk food donations. To maximize warehouse square footage, the Clothing Closet and partner St. Vincent De Paul's furniture ministry will relocate to other areas inside or outside of the building.

Overall, the project's grant exceeded \$20,000, which includes \$8,000 worth of warehouse renovations and \$13,312 for the software setup. The new shelving, which nearly doubled in space, cost ECCO approximately \$10,000 and the first year of Smart Choice is estimated to cost \$14,000, according to Kelley.

Beginning Feb. 1, 2021, Smart Choice will be available to new and existing client families living in zip codes 29492 and 29450.

Under the new Smart Choice system, clients will be able to shop twice a month with a specific number of points to spend. The client places their order online and it prints out at the warehouse where an ECCO volunteer fills their order.

Kelley expects the time frame from the order to the pick-up to take about a half hour. The most convenient part is that clients can place their order in advance and plan it around their schedule.

More so, the menu will be very inclusive to all types of dietary needs. The new system will allow clients to have the same shopping experience with equal nutritional options to aid or assist health problems.

"We're not intended to feed people completely, we're intended to be a supplement," Kelley added. "We try to make sure that they are taking advantage of other resources in the area. But we never turn anybody down."

In order to keep their shelves stocked, particularly throughout the high demands during COVID-19, ECCO relies on three sectors of the community. One-third comes from USDA-apportioned produce from Lowcountry Food Bank. Another third is provided from community food drives and churches. The last third is donations from grocery store retail partners like Harris



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East Cooper Community Outreach received a \$20,000 grant from the Daniel Island Community Fund to renovate its warehouse's Wellness Pantry and launch a new software system to re-offer client-choice options.

Teeter, Lowes, Costco, and Walmart.

Local firm Rush Dixon Architects provided the design plans for the renovations pro bono.

"We can only serve the community through the support of the community," Kelley added.

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Staff and supporters gathered outside the Trident United Way's Resource Connection Center on Main Street in Moncks Corner on Giving Tuesday to say thank you to donors, while also encouraging people to donate. The effort paid off, as generous people and companies helped surpass the goal of \$10,000 raised. All proceeds will go to the **Resource Connection Centers in Summerville and Moncks** Corner. Both facilities provide navigation help and agency referrals to clients who need assistance in the forms of financial, food, utilities and housing. Giving Tuesday is a day celebrated globally where the community is asked to come together to financially support a special cause.



Casey Kellermann and Chris Gregory, with other community volunteers, gathered in the parking area at the Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island Christmas Eve to fry turkey dinners for those in need.



Saint Clare of Assisi parishioners Nancy Bloodgood and Jady Fryml prepare to deliver the first of several loads of Christmas treats to the Lieber and MacDougall Correction Center in Ridgeville. The 1,750 inmates received a heartwarming gift this Christmas, thanks to the efforts of parishioners Fryml, Bloodgood, Kelly Loughery, and Nick Armandi of the parish's prison ministry team that collected over \$12,000 from Saint Clare of Assisi members, the Daniel Island Rotary Club, and several other church communities. The funds enabled the team to give stockings filled with socks, t-shirts, toiletries, and other items to the inmates. Visits to the inmates by families and friends of the inmates were halted in February due to the pandemic, contributing to higher tensions within the prison communities. These small gifts mean a great deal to the recipients who realize that somebody on the outside is thinking about them. The prison ministry team will also purchase a video projector for the MacDougall chapel.



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## **Delta Pharmacy's upcoming** move perfect prescription for growing community

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Delta Pharmacy will be relocating its Daniel Island store to a new building next year. Owner Willis High said the move was prompted in part by lessor's reluctance to extend a long-term lease to the business.

"They would only renew it a year at a time. They weren't interested in extending our lease past a year," he explained.

High is leasing the new property from Island Market LLC. He wanted to buy land and build, but because of the robust market conditions on Daniel Island, there wasn't anything available.

Construction on the new location is set for completion next year and the DI Delta Pharmacy should open by summer 2021. The new building located on Island Park Drive, between Ristorante LIDI and Palmetto Primary Care Physicians, will be about 2,000 square feet. The space is roughly 700 square feet larger than the current space in Daniel Island Town Center.

High plans to have dedicated parking spaces for added customer convenience. He is confident the move will be beneficial for both the community and Delta Pharmacy.

"The island has grown a lot and we have grown a lot. We just needed more space and room for products and services for our customers," High said.

Daniel Island resident John Granozio is looking forward to the new location.

"I am very excited about this and it will be good for Delta and also for its customers," he said.

The full-service, family-owned pharmacy chain has been part of the Lowcountry community for over 85 years. The original Delta Pharmacy opened in Moncks Corner in 1935. There are now seven locations, including the one on Daniel Island, which has been serving the community for 10

Lowcountry local Suzanne White said she appreciates that Delta Pharmacy is locally owned.

"Not only do they live and work here, but they invest in our community as well," she said.



Delta Pharmacy is currently located in Daniel Island Town Center, next to Publix.



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Daniel Island's Delta Pharmacy will be moving to a new location after construction is completed in the summer of 2021.

High, the third generation of the Delta Pharmacy proprietors, is excited the additional space will provide even more services for Daniel Island and the surrounding communities. He hopes to offer the COVID-19 vaccine to residents as soon as it becomes available to the general public.

Delta Pharmacy prides itself on stocking hard-to-find remedies and providing products not available at chain pharmacies including bioidentical hormone replacement as well as medical equipment, diabetic supplies and immunizations.

"We do customized compounding that is unique to individuals. You can't get at the box stores," High stated.

The pharmacy accepts a variety of insurance plans and guarantees customers pay the lowest cash price. Currently, free delivery is available for Daniel Island residents.

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## Farewell, 2020

## A look back at the year dominated by COVID-19

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When 2020 rang in, the news cycle was winding down from the holiday hoopla and looking toward the next 365 days to come -- well, 366, since it was a Leap Year.

In those early months, stories about Bishop England's boys basketball team jumping out to an 11-0 start or the perfect temperatures for winter fishing or photo pages of community celebrations were par for the course.

The announcement that four-time Grand Slam singles champion Kim Clijsters was to play the Volvo Car Open, signaling her comeback from retirement, had people looking forward to the international tournament's 20th anniversary on Daniel Island.

At the City of Charleston inauguration in January, DI resident Marie Delcioppo, the newly elected District 1 representative, was sworn in along with Mayor John Techklenberg and other council members.

And people were still gathering indoors to support local charities such as the ThROWdown 2020 for the Special Olympics.

At the time, the only group that had decided to cancel its get-togethers was Daniel Island's longest running social club, "Thank Goodness It's First Friday," which had decided to disband after nearly 22 years. And the only thing that seemed to have residents worried about safety was a reported rise in coyote activity on Daniel Island. Projects were getting underway with construction and groundbreakings at the Waterfront and for Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church.

Then came COVID-19 and the world changed. One of the first major cancellations was the Volvo Car Open. By mid-March, stay-at-home orders had many businesses shutdown, schools closed and learning shifted online, and only essential workers on the job. Grocery shelves were emptied of hand sanitizer and toilet paper.

But the community didn't give in. Restaurants found ways to offer takeout with their doors closed. Retail stores

created online and delivery options. Children weren't the only ones learning online, with yoga instruction going virtual and office workers becoming home office workers. Distilleries brewed up hand sanitizer and people got creative sewing face masks for medical workers and the public. Churches found new ways to

And even the most tech-challenged individuals learned about Zoom.

As everyone prepared for the long haul, and rallied to help their neighbors, no one expected the pandemic would be the central focus for nine-plus months changing the way we vote, the way we celebrate, the way we live day to day.

But social distancing wasn't the only social norm questioned in 2020. The discussion about social justice and police reform grew as large as the numbers on the national COVID map. Following the death of George Floyd at the hands of police officers on May 25 in Minneapolis, protesters took to the streets around the country to take a stand. The marches sometimes turned violent and destructive. But most protests, like the walks on Daniel Island, brought groups together in solidarity, and brought down a Confederate statue in Marion Square.

There were good things to came out of 2020. Our frontline workers – health care workers, teachers, service providers - were recognized for the important work they do. Thousands of homeless animals found forever homes - the result of a pandemic pets adoption frenzy. In the DI area, the real estate market experienced maybe its most phenomenal year on record.

While the numbers in South Carolina are still staggering - 275,285 confirmed cases as of Dec. 28, with 4,782 deaths - with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations in distribution, and two more on the horizon, we can start to envision a brighter 2021.

The ringing in of 2021 won't bring an immediate end to the difficulties of 2020 Recovery is going to be a long road ahead. But the light at the end of the tunnel is in sight.

















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- 1. On Jan. 18, CrossFit Discovery hosted the Fourth Annual ThROWdown for Special Olympics, SC. At the event, 218 participants relay rowed for two hours and raised \$13,000.
- 2. Former World No. 1 Kim Clijsters was hoping to compete in the 2020 Volvo Car Open.
- 3. A coyote on Smythe Street in January.
- **4.** More than 100 people ranging in age from toddlers to senior citizens participated in a peaceful rally at Center Park on June 18 promoting racial justice. The rally, organized by local high school student Camille Fei, culminated with a march down Daniel Island Drive.
- 5. In February, Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new 22,000-square-foot church building.
- 6. In March, Dockery's staff member Nadia Wilds served from its food truck, set up outside the closed restaurant.
- 7. The Hughes kids from left, fifth-grader Haven, 2-year-old Poppy, and seventh-grader Rentz — were e-learning in the spring. Their mother, Alicia, asked, "Can't you just see the joy and excitement in their eyes?"
- 8. In July, Abe (left) and Eli Swackhamer kicked back with Sherman and Louie, their new rescue pup adopted during the pandemic.
- 9. Alice Beavan poses with her friend, Tessie Mason, while the pair staff a fundraising booth set up during a breast cancer awareness benefit
- 10. Teachers at Philip Simmons High School delivered yard signs from the Parent Teacher Student Association to the school's 2020 graduates.









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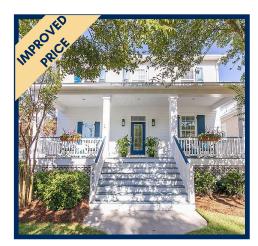
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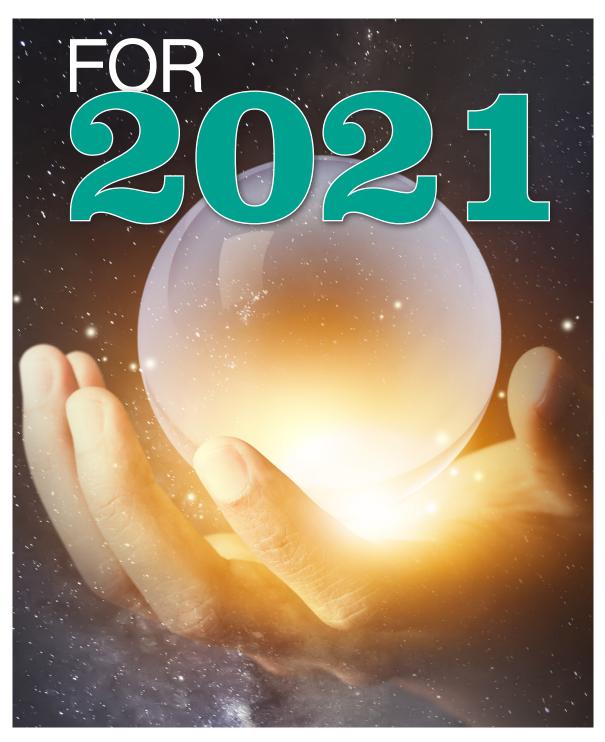


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## DALTON'S FRARIESS PREDICTIONS





As he does each year, **Dalton Williams reveals the top** news stories about to unfold

2021 will be better than 2020. I want to get that on the record right out of the chute. First, it couldn't be worse. OK, it could, but we are going to whistle past that graveyard. Second, I don't want readers to blame me if it turns out that 2021 is worse. My 2020 predictions a year ago did include election turmoil, power failures, darkness, and swarms of locusts, but we did not have locusts so 2020 is not my fault. With that said, here is my preview of the top news stories for the year we all said couldn't come soon enough - good, new 2021.

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### January

Charleston residents recover from the aftermath of hurricane Omega that roared into town from out of nowhere in the final hours of 2020. In a college football upset for the ages, tiny Electoral College defeats Clemson in the CFP Championship game

with a touchdown on the final play of the game. "Electoral College got beat up pretty bad in November but pulled out a big win tonight," gushes football analyst Kirk Herbstreit. A Mexican War erupts on social media across Daniel Island between fans of Agaves Cantina and Viva Tacos & Tequila. Las reglas de mi restaurante becomes the battle cry

### **February**

Video footage of the final play of the CFP Championship game reveals Electoral College had 12 men on the field. "They stole the game!" bellows Dabo Swinney demanding a replay. As distributions of COVID-19 vaccines continue, the Center for Disease Control announces they now believe the primary cause of the coronavirus spread is the light blue dye used to color most face masks. The Cleveland Browns win Super Bowl LV – OK, I was kidding about that one, just like

#### March

The Daniel Island real estate market remains hot as people flood in from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. A reverse mortgage lender takes away Tom Selleck's home. The mass distribution of COVID vaccine immunizations accelerates. The American Psychological Association announces its approval of AI robots to conduct marriage counseling. "They use AI to help couples achieve optimum outcomes," quotes an APA spokesperson. Seeking additional funding for its expanding programs, Congress allocates \$100 million to the Clemson Agricultural School to study how to grow money

## April

Bill Murray and the cast of "On the Rocks" celebrate winning the best picture Oscar. The Clemson vs. Electoral College case makes its way to the Supreme Court where the justices vote to let the game outcome stand. Justice Barrett, a Notre Dame alum, casts the deciding vote in the 5 to 4 ruling. Pfizer reports a mix-up that allowed injectable Viagra to be shipped instead of its COVID vaccine. The company added that, to date, there have been no complaints. Seeking to make digital communication faster, a group of technology executives petitions Congress to eliminate the letters Q, J, and X from the

### May

Vaccine immunizations proceed well and the number of new COVID cases drops sharply. SpaceX announces plans for its "Triple Seventeen" project, a series of elevated pneumatic tubes above I-526 to transport vehicles and reduce congestion. "We call it Triple Seventeen," Elon Musk says, "because we will be able to shoot a semi from 17 in West Ashlev to 17 in Mt. Pleasant in 17 seconds." New York City Police are called to a bar to break up a loud, abusive fight between two AI marriage counselor robots. TMZ video shows one robot vell-

ing, "It was too your fault!" as it is loaded into a paddy wagon.

## June

President Biden joins Mayor Tecklenburg for a climate change summit in Charleston. Tragically, during a photo op at The Battery, the lower section of the peninsula breaks away at Stoll's Alley. The land mass with Biden, Tecklenburg, and others

aboard — floats past Fort Sumter and then turns south after passing Morris Island. The Rotary Charity Duck Race is, once again, a huge success raising money for many people in need

throughout the Lowcountry. The World Health Organization reports favorable COVID antibody test results for Texas Super Food, Super Beets, and Dinovite.

## July

Fortunately, a Panamax container ship, on the way from China with a shipment of bamboo toilet paper, rescues the inhabitants of the floating peninsula and tows the land mass back to Charleston. The Tokyo Olympics begin. Athletes are required to wear masks which makes for a bizarre water polo final game. The mask requirement is no obstacle for gymnast Simone Biles who wins seven

gold medals. Beth Harmon beats Kim Jong-un in the chess gold medal match. Whole Foods replaces Nathan's as the sponsor of the 4th of July Hot Dog Eating Contest. Joey Chestnut retains his championship after downing 107 tofu wieners.

#### August After the failure of thousands of businesses and the depar-

ture of more than a million former residents, the City of New York declares bankruptcy. Mayor de Blasio blames tourists for not visiting. In a court ordered public sale, the Island of Manhattan is sold to descendants of the Canarsee Indians for \$24. Daniel Island schools reopen with in-person classroom attendance. Faced with the dilemma of having to cut budget funding, several SEC universities announce they will conduct fall football but are suspending liberal arts education for the foreseeable future.

## September

New York Governor Cuomo jumps in to have the sale of Manhattan Island rescinded and offers the Indian group alternative land in Upstate New York. They reply that trick was tried about 200 years ago and didn't work out so well for them. The American Association of Meat Processors launches a campaign to combat the "just meat" movement with meat products modified to resemble vegetables. "The acorn squash made from pork bellies is spectacular," boasts an AAMP executive. Lewis Barbecue rolls out brisket green beans. Charleston restaurants operate at

#### October

The Army Corps of Engineers approves a plan, developed by Elon Musk, to reattach the lower section of the Charleston peninsula by resting it snugly on a bed of nurdles. Twitter files for bankruptcy as a majority of its former users switch to Parler. The number of new COVID cases nationwide is negligible. Zoom stock hits a new low. As a part of a Teamsters contract negotiation, truckers participate in a slowdown on the nation's highways. On I-526 no one notices any difference. The Cleveland Whatevers defeat the Atlanta Traffic Jammers in a thrilling final game seven of the World Series.

#### November

Congress conducts an investigation into allegations regarding the safety and reliability of mail-in voting and concludes to add voting by cell phone for the 2022 election. Conde Nast Magazine picks Charleston, once again, as the best place to live in the U.S. Mother Jones Magazine picks Portland, Oregon. Congress orders all unvaccinated people to proceed to Washington, D.C. to get inoculated. A couple, Mary and Joseph from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who have lost their home and car in the pandemic, begin to hitchhike down I-95. Mary is heavy with child, her first.

#### December

With the COVID pandemic abated, people go out more and mingle. As they do, they discover the differences they had with others in 2020 are really not that significant. Collectively, people refocus on service to community and neighbors in need. They talk face-to-face more and cut back on social media. Mary and Joseph arrive in Washington to find their room at the Marriott taken. They sleep at a homeless center. During the night, Mary gives birth to a son. Families return to in-person church services in record numbers. There is more respect, civility, and empathy. People marvel at a bright light in the evening sky that arises each night during Advent. And there are good tidings of great joy and on Earth peace, good will toward man.







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## Iron Horses take it 'day-by-day, game-by-game'

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

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Dustin Williams is playing a waiting game.

The affable Philip Simmons High School girls basketball coach is waiting for a family addition. He and his wife, Stephanie, are expecting their first child any day. In the meantime, one of Williams' assistant coaches is directing practice while he practices social distancing.

Williams is also waiting for the season to resume after the holiday break. That could be an even longer wait because the COVID-19 pandemic continues to grip the United States – and the world.

The Iron Horses are 2-1 on the young season and were scheduled to open Region 6-AA play on Jan. 5 when they were set to host a Burke team that has opened the season with two victories in three games. Three days later, the Iron Horses were scheduled to play

Burke again.

But that schedule and the rest of the 2020-21 season might be in jeopardy.

"We're kind of in a hiatus until at least Jan. 8," Williams said. "The school was hit by the virus, and the school postponed activities. Officials and coaches (from Region 6-AA) are scheduled to meet Jan. 4 and discuss the future schedule. Right now, it looks like our games against Burke will be played at the end of the (regular)

The Iron Horses have a pair of games scheduled the following week against Woodland that could be postponed or canceled, depending on the course of the pandemic.

"Äs for us, we are going to let the administration handle the situation," Williams said. "We're going to be on the safe side when we deal with this. We are on the same page."

One of the things that casts

doubt on the Region 6-AA schedule is that there are six teams in the region and five school districts are involved, each with their own protocol for handling the pandemic: Charleston County (Burke), Berkeley County (Philip Simmons and Timberland), Dorchester District IV (Woodland) and Jasper County (Ridgeville-Hardeeville) and Orangeburg County (Lake Marion).

Ridgeville-Hardeeville already opted out at the beginning of the 2020-21 season.

"We just have to take it day-byday, game-by-game," Williams

The Iron Horse girls were unstoppable in their first two games. They annihilated Hanahan 71-8 in the season-opener and followed that up with a 69-28 clocking of first-year high school Lucy Beckham.

But the Iron Horses couldn't get past Military Magnet, dropping a

Iron Horse Kennedy Rivers drives for a lay-up in a game last season. This season she is averaging nearly 14 points per game, 4 rebounds and 3.7 steals.

52-42 decision as Military Magnet outscored the Iron Horses 30-17 in the second half.

"That was a good early season test," Williams said. "We are coming off a loss and know what needs



Last year, Philip Simmons High School girls basketball coach Dustin Williams huddled with his team during a game. This season, the Iron Horses are in a holding pattern as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to delay play.

to be worked on: the small things that make a big difference against a quality opponent."

Sophomore captain Kylee Kellermann leads the team in scoring with 15 points. She also has 5.7 assists and 4.7 steals per game.

Classmate and team captain Kennedy Rivers is averaging nearly 14 points per game. She's also averaged 4 rebounds and 3.7 steals per contest.

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## Setting the line for a New Year tradition



fishing trends GREG PERALTA

Now that my son Elliott has returned from Japan, we are reinstituting our long-standing tradition of fishing on New Year's Day. Regardless of weather (or hangover) conditions, we get together and try to catch the first fish of the year.

We may not catch a fish, but it is a great way to begin the new year.

Wanting to stack the first day of the year odds in our favor, my brother David, Elliott, and I did a little pre-New Year's fishing on the day after Christmas.

We launched the Pathfinder at dead low tide. The water was clear and 51 degrees. Our plan was to locate and pattern schools of redfish that we would revisit on Jan. 1.

After a bone-chilling run to a shallow oyster laden area, I deployed the trolling motor and we began quietly moving down the shoreline. When searching for redfish in the shallows, it is important to operate your trolling motor at low speed. High speed trolling motor operation will often alert the redfish to your presence

and make them much more difficult to catch.

After several minutes of slowly searching the shallows, we spotted a large school of redfish swimming toward the boat. I cut power to the trolling motor and deployed the Power Pole to hold the Pathfinder in place. Quietly, we waited for the fish to swim into casting range. As they approached, we cast our Z-Man Finesse TRD lures well ahead of the school and let them sit. When the redfish were a few feet away, we gave the lures a slight twitch. Several redfish darted forward. Bam. Bam. All three of us hooked up.

Our level of excitement went through the roof. Typically, we are pretty quiet on the boat. However, the triple hook up had us hooting and laughing. As we set up to take a picture, I thought about my dad and thanked him for making fishing such an important part

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Capt. Greg Peralta (center) was joined by his brother David (left) and son Elliott for a little fishing trial run to prep for their usual New Year's Day outing.





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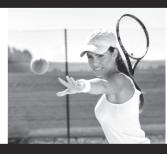


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Ron Shelton's 1992 film "White Men Can't Jump" casts Caucasian men, at least jokingly, as being overly terrestrially-bound. Mr. Shelton didn't see me almost step on that black snake last summer! I am sure he would have promptly begun searching for another, more suitable, title for his movie.

I was leaving our porch and realized, just as I almost stepped on it, that a black racer was moving quickly to get out of my way. I like snakes, especially non-venomous ones, but unexpectedly planting a foot on one is a sure ticket into the stratosphere.

For lack of a better word, black racers are cool. They are sleek, extremely fast and, I would argue, kind of pretty. They also help keep the rodent population in check. I would much rather see black racers in my yard than mice and rats in my garage or attic. Still, I would prefer not to actually

Several species of snakes, especially black rat snakes, can look very similar to black racers, but they tend to have less evenly-rounded bodies, more hints of browns or other



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Black racers are cool. They are sleek, fast, pretty and keep the rodent population in check.

colorations and keeled, or ridged, scales.

The black racer, Coluber constrictor, is very common in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. In fact, these snakes can frequently be found throughout the eastern United States from Maine to Florida. They are typically seen in the summer, as they are ectothermic (cold blooded) and not very active in the cooler months. They also feed by sight and are generally diurnal, meaning that they are not very active at night.

I was surprised when my daughter Caroline and I came across one while walking our dog earlier this month. It was a warm day, but by December I don't expect to encounter many snakes out and about.

While the name Coluber constrictor might lead one to believe that black racers strangle their prey like traditional constrictors, they actually tend to catch it in their mouths and hold it there until it is dead instead of wrapping around it and squeezing. Adults grow up to 5 feet long, are generally slender and are very uniformly black except for some white under the chin and gray under the belly. Favorite food sources are rodents, lizards, birds, amphibians, insects and other snakes.

When alarmed, racers typically either speed away or stand their ground and strike aggressively. Once you have seen what "speed away" means, both the name "racer" and how they catch birds and rodents become perfectly clear. Bites are non-venomous, but painful and any snake is best just observed from a distance.

Black racers mate in the spring, and the females will lay up to three dozen eggs in the summer. Like many snakes, the young are born with a more camouflage coloration and have reddish-brown patterns and colors. These will fade to black as the young snakes mature. According to the National Park Service, black racers typically live about 10 years in the wild.

So, when the next black snake races across your path or zips across your lawn, consider yourself lucky. Someone is on the lookout and helping keep you rodent-free. All you need to do in return is watch where you step – and jump when required





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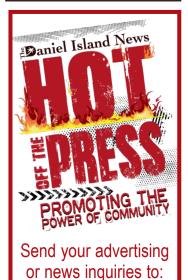
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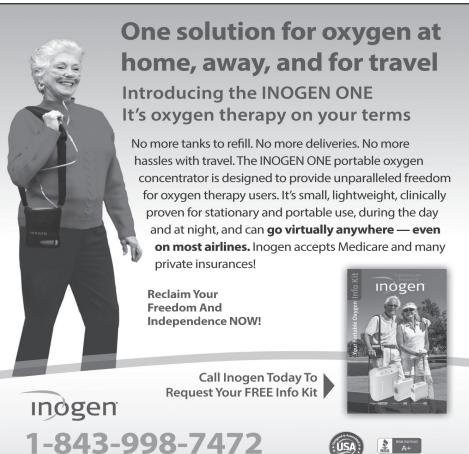
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## **Body Language**

An idiom is a quirky expression that cannot be literally translated. Many English idioms use body parts. Complete the following expressions with an anatomical part.

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1. To ignore an insult is to "turn the other"	
2. To be unable to manage things means to be "in over your	
3. To mildly shock people is to "raise some"	
4. To be generous is to have a " of gold."	

3. raise some eyebrows 4. heart of gold Answers: 1. turn the other cheek 2. in over your head

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## The silver lining

#### **HEATHER MACQUEEN JONES**

For many, 2020 has become a description for all that has gone wrong in this year.

Flat tire – that's so 2020. Favorite restaurant closed? UGH! 2020! But for all its flaws, and there are plenty, you have to admit there have been silver linings. More cuddle time on the couch with the kids, longer walks for the dog, experimenting with new recipes, finding a new passion or rekindling a fire within ourselves for something that brings us joy.

For Peter Finger, most known on Daniel Island as a professional photographer, COVID-19 created space both in his life and in his home for an oil painting art studio. He's painting his silver lining.

"My photography has been my full-time career for over 20 years, but my passion for painting never left me," shared Peter, who had his first one-man show while still in high school and moved on to finish college as an art education major with a minor in fine arts.

For years, Peter showed work at various galleries and outdoor art fairs earning local, regional and national awards as a fine arts painter for landscape paintings. He started teaching art and was a lecturer at the Hudson River School of Painting. Following a teaching career, Peter went to work for Apple computer company and worked at various design firms until his photography passion blossomed into a business.

"I simply didn't have the time to dedicate myself to painting," he said.

Peter's professional photography range is broad, covering musical artists and concert work, real estate, weddings and corporate events and educational clients.

"Then came this awful COVID-19! All of my clients could not use my services. Schools shut down and weddings were canceled or postponed," he said.

As many small businesses can attest, this is the time when you have to get creative if you want to continue to pursue a profession that fulfills you personally and financially. Peter made the decision to pivot from photography to Blondies Bagels & Cafe to fill their walls with beautiful painting.

"It was a rough start. My early work was very detailed, almost photo realistic. I didn't want to paint that way, so







Well-known Daniel Island photographer Peter Finger turned his talents to oil painting while at home during the pandemic.

my new work is more painterly, less detailed and sometimes more abstract."

As Peter created more work, he also created a space to

"I have a studio under my home and now, after a lot of work on trying to find my new style, I'm painting on a regular basis," he said.

Peter's passion for painting has been rekindled during the pandemic, and he's found joy in experimenting. He found a love for water soluble oils instead of the watercolors and traditional acrylics he used in his early works.

"As soon as I have about 20 pieces that I am very happy with, I plan on looking for gallery representation," he said.

In the interim, Peter has collaborated with the owner of work. His paintings are also available on his website, along with commissions at PeterFingerArtist.com, and you can follow his progress on Instagram at Peter Finger Artist, and

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#### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



Dec. 29, 2005

The cover and centerfold of the Dec. 29, 2005 issue included summaries of the top stories that appeared in The Daniel Island News in 2005.

Also in the news, Daniel Island substation Team 10's (now Team 5) new commander was introduced as Lieutenant Harold Hill. Hill replaced Lt. Anita Craven, who

transferred to the James Island precinct in early December 2004. The Charleston Police Department periodically rotates supervisors to various substations. Hill came from the traffic division.

Island life photos included the best pictures from 2005.

#### **TEN YEARS AGO**



Dec. 30, 2010

On Dec. 30. 2010, the cover and centerfold included excerpts and summaries of the top stories that appeared in The Daniel Island News for each month of 2010. Additionally, the news in 2010 nationally and on Daniel Island focused heavily on the economy and business, so a business summary was reported.

In nonprofit news, it was announced that over \$4,000 was raised for MUSC Hollings Cancer Center at the Holiday Tennis Classic. It was the third annual Holiday Tennis Classic presented by Allstate/Wally Burbage Agency. MUSC raffle ticket sales totaled \$4.030. All of which would be allocated for adult cancer patient treatment.

#### **FIVE YEARS AGO**

The cover and centerfold of the Dec. 31, 2015 issue featured the upcoming January Art Show being conducted by the Art Guild of Daniel Island. Beginning in the new year of 2016, a collaboration was planned to present speciallycurated work from



Dec. 31, 2015

Lowcountry artists. Each month would feature a new collection of paintings, photography, or other medium from a single amateur, hobbyist, or professional. And to kick off the 2016 exhibits, over 20 artists from the guild would be showing their work for four weeks in January.

In nonprofit news, the Rotary Club assembled and wrapped gift boxes for the Charleston Seafarer's Society to give to seamen who would be in Charleston over the holidays. Also, Blackbaud donated 5,325 toys to the annual Toys for Tots drive.

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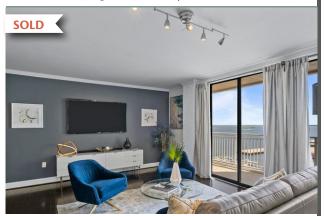
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