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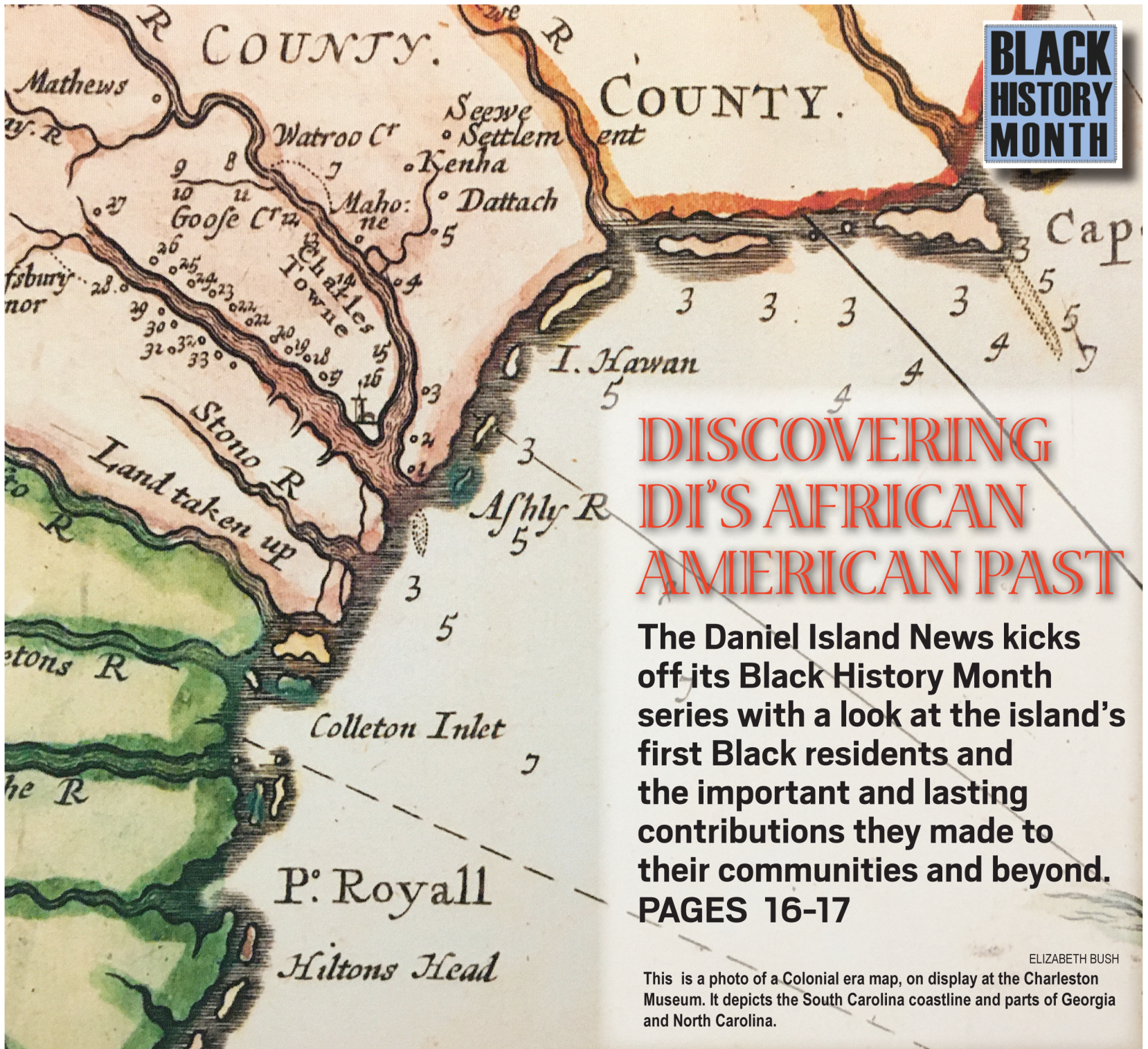


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City to enforce random face mask checks on DI

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And Daniel Island could see stricter enforcement starting this week.

A record number of mask-violation citations were issued by the city earlier this month. Over a week-and-a-half stretch from Jan. 11-21, 141 tickets were issued by the city's Livability Code Enforcement (LCE) officers.

The sweep of citations was an unannounced "saturation patrol" following the post-holiday spike of positive COVID-19 cases. All were issued downtown and all were first offenses, according to the city's Department of Livability and Tourism Director Dan Riccio.

He estimated the total amount in fines was approximately \$14,000. The fine for the first

offense is \$100, the second offense is \$200, and the third offense and any thereafter is \$500.

The surge of citations represents 40% of the total ticketing since the emergency ordinance was enacted July 2020.

"It's not to generate money, it's to save lives," Riccio said. "... The monetary value is enough to get your attention."

On Jan. 12, the Charleston City Council passed an executive order extending the city-wide mask ordinance through March 12. This applies to Daniel Island, West Ashley, James Island and Johns Island.

Riccio said that surveillance of Daniel Island is more of a reactionary response to citizens complaining about business employees not adhering to the ordinance. He noted the most common repeat offenders are individuals conducting business, not a resident or tourist perusing or shopping.

"Most people get it after the first time," he added. "There's a few stubborn people that don't get it."

Riccio couldn't recall any recent citations issued on Daniel Island. He said if any at all it would amount to a handful at most.



ZACH GIROUX
Shoppers abide by the City of Charleston's face mask ordinance while at the Daniel Island Publix on Jan. 27.

Starting this week, two days at random, Riccio's task force of two teams — two LCE officers and a Charleston police officer on each team — will monitor Daniel Island, James Island and Johns Island.

Riccio didn't specify the hours of surveillance because the mask checks are designed to be covert in nature.

Charleston Police Department Lt. Matt Wojlawowicz of Team 5, who oversees

Daniel Island, compassionately reflected on the rigors of the coronavirus and the stressors of the mask ordinance.

"Everyone's health and well being is paramount to us," Wojlawowicz said. "It's a short-term sacrifice for long-term health and safety of everybody. Hopefully very soon we'll all be through this and this will all just be a terrible nightmare for us to re-live and tell our grandkids down the road."

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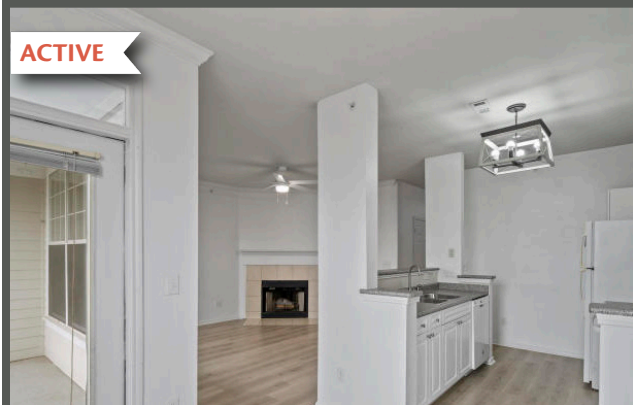
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A group of Daniel Island area churches are joining together to help the City of Charleston host an overnight warming shelter for the homeless during the cold nights.

Volunteers are being recruited to cover the needs Feb. 14-20 at the Arthur W. Christopher Community Center (265 Fishburne Street).

The pastors of Providence Church, Saint Claire of Assisi, Holy Cross, One Fellowship, and Point Hope Presbyterian are organizing the volunteers, and people do not need to be members of these congregations to lend a helping hand.

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

This year, the essay topic is, "Many people volunteer their time to help others, either through non-profit organizations, churches, or other charitable foundations. Write an essay to convince others to find a charity and volunteer their time."

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Finding connection through nature

MATTHEW DONOHUE

Every spring growing up, I would hike with my family through the woods in search of puddles. But these were not just puddles; they were life-giving environments. In these shallow spaces were hundreds of tadpoles, the larval stage of frogs.



Matthew Donohue

With the temperatures rising every day, we knew that these areas would dry up quickly, leaving many tadpoles without the chance to grow out of their homes.

With buckets in tow, my family and I would head to the streams to collect water to fill the puddles. Emptying one bucket after the next, we could provide enough water to last through the spring. In these moments, I realized that I wasn't just giving to nature, but I was gifting myself gratitude through helping others.

Something unique happens when we reconnect with nature. When we experience birds' songs, the sight of a distant mountain, or the feeling of the crisp wintery leaves, we are connecting with something greater than ourselves.

Spending time in nature has shown to contribute to increased wellbeing. According to a study conducted by researchers at the University of British Columbia, participants who noticed how natural objects made them feel reported higher levels of happiness and connectedness to other people compared to those who did the same for human-made objects. Through nature, we benefit not only from lowered cortisol levels and increased well-being, but also a heightened awareness of our place within the greater community.

Humans are hardwired to help others, and according to clinical psychologist Lisa Firestone, Ph.D., "When we take actions that are caring and loving, we feel more love in return."

By helping others, it connects us to something greater than ourselves. I've personally experienced that being in nature has allowed me to become more empathetic and compassionate to those around me.

I've found nature allows me to look outward into the world. It has shown me the world extends beyond my street and neighborhood. As I experience nature through all my senses, I feel grateful and connected to the world beyond.

While it seems simple to start reconnecting with nature at home, your backyard can be a great place to begin this relationship. It is incredible to see how many plants and animals

can cohabitate in a relatively small area. Nature has taught me that things can live and thrive together. From the birds, squirrels, Oaks, and marsh that share a space in my backyard, this small ecosystem has shown me that animals and plants often depend on one another and need each other for survival. Nature demonstrates just how easy and seamless life can be if we look to care for one another.

The more time I spend outdoors and in spaces where I can reflect, the more I have grown to appreciate what I have around me. Taking a moment to slow down and relax in nature has allowed me to become content with the present. Not only do natural spaces convey a sense of ease and tranquility, but they enable us to contemplate more freely.

There are so many ways that exist to connect virtually. There are just as many ways to connect physically to the greater world around us. Kayak along the Wando River. Hike through the Francis Marion Forest. Bike along the Daniel Island loop. Or even learn about local wildlife through a Berkeley County nature walk. It may be the start of something that will give you a lifetime of gratitude and joy.

Matthew Donohue has lived on Daniel Island for five years and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

letter to the EDITOR

READERS DISAGREE WITH MACE IMPEACHMENT VOTE

In her explanation of her stance on impeachment, Nancy Mace characterizes the Senate trial as a divisive partisan exercise. Note that the Senate Majority Leader and the Minority Leader did reach a bipartisan agreement to delay the trial until Feb. 9 to give Trump and his attorneys the opportunity to prepare.

The relevant background is that, in May, Trump began claiming that the only way he would lose is if the election was "rigged." After his defeat, he repeatedly and falsely claimed election fraud. After multiple recounts and 61 court losses, no fraud was discovered yet his Big Lie continued. He urged his supporters to come to D.C. for a "wild" rally to "Stop the Steal" where he lied that he had won the election. He urged his supporters to fight, a statement which

must be viewed in the context of all his other past exhortations to violence. He told them to march on the Capital, while hiding in the White House watching TV with his lackeys. The Big Lie cost five lives.

If he escapes punishment, what will prevent a future riot which may not be as amateurish?

Mace excuses him by saying that he is out of office. But without conviction, what will prevent this man from holding future office?

Representative Mace supported Trump throughout her campaign. It is high time she recognizes that this is not a partisan exercise, but a patriotic one.

We wonder how Ms. Mace would be reacting if the mob had been made up of Democrats, and not Trump supporters?

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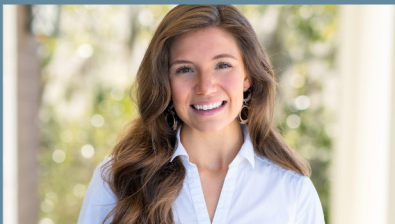
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Police respond to incidents across Daniel Island

Residents reminded of city's leash laws

STAFF REPORTS

In December, Cooper River Cycle reported to Charleston Police Team 5 that three Garmin cycling computers had been stolen.

A few weeks later, the alleged thief was arrested after stealing a car.

The business on Seven Farms Drive reported the computers were kept behind the register at the retail store. When the store owner and employees conducted an audit of inventory in mid-December, they determined that the units were missing. A check of the in-house surveillance system revealed that a man in his 40s removed the items during a time when the store was particularly busy and other customers were being helped.

An officer was contacted on Dec. 18. The total value of the three stolen computers was \$950. Police were informed that similar thefts had occurred at other cycling shops in the area. Team 5 determined that the units had been purchased by a pawn shop in West Ashley and were sold. The offender was

identified and a warrant for his arrest was issued on Dec. 22.

On Jan. 7, the offender was arrested in a separate incident for possession of a stolen motor vehicle on Folly Road. He was served with the arrest warrant for the Garmin computer theft on Jan. 20 after he was transported to the Berkeley County Detention Center from the Charleston County Detention Center.

On the evening of Jan. 23, a Daniel Island driver was traveling west on Seven Farms Drive in a pickup truck when they suffered a medical incident and ran off the road onto the sidewalk and impacted the BB&T property at the intersection with River Landing Drive, resulting in minor damage. The driver was transported to a medical facility with suspected minor injuries, and the vehicle towed.

Recent complaints from residents have prompted the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association to remind people that City of Charleston regulations require pets to be

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leashed and that pets off-leash are illegal and not allowed on Daniel Island. Violators could face a stiff fine or be held personally liable if someone or their pet were to get hurt by an incident or attack.

In addition, the POA has the right to require animals to be removed from the owner should it be determined that the pet constitutes a danger or a nuisance. The POA works in conjunction with City Animal Control to evaluate the concern or incident based on complaints that the POA and the City of Charleston Police receive directly from the person harmed or injured. The police and animal control can evaluate the incident and speak with both the victim/complainant as well as the pet owner to provide guidance from a legal perspective.

Please report incidents immediately to the

City of Charleston Police Department and copy the POA office on the complaint via info@dicommunity.org.

According to Courtney Bayles, City of Charleston animal services officer, should a citizen require an animal control response, they need to immediately call the City of Charleston consolidated dispatch at 843-743-7200 in order to keep proper records of complaints or incidents. If you have an animal control issue that you want animal control to respond to, please call the non-emergency dispatch number at 843-743-7200. Should Animal Services respond for an off-leash complaint, they remind owners that the complainant would need to be willing to go to court so that the proper process is followed and the proper outcome is achieved.

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LARCENY

On Dec. 16, a Team 5 officer made contact with a victim who advised that a tan and blue Jack Mason Aviator watch valued at \$220 was stolen from a shipping box delivered to Captain Island's Drive. FedEx documented the package as delivered to the address on Dec. 4.

IDENTITY THEFT

An officer met with an individual residing on Euclid Street on Dec. 18 who stated that in September, he observed several inquiries on his credit report. As a result, he requested that his credit status become locked. In October, a new loan in the amount of \$83,700 was posted for the purchase of a new 2020 Audi. The transaction took place in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The victim had not been to the area and filed a police report at

the request of Audi, who is investigating the breach.

THEFT FROM A BUILDING

Officers responded to a residence on Farr Street on Dec. 24 and made contact with a victim who claimed that several pieces of jewelry had been removed from a jewelry box in her bedroom. Missing items included a gold necklace with a single diamond, another gold necklace with diamond accents, a scarab stone bracelet, and a ring. Total value of all pieces was reported at \$3,050. The victim stated that an employee from a cleaning company was in the apartment on Dec. 16 and may have removed the items. No surveillance video was available for review.

BURGLARY/ BREAKING & ENTERING

On Dec. 26, Team 5 responded to a business on Seven Farms Drive in reference to a theft from a storage unit. The victim was at his unit on Dec. 24 and when he returned after Christmas, he found the lock cut and on the ground. Police were advised that the security gate had been non-functional for



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three weeks, making access available. The unit manager confirmed that the gate had been broken during the Christmas break and claimed there were technical difficulties with the surveillance video and there was no recorded footage by the storage cubes. Stolen items included a red Craftsman toolbox with pull-out drawers, an edger, a weed eater, and a compressor; all valued at \$1,025.

The next day, another victim reported to police that a generator valued at \$1,400 was stolen from the parking lot of the same storage facility. It was locked to a trailer on Dec. 24 and when the complainant returned, a cable and lock securing the equipment had been cut.

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Mayor confronts 'critical questions' of 2021 in State of the City address

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Four "critical questions" were posed during Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg's State of the City address Jan. 26 — queries that the city will face as a result of the "storms of 2020."

Tecklenburg reflected on the past 12 months of "fierce crosscurrents of a global pandemic, a national reckoning on race and a sharp economic downturn."

He elaborated on the following topics that he believes are most likely to shape the city's "destiny for decades to come."

COVID-19

Tecklenburg said the path to overcoming COVID-19 — and how Charleston can best defend itself healthwise and economically — is through the vaccine. He insisted that residents need to double down on hygiene and social distancing practices.

From a small business standpoint, Tecklenburg plans to support local entrepreneurs with the city's new revolving loan fund, the Central Business District Improvement Commission.



FILE

Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg — pictured at a Daniel Island Speaker Series event in January 2017 — discussed major issues facing Charleston on Jan. 26 during the annual State of the City address.

RACIAL INJUSTICE

Tecklenburg cited the city's apology for its role in slavery since its founding three and a half centuries ago in April 1670. He noted the removal of the John C. Calhoun monument from Marion Square was a step forward from the city's checkered past.

He also mentioned the reform work being done on the racial bias audit of the Charleston Police Department. Tecklenburg added that the International African American Museum, slated to open next year, will highlight the perseverance of a race and their fight for freedom and inclusion in society.

"...the problems of racial oppression and injustice have torn at our city's soul," Tecklenburg added. "And we know that to heal that breach, we must finally and fully eliminate the systemic barriers that continue to make the dream of racial equity a dream deferred."

CLIMATE CHANGE

The mayor noted that there are several major projects coming down the pipeline this year regarding Charleston's multimillion-dollar efforts toward flood protection.

The city will develop a comprehensive plan to make flooding the epicenter of future development decisions by implementing the land use recommendations of the Dutch Dialogues.

The Army Corps of Engineers also plans to build a sea wall around the peninsula. There is upside potential for approximately \$1 bil-

lion in federal flooding assistance.

Additionally, the city's Climate Action plan, which focuses around decreasing emissions, will be voted on later this year.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Tecklenburg said the city has a game plan to preserve affordability in Charleston's housing market and ensure the city will remain a working city in the years to come.

City council plans to invest \$50 million into affordable housing to grow 1,000 new units. Also, all large-scale mixed-use developments will be required to make 20% of their apartments affordable to pay a fee into the city's housing fund.

Furthermore, the city has given the Housing Authority the go-ahead to work with the federal government to replace or rehabilitate every public housing project in the city.

"My fellow Charlestonians, as the coronavirus reminded us in 2020, tomorrow is always a mystery," Tecklenburg continued. "...Whatever the challenge, whatever the test, we will not hide, we will not shrink, we will not fail. And, even more, we will not grow weary in doing good."

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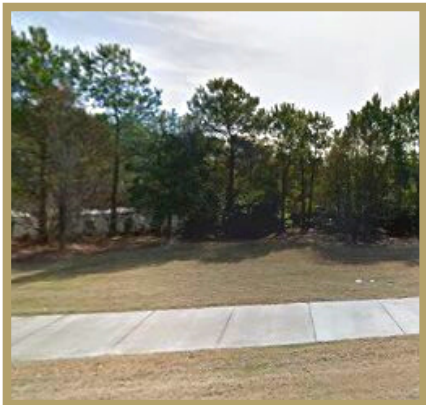
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Despite obstacles, Scout Boats successfully sails ahead

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Steve Potts has been fascinated with boat building since he was 13 years old.

The founder and CEO of Scout Boats shared his story as the guest speaker for the Daniel Island Speaker Series Jan. 27.

The Daniel Island resident's career started "organically" when as an adolescent he passed by a house with a weird smell on his way to school and found a man making a fiberglass boat in the back. His curiosity eventually evolved into a job and set him on a lifelong path. At only 14, Potts worked at a small boat business, helping to build a little boat called a Scout.

"That's basically where I cut my teeth as far as learning to build and pay attention to detail," he said.

Working at various companies he eventually became a plant manager, but the entrepreneur always dreamed of venturing out on his own.

In 1989, Potts and his wife, Dianne, took a leap of faith and started Scout Boats with their \$50,000 savings. The couple, along with a helper, started building 14- to 15-foot boats out of an old brick building in Summerville. Scout Boats was named for Potts' fond memories of the simple fishing boats he worked on as a teen.

Working long, 14-hour days, the company's future was looking bright. But in September 1989, Scout Boats faced rough seas when Hurricane Hugo struck, basically destroy-



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Steve Potts, founder and CEO of Scout Boats, was the guest speaker for the latest Daniel Island Speaker Series event.

ing the structure. The horrific event only made the family stronger. The couple, along with two of their young children, began to rebuild their dream.

"As bad as it was I never had any inclination of giving

up," Potts said.

After salvaging what they could, Scout Boats relocated, but Mother Nature still had one more punch up her sleeve. Two months after Hugo hit, Summerville had a freak snowstorm and experienced 11 inches of snow, damaging the new building.

The family remained focused on moving forward.

"We kept things going. I didn't know anything more then to get up in the morning and put one foot in front of the other and go to work," he said.

This drive and vision has made Scout Boats an industry leader for over 30 years, building high-quality sportfishing boats ranging in sizes from 17 to 53 feet.

Despite the pandemic, Scout Boats continues to grow. It's a true family affair with the Potts' two daughters, son, and in-laws all working at the company.

He credits family and the diverse group of employees for helping Scout Boats become the industry leader.

"What makes us special — what makes us the company we are — is the extended family we have and everybody that works at it," Potts said. "I'm so very proud of what each and everyone of these people represent at our company."

Potts is more than just a prosperous businessman, he is an ardent supporter of the community. Scout Boats is a generous advocate of the Rotary Club of Daniel Island's annual Charity Duck Race.

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JW Aluminum, headquartered on Daniel Island, was recognized by Nucor Buildings Group for its facility in Goose Creek. Pictured from left is Angela Martin, industrial design manager, JW Aluminum; David Tracy, corporate capital project manager, JW Aluminum; Ben Walden, plant manager, JW Aluminum; Tyler Rogers, director of Preferred Partners, Nucor; Finton Riggins, national account sales manager, Nucor; and Aderonke Akano, chemical value stream leader, JW Aluminum.

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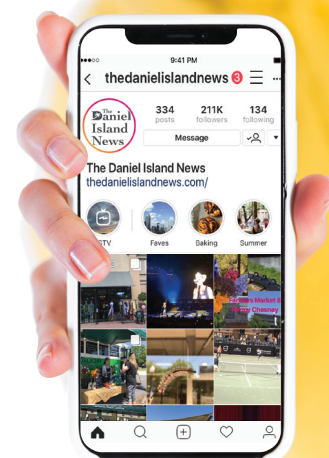
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Elevating your leadership influence



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DOUG DICKERSON

One day a farmer grabbed his shotgun to shoot at a flock of pesky crows. Unfortunately, he didn't see his sociable parrot that had joined the crows. After firing a few shots, he walked over to the fallen birds and was surprised to find his parrot badly ruffled with a broken wing.

When the farmer's children saw the injured bird, they asked, "Dad, what happened?" The farmer simply replied, "Bad company."

In leadership, one of the greatest responsibilities you have is to add value to your people and to increase the level of your influence in a positive way. As a leader, this ought to be top of mind in your thinking, but also in your actions. Are they lining up?

ARE YOU INVESTING IN YOURSELF AS A LEADER?

After 30-plus years in leadership, here's what I have learned — growing as a leader is a lifelong process. There's never been a time when I could safely say I've learned it all. Before you can be a leader of influence for those around you, you must first invest in your own personal growth and development as a leader. You have to grow yourself before you can grow others.

DO YOU SEE THE INTRINSIC VALUE AND WORTH OF THE PEOPLE YOU LEAD?

It's a simple leadership principle but one that needs to be established — if you don't place value in the people that you lead, you will be unable to add value to them. Not everyone you lead has the same potential, but everyone has potential. Make sure you value and respect the people you lead; if not, your influence will be marginal at best.

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS?

The overwhelming influence you have as a leader comes from your words and

actions. The Biblical advice, "...let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger..." (James 1:19) is advice we can all learn from. Your words, actions, and temperament as a leader goes a long way in determining how much influence you will ultimately have.

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MOTIVES?

In leadership, it's important that you are using your influence for the right reasons. There's no greater joy for a leader than to add value, build relationships, and help others grow and develop in their leadership. But sadly, not every leader has unselfish motives. Your influence as a leader is proportional to your motives and integrity. So long as you see relationships as transactional — what's in it for me — then your influence as a leader will be scarce and eventually people will see through it. Be genuine and authentic and your influence will increase.

CAN YOU KEEP YOUR EGO IN CHECK?

Expressions of servant leadership are found when you concede being in the spotlight by putting someone else in it. And this cuts to the heart of what leadership is all about. The day you and I discover that it's not about us is the day we truly understand leadership. When your influence as a leader puts someone else in the spotlight is a time of celebration, not jealousy. So long as you hold onto your ego, you will have a hard time being an influential leader.

WHO'S IN YOUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE?

Elevating your leadership influence begins with identifying who is in your circle of influence and being intentional with it. Who are you reaching? How are you adding value to them? In what ways can you improve upon what you are doing? How can you expand your circle and be a more productive leader? Knowing the answers to these questions will help you increase your influence.

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A STORY OF RESILIENCE

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Editor's Note: In recognition of Black History Month in February, The Daniel Island News is taking a closer look at the island's first Black residents and the important and lasting contributions they made to their communities and beyond with a series of stories throughout the month. These stories are of resiliency and perseverance.

Pompey awoke with his parents and siblings at dawn, as he did nearly every morning. The day's work would likely keep them busy until dusk.

Pompey was an enslaved boy living on the Lesesne Plantation of Daniel Island in the early 1700s, according to historical documents. His modest home, likely a one room abode with a dirt floor and thatched roof, was adjacent to the main plantation house. Some of the early products the plantation may have produced included timber, meats, and naval stores, such as tar and resin for ship building. Much of the settlement was located on the present day site of the LTP Daniel Island Tennis Center along the Wando River, as documented by local archaeologists and historians over the years.

"Daniel Island has been a part of Charleston's history since 1673," said Daniel Island Historical Society co-founder Michael Dahlman, who co-wrote the book "Daniel Island" with his son, Michael Dahlman Jr., to document the island's evolution, beginning with its Native American occupation. "These nearly 350 years of the island's life convey an incredible story of their own, a story buried in the ground and brought to life through archaeological work over the past several decades."

Among those who have also done deep dives into the island's past are Eric Poplin, senior archaeologist and vice president at Brockington & Associates, and Martha Zierden, curator of historical archaeology at the Charleston Museum. Both help paint a picture of what life may have been like for the enslaved on Daniel Island more than three centuries ago.

"I suspect that they arrived pretty much as soon as the European colonists arrived here," noted Zierden, whose book "Home Upriver: Rural life on Daniel's Island, Berkeley County, South Carolina" chronicles the findings of the excavation work she and others completed at the former Lesesne and Fairbank Plantations on the island, prior to the construction of the Mark Clark Expressway. "Maybe not on the first boat, but certainly by the 1680s or so folks are in this area."

An exhibit at the Charleston Museum reveals



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These Colonial era bricks, part of an exhibit at the Charleston Museum, were made by slaves. Some include the fingerprints of the craftsmen who created them.

that the Black population in South Carolina grew exponentially between 1685 and 1775. Some 500 are documented in 1685, compared to 179,400 about 90 years later – the result of a massive transatlantic slave trade that would eventually bring millions of enslaved Africans to North America.

"I think that the main thing that we see is that the majority of the people who lived on Daniel Island, and certainly prior to the Civil War, the vast majority of people were enslaved Africans and African Americans," noted Poplin, who has studied the island extensively over the years. "They are the ones who were performing the work and doing the labor on these properties."

According to Brian Hicks, in an April 2020 article for The Post and Courier, approximately 400,000 of the 4 million slaves in the United States in 1860 resided in South Carolina.

"The city was built on slave labor," Hicks wrote, "and for nearly 200 years thrived under a slave economy."

On Daniel Island, the story was similar to that in other parts of the Lowcountry, where working plantations continued to churn out big profits.



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These rare metal badges, on display at the Charleston Museum, were used to document and identify slaves. The badges typically included their city of residence, identification number, skill, and year.

According to Poplin, the owners of the plantations were sometimes in residence on the island, but most also had homes in Charleston – so they would typically go back and forth. In their absence, the owners would often have overseers managing operations, but that was not always the case.

"Most of the people who were there every day were African Americans," he said. "They were engaged in agricultural pursuits for the most part and subsistence activities – and they're growing various crops."

Some of those crops likely included indigo, in the mid to late 1700s, and possibly rice, added Poplin, although rice was "never an important crop on the island." By the start of the Colonial period, sea island cotton was the primary product produced on Daniel Island, as well as other parts of the Lowcountry. At that time, there were several plantations on the island, noted Poplin.

"A community did develop on Daniel Island, undoubtedly amongst the people who were enslaved, even though they are living on different plantations," he said. "They're certainly neighboring

DISCOVERING DANIEL ISLAND'S AFRICAN AMERICAN PAST



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Examples of colono ware, made by enslaved African and African Americans in the Charleston area, are on display at the Charleston Museum.



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This exhibit in the Charleston Museum's "Lowcountry History Hall" depicts plantation life in Charleston.

each other and probably interacting a great deal."

They were very "talented and knowledgeable," continued Poplin, and masters of their tasks. Another money-producing operation on the island and along other parts of the Wando and Cooper Rivers during the antebellum period was brick-making.

"There was a big fire in Charleston in 1740 and after that there were ordinances requiring brick construction, so brick-making really kicks off big time in the region," Poplin added. "...Literally tens of millions of bricks every year probably are being made."

And they were made at the hands of slaves, who often left finger print impressions in their creations. Both Poplin and Zierden report that bricks made on Daniel Island were widely used in the construction of Charleston area homes and businesses.

"The people who worked those brick kilns also were later craftsmen," Zierden noted. "So they literally built the city. I think that's the bottom line."

In her work excavating and studying the area under the I-526 bridge over Daniel Island in the 1980s, Zierden and her fellow team members found a number of artifacts that help piece together the story of the island's early settlers. They discovered a variety of tools, soil markings denoting where structures once stood, a 19th century brick well where Governors Park stands today, pieces of colonoware, and more. Colonoware was unglazed earthenware created by slaves, mostly for personal use or to sell.

As part of what was known as the "task system," once a slave's task for the day was complete, he or she could use their time to raise crops or craft materials not just for their own use, but to barter with their owner or to barter in the Charleston market for profit.

"I think the thing that I've learned not just from that (Daniel Island) site but from others was just how resourceful folks were within the bounds of



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These items likely date back to the 18th century and were part of an excavation conducted by Martha Zierden and others on Daniel Island in the 1980s. According to Zierden, the pails were probably used by slaves to carry food.



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These Colonial era bricks, now part of an exhibit at the Charleston Museum, were discovered near Flagg Creek on the Cainho Plantation property.

enslavement, coupled with what we know about the task system," she continued. "Folks took advantage of those opportunities to do their own work, to participate in the market economy and to subvert the system a little bit."

After nearly 200 years of slavery on Daniel Island, the end of the Civil War brought welcome changes. Not only were the enslaved granted their freedom, but they were able to move across the island and establish new residences, away from the plantation clusters they once called home. In the 1870s, the majority of the island was purchased by George Cunningham, who began "serious cattle and cotton operations," Poplin noted. Cunningham hired people



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Martha Zierden, curator of historical archaeology at Charleston Museum, examines artifacts recovered from Daniel Island. Zierden was part of a team that excavated and conducted research on land encompassing the grounds of the present day LTP Tennis Center and the areas beneath the I-526 bridge.

to work his lands – paying them either through cash labor, sharecropping or tenant farming.

"So they spread out from these clustered settlements," Poplin continued. "...And there were new houses and little settlements that sprang up. That was especially true on the Wando side."

The agricultural industry on Daniel Island would continue for at least another century, even after the island was purchased by Harry Frank Guggenheim in the mid-1900s. Once farming operations ended only a couple of homesites remained by the 1990s, prior to the start of today's modern development.

Pompey and his family are but a few of the hundreds of enslaved Africans who once lived on this land. But the impact of their collective contributions will forever be an integral part of the island's history.

"It is a rich story that speaks to the labor and craftsmanship of the Blacks who worked and died here," Dahlman added. "This story endures today, as we continue to build the legacy of these 4,000 acres we call home."



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BE, PSHS squads poised to claim regional basketball honors

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It came without much pomp, circumstance – or even games played.

The Philip Simmons girls' basketball team entered this week's play with at least a share of the Region 6-AA championship, while the



Dustin Williams

Bishop England boys and girls both own at least a share in Region 8-AAA play.

Championships might seem to fly under the radar during the 2020-21 basketball season because of the COVID-19 pandemic,

which has caused the high school season schedule to be shortened, re-shuffled and reimagined numerous times. This season, it's not so much, "Who won?" The question is "Who played?"

The Iron Horses entered this week with only five games under their belt this winter while both Bishop teams have played nine.

In Region 6-AA, only two region games

"We have been fortunate enough to stay healthy. There's a pandemic, but we have been able to keep grinding." — Coach Dustin Williams

were played this season heading into this week, and both involved the Iron Horses. They beat Burke and Woodland. They were scheduled to play Lake Marion Tuesday night and close out the regular season at Timberland on Friday night.

Timberland and Ridgeland-Hardeeville have yet to play a region game, according to MaxPreps. Lake Marion has played only one game all season, a loss to Cross back in December.

The record might not be gaudy, but PSHS girls' coach Dustin Williams is happy with his program's progress in only its fourth season as a varsity team.

"It's still an honor," Williams said. "Like I said, we just have to take it day-by-day. We have been fortunate enough to stay healthy.

There's a pandemic, but we have been able to keep grinding. In our fourth year, this is where we want to be."

The High School League has cut this season's basketball playoff field to 16, down from 32 in typical years. Most of the regions around the state will have its champ qualify for the playoffs while holding a separate tourney to decide the second team. The playoffs begin Feb. 20 and culminate with the Weekend of Champions, slated for March 3-4 at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.

A victory Tuesday over Lake Marion would guarantee the Iron Horse girls a home game in the first two rounds of the playoffs if they stay the course.

The Iron Horse boys began the week in second place in the region with a 2-1 record.

Woodland, which has played only two games all season, leads with a 1-0 region record, a 75-74 victory over the Iron Horses.

Meanwhile, the Bishop England girls and boys are close to adding hardware to the trophy case heading into this week's action Region 8-AAA action.

Both teams are 8-1 overall, and 4-0 in league play with a game scheduled Tuesday, when the Bishops host North Charleston.

The Bishop boys made headlines around the state last winter with their 20-0 record to begin the season and all that accompanied that amazing streak. This winter, coach Kevin Grevey's team has the potential to make a deep run, albeit a little more quietly than last winter because of the stop-again, start-again schedule.

But in a season that has produced just about everything, there is one thing on most people's minds.

"I tell the girls to stay safe," Williams said. "We have been fortunate to remain healthy. We have to take precautions. We can't be that team that gets into the playoffs and then has to forfeit because of the pandemic."

Battling Bishops set diamond standard for 2021 season

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Here's something to ponder as the 2021 high school baseball season approaches in the Palmetto State. The Bishop England baseball team was denied a shot at its fourth consecutive state championship last spring as the COVID-19 pandemic wiped out most of the spring sports season.

Now, the Bishops begin the 2021 season as the No. 1 Class AAA team in the state, according to the South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association's preseason poll.

What if the Bishops win yet another state crown? Will it be four in a row? Or will it be four in a row with an asterisk? It's an important question for posterity's sake. Four consecutive state titles will land you at No. 5 in the state's all-time list of consecutive state baseball titles. Five straight titles will put you in a tie for No. 2 on South Carolina's



JEEP MCCABE

The Bishop England baseball team took the field during the second game of their 2019 state championship, but were shut down in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now they are looking to continue their state title winning streak.

all-time list.

Either way, BE coach Mike Darnell says what happened last year will not affect the team as the Bishops, loaded with college signees, prepare for the 2021 season.

"I don't think last year will have

much influence on how our guys approach this year," Darnell said. "The goal is always the same, and we plan on preparing the same way we do every year."

Last January, Bishop England was selected the Class AAA program of

the decade by diamondprospects.com as the Bishops won four state titles from 2010-19, including three in a row from 2017-19, posting a 79-20 record during the stretch.

But then the pandemic took off and the season was shuttered. Now, expectations are high among the BE faithful with a returning lineup that features some top-of-the-line pitching yet little game experience since 2020 was a wash. Expectations are always high when the Bishops begin the season in the top spot. But Darnell puts the lofty ranking in perspective.

"I know this is coach talk, but preseason rankings really don't mean much," Darnell said. "They are indicative of how you did the previous season. The last full season we had was a state championship, so I assume that is what it is based off."

The Bishops' schedule features a list of heavyweights. But like the winter sports season, spring sports

could be disrupted by the pandemic. Darnell knows it. His players know it as well.

"It is something we will talk about today at our first practice and then probably not again until it happens," Darnell said. "At this point, it is almost inevitable that at least one of our spring sports will get shut down at some point. We will do everything possible to avoid it, but everyone knows it could happen."

The Bishops currently have 13 players on the roster, "so with 13 guys, everyone becomes a key player," Darnell added.

Seniors include Quinn Dewitt, Thomas Regan, Shane Snyder, Campbell Brusman, Sean Hollister, Chase Loggins and Daniel Brooks.

Brooks, a dominant right-handed pitcher, has signed to play with the College of Charleston. Hollister, another pitcher, will play for Presbyterian. Loggins, who is also a pitcher, will play for The Citadel.

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For the past year or so, I have focused on learning how to fish finesse lures. After much experimentation, the Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/5-ounce NedLockZ jig became my favorite lure. It is highly productive in all conditions. So, I fish with it most of the time.

Recently, my son Elliott returned home from Japan and shared how Japanese anglers catch lots of fish with micro finesse lures. These are tiny lures that are between 1 and 2 inches in length. On Friday afternoon, I set out on my first micro finesse angling adventure.

It was a learning experience.

The tide was falling when I launched the Pathfinder and the current was really strong. This made it very difficult to get

the tiny and light jig to hit the bottom. After a few minutes, I decided to wait until the tide slowed down. During the break, I rigged up my 6-foot, 6-inch ultra-light spinning outfit and practiced casting the ultra-small and light lures. It did a much better job than my regular 7-foot light outfit.

The learning curve on the micro finesse technique was steep. I began to wonder if it was a worthwhile endeavor. Brody kept looking at me with the “when are you going to catch a fish” look. Eventually, he gave up waiting and took a nap on the back deck.

When the tide slowed down a bit, I picked up the ultra-light outfit and began fishing. Brody kept on napping. After a few casts, I felt a slight tick as the lure bounced along the bottom. The ultra-light rod bent over deeply, and a huge trout wallowed on the surface. The drag on my reel was set too tight and the tiny hook on the micro finesse jig pulled.

Yes, the micro finesse learning curve

was steep.

After regaining my composure, I started fishing again and began to get comfortable with the micro finesse technique. Then it happened. A solid strike. Fish on. The lighter drag setting on my reel did its job and the 6-pound braid peeled off the spool at an alarming rate. I was sure another monster trout had eaten my lure.

It turned out to be a small flounder.

Regardless, I was happy and Brody was super excited. He kept on licking the fish. After I took a picture of my first micro finesse lure catch, the flounder bit Brody on the lip. It only took a second for the flounder to release Brody and for me to release the flounder.

However, Brody insists that we make a Public Service Announcement: Flounder have teeth and are subject to use them when licked. Anglers and dogs beware!

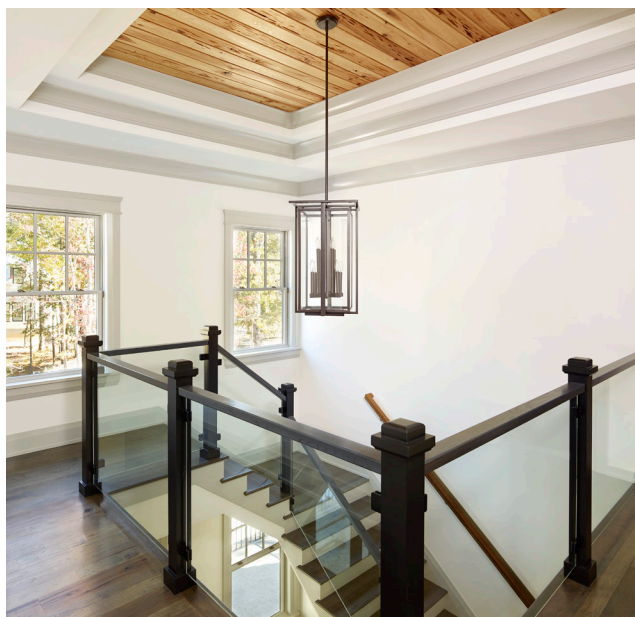
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BE's Coach Colizzi welcomed into SC hall of fame

BY PHILIP M. BOWMAN

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Tony Colizzi's academic endeavors leap off his curriculum vitae. He was in college from 1984-98, taking only one semester off between undergraduate and graduate schools.

"My father told me he would support me as long as I stayed in college and I took full advantage of his generous offer," Colizzi said. "I have an undergraduate degree in psychology with a strong emphasis in biology from James Madison University. I earned my first master's degree in oceanography at Old Dominion University. I worked on a PhD for a few years before switching over to get a master's in education also from Old Dominion University. During grad school is when I discovered that I really enjoyed teaching."

His coaching background is just as interesting. When he arrived at Bishop England in the late 1990s, his only knowledge of competitive running came every four years when he watched the Olympics on television.

Today, he's a South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame member who built track and field and cross country at BE into model programs that



Tony Colizzi

The South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame member has won 25 state championships since 2001.

accumulated 25 state championships since 2001.

But if you've seen Colizzi and his students running the streets of Daniel Island, preparing for track and cross country seasons during heat and humidity and frost and fall, the first thing you might ask is, "How many? How many miles have you run, Tony?"

"I have never tracked the exact number of miles that I run with the team each year, but if I had to guess it would be between 600-700 miles per year," said Colizzi, who was recently inducted into the hall of fame. "That would work out to be between 12,000 and 14,000 miles; 90 percent of which would be on Daniel Island."

Colizzi is disciplined and demanding of himself. It's the same for his student-athletes.

"The one thing I can tell you is that the athletes work very hard all year round to be the best track athletes they can be," he said. "We train or condition five days a week, year-round."

Running might have been the easy part of landing the head coaching job. The hard part might have been learning the sport on the fly to develop a foundation that would last and leave a legacy.

Perhaps the most memorable day of Colizzi's tenure was in May 2001 when both the girls' and boys' teams won state titles, singing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." Since then, the girls' team has been to the mountain top 12 more times.

The one constant has been talent. And, the rest is the coaching staff. Two of his assistants have been at BE longer than Colizzi — Mike Kenny has been there 22 years and Laurie Borden has been there for 26 years.

"It has been fun to watch this team grow," Colizzi said of the track and field program. "We have grown from a small team that didn't even have a track to practice on, to a team that competes for the title year-in, year-out. Our first championships in 2001 were won when we still didn't have a track. The track was built in the following fall."

Colizzi also had a role in developing the cross country programs.

"When I started here, cross country was only a club sport at BE," Colizzi said. "Cross country became an actual team my first year as an assistant. The girls team won their first state championship in only their second year as a team."

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Ted went against the current, and successfully picked Tampa Bay to upset Green Bay.

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Kansas City at Tampa Bay
Over / Under 57.5

First team to score: **Kansas City**
First player to score: **Harrison Butker**
First player to intercept: **Tyrann Mathieu**

First team to score a defensive
touchdown: **Kansas City**

Leading passer: **Patrick Mahomes**
Leading rusher: **Ronald Jones**
Leading receiver: **Tyreek Hill**
Leading tackler: **Devin White**
Leading sacks: **Jason Pierre-Paul**
MVP: **Patrick Mahomes**

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156-72
BALLOT:
For the week of Feb. 4, 2021

PROFESSIONAL
Kansas City at Tampa Bay
Over / Under 57.5

First team to score: **Kansas City**
First player to score: **Travis Kelce**
First player to intercept: **Tyrann Mathieu**

First team to score a defensive
touchdown: **None**

Leading passer: **Patrick Mahomes**
Leading rusher: **Leonard Fournette**
Leading receiver: **Tyreek Hill**
Leading tackler: **Devin White**
Leading sacks: **Shaquil Barrett**
MVP: **Patrick Mahomes**

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156-72
BALLOT:
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First team to score: **Kansas City**
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MVP: **Patrick Mahomes**

Ryan Butler
Shelter Custom Built Living

151-77
BALLOT:
For the week of Feb. 4, 2021

PROFESSIONAL
Kansas City at Tampa Bay
Over / Under 57.5

First team to score: **Tampa Bay**
First player to score: **Rob Gronkowski**
First player to intercept: **Carlton Davis**

First team to score a defensive
touchdown: **Tampa Bay**

Leading passer: **Tom Brady**
Leading rusher: **Leonard Fournette**
Leading receiver: **Mike Evans**
Leading tackler: **Devin White**
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143-85

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For the week of Feb. 4, 2021

PROFESSIONAL

Kansas City at Tampa Bay

Over / Under 57.5

First team to score: **Kansas City**

First player to score: **Patrick Mahomes**

First player to intercept: **Tyrann Mathieu**

First team to score a defensive
touchdown: **Tampa Bay**

Leading passer: **Patrick Mahomes**

Leading rusher: **Leonard Fournette**

Leading receiver: **Travis Kelce**

Leading tackler: **Chris Jones**

Leading sacks: **Jason Pierre-Paul**

MVP: **Tom Brady**



Rob Crawford
Renaissance South



142-86

BALLOT:

For the week of Feb. 4, 2021

PROFESSIONAL

Kansas City at Tampa Bay

Over / Under 57.5

First team to score: **Kansas City**

First player to score: **Travis Kelce**

First player to intercept: **Sean Murphy-Bunting**

First team to score a defensive
touchdown: **None**

Leading passer: **Tom Brady**

Leading rusher: **Clyde Edwards-Helaire**

Leading receiver: **Travis Kelce**

Leading tackler: **Devin White**

Leading sacks: **L'Jarius Sneed**

MVP: **Patrick Mahomes**



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BALLOT:

For the week of Feb. 4, 2021

PROFESSIONAL

Kansas City at Tampa Bay

Over / Under 57.5

First team to score: **Tampa Bay**

First player to score: **Travis Kelce**

First player to intercept: **Tom Brady**

First team to score a defensive
touchdown: **Kansas City**

Leading passer: **Tom Brady**

Leading rusher: **Leonard Fournette**

Leading receiver: **Chris Goldwin**

Leading tackler: **Devin White**

Leading sacks: **Sean Murphy-Bunting**

MVP: **Tom Brady**



Nancy Crick
Carolina One



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BALLOT:

For the week of Feb. 4, 2021

PROFESSIONAL

Kansas City at Tampa Bay

Over / Under 57.5

First team to score: **Kansas City**

First player to score: **Clyde Edwards-Helaire**

First player to intercept: **Tyrann Mathieu**

First team to score a defensive
touchdown: **None**

Leading passer: **Patrick Mahomes**

Leading rusher: **Clyde Edwards-Helaire**

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FIFTH GRADE OSPREY BASKETBALL TEAMS

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The Daniel Island School Osprey fifth grade girls basketball team is led by head coach Josh Soper and assistant coach Greg Taylor. They finished the season in first place in the Trident League at 6-4 overall and 6-2 in league play.

Pictured are: Top row, from left, Wren Soper, Wren Vance, Ruby Bailey, Amelia Buehner, Maddie Dietrich, Wellsley Roe, and Parker Devereux; Bottom row, from left, is Marshall Love, Isabel Alomar, Ava Harkey, Emily Hughes, Abby Darr, Hannah Taylor, and Annie Holmes.



The Osprey fifth grade boys basketball team was led by head Coach Matt Hines and assistant coach Leon Edwards. They finished in second place in the Trident League at 8-3 overall; 5-3 in league play.

Players pictured are, from left, Alexander Gill, Parker Layton, Beckett Knowlan, James Matsik, Dylan Edwards, Hudson Morris, Grayson Barna, Charlie Godfrey, Max Hines, and William Garton.

The Daniel Island News will highlight the sixth, seventh and eighth grade teams in upcoming issues of the paper.

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Turtles are now protected by DNR guidelines



daniel island nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

I cannot say how the young turtle came to pass in front of my daughters and their grandmother at just the “wrong” time. Nor can I explain the age-old fascination children seem to have with such creatures. But it quickly became clear that, having been discovered on a family walk, “Murdle” the turtle was expected to become at least a temporary part of the Conway household.

Like most children, our daughters loved animals of any kind. (They still do, but as young women they are somewhat less inclined to bring in random creatures.) In their 6- and 3-year-old minds, Murdle was clearly in need of a roof over her head. Unfortunately, Murdle was a diamondback terrapin. While some terrapins are successfully kept in captivity, they have needs we really could not provide for. Amid much sadness and

ceremony, including a “Goodbye Murdle” poster, our young turtle was soon set free.

Pick any pond or lake on Daniel Island, especially on a sunny day, and there is almost sure to be a turtle show in progress. We have many species, including freshwater, salt-water, brackish water and purely terrestrial turtles in South Carolina. The one most often seen on a walk around Daniel Island, though, is the yellow-bellied slider, *Trachemys scripta scripta*.

Yellow-bellied sliders are very common in freshwater habitats from Florida through eastern Virginia. They are generally dark in coloration, but they have bright yellow stripes or spots on the sides and bottoms of their heads and necks and yellow plastrons, or underbelly shells. The skin colors darken as the turtles age, and older turtles may be almost black on the head, neck and upper shell. These turtles are omnivores. Given a choice, though, they seem to prefer animal protein. They will absolutely grab your fishing bait if you let them catch up with an earthworm. This is to be avoided, as dehooking can hurt

the turtle.

I always learn something when writing these columns. This one taught me a lot. I was unaware of the huge number of yellow-bellied sliders and other turtles transferred annually from the wild to household pet status, both here and internationally. This practice has gone unregulated and untracked for many years. As of last fall, however, there are quotas for how many turtles (and many other reptiles and amphibians) a person may possess. Sales are limited and penalties are significant. Beyond the common turtle regulations, possession of certain threatened or endangered turtle species, alligators, skinks or treefrogs is prohibited altogether. All of this information is available on the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) website.

Another learning point was how turtles “shed.” Land tortoises generally don’t shed their shells. But many aquatic turtles, including the yellow-bellied slider, do shed them in small pieces. The top layers of the hexagonal sections, or scutes, drop off periodically, allowing for growth without acquiring a heavy shell casing. Most turtles



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The most common type of turtle that can be found around Daniel Island is the yellow-bellied slider.

also shed their skin periodically, like snakes.

Also of note, while most wild animals reach sexual maturity and the ability to reproduce very quickly, they also have fairly short lifespans. Yellow-bellied sliders, and many other turtles, live up to 30 years in the wild and 40 years in captivity, and don’t reach the reproductive age for up to 15 years. If an ecosystem is heavily pressured, it would be quite possible to remove too many turtles before many had a chance to reproduce, thus the reason for the new SCDNR harvest restrictions.

So, if you have pet turtles, regardless of their source, you should check the DNR website for number and species limits.



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Now adults, Frank Conway’s daughters, Caroline, age 3 in the photo, and Claire, 6, found a diamondback turtle during a family walk. They eventually had to set the turtle free. Today, Caroline, 18, and Claire, 21, are both in college.



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GROWING CAMELLIAS: The Daniel Island Garden Club will host urban horticulture agent Chris Burt, via Zoom on Wed., Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. His topic is "Growing Camellias in the Lowcountry." For details, contact Linda Price, lmcwpr@gmail.com.

BIKE RAFFLE: Philip Simmons High School is holding a spring raffle virtually after being forced to cancel its annual Boost. Custom-built BildaBike Beach Cruisers in purple, black and white colors with the Iron Horse decal and a basket or a rack on back will be given away. The drawing will be held April 2. To participate, go to bit.ly/pshsbikeraffle.

BLOOD DRIVE: St. Clare's Parish and Bishop England High School are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, Feb. 21. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be parked in the BE parking lot from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. Appointments are limited. Masks are required. For information, email christinelark@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Rotary Club of Daniel Island is a service organization with about 75 members of all ages. Would you like to learn more about what we do and how you might get involved? Join us for an informative virtual meeting on March 8 at 5:30 p.m. To register, email Mary Jo Romeo at maryjo@mjrccac.com.

REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. both in person at the

Daniel Island Club and virtually. For more information on attending, email maryjo@mjrccac.com. For more information, visit danielislandrotary.com.

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

TOASTMASTERS OF DANIEL ISLAND meet on Zoom on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Every member practices giving speeches and has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. These in turn foster greater self-confidence and personal growth. For more information about the advantage of membership, email claire@eduave.com and see us at https://www.facebook.com/DITMClub.

WILLINGWAYS "CONTINUED CARE GROUP" is designed to help families who have members struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. It's a good place to get answers to questions you may have. All are welcome. Meetings are held at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Road, Mondays at 6-30-7:30 p.m. Contact facilitator Rhett Crull, 843-323-711.

meeting NOTES

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

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC)

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Feb. 4 via Zoom. Items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula include:

- Volvo Car Stadium modifications. Location: 161 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. Owner: City of Charleston. Leasee: Beemok Sports LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside, & Associates, 843-884-1667. Contact: Paul Peeples, ppeeples@seamonwhiteside.com.

Results from the Jan. 28 meeting were:

- Wando Village - Pocket Park. Location: Intersection of S.C. Highway 41 and Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. Owner: Pulte Home Company, LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton, 843-725-5274. Contact: Will Cox, cox.w@

tandh.com. First review of site plan for amenity pavilion, boardwalk, paths/sidewalk, and parking. RESULTS: Revise and resubmit to TRC.

CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING-SITE DESIGN (BZA-SD)

A meeting of the BZA-SD will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 5 p.m., via Zoom. To access via phone, call 301- 715-8592. Meeting ID# 867 9676 5530. Technical assistance line: 843-724-3788. Items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula include:

- 310 Hidden Bottom Lane, Daniel Island. Request a variance from Sec. 54-327 to allow the removal of one grand tree. Owner: Michael & Caroline Walkley. Applicant: Lowcountry Premier Custom Homes.

CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING-APPEALS

A meeting of the BZAZ was held Feb. 2. Items on the agenda for Daniel Island or the Cainhoy peninsula included:

- 321 Bayley Road, Daniel Island. Request variance (after-the-fact) from Sec. 54-823

Daniel Island Master Plan zoning regulations to allow a HVAC platform with a 15-ft., 9-inch setback from the rear property line (20-ft. required.) Owner: Kelly and Will Swicord. Applicant: Eric Schoenbaechler (Barrow Building Group). Results were not available at press time.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

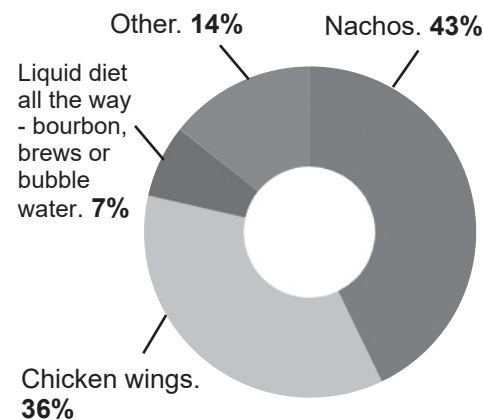
- Berkeley County Council conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner.

- Berkeley County Board of Education meetings are held twice each month. The second meeting of each month includes special recognitions of students, employees and community members. Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.; public meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

- Charleston City Council conducts its meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m.

Readers say:

As the Kansas City Chiefs faceoff against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the NFL championship game on Sunday, Feb. 7, sports fans will be ready for the party and a feeding frenzy. What's your go-to big game snack food?



*Response choices Chips & Dip, Burgers & Brats, and Veggie plate received no votes.

Comments:

- Homemade Chicago deep dish pizza!! ala Lou Malnati
- Chili
- Give me Miller Lite and Cape Cod chips!

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

ACROSS

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love conquers all
17 ___ box: TV set
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WWI fighting
54 Kate Smith favorite
59 Dismantle
60 Film ___: bleak
movie
61 Wyeth's Helga
paintings, mostly
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"Family Ties"
65 Hurting
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67 River's end

DOWN

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vandalism
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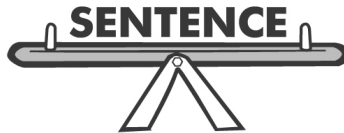
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breed
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pressure
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Let's Have
Some FUN

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Grammar
Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier



Balanced Sentences

Sentences need to have balance. The parts of speech used in a sentence should be phrased in similar grammatical forms. The term for this is **parallelism**. Decide which of the following sentences are correct and which have faulty parallelism.

1. The model student is attentive, studious and comes to class on time.
2. Caroline and her boyfriend enjoy hiking, biking and going to movies.
3. Every day last winter it either rained, or we had snow.
4. Customers call our restaurant for reservations, directions and to find out what our special of the day is.

Answers: 1. Faulty: The model student is attentive, studious and punctual.
2. Correct.
3. Faulty: Every day last winter it either rained or snowed.
4. Faulty: Customers call our restaurant for reservations, directions and daily specials.

MYSTERY ? PHOTO ? CONTEST

CONGRATS TO LAST WEEK'S WINNER: BECKY MAHER



The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident Becky Maher, who correctly identified the picture as the sign for Beachables, located off Clements Ferry Road.

This stay-at-home mom has lived with her family on the south side of Daniel Island for three and a half years. She said, "I love the Beachables store, so I recognized the logo right away."

What is her favorite part about living on Daniel Island? "I love that people are very active, social and friendly," she said. This was not her first time playing the mystery photo contest, but it is her first time winning. Congrats again to Becky!

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



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

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



Feb 2, 2006

In the Feb. 2, 2006, issue, the POA was holding its first election for citizen members of the Daniel Island Community Association Board of Directors. Three island residents were nominated: David Cobb, David Pagliarini and Stephen Smith. The election would follow.

In other news, Daniel Island resident Ronda Schilling was ap-

pointed to the City of Charleston Recreation Commission. Schilling, who has worked for The Daniel Island News for many years but not at the time of her appointment, was instrumental in bringing the kids' triathlon to Daniel Island as well as promoting other recreational opportunities on the island.

In business news, island law firm Clawson & Staubes celebrated its one-year anniversary on Daniel Island.

TEN YEARS AGO



Feb. 3, 2011

In the Feb. 3, 2011, issue, the top news story was the uncertainty surrounding land owned by the State Ports Authority on Daniel Island. The Ports Authority was under legislative direction to have 495 acres of its Daniel Island tract under contract by 2012

and sold by 2013, or the land would revert to the State Budget and Control Board.

In development news, Daniel Island Company president Matt Sloan, in a broad-ranging address to the Daniel Island Business Association, reported the community was healthy and faring well compared with its "planned community" counterparts. Sloan added that while real estate volume was up in 2010 (reaching \$90 million), compared with the year earlier, it was far off its peak of \$240 million.

FIVE YEARS AGO



Feb. 4, 2016

For the Feb. 4, 2016, issue, the popularity of solar energy use on the island was highlighted. Jane Baker, now POA president, said the nationwide renewable energy solutions trend had seen an uptick in Daniel Island construction projects. Baker stated in 2015, the Architectural Review Board received two applications for solar panel systems on new homes and six modifications to outfit existing homes, compared to one request in 2014.

In other news, a Daniel Island School student was struck by a car while riding her bike to school across a crosswalk at Pierce Street and Daniel Island Drive. Fortunately, the student was not seriously injured, but the incident raised concerns about the safety of crosswalks in the school proximity.

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