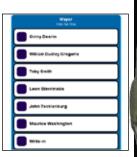


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Have a Safe and Happy Halloween from all of us at Iron Gate Realty! Thank you for your loyalty and support!

Election Day 2015:

DI/Cainhoy voters - here's what you need to know!

ELIZABETH BUSH

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When City of Charleston voters on Daniel Island and the Cainhoy Peninsula head to the polls on November 3 to elect both a new Mayor and a representative for District 1 on City Council, they will cast their ballots at Daniel Island School (DIS). No other polling sites will be open that day, as per Berkeley County Voter Registration & Elections Director Adam Hammons.

All precincts - Cainhoy, Daniel Island 1, Daniel Island 2, Daniel Island 3, Daniel Island 4, The Village, and Yellow House - will report to DIS. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There are approximately 9,515 registered voters in Berkeley County who have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Charleston municipal election. Running for Mayor are Ginny Deerin, William Dudley Gregorie, Toby Smith, Leon Stavrinakis, John Tecklenburg, and Maurice Washington. Any run-off election will be held on Tuesday, November 17.

Vying for the District 1 seat on City Council are Daniel Island residents Gary White (incumbent) and Shawn Pinkston. District 1 encompasses all of Daniel Island, most of the Cainhoy Peninsula, and portions of downtown Charleston.

All voters will be asked to provide one of the following types of Photo ID at their polling place:

- *S.C. Driver's License
- *S.C. DMV Identification Card
- *S.C. Voter Registration Card with a Photo
- *Federal Military ID
- *U.S. Passport

For additional information, visit the Berkeley County Elections Office website at https://www.berkeleycountysc.gov/drupal/voters.

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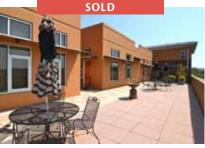
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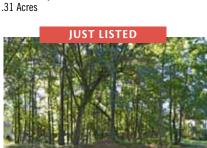
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8 Grove Lane	3BR, 2.5BA, 2,568 sq. ft.	\$725,000
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from the EDITOR

On Elections & Halloween

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3

Midterm elections traditionally have a low voter turnout in comparison to a presidential election year. The 2014 midterm voter turnout was the worst in 70 years - just 36.4 percent of eligible voters turned out in 2014. In municipal elections, like the one set for Nov. 3, the turnout is even lower. A study by University of Wisconsin researchers covering 144 larger U.S. cities depict a decline in voter turnout in odd-numbered years over the previous decade. In 2001, an average of 26.6 percent of cities' voting-age population cast ballots. In 2011, less than 21 percent did so.

This year's City of Charleston election is an opportunity for our local voters to buck that trend.

The election of a new mayor for Charleston is historic and a contested City Council race make this election especially important for the City in general and for Daniel Island in particular.

Our City and our island can and should turn out to vote in greater numbers than the declining national average.

Vote on November 3 at the Daniel Island School.

TRICK OR TREAT!

Several folks have shared a few Halloween concerns with me and asked me to pass them along to our readers. Here they are:

Allergies & The Teal Pumpkin: Remember, homes displaying a teal colored pumpkin offer non-food treats. This is a great service for kids and adults who suffer from food allergies.

Littering: A reader explained to me that Halloween is a time when litter increases and she asked me to urge parents to remind their children not to litter. Good idea. Take a garbage bag with you and don't let your kids be litterbugs. Ditto for the parents. That's right, here is a Halloween trick that surprised me: According to litterprevention.com, "Statistics show that kids up to 13 rarely litter and that pensioners litter more than adolescents."

Mischief: In order to keep mischief down (smashed pumpkins, toilet paper in the trees, soaped window), here are a few tips from moneypit.com: keep lights on (a flood light is even better), put objects away in the garage or inside the home, play scary music (apparently mischief makers are wimps).

Happy Halloween and don't forget to vote!

Politics Not As Usual



Kevin is the tall Minion with two eyes. Bob has two eyes but is shorter than Kevin. And Stuart is the one with just one eye...I muttered to myself. To keep these characters straight in my mind, I studied pictures on my iPad. My lovely wife, Grace, and I are heading soon to visit our son and his family in Missouri. He and his wife have four children, all ten or vounger. These grandchildren are well ahead of yours truly when it comes to trendy movies and toys, although that may say more about me than them. During a previsit FaceTime call, grandson Luke prattled on about Minions. Sensing this may have overtaken Frozen as the craze du jour, I wanted to impress the little ones by accurately identifying a Minion figurine when it was shoved under my nose.

"So, whom do you like?" Grace inquired.

I nodded, pondering her question and excellent grammar. It was a close call but I finally declared, "Kevin."

- "Kevin? Who is Kevin?"
- "The tall one. He's taller than Bob."
- "There isn't a Kevin running, Dear," Grace stated, "or a Bob, as far as I know."
 - "Running for what?"

"President," she answered and, when I did not respond, added slowly and somewhat emphatically, "of the United States...where we live...in twenty sixteen."

"Oh, I...ah...thought you were asking about

Minions," I stammered, turning the iPad so Grace could view the screen. "This one, here, is my favorite." She just stared at me. Feeling a need to break the silence. I volunteered, "He's Kevin."

Grace set down her coffee cup, leaned across the kitchen table, and put her hand on my wrist. In a soft tone she whispered, "Dalton, you are starting to scare me. Did you not hear Toogie and me? We're sitting right next to you."

Pointing at the iPad screen, I explained, "I was memorizing the names of..."

"I know, I know," Grace interrupted, with her palms raised. "You were engrossed with cartoon

"Oh, they are more than cartoons," I shot back. "Two full length movies, toys, and all kinds of Minion merchandise."

Rubbing her eyelids with her fingertips, Grace sighed, "I'm sorry I asked."

My Aunt Toogie, seated to my right, shot me a familiar smirk. It was the smug smile the grandchildren display when a sibling catches a scolding, or as the grandkids say, gets chirped. Having been both a smirker and a smirkee, at times, in my youth, I recognized that look. It still stings to be the recipient. I lowered my eyes, analyzing what to do next when Toogie spoke up.

"Don't let him off the hook, Honey" she chortled. Fixing me with a sly grin, she added, "Grace and I were discussing the big field of Presidential candidates. So, Walt Disney, which ones do vou like?"

Wanting to join their conversation, I contributed, "Well, it looks like Trump and Hillary are leading now."

"Thank you, Captain Obvious," Toogie scoffed. "Would you vote for either one?"

"I don't think so," I mused, "they don't seem to have...I don't know..."

"Humility shortage in one case, integrity deficit in another?" Toogie suggested.

- "Yeah, I guess that's it,"
- "Sad. Ben Carson?"
- "He's very measured," I observed. "I like
 - "Bernie Sanders?"

"Has a clear message," I proffered, adding, "If we are going to elect a Socialist, we might as well have an official one."

"Anybody else?" Toogie continued.

"I'm not sure. There are so many," I replied. When she did not respond, I added, "I want someone who exemplifies that adage 'speak softly and carry a big stick.' You know, softspoken on the outside but tough as nails on the inside."

"I think he just described Rhonda Rousey," Toogie chuckled, directing her comment toward

"Oh, yeah!" I exclaimed.

"Do I know her?" Grace queried.

"Google it. She could stare down Putin and kick his butt! But she's not running," Toogie stated, adding, "Dalton, may I make a sugges-

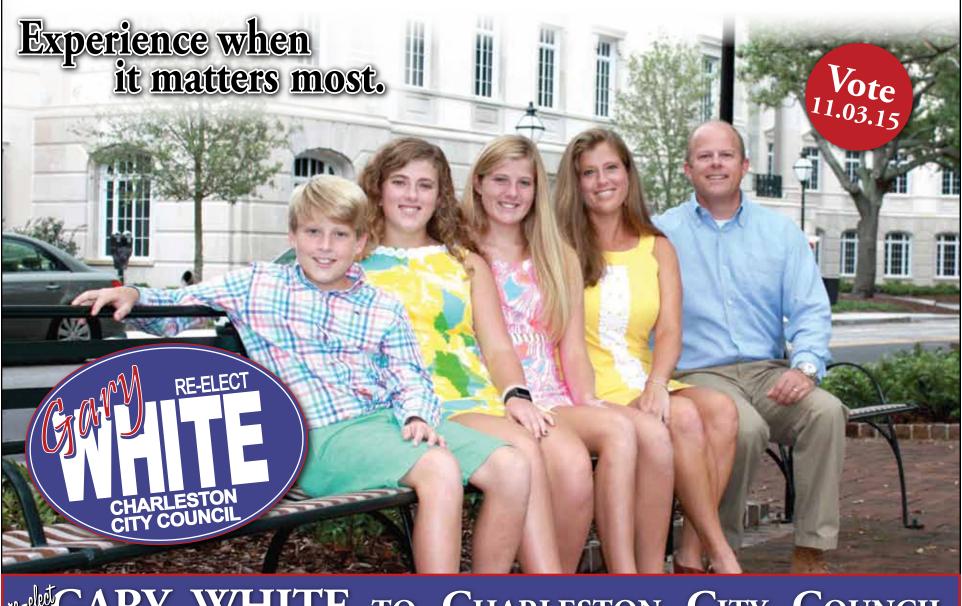
I nodded affirmatively.

"If you studied the political candidates as closely as you studied those other minions, you would be better informed. Then you could select and support your favorite candidate. The election may be months away, but it may be more important for the grandchildren than one more cartoon character."

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A cowgirl with a blue tutu. Braelyn Age 5



I was a fairy last year and it was awe-some because it was a unicorn fairy. Mary Kate



Once I was a Cleveland Browns football player. Chase Age 11



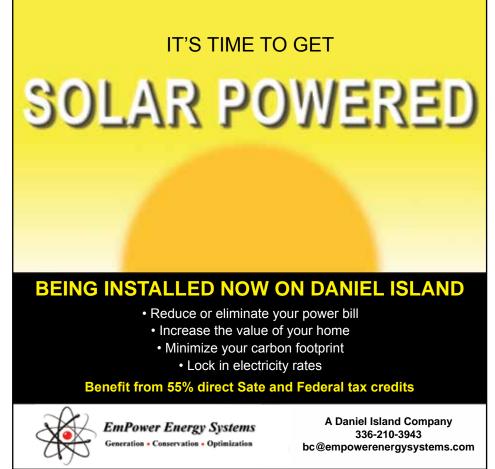
Once I was a Payton Manning football player. Gibson Age 9



I was a gorilla because it had such a scary mask. William Age 13



I was Darth Vader.
It was awesome
because it was super
realistic.
Beau
Age 10





Island Eye Care's Courtney Gaff brings one-woman art show to Daniel Island

Courtney Gaff, Island Eye Care's optical stylist, is a Charleston Guild Artist and is bringing her one-woman art show to Daniel Island on Thursday, November 5 at Greystar Daniel Island Village, 455 Seven Farms Dr. beginning at 5:30 p.m. You can meet the artist and add to your collections at pre-gallery prices.

Gaff's art is hung in galleries and shows from Beaufort to Downtown Charleston, and she is preparing to have future solo exhibits at various galleries in and around Charleston. Private collectors have her art in their homes in Fripp Island, Mt. Pleasant, Columbia, Michigan and Daniel Island. Commercial businesses in Mt. Pleasant have also shown her works in recent months. And during 2015 and 2016 she will also be Plein Aire painting at both Boone Hall and Magnolia Plantations.

Various landscapes, clouds and palm trees have fueled her most recent collections, with big, bright forceful colors drawing you into her works.

"I am most appreciative of the help, support and guidance in 2014 that Reyni-



Courtney Gaff

er Llanes, Richard Weedman and Jonathan Green have provided," Gaff said.

Her work can be viewed at cpageart.

Come, enjoy some light refreshments and join your friends and neighbors at this unique show from our local artist Courtney Gaff, Thursday, November 5 at Greystar Village, 455 Seven Farms Dr.



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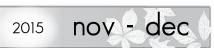
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Dear Hayden,

Brenda Cook sold my larger house on Daniel Island and she was amazing, both company and client focused. Once we sold our house we did not know what we wanted to do but Brenda encouraged us to buy a lot on the park side of Daniel Island. Once we had a chance to digest everything, we chose a builder, built a smaller house and moved in June 25, 2015. We could not be happier with her guidance and our house. I called her this morning to tell her that our house was recently appraised and I was shocked. We built on Lesesne street (smallest house on street) and we adore it. She was so instrumental in our decisions and I just want you to know you have hired a gem. She is someone I look up to and have the utmost respect for and love. She certainly serves as a role model for other realtors. I am so happy for you and your company that you hired her. She is the best both professionally and personally. She cares about the client after the sale.

> Sincerely, B. Robinson



DINA MEETING

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Mr. Jim Newsome, SPA CEO, and Mr. Mac McQuillin from the Berkeley County School Board will be the guest speakers and will provide the latest and greatest in their respective fields, while focusing on specific impacts to the island. The meeting is from 7 - 8 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm; refreshments provided. Church of the Holy Cross (299 Seven Farms Dr). More info on DINA website and Facebook page.

On Wednesday, November 4 from 5:30-7:30 pm, Laura Alberts will host a Sip 'N Shop event that is also a fundraiser for the Charleston Animal Society. Denning Anderson with Artemis Boots, Ashley Gaskins of Soulfully Scripted, Blue Poppy Boutique and others will represent Daniel Island. Enjoy a wine tasting paired with delicious bites as you sip, shop and cross friends and family off your holiday aift list.

TGIFF

Thank Goodness It's First Friday, the longest running, informal social gathering of Daniel Island residents, will be on Friday November 6 at Daniel's Landing Clubhouse 6:30-9 pm. Come out to meet new neighbors and old friends. Bring a hors d'oeuvre to share and your favorite beverage. Nicki and Fred Rosenberg will be the hosts. Questions? Call Walter and Barbara Jenner 216-2573.

DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

Alice in Wonderland, a play in 2 acts. Nov. 6 & 7 at 6:30 pm. Runtime approx. 90 minutes. Admission: students \$5, adults \$10. 2365 Daniel Island Dr.

GMO AWARENESS & LABEL READING

Learn to identify GMOs & other chemical ingredients in labels. Learn to find clean ingredients & the best places to find organic & GMO free in the Lowcountry. Presented on Tuesday, November 10 by Lisa Bayorek, 7 pm at 843 Benefits and Health Marketplace, 130 River Landing Drive Suite 1D

GOLF AND GLOW

On Friday, Nov. 13, join in the 3rd annual Party, Golf and Glow benefiting the Woodward Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. 9 holes of glow night golf and a party all in the same night. 5:30 pm tee time, 7:30 pm, party with auction at the Daniel Island Club. Come and glow all night!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARK DAY

The Daniel Island POA needs volunteers for this year's "Park Day on Daniel Island" on Saturday, November 14 from 11 am - 4 pm at Children's Park. Whether you have only a couple of hours to contribute or can spend the

whole day with us - we'd love to have your help! This is an opportunity for you to "give back" to your community and to our chosen charities for this year through your time, energy and help! Volunteers will be treated to a meal, a t-shirt and an incredibly fun day! Please consider volunteering - you'll have a blast! Interested in volunteering- please contact Barbara McLaughlin, Park Day Manager, by email at barbara. mclaughlin@dicommunity.org by October 10th.

PARK DAY

Park Day on Daniel Island festival is Sat., Nov. 14, at Children's Park, 11 am - 4 pm. A fall tradition in the Lowcountry, Park Day is a day of outdoor family fun for all ages that showcases and supports local charitable organizations. An exciting lineup of activities, food and beverage vendors will be announced in the coming weeks!

ANNUAL DI POA MEETINGS

On Monday, November 16 at 6 pm the Daniel Island Park Association will hold their annual meeting in the Daniel Island Club Ballroom. On Tuesday, November 17 at 6 pm the Daniel Island Community Association will hold their annual meeting at the Daniel Island School Multipurpose Room. If you cannot attend, please contact the POA about completing a proxy.

SPEAKER'S SERIES

On Wednesday, November 18, Nigel Redden, the General Director of Spoleto Festival USA, will give an insider's view of the Festival and talk about how the Festival comes together and why the location of historic downtown Charleston is essential to its success. The event is at the Daniel Island Club, in the ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 pm; the program starts at 7 pm, and will conclude around 8 pm. Business casual attire is appropriate. To register to attend, please go to http://tiny.cc/dispeakersseries. This program, now in its fourth year, is sponsored jointly by The Rotary Club of Daniel Island, the Daniel Island Community Fund, the Daniel Island Business Association, and the Daniel Island Club. For more information or questions, please contact Mary Wessner at dispeakersseries@hotmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 3RD ANNUAL ISLAND-WIDE SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

Saturday, November 21, 10 am until all the shoeboxes are packed! Location: Holy Cross on Daniel Island. Fun for the whole family - A great way to teach your kids how to help

Also in need of shoebox filler items - for more information contact Jennifer Roberts at jcsroberts@yahoo.com or (843) 270-1161

THE HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

A college-level humanities course will be offered at the Daniel Island Branch of the Berkeley County Library System this fall. The FREE course will be taught on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, from Sep. 9 through Nov.18. Participants can attend at any time as the sessions each stand on their

own. This humanities course seeks to align history, art, music, philosophy, invention, religion, science, mathematics, language and literature chronologically across several cultures. The professor will be Hillyer Rudisill III. For more information, call the Daniel Island Library at 843-471-2952. THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Saint Clare of Assisi is partnering with Saint James AME to celebrate a Thanksgiving service on Monday, November 23 at 7 pm in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) of Bishop England High School. The highlight of the service will be giving thanks for 100 years of ministry and service by the Saint James AME Church community. Rev. Natalie Nelson, the new pastor at Saint James, and members of Saint Clare of Assisi, Jerri Pogue and Ruthie Brouette, are planning the evening which will include a history of Saint James and a covered dish community supper. Local clergy will be invited to participate in the service. Further details will be

2015 HOLIDAY FESTIVAL ON DANIEL ISLAND VENDOR

The 2015 Holiday Festival on Daniel Island will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 11 am - 4 pm at the Family Circle Tennis Center on Daniel Island. The festival organizers are now accepting Vendor Applications for the 2015 Holiday Festival! For more info, contact Barbara McLaughlin, Holiday Festival on Daniel Island Manager at barbara.mclaughlin@dicommunity.org.

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Free Tai Chi classes. Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30-9:30 am at Providence Baptist Church. Call Gwen for more information 843-718-5454.

WILLINGWAY CONTINUING CARE

MEETINGS

Every Monday 6:30-7:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Dr. Anyone with addiction issuesyou, a family member, a friend regardless of whether you've been a patient of Willingway, is invited. Continuing Care provides a community for addicts, their family and friends to talk about their experiences and find ways to connect with 12-step recovery. Just show up, there is no charge. Contact Rhett Crull 843-323-7111 with questions.

RUN CLUB

Gaia Fit Run Club meets on Fridays 5:30 am and Sundays 7:30 am for group runs as well as First Friday Happy Hour Runs at DI restaurants. Email mary@gaiafit.com for more information.

GROUP RUN/WALK

Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am from Pierce Park Pavilion: Enjoy a 3-mile walk or run along the Wando River and share your thoughts and input with the Daniel Island News' writers and advertising executives. This is part of the Live a Better Life series sponsored by The Daniel Island News.

"Business Executive Networking Group" meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Berkeley County Library on DI, 5 to 6:30pm. BENG (www.thebeng.org) is a multidiscipline networking group for mid to senior level executive professionals who are seeking a new career. Contact Cathey Petkash, cpetkash@frannet.com. Register at http:// bengcharleston.eventbrite.com.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Daniel Island ladies of all denominations gather Wednesday mornings at 9 am for an hour of prayer and sharing. Call Joan Vitalo, 884-1484, or Kay Uhler, 971-1445, for

WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK (WIN)

Join professional women for a networking luncheon, which is held the last Wednesday of each month at The Islander, from 11:45am - 1pm. Contact Sheila Underwood -843.849.3820 or email Sheila.underwood@suntrust.com. RSVP is required.

TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters of Daniel Island meet on the first and third Friday of every month, from 12 to 1pm at Summit Place, 320 Seven Farms Dr. For more information please contact claire@eduave.com or Brian Richards (843) 884-5987.

AA MEETINGS ON DI

Daily M-F 8 am, Tue. 7pm, Fri 7pm at Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Dr.; Sat. 8 pm at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Dr.

DANIEL ISLAND EXCHANGE CLUB

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (with some exceptions) at 5:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Drive and centers its service initiatives on Americanism, youth programs, community service and the prevention of child abuse. For questions about meeting dates and programming, contact PresidentDIExchangeClub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page.

MOM'S PLAYDATE

Join other moms for monthly playdates at the Pirate Cove playground by Smythe Park. Bring your babies, pre-toddlers, and toddlers for some playtime and mom time. Playdates are every first and third Tuesday of the month at 10am, weather permitting. Contact Marie Corbin or Erica Elmenhurst for more details, or just show up. (Marie: 843.729.1924 mariefw@gmail.com and Erica: 562.972.3300 ericaelmenhurst@gmail.com.)

MEN'S FITNESS GROUP

F3, a free men's workout group, meets every Saturday morning starting at 6:30 am at Governors Park and at 5:30 am on Wednesdays. F3 workouts are always free of charge, open to all men over age 17. The group will meet at 6:20 am with the hour workout beginning promptly at 6:30 am. Visit www.f3nation.com or email to F3Charleston@ amail.com.

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Five Years Ago -Nationwide Tour Championship comes to Daniel Island

In the October 28, 2010 edition of the paper, our cover and centerfold featured the Nationwide Tour Championship on Daniel Island, which was underway at the time.

In addition to highlight-

ing the field of players, we features island residents who were hosting tour players for the tournament, including Louise and David Poole and the Ennis family

Our election coverage features O&A's with the candidates for governor - Nikki Haley and Vincent Sheheen: and for U.S. Sixth District -James Clyburn and Jim Pratt.

In business news we report that the The Daniel Island Company formed a new division, Charleston Preferred Properties, which was and is a general brokerage firm specializing in assisting buyers with residential real estate purchases throughout the Charleston region.





Daniel Island residents Louise and David Poole hosted player Martin Piller of Texas at their home during the 2009 Nationwide Tour Championship on Daniel Island.



Bishop **England** 2010 Homecoming Queen Carrie Cottingham receives her crown. She was escorted by Hayden Sellers.

Ten Years Ago -Curse of the Lowcountry Mold!

In the October 27, 2005 edition of the paper our cover and centerfold featured several island homeowners who suffered ill effects from mold in their homes and at their places of work. Mold continues to be a problem in the lowcountry today.

In sporting news, The U.S. Women's Soccer Team blanked Mexico 3-0 at Blackbaud Stadium. This marked the 10th straight shutout for the reigning Olympic champions and they completed their season with an 8-0-1 record.

In crime, a 21-year-old Huger man suspected in a shooting a few days earlier at Rew's Run-In on Clements Ferry Road, turned himself in to Charleston Police. The suspect was charged with assault and battery with intent to kill and possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime. The 25-year-old victim was expected to recovery



Matt Slloan, President of The Daniel Island Company, was one of many volunteers who graciously agreed to sit in the dunk tank to raise funds for the Trident Literacy Association.



U.S. forward Heather O'Reilly shoots on goal.



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New BCSD Superintendent ready for new assignment

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Brenda Blackburn

Listen and learn. That is the strategy Berkeley County Schools Superintendent Brenda Blackburn plans to utilize as she enters into her new role as the leader of a district with close to 32,000 students.

Blackburn outlined her goals for the post

while meeting with members of the local media at the district's Moncks Corner headquarters last week. Although her official start date is November 1, she was in town early to visit with administrators, teachers, and principals, as well as other community members and organizations. She also attended her first School Board meeting on October 13.

"I'm very excited about being here in Berkeley County," said Blackburn, who was officially offered the job on August 11. "When I talked with the Board about doing this position, I said I'm not just looking for a job, I'm looking for a match. When I read the Berkeley County advertisement, I was really taken by the things they were looking for...somebody who had leadership experience, management experience, instructional experience, and experience in communication...I've had an opportunity to develop a strong skill set in each of those areas."

Blackburn calls herself a "longtime educator." Throughout her career, she has served as a classroom teacher, a guidance counselor, an assistant principal, a principal, an area superintendent a chief academic officer, and most recently as superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools in Virginia, a position she held for five and a half years.

She's spent the last several weeks in "factgathering mode," she said, reading pertinent documents, such as a recently released study from the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson

University on Berkeley County growth and a report from AdvancED (the district's national accrediting agency). She has also spent time watching School Board meeting videos. When it comes to formulating specific plans for the district, Blackburn's research will be supplemented by what she learns from stakeholders.

"I'm a participatory leader," she said. "I look for the troops to provide input into what's going on. I try to engage multiple ideas about things and have open discussions before I come to final decisions...I think probably the secret to leadership is people doing what you want them to do because they think it's the right thing, and they want to do it. I really try to build confidence that my focus is on what's most important - our kids and our teachers."

Blackburn is taking the reins on the heels of the district's long-fought legal battles over the "Yes 4 Schools" campaign, over which two former staff members - Amy Kovach and Rodney Thompson - were indicted for ethical breaches of conduct (Kovach recently plead guilty on two counts and is now suing the district and others as a result of the case). When asked if she had any reservations coming to Berkeley County Schools in light of the situation, Blackburn was quick to respond.

"It did not color my opinion whatsoever," she said. "I looked at this as a very promising community and although there have been issues regarding the 'Yes 4 Schools' bond referendum, I see this district as moving forward and as I talk with teachers and I talk with the business community and the few parents that I've had the opportunity to speak with, I hear excitement around this community in moving forward, and doing the right thing for kids. So I was not influenced by that whatsoever."

To ensure open communication throughout her tenure as Superintendent, Blackburn plans to put a sharp focus on transparency. Each week, she intends to issue a communication message that informs the board, the community and staff employees about what she's been doing, where she's been that week, and what her

feelings are about her observations. In her first six months on the job, Blackburn expects to visit each of the district's 42 schools.

"It's all designed around the ability for me to cultivate a sense of what our strengths and opportunities are here in Berkeley County," she added.

When it comes to instruction, one area she is particularly interested in exploring is the "one to one" technology program, in which all students receive their own electronic devices to use.

"I would love to see that happen because I think it levels the playing field with all of the kids, no matter what their economic situation might be," said Blackburn. "...Long term, our students are going to be part of the work force, and I'd like to come as close as possible in the school setting to being able to give kids exposure to what they're going to find in their workplace."

Perhaps the biggest challenge that Blackburn will have to face coming in to Berkeley County is the area's projected growth over the next two decades, sparked in part by the pending arrival of Volvo, a company that is expected to attract some 4,000 new workers to the region. According to the report from The Strom Thurmond Institute, Berkeley County's anticipated population growth could mean more than 20 new schools will be needed to accommodate students over the next twenty years.

"I've read the Strom Thurmond Report," said Blackburn. "It's very eye-opening. I know that we have a good handle on what we're doing with school construction through 2018, but we have to go ahead and immediately begin looking at the next tier of demands for available space and begin to cultivate our community, and to look to the state (for help)... That development of a plan will be really, really important."

Blackburn would also like to see development companies partner more with the district to prepare for growth by donating land for schools in planned subdivisions whenever pos-

"It's a win-win," she said. "There are communities where large developments are even required to set aside space for schools. And I think that's a very good way to address growing communities."

To alleviate overcrowding in the short-term, Blackburn is in favor of exploring ways to utilize under-capacity schools for potential magnet or "thematic" programs.

"I think we need to look at every opportunity to maximize the seat space that we have," she

Blackburn left the area last week to return to Virginia to begin preparing for her move to South Carolina. When she begins on November 1. her first order of business will be to accommodate a six-year accreditation visit to the district by AdvancED, followed by more activities as part of what she is calling her "feet on the ground listening and learning tour." So far, Blackburn is giving her new assignment high marks.

"It's been very engaging to be around so many energetic and dedicated people," she said. "...It's a very exciting place to be!"

SUPT. BLACKBURN TO SPEAK AT NOV. 3 DINA MEETING

New Berkeley County Schools Superintendent Brenda Blackburn will be one of several speakers at the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association (DINA) meeting on Tuesday, November 3. Blackburn, who officially begins her duties for the district on November 1, was invited to speak by Berkeley County School Board Member Mac McQuillin, who will also be addressing the group. In addition, an architect working on the new Philip Simmons High School will present a digital "fly-over" of the planned facility. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. (check in begins at 6:30 p.m.) at Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island.

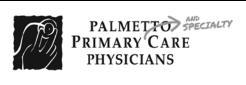


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Sharon Payer graduated with a degree in Chemistry from West Virginia University some 17 years ago. Although she didn't end up with a job in her field of study, she still found a way to mix things up for her customers. As a self-taught interior designer, the Thomas Island resident is triggering plenty of positive reactions.

"I don't have any formal training," said Payer, a former medical sales representative and realtor who lives in the Shell Ring community. "It's just being creative...I may not know the different eras of the designs, but I have a good idea of what looks good together and what works."

Her love of decorating was first sparked when she and her husband purchased a home in downtown Charleston in 2002.

"It was in a transitional neighborhood, and it needed a complete gut job," added Payer. "It was wonderful! It was through the renovation of this house that I realized what my true passion was - interior design and

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style."

Payer's talents yielded yet another good outcome earlier this year, when she was selected to take part in an episode of the popular television show Fix It & Finish It, which airs on a variety of networks nationwide. The program, hosted by Antonio Sabato, Jr., is a renova-



Thomas Island resident Sharon Payer, of Sharon Payer Design, will be featured on the November 4 episode of "Fix It & Finish It."

tion and design show that seeks to overhaul one space in one home every day led by a team of contractors and designers. When the show announced they would be coming to Charleston to tape several episodes last February, an acquaintance of Payer's recom-



West Ashley residents Teresa Errico and Kyle Griffis talk with "Fix It & Finish It" host Antonio Sabato, Jr, during the show's taping at their home last February.

mended her for the design team.

"She passed my name along and a few days later a producer in California called and asked if I would be interested!" recalled Payer, who enthusiastically accepted the challenge.

The couple on the receiving end of

Payer's efforts, Teresa Errico and her fiancé Kyle Griffis, had recently moved into a home in West Ashley after enduring a difficult living situation in their previous community (a police officer had been shot and killed in a neighboring apartment). Looking

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Local angler Dave Jaskiewicz hopes to hook world kayak fishing title in China

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When New Jersey native Dave Jaskiewicz moved to the Charleston area in 2007, it didn't take long for the enticing, local waterways to lure him in. The lifetime fisherman, eager to enjoy his hobby, decided kayaking offered a more affordable alternative to boating — and an up close and personal way to study his finned friends.

"There is no other way I would prefer to be in the water than on the kayak," said Jaskiewicz, a project manager for Caliber Construction. "When I first got my kayak, it was just a cheaper means to be on the water. But now, if I won the lottery, I would still go out in my kayaks!"

The angler may soon get to experience the equivalent of winning the lottery - at least in the fishing realm - when he joins 47 other competitors from across the globe to compete in the 5th Annual Hobie Kayak Fishing World Championship at the ancient Shang Lake in Changshu, China. Jaskiewicz qualified for the event (he is one of six who will represent the United States) after winning the top prize at an Inshore Fishing Association (IFA) tournament in Georgetown, S.C. on August 30.

The road to Changshu began soon after



When Dave Jaskiewicz heard a qualifying tournament would be held in Georgetown for the world championships in China, he quickly cast his sights on winning.

Jaskiewicz entered the local kayak fishing scene, where the angler said he worked hard to master his techniques and learn about fish native to the area. It didn't take long for him to get hooked on the sport.

"It seems like kayakers are a little bit more helping," said Jaskiewicz, who lives a neighborhood off Clements Ferry Road with his wife, Melyssa, and their two children. "They are different. Not too crazy and cut-throat, just more laid back, and they have more of a connection with people...I really liked it. I made some friends right off the bat and decided to stick with it."

The quiet yet driven Jaskiewicz sailed into the kayak fishing tournament arena and was soon a fierce competitor. He won four tournaments - two in Charleston and two in Georgetown - before earning his bid to China.

"Being competitive in fishing always came

with my Dad and brothers," said Jaskiewicz. "So right out of the gate, we made it a little more interesting. Whether it was just the family out on the boat, we would say 'biggest fish wins this' or 'first fish wins that."

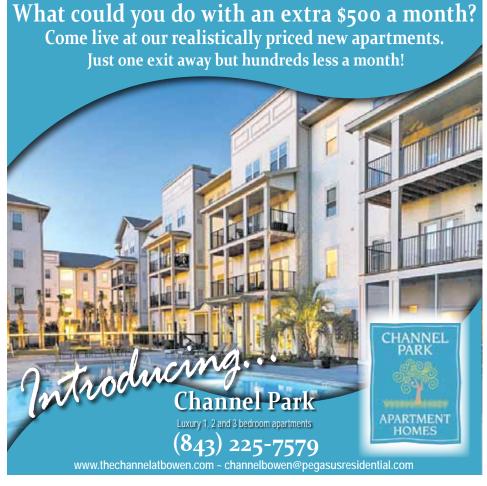
That desire for victory clearly has given him an edge. When he heard a qualifying tournament would be held in Georgetown for the world championships in China, he quickly cast his sights on winning.

"From the moment I read that headline, I was determined to get as prepared as well as I could for that tournament! It worked out. I almost willed it to happen!"

Jaskiewicz's strategy in Georgetown, where anglers were required to use artificial bait, certainly paid off. The competitors were to catch, photograph and release redfish and trout. The day was overcast, so Jaskiewicz adjusted his plan based on what he expected the fish to do in the absence of sunshine.

"The fact that it was overcast and the sun never really came out, I fished a style of bait that usually only works at dawn and dusk, like a top water lure. If it's too sunny out, that contrast on top sometimes scares the fish. Overcast, without too much sun on top, that top water bait works really, really well. So I

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Jaskiewicz is excited to be able to compete in the tournament

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stuck with that one style of fishing and was very successful with both fish."

When it comes to bait, Jaskiewicz prefers artificial, which is required for IFA tournaments.

"Somebody told me one time to be one with your bait. It sounds so cheesy, but it's true. You have to be able to present it, and have it look as natural as something that they want. That's what I like about artificial. It's not just throwing a piece of bait out there and waiting for something to come by. It's going after it. It's making it a little more challenging."

In addition to knowing what fish will be looking for, Jaskiewicz also has to pay attention to a host of other factors, such as tidal patterns, the impact weather might have on fish behavior, and more. When it comes to tournaments, preparation begins long before the days leading up to the event.

"For me, it's always tense," he said, with a slight smile. "But I like that. It's part of the thrill for me. It's part of the preparation. The months in advance. It's crazy how much I think about that tournament leading up to it."

At Shang Lake, named for the legendary fisherman Jiang Shang (1156 BC - 1017 BC), a renowned military strategist and statesman

in his day, Jaskiewicz will have to deploy yet another winning combination of tactics to take home the top trophy. Competitors will be fishing for Chinese perch, top mouth culter, and the "monster fish" yellowcheek carp, which can grow up to 6.7 feet long. All are relatively unknown to Jaskiewicz, but he is hoping their behaviors will be similar to their Lowcountry counterparts.

"There is not that much information about them," he said. "They'll go after the same type of lures, but maybe different sizes and different depths...The thing that has got me scratching my head is that the weather is supposed to be in the 40s and 50s. So that's a little chilly, and fish do weird things (when it's cold)...I've got to watch that!"

Jaskiewicz will get time to explore the lake just for navigational purposes on day one, November 11, with no fishing. The next day, anglers will have an opportunity to use different lures and baits to see what works. The competition itself will take place November 13-15. His fully-rigged kayak will be provided by the tournament host, Hobie Cat Australasia. The event will be a traditional CPR (Catch, Photograph and Release) format in which each competitor will enter his or her



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three best lengths in aggregate each day. The angler with the highest cumulative length over the three day period will receive the championship crown.

"It's hard to believe we are looking at our 5th World Championship," stated Steve Fields, managing director of Hobie Cat Australasia. "Each event has taken Hobie Fishing to a new level. Number five promises to continue the tradition and be a big eye opener to all the competitors as they experience new fish and a very old culture."

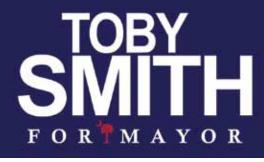
Jaskiewicz is both thrilled and excited to be able to engage on a world stage in a sport he loves. Whether or not he is successful in China, he knows just being part of the event will be a huge confidence booster and will allow him to connect with a host of new fishing friends from all over the globe. But the chance to compete as a member of a U.S. delegation definitely gives the experience even more significance, he said.

"It's super neat to be representing my country in a kayak fishing tournament," he said. "It would be really, really awesome to be on the top!"

Will Jaskiewicz come home with the ultimate prize? Certainly being named "The New Legend of Shang Lake" and the best in the world is pretty good bait for this Lowcountry competitor.

WANT TO HELP?

To help local angler Dave Jaskiewicz meet his fundraising goals for participating in the 5th Annual Hobie Kayak Fishing World Championship in Changshu, China, a family member has set up a Go Fund Me account in his name. To make a donation, visit https://www.gofundme.com/davetochina.





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September 2015 Real Estate Report

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Real estate sales on Daniel Island were a bit down in September, though the market is still surging much higher during this time of year than it has in

the past three years. September real estate sales equaled \$12,018,435. A total of 27 homes sold during the month. As of October 14, 2015, there were roughly 153 homes listed for sale on Daniel Island (including single family,

condos and townhomes), 84 of them were active and 69 were under contract. A total of 24 homes were listed as new. There were three homes with price changes during the month.

A special thanks to Renee Reinert Pote with Iron Gate Realty for providing information regarding the status of real estate on Daniel Island.



Month	DI	Homes So	ld Per Mon	ıth	Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2012	2013	2014	2015		
January	13	11	15	14	\$5,028,077	\$6,576,850	\$9,163,815	\$10,834,466		
February	7	19	24	24	\$3,146,655	\$10,836,585	\$15,115,370	\$12,699,804		
March	28	17	26	33	\$17,330,215	\$8,763,152	\$13,040,768	\$28,017,142		
April	15	25	18	27	\$9,175,195	\$11,987,409	\$10,487,404	\$16,220,658		
May	29	34	38	31	\$15,425,968	\$14,313,130	\$23,107,681	\$21,995,167		
June	24	45	37	29	\$13,844,865	\$27,354,924	\$23,245,336	\$20,837,192		
July	24	39	27	33	\$13,606,416	\$20,516,503	\$18,139,877	\$15,021,373		
August	31	23	31	31	\$16,853,928	\$13,805,475	\$19,003,489	\$17,843,791		
September	18	21	19	27	\$9,044,274	\$10,860,592	\$12,139,843	\$12,018,435		
YEAR TO DATE	189	234	235	249	\$103,455,593	\$125,014,620	\$143,443,583	\$155,488,028		
October	18	22	31		\$8,148,993	\$14,854,485	\$17,960,042			
November	20	21	19		\$12,783,797	\$12,546,336	\$15,084,937			
December	23	34	31		\$13,003,560	\$20,097,888	\$22,358,711			
YEAR TOTALS	250	311	316	222	\$137,391,943	\$172,513,329	\$198,847,273	\$155,488,028		

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Who's in that new building?

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That's right, readers, it's another inquisitive title, only this one is not predestined to become a regular column (though it could, with all the new commercial development on the island...).

This brief is about the newly-completed 1 Central Island Plaza, located just across Island Park Drive from Guggenheim Park on a freshly-paved road called Central Island Street. The commercial space comes courtesy of Holder Properties, and is a 75,000 square foot Class "A" office building. It features welcoming lobby with wood and marble finishes, and was designed with energy efficient systems and environmentally sensitive materials.

Holder Properties leasing agent Jeff Mixson reports that, between the tenants currently moved in and another third-floor tenant in final stages of contract, 1 Central Island Plaza is approximately 80% leased out, and

that the majority of businesses are new to Daniel Island, having been attracted to the island town and the new space over alternate Charlestonarea locations.

The businesses now occupying space in 1 Central Island Plaza are: Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. Professional design services and engineering solutions (new Charleston office); Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. - Global brokerage for commercial insurance, employee benefits, and risk management (relocated from Mount Pleasant); Cushman & Wakefield Thalhimer - Commercial real estate firm (relocated from downtown Charleston); Equifax -Credit reporting agency; and, HCA South Atlantic Division - Healthcare network of six hospitals in South Carolina and Florida (moved from UBS building on Daniel Island).

The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company will be moving into the new building by December 1, 2015.



New office building 1 Central Island Plaza is still leasing, but already stands nearly 80% occupied.













Six Ways to Rise Above Your Critics



management moment

To escape criticism- do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. – Elbert Hubbard

A story is told of Winston Churchill and his extraordinary integrity in the face of opposition. During his last year in office, he attended an official ceremony. Several rows behind him two gentlemen began whispering. "That's Winston Churchill. They say he is getting senile. They say he should step aside and leave the running of the nation to more dynamic and capable men." When the ceremony was over, Churchill turned to the men and said, "Gentlemen, they also say he is deaf."

Critics. Every leader has them and every leader will. How you respond to critics is an important component of your leadership development. It's all too easy to get defensive when critics rub us the wrong way or misunderstand us. But can you appreciate a critic when he or she is right? Rising above your critics takes courage. Here are six ways to do it.

Keep a positive attitude.

"Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude," is a famous Zig Ziglar quote. How high and how far you go as a leader will be determined by your attitude. Nothing will give you a bad attitude any quicker than a wrong reaction to a critic. Basic things you will want to know regarding a critic are the source, the accuracy, the ramifications, and your reaction - if there even needs to be one. Regardless, stay positive and focused on the big picture. Stay true to your values.

Don't allow your critics to throw you off of your game. Stay grounded and connected to the values that have guided you to where you are. Values do not change but are guideposts when your circumstances do. The values and principles that brought you to where you are will keep you there so handle your critics with that in mind.

Speak no evil.

Seriously? Yes. Engaging in mud-sling-

ing with your critics only hurts you in the long run. Unless what they have spoken or done is libelous then don't waste your time in a verbal battle. Be content in knowing that the truth is on your side. There is no greater satisfaction than in knowing that you can look yourself in the mirror and lay your head down at night with a peace that comes from knowing you did the right thing regardless of how others behaved. Don't retaliate.

There will be times when you will want (and those close to you) to retaliate against critics. There is something about human nature that wants to fight back and get revenge and settle the score. I get it. But again, the end result will never be good for you. As hard as it may be there are times when you just have to let it go. Don't worry if you lose a battle today, you are going to win the war if you keep your heart right.

Give them more ammo.

Most of the critics you will encounter are simply those who have some kind of vendetta or jealousy directed toward you. As opposed to stooping down to their level why not give them more ammo? As you do the right thing by continuing to work hard and by exhibiting good leadership, you will only become more successful. Nothing will annoy your critics more than your continued success.

Don't lose your sense of humor.

One of the most important leadership skills you can develop is a sense of humor. Churchill exhibited it towards the men who spoke ill of him. Bill Cosby said, "Through humor, you can soften some of the worst blows that life delivers. And once you find laughter, no matter how painful your situation might be, you can survive it." Your critics will stir up a wide range of emotions and reactions that you will want to run with. But if you laugh - at them, and at yourself, half the battle is won.

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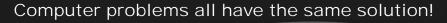
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Daniel Island tennis players recognized by USTA South Carolina

Barker, Arnold and Minton earn top honors

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

The Daniel Island area is well represented among the USTA South Carolina award winners for 2015. Diane Barker is the Adult Female Player of the year, Bryan Minton is the John Newcomb Pro of the year and Kristin Fleming Arnold is the coach of the year.

More than 20 organizations and individuals from across the state will be awarded for their efforts at a banquet, which is scheduled for Dec. 5 during the USTA South Carolina Annual Meeting on Isle of Palms.

"These recipients have done more for the sport than we can quantify," said Graham Cox, executive director of USTA South Carolina, the state office of the U.S. Tennis Association. "We're honored to be able to celebrate their accomplishments and what they've achieved with tennis in 2015."

Barker has enjoyed an illustrious tennis career, and is currently the No. 1-ranked woman in the state in the women's 55-and-over singles division. She is also the No. 3-ranked woman nationally in the same division.

Barker has represented the U.S. at international competitions, including earlier this year at the 2015 International Tennis Federation Super-Seniors World Team Championships in Croatia.

Minton, the co-owner of the MWTennis Academy at the Family Circle Tennis Center, has taught tennis in the Charleston area for more than 20 years. His players have won more than 50 state titles at the Palmetto Championships in Belton. They've also reached No. 1 in the South and won national, international and professional events.

The pro award is named after Newcomb,





Kristin Fleming Arnold



Bryan Minton and family

who died in 1996. Newcomb was a star athlete at Winthrop University in the early 1980s, playing soccer and tennis. He later made growing tennis his full-time job by becoming the director of tennis at the Longcreek Plantation Club in Blythewood.

Arnold graduated from Bishop England and is now in her seventh year of coaching the girls' team at Bishop England. She has led the program to four state championships and started the Bishop England Fall Invitational, which attracts 16 teams from across the state compete.

Arnold is also in her fourth year as head coach of the Bishop England boys program. The team won the state championship in May, the program's first state title since 1998. Arnold also has earned numerous coaching accolades during her time at Bishop England.

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GREG PERALTA

The Daniel Island Kids Fishing Tournament is a great event for our community. It supports worthwhile causes within our community and engages families to fish together. While I retired from guiding a few years ago, I still take the tournament champion fishing. This year, I had the pleasure of fishing with Sully Conroy and his father (Jay).

Before meeting Sully and Jay, I launched the skiff to catch bait for our trip. Finger mullet and shrimp were abundant in the creek and it only took a few casts to bait up. Upon returning to the boat landing, Sully was already there. As we introduced ourselves, there was a Sheephead eating barnacles on one of the dock pilings. So I grabbed a rod rigged with a quarter ounce jig and shrimp out of the baitwell. Handing the outfit to Sully, I described the cast he should make. To my surprise, he presented the shrimp perfectly and caught the first fish of the trip before we even left the

Once on board, we ran to a small creek that has a shallow channel and lots of oyster bars. While staking

the skiff out, I explained how fish congregate in the channel adjacent to the oysters. Sully caught a finger mullet out of the livewell and hooked it on the jig. His cast was once again perfect. It was clear why he won the tournament. That kid can fish! Very quickly, Sully caught and released several Trout and Redfish. When the tide bottomed out, the bite slowed down. So we moved to another creek in quest of larger Redfish.

After setting up in the new location, I got out of the way and let Sully go to work. It was clear to me that Sully could handle things on his own. My confidence was well placed. Sully whacked the large Reds. With big Redfish checked off our list, we turned our attention to Flounder (to complete the inshore grand slam). We moved to a dock with lots of oysters and a strong current. While holding the boat in position with the trolling motor, I asked Sully to cast at the third dock piling in the water (where the oysters transition to mud and Flounder congregate). He made a great cast and completed the Grand Slam (releasing a Sheephead, Trout, Flounder and Redfish). It was a fitting end to a fantastic day of fishing.

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Bishop girls link fun with skill to earn first state golf championship



The Bishops recently claimed the Class AA state title with a 688-720 decision over St. Joseph's.

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

Christine Ronco moved to the Lowcountry from Maine in 2007 to play golf, meet new people and enjoy the sunshine for more than three months of the year.

Little did she know that her to-do list would grow to include coaching a girls' golf team that would win a state championship.

The Bishops recently claimed the Class AA state title with a 688-720 decision over St. Joseph's. The state championship was held at the Black Bear Golf Course in Longs. Powdersville, Pendleton and Aynor rounded out the top five in team scoring.

Bishop England opened the two-day tourney with a 348 that gave the Bishops a 13-stroke lead. The Bishops were in cruise control on Day 2 to win the first state championship in the program's brief history.

The way Ronco talked, the biggest opponent heading into the championship was nerves. But Ronco's mantra is to just have fun. She was able to get her team to relax and the championship trophy was their reward.

The championship culminated a sevenyear stretch where the school formed a club team and then made it a varsity sport. A golfer's parent noticed Ronco's profile on the school's faculty page and approached her. The rest is history.

"I'm not a pro," Ronco said. "Golf is not my world. I went to school to become an English teacher and play golf for fun. That's what I want my girls to do: have fun. I don't want a girl to say that she doesn't want to be part of the team because she doesn't know how to play golf. I want them to come out and learn to play golf."

Kathleen Sumner, the Bishops' top golfer, carded a 2-under par 142 to win medalist honors. The junior led from start to finish and posted a 6-stroke win over Carly Lyvers of St. Joseph's.

Sumner, a Florida State commit, led the entire 36 holes thanks to seven birdies. She shot a 72 on Day 1 and put an exclamation point on her performance with a 2-under par 70.

Freshman Kennedy Carroll finished fifth overall with a 158 while junior Emma Wofford placed sixth with a 163. Kellen Haas finished 43rd overall and Rachel placed 64th.

"Kathleen is amazing," Ronco said. "She already has a scholarship to LSU, which is a great accomplishment. Kennedy is in the same place Kathleen was when she was a freshman. She is going places."

Wofford played well. She shot an 85 the first day and settled down to card a 78.

"An 85, that's not who she is," Ronco said of Wofford. "After the first day, she felt she let the team down. I told her to have fun the next day. She was relaxed and played much better.

"Winning the first state championship is huge," Ronco said. "The girls know about all the state championship in other sports. They wanted to win one. Winning it is a huge accomplishment. They can be proud of that fact."





Lori Greavu beats Cara Schaafsma

Lori Greavu, a Daniel Island resident and business owner, is this week's winner of the Pig Skin Pick-'Em Challenge. Lori was 10-2 this week, beating Cara (5-7 this week) and a slew of other entries. Although there was one entry that went 11-1, they failed to include their name and email address. Remember to win, you must include your name and email address in the last block so we can contact you about winning.

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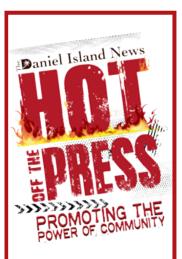
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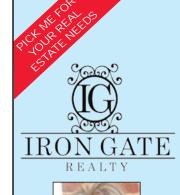
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Hawks improve with victory over Beaufort; Face tough region rival on Friday

PHILIP M. BOWMAN

The Hanahan Hawks have a rivalry game this week and then could play for the Region 8-AAA championship the following week.

That's why coach Charlie Patterson didn't let his team savor Friday night's 41-19 region victory over Beaufort too long.

Hanahan, 6-2 overall and 3-0 in league play, battles Berkeley this weekend in a Berkeley County rivalry game.

"This game is big for a lot of reasons," said Patterson, whose team concludes the regular season against Hilton Head, a team that shares the region lead with the Hawks. "It's a rivalry game which means bragging rights. It also will affect the playoffs. We need a

win so we can get at least one home game in the playoffs. The game is also important for Berkeley. They are the defending region champs so there's the pride factor. They also are fighting for a spot in the playoffs."

The Hawks played perhaps their best first half of the season to win their third consecutive game. The Hawks had and effective running game and the passing game clicked. Vontre Howard led the way with 189 yards and scored two touchdowns. He also excelled on defense with eight tackles and an interception. Samuel Denmark led the receivers with a touchdown.

But the Hawks stumbled early in the third quarter as two potential scoring drives ended in a fumble and a failed conversion on 4th-and-1.

"We had two really good chances to put the game away and we didn't get it done."

Patterson said. "The most important part of the game is the early stages of the third quarter, and we didn't get it done. I was pleased overall, but when you can't convert drives like that, it drives you crazy as a coach."

The Stags travel to Wiley Knight Stadium with a 3-5 record, including 1-2 in region play. Berkeley posted a 48-0 victory over Stall last week. But the defen-

sive performance was an aberration. The Stags have allowed at least 70 points three times this season in losses to Summerville, Cane Bay and Hilton Head.

The Stags are averaging nearly 36 points per game but the defense has been porous at best, surrendering 43 point per contest.

"Berkeley is capable of scoring a lot of points," Patterson said. "They are athletic and have a lot of

weapons. They can score from anywhere on the field. The defense appears to be getting better, so we will have our hands full."

The Hawks can clinch at least second place in the region with a victory over the Stags. That would give the Hawks at least one home game during the playoffs. A victory over the Stags this week and a win over undefeated Hilton Head would probably give the Hawks two home games.

The Hawks have momentum with the three-game winning streak. But Patterson wants momentum during the entire game. He said his team has to play flawless football for 48 minutes.

"We not there yet, but we're getting there," Patterson said. "I'm happy with what we're doing in the trenches. Friday, the line did a good job of opening holes. That has to continue."



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Bishops look unstoppable against North Charleston

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The Bishop England Battling Bishops absolutely blew out the North Charleston Cougars 52-8. The Bishops offensive line, led by center Blake Jeresaty, helped produce 361 yards rushing and 122 yards passing, both of which are season highs.

The Bishops dominating game was in large part due to center and Wofford commit Blake Jeresaty. He is the unspoken reason for most of the yards the Bishops gained as he carried his blocks way down the field. In fact, after Jeresaty drew an unnecessary roughness call for carrying his block too long after the whistle, his Coach Cantey compared him to Carolina Panthers tackle Michael Oher. After the game, Jeresaty said, "It is amazing to be compared to such a great lineman. I just love finishing my blocks. My passion is football and I love taking kids down the field."

Coach Cantey after the game spoke about his center's character, "Blake has

been a leader for a while now. He's a three year starter, playing at center, and center is the leader of the offensive line. He's got to make calls. So, he's been a huge part of our team for three years and it is a great accomplishment to get a full scholarship to Wofford College. Academically, athletically and all that combined. To put that whole package together is huge, and he deserves it. He's a great kid and he works very hard and he does it the right way."

The numbers that Jeresaty and the rest of the line helped produce are staggering, 483 yards of total offense. Quarterback Leo Albano had his best statistical game this year, as he scrambled for 171 yards and passed for another 122. He also had two rushing and two passing touchdowns. Running back Jake Mock rushed for 91 yards and a touchdown and also caught a touchdown.

The Bishops next game is at home against Academic Magnet on Friday. The Bishops look to remain undefeated in their region.



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Bishop England center Blake Jeresaty throw a block. Jeresaty will play for Wofford College next year on a full scholarship.





Daniel Island Club's Ron Cerrudo Named State's Top Golf Instructor

Staff report

The Daniel Island Club's Director of Golf Instruction has been named the top golf instructor in South Carolina by industry peers. Ron Cerrudo, who has served as the Daniel Island Club's Director of Golf Instruction for 13 years, was ranked number one among the top twelve instructors in the state. The bi-annual ranking is facilitated and published by Golf Digest, a Conde Nast publication covering recreational golf and men's and women's competitive golf. More than 1,100 industry teachers participate on the voting panel, which ranks both the top teachers by state and the top 50 teachers in the country.

"We have long known that Ron is a fantastic instructor, and we could not be happier that his peers have recognized his exceptional talent," said Greg Keating, General Manager of the Daniel Island Club. "This is a huge honor for both Ron Cerrudo has represented the United States as a member of both the Walker Cup and World Cup teams.

and the Club. We congratulate Ron for all he has accomplished and thank him for all he has done to bring exceptional instruction to the golf programming at the Daniel Island Club."

A former PGA tour professional and winner of three championships, Cerrudo has represented the United States as a member of both the Walker Cup and World Cup teams. He capped his successful career on the Tour with 23 years of teaching on Hilton Head before moving to Charleston to head up the Daniel Island

Club's golf learning center programs in 2002.

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Who is your choice for Mayor of Charleston?

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Below is a brief description of each candidate for Mayor of Charleston. Throughout the last two months, The Daniel Island News has run profile pieces on each of the candidates as well as answers that each of the candidates provided during the Mayoral Forum. You can review that information, at www.thedanielislandnews.com. Additionally, the last two questions and the candidate's answers from the Mayoral Forum appear on the website only. Below is a brief summary of the candidates.

GINNY DEERIN



Ginny Deerin

Current position: Focusing on campaign full-time

Work experience: Founder of WINGS for Kids, an after school non-profit for under-served kids; Campaign Manager for Mayor Joe

Riley, 2011; leadership and management consultant.

Campaign targets: Traffic and transportation, economic development, education, responsible growth, and transparency.

Website: www.ginnydeerin.com

WILLIAM DUDLEY GREGORIE

Current position: City Councilman, District 6 (2009-present)

Work experience: Former South Carolina Director of U.S. Housing and Urban Development.



William Dudley Gregorie

Campaign targets: Responsible growth and development, traffic and transportation, drainage and flooding downtown, education, and enhancing quality of life. Website:

www.gregorieformayor.com

TOBY SMITH



Toby Smith

Current position: Executive Director of Midland Park Community Ministries in North Charleston

Work experience: Has worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, Charleston

County School District, and Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce (director of Public Affairs Group). Also served as a consultant to non-profits, a radio broadcaster, and is an ordained minister at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in North Charleston.

Campaign targets: Revitalization of West Ashley, focusing on the "edges" (areas of a high concentration of poverty with little to no community resources), and addressing gentrification while preserving the African American culture in the City of Charleston.

Website: www.tobysmithformayor.com

LEON STAVRINAKIS



Leon Stavrinakis

Current position: Legislator, S.C. House of Representatives (2007-present); Attorney.

Work
experience:
Former Chair,
Charleston
County Council; former
prosecutor; small
business owner.

Campaign targets: Fiscal responsibility, delivering "the best city services," traffic and transportation, and advocating for education.

Website: www.leonformayor.com

JOHN TECKLENBURG



John Tecklenbura

Current position: Focusing on campaign full-time, but also is a commercial real estate agent.

Work experience: Former small business

owner, former director of economic development for the City of Charleston.

Campaign targets: Livability and quality of life, transportation and public transit, economy and jobs, better city services and stronger neighborhoods.

Website: www.tecklenburgformayor.

MAURICE WASHINGTON



Maurice Washington

Current position: President/CEO of Trust Management, LLC, a financial and consulting services company.

Work experience: Former Charleston City Councilman (1991-1999); former

member of the South Carolina State University Board of Trustees (2001-2008); appointed to former Governor Mark Sanford's transition team in 2002.

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Gary White brings experience and success for island recreation to City Council



Gary White

When I first began serving on City Council 8 years ago, I was the first person to serve on Council from Daniel Island. I ran on the premise that everyone deserves a voice on City Council. District 1 is now com-

prised of Daniel Island, Cainhoy, and a portion of downtown Charleston, I fight every day for each of these areas of our city equally ensuring that each part of our District has a voice at City Hall.

Before I was elected, there was no Governors Park, there were no restrooms at any of the parks on Daniel Island, there were no free public tennis courts on the island, and there was no dog park. These were big projects, and they took substantial planning and funding. Eight years later, Daniel Island has all these amenities and more because I made them a priority with City Council, and fought hard to gain the votes needed to approve these projects and get them funded.

To date, I have made substantial progress on the community and indoor recreational center project. I have had numerous meetings with the directors of our Parks Department, Recreation Department, Capital Projects Department, Planning Department, the City's Chief Financial Officer and the Mayor. In working with the Mayor, I have been able to have this project added to the City's Capital Improvements Plan. I have

personally been involved in reviewing and finalizing a proposal with a local architectural group that will be hired to take this project through the next stage of the planning process. As part of that process, they will develop programmatic architectural plans, identify a site location, define area requirements, and develop initial site plans. Getting projects passed through the City requires a continuous and significant effort on my part to ensure they are made a priority and get support from the majority of City Council. Over the last eight years I have built strong working relationships with my colleagues on City Council and I am confident in my ability to gain their support to see this project through to completion.

For the first time in 40 years, Charleston is going to have a new Mayor. There will be significant challenges that come with the change in the Mayoral administration. I am running for re-election because I know how vital it will be to have a strong City Council during this time of change. I also know that if we are to get anything accomplished for District 1 in the next 4 years, it will require my tenure and experience.

I have served for the last 8 years on City Council, not for the money, or ego, or for any personal gain. I chose to serve because I truly care about our City and want to preserve it for generations to come. I am not a politician and this is not a stepping-stone for a political career for me. I am family man who loves his wife and children and is committed to helping our community.

Shawn Pinkston wants to be an engaged and effective leader for District 1



Shawn Pinkston

I am running for City Council because District 1 has not received the type of engaged and effective leadership we deserve. Unfortunately, the City has been reactive rather than proactive in addressing the needs of our

community. There are multiple projects the City promised that were premised on the new taxes the City would receive from the annexation of Daniel Island. In other words, our taxes would pay for these projects - the money would not come from other parts of the City's budget. Yet the City has selectively chosen which promises to fulfill while we have continued to pay our taxes. This is simply unacceptable and it will take leadership from our next Council member to hold the City accountable for these promises.

Among those promises was a Community Center with an indoor pool and indoor gym. It was promised in 1995, 1998, and again in 2000. There has been a void in leadership on City Council regarding this project and we are no closer to having a Community Center today than we were 20 years ago. In January 2012, the incoming DINA President said his top priority was to find space for a new community center. City Council was made aware of this priority time and again. Three years later the City still has not located the space, has not approved a design, and has not set aside funding for this and your vote on November 3rd.

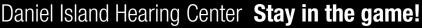
important project, despite our community leaders loudly making it known this was a top priority. It will take leadership and a willingness to fight for this project to make it a reality.

Another top priority will be traffic congestion on Daniel Island and Clements Ferry Road, as well as throughout Charleston. Again, this was an issue raised at a community meeting years ago and no comprehensive traffic study has been undertaken. After more than 40 accidents at the intersection of Daniel Island Drive and Seven Farms Drive, enhancements are finally being made. Residents at Beresford Creek Landing have been clamoring for a traffic light for years, yet still have nothing to show for it. Where has the leadership from the City been on these issues?

Freedom Park (behind Daniel Island School) has long been the center of recreation on Daniel Island. For the past eight years, our children have used it during recess, our little leaguers have used it for practice and games, and our fellow residents have used the tennis and basketball courts. Yet a port-a-pot has been the only "restroom" facility. City Council still has not approved a plan to fund this project. Why has it taken so long for this issue to be addressed?

It's time for a new voice, someone who's on your side to work to deliver for Daniel Island. As you enter the voting booth on November 3rd, ask yourself a simple question: Are we closer to having the promised projects fulfilled today than we were eight years ago? If you agree the answer is no, then I ask for your support







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Payer was selected to take part in a television show

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for a fresh start, they bought a new property and moved in, but had little to no money to invest in decorating or design. "Fix It & Finish It" selected them for the show, but wanted it to be a surprise. Payer, who was in on the secret, met with them to begin planning out renovation work on their living room and dining room. The couple was initially told they were under consideration for the show.

"From the time I found out about the opportunity, I had 10 days total to meet with them and put the whole plan together!" said Payer. "It was a lot of fun because I like being under pressure like that, with a time constraint...They gave me what they liked, the style they wanted to go for, some of the colors that they liked, and the feeling that they wanted the rooms to have."

Once Payer got a design blueprint together, the team showed up on the couple's doorstep and yelled "Surprise!" The group had a total of 12 hours to transform the space.

"It was so great," she said. "It was such a rush!"

Payer was given a \$2000 budget to re-

design the couple's living room and dining room. Orvin's Furniture provided some new furniture pieces and Lumber Liquidators provided the flooring. Rick's Lighting and Rug Masters also stepped up to help, and Benjamin Moore supplied the paint. In addition, the space received new blinds, window treatments, and accessories.

"To get creative, I also used rattan circular door mats that I got for \$10 each," said Payer, who describes herself as being 'inspired by nature' and 'motivated by the reclaimed.' "I put them on the wall for wall art. I really tried to think outside the box and use something that was unexpected in a different way."

In the end, Payer came in under budget at \$1923.

"It doesn't sound like a whole lot," she said. "But once you add it all up, it goes fast. I had a real thick piece of cypress wood left over and I got some mounting brackets and hung it low enough to use it as a wall-mounted sideboard."

The show also wanted Payer to take on some "do it yourself" projects with the homeowners.



Interior Designer Sharon Payer poses with Antonio Sabato, Jr., host of "Fix It & Finish It.

"Teresa had some wonderful oil paintings from her grandmother that were just gorgeous," said Payer. "But they weren't framed, so again, in order to save money... we just painted the edges all the way around to give them a finished look....Then I found an old window and painted it and used that for a new fireplace screen."

The finished product, a mix of what Payer called an "eclectic Bohemian style," earned

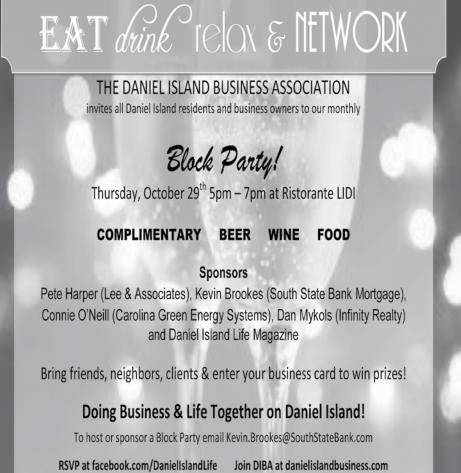
rave reviews from Errico and Griffis.

"Sharon was incredible to work with and her genuine love for what she did made so much of the process leading up to the show exciting!" said Errico. "She transformed simple ideas, such as the basic colors my fiancé Kyle and I liked or a few adjectives describing our style, into a room beyond anything we ever imagined. She took a room that Kyle and I weren't very proud of, one that was cold, with broken fixtures and holes in the walls, and turned it into a true living space. We spend all our time there now and love entertaining people. And the whole time she kept the end results all a secret!"

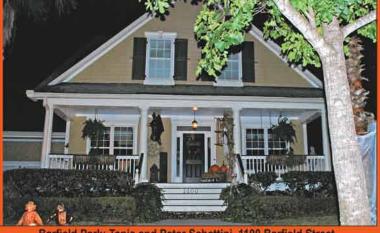
"It was just so much fun," added Payer.
"I loved it! I have never done anything like that before...Teresa and Kyle were just so energetic and so appreciative. It was just so great to be able to do something like that for them."

The Fix It & Finish It episode featuring Payer, Errico and Griffis will air on Thursday, November 4, at 9:30 a.m. in Charleston on CBS (WCSC-TV). For more information on the program, visit http://www.fixitandfinish.com. Additional details about Payer's work can be found at www.sharonpayerdesign.com.





















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DIS drama puts a 'curiouser' spin on Nov. 6-7 Alice in Wonderland performance



DIS drama teacher Lauren Canfield (left, foreground) directs an all-cast rehearsal of "Alice's" courtroom scene.

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It's been 150 years since the original publication of Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." Since then, the novel has been adapted to stage and screen all over the world, and its colorful characters lend themselves well to creative liberties. Walt Disney's animated movie version of the story had a sweet, simple sensibility to it, while Tim Burton went dark and trippy (as he does) with a combination live-action/CGI feature film.

Not one to be boxed in by seasoned scripts or production predecessors, Daniel Island School's drama teacher, Lauren Canfield, has applied her own whim and whimsy to "Alice in Wonderland." Next weekend, her middle school students will take to the stage to tell the story with some interesting twists, both visually and narratively.

Now in her ninth year of teaching (her fifth at DIS), Canfield leads two major productions with her drama class each year, a fall play and a spring musical. The related arts teacher has a bachelor's in music education from Ohio University, and is currently working on her master's in theatre and directing at Roosevelt University in Chicago. "I've been spending the summer there for the past two years, working on completing course work, and have one summer left," Canfield shares. "My thesis will be DIS' 2017 musical with my professors from Roosevelt visiting DIS to see the show!"

She chose to put on Alice in Wonderland this fall because of its connection to literature in the middle school grades, as well as the community's general familiarity with

the story. However, the script from which her students are working is an adaptation of Lewis Carroll's original novel, which Canfield points out has some major differences from both the Disney and Tim Burton versions. Unlike the phantom-like presence of the Cheshire Cat in the film adaptations, Canfield's feline will act more as Alice's guide as she travels through Wonderland. She also teases another major departure from earlier interpretations: she has chosen to set the story in the mid 1950's. "When Alice enters Wonderland, it will be as if she has been sucked into a pop art painting," Canfield describes. "All the Wonderland characters will have pop art-inspired makeup and color-blocked costumes."

Every one of her fall drama students is involved in some capacity in the show's production, to take place November 6 and 7 in the school's multi-purpose room. Among her fifth through eighth grade pupils, 50 will take the stage and 22 others have crew and backstage assignments. The one thing the drama teacher does not have? A student director. "This production is a one woman show!" she jokes, conceding that she will have aid from a few colleagues to monitor students backstage during the production. Canfield also lauds the show of support and assistance from the parents of the students involved, and boasts that the students themselves design and run the lights and sound, operate the backstage, and help one another with makeup.

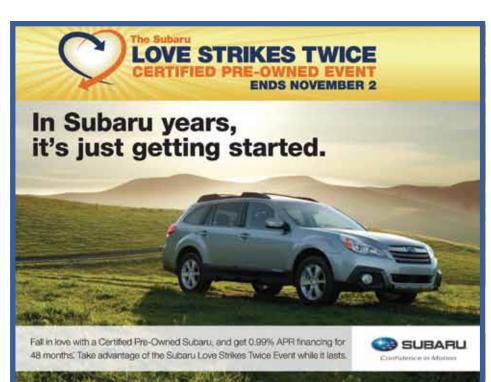
A performance of this magnitude is obviously a big undertaking, and Canfield states that, since the beginning of October, the bulk of regular class time has been dedicated to preparation and rehearsals. And, in that time, the students have gained real-life exposure to every facet of a production. From learning monologues for auditions to practicing stage makeup and building props to blocking with lights and sound, this is truly a drama syllabus in action. "At any given time, it's organized chaos, but every student is working on some aspect of the show," Canfield relates.

But the occasional snafu, or even daily disorder, is all worth it – not just in the end, but also in the process. "Working on a show teaches our children so much, not only from a theatre curriculum standpoint, but also from a life standpoint," Canfield asserts. "I hope that students learn about responsibility, what working together for a common goal feels like, and empathy for characters and their peers, and also that they gain self confidence in achieving this mighty goal and have fun in the process."

Besides, as the instructor of young thespians points out, the Mad Hatter himself tells Alice, "You're entirely bonkers. But I'll tell you a secret: all the best people are." And with that, she invites the community to come fall down the rabbit hole with her and her hardworking cast and crew.

Daniel Island School's production of "Alice in Wonderland" will take place on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7, both shows at 6:30 p.m. in the school's multipurpose room. The recommended advance-purchase tickets are available online at http://disdrama.seatyourself.biz, where you can choose your own seats. Any remaining seats will be available for purchase at the door. Student tickets are \$5 and adult tickets are \$10.





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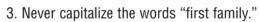


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