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Another record-breaking year of giving for DI Community Fund

ELIZABETH BUSH

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The beneficiaries of more than 30 local charitable organizations and causes in the Daniel Island, Cainhoy and Wando area are undoubtedly counting their blessings this holiday season - thanks in part to the generosity of the Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF).

The DICF will close out 2015 with another record-breaking year of giving after donating more than \$750,000 to non-profits. The fund also supported another 25 island events this past year with an additional \$33,000.

Jane Baker, vice president of community services for the Daniel Island Property Owners Association, and manager of the DICF, called 2015 the fund's "greatest year of giving to date" since it took on a charitable focus in 2000. This year's total, a whopping \$783,649, is an increase of about 33 percent from 2014.

"I hope that all residents of Daniel Island are proud of how we manage the Daniel Island Community Fund and recognize that the contributions we make not only to our Daniel Island non-profits, but to our neighbors on the Cainhoy Peninsula, actually do change lives in many cases...The fund has evolved over the last 15 years into something that is part of the giving fabric of Daniel Island."

The bulk of the DICF's dollars come



Daniel Island School received large grants from DICF in 2015. One of the projects is a community garden which would be located on a piece of the school's property next to the playground.

from a quarter-point transfer fee associated with resale real estate transactions on Daniel Island. Beneficiaries this past year included East Cooper Community Outreach, Operation Home. The Humanities Foundation. Susan G. Komen Foundation, the Lowcountry Food Bank, Young Life, the Daniel Island Community Garden, Daniel Island Animal Hospital, Hearts of Huger, Junior Achievement, and the Daniel Island Historical Society (for complete

"On behalf of ECCO's Board and Staff, we extend our deepest appreciation to the Daniel Island Community Fund for a remarkable year of giving," said Giff Daughtridge, ECCO Board President and Vice President/General Manager of Nucor Steel Berkeley. "Their generosity has allowed ECCO to expand its programs into Huger and better serve all families on the Cainhoy Peninsula. We are fortunate for our collaborative partnership with the DICF and their dedication to advancing ECCO's mission of helping our neighbors in need."

One of the largest recipients of DICF support this past year was the Mother Emanuel Hope Fund, which received a \$50,000 matching grant from DICF after community members contributed \$50,000 in donations for the cause.

"The outpouring of support and generosity for the Mother Emanuel Fund this summer, just days after the tragic event, only confirmed for me that our residents and businesses understand and appreciate the philanthropic spirit that connects Daniel Islanders and highlights that they are a part of this amazing Charleston community, especially in times of crisis," added Baker, who noted that the significant gift to the fund was unanticipated and not part of the DICF's projected funding for the year.

Additionally, Cainhoy Elementary Middle School and Daniel Island School received large grants from DICF in 2015. At DIS, the funds were used to purchase Dell Chromebooks for students as part of a comprehensive technology initiative. Funds donated to CEMS were used for after school programs, reading and math tutoring, summer programming, and technology (70 Chromebooks), as well as field trips to the Children's Museum, the Yorktown and the new Gaillard Center.

"We look forward to reviewing the students' progress at the end of the 2015-2016 school year in our year-end report from Principal Anthony Dixon," said Baker.

The sizable impact made by the DICF in our local community doesn't stop there. Another big project in 2015, added Baker, was the completion of the Baldwin Carson Community Center in Huger, a "one stop shop human services center" for those in need.

"A small working group of funders and resident volunteers worked tirelessly over a year to bring that dream to fruition," she said. "The facility opened in September and houses several human service non-profit agencies and program providers including ECCO, Meals on Wheels, Operation Home, Habitat for Humanity, and more to come in 2016. This is a game

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Is Marriage on the Way Out?



unconventional wisdom

STEVE FERBER

The statistics are clear: with each passing decade fewer Americans are marrying, and fewer still committed to the need for, and necessity of, the institution. The reasons are clear but the longterm impact is not.

Two statistics stand out:

- Never married: by the year 2040, the Pew Research Center estimates that 25% of Americans will have never been married.
- Life priorities: the Center posed this survey question to adult Americans of all ages: "Which statement best reflects your view? Society is better off if people make marriage and having children a priority, or society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children." Of those ages 18-29, 67% said society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children.

WHY THE RETREAT FROM MARRIAGE?

Psychologists, economists and analysts cite a wealth of factors, among them:

- The independence hypothesis: now that women have surpassed men in terms of college degrees and the wage gap is narrowing, their increased economic independence reduces their need for marriage;
- Changes in technology, the law and cultural norms: the stigmas of cohabitation and children born out of wedlock are weakening, and technology has reduced the risks of premarital sex; and
- Welfare programs: author Charles Murray, a political scientist for the American Enterprise Institute, argues that government welfare benefits and welfare policy has contributed, and possibly caused, the retreat from marriage.

THE BIG SHIFT

Without question, the traditional family model is fading - the fact is, this trend has been apparent for decades. In modern marriages (referred to, by some, as "hedonic" marriages), "there is little gender based division of labor" and "consumption benefits are paramount," according to

professors Shelly Lundberg and Robert Pollak, in their piece titled "The Evolving Role of Marriage: 1950-2010." Lundberg and Pollak point out that where marriage once focused on production of household services it now has shifted to investing in children's' human capital (clearly there are other driving forces – for older couples, for instance, marry both as a symbol of commitment, and to care for one another). Said Lundberg and Pollak: "In our view, long-term commitment is valuable in early 21st century America primarily because it promotes investment in children."

At first glance, of course, this shift sounds desirable – after all, who isn't in favor of supporting the next generation? The data is clear: those who can invest heavily in our children continue to marry, while those who cannot are less inclined to tie the knot (added Lundberg and Pollak: "For couples who lack the resources to invest intensively in their children . . . marriage may not be worth the cost of limited independence and potential mismatch").

It all sounds reasonable enough. Except for one thing: this trend is creating a huge gap in "equality of opportunity." So more attention to equality of opportunity, not marriage per se, may be the golden ticket needed to lift up future generations.

Steve Ferber is author of "21 Rules to Live By."



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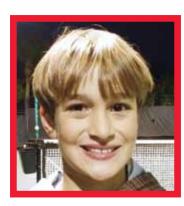


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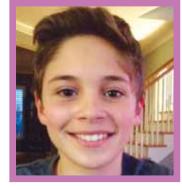
We open our Grandparents presents the day before. Nolan Age 11



We make cookies with my grandma. Meston Age 9



We have a nice breakfast with each other. Max Age 11



My family and I pull Christmas Crackers. Ryan Age 12

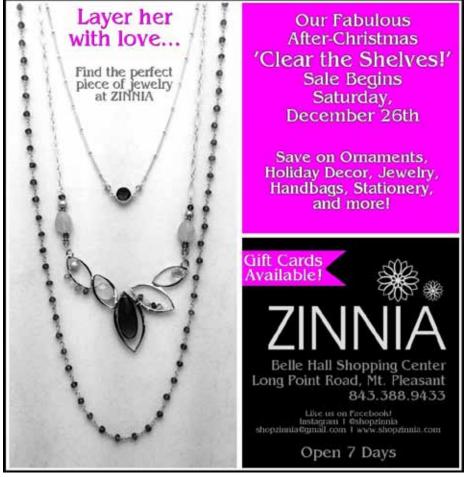


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COMMUNITY MEETING ON CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

A public information and question/answer session will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 to update community members on the status of the Clements Ferry Road Widening Project. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Daniel Island School. A number of local and state government officials will be take part in the session, including S.C. Department of Transportation Commission Chair Jim Rozier, Rep. Jim Merrill, Berkeley County Councilman Josh Whitley, City of Charleston Councilman Gary White, Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis, and Berkeley County School Board Member Mac McQuillin.

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WYLDLIFE

Attention parents of all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Please tell your kids not to miss a WILD Monday night! Each week middle school students gather from 7-8 pm for an amazing night of fun and fellowship at the home of Kevin and Catherine Brookes (1712 Doldridge Street)! We will be starting back in January and running through the Spring semester. For more information or to join our weekly update, please contact Tracey Lengyel (412.852.2123 or tlengyel91@gmail.com) or visit our website www.charleston.younglife.org

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Every Monday 6:30-7:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Dr. Anyone with addiction issues-you, 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.

BENG

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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 details.

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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.

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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.

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DANIEL ISLAND EXCHANGE CLUB

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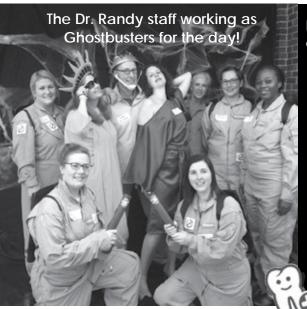
MOM'S PLAYDATE

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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@gmail.com.

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DICF donated more than \$750,000 to non-profits

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changer for the under-served residents of the Cainhoy Peninsula and brings programs to them that they have historically not had access to, including job training, health and dental screenings, housing assistance, nutritional assistance, and more."

"The dedication of the ECCO center in Cainhoy was moving," added DICF Board Member and longtime Daniel Island resident Bill Stevens. "Especially the support and thanks from the Cainhoy community leaders... Our mission is to change lives and build better communities and I believe DICF is doing that. Most of all, I like that a majority of that impact has been achieved by supporting Daniel Island residents and organizations that are doing it."

The number and quality of community events supported by the DICF have also increased over the past 10 to 15 years, according to Baker. For example, Park Day started out with just about 50 families participating, and

today that number has climbed to over 5,000. The DICF has also grown its funding partnerships, particularly with the Daniel Island Rotary Club, Nucor, and the Rev. Dr. Stephen Love from the St. Thomas Charge Methodist Church. As a new year beckons, Baker is hopeful the fund can continue its upward trends.

"I continue to research and identify projects that would make the biggest difference in the lives of our residents and neighbors," she said. "In the near future, there may be an opportunity for that big project to be something on Daniel Island. An important need in the Cainhoy Peninsula is access to swimming instruction for both adults and children. Exploring opportunities for children and adults to learn to swim from both a critical safety perspective, as well as the health benefits of swimming, would be a valuable community service project."

DANIEL ISLAND COMMUNITY FUND 2015 BENEFICIARIES

East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO):

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Operation Home: \$72,419
Daniel Island Rotary Club: \$20,135
The Music Battery: \$7500
Humanities Foundation: \$6100

Cainhoy Elementary/Middle School Technology:

\$12,500

Daniel Island Swim Team: \$7800

Friends of the Berkeley County Library: \$5000 Daniel Island School: \$50.000

Susan G. Komen Foundation: \$7500 Golfers for Education: \$1000

St. Thomas Charge Methodist/Cainhoy Elementary

Middle School: \$45,500 U.S.S. Yorktown: \$10,000 Gaillard Center Kids: \$2500 Lowcountry Food Bank: \$3000

Young Life: \$5000

Daniel Island Fishing Club: \$2000

Bishop England Scholarships: \$50,000

Reading Partners: \$20,000

Daniel Island Community Garden: \$5000
Wando/Huger CDC Ebola project: \$3500
East Cooper Meals on Wheels: \$9500
Daniel Island Historical Society: \$4000
Daniel Island Animal Hospital: \$5000
American Red Cross: \$15,000
Children's Museum: \$6000
Mother Emanuel AME: \$50,000
Roper St. Francis Access Health: \$5000
Junior Achievement: \$10,000
Hearts of Huger: \$5000
Charleston Police Fund: \$2500

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Grants and Community Initiatives/Events in 2015

- \$783,649

Grants and Community Initiatives/Events in 2014

- \$599, 319

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About five years ago, Daniel Island resident Dave Martin learned about a volunteer opportunity through one of his colleagues at Blackbaud. He had heard of the Meals on Wheels national organization but wasn't familiar with the local group that serves the East Cooper area, including Daniel Island. Dave inquired and soon became an active volunteer along with fellow team members from Blackbaud, delivering meals to homebound recipients every on Wheels may be one of the only constants in month.

The experience enables Dave and all Meals on Wheels volunteers to step outside of a daily routine and familiar territory. "Delivering with East Cooper Meals on Wheels opens your eyes to levels of need that exist right here in our community," he explains. "Until you make those trips into areas you'd otherwise not find yourself, you may not realize the disparate realities and need - just miles from your home."

Several years after Dave started volunteering with Meals on Wheels, both of his parents, Bill and Barbara - who also reside on Daniel Island - had to be hospitalized. As they were being released from the hospital, one of their nurses mentioned Meals on Wheels as a local resource that the Martins could utilize as they dealt with their long-term recovery needs. While not usually ones to seek help for themselves, they real- around, Meals on Wheels would have gladly

living independently in their own home. After experiencing Meals on Wheels, they felt the relief of having even just one meal taken care of by someone else. "It helps my parents immensely, taking some of the burden off of their shoulders" Dave said. "It's a God-send, really!" reinforced Barbara.

For hundreds of other recipients throughout Daniel Island and the East Cooper area - Meals their daily lives. No matter what their health issues are, recipients know that a friendly face will come to the door to deliver meals and a warm smile. The service brings assurance to recipients' families, too. While Dave sees his parents several times each week, he and his siblings are grateful to know that Meals on Wheels provides another opportunity to check in on their parents.

When Meals on Wheels delivered to Bill and Barbara a couple days before Thanksgiving, the delivery volunteer, Merv Horner, asked if they would need meals that Thursday. The couple smiled and said "No, thank you" as they planned to gather with their children and grandchildren for the holiday. However, they were certainly grateful for the offer, and if circumstances were different and family was not

ized that this service would help them continue been there, like clockwork, to deliver Thanksgiving meals for them.

> East Cooper Meals on Wheels will continue to deliver holiday spirit through this season, bringing gifts to each home-bound recipient. Local schools, churches and youth organizations added to the effort by supplying handmade ornaments and cards to accompany the

The Martins' story is not actually unique. Most people – whether they live alone or with a loved one – would never predict that they would someday be in position where they need regular assistance. Then, life happens and regardless of your economic status, when struck by illness or injury, the world can change in the blink of an eye. George Roberts, president/CEO Barbara Martin (left) accepts the day's meals for of East Cooper Meals on Wheels - and a tenyear resident of Daniel Island himself – noted, "During the past year we have served over 5,800 meals to a total of 25 recipients on the Island. We are honored to serve each of them and we are always open to helping more".

Five years after his first volunteer delivery, Dave is still happy to give of his time, energy, and resources to East Cooper Meals on Wheels. While he never would have guessed that the same organization he was supporting would also serve his parents, Dave recognized early on that each person he serves is someone else's



her and Bill from East Cooper Meals on Wheels volunteer, Merv Horner (right.)

dad, mom, brother, sister or friend.

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Meals on Wheels volunteers are helping ensure that home-bound neighbors – including on Daniel Island – are not forgotten and get the support they need - whether it is for a few weeks, months, or longer. If you know of someone who could benefit from East Cooper Meals on Wheels services, would like to become a volunteer, or would like to make a donation to East Cooper Meals on Wheels, simply call (843) 881-9350 or visit www.ecmow.org.





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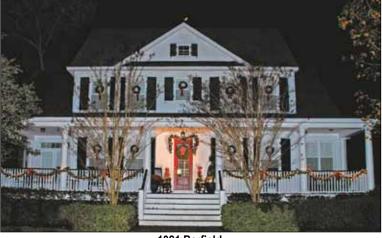








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Three Leadership Lessons from Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



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Then all the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee, Rudolph the Rednosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!-Robert L. May

For many years, the story goes; Montgomery Ward department store in Chicago purchased and gave away coloring books as a promotional during the Christmas season. In 1939, company executives wanted to do something that would both reduce costs and be new and different.

To help with the new project they turned to Robert L. May, a 34-year old Montgomery Ward copywriter who was known to dabble in children's limericks and stories. His creation was a short story written in rhyming verse and differed from the version known today. The original Rudolph lived in the woods with his loving parents far from the North Pole.

May's story became an immediate success. Montgomery Ward gave away 2.4 million copies of the story in 1939 and by 1946, despite wartime paper shortages; over 6 million copies had been distributed. Faced with large medical bills because of his wife's battle with cancer, May asked Montgomery Ward officials if he could have the copyright to Rudolph turned over to him. The company agreed and that same year the story was published commercially.

May also asked his brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks, to adapt his basic story idea to music. When Marks was done, one singer after another, including Bing Crosby, declined to record the song. Finally, in 1949, Gene Autry accepted and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer shot to the top of the charts. Autry's version is now the second bestselling Christmas song of all time, surpassed only by Crosby's White Christmas.

From the song Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, comes leadership lessons that are still applicable today. Here are three leadership lessons that will serve you well regardless of the season.

WE ALL HAVE NATURAL GIFTS AND ABILITIES; EMBRACE THEM.

Rudolph was the object of scorn by the other reindeer who mistakenly thought that because he was different from the others he didn't have anything to contribute.

We all come in different shapes, sizes, and with unique gifts. It is not in the similarities that we stand out, but in our differences. The gifts and talents you bring to the table of your business or organization may not look like anything else in your company, but that is your gift. As you embrace and celebrate those gifts, others will also come to appreciate what you have to offer.

WE ALL FACE OPPOSITION; IGNORE IT.

Because his appearance was different from others around him, Rudolph faced opposition. There will always be an element of people who will oppose you not based on your appearance as in the story, but because you have a different perspective, you have a different attitude, and you bring an optimistic mindset to the challenges your company faces.

When you embrace that which causes you to stand out you are on your way to the top. Others can ridicule you or join you but the choice is theirs. Regardless of the opposition you face, never surrender your uniqueness to any opposition.

YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE WILL EVENTUALLY COME; WELCOME

It is your daily faithfulness in the little things that you prove yourself. Even though Rudolph faced opposition from the others, he didn't allow their negativity to defeat him. In the moment of crisis when Santa needed a go-to Reindeer, Rudolph was ready. Armed with his natural giftedness and positive attitude, he navigated the team of fellow reindeer to a successful completion of the Christmas mission.

Your moment of destiny will come one day and it may not happen the way you expected. Open your eyes to all the possibilities that your leadership can provide. As you remain faithful your big moment will come.

This Christmas season, celebrate your gift as a leader, rise above your opposition, and stand ready to embrace your destiny. As you do, you will have a greater understanding of just how special the season can be.

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FROM MRS. ALLBRITTION'S CLASS:

Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

You are very kind. Santa I rilly need warm close. I want a Patrot jersey of Tom Brady and a nutcracer. I rilly need warm close because I get cold in the winter. I want a Tom Brady jersey because my dad is from New englend. And I want a nutcracker because I whent to the nutcracker. Love, Caden B.

FROM MRS. BAILEY'S CLASS:

Dear Santa,

I want the ether kids in the orphanage to get family's pleey's. The pepll who do not get food can they pleey's get food. I want two walkie talkie bracelte's pleey's.

Sincerely,

Madison M.



Dear Santa,

Thank you for Christmas. I like when you viset

it is fun. I hope you will bring water and food to pepol that can't go out because mabe hevy games.

Sincerely, Matthew P.



FROM MRS. FRANKO'S CLASS:

Dear Santa,

My name is Hayes and I am 7 years old and I live in South Carolina Charleston. I want to wish you a merry Christmas. Oh an please bring my mom some slippers. She is dieing with out them! Please bring me a Playstation four and Madden 16. I have one question for you do you ware green on St. Patricks day? Good luch on delivering all of the presents.

Your Friend,

Hayes G.

P.S. Please bring me the other things I have on my first Christmas list. Oh and please bring my little sister a Frozen necklace and a Frozen bike. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

My name is Avery and I am seven You are very nice to give presents. brother a new football because his don't really need anything but if yo I do want a minny oven. You shold Christmis your self to.

Your Friend, Avery L.

FROM MRS. MCDERMOT

Dear Santa,

I hope I have been a good you guys doing in the north po the list for my presntse. I would things hover bord 360 bike fun gan Sincerely,

Briggs M.

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good g lots of shopkins. tell the reindeer that I said, "H have a good trip around mary Christmas! Sincerely, Louisa P.



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FROM MRS. MCAVOY'S CLASS:

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Hunter and I am 6 years old. My sister needs dipers. Would you please bring them. I would like a Luke Skywaalker Lightsaber so I can have a duel with my dad. Please come!

Love, Hunter C.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Mary Bennett and I am 6 1/2. My brother needs a lamp. I would like a popcorn macar for my American girl doll becus I can play with it with my sister. Pleaz come!

Love,

Mary Bennett A.

FROM MRS. FRIAR'S CLASS:

Dear Santa,

I have ben good all These years. I hope you get here soon. I will sill be good. I Will be nice.

Sincerely,

Harlow M.



Dear Santa, I Don't think

I have Bin a good Boy. So I thike I am going to work on it. But my dad thikes I have bin. If I Do not get presins I no what I have Don.

Sincerely,

Brady E.

FROM MRS. SHIRLEY'S CLASS:

Dear Santa Claus,

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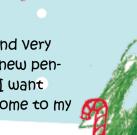
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Dear Santa Claus,

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Love,

John M.





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BIKE THEFTS

A number of bike thefts have been reported on Daniel Island in recent weeks, according to Team 5 of the City of Charleston Police Department. Lt. James Byrne noted that approximately seven bikes were taken between November 1 and December 15 from the garage areas of apartment complexes on the island. All bikes were locked, but in each case the lock was cut. In one case, two bikes were locked police. Tools and electronics items were taken. together at a bike rack and only one was taken.

"They're being selective in what they are taking," said Byrne.

Lt. Byrne recommended that for long term storage bike owners should use a bar lock or U-lock to secure bikes, as opposed to a cable lock that can easily be cut. The cable lock works best for short term storage, especially if the bike is within eyesight and close proximity, he added.

CAR BREAK-INS

On November 27, several car owners reported that their vehicles were entered by an unknown suspect or suspects while they were dining at a restaurant on River Landing Drive. Police were called to the scene about 8:30 p.m. and noted that six vehicles were entered, but only three of them had items missing. All of the vehicles were unlocked at the time. About two hours later, police were alerted that a group of teens was "acting suspicious" in the area. some \$5000 worth of purchases using the account After responding to the call, two of the teens fled and another two were stopped for questioning. One of the suspects was arrested after it was discovered that he had marijuana, drug paraphernalia and pills in his possession, as well as items reported missing from the vehicles. Lt. Byrne noted that the perpetra- and debit cards at all times and to make sure the tors were Daniel Island residents. The suspect has a cards are never out of your sight.

pending appearance in family court.

CONSTRUCTION SITE THEFTS

In late November, police were called to the scene of a home under construction in Daniel Island Park after it was reported that some building materials were stolen from the site. The case remains under investigation. In a separate case, work trailers at a construction site on Island Park Drive were forced open by an unknown suspect or suspects sometime between December 5 and December 7, according to

GUN MISSING

Police are also investigating a case involving a gun that was reported missing from a home on Creek Landing Street in Daniel Island Park. The owner believes the firearm was taken sometime between October 25 and December 2. It was reported missing on December 4. There was no sign of forced entry.

HIT & RUN

A hit and run collision was also recently reported, said Lt. Byrne, in the area of 305 Seven Farms Apartments. Two witnesses observed someone hit a parked vehicle and then drove away. No injuries were reported.

CREDIT CARD THEFT

A Smythe Park resident notified police last week that her credit card had been compromised. According to the victim, an unknown suspect racked up associated with the card, which remained in the victim's possession. The charges were made at various locations throughout the Charleston area. The Central Detectives Division is investigating. Lt. Byrne urged residents to keep a close eye on credit

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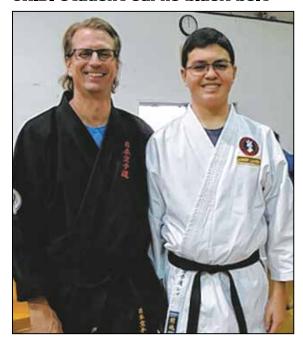








From Little Ninja to karate Kohai: JKIDI student earns black belt



Kohai Rey Robinson (right) stands with instructor Sensei Glenn Raus (left) after the 15 year-old earned his black belt in a ceremony on December 5.

JENNIFER JOHNSTON

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In a ceremony at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Saturday, December 5, Bishop England High School sophomore Rev Robinson was awarded his first degree black belt, becoming one of Japan Karate Institute Daniel Island's newest junior instructors.

Kohai Rey began his training at the dojo in the "Little Ninia" program in November 2004, and is the 25th student from JKIDI to earn black belt. His parents, Gigi and George Robinson, are proud that he didn't give up on the journey to his black belt, noting that his older brother, Tomie, earned the same level five years ago.

States Kohai Rey, "I feel relieved, and will continue to do karate."

Lucia Safarova and Belinda Bencic to play the Volvo Cars Open

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Staff report

Lucie Safarova and Belinda Bencic have committed to play in the inaugural Volvo Cars Open (formerly the Family Circle Cup), April 2 – 10, 2016, on Daniel Island. The World No. 9, Safarova, and World No.14, Bencic, join Venus Williams, Angelique Kerber, Madison Keys and Andrea Petkovic in the Charleston player field; showcasing three top 10 players, six top 25 players.

Both Safarova and Bencic had the best year of their career in 2015.

Safarova reached three finals in 2015, earning one title this season, in Doha, and her best Grand Slam singles finish at the French Open. She also won four doubles titles, most notably winning her first and second Grand Slam at the Australian and French Opens. She was one of eight singles players to qualify for the WTA Finals, and the only player to qualify in both singles and doubles for the

tournament. In June of 2015, Safarova broke into the WTA top 10 for the first time in her career.

The 2016 Volvo Cars Open will be her fifth time competing in Charleston. She holds an 11-4 win/loss record, reaching the quarterfinals in 2013 and 2014 and the finals in 2012. Safarova won the Family Circle Cup doubles title in 2012 and 2013.

"I was disappointed I couldn't play last year in Charleston," said Safarova. "I like clay, the green clay suits my game, and I just enjoy being there."

Bencic, too, had an impressive 2015 season, winning her first and second WTA titles, in Eastbourne and Toronto, and reaching two additional finals. Her run during Toronto's Rogers Cup had her matched-up and winning

against some of the game's top players, including World No. 1 Serena Williams, Simona Halep, Caroline Wozniacki, Sabine Lisicki, Eugenie Bouchard and Ana Ivanovic. These wins resulted in the highest ranking to date for Bencic, World No. 12.

With her title win in Toronto, 18-year-old Bencic became the youngest player to beat S. Williams in a completed match since Maria Sharapova defeated S. Williams in the 2004 WTA Finals at 17-years-old.

> She has played in Charleston twice and holds a 7-2 win/loss record. She was a semifinalist during the 2014 Family Circle Cup, after reaching the main draw through two rounds of qualifying matches. Her stint in Charleston catapulted her into the WTA Top 100 for the first time in her career.

"I feel really good playing on the clay courts in Charleston, and have great memories from the tournament there,"

said Bencic. "I really love the city and am looking forward to returning in 2016."

"Lucie and Belinda have seen tremendous growth this past year, with seven final finishes between them," said Eleanor Adams, Volvo Cars Open Tournament Manager. "Our fans have been rooting the girls on all season, and we are delighted to continue to watch their game evolve, and welcome them back to Charleston."

Tickets for the 2016 Volvo Cars Open are now on sale. For more information on tickets, call 800.677.2293 or visit http://www.volvocarsopen.com. Patrons can purchase single session tickets, or choose from a variety of ticket and travel packages.





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fishing trends

I have been fishing rather than Christmas shopping. So this will be a short report (as I have to go shopping). One of the first cold fronts of winter passed through the area late last week. After the front, a strong and cold northerly wind set in, dropping both air and water temperatures pretty dramatically. Sadly, it also cooled off the hot bite we have been enjoying for the past few weeks. While the bite is currently not stellar, there are still a few fish that are willing to cooperate.

With cooler water temperatures, large schools of Redfish are beginning to form in the shallows. They are pretty easy to find (just look for porpoise eating them). Once located, I recommend not chasing the school. Stay in one general area and let them come back to you. Typically, the large schools patrol a preferred area. Subsequently, when left alone, they usually come right back to it.

Trout will adjust to the cooler conditions quickly. So I expect the Trout bite to



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Each week, we will also include a running win-loss record for each of our sponsors and the paper will donate \$500 to the charity of choice of the sponsor who has the best overall win-loss record at the end of the season.

The sponsor standings continue to be close. UBS had a strong week and have

moved back into a first place tie with 843 Health Marketplace.

First place - Dave Williams of 843 Health Marketplace and Steve Meyer/Jeff Burton of UBS (120-50); third place - Phil Bowman, sportswriter for The Daniel Island News (111-59); fourth place tie - Tony Pope State Farm and Helen Girl Brown (110-60); sixth place - Dr. Estes of Southern Orthopedics (108-62); seventh place tie - Cara Schaafsma of Irongate Realty (94-65); and the employees of the Daniel Island Grille (9100-70).



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November 2015 Real Estate Report

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After a slow start to fall, real estate sales began to rise again in October and were significantly higher in November compared to last year at this time. A total of 30 homes sold during the month of November. In both October and November, total value of homes sold was almost double what it was

in September. November sales equaled \$21,495,451. As of December 10, 2015, there were roughly 138 homes listed for sale on Daniel Island (including single family, condos and townhomes), 78 of them were active and 60 were under contract. A total of 39 homes were listed as new. Three of those have been listed within the last six months and are denoted below with an **. There were 12 homes with price changes

during the month.

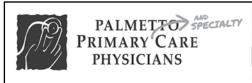
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Casey Kellermann

Month DI Homes Sold Per Month			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
October	18	22	31	34	\$8,148,993	\$14,854,485	\$17,960,042	\$21,197,223
November	20	21	19	30	\$12,783,797	\$12,546,336	\$15,084,937	\$21,495,451
YEAR TO DATE	227	277	285	313	\$124,388,383	\$152,415,441	\$176,488,562	\$198,180,702
December	23	34	31		\$13,003,560	\$20,097,888	\$22,358,711	
YEAR TOTALS	250	311	316	313	\$137,391,943	\$172,513,329	\$198,847,273	\$198,180,702

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2510 Josiah Street \$545,800 NEW 2521 Josiah Street \$550,800 NEW 2543 Josiah Street \$744,990 NEW 2555 Josiah Street \$610,700 NEW 156 King George Street \$789,000 NEW 220 King George Street \$1,097,750 PRICE CHANGE 1531 Mitchell Wharf St \$574,327 NEW 1536 Mitchell Wharf Street \$709,000 SOLD

615 Island Park Drive \$1,575,000 NEW

720 Island Park Drive 106

1629 Oak Leaf Drive \$606,700 NEW 1624 Oak Leaf Street \$724,950 NEW 1632 Oak Leaf Street \$689,640 NEW 539 Park Crossing Drive \$849,000 NEW 145 Pier View Street 203 \$394,750 NEW 1655 Pierce Street \$689,039 NEW 1763 Pierce Street \$850,000 SOLD 1763 Pierce Street \$850,000 NEW 2041 Pierce Street \$650,000 SOLD 332 Rhoden Island Drive \$1,499,000 PRICE **CHANGE**

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