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Buy Nothing initiative has something for everyone

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Imagine being able to purge your house of unwanted clutter and give to your neighbors out of the kindness of your heart. The concept is called the Buy Nothing Project and the movement has grown quite popular on Daniel Island along with the rest of the world.

The program was launched by a nonprofit in 2013 under the premise of a gift economy — a culture where valuables are not sold, but rather given freely without any compensation in return. The true wealth is the web of connections that are formed throughout the community.

How it works is that users go on Facebook or the Buy Nothing Project app, find a group in their area and ask to join. Once accepted, after answering security questions, there are three types of postings: Gifts, asks or gratitudes. The latter is to just show appreciation and thanks.

Group members are allowed to make requests or say they are looking for something specific. As for the exchange, the items being picked up are placed on the giver's



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Robin Russell (left) and Nathalia Bramlett are co-administrators of Daniel Island's Buy Nothing Project. The Facebook group currently has a membership of approximately 1,100 users.

property — usually their porch or front yard area — and scheduled for pick up by the recipient. There is no buying and selling,

no trading or bartering and no costs and transactions involved.

The national initiative, which now has more than 5 million community members across 44 countries, was started by two friends. And the same goes for Daniel Island's program.

In February 2021, Robin Russell and Nathalia Bramlett created the Buy Nothing, Daniel Island private Facebook group. That group now has more than 1,100 members and is growing by the day.

Russell, a mother with two full-time jobs in the real estate field, hired an au pair to watch after her children. That woman was Bramlett, who moved to the United States from Brazil.

Bramlett was the one who first brought the initiative to Russell's attention by telling her about West Ashley's program. Russell then decided the same could and needed to be done on Daniel Island.

"Honestly, I just don't want to list a lot of things that I have for sale, I'd rather just give them away," Russell said. "I've had my use with them and I'd rather just give it to somebody else who needs it."

Russell noted that she prefers the flexibility of Buy Nothing to other marketplace sites because there is no subjectivity of price gouging or disconnect with forms of payment. The only currency required is some level of compassion from one neighbor to another.

Over the recent holidays, Russell noted there was a surge in requests and thankfully the supply was there to meet the demand. On average, she estimated that five to 10 new users join their group each day.

Russell pointed out that a lot of requests have been originating from the Cainhoy area. The Daniel Island group is in conversation with the North Mount Pleasant group to facilitate their needs in order to make ends meet.

Daniel Island resident Kim McCracken noted, "I joined because I like to reuse and help with sustainability as well as obtain some items that maybe I planned to buy but just hadn't gotten around to it yet ... Usually if you don't need something any longer, someone else does."

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Team 5 commander completes nationwide leadership program

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From his early days as an undergraduate at the University of Richmond, through his recent December 2021 graduation from the Los Angeles Police Department's Leadership Program, Lt. Matthew Wojslawowicz, commander of Team 5, has made education a priority.

A seasoned member of the City of Charleston's Police Department, Wojslawowicz became an officer in January 2004. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 2018 and then served as the command duty officer and as the commander of special operations/traffic before joining Team 5 on Jan. 11, 2020.

Wojslawowicz's calendar was full this year, serving as commander, student, and adjunct professor at Truett McConnell University, teaching courses in criminal justice and political science.

During the fall, Wojslawowicz, along with 23 other participants from all over the country, traveled to Elysian Park Academy in Los Angeles to complete a staggered four-week course consisting of 136 hours of college-level coursework and study in behavioral



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Lt. Matthew Wojslawowicz, commander of Team 5 for the Charleston Police Department, recently graduated from the Los Angeles Police Department's Leadership Program.

science and leadership theories. The program was designed to provide practical tools for command level law enforcement professionals. It was developed by the United States Military Academy at West Point and was adapted to the needs of police professionals by the LAPD. Wojslawowicz was the first individual to be selected for the leadership program from the Charleston Police Depart-

ment.

The program focused on 27 different behavioral science and leadership theories, and how they could be applied in the workplace, according to Wojslawowicz. Coursework was broken down into four specific subject areas: The Leader, The Led, The Situation, and Integration.

Wojslawowicz explained, "The Los Angeles Police Department formulated scenarios based on real life law enforcement issues. The scenarios, while based on LAPD history and critical incidents, are applicable to law enforcement commanders from across the country. The case studies forced students to apply the behavioral science theories as well as using standard policies and procedures to work together to come to a conclusion as to how best to solve the problem."

He continued, "As a result, the course has impacted my personal leadership style and has further developed and enhanced how I relate with those who work for me. Being able to communicate better with my personnel has been perhaps the most useful skill I have obtained as a result of this training. Further, I believe I am better able to handle situations that may arise during the course of

my duties."

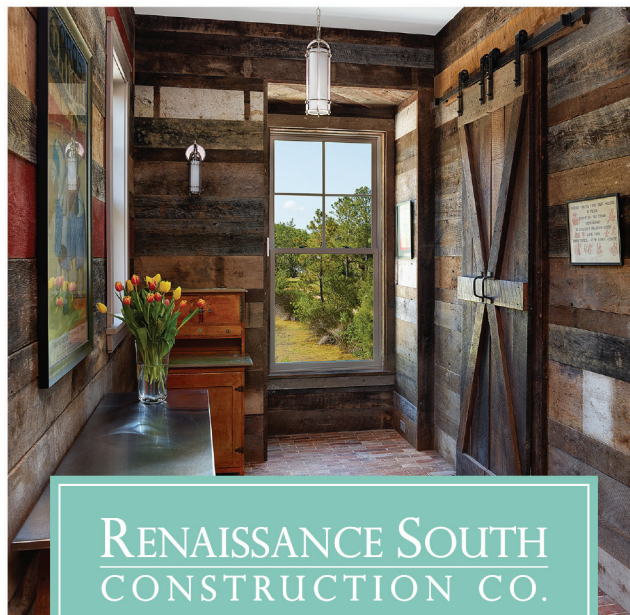
To complete the course, the commander was required to be in Los Angeles for one week each month in September, October, November, and December. In his absence, Team 5 was led by Sergeant Stephen Voges, who has served as administrative sergeant in the Daniel Island office for the past year and a half. When asked about Wojslawowicz's influence as a leader, Voges said that he earns the utmost respect of his officers and the community he serves.

"He pushes his officers to be their best and helps them achieve their goals," Voges noted. "He understands he serves a greater cause and does it all with integrity and honesty. His recent graduation from the LAPD Leadership Program will only enhance his leadership."

On Dec. 21, the Charleston Police Department announced that Wojslawowicz received the highest marks on the program's Capstone project — which discussed compassionate leadership, promotion of integrity and character, and growth and development of his team.

This year, 26 officers will be allocated to Team 5 to cover Daniel Island and the Cainhoy peninsula.

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Leadership goals for the new year

BY RICHARD ECKSTROM

Special to The Daniel Island News

We all have room to improve, and there's something about a new, blank calendar that motivates us to do so. That's why many of us recently made resolutions to better our-



Richard Eckstrom

selves in some way, perhaps to exercise more or kick a bad habit.

For those of us in positions of public leadership, a new year is a chance to reflect on how we can better serve the people. Here are four worthy resolutions — leadership goals for the new year — that public officials at all levels would do well to adopt:

• Be an advocate for transparency.

Transparency improves the quality of government. It helps prevent abuse, makes problems easier to catch, and builds public trust.

Make sure it's as easy as possible for people to see how their tax dollars are spent, how decisions are made, and how their government operates. Make sure people have easy access to detailed, itemized spending information. Hold discussions about important issues in public view, rather than behind closed doors. Ensure annual financial reports are published in a timely manner, and that information requests from citizens are answered promptly (and preferably free of charge.)

• **Respect the citizen watchdogs.** Just about every public entity has one — the citizen who attends every meeting, asks tough questions, requests information using open-records laws, and generally makes public officials' lives a little less comfortable.

To politicians, these citizen watchdogs can be a pain. But they're vital to good government. They hold politicians to account and provide needed oversight. And their persistent efforts occasionally unearth very real problems — such as water contamination, misspending, even corruption.

Unfortunately, these watchdogs sometimes find themselves in the crosshairs of their own government. That's a shame. Citi-

zens who take the time to become personally involved and engage in their government — even those who ask tough questions — deserve respect. They help make the system cleaner and healthier, which in turn makes their community stronger.

• **Set an example of civility.** It seems like a quaint notion in today's climate, but there's much to be said for civil debate. That's how you persuade others to your point of view, after all. Those who believe in the strength of their positions shouldn't fear a polite, reasoned exchange of viewpoints.

Leaders who commit to taking the high road will serve the public well. For those aspiring to elected office, keeping their campaigns positive and issue-oriented would be a good start. Positive campaigns help people make informed decisions and set the right example for constituents.

• **Remember whose money it is.** The power to spend citizens' money isn't to be taken lightly. People work hard for their paycheck, and many feel squeezed by their collective local, state and federal tax burden.

Unfortunately, one of the hallmarks of the public sector is its casual attitude toward the spending of taxpayer dollars. They seem to forget whose money they're spending. And our wallets are a little lighter as a result.

We could use more people in office who understand that it's the people's money, not theirs, and that dealing in taxpayer dollars calls for a high standard of stewardship. It calls for discretion, careful prioritization, and adequate oversight. Restraint is a virtue. Spending should be done in an open, deliberative process and with stringent safeguards against waste and abuse. And tax increases should always be a last resort, after belts have been tightened.

After all, every dollar we pull from someone's pockets is a dollar they won't have to pay bills, send a kid to college, take a vacation or save for retirement.

I wish you and yours much happiness, good health and success in 2022.

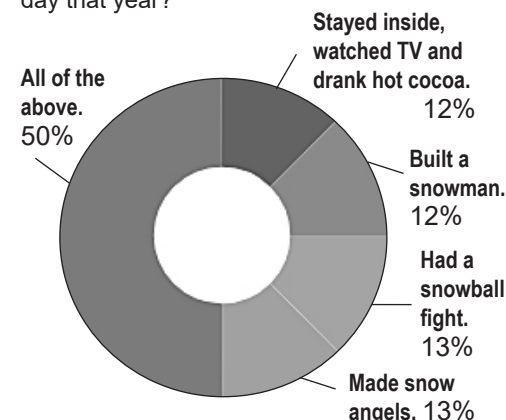
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CITY OF CHARLESTON DISTRICT 1 ELECTION UPDATE

The paper went to print on Tuesday, Jan. 11, before the polls closed. Look for an update on The Daniel Island News' website (thedanielislandnews.com) and a full story about the special election in next week's paper.

Remembering Snowmageddon 2018

With our recent 70-plus-degree days for the 2021 holiday season, it might be hard to remember that four years ago, during the first week of January, the Charleston area was blanketed by nearly 5½ inches of snow. Some media outlets dubbed it "Snowmageddon 2018." How did you spend your snow day that year?



NOTE: The answer "none of the above - I just waited for it to melt" received no votes. To learn more about the history of snow days in the Charleston area, see pages 14-16 in this issue.

Comments:

- It was magical! Just walking around we commented about how it felt like Narnia. So peaceful and beautiful. We ended up attaching a sled to our golf cart and pulled it around on the streets near our house. So much fun! Definitely fantastic memories of that day!
- It was the first time I had ever shoveled a driveway. What a great experience!
- We played in it with our new puppy!
- We had just returned to Charleston from having a summer Christmas in Australia - so this was a real fun surprise!

NEXT WEEK: DRESSING UP PETS — A DO OR DON'T?

Jan. 14 is National Dress Up Your Pet day. The day was originally established by an animal advocate to shine the light on



the plight of abandoned pets. Some people dress their pets regularly, some for holidays and others believe animal nature is the only way to go. Do you dress

your pets? Share your thoughts online at surveyMonkey.com/r/DressUpYourPetDay or use the QR code by Sunday, Jan. 16, 5 p.m. And be sure to tell us about what kind of pet you have and their wardrobe.



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Members of the public needing a job or seeking a career change are invited to attend. Directors from various departments across Berkeley County government will be on hand to review resumes and discuss positions.

For a complete listing of open positions, visit berkeleycountysc.gov/Careers.



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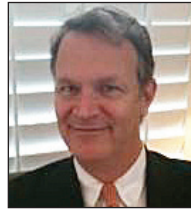
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"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." — George Santayana.

Stock, bonds and real estate markets could be profoundly hurt by rising interest rates. The Federal Reserve is caught in a terrible predicament. It must quickly raise interest rates to stop today's unanticipated rise in inflation without bursting the stock, bond, and real estate market bubbles. Not since the double-digit inflation in the late 1970s, has the Federal Reserve been so wrong.

The massive monetary and fiscal stimuli of the last two years are driving today's spiraling inflation. Likewise, in the 1970s, spending on the Vietnam War drove an inflation spiral resulting in a steady rise in consumer prices or CPI from 5.7% in 1976 to 13.5% in 1980.

To quell the uncontrollable inflation, then President Jimmy Carter appointed Paul Vol-



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cker in 1979 to chair the Federal Reserve. Led by Volcker, the Federal Reserve raised the Fed Funds Rate — the rate banks borrow from each other for overnight loans — to 22% by December 1980. This led to destructive bear markets for stocks and bonds. In 1982, money markets yielded 18%, 10-year U.S. Treasury Notes yielded 15% and mortgage rates were over 15%.

If inflation spirals higher and the Fed does not successfully tame inflation, interest rates will move meaningfully higher. Further, if the Fed tightens too quickly, equity markets could decline 30% to 50%. This market resembles both 1987 and 2000, when both periods experienced sharp parabolic rises that led to 33.5% and 52% declines in the S&P 500, respectively.

Interest rates have declined for 40 years

and have been a boon to stocks, bonds, and real estate prices. Today's rising inflation suggests we are entering an inflationary period. Reducing interest rates risk by selling long duration assets like bonds and growth stocks makes sense. Long term bonds are a potential serious risk. Interest rate guru James Grant wryly says, "Bonds are interest free risk." Most think bonds are risk free interest.

While inflation, interest rates and the market may not experience meaningful change, the equity markets are likely to change leadership. By emphasizing inflation beneficiaries like value stocks, commodity stocks, emerging markets, and precious metals — pretty much everything which has not experienced a massive rise in the last seven years — investors could reduce portfolio risk and prosper. In stark contrast, the S&P 500, the NASDAQ 100 index and FAANG+ stocks, could see sharp declines due to their parabolic runs and rich valuations.

Unfortunately, man is a herd animal who

assumes that what has worked in the past will work in the future. We are in the midst of a generational reversal in interest rates trends.

Consider these prudent ideas:

- Investors should seriously review their financial plans and discuss with their financial advisor protecting their assets should market conditions change.
- Home buyers should lock in low interest rate mortgages. Homeowners should consider refinancing their mortgage especially if the mortgage is over 4%. If your mortgage is a floating loan, you might want to convert to a fixed-rate mortgage.
- Pay down your credit card debt or any debts which are not fixed.

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Global gift economy program proves successful on DI

From BUY NOTHING on PAGE 02

"One man's trash is another man's treasure," said island resident Heather Stefl. And she has proof. Stefl has received everything from printer cartridges for her kids in college to martini glasses and a small table for her porch.

Stefl likes the no-contact nature of the exchange, especially during COVID. Even more so, the person doesn't even need to be home so it's

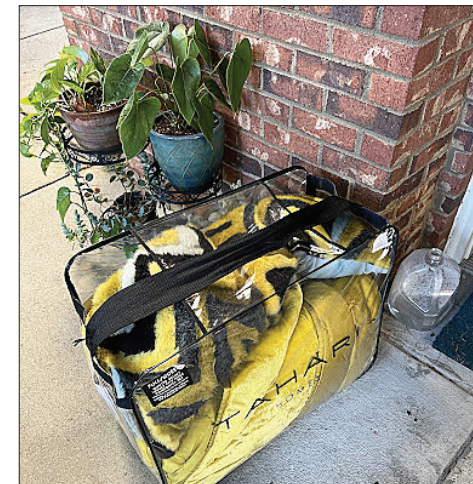
convenient for both parties.

"I would say, at this point, I have received more than I've been able to give," said Daniel Island resident Kelly Martin, a single mom with two teens. "I definitely feel the blessing of the generosity of my neighbors."

The national nonprofit launched their first app for Apple and Android on Friday, Nov. 25, and called it Buy Nothing Day. The launch date was

simultaneous with Black Friday, the busiest shopping day of the year. U.S. consumers spent approximately \$8.9 billion on the day after Thanksgiving, according to data from Adobe Analytics' Digital Economy Index.

For more information about the program, visit buynothingproject.org/. Daniel Island residents can join locally on the Facebook group Buy Nothing, Daniel Island.



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Local residents exchange goods through the Buy Nothing, Daniel Island Facebook group. Participants giving away items leave them on their front porch for another user to come pick up for free.

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The Everglades present an endless watery vista



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We were miles from the Shark Valley Visitors Center, deep into the Everglades National Park, when our guide Don pulled the van over to hand out head-to-toe mosquito gear complete with boots and mesh to cover our faces.

“Do we really need this?” we protested. And, “Where the heck are you taking us?”

But as we gingerly trudged through the opaque water, grabbing onto vines to steady ourselves on the soft mucky bottom, we understood. We were surrounded by buzzing, flying, swarming, swimming, blooming life everywhere. And an endless watery vista.

It seemed incomprehensible that we were less than an hour drive from the Miami airport. The vastness of the wilderness is astounding. Its 1.5 million acres is the only subtropical national park in North America and home to 300 species of fish, about 360 bird species and 700 kinds of plants. It’s



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An alligator eating a snake? Just one of many wild sights at Everglades National Park in Florida.

the only place where alligators and crocodiles coexist. Panthers roam wild; manatees lumber beneath the surface. But despite its verdant appearance, the Everglades are under siege. Thirty-six endangered or threatened species precariously make it their home. Efforts to control the flow of water to benefit crop production have had devastating effects on the fragile ecosystem. Invasive plants and animal species have overrun native populations. Burmese pythons, probably discarded as unwanted pets, have proliferated and wiped out almost all

of the rabbit and raccoon populations. The state sponsors a yearly competition (win a truck) where trappers have caught snakes up to 120 pounds and 17 feet long. Thankfully we didn’t see any pythons, just one alligator, a shark and many birds.

Oddly, the biggest wildlife hazard we faced was from vultures that attack cars in the parking lots and peck off the rubber on the windshield wipers so the van had to be covered with a tarp when we went kayaking. Don knew the science of everything we saw and expertly described their habitats

and the threats they faced.

There are many ways to experience the park including a variety of boat tours, a tram tour, self-guided bike rides and the all-day tour we took through Garl’s Coastal Kayaking (garlscostalkayaking.com). We enjoyed the variety of experiences our tour offered, especially a sunset paddle on Florida Bay.

There is camping available in the park and hotels nearby but we stayed 10 miles away at Hoosville Hostel (hoosvillehostel.com). At the communal “make your own pancakes” breakfast, we met some interesting characters. John Maggard and his dog walked for six months from Oklahoma to the Florida Keys because “There is no reason why. I just did it.” A visitor from Holland, one of several European guests, described his life as a marijuana farmer. Everyone had a story to tell and a reason why they’d been compelled to come witness the magnificence of this profound struggle between nature’s divine creation and the folly of man.

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How leaders talk to themselves



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"Talking about what you want focuses your mind on the outcome you desire rather than the one you fear and dread." — Valorie Burton

I've been around long enough to know that how we see ourselves and how we talk to ourselves will ultimately chart the course for where we go in life. It's inevitable and it's predictable.

You see, your destination is all dependent upon the thoughts you entertain, and what you talk yourself into believing. You will never rise higher than the way you see or perceive yourself.

In his book, "Power of the Plus Factor," Dr. Norman Vincent Peale shares a story about walking through the streets of Hong Kong. He came upon a tattoo shop and was looking at all of the available choices for tattoos in which a person could select. One, in particular, stood out: "Born to lose." Taken aback, Dr. Peale asked the shop owner why

anyone would ever choose to have that saying inked on their body.

In his broken English, the shop owner replied, "Before tattoo on body, tattoo on mind." And this is precisely what you have to be on guard against as a leader.

As a leader, you have to be intentional about how you talk to yourself. How you talk to yourself matters now more than ever. This is easier said than done, so I want to break the process down. How you talk to yourself, in part, depends on the following questions.

WHO DO YOU ALLOW TO SPEAK INTO YOUR LIFE?

There will be many voices who speak in your life but not every voice needs to speak into it. There's a difference between those who speak in your life and those who speak into it and the sooner you learn who those people are, the better. Many voices and a lot of chatter take place on the margins of your life. Some of it is unavoidable. But not all of it.

Action step: Who are you allowing to speak into your life? Are they adding value and helping to move you in the right direction? Who do you need to stop listening to?

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

Our culture in many ways is toxic and divided. It's red vs. blue, left vs. right, and people find it harder than ever to come together. We've lost the art of meaningful conversation and listening that's coupled with mutual respect. It might be a given, but what you listen to matters just as much as who you listen to if not more.

Action Step: Think for a moment about what you listen to on any given day. Is it uplifting, positive, inspiring, and motivating? Is it bringing people together or driving the wedge of division further? What can you do today to change or improve what you are listening to?

WHAT DO YOU DWELL ON?

Of all the voices that speak in your life and into your life, which ones do you dwell on? What conversations and topics do you most find yourself returning to and entertaining? These are the ones that will more times than not be the source for the conversations that you have with yourself. It will always be a challenge to separate what you dwell on from the way you talk to yourself. What your mind dwells on the most is what will take root in your heart. Be careful.

Action Step: In what way can you begin

to filter what you listen to and what you dwell on? What habits do you need to change?

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

That you hear many voices on a daily basis isn't the issue. That there are voices that may try to define who you are and define your worth is not the issue. That there are toxic people and much division around you isn't the issue either. Ultimately, it comes down to what you believe and what you choose to entertain that will determine the way you talk to yourself and drive the behaviors that come from it. So, let me ask you, what do you believe?

Action Step: How can you better filter the voices that you hear? What one change can you make today that will help you?

FINAL THOUGHTS

It's been said that the longest distance in the world is from your head to your heart. Be careful and wise about what gets in your head because you don't want it getting into your heart. When it comes to how you talk to yourself as a leader, you must control the narrative.

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DI's newest gallery shines light on local artists



art around town

HEATHER MACQUEEN JONES

Art creates a window into your happy place. When you hang art that evokes emotion, it fills the space with happiness. No one knows this better than Daniel Island's talented and upbeat artist Laurie Meyer who has walls of windows at the new Meyer Vogl Gallery on 250 River Landing Drive.

"We love the windows — three glorious sides of pure light! We love the light!" Meyer said of the new space.

This location's three walls of windows were a big reason the gallery came to be. Co-owners Laurie Meyer, Melissa Vogl, and Katie Geer said initially they were only thinking of temporary space because they had to close the second floor of their Meyer Vogl Gallery Meeting Street location downtown for three months and temporarily relocate 300 paintings. "We did not know what to do with all those paintings," the owners said. "We were going to pop up into whatever's empty. We didn't have

a long-term idea for Daniel Island," Until Pete Harper at Lee and Associates showed them this space.

"We decided to make small decisions about each next step. We'll talk to the architect, then we'll move to the next step."

Each next step they took led them to the next. Then the more people they talked to shared their enthusiasm about the gallery. "People said, this is amazing, our community needs culture!"

The space is energetic and engaging and filled with curious visitors, collectors picking up their work and artists stopping by.

"I feel like this amazing, positive explosion from this tiny corner of the building!" Meyer shared.

Their intention is to drop the veil of intimidation some people feel when entering a gallery as well as inspiring plans to foster community involvement in the arts. Meyer noted, "In the future we would like to have small musical events, poetry readings, people with books, small dances, whatever the place could hold. We are looking at ways to bring all the arts through the building."

The gallery is currently a curation of contemporary fine arts with a representative



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Pictured from left: Artist and co-owner Laurie Meyer; artist Nancy Hoerter; gallery director and co-owner Katie Geer; and artist and co-owner Marissa Vogl.

sample from around the Lowcountry, a nice cross-section from the U.S., and two international artists from Spain. "Right now, we

have all the artists that we represent downtown. When we opened downtown, one of our beliefs was we would choose work that excite the three of us. We all have to agree. If we are going to represent someone, we have to feel it! We are all pretty upbeat, happy people so we found that our work really represents that emotion," Meyer said.

It's that energy that carried the Meeting Street gallery into a banner year and allowed the creation of Daniel Island's new gallery.

"We had such a good 2021. People feel the realization that art is healing. What they look at affects their emotions and mood and outlook. That is why we have all bright, happy art," Meyer said.

The Daniel Island gallery is now open for all to enjoy. Please look out for a community open house event in the near future that will be fashioned as an art walk. Additionally, the Meyer Vogl Gallery will hold smaller cultural events throughout the year.

"Come! We hope to see a lot of old friends and meet new ones!" Meyer added.

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SNOW STORIES

Historic winter chill brought warm memories to Daniel Island

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The Lowcountry is known for its mild winters, but every so often the area experiences measurable snowfall. On Jan. 3, 2018, a historic winter storm blanketed the area with snow. The rare winter snowstorm caused schools, the airport, and both bridges to close — virtually cutting off Daniel Island from the rest of the area.

The storm started that morning with freezing rain and sleet. As the day wore on, the snowfall became quite heavy, and snow began to pile up along the streets. According to the National Weather Service, the storm produced a variety of wintry precipitation and by the end of the day the Charleston Airport measured 5.3 inches of snow. The storm was “the snowiest” January on record for the Charleston Airport because the cold air caused snow to remain on the ground.

Neil Dixon, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Charleston, said the storm affected all aspects of Lowcountry life. “The Daniel Island area received around 5 inches of snowfall and likely had some light amounts of freezing rain. Like much of the region, I expect that travel around the area was severely impacted by the snow and ice covered roads during the week following the storm.”

As the snow lingered and the situation became more intense the community came together to provide support. Neighbors checked in on each other and some local businesses stayed open to accommodate those stranded on the Island. Publix even

housed some employees at the local hotel to service customers and provide necessities.

Dyan Heineck, current owner of Island Expressions, said the snowstorm of 2018 came on the heels of a busy holiday season. At that time, Island Expressions was still owned by Sara and Ed Cooper. “The Coopers closed the shop for a couple days during the snowstorm to allow us all to enjoy this rare event with our families. We had so much fun walking around Smythe Lake and sledding with the kids behind Daniel Island School. The snow only stuck around for a couple days and then it was back to work.”

Mike Roller and his wife, Diana, had just moved to Daniel Island when the snowstorm hit. Mike was preparing to retire but was still commuting weekly to Washington, D.C., for his job. When Mike tried to book a flight home he was told all flights to Charleston were canceled. “As a former Air Force pilot, I knew that the Charleston ‘airport’ is actually Charleston Air Force Base (now Joint Base Charleston) since the facilities are shared with local U.S. Navy installations. I called a friend who was a C-17 pilot based in Charleston to learn more about the extended runway closure. I learned that the base did not have equipment for clearing snow and ice from the runways and taxiways.”

Mike explained, “That’s more cost effective than investing in snow removal equipment which is rarely, if ever, needed. Since the Air Force is responsible for maintaining the runways and taxiways, the



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Mary Wessner found inspiration in the 2018 snowstorm. The photographer turned some of her photos into cards.



MARY WESSNER PHOTOGRAPHY



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Dyan Heineck of Island Expressions enjoyed seeing Daniel Island blanketed with snow and spending time with family.



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Diana and Mike Roller’s backyard was covered with snow for days after the 2018 snowstorm.

commercial airport authority doesn’t have the equipment needed to clear snow or ice. As a result, the airport, or more accurately, the Air Force Base, remained closed until the snow melted.”

The day before the storm started, Suanne and Kevin Trimmer returned to Daniel Island after spending Christmas in Michigan. During their time in Michigan, it snowed and was bitterly cold. Trimmer and her husband were eager to return to the warmer Lowcountry weather but after the couple landed at the airport they were in for a surprise.

“When we were picked up at the airport, our driver told us that a snowstorm was coming and we thought he was kidding. When we woke up on Jan. 3, we were shocked that it was snowing as hard as it had in Michigan and accumulating just as fast. We had given away our snow shovels and rock salt when we moved. So, we learned very quickly that living with snow in the South is much more treacherous than living with snow in Michigan,” Suanne exclaimed.

Photographer Mary Wessner was so inspired by the winter wonderland she created beautiful cards from her photos. “It was a magical time walking around the Island. Everything was so quiet you could hear the snow falling. I never thought I would experience that in South Carolina! I love the little snowman, it reminded me of the large ones I built when I was young in New Jersey. Wonderful memories. I wanted to stay out in it forever.”

Although the storm presented some inconveniences, many community members were thrilled to see a change in the usual weather pattern, especially the younger residents. The Niemer family of Daniel Island took advantage of the fresh powder while snowbound at home. Ross Niemer took the opportunity to hang out with his



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Ross Niemer hung out with his friends when Bishop England High School closed because of the weather.



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Dugger Niemer enjoyed having snow in his backyard for the first time.

Bishop England High School friends while his younger brother, Dugger, enjoyed having snow in his own backyard. “It was

super fun having snow in Charleston, it’s not something we expect. And it was so nice to have off from school right when we were supposed to go back,” he said.

The McQuade family grew up in the snow before moving to Daniel Island. Although they were used to getting snowy winter weather, the children and their dog, Scarlett, still enjoyed the time off school and checking out the snowy scenery.

The National Weather Service is forecasting colder conditions this weekend. There are no calls for snow, but you never know. However, if you’re craving some white winter fun, skiing, tubing, and a myriad of winter activities are just a car ride away. Two popular resorts in North Carolina are Appalachian Ski Mountain located in Blowing Rock and Cataloochee Ski Area in Maggie Valley. Lift tickets at both resorts start at \$21. Appalachian offers night skiing and is five hours away by car from Charleston. A pleasant four-and-a-half-hour drive from the area, Cataloochee is located close to Tube World, a tubing resort perfect for non-skiers.

The Lowcountry is even home to the Greater Charleston Ski Club, whose members are always ready to hit the powder with one or two trips each year. Learn more at skiclubcharleston.org.



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Dr. Greg Niemer enjoyed a snow day off from work.



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The McQuade children and their dog Scarlett enjoyed the snowy scenery.



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

The 2018 snowstorm created a winter wonderland on Daniel Island.

SNOWFALL

through the years

The Lowcountry doesn't come to mind when one thinks of a snow-covered wonderland. Home to mild winter weather, it's extremely unusual when the temperatures dip low enough for snowy conditions. However, through the years the area has seen its share of snow.

The weather records go as far back as 1893.

The first recorded snowfall in Charleston was 1.9 inches on Jan. 18, 1893.

6 inches

The most amount of snow to fall in one day in the Charleston area on Dec. 23, 1989.

5.3 inches

The amount that fell in one day on Jan. 3, 2018, the last snow to impact Daniel Island.

SNOW RECORDS

- 5.3 inches - Jan. 3, 2018
- 3.3 inches - Feb. 12, 2010
- 6 inches - Dec. 23, 1989
- 3.7 inches - Dec. 27, 1980
- 5.4 inches - Feb. 10, 1973
- 2.1 inches - Dec. 15, 1943
- 2.2 inches - Feb. 25, 1914
- 3.2 inches - Feb. 13, 1899



RONDA SCHILLING

On Jan. 26, 2000 the Charleston area received 1 inch of snow. Pictured above are friends Sims and Tayler on Daniel Island. The only snow that didn't melt was packed into their snowmen!



2008

Daniel Island was treated to some man-made snow. Local company Yard Icing created a winter wonderland on Daniel Island Drive for both kids and adults to frolic in. The weather was warm enough for some of the participants to enjoy the "snowfall" in shorts.



SNOW SCENES EXHIBIT

Want to see more images of winter weather in the Lowcountry? Check out the latest exhibit at the Charleston Museum titled "A Winter Wonderland in Color: Snow Scenes of Charleston." These unusual snowfalls captured by residents are on display in the Lowcountry Image Gallery and the exhibit runs through March 27. For more information, visit charlestonmuseum.org/exhibits/current/54/a-winter-wonderland-in-color.

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Philip Simmons wrestling team offers promising group of grapplers

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From the 106-pound weight class to heavyweight, Philip Simmons High School wrestling coach Anthony Sardelli has some athletes who have personality – and talent.

Take 106-pounder Alex Watson, who is in his first year in the program. Sardelli first saw Watson on the football field and could only dream of what he could do on the wrestling mat after seeing a dose of Watson's athleticism. Despite being a wrestling newcomer, Watson is currently ranked fifth in the state in Class AA-A by SCMat.com. and owns a 20-3 record.

And then there's the heavy-weight Abram Wright.

"He's like a big teddy bear until the match begins," Sardelli said. "Then a switch flips, and he's on the go. He's another outstanding leader."

Welcome to Sardelli's world. He's the coach of the No. 8 team

in the state among Class AA-A teams. The Iron Horses are a group that doesn't have a long history because the school has been open only a few years. But the Iron Horses are getting to the top with one eye on the competition and the other on COVID-19 pandemic.

Two seasons ago, the Iron Horses sent seven wrestlers to the state. However, that number dropped to only four last winter as COVID-19 affected the schedule and the number of playoff entrants was limited.

This season, the Iron Horses have seven wrestlers who are ranked in the top 10 of the 14 weight classifications. That's not too bad for a program that Sardelli built with a somewhat different recruiting pitch.

"If you're breathing, fairly athletic and not playing basketball, I'm going to recruit you," was Sardelli's pitch in the hallways of the school a couple of years ago.

Freshman Jimmy Chambers



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The Philip Simmons wrestling program, led by coach Anthony Sardelli, has seven wrestlers ranked in the top 10 of the 14 weight classifications in Class AA-A.

finished third over the weekend in the Skip Parker Invitational, which was hosted by Fort Dorchester High School. He's currently ranked No. 7 in the state in the 113-pound division.

Sophomore Drew McDonnell is ranked third in the 120-pound

division. He was a state qualifier last winter in the 106 class.

Zion Beaufort has been slowed by injury for most of the season, but is ranked No. 5 in the state after qualifying for the state last winter at 120 pounds.

Senior A.J. McLanahan is

ranked No. 3 at 132 pounds after qualifying for the state last winter at 138 pounds.

"He's the rock of the team," Sardelli said of McLanahan. "He's the best leader I've ever been around. He sets an example by the way he works and never stops grinding."

Sophomore Isaac Schimpf was a state qualifier at 170 pounds last winter and will bid for a state title in the talented weight class.

Wright, the heavyweight, is currently No. 6 in the state.

The Iron Horses have some stiff competition in the Lower State this season, including Berkeley County foes Cross and Timberland.

Timberland and Philip Simmons will battle for Region 6-AA supremacy.

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This year was no different. Elliott and Dave met Brody and me at 10:30 a.m. The weather was unusually warm. We all laughed when everyone showed up in shorts and T-shirts. Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, did not get the memo and showed up in a fur coat.

We launched into the last hour

of the falling tide. Our plan was for each of us to catch a fish and then get home for lunch. Brody recommended that we target trout and picked the location. It was a small creek draining over an oyster bar into deeper water. I deployed the trolling motor and quietly moved the skiff into casting range. Simultaneously, we cast our Z-Man Finesse TRD lures to the oyster bar. As soon as my lure hit the bottom, I felt a strike. Unfortunately, I missed the fish. Twice. This brought about a series of comments about my angling ability. While Elliott and David were laughing, I made another cast. Boom. First fish of the year!

After a quick picture and a round of high-fives, we got back to fishing. At 10:55 a.m., our mis-

sion was accomplished.

We debated going home. Instead, we decided to try and catch a few redbfish. A quick move to a shallow, oyster laden creek found us in the midst of a bunch of redbfish. They were not particularly large, but at least they were hungry. We each caught and released a few and were back at the dock by noon.

As we unloaded and cleaned up the skiff, we wondered how many years we have fished together on New Year's Day. Elliott said, "When we started, you did not have gray hair." We all laughed. It was a long time ago.

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BE alum sets golden standard at Notre Dame

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Like so many players who have played under the golden dome before him, University of Notre Dame football player Leo Albano gives his school a rousing thumbs-up for its football and academics. But the former Bishop England standout student-athlete, who is a senior academically in South Bend, takes it one step further.

“Notre Dame totally exceeded any expectations I had in terms of faith, football, academics, the family aspect,” Albano said. “Everything was what you would expect and only dream about and then some.”

Albano recently concluded his career as a member of the Fighting Irish football team. His academic and athletic success germinated at Bishop England, where he was all-state in three sports, including football, baseball and basketball.

As a football player at BE, Albano rewrote the school’s record book. He set school records for a single season in rushing with 1,639 yards in 2017. He also set the school record for touchdowns in a single season with 28.

Albano also owns two career records. He scored 67 career touchdowns and owns a school-best 4,017 career rushing yards. He had nearly 7,600 total yards.

When it came time for Notre Dame to cast its recruiting nets, Albano’s senior year (2017-18) at BE, coach Brian Kelly saw that Albano’s skills, passion, dedication and work ethic would make him a perfect fit for the fighting Irish. Albano joined the Fighting Irish as a preferred walk-on and most of his time was as a member of the scout team. But Albano continued to work hard, and he made the traveling squad his senior year, quite a Rudy-esque accomplishment for a walk-on.

He played in four games this season for the Fighting Irish, who began the season with Kelly at the helm of the program, and concluded it with Marcus Freeman as head coach after Kelly departed to coach at LSU.

Albano played in four games, and carried the ball for the first time in his career in his last home game in South Bend. He gained a yard. He also saw special teams’ action in road victories.

“Playing in those games was really a crazy experience,” Albano said. “I got to play in two of the most hostile environments in



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Former Bishop England standout Leo Albano, pictured with his family, is a senior at the University of Notre Dame and a member of the football team. Albano has a 3.33 GPA and is working toward a bachelor of science degree in chemical and biomolecular engineering.

college football (Florida State and Virginia Tech), and just to see all of the hard work start to pay off was really rewarding. I am just thankful for the opportunity.”

Albano has a 3.33 GPA, working toward a bachelor of science degree in chemical and biomolecular engineering. After college, he’s planning to use his chemical engineering degree in the oil and gas industry or the chemical industry. He has no set plans yet though.

Albano has played on Notre Dame teams that have qualified for the College Football Playoffs and major bowl games.

The final game of the season was a loss to Oklahoma State in the Fiesta Bowl, spoiling Freeman’s head-coaching debut. Still, Albano says Notre Dame made the right hire.

“I think the team responded remarkably to coach Freeman,” Albano said. “You can really tell he cares about his players and wants to prepare us to the highest degree. He does a fantastic job of motivating and just getting people where they need to be and making sure everyone knows their role and competes as hard as they can in everything they do.”

Leo is not the only Albano on campus. His sister, Emma, is a member of the Bishops’ track and field team after a most impressive prep career.

“I see my sister about one to two times a week on campus whether that is in passing or at Sunday Mass,” Albano said. “Hopefully with more time this semester I will be able to spend even more time with her.”



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NFL GAMES

Raiders at **Bengals**
Leading passer (most yards):
Joe Burrow

Patriots at **Bills**
Leading rusher: **Devin Singletary**

Eagles at **Buccaneers**
Leading tackler: **Devin White**

49ers at **Cowboys**
Leading sacker: **Nick Bosa**

Steelers at **Chiefs**
Highest QB rating: **Patrick Mahomes**

Cardinals at **Rams**
Leading receiver (most yards):
Cooper Kupp

Rob Preiditsch
Carolina One

140-71

BALLOT:
For the week of January 13, 2022

NFL GAMES

Raiders at **Bengals**
Leading passer (most yards):
Joe Burrow

Patriots at **Bills**
Leading rusher: **Damien Harris**

Eagles at **Buccaneers**
Leading tackler: **Devin White**

49ers at **Cowboys**
Leading sacker: **Nick Bosa**

Steelers at **Chiefs**
Highest QB rating: **Patrick Mahomes**

Cardinals at **Rams**
Leading receiver (most yards):
Cooper Kupp

Chris Mingledorff & Michael Patterson
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137-74

BALLOT:
For the week of January 13, 2022

NFL GAMES

Raiders at **Bengals**
Leading passer (most yards):
Derek Carr

Patriots at **Bills**
Leading rusher: **Damien Harris**

Eagles at **Buccaneers**
Leading tackler: **Alex Singleton**

49ers at **Cowboys**
Leading sacker: **Nick Bosa**

Steelers at **Chiefs**
Highest QB rating: **Patrick Mahomes**

Cardinals at **Rams**
Leading receiver (most yards):
Cooper Kupp

Ashley Severance
Atlantic Properties

137-74

BALLOT:
For the week of January 13, 2022

NFL GAMES

Raiders at **Bengals**
Leading passer (most yards):
Joe Burrow

Patriots at **Bills**
Leading rusher: **Josh Allen**

Eagles at **Buccaneers**
Leading tackler: **Devin White**

49ers at **Cowboys**
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Joe Burrow

Patriots at **Bills**

Leading rusher: **Damien Harris**

Eagles at **Buccaneers**

Leading tackler: **Devin White**

49ers at **Cowboys**

Leading sacker: **Micah Parsons**

Steelers at **Chiefs**

Highest QB rating: **Patrick Mahomes**

Cardinals at **Rams**

Leading receiver (most yards):
Cooper Kupp



Phil Bowman
Daniel Island News
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136-75

BALLOT:

For the week of
January 13, 2022

NFL GAMES

Raiders at **Bengals**

Leading passer (most yards):
Joe Burrow

Patriots at **Bills**

Leading rusher: **Devin Singletary**

Eagles at **Buccaneers**

Leading tackler: **Devin White**

49ers at **Cowboys**

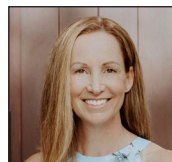
Leading sacker: **Nick Bosa**

Steelers at **Chiefs**

Highest QB rating: **Patrick Mahomes**

Cardinals at **Rams**

Leading receiver (most yards):
A.J. Green



Mary Patterson
Quartermaster Properties



129-82

BALLOT:

For the week of
January 13, 2022

NFL GAMES

Raiders at **Bengals**

Leading passer (most yards):
Joe Burrow

Patriots at **Bills**

Leading rusher: **Josh Allen**

Eagles at **Buccaneers**

Leading tackler: **Devin White**

49ers at **Cowboys**

Leading sacker: **Nick Bosa**

Steelers at **Chiefs**

Highest QB rating: **Patrick Mahomes**

Cardinals at **Rams**

Leading receiver (most yards):
Cooper Kupp



Nancy Crick
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127-84

BALLOT:

For the week of
January 13, 2022

NFL GAMES

Raiders at **Bengals**

Leading passer (most yards):
Joe Burrow

Patriots at **Bills**

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meeting NOTES

Here are upcoming development plans before the City of Charleston and results specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. All meetings are open for public comment except the Technical Review Committee (TRC) meetings. Learn more online at charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter/.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City of Charleston TRC

Date: Jan. 13

• **Site plan for Project Throughput at Charleston Regional Parkway on Cainhoy (fourth review).** This is an early site work plan for 172 acres for a new container handling and storage facility. The owner is South Carolina Ports Authority. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Scott Greene, greenes@tandh.com.

• **A site plan for Southern Eagle Expansion at 1600 Charleston Regional Parkway in Cainhoy (first review).** This is a 4.2-acre site plan for a warehouse expansion and construction of expanded truck court, trailer parking areas, and existing utility relocation. The owner is Southern Eagle Distributing. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Scott Greene, greenes@tandh.com.

RESULTS FROM PAST TRC MEETINGS

Date: Jan. 6

• **A preliminary subdivision plat for Cainhoy Del Webb Phase 1 at Clements Ferry Road and Cainhoy Road (first review).** The site is a 160.9-acre plat for a major subdivision that would include 164 lots for single family residential development. The owner is Plute Home Company, LLC. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Will Cox, cox.w@tandh.com.

Results: Revise and resubmit to TRC.

• **Road construction plans for Cainhoy Del Webb Phase 1 at Clements Ferry Road and Cainhoy Road (first review).** The site is a 160.9-acre plat for road construction plans that would include 164 lots for single family residential development. The owner is Plute Home Company, LLC. The applicant is Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Will Cox, cox.w@tandh.com. Results: Revise and resubmit to TRC.

• **Road construction plans for the Marshes at Daniel Island Phases 1A & 1B for a major subdivision at 144 Fairbanks Drive on Daniel Island (eighth review).** This is a 16.78-acre plat for road construction plans on a 56-lot subdivision. The owner is SM Charleston, LLC. The applicant is SeamonWhiteside. Contact: Zim Fant, zfant@seamonwhiteside.com. Results: Approval pending final documentation. Submit plans to engineering for stamping.

• **A site plan for Woodfield Cooper River Farms II at Enterprise Boulevard on Cainhoy (pre-application).** This is a 2.7-acre plat for a 71 multifamily unit development. The owner is Woodfield Acquisitions. The applicant is SeamonWhiteside. Contact: Hampton Young, hyoung@seamonwhiteside.com. Results: Submit to TRC for first review.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS

• Berkeley County Council meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner.

• Berkeley County Board of Education meetings are held twice each month. Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

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

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

PIERCE PARK POOL RESURFACING

The Pierce Park Pool will be closed for resurfacing. The Scott Park Pool will be open until Pierce Park renovations are complete, which could take one month.

POA OFFICE CLOSED

The Daniel Island Property Owners' Association is closed to the public until further notice due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. The POA can be reached Monday-Friday at info@dicommunity.org or 843-971-9200.

AUTHOR DISCUSSION

John Young, author of "The Charleston Tea Party," will be a guest speaker Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7-8 pm at Church of the Holy Cross. Young also serves as operations manager for the Powder Magazine.

DANIEL ISLAND SPEAKER SERIES

Betsy Kirkland Cahill, board chair of the Preservation Society of Charleston, is the featured speaker, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 7-8 pm at the Daniel Island Club and via Zoom. Registration at eventbrite.com. Cost is free.

COMMUNITY MEETING ABOUT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

On Thursday, Jan. 27 from 4-6 pm at Providence Church there will be a drop-in meeting hosted by the City of Charleston to gather information and provide input on two design options for a pedestrian and cycling bridge planned to span Nowell Creek along Daniel Island Drive and St. Thomas Island Drive.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Credit One Charleston Open is seeking volunteers for the tennis tournament April 2-10. Volunteers will receive a credential, which grants them access to all day sessions throughout the tournament, including the finals. For more information, visit CapitalOneCharlestonOpen.com. For questions, email Jo Cooper at Volunteercoco@gmail.com.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am at Providence Church, and Sat., 8 pm at Holy Cross Church.

COMMUNITY YOGA classes are held Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am at the DI Recreation Center. All levels welcome. Email Teresa Donohue at dicommunityyoga@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND CONNECT 50-plus age group that meets the third Thurs. of each month, 6-8 pm, at the Crow's Nest. Free. Call Kathy at 502-387-3046.

DI GARDEN CLUB meets the second Wed. of the month at 3 pm at Holy Cross Church Parish Hall. The

next meeting is Wed., Jan. 12, 3 pm. Speaker Shannon Stambaugh from Green Roots Gardening will discuss flower box and container gardening design. Contact Linda Price at lmcwpr@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB meets the third Mon. of the month, 8 am, at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free and open to the public.

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY CLUB EVENTS Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Group: Tues. 2-3 pm; Needleworkers: second and fourth Tues. of the month, 11:15 am; Book Club: third Tues. of the month, 11 am - noon; Deepthinkers Discussion Group: Wed., 10:30 am to noon; Social Bridge Club: second Fri. and fourth Mon. of the month, 1-4 pm; Writers Group: first Wed. of the month, 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL ISLAND WYLDLIFE

For all middle schoolers on DI, club meets Mon. from 7-8 pm at DI Recreation Center. Campaigners meet Wed., 6:30-7:30 pm. Email Tlengye191@gmail.com.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND meets on the fourth Tues. of every month at 5:30 pm at the Daniel Pointe Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr. More info at dixexchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A meets the first Mon. of the month at the DI Library, 4-6 pm. Master Gardener on hand to answer questions and accept soil samples.

PHILIP SIMMONS YOUNG LIFE

All Philip Simmons students welcome. Club meets every other Wed. at 208 Grand Park Blvd. Campaigners every Mon. at 7 pm. Email Tlengye191@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN meet the fourth Mon. of each month at 11:30 am at Hilton Garden Inn, 300 Wingo Way, Mt. Pleasant. Visit East Cooper Republican Women on Facebook or email tblairecrv@protonmail.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF DI meets every Wed. at 7:30 am at the DI Club and virtually. Email maryjo@mjrccac.com at danielislandrotary.com.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS meet at 4 pm the third Sun. of each month at Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.

TAI CHI CLASSES will be held at the DI Library every Tues. at 10 am and Fri. at 9 am.

TOASTMASTERS teaches how to harness nervous energy, become a more persuasive speaker, and practice presentations. Meets virtually every first and third Sat., 9-10 am. danielislandtoastmasters@gmail.com.

WILLINGWAYS "CONTINUED CARE GROUP" is designed to help families struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.

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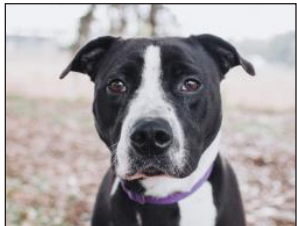
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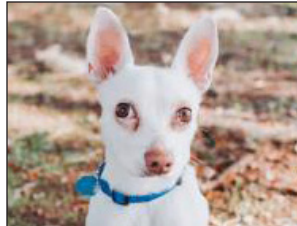


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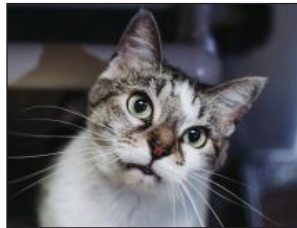
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By Charles Preston

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Identifying Adjectives

Adjectives modify nouns and pronouns. They tell us *which, whose, what kind* and *how many*. Read the sentences below, and find the adjectives in each one.



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1. That red robin must be the mother of those birds in the nest.
2. I am wearing this blue sweater to our class reunion.
3. Tomorrow, my best friend and I are making strawberry pies.

Answers: 1. *That and red modify robin; the modifies mother; those modifies birds; the modifies nest; This and blue modify sweater; our and class modify reunion; My and best modify friend; strawberry modifies pies.*

MYSTERY



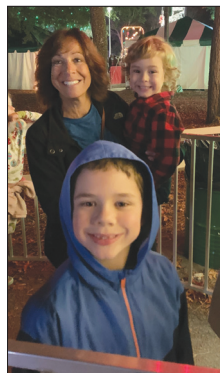
CONTEST

CONGRATS TO LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: DIANE COLLINS AND ALEX LIETZOW

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest from Jan. 6 is Diane Collins and her grandson, Alexander Lietzow, who correctly identified the picture as part of the Hanukkah candles on the menorah in front of Guggenheim Terrace along Seven Farms Drive.

Collins and her husband, Patrick, moved from Connecticut and have lived on Daniel Island since 2019. Patrick is a retired police officer and she is a recently retired registered nurse. "We loved Daniel Island from the first time we visited. We moved to be closer to our grandsons and daughters," Collins said.

They enjoy spending time with their two grandsons — Jack, 6, and Alex, 3. "We often play at the many playgrounds on the island, take walks and bike rides on the many paths. "We take advantage of everything this great community has to offer for families and extended families. We love the sense of community and



Diane Collins with her grandsons.

all the friends we have made playing pickleball, biking and walking."

Even though the large menorah was up for many weeks during the holiday season, it was taken down just before last week's paper was published — as

one of our intrepid readers pointed out. However, we still received many accurate responses about the photo, so congratulations are also in order for Karen Fedder, Adleigh Lollis, Nora Yeagle, Nora Morizio, Robert Peiffer, Jessica Woodrum, Susan Rothberg, Kathie Harvey, Sally Feig, and Carole Lapinsky.

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



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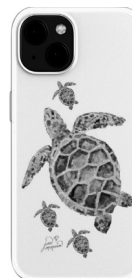
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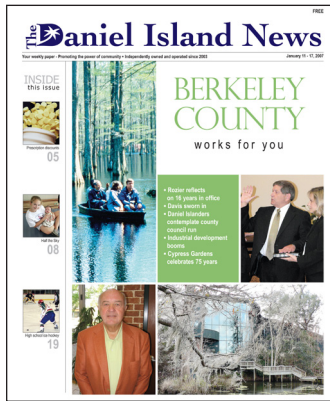
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Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO JANUARY 11, 2007:



Top news included the 2006 primary election where Berkeley County Supervisor James Rozier was defeated by Dan Davis. Rozier had served three terms and had an impressive list of accomplishments, including rising household incomes

and job creation. He helped institutes to save the natural beauty of Berkeley County. “We were really going to work on the quality of life issues,” he said. “We just finished 173 miles of kayaking trails, mapped and marked, and we were starting to put in landings and tree houses so people could enjoy those areas.”

Cypress Gardens celebrated its 75th anniversary that year. The gardens, located in Berkeley County near Goose Creek, opened to the public in 1932.

TEN YEARS AGO JANUARY 12, 2012:



A top news story was a recap of the first Daniel Island Neighborhood Association’s meeting of that year where President Mac McBride praised members of the group for their support and consistent attendance over the past year. McBride pledged to make finding space for a new island community building for recreation and meeting space a top priority in 2012.

The centerspread article, titled “Healthier Interiors = Healthier People,” suggested incorporating indoor plants as a way to reduce indoor pollution. In addition to the environmental benefits, the article suggested that plants can promote healing, wellness, physical growth and emotional strength.

In other news, it was reported that the Daniel Island Architectural Review Board approved the first residential solar hot water system on Daniel Island.

FIVE YEARS AGO JANUARY 12, 2017:



The feature included responses from a reader’s survey conducted by The Daniel Island News. More than 52 folks responded to the survey titled “101 Ways To Improve Your Community,” generating close to 90 suggestions. From a new community band to an expanded farmers market to making Daniel Island “fantastic without plastic,” readers gave the low-down on all sorts of things that could enhance the island in 2017.

In other news, it was reported that cases of the flu virus were hitting the Lowcountry hard. “I have filled more prescriptions for TamiFlu and given more flu shots this year than in years past,” said Dr. Neely Kelleher, a pharmacist at Delta Pharmacy on Daniel Island at the time.

“A flu shot is between 75% to 85% effective for the strains we expect to see in the population this year,” Kelleher explained.



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