

OLD TOWN BLUFFTON

New app puts history in the palm of your hand

■ Celebrate Bluffton recently launched a smartphone application that takes users on a tour of historically significant sites around Old Town Bluffton.

BY LUCAS HIGH
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Searching for a tour guide to help you get the most out of a visit to Bluffton's historic district?

Look no further than the smartphone in your pocket.

Celebrate Bluffton, a nonprofit historic preser-

vation and heritage tourism organization, recently launched a free mobile application that takes users on a tour of about a dozen historically significant sites around Old Town.

The Bluffton Buddy app uses a phone's GPS to guide visitors to can't miss destinations.

Think Pokemon Go. But instead of leading players to Pikachu and Charmander, Bluffton Buddy points history buffs toward landmarks such as the Church of the Cross and the Garvin House at Oyster Factory Park.

Once at these landmarks, the app allows users to view photo slide-shows and listen to audio clips full of historical facts and anecdotes.

The information provided by the app isn't limited to landmarks — Bluffton Buddy gives users the skinny on local historical figures, nearby Civil War battles, and Gullah culture.

"Bluffton's history is so incredibly unique within the spheres of both Southern history and American history," Celebrate Bluffton executive director Carolyn Coppola said

recently. "Using technology, you can take people back through time so they get a better understanding and appreciation of that history."

It's one thing to read about Bluffton's history, but using the app to hit the streets and explore the town can provide a richer experience, she said.

"There's something about being outside — the breeze, the sounds, the smells — that kind of transports people," Coppola said.

And unlike a traditional guided tour, the app allows users to explore the

Hilton Head also offers app

Last year, the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce launched a tourism-centric smartphone application called Island Compass.

While Bluffton Buddy specifically targets heritage tourists specifically interested in the town's history, the chamber's app provides information useful to a more traditional vacationer such as an events calendar, restaurant reviews, and lists of popular Lowcountry experiences.

Island Compass, a \$100,000 town-funded project, stirred up quite a bit of controversy during the development process — at one point becoming a flashpoint during Hilton Head Island's 2014 mayoral election.

At that time, chamber opponents lampooned its price tag — initially \$340,000 — and the hiring of Canadian firm Verb Interactive for the app's development.

town "at their own pace," she said.

"It's flexible," Coppola said. "There is no set order you have to see things in, and there's no rush to get everything done in one day."

The app was designed to

be "easy to adjust, easy to expand" with new landmarks and information," she said.

Building the app "was a really collaborative effort," Coppola said.

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From left, David Lege watches as his wife, Kari, approaches, escorted by their son Keegan, 17, as David and Kari renew their wedding vows on Sunday at the Beaufort Inn. The two were renewing their vows on their 20th anniversary.

KARI AND DAVID LEGE STILL LIVE IN VIRGINIA BUT DECIDED TO COME 'HOME' TO BEAUFORT FOR THEIR VOW RENEWAL AND FIRST WEDDING CEREMONY.

Kari Lege is a nurse, and David Lege works in security. They live in Mechanicsville, Va., just outside of Richmond. David Lege's two children, Mallory, 26, and Dante, 24, are out on their own. The Leges also had a son together, Keegan, who is 17. All three of their kids are, have been or plan to be in the military.

To top off all of the excitement, Sunday was also the bride's birthday. So on this very special trip to Beaufort, Kari and David Lege set aside time to drive around Parris Island to reminisce.

"We love it here," David Lege said. "We'll probably retire here." Hall, his sister-in-law, said he's looking for somewhere by the water so he can finally have the sailboat he has always wanted.

They noticed that a great deal has changed since they were stationed here, but their love for one another hasn't changed a bit.

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VIDEO

Kari Lege describes the day she and her husband, David, were married. beaufortgazette.com

After 20 years of marriage, couple says 'I (still) do' in Beaufort

■ Kari and David Lege met when they were stationed on Parris Island and fell in love. They eloped and haven't had time for a real wedding until now.

BY JOAN MCDONOUGH
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After being married for 20 years, Kari and David Lege finally had their wedding ceremony in Beaufort on Sunday.

The couple first met when they were both stationed on Parris Island — she was a corpsman in the Navy, and he was a drill instructor in the Marines. They spent a year and a half together, falling in love in Beaufort County.

Finally, they eloped on Aug. 1, 1996, in Stafford, Va., after David Lege had been moved to Marine Corps Base Quantico. They never had a chance to have a ceremony or a wedding — until now.

Kari and David Lege still live in Virginia but decided to come "home" to Beaufort for their vow renewal and first wedding ceremony

this past weekend. They've been back to the area several times to visit since they moved away and still feel at home here.

Loved ones came in from near and far for the wedding, which was held at The Beaufort Inn. The outdoor wedding and reception came together though help from family and friends. The endeavor

was led by one of Kari Lege's sisters, Stacey Hall, who lives and works in Beaufort.

The girls' middle sister, Tammy, originally suggested the couple finally have their wedding ceremony on a family trip last October. Plans finally started to take shape in May, and everything took off from there. The result was charming, elegant and intimate and every detail seemed to be steeped in family.

The husband and wife have both since retired from life in the service.



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End of Summer Celebration!
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School is just around the corner so why not join us for an end of summer celebration! Special visitor "Olaf" will be available for a photo op between 11am-1pm. Our outside activities include bounce house, building blocks, facepainting and more! Join us inside for our hands on exhibits, special arts and crafts and a scavenger hunt! Picnic lunch is also included. First come, first serve. Space and activities limited in the event of rain.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Today
Hilton Head Island **Public Safety Committee:** 10 a.m. council chambers, Town Hall, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island
Agenda: Review of second quarter crime statistics for 2016
Online: www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov

Bluffton **Historic Preservation Review Committee:** 4 p.m., large meeting room, Town Hall, 20 Bridge St.
Agenda: Consideration of request to build an addition to a Bridge Street home
Online: www.townofbluffton.sc.gov

Tuesday
Bluffton **Affordable Housing Committee:** 1 p.m., large meeting room, Town Hall, 20 Bridge St.
Agenda: Election of officers, update of Wharf Street home sale
Online: www.townofbluffton.sc.gov

Wednesday
Hilton Head Island **Venue Committee:** 4 p.m. council chambers, Town Hall, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island
Agenda: Not available
Online: www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov

Beaufort County **Tax Equalization Board:** 6 p.m., Beaufort County Government Center South, 539 William Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head Island
Agenda: Consideration of one appeal for conference
Online: www.bcgov.net

Town of Port Royal **Town Council workshop:** 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 700 Paris Ave.
Agenda: Not available
Online: www.portroyal.org

Thursday
Hilton Head Island **Planning Commission LMO Committee:** 10a.m. conference room four, Town Hall, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island
Agenda: Not available
Online: www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov

Public Planning Committee: 3 p.m. council chambers, Town Hall, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island
Agenda: Review of visioning project steering committee, Beaufort County Hazard Mitigation Plan and LMO amendments
Online: www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov

Beaufort County **Southern Beaufort County Corridor Beautification Board:** 2 p.m., Hilton Head Island Branch Library, 11 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island
Agenda: Not available
Online: www.bcgov.net

Design Review Board: 2:30 p.m., Grace Coastal Church, 15 Williams Drive, Okatie
Agenda: Not available
Online: www.bcgov.net

Town of Port Royal **Design Review Board:** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 700 Paris Ave.
Agenda: Multifamily development at Wright's Point Drive, fence plan and materials for 1705B Edinburgh Ave.
Online: www.portroyal.org

Clinton: Trump repaid soldier's family with 'insults'

BY LISA LERER AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

CLEVELAND
Hillary Clinton defended the bereaved parents of a Muslim U.S. Army captain, saying Donald Trump has a "total misunderstanding" of American values and has inflamed divisions in American society. Her comments came after the Republican nominee refused to back down from his criticism of the Gold Star parents' remarks.
Making her most extensive statements about the Khan family since Trump criticized their Thursday night convention appearance, Clinton expressed concerns about the GOP nominee's character, saying he repaid a family that made the "ultimate sacrifice" with "nothing but insults" and "degrading comments about Muslims."

"I do tremble before those who would scapegoat other Americans, who would insult people because of their religion, their ethnicity their disability," she told parishioners in a Cleveland church on Sunday morning. "That's just not how I was raised."

Trump again defended criticism Sunday, complaining on Twitter that Khizr Khan in his speech at the Democratic National Convention "viciously attacked" Trump.

"Am I not allowed to respond?" Trump tweeted. "Hillary voted for the Iraq war, not me!"

It was the latest bitter rhetorical volley between the defiant Republican candidate and the family of a fallen soldier since the two parties concluded their major conventions last week and the nation looked ahead to a close election this November.
Yet again, Trump left

Republican leaders facing demands to denounce their party nominee and overshadowed Clinton's campaign message with controversy. Joined by running mate Sen. Tim Kaine and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, the Democratic nominee was in the midst of a post-convention bus-tour through Ohio and Pennsylvania.

At last week's Democratic National Convention, Pakistan-born Khan told the story of his son Humayun who received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart after he was killed in Iraq in 2004. Khan questioned whether Trump had ever read the Constitution and said "you have sacrificed nothing."

During the speech, Khan's wife, Ghazala, stood quietly by his side.

"If you look at his wife, she was standing there. She had nothing to say. She probably, maybe she wasn't allowed to have anything to say. You tell me," Trump said, in an interview with ABC's "This Week."

\$487M Powerball ticket bought in N.H.

RAYMOND, N.H.
Folks in New Hampshire are eager to learn who among them holds the winning ticket to a \$487 million Powerball jackpot.
New Hampshire lottery officials tell television station WMUR someone bought the winning ticket

at the local Hannaford supermarket in Raymond, a southern New Hampshire town of about 10,000.

The winning numbers were 11-17-21-23-32, with a Powerball of 5.

The lump sum option is worth \$330.6 million.
By Sunday evening, the

jackpot winner in Saturday night's drawing had not come forward. It was the eighth largest U.S. lottery jackpot.

New Hampshire had a lucky night. Someone in the northern New Hampshire town of Littleton was among 14 people in 10 states who won \$1 million for matching the first five numbers.

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She credited staff and volunteers with the Don Ryan Center for Innovation and University of South Carolina Beaufort for pitching in with technical expertise and thanked Bluffton locals for sharing their stories and knowledge about the town's history.
Bluffton Buddy — compatible with both Apple and Android devices — is available for download at the Apple and Google Play app stores.
Developing the app cost just under \$10,600, Coppola said.
Funding for the project came from a combination of accommodations tax revenues, fundraising events, and a grant from

the S.C. Humanities Council.
The council is a non-profit group that supports art, history and cultural enrichment projects throughout the state.
Council executive director Randy Akers said earlier this week that the app is indicative of growing interest and appreciation for Bluffton's history and culture.
Earlier this year, S.C. Arts Commission declared the town's historic Old Town neighborhood an official state-recognized arts and cultural district. Only five other municipalities in the state have that designation.
"What's important for us is helping communities

“WHAT'S IMPORTANT FOR US IS HELPING COMMUNITIES UNDERSTAND THEIR HISTORY A LITTLE BETTER.

Randy Akers, S.C. Humanities Council executive director

understand their history a little better," Akers said. "The (Bluffton Buddy app) should be a great tool for doing that."

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ELECTION 2016

Trump backers claim shift in his immigration talk

BY JILL COLVIN AND LUIS ALONSO LUGO
Associated Press

CLEVELAND
As he turns his attention to the general election, Donald Trump is signaling that he is ready to tone down his fiery rhetoric on illegal immigration — at least behind closed doors.
At the same time, Republican officials appear eager to push him in a more moderate direction, telling Hispanics that he has abandoned his divisive primary pledge to deport the estimated 11 million people living in the country illegally — even if Trump hasn't said so publicly himself.

"Trump has already said that he will not do massive deportations," Helen Aguirre Ferre, the Republican National Committee's director of Hispanic communications, told reporters at a Spanish-language briefing at the party's convention two weeks ago. Instead, she said, "he will focus on removing the violent undocumented who have criminal records and live in the country."

It's a statement that may come as a surprise to Trump's legion of loyal followers, many of whom were first drawn to Trump because of his hard-line views on immigration and border security. Trump has vowed to build a wall along the length of the southern border and use a "deportation force" to track down and deport anyone in the country illegally.

"You're going to have a deportation force, and

you're going to do it humanely," Trump said in a TV interview last fall. He estimated in a separate interview that the process would take between 18 months to two years.

But those who would like to see Trump move in a more inclusive direction say that Trump has indicated that he no longer advocates that plan. As evidence, they point to several vague sentences from an interview Trump gave earlier this summer to Bloomberg News during a whirlwind trip to Scotland to visit his golf courses.

"President Obama has mass deported vast numbers of people — the most ever, and it's never reported. I think people are going to find that I have not only the best policies, but I will have the biggest heart of anybody," Trump told the outlet. Pressed on whether he would issue "mass deportations," Trump responded: "No, I would not call it mass deportations."

"We are going to get rid of a lot of bad dudes who are here," he was quoted as saying.

It remains unclear whether Trump was taking rhetorical or ideological issue with the phrase, and Trump has not made similar comments at any point since. Asked how he would manage the deportations at a press conference in Florida on Wednesday, Trump said only, "We're going to take a whole policy on that over the next three weeks."

This kind of ambiguity is not unusual for Trump,

whose vague statements often leave room for numerous, sometimes conflicting interpretations.

"Two or three weeks ago, (Trump) conceded in an interview in Bloomberg in which he said the term 'massive deportation' is not used by him, and it was planted by a journalist," said the head of Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, Alfonso Aguilar, who recently signed a letter along with several other Latino conservatives endorsing Trump.

Aguilar said that he had seen in Trump's comments "something very interesting, which can be the beginning of an openness toward the center on immigration. He said he wants to remove only people with criminal record, not people without criminal record. It could be the openness toward a legalization."

A similar interpretation has also developed among Hispanic and religious leaders who have met with Trump privately. Trump, they say, has been signaling that he is open to embracing a less punitive immigration policy that focuses on "compassion" along with the rule of law. Seizing on what they see as an opportunity to steer the candidate, several have formed an informal advisory committee that has been working on a series of recommendations they hope to Trump will consider.

"He realizes that there are a lot of good people that are in the shadows. He wants some proposals on how to work on that," said Ohio-based televangelist Frank Amedia, who is helping to lead the effort.

Hillary Clinton told "Fox News Sunday" that her priority would be to deport violent criminals and those linked to terrorism.

DEATH NOTICES

Remee Liggitt

Remee Liggitt, 71, of Beaufort and wife of Donald R. Liggitt Sr., died Saturday, July 30, 2016, at her residence.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson

Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Shell Point Baptist Church with burial to follow at Beaufort National Cemetery.

Timmie Stewart III

Timmie E. Stewart III, 47, of Okatie and husband of Claudette Stewart, died

Saturday, July 30, 2016, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Savannah.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home.

A memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church.

OBITUARY

EDWARD KEITH, JR.

Edward Keith, Jr., 80, of Beaufort County, died Tuesday, 26th day of July, 2016 [approximately 1512 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)], at the Piedmont Medical Center, York County.



Annette "Ette" Jones Wright
Alpha - Mar. 19, 1935
Omega - Aug. 1, 2015

Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday. One year ago today, you went home to be with the Lord, from labor to reward. The day you left, a part of me went with you. For I had found the one whom my soul loved. I will always remember your last words to me. "Love you."

Sadly missed but still loved. Loved you then, love you still. Love you tomorrow, always will.

Your husband, Caesar, children, grandchildren and the entire Jones family



I still miss you every day my dear husband and best friend. On angel's wings you were taken away. In my heart you will always stay. In God's light you are at rest; until we meet again some day. How wonderful that will be.

Marilyn & family