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# Hurricane Isaias a stark reminder to be prepared

## COVID-19 issues require new plans

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South Carolina is one of the nation's most vulnerable states for hurricanes, which Daniel Island and Cainhoy residents should heed as they head into August and September, when the storm season typically peaks.



Ben Almquist

The Daniel Island and Cainhoy area experienced its first storm of hurricane season when Hurricane Isaias brushed by the South Carolina coast Aug. 4, resulting in strong winds and rain in the Charleston area.

"Hurricanes are something we've unfortunately got good at handling over the years," said Benjamin Almquist, who is the emergency management director at Berkeley County Emergency Management Division.

The 2020 season could be especially

dangerous, as meteorologists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predict the remainder of the Atlantic hurricane season to be extremely active.

NOAA's forecast calls for 25 named storms, the highest number since 2005. Seven to 11 are predicted to be hurricanes (wind speeds 74 mph or greater) and three to six storms are predicted to be major hurricanes (wind speeds 111 mph or greater.)

Residents should discuss an emergency plan with all members of the household and stock up on supplies immediately, Almquist said.

"Be prepared now. Go ahead and get the supplies you need and make the preparations you need to make," he said.

Individuals are also encouraged to establish an evacuation route.

During a hurricane, lanes for evacuation normally reversed on Interstate 26 starting at the I-526 exchange, but lanes now would be reversed starting at the Nexton Parkway North at Exit 197B.



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Berkeley County staff and partners plan ahead for Hurricane Dorian inside the emergency operations center before the arrival of the storm.

Individuals are also encouraged to add extra disposable face mask coverings, gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and other items when packing their hurricane survival kits to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"Isaias was a trial run for our storm season. We were very fortunate about the tract," said Paul Fischer, who is the public affairs specialist at Dominion Energy.

Dominion Energy already responded to a crisis earlier this year when 20 tornadoes touched down in South Carolina in April.



PROVIDED

Dominion Energy crews work repairing power lines after tornadoes touched down in South Carolina earlier this year.

Fischer said the event severely impacted the company's service territory, but also served as a test for implementing social distancing and health safety protocols on the job.

"Our safety standpoint protocols had already been tested, and our crews passed with flying colors," Fischer said.

Dominion's operations haven't changed significantly during COVID-19, but rapid changes are already taking place at one major national nonprofit that operates in the area.

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# Growing concerns nix DI roundabout sculpture plans

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After a large number of residents voiced their concerns, the Daniel Island Garden Club has decided to abandon plans for the sculpture project at the roundabout at the intersection of Daniel Island and Seven Farms drives.

The Daniel Island Garden Club pitched the idea of bringing public art to the new roundabout to the Daniel Island Property Owners Association in January. The club's final proposal for a sculpture was "Egrets" — a 7-foot, 6-inch tall, stainless steel sculpture created by New York-based and nationally-recognized artist and studio owner Babette Bloch.

The design was approved by the City of Charleston Design Review Committee and the Daniel Island Architectural Review Board in early June, giving the project the final green light after a six-month planning period.

Following the announcement of the installation plans and request for donations, some area residents voiced their opinions on social media, expressing concerns about the

proposed plans. One pressing issue was that residents felt there was a lack of public input during the process.

Another major concern was the cost of the project. The garden club was in the process of collecting donations to help fund the project. Jane Baker, vice president of community services for the Daniel Island POA, estimated the total cost for the project would be \$70,000.

Residents speaking out on social media felt the project was too expensive and felt that funds could be allocated to a different cause, especially considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

So, for now, no changes to the roundabout are planned.

A local volunteer organization that offers a helping hand in beautifying the island through a love and knowledge for gardening, the Daniel Island Garden Club is committed to promote civic planting and beautification to help make Daniel Island a better place to live, explained its organizers.

The POA noted in a statement that the Daniel Island Garden Club's "premier contribution to the Island has been their steward-



TIM FERMENT

**"Egrets" is a stainless steel sculpture by artist Babette Bloch that stands 7 feet, 6 inches tall.**

ship of the Osprey Trail in front of the Daniel Island School that promotes conservation and appreciation of plants and wildlife in a protected area."

"Public art complements the natural beauty of our surroundings in Daniel Island. In the

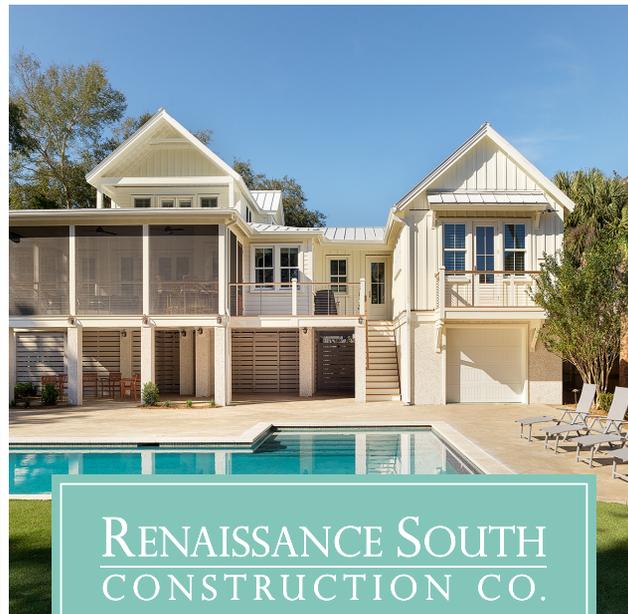
coming months, we hope that residents who are passionate about art and the island will come forward to work collectively with community input on future opportunities for public art in our parks and common areas on Daniel Island," said the POA in a statement.

The club said any financial contributions that were made to the sculpture will be refunded in the coming weeks.

City of Charleston Councilwoman Marie Delcioppo said that moving forward all hands will be on deck to increase community input and awareness and that the Daniel Island Garden Club, Daniel Island Neighborhood Association, and Daniel Island POA will work together while soliciting resident input.

"When community leaders such as elected officials, civic groups, neighborhood associations, or advocacy groups can reach out and pull in the community, I think our community fabric becomes stronger," she said. "The more that can be done to do outreach and share information, the more members of our community become engaged, allowing ideas to be fleshed out and ultimately more consensus reached."

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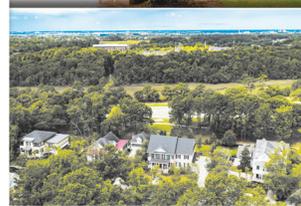
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### PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTER CONTINUES

Much progress has been made with the construction of our long awaited community [recreation] center that is taking shape at Governors Park. The city has allocated over \$9 million for this project.

With a square-foot area of over 21,000 square feet, the center will include a basketball and volleyball court, fitness center, rooms for clubs and crafts. In addition, the main room can be divided or opened up for additional basketball or other activities.

Another feature will be specialty day camps for children.

The city representative has estimated October for the exterior completion and the end of December for the interior.

While the center is open to all city residents, we will work with the recreation department to prioritize D.I. groups. Later in the year we will invite input to ensure time and space for our island needs.

This is a project that we and our community have been working on for several years and are excited to witness its actual reality.

*Frank Walsh*

*Marcia Miller*

*Co-chairs, DINA community center committee*

### LIBERTARIAN VOICE NEEDED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Greater Charleston residents are in near unanimous uproar in response to discriminatory and exploitative power grabs currently being pursued by Isle of Palms and Folly Beach, under the guise of coronavirus protection. Through emergency ordinances, IOP and Folly limited beach access parking along state roads, funded by federal, state, and county dollars, to island residents.

Both "cities" have also benefited from federal and state beach renourishment programs, protecting the coastal communities from rising water levels, storm surge, and erosion. The restrictions, given these are barrier islands, are effectively targeted bans prohibiting nonresidents from accessing the beaches; beaches which are held in public trust, for the benefit of all South Carolinians, with limitations on access by localities outlawed.

Looking at how this devolved, certain local leaders were allowed to

### The new recreation center at Governors Park will include a basketball and volleyball court, fitness center, and rooms for clubs and crafts.

act impartially to protect personal business interests, to the detriment of all South Carolinians, while others in power looked on. This led us to the point where those looking to restrict and divide are left unchecked.

A Libertarian voice would benefit everyone whose rights are currently being violated, as the ideology is incompatible with such actions. The most fundamental Libertarian beliefs demand that no one use government power to harm or restrict individual liberties. Everyone has the right to park along state roads and access a state beach. A Libertarian would defend those rights, not limit them to a lucky few.

Please consider Libertarian candidates in your next local election. See [scip.org](http://scip.org) for more.

*Alex Chapey*

*Daniel Island*

### PARKING CHANGE SUCCESSFUL

I would like to thank our neighbors on Bellinger Street here on Daniel Island for observing the "No Parking This Side" signs recently installed by the City of Charleston.

Passage is now much more easily possible without the fear of damage to someone's vehicle. My wife observed a piece of fire apparatus actually having to back out one day because they couldn't get through!

I know this seems like a small thing but it has made an enormous difference in the safety of driving on Bellinger Street.

So, many thanks, friends. Your observance of this signage is greatly appreciated!

*Bob Sauer*

*Daniel Island*

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## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

*U.S. House Congressman Joe Cunningham and State House District 99 Representative Nancy Mace – the Democrat and Republican facing each other in November for the U.S. House SC District 1 seat – share different views about Gov. McMaster’s decision to use CARES Act funds for private and charter schools. Read their policy views on the issue below.*

## Pandemic makes school choice more important than ever

### STATE REP. NANCY MACE

This is the time of year when parents and students alike anticipate and prepare to go back to school. We shop for supplies, perhaps some new clothes, we meet the teachers,



Nancy Mace

and we dig in for a year of learning and fun. And we’re usually waiting in anticipation for that tax-free shopping day.

This year is very different, as it has been in many aspects of our lives.

This year many of us don’t know if or when our schools will return to normal. Will they be virtual? Part time? Full time? Should I be worried about sending my children back to school? What will their year and their learning look like? How can I work and school my children at home?

This uncertainty is running head-first into a government monopoly over education and its funding. It doesn’t matter much what parents and kids think. The decisions for your local school will be made by government officials and, in some other states, by unions.

Now, more than ever, this is wrong.

We should take this moment in time to stand up and say, there is a better way.

South Carolina has many wonderful public schools. We also have many great charter schools, private schools and a legion of homeschooling parents. I believe the time has come to change the way we think about how we fund education, and how we allow parents to determine where their kids are educated.

As a mother, I know when parents only have one choice, they have no choices.

But school choice is meaningless without choice in funding.

That’s why I’m supporting multiple proposals in Columbia and Washington that support private-school choice. Gov. Henry McMaster is using \$32 million in COVID relief funds to offer private-school choice grants in our state. These are one-time scholarships for low-income students to at-

tend a private school in 2020 if they wish.

Many families already have that option, but low-income students and parents are left out and forced into schools that are not performing well or even adequately or simply do not work for them.

I also applaud U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, who recently introduced the School Choice Now Act, which provides \$5 billion in scholarship aid to allow people to use for the private school of their choice, along with provisions ensuring use for homeschooling.

I also support legislation whereby all federal dollars are provided to parents, not education bureaucrats. In this scenario, parents decide which school receives your tax dollars, not the federal government, not your ZIP code, not your income level. Parents are free to choose the public, charter, private or home schooling situation that works best for their family. This is especially needed during these difficult times.

As a single working mother of two school-age children, I know the challenges virtual or part-time school would cause many households, including my own. I also know many parents who do not want to send their children to school because they worry about health and safety issues. Imagine if those federal dollars helped you educate your children at home or supported virtual or home school with additional resources outside traditional school.

We should make it easier for parents to make these educational decisions. We can help parents get their children back to school, or help them home school or virtual school, or whatever choice they make for their children.

Our congressman, Joe Cunningham, doesn’t agree. He tweeted his opposition to Gov. McMaster’s plan. In other words, he wants to deny parents and children the best educational opportunities and outcomes during the largest, most unprecedented crisis of our lifetime.

This is what I call a colossal failure of leadership, and an example of being beholden to special interests and government bureaucrats instead of working for parents and students. It makes no sense.

## During a pandemic, public funds belong in public schools

### U.S. REP. JOE CUNNINGHAM

In March, as COVID-19 became a full-fledged public health and economic crisis, Congress worked together to pass bipartisan legislation that offered a lifeline



Joe Cunningham

to Americans. The CARES Act, signed into law by President Trump, delivered immediate relief to working families, small businesses struggling to stay afloat, desperate Americans who had been laid off, and

health care professionals working to keep their neighbors safe.

The CARES Act was by no means perfect. One of Congress’ chief responsibilities is to be good stewards of taxpayers’ money, so I’ve urged strong oversight and transparency on how tax dollars are spent and even voted against COVID-19 legislation that was not sufficiently targeted. I’ve demanded changes to some provisions of the CARES Act, including the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which were easily manipulated by large corporations and wealthy community associations. But passage of this bipartisan legislation represented recognition by Congress and the President that the dire consequences of this pandemic required a level of cooperation rare in our partisan political system.

That is why I was particularly disappointed to see Gov. McMaster announce his plan to spend \$32 million of CARES Act funds on “tuition grants” for South Carolina’s private schools, which have already received somewhere between \$30 and \$70 million through the PPP. According to analysis by the Post and Courier, that breaks down to an average of \$1,240 for each of South Carolina’s 50,000 private-school students and only \$560 for each of the 780,000 students in public schools.

I am proud of our numerous stellar private schools and the exceptional education they offer Lowcountry students. But I cannot support diverting public funds

to private schools, especially at a much higher rate than we are helping our public schools. This move by the governor is little more than a backdoor way for the taxpayer to subsidize private schools – and during a pandemic, no less.

Issues with voucher systems aside, this plan may very well allow a small percentage of students to leave our public-school system and enroll in private schools. But it will do nothing for the large percentage of our children in public schools who could be left behind. It is unacceptable to siphon taxpayer money out of public schools and into the hands of private institutions that benefit few and leave our underfunded education system with even less resources as they attempt to manage the immense challenges of this pandemic.

McMaster’s \$32 million for tuition grants would come from \$48 million in CARES Act funding designated for education relief. While the legislature has given him discretion over how this funding is used, we must question the wisdom of using two-thirds of the public funds towards private schools which cater to 6% of our total students.

Last month, I hosted a listening session with Lowcountry educators to hear directly from them regarding school reopening plans. As we discussed what would be needed to keep our children and teachers safe and the challenges associated with virtual learning, I was inspired by their commitment to our young people. They were all accustomed to buying extra supplies for their students with their personal money due to budget cuts. Many had already accepted it was likely they would have to pay for personal protective equipment out of their own pockets as well. In light of these stark realities, we cannot responsibly allow our funding for public schools to be drained any further.

I am proud to be the product of public schools. Our public-school system is one of America’s greatest equalizers. In the face of this pandemic, we cannot allow our public funds to be diverted towards private institutions and away from where they can do the most good.

# DI Library summer reading program attracts big numbers

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The importance of reading education hasn't been forgotten in the community, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Daniel Island Library, a branch of the Berkeley County Library System, located at 2301 Daniel Island Drive, recently wrapped up its summer reading program held in June and July.

After the library was forced to close its doors from April through May, the library initiated a phased reopening in June. The library is now open for regular business hours, but clubs and meeting groups will be closed for the immediate future.

Despite the limited hours, the reading program has been a success, according to Daniel Island Library Branch Manager Tim Boyle, who said that 1,300 people participated in the annual initiative.

The Collaborative Summer Library Program develops and implements summer reading programs, public service announcements, and other promotional materials that promote reading and library use nationwide. Charles-



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**Tim Boyle is the branch manager at the Daniel Island Library.**

ton County Public Libraries, for example, use the same program.

Libraries participating in the program are provided with ideas, book and music lists, crafts, and internet resources that help



engage and attract young readers.

No age limit is set for the online summer program, which encourages participation from the whole family.

The program divides reading groups into four categories: the early literacy program, children's program, teen program, and adult program. The initiative is especially geared toward the early readers, children, and teens.

"For little ones, it counts to sit down and read a storybook with their folks," Boyle said.

The program's theme this year was "Imagine Your Story."

After a pandemic that has brought about the cancellation of schools and other extracurricular activities that are so important to a child's educational and social development, the program is especially aimed to prevent the "summer slide" and motivate children to read.

Boyle said he could see every day how much the children enjoy the library and how happy they were to be back.

"It's fun to see the kids run over to the books section and say hello to the fish in the fish tank. The younger they are, the more excited they get about coming into the library," Boyle said.

The summer reading program allows individuals to track their reading progress online by logging how many hours or pages they have read.

The library gives prizes based on reading participation level, with items such as key chains and book bags available for the early readers and elementary school aged kids. Teens who logged enough hours were given headphones for participating.

Readers were also able to complete special challenges, with tasks ranging from reading outdoors to reading award-winning books.

Boyle said thankfully the coronavirus didn't have a large effect on the annual summer reading program's operation or participation.

"It didn't change a whole lot. We've been registering online for some years," he said.

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## Red Cross makes changes for accommodating emergency shelters

From HURRICANE on PAGE 2

“For those that need to come to shelters, there’s a lot of big things that have changed for us in big ways,” said Ben Williamson, who is director of communications for the South Carolina Region of the American Red Cross.

Capacity in shelters will be limited due to 6-foot social distancing rules. Before entering, individuals will be screened, have their temperature recorded, and then be asked CDC-approved questions.

The nonprofit is working with the county and SCDHEC to secure space in local hotels and motels for shelter in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane to secure non-congregate sheltering for those in need.

With over 300,000 volunteers nationally, the American Red Cross usually has a lot of volunteers at their disposal. However, coronavirus concerns have resulted in fewer people willing to join the efforts.

Williamson said that 70% of volunteers now must provide assistance remotely with social distancing measures taken into account.

“We’re looking for volunteers to meet that need locally,” Williamson said.

Almquist reminded residents that while



BEN WILLIAMSON

**All patients, volunteers, and visitors will be required to wear a face mask covering when entering any Red Cross location providing relief during the 2020 hurricane season.**

the category of a tropical storm or hurricane should be taken into consideration, the measure doesn’t take all variables into account.

While hurricane category ratings do record sustained wind speed, other vital factors such as rainfall, storm surge, and wind angle aren’t taken into account. Storm surge is a coastal flood that causes rising water in low-pressure systems such as hurricanes. And if that weren’t enough, these storms can develop into other threats.

“Even the smallest storm can spin off tornadoes,” Almquist said.

## HURRICANE PREP CHECKLIST

Headed into the peak of the hurricane season, the public is encouraged to do everything possible to prepare.

### CREATE A HURRICANE PLAN

A hurricane plan should be created and communicated to all members of the household. If a young child is living in the household, it is important that a parent have a conversation with them.

“You certainly want to give them enough (information) so that they know why you are taking actions,” said Ben Almquist, who is the emergency management director at the Berkeley County Emergency Management Division.

### PLAN LOGISTICS

Emergency supply bags should be carefully planned. Supplies should at least include three days drinking water, nonperishable food, flashlights with extra batteries, a portable, battery-operated radio, non-electric can openers, cash and credit/debit cards.

Paul Fischer, who is a public affairs specialist at Dominion Energy, said that having all phones, laptops, and tablets with you is also pertinent.

The only way for Dominion to respond to

an outage is if they are directly contacted by a customer.

“If the power somehow goes out, you need to report that outage to us,” he said.

Pet owners should build a separate emergency kit for pets and include water, food and medication and keep a list of establishments that accept animals during the event of an emergency.

### PREPARE YOUR HOME

Dominion Energy advises customers to check all natural gas appliances to ensure that they are in good working condition. Next, make sure that you familiarize yourself with the location of the supply valve for each natural gas appliance.

The valves typically turn in one direction and require a one-quarter turn to close.

Everyone should also check their lawns for loose materials and debris that could be potentially picked up by storm winds. Don’t forget to place all lawn furniture, hoses, garden ornaments, and other items inside your home or garage.

“Make sure you get everything out of the yard,” said Almquist.

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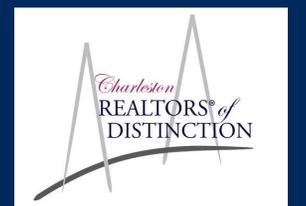
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# Longtime DI studio continues to inspire dancers



## meet the merchant

MARIE ROCHA-TYGH

Daniel Island dance studio Peace Love Hip Hop got its start with a few moms “getting down” in a school gym in 2007 and it wasn’t long before founder Angel Roberts knew the island was the perfect location to open her studio.

“I love this community and wanted a place for my daughters to be able to take dance but also build a community. I wanted kids to be able to ride their bikes to class or walk together. I wanted it to be accessible to every child,” she explained.

Even during the pandemic, Roberts and her team of instructors are able to safely engage hip hoppers of all ages and skill levels. The studio closed down for a few months, but quickly adjusted to the COVID-19 environment by providing online

dance tutorials and classes.

When the facility reopened, Roberts and her instructors implemented strict safety protocols, including dancing 6 feet apart, sanitizing before and after class, temperature taking, and mask wearing. Roberts stressed the importance of keeping kids active to improve their immunity and boost their spirits.

Roberts’ optimistic outlook helped dancers meet the challenge of competing during a crisis. In July, with strict safety measures, hard work, and award-winning choreography, Peace Love Hip Hop’s teen boys team and teen girls team both won the first place overall awards in their divisions at the Encore DCS dance finals. The competition included more than 700 routines and was held at the North Charleston Convention Center on July 13-17.

Roberts was impressed by how the dancers handled the situation.

“They kept working and supporting each other. They kept a positive



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The teen boys and girls teams from Peace Love Hip Hop won first place at the Encore DCS dance finals held in July in North Charleston.

attitude in the face of epic weirdness. The first weekend we had an opportunity to compete again — under strict safety and social distancing guidelines — the kids rose to the occasion in a way even I didn’t expect. I am blown away by their performances, by every performance by every group. Not just the overall winning performance groups. Almost every routine had to

be re-worked because many of our kids had to drop out of the program due to the virus,” said Roberts.

The studio has inspired area children and adults since its inception. Jenny Ladd’s daughter, Emma, started dancing at a summer camp before entering kindergarten.

“PLHH has truly helped shape the young woman that Emma is today. She has gained confidence,

pose, fierceness, and love... We are blessed to have this studio on our island,” said Ladd.

Julie Christy was a fan after her first class in the spring of 2008.

“I took one class and was hooked. The energy in the room was electric, and I had never had so much fun while getting such an incredible workout,” Christy said.

Her children also joined in on the fun as soon as they were old enough.

“They started with the recreational group and when the competitive program began, they were all in. The experiences they’ve had, the confidence they have developed, and relationships they have built have been such an exciting and important part of their lives,” she added.

Fall classes start Sept. 8. For more information, check out [peacelovehiphop.com](http://peacelovehiphop.com)

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After a rewarding military career, Alan Garner worked for 16 years as a Business Developer and as Project Manager for several international companies building winning teams while providing engineering and technical services for the Navy at SPAWAR and the Air Force at Shaw AFB. Since then, Alan worked as a Commercial Real Estate broker focused on small office space and vacant land for businesses. Recently, Alan expanded to the residential market where he has intimate knowledge of the East Cooper/Daniel Island area to help clients find their dream homes enjoy the Lowcountry way of life.

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### FORMER JUDGE BAXLEY ESTABLISHES LOCAL LAW FIRM

The Douglas Jennings Law Firm LLC of Bennettsville has announced that former Circuit Judge J. Michael Baxley has become of counsel to the firm, and has opened an office at 225 Seven Farms Drive, Suite 202, on Daniel Island.



**J. Michael Baxley**

Baxley, a resident of Daniel Island, has a long history of legal work in the Lowcountry and the entire state. He engaged in the general practice of law throughout the Pee Dee region from 1982 to 2000 with the firm of Driggers & Baxley, serving 12 years in the South Carolina House of Representatives during that time; he served as a state circuit judge from 2000 to 2014, presiding over criminal and civil court in all 46 counties of the state; and was employed for the last six years as general counsel for state-owned Santee Cooper in Moncks Corner.

“We are thrilled to have someone of

Mike’s caliber and experience join our firm,” said Doug Jennings, long-time friend and former legislative seatmate. “This gives us the opportunity to significantly expand litigation services for our clients, both geographically and substantively.”

Baxley and Jennings intend to focus on complex and significant litigation matters and are already working on multiple cases in different jurisdictions.

“We are available to collaborate with or accept referrals from attorneys who do not typically handle complex litigation because of the expense, duration and unique challenges of these type cases, and would be grateful for the opportunity,” said Baxley. “I look forward to returning to the courtroom and am grateful to the people of the Lowcountry for allowing me to be a part of the local legal system for almost four decades.”

The firm’s principal office will remain in Bennettsville.

For more information, Baxley can be reached at 843-408-0070 or email [mike@jenningslawoffice.com](mailto:mike@jenningslawoffice.com).

Baxley is married to the former Kristina Young of Summerville, and they have three children — Michael, Grace, and Will.

### 2021 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP SEES RECORD-BREAKING TICKET REGISTRATION

Ticket registration for the 2021 PGA Championship to be played May 17-23 of next year at The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort closed Aug. 9, surpassing all previous PGA Championship registration numbers with interest coming in from all 50 states and more than 50 countries.

Tickets went on sale to qualified registrants beginning Monday, Aug. 10.

Previous demand for the 2012 PGA Championship, coupled with record registration numbers, indicate an expected sellout. To ensure widespread access to the most in-demand ticket types, 2021 PGA Championship tickets are sold exclusively through a free, no-obligation, online registration process via [pgachampionship.com/register](http://pgachampionship.com/register).

Any remaining ticket inventory will be released after all existing registrants have had the opportunity to purchase tickets.

Each ticketed adult can bring up to four juniors (age 17 and under) onto the grounds for free each day. No registration is necessary. All U.S. active duty, military retirees, active reserve, National Guard, Department

of Defense civilians and their accompanying spouses are eligible to receive complementary daily grounds tickets.

For more information, visit online at [pgachampionship.com/2021/ticketfaqs](http://pgachampionship.com/2021/ticketfaqs).

### DANIEL ISLAND WATERFRONT NAMES RESTAURATEUR

Developers of the Waterfront on Daniel Island announced that Steve Palmer and Indigo Road Hospitality Group will be operating the restaurant and rooftop bar as well as the Daniel Island Market and Eatery – The DIME.

The award-winning restaurateur is well known for his local eateries like Oak Steakhouse, Indaco, O-ku, and The Macintosh.

Slated to open this fall, the restaurant will offer fresh seafood to diners with expansive water views from two tiers of terraces. The décor will be curated by Cortney Bishop Design.

The restaurant and gourmet market’s dockside location will enable residents and visitors to come in by boat for a meal or grab items like sandwiches, salads — or even pizza — to go.

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# When critics come calling (Part 1)



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*“Criticism is something we can avoid easily by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing.” — Aristotle*

In a “Peanuts” cartoon, Linus is curled up in a chair, reading a book, while Lucy stands behind him with a funny look on her face. Lucy then says, “It’s very strange. It happens just by looking at you.”

“What happens?” Linus asks.

Lucy calmly answers, “I can feel a criticism coming on.”

Criticism. It’s the constant companion of leaders. Hang around long enough and you will come to know this truth about leadership.

“No leader lives a day without criticism,” said J. Oswald Sanders, “and humility will

never be more on trial than when criticism comes.”

What about you? What’s been your experience? How have you dealt with criticism?

Let’s look at three common reactions when critics come calling.

### WE TAKE IT PERSONALLY

Most leaders I know have a deep sense of pride in their work and otherwise like to think of themselves as good leaders. When critics come calling, it’s a normal reaction to take it personally and get defensive.

Another consideration is the source of the critic. While it can be easy to brush it off as petty behavior from a disgruntled colleague, it especially hurts when it comes from someone we once considered close.

While this is a common reaction, it may not always be the most healthy reaction. More about that later.

### WE RETALIATE

A sure sign that we have taken the critics too seriously is that we retaliate. We justify

ourselves by pointing out the faults of the accuser. How many times have you, or someone you know gone down this road? How did that work out?

The trap here, if you go down this road, is now you have entered into an unhealthy game of comparison. In order to justify your hurt ego, you now have to engage on the level of the critic in an unhealthy way. Now, by your act of retaliation, you have escalated the situation whereby making amends becomes more difficult because you allowed your bruised feelings to get in the way.

While this may make you feel good in the short-term, you have now put up barriers and slowed any chance of reconciliation.

### WE PUT UP WALLS

Among these three common reactions, this is perhaps the most destructive to your leadership. And this reaction has nothing to do with your critics. This response is all on you.

To be sure, no one likes it when critics come calling — especially when the critic has less experience or is nothing more than

arm-chair quarterback with no skin in the game. I mean, who the heck do they think they are, right?

But when you choose to put up walls — those defensive measures — it is the one action that hurts you more in the long run. When you cut people off you put yourself in danger of hearing only from the people who will tell you what you want to hear — not what you need to hear.

So what is a leader to do? What should your posture be when your critics come calling? What can you learn from your critics? These questions and more will be answered in When Critics Come Calling (Part 2).

### FINAL THOUGHTS

As the saying goes, haters are going to hate. But for you in leadership, there’s no room for that. And while dealing with it comes with the territory, you can rise above it, learn from it, and be a better leader because of it.

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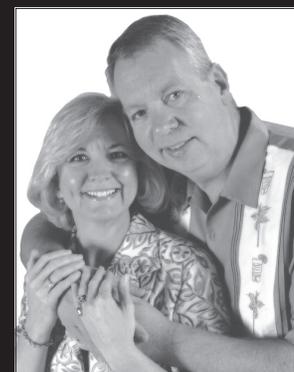
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# Local schools prepare to welcome students back to the classroom

Area students are set to return to school over the next few weeks, with Bishop England High School holding its first full day of instruction Aug. 24, and the Berkeley County School District back in class Sept. 8.

In Part 2 of The Daniel Island News' Back to School report, writers Elizabeth Bush and Lee Wardlaw asked the principals of Bishop England High School, Daniel Island School, Philip Simmons High School, Philip Simmons Elementary School and Philip Simmons Middle School to share their plans for students.

## BISHOP ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL: Patrick Finneran, Principal

**What plans has the school put in place for coping with the COVID-19 pandemic? How do you plan to operate in this new environment?**

Bishop England has worked all summer to create a plan that meets the spiritual, academic, and social-emotional needs of our students that also minimizes the risk to our faculty, staff, and students. Our plans for the 2020-2021 school year are fluid, but we are operating under three possible scenarios; 100% on-campus, 100% online, or a hybrid of online and on-campus. Bishop England High School is working with the Diocese of Charleston Catholic Schools' Office and local health professionals to create a plan to allow for proper social distancing, cleaning, disinfecting, and good hygiene habits. The school installed new sinks for proper handwashing, shields in every classroom to separate the teacher and students, hand sanitizers in every classroom and entrance, plexiglass shields in several offices. The school is also installing cameras in every classroom with televisions to allow for distance learning.

**Other than changes due to COVID-19, what's new for the 2020-21 school year? Is there a specific theme you are focusing on?**

We will continue to promote service as a school. While we may not go out to perform service



in-person, there are other ways for our faculty, staff, and students to serve others. The school will continue to focus on the social-emotional health of the students. With the uncertainty and anxiousness of today's world, we must focus on prayer and faith to find comfort and peace.

**What goals have you set for student achievement this year?**

Personal spiritual, academic, and physical growth is always the focus at Bishop England High School. The school provides a curriculum, clubs, organizations, and sports teams to meet the needs of all students.

**What advice do you have for students as they return to school?**

To pray for strength, understanding, and guidance daily. It is our reliance on God that brings comfort in times of uncertainty.

**Can you share a rundown of your back to school activities?**

We are reviewing all back to school activities to ensure there are appropriate social distancing and gathering requirements. Many of these activities will be revised to ensure the safety of all participants.

## DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL: Nancy Leigh, Principal

**What plans has the school put in place for coping with the COVID-19 pandemic?**

We have incorporated safety measures and school wide expectations for all areas of the building that will include daily temperature checks, social distancing, handwashing, and wearing masks. Students will also have access to school counselors and support staff members to cope with transitions and re-entry. Social-emotional needs will be monitored and staff will dedicate time to implement activities in mindfulness, resiliency and expression.

Staff members will be equipped with numerous cleaning measures and receive explicit training in the school wide procedures and will be encouraged to communicate their needs throughout the re-entry process. The safety and well-being of our DIS family is our top priority!

**How do you plan to operate in this new environment?**

We plan to operate using social distancing measures, temperature checks, enforcing mask requirements and implementing staggered class changes to reduce mitigation. Our plan will follow the BCSD district plan while providing specific details to our building. We will deliver and model expectations using a variety of formats for K-8 students in all environments to ensure safety and reduce anxiety.

While students will have specific expectations in the building, we encourage movement, brain breaks and safe socialization with peers.



**Other than changes due to COVID-19, what's new for the 2020-21 school year? Is there a specific theme you are focusing on?**

This year we have a staff baseball theme titled, "A League of Our Own." We realize that our Osprey team members have been thrown many curve balls and they have continued to satisfy a winning season through eLearning.

**What goals have you set for student achievement this year?**

This year, we will be focused on personalized learning to support student individual goals. We will continue to have high expectations for all learners and plan for real world learning experiences throughout content areas.

**What advice do you have for students as they return to school?**

Be patient and embrace the changes that we have put in place to keep you safe. We are all in this together and we are here to support you!

**Can you share a rundown of your back to school activities?**

At this time, visitors and volunteers will not be allowed in the building for school wide events. Some assessments will be administered for selected students during LEAP week, Aug. 17-21. We will host virtual "Meet the Teacher" sessions Aug. 31-Sept. 4. The first day of school is Sept. 8 for students.

## PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL: Chris Buchholz, Principal

**What plans has the school put in place for coping with the COVID-19 pandemic? How do you plan to operate in this new environment?**

The full district plan answers most of this — as far as specific to PSHS, we have the advantage of a building that is operating at 50% capacity, so some of our logistics are easier to manage than other schools. Our school plan is to try and keep things as "normal" as possible. Seating may look different, lunches will be more spread out, masks will be the new norm and cleaning will be intensified but we are trying to protect the basic routines and structure. From what I have seen so far these past two months with athletes participating in summer workouts and students registering or returning equipment, students are following the new protocols and the coaches/staff are leading by example. I'm optimistic that students that choose to return will adhere to the expectations.

**Other than changes due to COVID-19, what's new for the 2020-21 school year? Is there a specific theme you are focusing on?**

There is no set "theme" we are operating with currently, however, the focus for this year will be about "Reconnecting." By the time we start school again, we will be one week short of a six-month absence from school. Our hope is that students can get back to a routine and start to reconnect with all those elements of their life that were disrupted. For some that focus may be academic, for others it may be the social aspect of school and for some their passion for their extra-curricular activity. The start of every year is always about establishing the expectations and doing that pulse check on the overall student climate. This year we will make sure to focus on the safety expectations and have the resources in place to support our students and teachers that

may have a difficult time returning with relative ease. We won't know the hardships that everyone has had to face until we all get back. There will be a concerted effort to get extra-curricular activities up and running safely and increase student involvement within the school.

One other regarding what is "new" — we are proud to be launching our JROTC Air Force Program this year with two amazing instructors. We think this program is really going to take off — no pun intended — and we will be trying to get information out on this to the community so students can get registered and make schedule changes to join the program.

**What goals have you set for student achievement this year?**

I will measure the success of this school year more in social emotional terms and data than any test score. Are kids coming? Are they working? Are they re-engaged? There is a good chance that this pandemic has changed standardized testing procedures for good and personally I believe it is one of the few positives that will come of this. There is a great deal of instructional time that is lost as teachers are sometimes forced to teach to the test and review rather than focusing on helping the students to apply and retain the material beyond that looming assessment.

My goal for this year is to get all students back to feeling comfortable and successful in this building. For those students that have chosen a virtual pathway, our goal is for them to be as engaged and involved as they can be and hopefully return to in-



person instruction when their individual situations allow for that.

**What advice do you have for students as they return to school?**

The main message is that we are all in this together. No one has written the book on how to manage education in a pandemic yet. We are going to learn as we go and adjust our plans to best suit the needs of our students. My advice is to not to worry and for our students to follow the plans we have in place and I suspect that we can get back to some sense of normalcy soon.

**Can you share a rundown of your back to school activities?**

- At the end of the month, teachers will begin to communicate with parents and distribute information that is specific to their courses.

- Once approved by the district, we will share the details of our school guidelines for re-opening with parents and students.

- Guidance has launched their electronic course change request form (<https://www.bcsdschools.net/domain/6334>) and will be proactive on schedule changes prior to student returning.

- We will also be focusing on trying to implement a feasible in-person ninth grade orientation to help alleviate some of the stress for our incoming class (no date currently set).

- Finally, if the SCHSL continues to move forward we will see some athletic events such as football scrimmages on our calendar prior to the start of the year as well.

- There will also be some virtual meetings that will take place soon with student groups, such as leadership (student council) and Renaissance to get student input on event planning.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

PHILIP SIMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL: Charla Groves, Principal

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**What plans has the school put in place for coping with the COVID-19 pandemic? How do you plan to operate in this new environment?**

We have developed a reentry plan following state and district guidelines. We submitted our plan to BCSD leadership and will share the plan with all stakeholders upon district approval.

We plan to follow state and district guidelines and safety protocols to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. In keeping with the BCSD Reopening Plan available on the BCSD Back to School webpage, we will increase cleaning



and sanitation protocols, provide frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing opportunities, follow social distancing guidelines, and follow district face covering guidelines. We will adjust our plan accordingly in the event of new or updated state and district requirements.

**Other than changes due to COVID-19, what's new for the 2020-21 school year? Is there a specific theme you are focusing on?**

We have added three new teachers at Philip Simmons Middle; one fifth grade teacher and two seventh and eighth grade combination teachers. We have also hired

three additional teacher assistants and a part-time academic interventionist for the upcoming school year. Our school hashtag for this year is #PSMWhateverItTakes. As a school, we have always been committed to meeting the needs of our Iron Horse family while maintaining high expectations for academic achievement. Now more than ever, our students and staff will be committed to doing whatever it takes to be successful academically, socially, and emotionally. We are resilient and we are ready!

**What goals have you set for student achievement this year?**

We will have to spend time this year re-teaching key concepts and working to fill any learning gaps due to the extended school closure in the spring. That must all be done alongside teaching current grade

level standards. To ensure academic success, we will utilize student performance data to create personalized learning pathways for all students. We will monitor our students' progress and celebrate growth/gains as we have every year at Philip Simmons Middle School.

**What advice do you have for students as they return to school?**

School will look and feel a lot different this year and that is OK. Embrace change, be patient, be kind.

**Can you share a rundown of your back to school activities?**

We will hold a virtual Meet the Teacher and Open House event for our students and families on Thursday, Sept. 3. We will share details with families closer to the event date.

PHILIP SIMMONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Latoya King, Principal

**What plans has the school put in place for coping with the COVID-19 pandemic? How do you plan to operate in this new environment?**

We have created a re-entry plan that follows CDC, state and district guidelines. The plan includes a variety of ways to not only ensure the physical wellbeing of our students and staff, but also the mental and emotional wellbeing.

In this new environment, we plan to operate in a safe and healthy way that is conducive to the learning of all PSE students. Our safety and leadership teams have worked tirelessly to ensure that PSE students are returning to an environment that is safe! We have added additional routines and procedures to allow safety as well as some normalcy for our students, staff, and families.



**the 2020-21 school year?**

We've experienced a few staffing changes for the upcoming school year. First and foremost we would like to welcome our new Assistant Principal Sha'shawna Seabrook. We have also added two additional teachers in first grade.

**Is there a specific theme you are focusing on?**

Our theme for the 20-21 school year is #ironstrong, but as always we will continue to #makeitbetter.

**What goals have you set for student achievement this year?**

Our top priority is assessing the needs of our students. Due to the early school closings, we anticipate an increase in the academic and social needs of our students. We are com-

mitted to meeting the needs of every student by creating personalized learning pathways. Student achievement will be monitored and assessed as needed to ensure the success of all students.

**What advice do you have for students as they return to school?**

There have been a lot of changes and some that are still developing, at this time we empower our students to: Stay Safe, Stay Positive, and Remember we are "Iron Strong."

**Can you share a rundown of your back to school activities?**

For new PSE families, we will provide a virtual tour of the school. We will host a virtual "Meet the Teacher" for new and returning students and families. Session times and dates have yet to be determined. We will share this information with our families and community as soon as they become available.



Officials from Cainhoy Elementary School did not return requests for The Daniel Island News survey.

For more information about school news, review the Berkeley County School District's comprehensive plan at [bcstdschools.net/Page/32961](https://bcstdschools.net/Page/32961) or Bishop England High School news at [behs.com](https://behs.com).

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# What's to like about Major League Baseball in the season of the pandemic?



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**PHILIP M. BOWMAN**

Look what they've done to my game.

After being shut down by the coronavirus pandemic, Major League Baseball is up and running, with the St. Louis Cardinals being the exception.

And the game has changed this season because of the pandemic sweeping the country.

And that can be a good thing – or bad – if you have watched a game on television.

Baseball, a sport that once boasted to be the National Pastime, prided itself on change – or lack of it.

But change has forced its way into the picture with a shorter schedule, no fans, and a few new rules.

What's to like? And what's not to like?

First, let's look at what's not to like.

That's easy. Baseball built its tradition on being at the park, eating a hot dog and, perhaps, savoring a beer or two. Fathers and sons bond at baseball games, old-timers reflect on



DAN BETTS

**Games at Busch Stadium – home of the St. Louis Cardinals – along with the rest of Major League Baseball are seeing many changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

today's stars vs. stars of yesteryear.

The cutouts of fans littered in stadiums were amusing for a few games, and the piped-in music was a nice try. But when you don't have fans in the stands, there's no seventh-inning stretch, no emotional cheer to change the momentum of the game when your favorite player blasts a 450-foot homer, and no memories to talk about on the way home.

But other than that, I like most of the changes to a sport that used to be No. 1 in the USA, but probably is a precarious No. 3 in the pro sports pecking order. Let's face it, the NFL is No. 1, the NBA is No. 2, while MLB is No. 3 with soccer breathing down its back.

The one change I hated, but now accept 100 percent, is the runner-on-second to begin extra innings. Let's face it, MLB is either homer or

strikeout, and scoring a run off an elite closer is very tough in extra innings. This change can cut down on the time it takes to play a game, an issue MLB must confront. Back in the 1970s, it seemed like baseball lasted two hours. Today? Three days.

I also like that some teams are starting their games before 7 p.m. I like the idea of a 6 p.m. start during weekdays, especially when school is in session. If a game starts at 6 o'clock, a family can be home by 10 p.m., a more realistic time when that alarm rings the next day.

I also like doubleheaders. I love the idea of two-seven inning games on the menu. Again, it's a matter of saving time.

Finally, shorten the season. Face it, the NFL owns April thanks to its draft, and endless hype leading up to the event. And another foe, winter, is still showing bite in cities like Pittsburgh, Boston and Cleveland.

Move the start of the season to May, and conclude the regular season on the last day of August. Again, baseball has no relevance in September because of the start of the college and NFL seasons. Baseball needs to play the World Series in September.

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# My excuses for not catching jack



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Anglers can be very creative when explaining why they did not catch any fish. After getting abused by a large crevalle jack last week, I dedicated this week to getting even. Every moment on the water was spent looking for a school of jacks upon which I could take my revenge.

Sadly, the jacks once again got the better of me. So, here are my excuses for not catching a jack.

Excuse number one: Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock trading dog), opted out on my quest for jack revenge. He muttered something along the lines of, "You put on a fur coat and stand in the blazing sun for hours; see how much fun you have."

Excuse number two: I put on a fur coat and stood in the blazing sun for hours and passed out from heat stroke. Brody was right. It was not much fun. To make matters worse, I lost two days of fishing while recovering from heat stroke.

Excuse number three: Severe dehydration from wearing a fur coat in 92-degree temperatures re-aggravated my back injury. It is impossible to catch a jack when you

cannot stand up straight. However, on the bright side, I am a finalist for the lead role in the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Excuse number four: Subconsciously, I do not want to catch a big jack. Thus, I unwittingly sabotage every opportunity to catch one. I use tackle way too light for the job. Hooks that are not strong enough. Oh yeah, and fish in a fur coat. Who does that?

Clearly, I am obsessed with targeting jacks. But, apparently not very good at it. So, there will probably be even more creative excuses next week!

Contact Captain Greg Peralta at [captgregp@gmail.com](mailto:captgregp@gmail.com) or call (843) 224-0099.

## SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SALTWATER REPORT

**Inshore:** Capt. Rob Bennett and Redfin Charters report bait is easily available in the creeks, but in August it will remain important to fish early – particularly if you want to catch trout. Plenty of redfish will continue to be caught in the creeks, and with rat redfish reaching a catchable size, they will provide plenty of action on finger mullet or shrimp. It continues to be an excellent year for flounder with live mullet. This is also the best time of the year to catch a tarpon around sandbars and inlets as well as deeper in the rivers.



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Before falling under the spell of the allusive crevalle jack, Capt. Greg Peralta caught this black drum on a recent outing.

**Surf and nearshore:** Folly Beach Pier reports that in August the best fishing should continue to be early and late, as by the middle of the day the surf just gets too warm for much action. Black drum, whiting, pompano, bluefish and trout should continue to be caught this month, and Spanish mackerel should continue to be caught off the diamond. Hopefully there will be some kings around.

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# Heritage Preserves across the state protect historic sites

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August 9 was International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

Over the years, archaeologists have unearthed the rich histories of South Carolina's Indigenous People, learning more about the first people to live on South Carolina soil.

This includes the community that established the **Pockoy Island Shell Rings** located at Botany Bay Plantation Heritage Preserve on Edisto Island, and others whose history is captivated in cultural preserves across the state, managed by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR).

Located on Hilton Head Island in Beaufort County is the three-acre **Green's Shell Enclosure Heritage Preserve**, dating back to 1335 A.D. The property is a low earthen embankment, two to six feet high, and 30-feet wide at the base. During the Irene period, 1300 to 1450 A.D., this two-acre shell and earthen embankment was a fortified village with defensive features like enclosures, palisades and ditches.

The Native American inhabitants of Green's Shell Enclosure were farmers who lived in large villages. They used shells to make masks



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**Oyster shells from an ancient shell ring litter the beach at low tide at Botany Bay Heritage Preserve & Wildlife Management Area on Edisto Island in this photo from 2017. Since then, archaeologists have been working against the clock to excavate the site and catalog thousands of artifacts before they are lost to sea-level rise.**

and beads. The inhabitants also used whelk and conch shells to drink "Black Drink," which was a ritual beverage made from the plant *Ilex vomitoria*, more commonly known as Cassina, which still grows on the preserve.

Not only did these villagers make items from shells for personal use, these popular shell products were also traded far into the interior of the eastern United States.

Green's Shell Enclosure is part of the Port

Royal Sound Sea Kayak Trail. In 1991, the preserve was purchased with funds from the Heritage Trust Program and a grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Today, the preserve is managed by SCDNR, the Town of Hilton Head Island and the Environmental and Historical Museum of Hilton Head Island. The preserve is a passive park focusing on archaeological features.

Also in Beaufort County is the **South Bluff Heritage Preserve**, located on Coosaw Island. The South Bluff Shell Rings contain a crescent-shaped ring and another that was once a complete ring. Because of a reduced level of erosion, South Bluff is one of the most well-preserved shell ring complexes in the state.

Shell rings occur along the coast and are close to tidal creeks. They were created during the Late Archaic Period, between 5,000 and 3,000 years ago. Archaeological work indicates that during this period, human groups made extensive use of coastal resources, particularly shellfish. The remains of the shellfish, along with refuse from other human activities, form midden deposits from which archaeologists can reconstruct past human activities and environments.

It's an upland area containing a well-

developed maritime forest community with dominant species including live oak, cabbage palmetto, loblolly pine, wax myrtle, yaupon holly, and switchcane. South Bluff provides habitat and protection for a variety of wildlife species including resident and migratory birds, game and non-game mammals and reptiles and amphibians.

In the Midlands, bountiful wildlife, sunlit dappled forest paths and 12,000 years of history and prehistory are tucked away in a pristine setting at **Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve**, just a stone's throw from downtown city lights. The 627-acre preserve, owned and managed by SCDNR, borders the Congaree River and Cayce, South Carolina.

From a dig on adjacent property owned by Dominion Energy, formerly SCE&G, there is evidence of people living there 2,500 years ago, as well as a home site from the 1760s.

Today, hikers can walk a 2.5-mile trail loop in about 1.5 hours and view ponds where duckweed and lily pads flourish and teem with wildlife. A parking area is available on the right of Old State Road just before the pavement ends.

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# Family delivers for Lowcountry Blessing Box Project

**ELIZABETH BUSH**  
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Pop open the trunk on Elizabeth Perkis' car on any given day and you're likely to find it full of nonperishable food items and other necessities. But the extra load is not due to an affinity for shopping – or stockpiling for an emergency. It's about serving those less fortunate. And for the Daniel Island-based Perkis family, it's a labor of love.

"Our trunks always look like that," explained Elizabeth, "because we're always out delivering food!"

Elizabeth, her husband, Josh, and their daughters, Claudia Rose and Amelia, have been supporting the Lowcountry Blessing Box Project (LBBP) for about three years. The boxes serve as "little free pantries" and are located throughout the Charleston region and beyond. People are invited to place donations inside the boxes and nearby residents may come and take out whatever they need. The Perkis family purchases items on their own to supply a number of boxes in the area, but they also collect donations from the Daniel Island community as well. Although



ELIZABETH BUSH

**Daniel Island resident Elizabeth Perkis (right) and her daughter, Claudia Rose, pose with some of the donations they recently delivered to boxes in the North Charleston area as part of the Lowcountry Blessing Box Project. The sites serve as "little free pantries" in communities suffering from food insecurity.**

they deliver to boxes in a variety of locations, including the Cainhoy peninsula, they have found a tremendous need in the North Charleston area.

"We have times where we do boxes and we come back an hour later and they're empty," said Elizabeth.

And that is what serves as motivation for

their efforts, explained Claudia Rose.

"When you do food banks and things like that, you know you're helping, it's just not as tangible. But when you're doing blessing boxes you sometimes can see the people getting the items or you see that it's all gone, so enough people needed it. I just think that's kind of encouraging."

"I've even seen a teenager living in her car who has been at the box hoping somebody would come fill it," added Elizabeth. "... How can I not go back? How can I not ask my neighbors for food?"

Elizabeth, who is one of the administrators for the Daniel Island Moms Facebook page, has found social media to be especially helpful in getting the word out about the project.

"If I put a call out...suddenly we'll get two weeks' worth of food in one day," she said. "Sometimes people will send money via Venmo and I'll just go shopping."

The power of social media is "absolutely" having an impact, noted LBBP founder Katie Dahlheim.

"I see those exchanges all the time," said Dahlheim, of the calls for help and subsequent responses. "And I love it. I think it's a

great way to spread the word - and to do it as a community."

The Perkis family typically makes deliveries to boxes about four to five times a week. They have noticed during the COVID pandemic, the need is increasing.

"There are more people driving up to boxes versus walking up," said Elizabeth. "... We see grandmas holding little kids' hands and asking if they can take things, and others say they are just trying to make dinner. I do think there is an increase and there is probably a shift in more people, a different population of people, who need the boxes."

According to Dahlheim, at least 35 boxes have been added to the effort since the pandemic began, bringing the total to over 150.

"I am really glad we had this network in place, because it's a touch-free, no contact way that you can really help people," said Dahlheim. "And there are so many people that need help right now."

For information on how to assist the Lowcountry Blessing Box Project, including a map of locations, please visit [chsblessingbox.wixsite.com/home](http://chsblessingbox.wixsite.com/home) or the project's Facebook page at [facebook.com/chsblessingbox](http://facebook.com/chsblessingbox).

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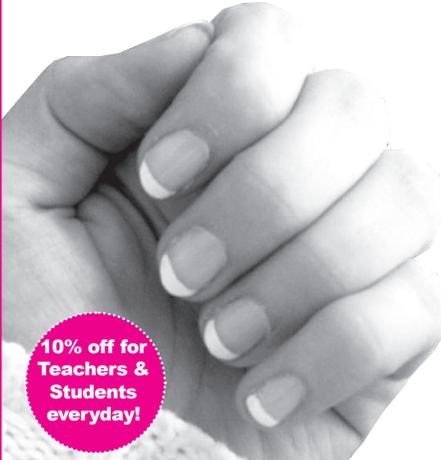
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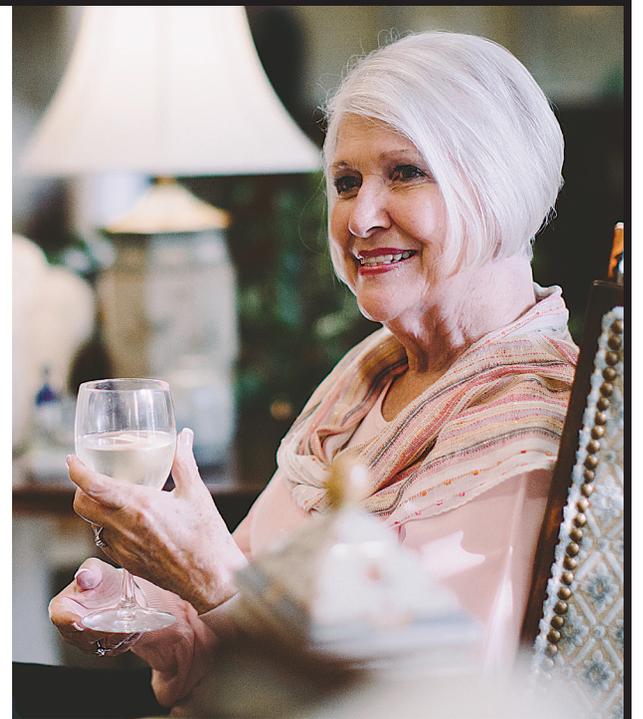
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# Garden Club

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# Yards of the Month AUGUST 2020

The Daniel Island Garden Club recognizes local residents with its Yard of the Month award, continuing through September, with special awards for Halloween in October and the holiday season in December. Winners have a sign placed in their yard by the Garden Club to be displayed for the month. Overall, the organization is looking for manicured yards and beautification projects with originality and creativity, and judging can take place anytime during the month. Here are the winners for August.



**Nicki and Kemper Campbell,**  
1860 Beekman St., Zone 5 - Pierce Park



**Kim and Magali Sermersheim**  
2051 Pierce St., Zone 4 - Center Park



**Wally and Audrey Head**  
327 Gunboat Lane, Zone 2 - Ralston Creek



**Ray and Cheryl Bolek**  
651 Island Park Drive, Zone 1 - Beresford Creek



**Linda Price**  
849 Dunham St., Zone 3 - Etiwan Park



**Kelly and Bob Martin**  
2638 Augustus St., Zone 6 - Smythe Park



**Sheri and Tom Ledbetter**  
175 Ithacaw Creek St., Zone 7- Nobels Point/Ralston Grove/Fish Tale

# meeting NOTES

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

## CITY OF CHARLESTON PLANNING COMMISSION

The next City of Charleston Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 5 p.m., via Zoom Webinar.

On the agenda is a request for zoning 2.31 acres at 772 Yaupon Drive (Cainhoy). The request is for zoning of Rural Residential (RR-1), currently zoned Rural Single-Family Residential (R1-R) in Berkeley County. Owners: Beverley D. and James P. Rardin.

Individuals with questions should contact the Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability at 843-724-3765.

## CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

A meeting of the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee will be held Aug. 13 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Local items on the agenda include:

First review of preliminary

subdivision plat for Cainhoy First Light-Phase 2, a single-family residential subdivision, and road construction plans at Hopewell Drive. 46.9 acres for 96 lots. Owner: Cainhoy Lumber and Timber, LLC Contact: Will Cox, cox.w@tandh.com.

First review of preliminary subdivision plat for Lesesne Street, a single-family residential subdivision, and road construction plans. 81.3 acres for 62 lots. Owner: The Daniel Island Company. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., 843-725-5276. Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com.

At the Aug. 6 meeting, preliminary plat review for 261 single family residential subdivision lots and road construction plan reviews for First Light development at Point Hope Parkway and Seven Sticks Drive were on the agenda. Owner: Cainhoy Lumber & Timber LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton, 843-725-5274. Contact: Will Cox, cox.w@tandh.com. The committee requested revisions and resubmittal.

Individuals with questions should contact Eric Schultz, TRC administrator, in the Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability at 843-724-3790.

## CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - SITE DESIGN

At the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals held Aug. 6, virtually via Zoom, the results for the Items reviewed include:

- DEFERRED - An application from a previous agenda for the removal of eight grand trees on Fairbanks Drive. Owner: Stanley Martin Homes. Applicant: Seamon Whiteside + Associates

- APPROVED - An extension request on a previous approval for the removal of four grand trees and a reduced construction setback near the bases of 17 grand trees at 1229 Clements Ferry Road.

## CITY OF CHARLESTON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

A meeting of the Design Review Board will be held on Monday, Aug. 17, at 4:30 p.m. virtually via ZOOM Webinar. There are no items specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area currently on the agenda.

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Berkeley County Council conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the fourth

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

- Berkeley County Board of Education meetings are held twice each month. The Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. with the public meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates are listed at: www.bcsdschools.net/domain/5349.

- Charleston City Council conducts its regularly scheduled meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m. at 80 Broad Street, Charleston.

Most government meetings are being held virtually during South Carolina's COVID-19 precautions, but some are reopening. Visit [charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter](http://charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter) or find Berkeley County meeting information by visiting [bit.ly/3e4S9eI](http://bit.ly/3e4S9eI).

## SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

### COMING UP

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS LIFE GROUP** is seeking volunteers for its blood drive set for Wednesday, Aug. 19, 12-4:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 299 Seven Farms Dr. All donors will receive free COVID-19 antibody testing and \$5 Amazon gift card via email. Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "Holy-CrossDI" to sign up.

**CAROLINA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER and VANTAGE POINT FOUNDATION** are hosting Catch 'Em For A Cause fishing tournament on Saturday, Aug. 22. Participants are encouraged to "fish-in-place, whether it's your backyard, neighborhood pond, off the dock or on the boat." Open to anglers of all ages, with saltwater and freshwater divisions. Photographed entries will be submitted via email and winners and prizes will be announced through live stream video. A raffle for a half day private fishing charter and a Big Green Egg with nest and tools will be held. Raffle tickets are

\$50 and available on the website along with event information, registration and sponsorship info at [Event.Gives/CatchEm](http://Event.Gives/CatchEm).

### REGULAR MEETINGS

**SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS** meet the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Visit [berkeleydems.com/calendar](http://berkeleydems.com/calendar).  
**THE ROTARY CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND** meets virtually every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. For more information on attending, email [maryjo@mjrca.com](mailto:maryjo@mjrca.com). For more details about the club, visit [danielislandrotary.com](http://danielislandrotary.com).

**TOASTMASTERS OF DANIEL ISLAND** meet on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month, at 10 a.m., on Zoom. Language is changing. It's becoming more inclusive of gender, race, nationality, and other parts of ourselves. By continuing to write speeches, expressing views within the required Pathways program, club members gain more agency, as they delve into their implicit biases, within a safe space. For information, email [claire@eduave.com](mailto:claire@eduave.com).

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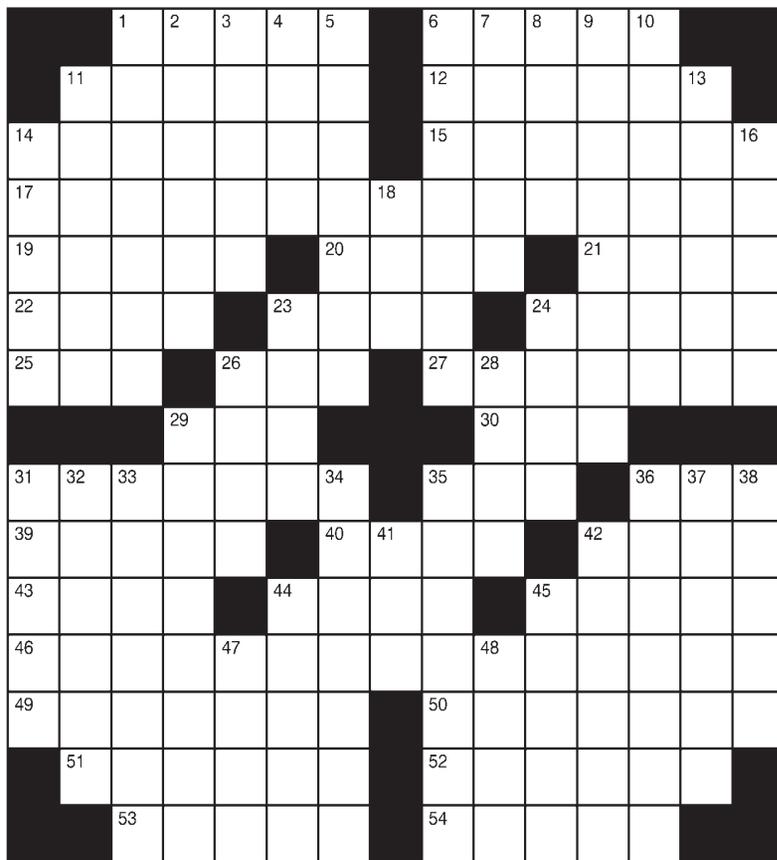
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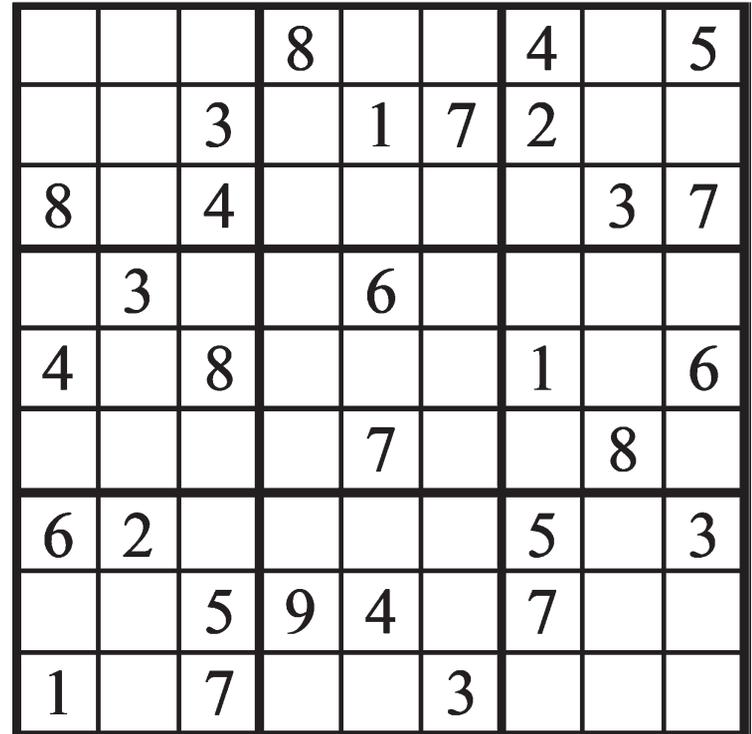
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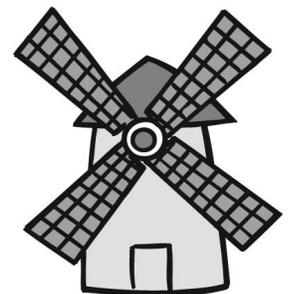
# Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

## A Lot of Noun Sense

Below are statements about certain nouns that may or may not be true. You decide.

1. Valerie (is, is not) a common noun.
2. Democracy (is, is not) an abstract noun.
3. Family (is, is not) a plural noun.
4. Windmill (is, is not) a compound noun.
5. Elevator (is, is not) a proper noun.



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Answers: 1. is not. Valerie is a proper noun because it names a specific person.  
 2. is. Abstract nouns express ideas or concepts that cannot be experienced with any of our senses.  
 3. is not. Family is a collective noun.  
 4. is. A compound noun is made up of two or more nouns (wind + mill).  
 5. is not. Elevator is a common noun.

**MYSTERY** ?



? **CONTEST**

**CONGRATS TO WALT GREGG -  
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The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest is Daniel Island resident Walt Gregg for correctly identifying last week's photo as one of the many yellow signs around that island that warn residents "Alligators May Live Here."

Walt, who has lived here for 11 years, is going to be a freshman at Philip Simmons High School. This is his second time playing the mystery photo contest. He said, "I was able to guess the photo because I live near a pond with two of those signs."

During coronavirus he has been hanging out with his friends.

He added, "One thing that I like about Daniel island is the community itself because there are always so many friendly people."

Congratulations also to Karen Fedder and Kathie Harvey for guessing correctly!



Walt Gregg

**CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?**



KATHERINE SMITH

Send your answer, along with your phone number, to [mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com](mailto:mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com) by noon on Saturday, Aug. 15. The names of the winners with the correct response will run in next week's paper. Our prizes are temporarily on hold while our office is closed due to the coronavirus outbreak. We appreciate your understanding.

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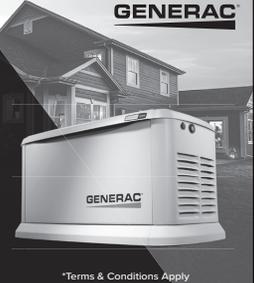
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# Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



August 11, 2005

In the Aug. 11, 2005, edition, the cover and centerfold featured a story about the pros and cons of wearing uniforms to school as well as whether the Daniel Island School would institute a uniform policy. As a private school, Bishop England requires a uniform. The Berkeley County School Board noted that if a public

school requires a uniform, it must be provided to the students.

Murky zoning language was again a hurdle for the Humanities Foundation in its plan to build a low-to-moderate-income apartment complex in the center of Daniel Island. The confusion centered on whether residential construction on the planned site was governed by Town Center zoning rules or by residential zoning rules.

## TEN YEARS AGO



August 12, 2010

In the Aug. 12, 2010, edition, the cover story featured interviews with former Daniel Island School Principal Robert Candillo, who was beginning his second term in the post, and with Mary Nemeth, who was president of the PTA.

The Daniel Island School PTA and their MMAD (Mentors Making A Difference) Program received a contribution to their program when representatives from the Daniel Island Property Owners Association and the Daniel Island Company Employee Advised Fund Committee presented them with a check totaling \$3,376.00. These funds were generated from the July 3 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser hosted at the Family Circle Tennis Center and sponsored by the Daniel Island POA and Jim 'N Nick's BBQ.

## FIVE YEARS AGO



August 13, 2015

The cover and centerspread of the Aug. 13, 2015, edition of the paper was a preview of high school football. There were also other articles geared to tips for Back to School.

In other news, a much-anticipated report on Daniel Island's recreational needs was released by the City of Charleston. The top need identified for Daniel Island was a new indoor recreation or multi-purpose complex. Five years later, and that recreation center is well under construction and expected to open by January 2021.

In an island life feature, there were photos from the Hootie and The Blowfish concert.

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