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Berkeley County establishes Conservation and Greenbelt Advisory Commission

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With the aim of preserving the county's natural resources, Berkeley County Council voted to establish the Berkeley County Conservation and Greenbelt Advisory Commission.

The ordinance creating the commission passed on Feb. 26, though the idea for the commission traces back to Aug. 8, 2022, when the council initiated a countywide referendum on the extension of a one-cent sales and use tax. This tax allocation included funding earmarked specifically for "Greenbelt Preservation Projects."

County Supervisor Johnny Cribb believes there is strong community support for the greenbelt project.

"In the 2022 referendum, we asked voters to support a penny tax for roads and green space," Cribb said. "It passed with 73% of the vote. It was the largest 'yes' for a program that involved a greenbelt component in the state of South Carolina."

Cribb said the tax, expected to generate an estimated \$62 million in its first year, will include 10%, or approximately \$6.2 million annually, towards conservation, preserva-



The North Island Tract on Daniel Island will be the first greenbelt project the newly established Conservation and Greenbelt Advisory Commission will study. County Supervisor Johnny Cribb said possible uses for the tract include a park, walking trails, and fishing piers.

tion, and green space efforts in Berkeley County.

COMMISSION OBJECTIVES

The Berkeley County Conservation and

Greenbelt Advisory Commission will have multiple functions, as outlined in the ordinance:

- Identify, conserve, and protect natural resources: The commission will focus

on preserving the county's natural assets, including open spaces, significant scenic views, wildlife habitats, and sensitive ecological lands.

- Public education: The commission will aim to educate the public on the benefits of conservation and the importance of green spaces in the community.

- Master plan development: Working in collaboration with county staff and consultants, the commission will formulate a master plan for the expenditure of greenbelt funding, derived from the one cent sales and use tax referendum.

- Project identification and recommendations: The commission will work with county staff and consultants to identify eligible projects for funding. They will review project applications and make recommendations to the county council for the expenditure of greenbelt funding.

- Greenbelt preservation projects: The commission will undertake various plans, activities, and projects assigned by the county council to further conservation efforts.

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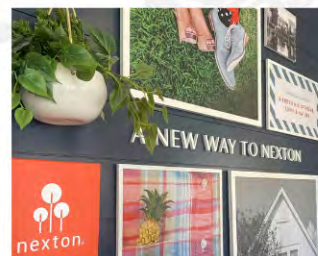


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Pet overcrowding crisis hits at Berkeley Animal Center

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Archer is a big, bubbly dog looking for a home. But lately, he's been spending a lot of time in the shelter.

Berkeley Animal Center (BAC) is facing an overwhelming influx of animals and a shortage of resources to care for them. Pets like 4-year-old Archer are sharing chew toys and sleeping in crates while awaiting adoption.

Tiffany Hoffman, the animal services manager at BAC, said lost and unwanted pets are brought into the center every day, whether from animal control or the public.

"On any given day, we can have anywhere from five to 25 come in. We currently have 91 animals on campus. We never know what is going to come in our doors from day to day."

The reasons for surrenders vary, Hoffman said.

"We are seeing a lot of animals being dumped and discarded. We get 30-plus calls a day for owner surrenders, and the reasons are anything from evictions, deployments, allergies, moving, pregnancy, lack of time, divorce, and financial restraints."

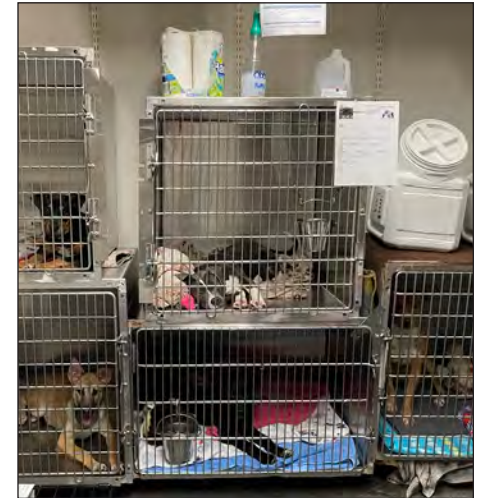
Despite the challenges, Berkeley Animal Center is committed to its mission of finding loving homes for all animals in its care.

The shelter, located at 131 Central Berkeley Drive in Moncks Corner, takes in owner surrenders and lost pets, offering adoption, fostering, and volunteer opportunities.

BAC has implemented various initiatives to rehome animals, including local transports to rescues and veterinarians, weekly surgery days, monthly transports to MSPCA-Angell in Massachusetts, reduced adoption fee incentives, and onsite adoption events.

The shelter boasts a foster program with over 250 animals in foster care and a Doggie Day Out Program, allowing volunteers to take a dog out of the shelter for a day and bring the furry friend on a field trip.

Longtime volunteer Cara Lanphere credits the fostering program to the successful adoption of the dogs and cats she once fostered.



BERKELEY ANIMAL CENTER

Berkeley Animal Center is facing an overwhelming influx of animals, with 91 pets currently in need and not enough resources to go around.

"[Berkeley Animal Center] has such a great group of people and the dogs love getting out and playing! I think it's ridiculous that sometimes there's only two or three volunteers from a county that has so many residents and a lot of very affluent neighborhoods. There would be no animals there if just one person from each neighborhood adopted one."

Kim Andy, a former volunteer at the center, underscored the impact of adoption and fostering on saving lives.

"The good thing about fostering or adopting from BAC is that you saved a life that may have otherwise not been. You were a voice for that animal when no one else was," she said.

As the shelter continues to face pet overcrowding, it relies heavily on community support. As the center's manager, Hoffman emphasized the immediate need for adopters and fosters, urging the public to consider volunteering for tasks such as walking dogs, cleaning cat cages, doing laundry and dishes, and putting away donations. Funds are also needed for medical cases and supplies around the center.

For those interested in contributing to Berkeley Animal Center's efforts, donations can be made at berkeleyanimalcenter.org under "Give" and the shelter's urgent needs can be found under "Our Wish List."



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Are you a risk-taker? Or perhaps you're risk-averse?

I've never warmed to either term, as they seem to oversimplify a rather complex topic. When it comes to risk, I prefer to use the term risk-aware.

One might surmise that if a person is risk-aware, she takes the time to assess both the consequence (e.g., what's the worst that can happen) and its likelihood.

For major decisions, that makes abundant sense: Should I accept the offer? Drive or fly? Invest in AI? Get the vaccine? Join my friend for ziplining, or bungee jumping?

But for the countless everyday decisions, who has the time? Should I buy organic strawberries or just the regulars?

"Risk taking has a mixed reputation," note authors Emma Clifton, Felix Day and Ken Ong. "On one hand, it is celebrated for its links to human discovery and endeavor. Astronaut Neil Armstrong famously proposed that 'there can be no great accomplishment without risk.'"

And author Adnan Manzoor reminds us: "Risk management is not solely [about] minimizing risk – it's also about taking them too!"

FAULTY THINKING

It's commonly said that human beings are not particularly good at making decisions. A few concepts are in play:

The affect heuristic. Kenny Skagerlund, in a piece for Psychology Today, writes, "People often make judgments about risk using their emotional responses rather than making effortful deliberations – the affect heuristic." He adds, "The affect heuristic is a kind of mental shortcut."

Optimistic bias. "[There's a] very, very basic and well-established finding in social psychology," says Dr. Helweg-Larsen, as quoted by A.C. Shilton in an article for the New York Times, "which is that people think that their own risk is less than that of other people's risk."

Confirmation bias. This is the brain's tendency to seek out information that confirms our existing beliefs. Confirmation bias is particularly strong both in politics and health, but when it comes to risk, it can lead us to rely on incomplete or biased information.

THE RISK GENE

In recent years, researchers have begun to study the link between genetics and risk tolerance. Authors Clifton, Day and Ong explain, "Researchers have long suspected that there may be genetic factors involved," but that this link "hasn't been confirmed until now. In our new study, published in Communications Biology, we have uncovered 26 genetic variants specifically linked to risk taking."

Another study, reported by Heather Buschman in Nature Genetics said scientists have "identified 124 genetic variants associated with a person's willingness to take risks."

TWO STRATEGIES

What can we do to mitigate risk? Here are two of my favorites.

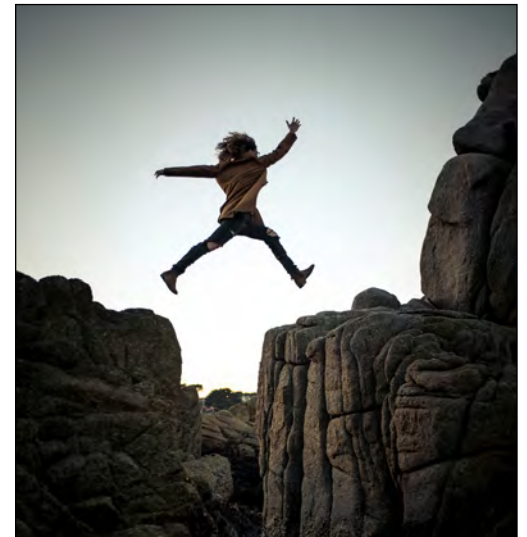


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Are you a risk taker? Why?

"You should surround yourself with the proper individuals," suggests Manzoor, which I suppose means building a network of friends who routinely vet consequences and likelihoods.

This approach seems to parallel a concept called "rational ignorance."

Katherine Igoe explains, "Rational ignorance means that it's rational to delegate authority to others to help make decisions and minimize the dangers in our lives."

A second strategy? Improve our ability to reflect.

Notes Skagerlund, "Scoring high on cognitive reflection may allow a person to identify an [emotional] response but be able to override the gut feeling in favor of an evaluation made in a more deliberate state."

All of which is to say: think, pause, and take your time.

Then consider yourself to be risk-aware.

Next week's Poll:

Would you ride CARTA to/from Daniel Island?

As the weather warms and spring approaches, event season on Daniel Island will soon heat up as well. With concerts, the Charleston Open tennis tourney, and more, traffic to and from the island can be prohibitive, especially with the Beresford Creek bridge closed through the coming summer. So this week's question comes from a DI News reader: Would you ride an express upscale passenger shuttle bus from downtown DI to Marion Square with one stop in Mount Pleasant leaving each hour (similar to the IOP shuttle)? Share your thoughts at surveyMonkey.com/r/DI_CARTA_Ride or use the QR code by Sunday, March 3, at 5 p.m.



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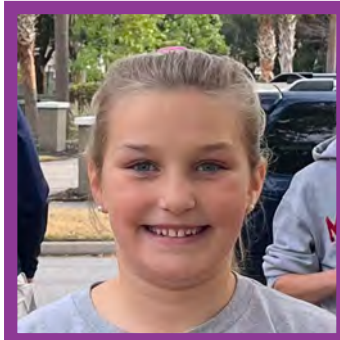
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KIDS SAY

2024 is a leap year and February 29 is a leap day. What will you do with your extra day?

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I will go to an amusement park!

Delaney, age 10
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I will play on my camera!

Brody, age 5
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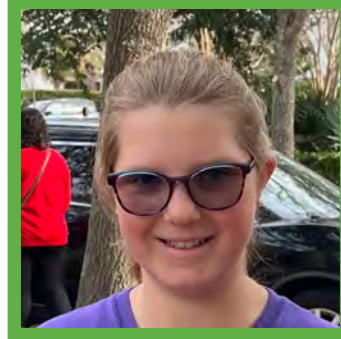
Listen to Taylor Swift!

Chelsea, age 8
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I will go to the pool to swim.

Michael, age 5
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I will go swimming!

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Mullaney earns first degree black belt

STAFF REPORT

Eighteen-year-old Ian Mullaney successfully completed his black belt examination at Osapurē Karate on Daniel Island earlier this year.

The intense two-hour examination tested his skills and abilities in Kihons (basic techniques), Kata (traditional karate forms) and Kumite (sparring) in Wado Ryu Karate.

His test was judged by a panel of current black belts for proficiency, spirit and perseverance. The dojo stresses that a black belt is not an expert in karate, but someone who has demonstrated an unshakable resolve and never give up attitude.

Mullaney started his karate training in 2009, as a three-year-old in the Little Ninjas program. Advancing through Little Ninjas and then into the traditional karate program, he developed very refined techniques that only years of training can provide.

Sensei Glenn Raus stressed that Mullaney is a positive role model for the younger students in the dojo, his peers and adult students.

“His joyous, kind, and easy-going personality makes him a popular figure in the



Sensei Glenn Raus and Ian Mullaney

dojo,” Raus said.

Mullaney is an honor roll student at Philip Simmons High School, where he runs middle distances in track.

He secured congressional nominations to the United States Naval Academy, the United States Military Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy.

Osapurē Karate is located at 295-B Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island. For more information on its karate programs, visit ospreykarate.com or call 843-901-8575.

Haley wins in SC Dist. 1, Trump claims statewide GOP race

STAFF REPORT

Editor's note: This story was first published online Monday, Feb. 26, with misreported numbers for Berkeley County, showing election results for Beaufort County instead. We have corrected the Berkeley County numbers here.

While former President Donald J. Trump carried the state of South Carolina in the Feb. 24 Republican primary, it was former SC Governor Nikki Haley that claimed the win in SC Dist. 1.

With just 23% of eligible voters casting ballots statewide in South Carolina, Trump defeated Haley with 59.79% of the vote vs. 39.52%.

In SC Dist. 1, according to SCvotes.org, Haley defeated Trump, 52.49% (68,088) to 46.84.% (60,756), even though current SC Dist. 1 Representative Nancy Mace publicly endorsed the former president.

In Berkeley County, 21.9% of eligible vot-



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Nikki Haley shares her vision with voters at New Realm Brewery on Daniel Island in early February.

ers cast a ballot, with 30,268 going to the polls.

Trump defeated Haley in Berkeley County, garnering 59.44% of the votes (17,971) with Haley earning 39.83% (12,042), as reported by SCvotes.org.

Five other candidates were on the ballot in

the state even though Chris Christie, Ron DeSantis and Vivek Ramaswamy had previously withdrawn from the race. Ryan Binkley and David Stuckenberg also received votes. The five accounted for just .7% of the ballots cast in the statewide election.

The candidates moved on to the next primary contest in Michigan on Feb. 27 (results not available at press time), and now face 22 more elections in just a week, March 2-6, which includes the March 5 Super Tuesday battle.

Haley has said publicly she will remain in the race at least through Super Tuesday.



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Protecting resources goal of greenbelt

From GREENBELT on PAGE 02

FORMATION OF THE COMMISSION

The commission is structured to include nine members appointed by the county council. Members must be residents of Berkeley County and serve terms concurrent with the council member who nominated them.

The county is already in the process of selecting members with historical expertise and a passion for land preservation, and interviews for a full-time Greenbelt program manager have begun.

“We’re voting on the legal framework and constituting the committee right now,” Cribb said. “Within the next month or two, we’ll be nominating people for the committee. The committee will be in place a couple of months from now.”

PLANS FOR PROTECTING RESOURCES

The commission, in collaboration with county staff, will meet no less than annually to submit a plan to Berkeley County Council for the protection of significant resources, according to the ordinance.

This plan will include recommendations

for the protection of natural and cultural resources, emphasizing minimizing public expenditure, and maximizing alternative funding sources such as grants and donations.

“The major purpose of this program is to protect land and waterways and to make it publicly accessible,” Supervisor Cribb emphasized. “If we don’t have specific intent in this area, we’re going to wake up 20, 30, 40 years from now, and a lot of what we hold dear is going to be gone.”

The plan may involve various recommendations and approaches for the protection of natural or cultural properties or resources, including the:

- Purchase of resources for public ownership or other protective ownership.
- Acquisition of conservation easements to protect resources.
- Development of access to, or the restoration of, properties or resources.
- Acceptance by donation of properties or resources in the name of the county.
- Negotiation of leases or conservation easements.
- Maintenance, preservation, protection, identification or development of natural or

cultural properties or resources.

NORTH ISLAND PROJECT IN THE WORKS

Even before the establishment of the commission, Berkeley County initiated a significant project – the \$4 million purchase of the North Island Tract, located at the end of Seven Farms Drive and fronting the Cooper River, from the State Ports Authority.

In addition to funding from the penny sales tax, the purchase is also being funded by through a state-run program and local community donations.

“It was a surprising opportunity. It abuts a major creek and the water right here on Daniel Island. It could be a great publicly accessible park for the whole county, which would protect the land and keep it from getting further developed. Instead of a few people living there getting to enjoy those views and access to the water, literally everybody will,” Cribb said.

According to county councilman Josh Whitley, the North Island Tract will be the first Greenbelt project the commission works on. Although there are no final plans on how the county will use the North Tract land, Cribb said possible uses include trails and fishing piers.

THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTY

Cribb said the newly established commission will include the introduction of more recreational opportunities around the county.

“The thing that’s unique about Berkeley County is for the longest time, nothing was really happening. Forty percent of the landmass cannot be built on. So if residents in Berkeley County wanted to go to a public park, they went to Charleston County.”

“The public has been really excited about these quality-of-life projects we’ve been doing. We’re trying to build schools and roads as fast as we can. The public response to having more parks has been overwhelmingly positive.”

As Berkeley County aims to protecting natural resources and utilizing green space funds, Whitley shared his appreciation for the county’s unique landscape.

“Leveraging conservation dollars and working to conserve property, as well as having a parks program will be a great contribution to the quality of life in our county,” Whitley said.

“We are blessed with abundant resources, from our rivers and lakes to our forests, but we must protect them the right way. This is the vehicle to do so.”



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DALTON WILLIAMS

“Save the evening of Feb. 29,” my lovely wife, Grace, announced. “We’re having dinner with Toogie and Brevard.”

I hadn’t seen my aunt’s gentleman caller in a long time, which was fine by me. Brevard does shower Toogie with invitations to galas and goings-on with his South of Broad circle, but his penchant for one-upmanship grates me like fingers on a blackboard.

Guessing Brevard surely would have selected a new, trendy restaurant for our outing, I asked, “Where are we going?”

“They’re coming here,” Grace answered. “We haven’t invited Brevard to our house in ages, and he is such an entertaining guest.”

Sensing what I was thinking, she added, “And you be on your best behavior, too!”

When the evening arrived, Grace insisted I wear “an ensemble” she had purchased for me, a glen plaid sport coat and dark brown suede loafers.

“Brevard will be very impressed with your shoes,” Grace said. “They’re Italian.”

When his nibs arrived, he was bedecked in a navy double-breasted blazer adorned with a

multicolored pocket handkerchief.

He gave Grace a bouquet of cheerful flowers and a big hug, declaring, “It has been a month of Sundays since I’ve seen you, dear.”

I received a handshake, no mention of my shoes, but a tap on the lapel pocket of my sport coat with a whisper, “I’ll get you a handkerchief to add some flair to that jacket.”

Brevard also brought two bottles. One was a very recognizable bourbon; the other a wine which he held up announcing, “We need a decanter for this beauty.”

We all headed to the butler pantry bar area, and I retrieved a decanter. Brevard held the wine bottle aloft proclaiming, “It’s a Lokoya Howell Mountain Cabernet, very hard to come by.”

After letting that tidbit ripen for a moment, he launched into a soliloquy on the wine’s profound depth and complexity, and how it exudes an expressive bouquet of blackberry and cherry coupled with layers of violet and dark chocolate.

Grace and Toogie’s oohs and ahs only egged him on to add that the grapes are grown at an elevation of 1,800 feet and display hints of graphite.

Sounded like chewing on a pencil to me, but Grace and Toogie drank it all in.

The bourbon was a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle, 23-year-old.

I knew of it but had never seen a bottle up close.

Maintaining control of the bar, Brevard explained that he keeps the bottle in his safe at home but brought it tonight to share “a unique before-dinner libation.”

Grace and Toogie opted for a French 75, which Brevard prepared with an explanation of the proper portions of each ingredient. He then poured me some of the Pappy into an old-fashioned glass from my bar explaining it would be more aromatic had he brought some of his more bulbous bourbon glasses from downtown.

Dinner was one of Grace’s specials – beef bourguignon. Brevard pronounced it a culinary experience and a perfect pairing with the wine he had supplied.

Over dinner, conversation drifted to the unique date of our dinner, Feb. 29 of a leap year. Toogie told about a high school friend born on Feb. 29 who celebrated a “real birthday” only every four years.

This sparked Grace to ask if there was something each of us had not done for the last four years that we would like to do again. Toogie mused for a while before sharing that she had not been back to her hometown in Alabama for many years, and it would be nice to do that.

“We’ll go!” Grace declared, looking my way. “Dalton loves road trips.”

“Time to reread Homer,” Brevard offered. “I try to read the Odyssey and Iliad every 10 years. They are a mystery revealed layer by layer each time one reads them.”

I was going to add that they were all Greek to me when I had to read them in high school, but before I could, Grace and the others turned their attention my way for my “not in the last four year” reveal.

When I didn’t offer anything right away, Toogie chuckled, “He hasn’t cleaned the garage in four years.” With this, Grace and Toogie were off and running.

“Or done the laundry.”

“How about unloaded the dishwasher?”

“Folded a bottom sheet.”

“Replaced the toilet paper roll!”

Soon they were both giggling loudly. “Oh wait, I got another one,” Grace said, paused, and began, “Well, in the bedroom...”

“Don’t go there!” I hollered.

They all looked at me. Finally Grace broke the silence explaining that she was going to tell how I don’t open the shades in the morning despite how many times she has asked. Somewhat relieved, but still feeling the

center of attention, I changed the subject by asking how and why leap year came to be.

This was raw meat to Brevard who took the bait and ran with it explaining how the number of days in any fixed calendar was not precisely aligned with the length of the earth’s orbit of the sun. With that, he held court on the vernal equinox, the dates of Easter, and the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

Holding a fist up to represent the sun and the thumb of his other hand to represent Earth, he described how one orbit took close to 365 and ¼ days, and hence, the need for an extra day in the calendar every four years. Then, like a TV infomercial pitchman, he added, “But, wait, there’s more.”

This was the fact that the orbit was actually just a tad short of that extra ¼ day so the calendar makers decided there would be no extra “leap day” in years that end with two zeros unless the year is divisible by 400.

This sounded too much like calculus to me until Brevard explained there was a Feb. 29 in the years 1600 and 2000, but none in 1700, 1800, or 1900. This was new news to me and possibly the first useful thing I had gleaned from Brevard. Maybe he was a nicer dude than I thought. Grace concluded our discussion remarking that the extra day was a compelling reminder to live each day to the fullest.

Later that evening, as Grace and I cleaned up dishes and glassware, she remarked, “Oh, my! Come look at this.”

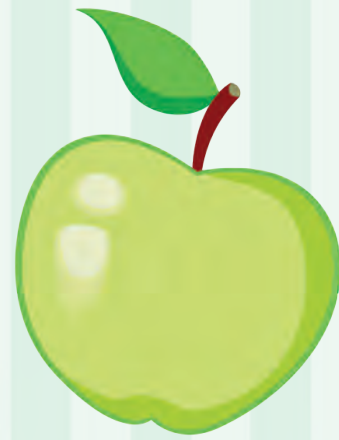
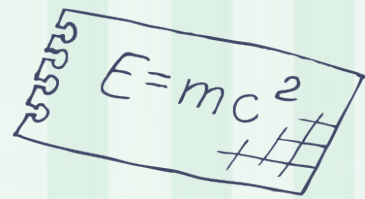
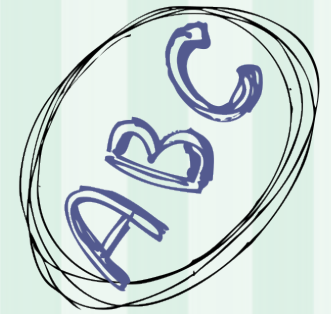
I hurried to where she was in the butler pantry. There on the counter stood Brevard’s bottle of bourbon. My first thought was “he is a really nice dude,” but Grace interrupted that thought asking, “Isn’t this the bottle he keeps in his safe?”

I nodded yes as Grace continued, “We have to return this to him.”

I nodded again and she added, “When?”

Finally grasping control of the situation, I rubbed my chin, nodded once more, and answered, “Well, given the profound depth and complexity of tonight’s discourse, this is a mystery that must be revealed layer by layer over time. Given the significance of the four-year cycle of dates associated with this evening, I believe we should return it to him in 2028!”





Meet the DI, Cainhoy area 2023-24 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



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Behind every successful student is a teacher who believes in his or her potential. While students often get credit for their hard work, the Teacher of the Year award recognizes the county's exemplary educators who offer academic innovation and have a positive impact on those they teach.

The Berkeley County School District recently announced its 2023-2024 Teachers of the Year. Five local instructors were recognized from Cainhoy Elementary, Daniel Island School, and Philip Simmons Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

EDWARD MCNEIL:
CAINHOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For Edward McNeil, the art of teaching comes down to that moment when a student's face lights up with understanding. As a Cainhoy alum himself, he followed in his twin

brother's steps and became an educator. Now having 11 years of experience under his belt, this is his inaugural year teaching at Cainhoy Elementary and in Berkeley County.

McNeil credits his success to the support of the school's leadership team.

"Having experienced teaching in numerous places, I have not seen anything like the support and outreach at Cainhoy. It reminds me of my childhood and what it was like as a student at Cainhoy back in the '90s," McNeil said. "Seeing educators that taught me in these very classrooms drop in to give me words of encouragement is a bonus."

The fifth-grade teacher describes his classroom as an "educational experiment." He inspires students through life lessons, debates, and open discussions he hopes will help with choices they make in the future.

"At times, I feel discouraged because my students have so much to achieve in such a short period of time, but my peers are always there to push me and offer any support I need."

As Cainhoy Elementary's Teacher of the Year, McNeil feels that the title is reflective of his peers who have seen the impact he makes on his students. He expressed gratitude to his fellow teachers and the leadership team, acknowledging that their support propelled him to high achievements over a short period of time.

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— Edward McNeil



RENEE LAMBERT:
DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL

Now in her 20th year of teaching, DIS' Renee Lambert says she was delightfully surprised to be awarded 2024 Teacher of the Year.

Inspired by her educator parents, Renee Lambert's success in teaching is measured by her impact on students' lives. As a fifth-grade teacher at Daniel Island School, her classroom is a space where students are encouraged to explore, question, and discover.

She starts each

morning with students in a community circle to discuss examples of kindness based on a clip from "On the Road" with Steve Hartman. Whether it's conducting experiments to explore scientific concepts or using real-world examples to teach mathematical principles, Lambert ensures that every lesson is not only educational but also engaging for students.

"I am inspired by the enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness of my students," Lambert said. "Their eagerness to learn and their willingness to explore new ideas energize me and remind me why I became a teacher."

DIS Principal Laura Blanchard highlighted Lambert's unique ability to engage students through hands-on activities and real-world examples. "Ms. Lambert creates a nurturing

learning environment where students feel empowered to take risks and embrace challenges," Blanchard said.

In addition to her dedication to academic excellence, Lambert also plays an active role in the school community. Blanchard describes how Lambert goes the extra mile for her students and coworkers alike.

"She collaborates with colleagues to share best practices, participates in professional development opportunities, and she works to enrich the overall educational experience for students and colleagues," Blanchard said.

With 20 years of teaching experience under her belt, this is Lambert's 11th year teaching at Daniel Island School. Being chosen as Teacher of the Year was a delightful surprise and the overall recognition from the community has been heartwarming, she said.

"The role in Berkeley County School District provides a platform for me to further advocate for education as a member of the Teacher Forum, where I hope to inspire positive change in the field."



LINDSAY FINCH:
PHILIP SIMMONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lindsay Finch's journey into teaching began at a young age, when her students were stuffed animals and dolls lined up in her bedroom. Fu-

LINDSAY FINCH
Lindsay Finch celebrates becoming PSE's Teacher of the Year with her family and Principal Michael Huff.

"I strive hard to give each and every student what they deserve to be successful, and it is a blessing to have others recognize that."

— Lindsay Finch

eled by a natural inclination to lead and inspire, she's been teaching for 17 years, spending the past five at Philip Simmons Elementary as a resource teacher.

In her classroom, love, respect, and learning are the cornerstones of success.

"I thrive on giving students opportunities to be leaders in many different capacities. Because my students struggle in a variety of ways, we do whatever it takes to be successful," Finch said.

For Finch, being chosen as Teacher of the Year is one of the highest forms of recognition. "I strive hard to give each and every student what they deserve to be successful, and it is a blessing to have others recognize that."

PSE Principal Michael Huff described why Finch was chosen for the award, noting her contributions as a lead on the school's Renaissance team and consistent willingness to step up when needed.

Huff said Finch goes above and beyond for her students. "Mrs. Finch is a shining example of what it means to be an outstanding educator. Her passion, dedication, and leadership make



JESSICA CAMP

An instructor for 16 years, Jessica Camp is honored to be Philip Simmons Middle School's 2024 Teacher of the Year.

her a true asset to our school community," he said.

JESSICA CAMP:
PHILIP SIMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jessica Camp's journey into teaching was shaped by her own experiences in grade school, where she struggled with a different learning style from her peers. Inspired by her guidance counselor who redirected her to nontraditional learning paths, now she brings compassion to her students who navigate their own educational journeys.

"I carry this empathy into the classroom, striving to create an environment where every student feels

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CAINHOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Cainhoy alum Edward McNeil is Cainhoy Elementary's 2024 Teacher of the Year.





TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

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seen, valued, and supported in their unique learning paths,” Camp said.

As an instructor for 16 years, Camp is currently a special education teacher to grades 5-8 at Philip Simmons Middle School. Her teaching path has taken her through the elementary, middle, and high school levels. She believes this diversity of experiences plays a crucial role in shaping her holistic view of education and creating a positive learning environment for students.

Crediting the support of the school’s leadership, Camp doesn’t take the role of Teacher of the Year lightly. She said the recognition has deepened her sense of purpose and motivation for academic excellence.

“In the teaching profession, it’s not uncommon for us to compare ourselves to our colleagues, often feeling that we fall short in light of their impactful work,” Camp said. “However, being recognized among

such accomplished peers is an incredibly motivating experience.”



PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL

Special education teacher and cross-country coach Emma Santor, pictured holding flowers and surrounded by her students, is Philip Simmons High School Teacher of the Year.

EMMA SANTOR: PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL

Inspired by the educators and mentors who shaped her own education, Emma Santor is in her fourth year of teaching. As a special education teacher at Philip Simmons High School, she said the best part of her job is the amazing school-wide community that feels like family.

A typical day in Santor’s classroom involves young adults learning daily living skills, social skills, and functional academics that are modified to set special education students up for success.

“We have created an amazing culture of inclusion here at PSH, where students are respected and involved in the student body regardless of their abilities,” Santor said.

Santor’s impact extends beyond the classroom. Not only does she coach cross-country and the track team, but she created a club known as the “Iron Hearts” that promotes inclusive activities for both disabled and non-disabled peers to build camarade-

rie and school spirit.

PSH Principal Chris Buchholz pointed out Santor’s success inside and out of the classroom, saying her students genuinely look forward to coming to school each day.

“She is phenomenal,” Buchholz said. “Ms. Santor has done more to shape a school in three years than some do in their entire career, so she is very well deserving of this honor. She has already left a mark on Philip Simmons High in her short teaching career and we are blessed to have a passionate young educator like her that will continue this for years to come.”

Santor is grateful for her family and co-workers who have supported her career and feels blessed to represent the school.

As these Teachers of the Year continue their passion and dedication for the craft, the hope is their impact will resonate far beyond the walls of the classroom, shaping the future of generations to come.



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Cherichello repeats as state wrestling champion

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Bishop England High School wrestling standout Sam Cherichello repeated as a state champion over the weekend, and he claimed his second gold medal in style.

Cherichello was crowned a Class AA state champ in the 132-pound classification last year, but opted to compete at 138 this season when champions were crowned at the Anderson Civic Center. That allowed teammate Shawn Loughery to compete at 132 and enhanced his chances at winning a medal.

The move paid off as Cherichello claimed gold and Loughery took home the bronze to cap a big weekend for the Bishops.

Cherichello is one of 16 state champs coached by Paul Spence in his nearly 40-year tenure as coach at BE. Spence said only a handful of his wrestlers owned two state titles.

“He’s definitely right up there with the best Bishop England has produced,” Spence said. “One day, he might be considered to be one

of the best. I would consider him in the top five.”

That elite group of top five wrestlers also included Michael Regner, who also won two state titles. Like Cherichello, Regner was an Eagle Scout. Another one of the top five includes Derek Geiges, who was a four-time state qualifier and a one-time state champ. He went on to wrestle for the Oklahoma Sooners.

Cherichello moved up a weight class, and said his path to the championship was not much different than the competition he would have faced at 132. However, he faced the defending 138-pound champ Thad Gerstenacker of Chesnee in the final and posted a victory.

“I’ve always wanted to win two state championships,” said Cherichello, who began his wrestling career in Ohio, before moving to Charleston. “I knew, however, that I would have a target on my back. That provided extra motivation and made me want to do better.”

Cherichello and Loughery were among seven BE wrestlers who qualified for the individual state



Sam Cherichello, one of seven BE wrestler qualifiers, wins the 138-pound division state championship!

championships. The other five included Preston Cederquist, Dixon Hardy, Griffin Buss, Thomas Curl

and Finn Randall.

“We took seven wrestlers and five of the seven placed,” Spence

said. “The first round went very well. We went 5-2. However, in the second round, they started to fall like dominoes.”

Cederquist finished in fourth place at 126 pounds. Hardy and Buss joined Loughery as bronze medalists, claiming medals in the 157- and 165-pound classifications, respectively.

Philip Simmons sent four wrestlers to the Class AAA individual state championships: Alex Watson (113), Matt Spignardo (138), Josh Gant (157) and Bryce Smalls (190).

Three of the wrestlers, Watson, Spignardo and Smalls, were ranked in the top four of their weight classes by SCMat.com, but only Watson placed in the top four. He wrestled for the bronze medal against C.J. Smith of Woodruff. Smith won in a decision.

Cherichello, who was named the most outstanding Class AA wrestler of the tourney, and Loughery will be busy this weekend. The dynamic duo will compete in the North-South All-Star meet this weekend in North Myrtle Beach.

BE girls' basketball knocked out of playoffs in lower state final

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The bus ride home from the Florence Civic Center Feb. 24 was, at times, long and quiet. But by the time the Bishop England High School girls' basketball team arrived back on campus, the hurt of a 56-33 loss to Andrew Jackson in the Class AA Lower State championship began to subside.

After all, a top-4 finish in the state and a 28-3 record would be an incredible season for most of the teams in the Palmetto State.

“The girls played real hard,” BE coach Paul Runey said. “It was a good run for the girls. I thought

we had a very good group of girls. They worked hard, played hard – and they played to the best of their abilities.”

So did Andrew Jackson. Andrew Jackson, in Runey’s opinion, was the best Class AA team in the state. Throw in a revenge factor and the Volunteers were not going to be denied.

Last year, the two schools met in the Lower State championship in Florence and the Bishops melted away a 12-point first half deficit by outscoring the Volunteers 17-4 in the second half to gain a 39-38 victory. Bishop England’s Evelyn Kitchin hit a free throw with three seconds left in the game to provide

the margin of victory.

But that was then, and Saturday was now.

The biggest difference? Andrew Jackson standout junior Tamia Watkins. She played for Andrew Jackson as a freshman and helped her team reach the state title game. But she transferred to Legion Collegiate Academy in Rock Hill in time for last season. She transferred back to Andrew Jackson this season and was a force all season long, earning the Class AA player of the year.

Saturday, the Bishops held Watkins to 19 points, which was eight points below her average. But the Bishops couldn’t contain her when it came to missed shots. She

grabbed 21 rebounds as the Volunteers improved to 26-4 and reached the Class AA championship for the second time in three years.

The Volunteers will play Landrum March 1 at the Florence Civic Center.

Andrew Jackson outscored the Bishops 13-9 in the first quarter, but BE scored the first four points of the second quarter to force a tie. But the winners outscored the Bishops 8-0 the rest of the stanza to take a 23-13 lead. The Volunteers put the game out of reach, outscoring BE 19-7 in the third quarter to take a 42-20 lead.

Sophomore Ni’Yonna Asbelle, an all-state selection, added 15

points for the Volunteers. Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the victory was that the Volunteers handled the Bishops without sophomore forward Ayona Alexander, who averaged 18.5 points and 12.6 rebounds for the Volunteers before going down with an injury in January.

Senior Madison Riley and freshman Olivia Allen both scored nine points for the Bishops while junior Hanna Rosato tallied seven.

The Bishops said goodbye to seven seniors who played in their final game. Four of the seniors were starters. Runey will begin the 2024-25 season with 806 career victories.

Bishop track and field teams put in the hard work

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The athletes who make up the Bishop England High School track teams take running seriously.

If you need proof, drive down Seven Farms Drive in the dog days of August and if you see a group of teenagers running, it's a good chance they are Bishops, getting their work in, along with their coach Tony Colizzi under a blazing sun and wall-to-wall humidity.

The field performers can also be found back at the school, working on their throws and jumps in anticipation of competing at the state meet, which is nine months away.

But the Bishops like to have fun, and it's not just when they win another big meet or state championship and it's time to celebrate.

On Feb. 24, the Bishop boys and girls had some fun competing in the James Island Distance and Throws Festival, a meet in which team scores were not kept and the focus was on distance and running.

As a result, the meet, which is more

common in the Upstate, is completed in a relatively quick time. But it gave Colizzi a chance to see his runners and throwers compete among the Lowcountry's best teams and performers.

Big things are expected of the Bishops this year – and every year. The girls' team made history last May when they edged Gray Collegiate and Woodland to win the Class AA state championship. The Bishops won their first championship in 2001 and last year's championship was their 14th, which is a state record.

The Bishop boys also fared well at the state championships with athletes qualifying in eight events with the Bishops finishing in the top 12 out of more than 30 teams.

"Both teams look to have a good season," said Colizzi, one of the state's all-time great track and field coaches. "The boys have 35 on their roster and the girls have an amazing 60 on their roster."

Key performers for 2024 include Nora Brahim, Grace Buss, Marlee Asmer, Caroline Edgerton, Katie Griffin, and Emma

Muller.

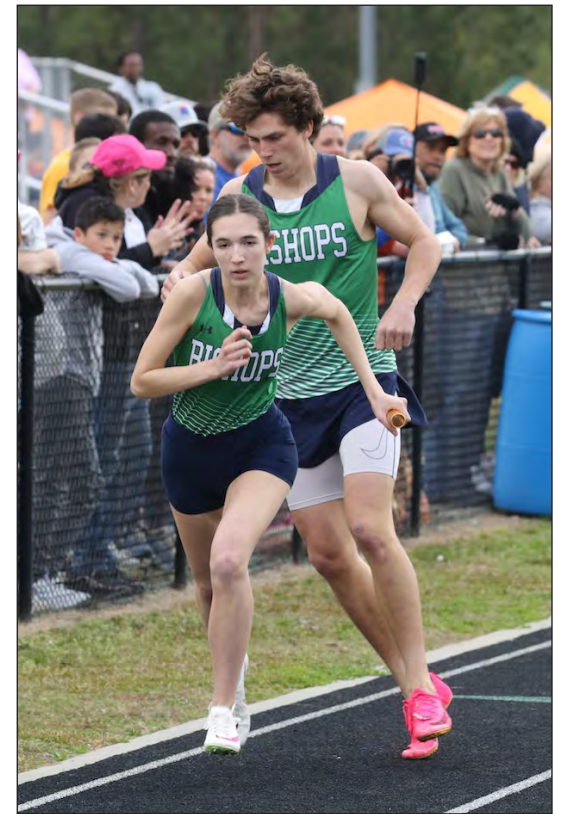
Marc Brahim, Charlie Tessier, Jack Leahy and Patrick Asher are the headliners on the boys' team. The BE boys have won four state championships with the last coming in 2016.

Each team develops its own identity and this year's teams should be talented and should show improvement every time they hit the track.

"The boys' team is going to need strong performances from their top athletes," Colizzi said. "The girls' team will depend a lot on their top performers but they also have some depth at certain events that will help them throughout the season."

The Bishops' season begins in earnest when they host the Father Kelly Classic, one of their major meets in March. The Bishops will compete in the Wando Mel-low Mushroom Relays on March 16 and head to Cane Bay the following weekend for the Coaches Classic.

The season will conclude May 18 with the Class AA state championships at Lower Richland High School.



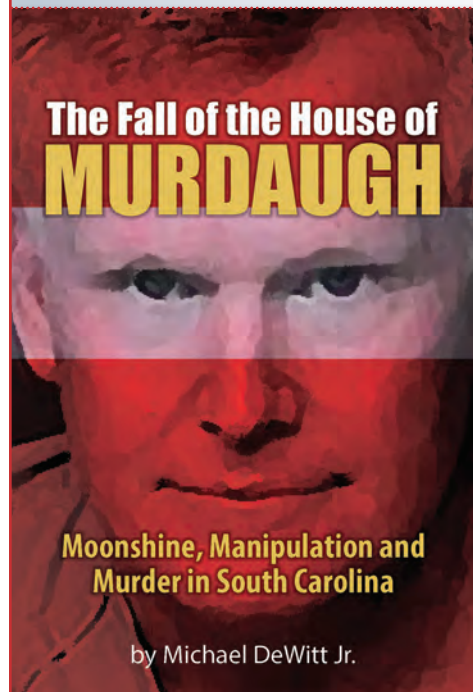
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Michael Fishburne and Violet Hux complete a baton exchange in a fun competition at the James Island Distance and Throws Festival.

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DIS 8th-grade girls win Trident League hoops title



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The Daniel Island School eighth-grade girls' basketball team won the AAAA and AAA Trident League championship. Their record was 13-2 overall, including an undefeated run through the playoffs. Eden Abney was MVP of the tournament and Ava Harkey and Camilla Crittenden were named to the All-Tournament team. Harkey and Abney were named to the All-Conference team. Emily Hughes was awarded the Academic Award for the team. Left to Right: Assistant Coach Miguel Alomar, Bicho Alomar, Maddie Dietrich, Camilla Crittenden, Ava Harkey, Eden Abney, Marshall Love, Emily Hughes, Hunter Thaxton, Annie Holmes and Head Coach Derek Abney.

DISA Breakers



PROVIDED

The DISA Breakers U13 soccer team placed as finalists in the Surf Cup Challenge, the team's first tournament to start the spring soccer season. Pictured – Back row: Coach Erik Cobb. Middle row: Katie Torrey, Ava Stewart, Eva Grace Rainero, Josie Green, Siena Blank, Janie Anderson, and Caroline Durant. Front row: Molly Wymore, Elle Corbin, Vivi Mahan, Georgia Harkey, Carly Wallace, and Peyton Graham.

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Brody selected our first fishing spot, an oyster bar

with a depth transition from 2 to 10 feet. I cast my 78 SP to the oyster bar and worked it back to the boat with a twitch and long pause retrieve. This cadence makes the lure mimic a wounded or dying baitfish.

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Daniel Island School shines spotlight on healthy living with wellness fair

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Health and wellness were the spotlight at the Daniel Island School's recent Wellness Fair, which brought together students and families to explore over 25 interactive booths promoting various aspects of wellness.

The Feb. 8 event aimed to foster a sense of community and provide a fun platform for learning about physical, mental, and social well-being. Co-PTA President Lauren Barber explained how the idea for a Wellness Fair began.

"When Katie Carlson and I took on the Co-PTA presidency, we made a list of our priorities for the school year. Wellness was at the top of the list," Barber said. "Being a K-8 school, there are a variety of physical, mental and social wellness issues that face our students and those topics weren't really being discussed outside of guidance classes."

Barber said the DIS principal had the idea of hosting a wellness event and the PTA immediately began planning.

The fair featured booths categorized into six wellness focuses: healthy body, kindness, mindfulness, emotional health, exercise, and nutrition.

Students enjoyed a variety of interactive activities, including an interactive Operation game presented by the Robotics Club, a golf simulator by Par Paradise, yoga with Simply Soul Yoga and a germ experiment with Island Pediatrics.

"The intent behind wellness night is to bring the Daniel Island community together for a fun, educational experience while learning about all aspects of health," P.E. teacher Meredith Moore explained. "Families were able to experience exciting fitness games, like their students complete during P.E. at school."

Throughout the fun fitness games and interactive activities, students received passports to collect stamps from each wellness focus area. Upon completion, they entered a raffle for a chance to win the coveted title of "P.E. teacher for a day."

By the end of the night, PTA members were already hear-



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Simply Soul Yoga instructor and DIS parent Megan Buchholz teaches students exercises and breathing techniques during a wellness demonstration.

ing that the Wellness Fair was a new favorite event for the school. Barber thanked the staff, guidance counselors, and P.E. teachers who helped bring the event to life, and hinted at what next year's Wellness Fair will offer.

"Katie and I already have plans on how we can make next year's Wellness Fair bigger, and additional activities we can bring to the DIS families to encourage conversation on physical, social and mental health!" Barber said.



School Resource Officer Al Cammarata checks to see if students know their parent's phone number and home address, as a health and safety necessity.



The Robotics Club built a life-size Operation game for students to locate parts of the body.

City to host free Small Business Opportunity Expo

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The City of Charleston's Business Services will host the 2024 Small Business Opportunity Expo on Thursday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gaillard Center at 95 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401. Registration is required for this free event.

The event is for organizations and municipal partners to showcase their services, contractual needs and upcoming opportunities to small businesses with a particular focus on outreach to under-represented, disadvantaged, veteran, minority and women-owned businesses. Free workshops on marketing, access to capital, legal basics and more, as well as presentations by successful business owners, government agencies and municipal partners will be available to attendees.

"Last year was such a success and we are pleased to bring this free, informative expo back to help exceptional small businesses access valuable resources," said Ruth Jordan, minority and women-owned business enterprise manager for the City of Charleston. "If you are looking for more in '24' to grow your business this is the expo to attend!"

This year's attendees and exhibitors include Charleston Mayor William S. Cogswell, Jr., city leaders, municipal partners,



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tape; "Legal Basics for Small Businesses"; and a bi-lingual session specifically addressing Hispanic businesses called "Legal Basics for Hispanic Businesses."

Both legal basics workshops will address registering businesses, obtaining necessary permits and licenses, and understanding tax obligations and a digital marketing workshop to help businesses find effective ways to grow their businesses. All workshops are free and on a first come, first served basis.

Registration is required and now open at charleston-sc.gov/smallbizexpo for this free event. For more information, contact:

Ruth Jordan, Minority & Women-owned Business Enterprise & ERC Manager, at jordanr@charleston-sc.gov or (843) 724-7434; or, Joslyn Brown, Project Coordinator, brownjos@charleston-sc.gov or (843) 724-7564.

nonprofit resource partners and local business owners.

There will be morning and afternoon small business workshops, such as: "Cutting the Red Tape to get the Money: Access to Capital," which will cover where to start when you need access to capital and the benefits of pre- and post-loan consulting to cut through the red

No projects moving through city boards this week

This week there are several developments coming before the various City of Charleston boards and committees. Below are those items as well as results, if any, from the prior week's items specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. More detailed agendas and results can be found at charleston-sc.gov/agendacenter.

UPCOMING: CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Feb. 29: No meeting scheduled.

For more information, contacts for specific projects and on location and time of the meetings or to learn more, visit charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter/.

RESULTS: CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Feb. 22: Jack Primus Industrial (formerly Gildan Industrial) – Site plan for 310,000 sf. industrial building with associated infrastructure and stormwater detention on 19.79 acres at 1075 Jack Primus Rd. TMS: B2680000059. Owner: SRE EV Jack Primus LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Preston Busbee, pbusbee@seamonwhiteside.com. **Results: Revise and return.**

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SC NATIVE PLANTS: THE WHYS AND HOWS

Learn how to incorporate native plants into your landscape that support our local ecosystems and biodiversity. Daniel Island School Community Garden, Sat., March 9, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Presentation by Caroline Wright, manager at Roots and Shoots Nursery.

THE DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Meets Wed., March 13, 2 p.m. in the auditorium of Daniel Pointe Retirement Center. The topic is "Orchids 101." The speakers are Master Gardeners Cheryl Boyle and Donna Pearsall. Contact Barbara VanNotric, bsbollinger@yahoo.com.

2024 SPRING RED BALLOON SALE

Saturday, March 23, 7 am to 1 pm at homes throughout Daniel Island. The sale provides an opportunity for shoppers to wander the neighborhoods of Daniel Island in search of unique finds and special deals. Put out a red balloon at your home to let everyone know you are participating in this island-wide event. The Red Balloon Yard Sale is a semi-annual yard sale held rain or shine. There is no rescheduled date for inclement weather. To add your address to the Daniel Island 2024 Spring Red Balloon Yard Sale Map, email info@dcommunity.org. Include in the subject line of the email "2024 Spring Red Balloon Yard Sale Map" and then in the body of the email list your Daniel Island address and good contact phone number. For those of you who are participating in the yard sale and would like to donate your unsold items to Palmetto Goodwill, they will have one truck located at the Blackbaud parking lot on Fairchild St. & River Landing Dr. 11:30 am to 2 pm (or until their truck fills up).

WALK FOR WATER

Water Mission's 18th annual Walk for Water, Sat., March 23, 9 am, Riverfront Park in North Charleston. The goal of the walk is to help bring an end to the global water crisis. Registration is available now at walkforwater.com/charleston.

DRAGON BOAT PADDLING CLASSES

Dragon Boat Charleston's free paddling classes, also known as PATH (Paddle, Achieve, Thrive & Heal) begin March 26! Three-week program with 2 classes each week on Tues. and Thurs. Classes are designed to teach everything you need to know for paddling in a dragon boat! Instructions, life vests, boats, paddles and an accompanying safety boat provided. This DBC program is for cancer survivors, fighters, supporters and friends. Classes held at Brittlebank Park, 185 Lockwood Drive, downtown Charleston. To RSVP or for more info, contact Andi Ganz-Seiderman, outreach coordinator, at flymom@mac.com.

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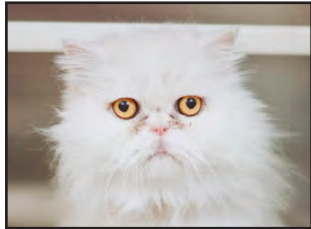
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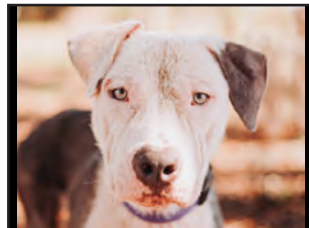
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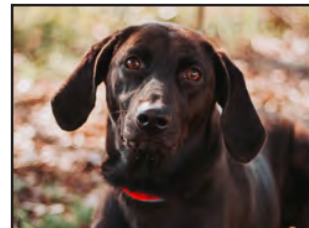
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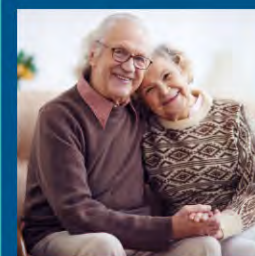


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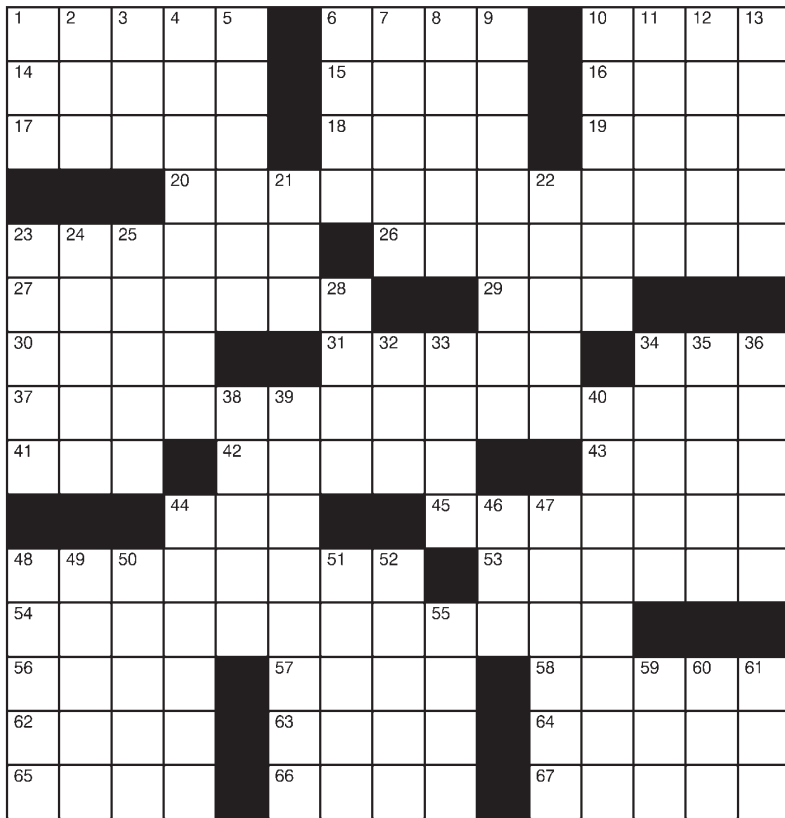


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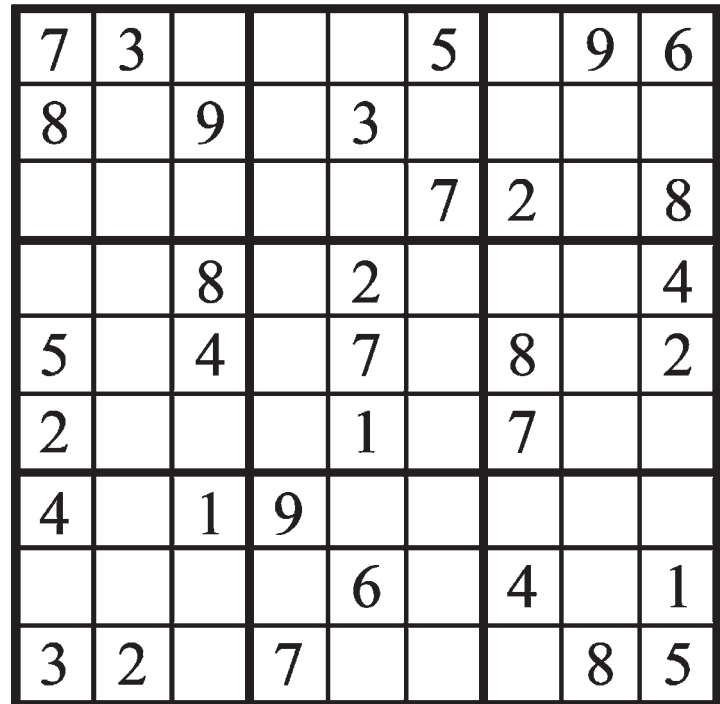
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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Is Everybody Ready?

Indefinite pronouns replace nouns that are not named. *Anybody, everybody, everything* and *several* are just a few examples. The trick is to figure out whether these pronouns take singular or plural verbs. Can you match the correct verbs to the subject pronouns in the sentences below?



1. Everybody taking history classes (*want, wants*) Mr. Lane as a teacher.
2. Nobody in Maria's family (*is, are*) able to make it home for the holidays.
3. Many neighbors (*has, have*) offered to rake Grandma Stewart's leaves.

Answers: 1. *wants*. Use the singular verb because *everybody* is singular.
 2. *is*. Use the singular verb because *nobody* is singular.
 3. *have*. Use the plural verb because *many* is plural.

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