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love that lasts

Valentine's Day, the Daniel Island way

"Love that lasts isn't about never struggling; it's about learning how to struggle together." Collin and Kalyn Murphy, pictured, are among the local residents sharing their perspectives on long-lasting love on pages 12–13.


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Point Hope's newest wave of businesses include ramen, Mediterranean

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If you thought Point Hope was busy now, just wait – the next round of businesses is loading.

HACHIYA RAMEN

654 Hopewell Drive, Suites 102 and 103

For fans of Japanese cuisine, Hachiya Ramen promises to deliver an authentic taste of Tokyo in Point Hope.

Owner Yuichiro "Junior" Takebata, who first came to the United States at the age of 19 as a sushi chef, shared his vision: "(When) I came to the United States, I was thinking I really wanted to bring our hospitality and kindness from where I'm from."

Born and raised in Kyoto, Japan, Takebata grew up eating ramen three to four times a week.



"The ramen processes for 24 hours, but we serve it within three minutes. Our concept is nice quality food, very fast service, hospitality, and kindness from Japan," he said.

The menu includes everything from flavorful ramen bowls to gyoza, all served via a fast-casual kiosk system that brings orders directly to your table. The Point Hope location is currently navigating permitting and is expected to open around September or October.

YE OLE FASHIONED

832 Foundation Street

A local favorite, Ye Ole Fashioned Ice Cream & Sandwich Café is nearing completion at its Point Hope location.

"We are finally at the finish line!" owner Cole Spradling said. "Ye Ole Fashioned will be open within the next 60 days."

The diner-style café will serve burgers, hot dogs, crinkle-cut fries, and 32 ice cream flavors, with a covered patio for family outings.

"We serve a huge menu with options for anyone's family, including a few vegan options and, most importantly, the best ice cream in Charleston!" Spradling said.

The eatery's build-out is substantially completed and is expected to open in March or April.

PHILOSOPHIA

846 Foundation Street, Suite 103

The Mediterranean restaurant, Philosophia, is expanding from its Mount Pleasant location and will serve spanakopita, Greek salads, local fish, roasted chicken, and braised lamb.

Chefs Justin Hunt and Dimitri Hatgidimitriou bring decades of experience from Manhattan, New York, and Charleston, and their friendship and family traditions inspired the restaurant's vision. Philosophia is currently going through permitting, with a July or August opening anticipated.

ATI PHYSICAL THERAPY

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ATI Physical Therapy, part of the Roper St. Francis network, offers in-clinic and online hybrid care designed to help patients recover from injury and manage pain. With construction underway, the new location is expected to open in early spring.

"As the Point Hope community continues to grow, we remain committed to providing convenient access to high-quality physical therapy so our patients can receive exceptional care close to home," Clinical Director Cate Williams said.

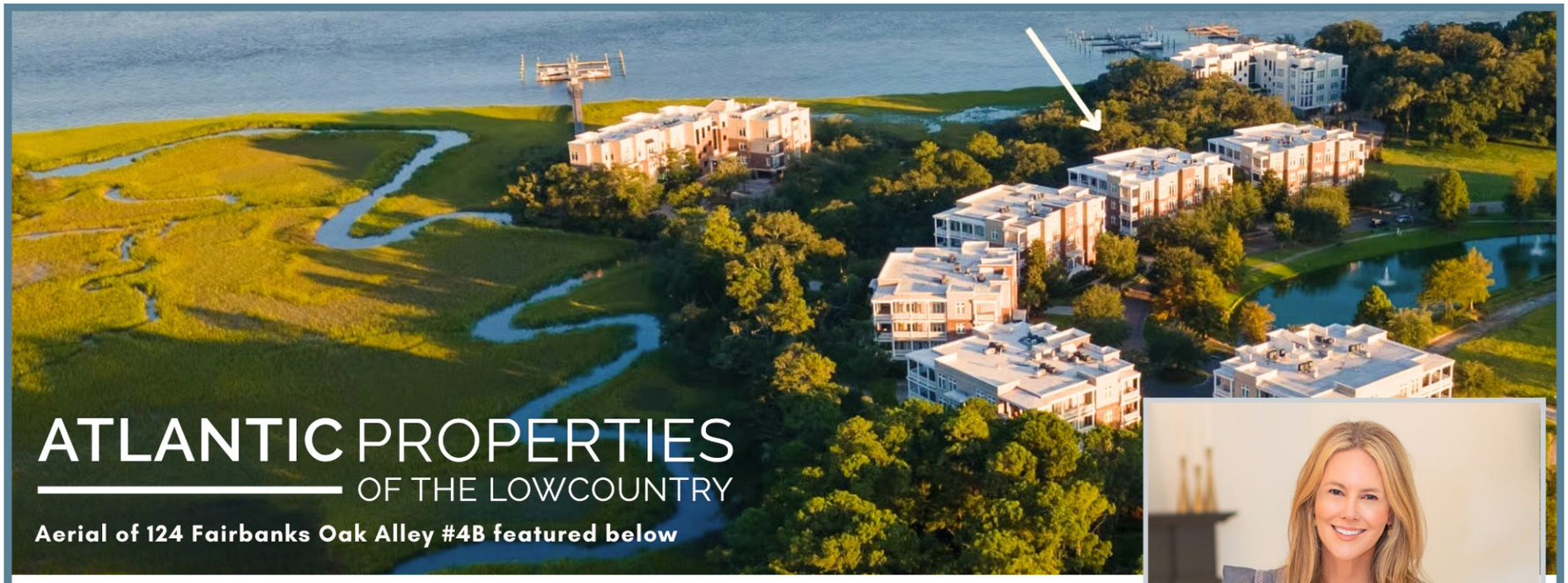
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A Bon Secours Mercy Health urgent care will join the area, bringing walk-in, non-emergency medical services to the community by December.



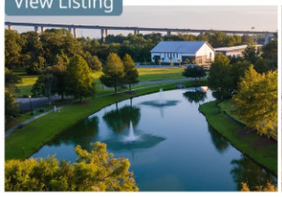




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Berkeley County schools on alert as measles cases surge in SC

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While South Carolina continues to be at the epicenter of the largest measles outbreak in 25 years, Berkeley County is preparing for the potential impact on local schools.

As of Feb. 3, the state has 876 confirmed cases of the virus, primarily in the Upstate, which accounts for 80% of the cases in the United States this year.

With the number of cases rising, Charleston-area health officials are warning that unvaccinated communities – even in the Lowcountry – remain most at risk.

"Measles is one of the most contagious infections we know," said Dr. Stephen Thacker, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at MUSC Children's Health. "It spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and the virus can linger in a room for hours, which makes it really easy for us to spread."

The disease is far more serious than its signature rash suggests, as Thacker said, "It can cause high fever, pneumonia, brain swelling, and sometimes lead to hospitalization, and in rare cases, death."

WHO'S MOST AT RISK?

Infants, young children under age five, pregnant individuals, and people with weakened immune systems are especially vulnerable.

Symptoms typically appear seven to 12 days after exposure and include cough, runny nose, red watery eyes, and fever, followed by a rash that spreads from the face to the body.

Families who suspect exposure should contact a health care provider immediately. Doctors may use isolation measures and could ask patients to remain at home until cleared.

Health officials said most of the cases involve unvaccinated or under-vaccinated individuals, often linked to travel or communities with lower vaccination rates.

According to Dr. Kent Stock, an epidemiologist with Roper St. Francis Healthcare, "If you don't have a vaccination rate of 95% or higher, then you won't be able to achieve herd immunity."

Berkeley County's vaccination rate currently hovers around 93%, leaving the area at a higher risk.

BERKELEY CO. SCHOOLS PREPARE

Schools are closely monitoring the situation.

While no confirmed cases have been reported in Berkeley County to date, the school district is urging parents to ensure their children are up to date on the MMR vaccine.

If a measles case is confirmed on campus, schools must immediately exclude the student, notify the Department of Health, and also exclude any students without a current MMR record.

Unvaccinated students can receive the vaccine within 72 hours to return to school.

In an email sent to parents, the Berkeley County School District stated that "maintaining high vaccination rates is essential to preventing outbreaks and protecting the broader community through herd immunity."

HEALTH OFFICIALS: GET VACCINATED

Health care professionals said vaccinations remain the most effective protection.

"The most important step is really to make sure that children receive the MMR vaccine," Thacker said. Children receive one dose around age one and a second dose between ages four and six.

For infants too young to be vaccinated, Thacker recommends a "cocooning" strategy, ensuring parents, siblings, and caregivers are fully immunized, avoiding large crowds, and, in certain situations, giving infants an early MMR dose.

Stock stressed the wider impact of an outbreak.

"Because of exposure, it's a significant interruption to not only the public, but also businesses," he said. "So it's in our interest economically to promote vaccination and mitigation techniques that will protect our citizens."

With measles spreading rapidly in the Upstate, Berkeley County families are urged to check vaccination records and speak with health care providers.

Stock warned, "We all feel it's just a matter of time before it ultimately reaches the Lowcountry."

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Anti-Valentine's Day guide for singles on DI, Cainhoy



Ah, Valentine's Day – the holiday singles love to hate. Everything is aggressively pink, couples are holding hands a little tighter than usual, and every restaurant suddenly thinks a candle and a five-course-meal menu count as romance. For me, that's just a Tuesday.

But here's the plot twist: Feb. 14 doesn't have to be about reservations, roses, or sharing dessert with someone who steals your fries. On Daniel Island and Cainhoy, being single on Valentine's Day is less a problem to solve and more of an opportunity to do the day exactly right, on your own terms.

MORNING: FALL IN LOVE WITH YOURSELF (CRINGE BUT TRUE)

Start your day the Daniel Island way: a long walk or bike ride along the trails or waterfront. No awkward couple selfies, no waiting for someone to tie their shoe – just you, a podcast, and main-character energy. Grab coffee afterward at The DIME and order whatever you want. Extra espresso shot? Yes. Fancy pastry? Obviously. You don't have to split it.

MIDDAY: TREAT YOURSELF

Single Valentine's Day Rule No. 1: lunch is not a salad. Head to one of the island's favorite spots and order the thing you'd never "share." A burger at Heavy's Barburger, a shrimp cocktail at The Kingstide, fries for the table (the table is you), or a midday margarita if you're feeling bold. Sit at the bar, people-watch, and thank yourself for not being stuck on a date that feels like an interview.

AFTERNOON: DO SOMETHING SLIGHTLY UNNECESSARY

Book a Pilates class, get a blowout for no reason, browse shops you don't need anything from, or sit by the water scrolling without guilt. This is prime time for low-effort joy. Valentine's Day is only stressful if you're trying to impress someone. You're not.

EVENING: ANTI-VALENTINE'S DINNER PLANS

Skip the couple chaos and go casual. Takeout is elite tonight. Order your favorite comfort food – extra sauce, extra carbs, zero compromise. If you do go out, grab a seat at the bar and order something indulgent with a good drink. Dessert? Yes. For one? Also yes.

NIGHT: ROMANCE, BUT MAKE IT SOLO

End the night with a movie, a guilty-pleasure show, or a glass of wine on the couch. No expectations. No fighting over what to watch. The only love triangle here is you, your blanket, and your snacks.

Valentine's Day doesn't have to be about finding "the one." Sometimes it's about realizing you already have great taste and the freedom to do whatever you want without negotiation. That's my kind of love story.

A 30-minute Money Date can strengthen your wallet

BY SCOTT NOONAN

Daniel Island is a place where many of us have cultivated a life we love. We invest in our homes, our families, and our island lifestyle. Yet, for many couples, one area often remains a hidden source of stress: our finances.

It's not for lack of trying.

Between school events, golf rounds, and busy careers, finding the time – and the right mindset – to discuss budgets, investments, and future goals can feel overwhelming. Conversations often get relegated to stressful moments, like when a big bill arrives, leading to friction rather than forward progress.

But what if achieving financial peace for your household didn't require an all-day retreat or a stressful confrontation? What if it only took 30 intentional minutes, once a month, right here on Daniel Island?

The truth is, financial success isn't about avoiding conversations about money; it's about having them with intention.

Research consistently shows that couples who regularly discuss their finances report significantly higher relationship satisfaction and better financial outcomes. When you operate as a united front, you create a powerful synergy that accelerates your goals.

Studies, like those from the Association for Talent Development, even suggest that having an accountability partner dramatically boosts your chances of reaching goals, and who better than your life partner?

30-MINUTE PATH TO CLARITY

Imagine setting aside just 30 minutes, perhaps with a coffee from Blondie's or a quiet moment overlooking the Wando, to gently align your financial compass. This isn't about blame; it's about building a shared future.

Here's a snapshot of how a productive "Money Date" unfolds:

1. The High-Five (Five minutes): Start by celebrating a win. Did you stick to your grocery budget? Did you contribute to the kids' college fund? Acknowledging success builds positive momentum.

2. The Pulse Check (10 minutes): A quick, judgment-free review of what happened financially last month. Where did the money go? Are there any unexpected trends?

3. The Month Ahead (10 minutes): Look at your calendar for the next 30 days. Any island events, anniversaries, or annual fees coming up? Proactive planning eliminates surprises.

4. The Dream Session (Five minutes): This is where the magic happens. Remind yourselves of your shared aspirations. Is it that future family trip, a renovation, or simply enjoying all that Daniel Island offers without financial worry? This connection reinforces the "why."

THINGS THAT TRULY MATTER

Financial peace isn't an elusive destination; it's a journey built on small, consistent acts of teamwork and communication. Give your household the gift of clarity, connection, and accelerated success, 30 minutes at a time.

By adopting this simple, consistent ritual, you transform money talks from a source of dread into a structured moment of collaboration. You'll move from reactive spending to proactive planning, reducing "decision fatigue" and freeing up mental bandwidth for the things that truly matter, like enjoying our beautiful community.

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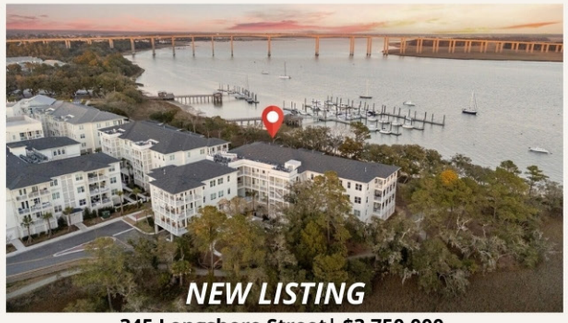
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KIDS SAY

What is something small that makes you feel loved?

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My dogs because they like sleeping with me.

Angelo, age 11
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My cats make me feel really loved because they are really sweet and cuddle with me.

Juliet, age 9
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My sister because she plays with me.

Aayan, age 10
Charleston



Playing sports makes me feel loved.

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Hacker steals woman's private photos; gun recovered from Beresford Creek

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department's crime reports within Team 5, which covers Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and parts of Cainhoy, between Jan. 16-31.

HIT-AND-RUN COLLISION

On Friday, Jan. 16, an officer responded to River Village Road in reference to a hit-and-run collision. The incident was reported by the school resource officer at Philip Simmons High School. The victim advised that he saw the vehicle was undamaged at 7:55 a.m. in the school parking lot. When he returned to the vehicle at 4 p.m., he noticed lights on the ground and damage to the front end of the vehicle. There was damage to the front bumper of the truck and damage to the back bumper of the truck where it appears that the bumper hit the base of the light pole from the force of being hit from the front. Pieces of a vehicles' taillights were on the ground near the truck, indicating another vehicle may have backed into the truck. There was also a gray piece of a vehicle stuck in the front bumper attachment of the truck. Vehicles in neighboring parking spots will be checked as the investigation is underway.

COMPUTER HACKING

An officer contacted a complainant on Wednesday, Jan. 21, who stated that she received two calls from an unknown number. When the third call rang, she answered to determine if it was a spam call. Upon answering, she heard a male voice repeatedly saying, "Hello," at which point she disconnected the call. After disconnecting, she received a text message from the same number that contained sensitive photos of herself. Due to the alarming nature of the photos, she searched her name on the internet and located photos of herself that were posted on an adult website. The complainant advised that she has been with her fiancé for over 10 years and does not have any ex-partners or friends who would have access to the photos. She further stated that the images were stored in a "My Eyes Only" folder on a messaging app. Police advised the complainant to save any further communications and document any websites on which she discovers additional images.

FOUND PROPERTY

On Thursday, Jan. 22, two officers were dispatched to the area of Daniel Island Drive and Fairchild Street in reference to a discovered firearm. Upon arrival at the scene, they contacted the complainant, who observed a firearm in the mud at Beresford Creek during low tide. The firearm was retrieved, but officers were unable to definitively identify any markings or serial numbers due to corrosion. Custody of the firearm was transferred to crime scene technicians to render the firearm safe.

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

An officer was dispatched to an apartment complex on Sawyer Circle on Monday, Jan. 26, in reference to a theft from a motor vehicle. The victim stated that he had parked his vehicle on Jan. 25 and left it unlocked. He came back to the vehicle the next day and observed both front doors were ajar. The complainant noticed that the two back doors were not tampered with and several thousand dollars' worth of tools were still left on the rear seat and floor. He then observed that the top part of the center console had been flipped backward and all its contents were tossed into the back seat. He then opened a built-in gun safe underneath the top center console and observed that his firearm, a 9mm pistol, had been stolen. The gun safe was not locked. There were no signs of forced entry, and the victim had both sets of keys in his possession.

HOMICIDE ARREST

Charleston Police arrested Wonique Broughton, 35, charging her with murder following the Jan. 14 shooting death of Arthur Broughton Jr. inside a vehicle on Clements Ferry Road.



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Daniel Island Yacht Club teen competes among world's best in Monaco regatta

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In less than four years, Summer Mykols has gone from learning how to sail at the Daniel Island Yacht Club to racing under international flags in Monaco, a leap that still feels unreal for a kid whose first boat was once made of cardboard on her living room floor.

"If you told me three-and-a-half years ago I would be sailing competitively internationally, I would have never believed it," the 13-year-old said.

Mykols' first tack into sailing took wind in June 2022, when she became part of the first sailing camp held at the Daniel Island Yacht Club. She and two other students were the inaugural group to enter the program, launching what would become the start of her competitive sailing career.

"It was very exciting. I was all alone with three of my friends on a sailboat," Mykols said of that first day. "I thought it was so cool and unique being on the water and wasn't like anything else."

After that summer, Mykols transitioned into competitive racing through the Carolina Yacht Club in downtown Charleston, where she began training, traveling, and competing against sailors from across the country. The pace of her progress even surprised her parents.

"After the first day of camp, she was so excited about sailing. When she got home, Summer made a large-scale OPTI boat out of cardboard," her mother, Julie Mykols, said. "It's been an amazing journey. It all happened quickly, and it was scary at times, but we're amazed by Summer's tenacity and ability."

That rapid growth led to an invitation few young sailors ever receive – a spot on a U.S. team invited to race in Monaco. The event brought together youth sailing teams from 16 countries, with Mykols and three other sailors representing the only American team in the competition.

"It's kind of crazy. I never expected it to happen," Mykols said.

Hosted by the prestigious Yacht Club of Monaco, the regatta delivered both beauty and intensity. The conditions were demanding, and the competition relentless.

"The swell, wind, and seas were very similar to the Pacific Ocean this past summer," Mykols said. "The atmosphere was amazing, and the Yacht Club of Monaco was very nice, and the same with the people. The competition was very tough, and I met a lot of nice people."

Despite a last-minute team change, the U.S. team performed impressively, finishing near the top of the international field.

"We did pretty good, considering our team change-up. We finished fifth of 15 teams," Mykols said.

Her parents say the experience, and the sport itself, has shaped who Mykols is becoming.

"These boats are like little floating bathtubs on the water," her father, Dan Mykols, said. "The sailors have to constantly be sailing and bailing. We have seen many capsizes, but the kids handle it well and learn from the mistakes."

Mykols said that sailing has altered more than her trajectory; it's altered her.

"I am a lot stronger than I ever thought," she said. "Last year we were racing in 25-knot wind with over 40 wind gusts, and this year we were on the water in 45 degrees."

Her parents have noticed the wind in her sails as well. "Summer is more confident, driven, and healthier. Her trust in God helps her get through difficulty," Dan Mykols said.

Looking back on the experience, Mykols stays grounded in where it all began.

"I have gone far in a short period of time," she said. "I am grateful to all my coaches from the Daniel Island Yacht Club and to the Carolina Yacht Club for having me and coaching me. Hopefully in the future I will sail in some more cool places, on bigger boats, and meet more people."

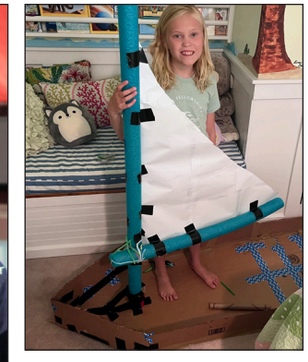
With upcoming regattas scheduled in Florida, Alabama, and New Jersey, her sailing journey is still unfolding, but its roots remain planted on Daniel Island, where a small camp, a quiet dock, and a cardboard boat helped launch a dream that now reaches far beyond the harbor.



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Summer Mykols represents the United States and finishes fifth in an international Monaco regatta competing against teams from 16 countries.





Summer Mykols and her teammates represent the only American team at the Monaco regatta.

The husband-and-wife duo behind a popular breakfast hangout

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Anne and Jon Turner take a seat in the back of their decade-old restaurant, scooting up to a weathered coffee table and a comfy corner couch that some vow swallows customers whole.

Both start to speak.

"Bacon, egg, and cheese is the number-one seller," Jon rapid-fires. "Yeah, chicken salad for lunch," Anne volleys back. Jon doesn't let a nanosecond go by: "The crumb cake is to die for."

Jon talks fast. Anne speaks slowly.

They fill in each other's blanks.

"This is interesting for Anne and me," Jon rat-a-tats. "It's my 60th, her 50th, and our 25th anniversary this year." Anne squeezes in, "So, it's a big year." Jon on cue: "So we are taking a trip and going to …"

For 22 minutes and 22 seconds, they speak proudly of their Daniel Island business, which has lasted 10 years.

They don't flinch at the ding of a bell, the whine of an espresso machine, or another shout for "Angela" to grab her grub and go.

"I have to be honest," Jon said. "Anne showed me how many customers we need a day, and I didn't say it to her, but – 'You gotta be freakin' kidding me. There's no way we are going to get this.'"

But they did.

A prime spot on Seven Farms Drive right next to the fire station, with sparse, maybe at times, non-existent parking in the back, a parallel-parking test out front, and, across the street, curb parking that encourages a Frogger-style run against traffic just for a bagel and a sip of joe.

Restaurant business much?

"No," they chuckled. "And that's why it took us so long to get the smarts to research to start doing it."

Back in the day, their location was occupied by a certified, authentic Irish pub with dark wooden booths and perfect Guinness pours.

Then, maybe it turned into a burger bar. Then, maybe something else.

"We've met so many people here over the years," Jon smiled. "Some who are here every freakin' day."



PATRICK VILLEGAS

Jon and Anne Turner inside their popular eatery on Daniel Island.

Jon is from Baltimore and an unabashed Orioles fanatic.

Anne from New Jersey.

One gets to the store at 6:30 a.m.

The other around nine.

They both attest that since owning their place, they haven't taken an extended vacation together for more than four days.

With two sons graduating from high school and college this summer, the soon-to-be empty nesters say they are finally learning the importance of allowing independence and letting go – not necessarily of their boys – but of managing their day-to-day business.

"Anne and I, we are starting to relinquish some of that control," Jon laughed.

Anne said the couple likes to stay under the radar and shy away from publicity, but when their restaurant turned 10, she decided to send an email or two to the local media to promote its anniversary.

This allowed for a fair line of questioning: How did they come up with the name?

"It was an ongoing joke growing up," the yellow-haired Anne confided. "My sister and I joked about having a bakery."

So, when that day finally came?

Anne said, "This is our chance; we have a restaurant. Let's call it Blondie's."



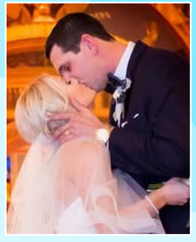


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Love lessons TO KEEP THE SPARK

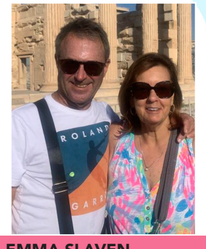
locals share the secrets to a love that lasts

John Chavis



I'd say the secret isn't avoiding hard seasons, it's choosing each other through them. Remember communication, humility, and the fact that you're on the same team even when life is heavy. Marriage isn't about perfection, it's about commitment when things aren't easy. Love that lasts isn't built in the good times, it's built in the hard ones.

Diane Rice



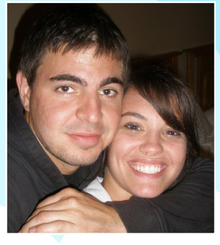
Marry your best friend, who happens to be smart, funny, kind, and adorable. Put them and your marriage first, always.

Amber Zeeb-Essen



Always laugh, always play, and always say, "I love you"! Marriage is hard, but when you sit back and remember why you said, "I do," it becomes easy.

Chelsea Smith



When relationships hit a rough patch, it's so important to keep trying and never give up on your person. Life is long and people are so easy to move on when life gets hard, but it's so worth it to just work at it.

Cathy Canoles



Laugh with each other. I was lucky enough to find someone just as goofy as me!

Katie Sikorski



Choose to show up for each other everyday, whether that's with love or grace. Not everyday is easy but you fight the hard times together and enjoy the good times laughing alongside each other.

Kalyn Murphy



Love that lasts isn't about never struggling; it's about learning how to struggle together. Patience, grace, and shared values turn moments into a lifetime. Communicate always, not to prove right versus wrong, but to understand and connect rather than divide.

Vijaya Bodach



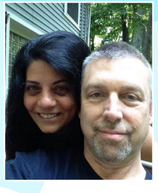
God first, then husband and children, then myself.

Alicia Ebersole



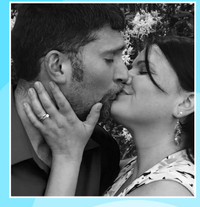
Having fun and laughing. I feel like with all the craziness of adult life, couples forget to have fun and enjoy each other. Never stop dating each other.

Lori Pittari



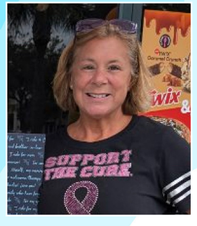
It's like a recipe. You need trust, communication, respect, understanding, humor, tenacity, and unconditional love. Mix gently and let it bake, enjoying all of the craziness through the years.

Laura Gallagher



No jealousy! Appreciate and show off your lover. If someone looks at them a little longer, be happy that that person is yours and chose you and smile! There will always be beautiful women and handsome men passing by you.

Joannah Sampson



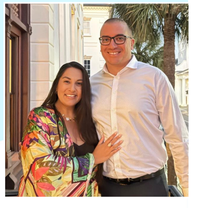
Being there for each other during the worst of times. My husband of 11 years, together for 20 years, and I have taken turns caring for each other off and on through cancer for the past seven years. Loving each other when you each are at your lowest, and coming out the other side stronger, forges a bond that lasts forever.

Christine Hayes



23 years together, and we have an agreement that the word "divorce" can never ever be used.

Brittany Chavez



Recognize that love and a relationship aren't 50/50, no matter how many times we've heard that saying! Some days it's 90/10 or 60/40 – it's never equal. Someone will always have to give a little more, not because their partner is slacking, but because sometimes that's all they've got in them!

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If lasting love had a rulebook, it wouldn't be one-size-fits-all. We asked Daniel Island and Cainhoy residents who've made love go the distance to share the small truths, big lessons, and everyday habits that keep their relationships strong.

Jon Cassella bookends Pigskin Pick' Em Challenge with Super Bowl win

Chris Buchholz of Par Paradise crowned 2025-26 VIP sponsor champion

STAFF REPORT
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Head coaches say it's always nice to win your first game of the season, but it's more important to win the last.

That's exactly what reader Jon Cassella did, bookending victories in the 2025-26 Daniel Island News Pigskin Pick 'Em challenge.

Cassella won Week 1 of the challenge last August, and 23 weeks later, won the final week of the contest, besting the field on Super Bowl Sunday with a 9-3 record and winning the tiebreaker against all contestants, including VIP sponsor Tyler Letson of Mount Pleasant Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, who went 8-4.

"I won the first week of this season and waited a long time for my next win, which happened to come in the final week of the year," said Casella via email. "To say this season has brought me full circle is an understatement. Reflecting back, this win is by far the biggest of my Pigskin Pick'em career, as it was the Super Bowl. (It can't get bigger)."


John Cassella

With the Week 24 victory, Cassella said he is now on a sky-high.

"I want to thank the other Pick'em competitors that have pushed me week after week," he said. "Without all of their participation, I wouldn't be standing at the highest of peaks right now. The view from up here is beautiful! Thank you to the newspaper and to all of the sponsors for making this contest a lot of fun!"

BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR BUCHHOLZ

Casella isn't the contest's only big winner: Chris Buchholz, owner of Par Paradise, held onto his first-place standing, fighting off the seven other VIP contestants in the season's final game to earn bragging rights as The Daniel Island News 2025-26 Pigskin Pick 'Em VIP Sponsor Challenge champion!

Buchholz put a stamp on the season finale, keeping his No. 1 status as he led for most of the season, albeit with a very slim week-to-week lead. In fact, almost every VIP sponsor had a shot at winning the crown on the season's final game.

"I'm a very competitive person, and I loved the fact it was so close and came down to the Super Bowl to decide it!" Buchholz said. "Kudos to everyone involved for making it go down to the wire! I was nervous when I lost the coin toss out of the gate."

As the new DI News Pigskin Pick 'Em champion, Buchholz will direct a $500 donation from The Daniel Island News to his favorite charity.

Stay tuned next week as we learn Buchholz's charity of choice.

THANK YOU!

A hearty thank you to all the VIP sponsors for their generous gift card donations to each weekly winner and for their valuable time participating in this year's VIP Pick 'Em challenge. And a final thank you to all the Daniel Island News readers and contestants for joining in on another great Pick Em season. We hope you enjoyed it, and we can't wait to see you this fall!

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One game short of title, Iron Horse baseball team reloads for '26

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Philip Simmons High School baseball coach Josh Kubisz has been around long enough to realize the South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association's preseason baseball poll is based partly on past reputation or potential with little scouting involved.

In other words, it's not the most scientific way to measure a team's worth.

Still, Kubisz was pleased when his team earned the No. 4 ranking in the Class AA preseason poll.

"I'm glad people think highly of our program," Kubisz said. "Now, we have to go out and earn that recognition."

The Iron Horses are coming off the best season in the program's brief history. They showed great improvement in almost every game last spring and reached the Class AA state championship series against Batesburg-Leesville High School.

The Iron Horses won Game 1 at the Phil and needed just one more win to lift the championship trophy for the first time.

The Iron Horses led Game 2, 1-0, and needed only six outs to grab the title. But the Panthers rallied to take Game 2, winning 3-2, to force Game 3.

Unfortunately, the Panthers won Game 3 at the University of South Carolina's Founders Park and ended their 76-year state championship drought. The Iron Horses finished as runners-up, with a 19-15 record.

"We did a lot of celebrating this season," Iron Horse coach Josh Kubisz said after the decisive game. "We celebrated a region championship. We celebrated a district championship. We celebrated our first Lower State championship. It was a successful season."

The Iron Horses might have been the hottest team in the state when the 2025 playoffs began. The Iron Horses posted seven wins in seven playoff games, outscoring foes 73-14, to reach the championship series.

The 2026 squad is still young. And still talented.

Two players to keep tabs on this spring are brothers Brian and Daniel Ebeling. Brian plays shortstop and pitches, while Daniel is a catcher. They are among the top sophomores in the state.

"They are studs," Kubisz said of the brothers, who are two-thirds of triplet brothers. The third triplet, John-Henry, does not play baseball. "They can hit, they play defense, and work hard."

The Ebeling brothers showcased their talent in a playoff victory over Andrews High School last spring. The brothers led the victory with a combined 6-for-6 effort. Brian had three doubles and an RBI, while Daniel homered and drove in two runs.

Junior Blake Johnson is a middle infielder whom Kubisz calls an unsung hero because of his work ethic and talent. He's played in 49 varsity games and has a .301 career batting average, with three doubles and 11 RBI.

Pitcher/outfielder Alex Romanski is back for his senior season. Romanski, who will matriculate to USC-Sumter, led the Iron Horses in three offensive categories: on-base-percentage (.514), home runs (4), and stolen bases (18).

The Iron Horses open the season with a March 9 game at Cane Bay High School. Two days later, PSHS hosts Bishop England in a rivalry test. The Iron Horses conclude their opening with a March 12 road trip to Georgetown.



PROVIDED BY PSHS

Players on the 2026 Iron Horse baseball team carry a 600-pound log during their annual "Earn It" practice.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Bishops, Iron Horses set for playoffs; Local stars shine on National Signing Day

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The Philip Simmons boys' and girls' basketball teams, along with the Bishop England boys and girls, are set for postseason play after the conclusion of the penultimate week of the regular season.

However, the Iron Horse boys still had business to take care of in the final week of the season.

Coach Garrett Campbell's squad entered the final Feb. 10 regular-season finale at Andrews High School with a 15-7 record, including 7-2 in Region 6-AA play, which was good for first place.

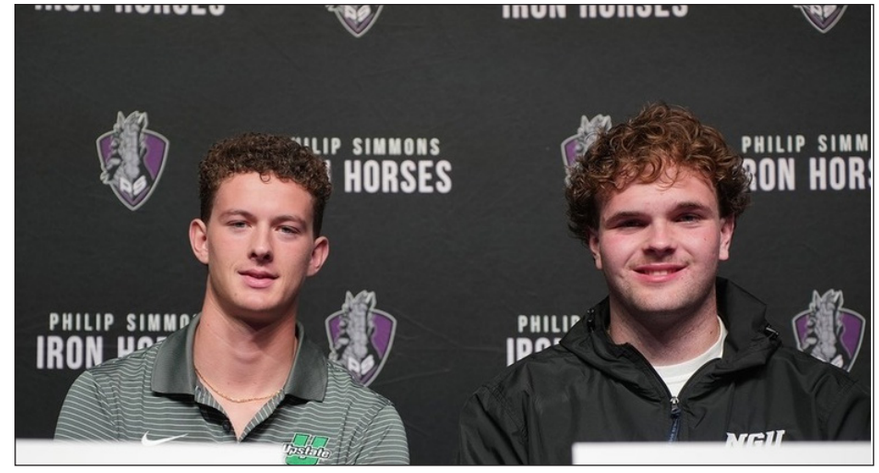
While there are many first-place finish scenarios that could play out, the Iron Horses and Burke Bulldogs could meet in a one-game playoff on Feb. 13 to decide the region champ. That will happen if the Iron Horses top Andrews, and if Burke, 13-10, 6-2, beats Academic Magnet and Woodland this week.

The Iron Horses defeated Timberland 75-56 over the weekend to win their sixth straight game. Palmer Driggers had a big game against the Wolves as he became the first Iron Horse boy to record a triple-double with 12 points, 12 rebounds, and 10 assists.

Meanwhile, the Iron Horse girls entered this week's game against Andrews with an 11-7 record, including 6-3 in league play, which was good for second place.

The Iron Horse girls dropped a 51-35 decision to league champion Timberland. The Wolves settled the issue early, taking a 16-3 lead at the end of the first period and expanding the cushion to 37-8 at halftime.

The Bishop England girls' team was scheduled to play Colleton County on Feb. 10 in the regular-season finale.



PROVIDED BY BCSD

Philip Simmons' Trent Manning and William Hollifield.

Win or lose, the Bishop girls will finish in second place in Region 6-AAAA. It marks only the third time in nearly two decades that the Bishops didn't win a region championship.

The Bishops topped Bluffton 52-31 over the weekend to improve to 16-9, including 7-2 in league play.

The Bishop boys dropped a 71-52 decision to Bluffton over the weekend. The Bishops, who began the week in fourth place in the league, will begin the postseason on the road.

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Ranked No. 2, PSHS soccer squad shoulders sky-high title hopes

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Jeffrey Collins slammed the proverbial revolving door shut when he was named the coach of the Philip Simmons High School girls' soccer team in 2024.

He was the third coach of the Iron Horse team in four years and brought much-needed stability to the program. Success soon followed as Collins stressed a solid work ethic, strong fundamentals, and a feeling of family and pride.

The Iron Horses posted a 13-9-1 record in his first year and followed that up with a 12-7-1 record last spring, reaching the Class AA Lower State championship.

This year, the girls' squad began the season ranked No. 2 in the state in Class AA in a preseason poll of the state soccer coaches.

"From the very start, I wanted them to feel like a family and a team," Collins said of his early days as coach. "I wanted them to be proud of being a Philip Simmons girls soccer player as they walked the halls, out in the public, or on their club team. That goes from the seniors all the way to the seventh grader who may want to try out for the JV team. I wanted them to have that 'want' to play for each other and for their school.

"I was lucky when I took over that I had a small but great group of senior leaders and a big talented group of freshmen who were looking to come together as one," Collins added. "I think now that we have a few years under our belts, they understand what I am looking for as far as work ethic, responsibility, and dedication to their teammates and the program. On the pitch, we have been able to come together to mesh my soccer style with their talents."



Iron Horse girls' soccer coach Jeffrey Collins directs his squad during the 2025 standout season.

The Iron Horses' roster included 10 sophomores last season, and the team hit its stride once April rolled around. The team outscored foes 46-2 in a seven-game winning streak as the Iron Horses reached the Lower State championship against Academic Magnet. However, Magnet ended the Iron Horses' bid for a berth in the championship game with a 4-0 victory.

Collins was pleased with the progress as the team matured every outing.

"I was not surprised at all," Collins said. "We had high expectations and played the toughest non-region schedule so we could be ready for the playoffs. From our freshmen to our seniors, the work ethic and talent were there, and I was proud of what they accomplished."

The Iron Horses' annual goals under Collins are to always win the region and to advance further than the year before, which the Iron Horses have done in Collins' first two seasons.

"So, our goal is the state championship this year," Collins said.

The Iron Horses' biggest challenge to reaching the state championship could be the aforementioned Academic Magnet School. The Raptors are No. 1 in the Class AA preseason poll.

"Our senior captains Lucy Bailey and Tatum Hirshman will be huge for us this year," Collins said. "Tatum, an outside back, has committed to play at Columbia College after graduation, and Lucy was a state champion in track last year while holding down the center of our defense. Added to that, we are excited to see our very talented freshman goalie Emerson Carlin hit the pitch for us."

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Bishop England and Philip Simmons both had ceremonies on the traditional National Signing Day, which is held on the first Wednesday of February.

The Bishops had three student-athletes take part in their ceremony while Philip Simmons celebrated the matriculation of two students.

The Bishops who signed on Feb. 4 included Liz Brady, Evan Hovde, and Dominic Smith. Brady signed to play soccer for Colby College. Hovde will golf for St. Olaf College, while Smith will play soccer for Mercyhurst University.

William Hollifield and Trent Manning of Philip Simmons decided on the colleges of their choice. Hollifield played for the region championship football team. He signed with North Greenville University. Classmate Trent Manning will matriculate to USC Upstate and will compete in cross country and track and field.

Meanwhile, Haley Taylor, a Daniel Island resident who attends Porter-Gaud, signed to play lacrosse for Sewanee University. She has led the Cyclones to three consecutive state titles and is the program's all-time points leader with 157 goals and 92 assists.



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Bishop England's Dominic Smith and Liz Brady.



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Post-winter storm success: Brody sniffs out redfish on very cold day



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Two weeks ago, after the bomb cyclone, snow, and inoperable boat landing gate, Elliott, Brody, and I managed to return back to fishing.

We launched the skiff into the falling tide. It was sunny but cold. The water temperature was 47 degrees. Unusually cold. Redfish can tolerate water temperatures in this range. However, trout struggle to survive.

Our first order of business was to check on trout. It was our hope that they moved into deeper water where the temperature was a bit warmer. We used our electronics to search for the trout stacked up in deep holes and channels.

There were no big schools to be found. This was very worrisome. We did locate a couple of small schools and managed to catch and release a few. Over the next week or so, the impact of usually cold water on our trout population will become more clear.

With the trout seemingly struggling to survive, Brody suggested that we target redfish. Elliott and I recalled the large school of redfish we found before the storm. So, we bundled up for the cold ride up the Wando River.

Upon arrival, the water was extremely clear, and Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog) immediately located the school. I commented to Elliott that it was a good thing Brody could find fish because his MSTR and IBIT holdings were dropping like the water temperature.

When we stopped laughing, I cast a gold flake Z-Man MinnowZ on a quarter-ounce jig in front of the school.

In the clear water, we were able to see a redfish move forward and inhale the lure. For the next hour, we enjoyed a hot bite on a very cold day. The redfish were hungry and abundant. It seems they survived the bomb cyclone just fine.

FISHING CLASS UPDATE

The community fishing class will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. The location is yet to be determined, but it will be on or near Daniel Island. There are a few seats still available. Send me an email at captgregp@gmail.com, if you would like to attend.



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Capt. Greg Perala and Brody uncovered a school of biting redfish after January's winter storm.

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Love on the clock: When local couples work together

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For some couples, love isn't confined to date nights or weekend getaways; it thrives amid spreadsheets, menus, and brainstorming sessions. Working together can be a recipe for romance, but it can also test even the strongest partnerships.

Tessa and Todd Miller know this well. The married duo co-own Community Crafthouse, a neighborhood-focused taproom that opened its first location in Point Hope and recently expanded to north Mount Pleasant.

"We both shared a passion for eating out and hanging out at cool spots and noticed that Clements Ferry could really use a spot for people to get together and enjoy great drinks and food, so we decided it was time to give it a try in the spring of 2023," Tessa said.

Their partnership is built on complementary strengths. "I manage operations while Todd handles the business side," Tessa said. "It's a really good partnership when running two businesses together."



PROVIDED BY TESSA MILLER

Tessa and Todd Miller, married owners of Community Crafthouse in Point Hope, share both their life and their love of running a business together.

And while disagreements happen, Tessa added with a laugh, "It's actually pretty easy – Todd usually just tells me I'm right and moves on."

The payoff? A shared sense of accomplishment.

"After all the planning and preparation, when we finally opened the doors and saw customers walk in and appreciate the business we opened in their neighborhood, we both looked at each other and knew we had done something special," Tessa recalled, adding that they make a point to separate business from home life. "When things are stressful at work, we try not to let it bleed into our personal side of the marriage."

Tessa and Todd aren't alone.

Take Daniel Island's Ethan and Katie Ross, marketing analysts at a local tech firm. Their shared projects often blur the line between deadlines and date nights. "We challenge each other professionally, but we also know when to switch off and just enjoy a dinner together," Ethan said.

Then there's Sofia and Liam Chen, Clements Ferry Road schoolteachers who co-lead an afterschool robotics club. Their classroom collaboration extends to teamwork at home. "It's nice having someone who completely gets your daily struggles," Sofia said. "Plus, planning a lesson together can feel surprisingly romantic."

Romance at work is common: A 2026 Forbes survey found that over 60% of adults have experienced a workplace romance, with 43% marrying their coworker. Comfort, shared experiences, and limited time outside work are key drivers, but there are risks too, from gossip to blurred boundaries.

For couples like the Millers, the benefits can outweigh the challenges.

"We've learned we can depend on each other for more than just companionship," Tessa said. "It's an interesting thing when you wake up next to your business partner and your life partner."

In the end, love and labor can mix beautifully if you know when to clock out.



Bright minds, big experiments at DIS STEM Night

DANIELLE LOFLAND
Daniel Island School PTA

Daniel Island School was buzzing as students, families, educators, and volunteers gathered for an energetic STEM Night celebrating science, technology, engineering, and math, made even more special by the debut of the school's first science fair on Jan. 28.

Students proudly presented experiments and research, explaining their hypotheses, processes, and results to parents, teachers, and peers, showcasing not only scientific knowledge but also confidence and communication skills.

DIS student Claire B. said, "I decided to participate in the science fair because I wanted to learn more about engineering and technology. I thought it was really fun, and it taught me many things," while Leo S. shared that he participated "to get extra credit, have fun, and learn about science."

Beyond the Science Fair, students rotated through interactive STEM stations, including egg-drop challenges, robotics and bot battles, 3D printing, paper airplane contests, physics and astronomy demonstrations, telescope viewing, virtual field trips, animal encounters with reptiles and marine science experts, and hands-on engineering and science experiments led by teachers and community partners.

"Events like these reflect the school and community commitment to innovative learning experiences," said Lauren Barber, vice president of school engagement for the DIS PTA.

DIS student Alessia L. summed up the night best, saying, "STEM night was really fun. I thought the egg drop was the best!"





River Reach Road improvements on Technical Review Committee agenda

Here are the developments before the various City of Charleston boards and committees this week, 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: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, Feb. 12: Atlantic St. Thomas Sportsman Island Drive - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future development on 7.28 acres at 2815 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2710002169. Owner: MSPSRE 1 Owner, LLC. Applicant: Sitecast, LLC. Contact: Jacob Cordray, jcordray@sitecastsc.com.

Thursday, Feb. 12: River Reach Road Improvements - Proposed road improvements to an existing road at 1220 UT Palm Cove Drive, Cainhoy. 4.2 acres. TMS: B2690201041. Owner: D.R. Horton Inc. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: David Williams, williams.david@tandh.com.

RESULTS: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Feb. 2: 601-611 Brooking Square Lane, Cainhoy – Requesting preliminary approval for (3) one-story retail buildings (buildings #1,# 2, and #3). TMS# 262-00-00-028. Owner: SLS Development, LLC. Applicant: The Middleton Group / Karo Wheeler. *Results: Preliminary approval.*

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Feb. 5: Tuxbury Farm Subdivision – Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for 83-lot future development on 15.1 acres at 610 Tuxbury Farm Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2630004042. Owner: Toll Brothers. Applicant: Hussey Gay Bell. Contact: Les Phillips at lphilips@husseygaybell.com. *Results: Open pending delivery of Stormwater comments.*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

DI GARDEN CLUB MEETING
Wed, Feb. 11, 1 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Center Auditorium. Guest speaker Elaine Cechak presents "Introduction to Beekeeping and Attracting Bees to Your Garden." More info at dthielfoldt@man.com.

DINA COMMUNITY MEETING
Wed, Feb. 11, 6-8 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Center Auditorium. Introduction of the 2026–27 DINA Board, plus updates from Charleston City Council, Berkeley County Council, and Charleston Police Team 5.

CLEMENTS FERRY CONNECTION NETWORKING NIGHT
Thurs, Feb 12, 6-8 pm, Subtle & Sass Boutique Point Hope. Connect with local business owners and community leaders during this community networking night. Register at Clementsferryconnection@gmail.com.

Q1 DICA BOARD MEETING
Fri., Feb. 13, 11:30 am, via Zoom. Open to current DICA members only. Register on DIPOA events calendar. Residents of Codner's Ferry, Cochran Park, Center Park, Edgefield Park, Pierce Park, Barfield Park, Smythe Park, and Etiwan Park.

DIHS PRESENTS: THE MEN OF THE 371ST INFANTRY
Tues, Feb. 17, 7–8 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island. Learn about the remarkable 371st Infantry Regiment of WWI, an African American unit which included local soldiers from Daniel Island and Cainhoy. Guest speaker: U.S. Navy Petty Officer (Ret.) Perry James, whose grandfather served in the 371st.

GET TO KNOW THE DI ROTARY
Wed, Feb. 18, 4-6pm, New Realm Brewery. Casual "Get to Know Rotary" event. Learn about service opportunities, community impact, and the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." Open to all. Contact ben.laaper@gmail.com.

REVOLUTIONARY BERKELEY DAY
Sat, Feb. 21, 9 am-3 pm, Old Santee Canal Park, Moncks Corner. Experience living history with reenactments, musket and cannon demos, tours of Fort Fair Lawn, colonial games, vendors, and food trucks as Berkeley County celebrates America's 250th birthday.

MIKE FARRIS CONCERT
Sat., March 7. Grammy-winning blues/rock/gospel artist Mike Farris to perform at Daniel Island Club. $40. Proceeds will benefit ECCO. Doors open 6:30 pm, concert 7:30 pm.

2026 SPRING RED BALLOON YARD SALE
Sat., March 21, 7 am-1 pm. Daniel Island-wide yard sale. Look for red balloons to find participating homes. Shop for deals, treasures, and unique finds. Rain or shine. Map of participating homes coming soon. Palmetto Goodwill donation truck available 12-2 pm at the Blackbaud parking lot.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY
Fri. at Guggenheim Terrace, 10:30 am-3 pm.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other nonperishables at Edward Jones 8:30am-4 pm, 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2, and at the Daniel Island Library, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 9 am-5 pm.

6TH ANNUAL DI FINE ART SHOW
Sat, April 25, 10 am-4 pm, Daniel Island Recreation Center. The DI Rec Center hosts an art gallery-style showcase featuring local artists exhibiting original works across a variety of styles and mediums.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS - CLEMENTS FERRY
King's Cross Church: Mon. and Fri. - 7:30 pm. Women's only meeting: Tues. - 8 pm. 2011 Clements Ferry Rd. 843-723-9633.

AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND
Providence Church: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am. Church of the Holy Spirit: Speaker Mtg. Sat., 7 pm; 12 Step Mtg. Wed. 7:30 pm.

AL-ANON
Al-Anon, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thurs., 7 pm at Providence Church on Daniel Island.

STRENGTH AND BALANCE
Tuesdays, 10-11 am. All ages and levels. The class is $10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216- 6366...

CORE STRENGTH & STABILITY
Mon., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. Improve balance, posture, and injury prevention with this all-levels class designed to support healthy movement. $10. Contact 843-216-6366.

CRAFTERNOONS
Crafternoons with Edie every 1st Fri. of the month from 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library.

Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB
3rd Mon., 8am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free. Contact Mark Smith at 843-442-8371 or Susan Chapman at 203-512-3929 for info.

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY EVENTS
Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Grp: Tues. 1:30-2:30 pm; Needleworkers: 2nd & 4th Tues., 11:15 am; Deepthinkers Discussion Grp: Wed., 10:30 am - noon; Social Bridge Club: every Monday 1-4 pm.; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL
Non-denominational Christian worship services in the Theater of the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Drive. Deacon Ed Dyckman at dyckman.edward@gmail.com and 843-367-5647.

DI COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS
Meets in person on the first and fourth Tuesday at the DI Library from 6-7 pm. Enjoy speaking among friends! See how Toastmasters Pathways can help you speak your mind with confidence. Free public demonstrations Jan. 13 and 27. Email claire@eduave.com.

DI INSHORE FISHING CLUB 3rd Tuesday of each month at Providence Church. Connect with local anglers, share tips, and hear from guest speakers about all things inshore fishing.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
Duplicate Bridge, ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr. Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required, 843-224-6778/843-209-1471.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND
4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixchangeclub.org.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX
A bi-monthly multimedia discussion group for music lovers. All music genres including: Country/western, baroque and electronia. 2nd & 4th Thurs. at the DI Library from 11 am - noon.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A
Certified Clemson MGs. DI Library, first Mon. of month, 4-6 pm. Soil samples, at least two cups in a sealed plastic bag, are tested at Clemson University for $6 per sample, payable by check or credit card only.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY
Meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Daniel Island Club at 5pm. RAKL is a nonprofit organization of volunteers whose focus is improving the lives of people in the Lowcountry. All are welcome! info.rakl2020@gmail.com

RECORDER GROUP
Join Captain Daniell's Pipers at the DI Library every Tue. 1:30-2:30 pm. All welcome regardless of your level of playing. Richard Foreman, eflat3@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF DI
meets 1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-10 am. Call or text for venue info and RSVP, 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS
The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am and on the second Tues. of each month at noon. The Cainhoy Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Ben Laaper, ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP
Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Daniel Island Rec Center. A free, relaxed weekly meetup for senior men to socialize and connect. Coffee and refreshments provided.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS Meets at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com. Contact 843-216-6366.

TAI CHI CLASSES
DI Library Tues., 10 am & Fri., 9 am.

WILLINGWAY'S "CONTINUED CARE GROUP" helps families struggling with alcohol/drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.

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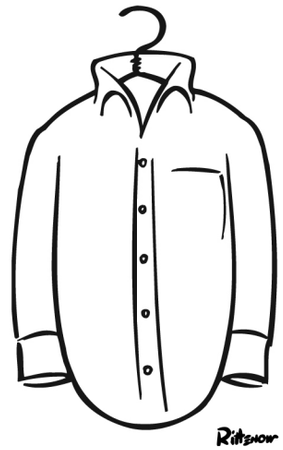
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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

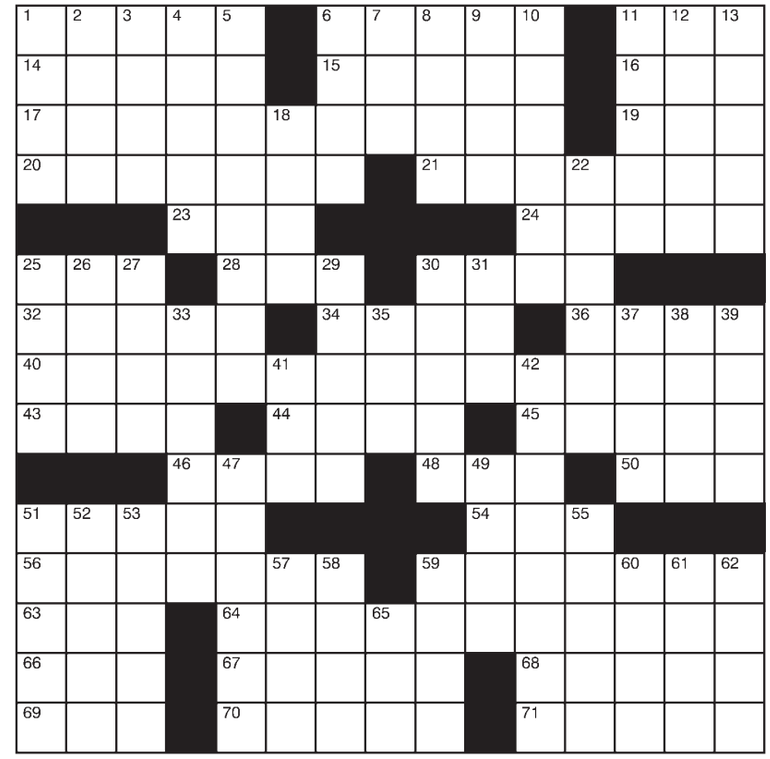
Spell Check

1. Do you want your shirts on **hangers** or **hangars**?
2. On his tax return, did Harold claim six **dependants** or **dependents**?
3. Do you put a stamp on an **envelop** or **envelope**?
4. Did Sue repair her bicycle **pedal** or **peddle**?



*Answers: 1. You want your shirts on **hangers**. 2. Harold claimed six **dependents**. 3. You put a stamp on an **envelope**. 4. Sue repaired her bicycle **pedal**.*

ENTERTAINMENT



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By Neil Manausa

ACROSS

1 Twosomes
6 Christened
11 Pony's tidbit
14 Land in a river, usually
15 Kind of stage
16 ___ Annie: "Oklahoma" role
17 1998 Broadway attraction
19 Observed
20 City near Whiteman Air Force Base
21 1998 Broadway attraction
23 Longing
24 Painter's prop
25 Bleat
28 Bout ender
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32 White heron
34 Merino or steel
36 Rakes
40 1998 Broadway attraction
43 Pin or padlock partner
44 Marine mammal
45 Jose's buddy
46 Wowed
48 Elton's title
50 Dir. from Miami to Key Largo
51 Capital of Guam
54 Pen part
56 1998 Broadway attraction
59 Began
63 Hagen of the theater
64 1998 Broadway attraction
66 Yours, to Yves
67 Horace or Catullus
68 Waste maker
69 Ending for Canton
70 Certain turns
71 ___ alia

DOWN

1 Cherry stones
2 Tennis name of fame
3 "___ Three Lives"
4 Track event
5 Kind of heel
6 Darling dog
7 Biblical refuge
8 Eshkol's successor
9 City in central Sicily
10 "Macbeth" weapon
11 Desert refuge
12 "There Is Nothing Like ___"
13 Dryer, sometimes
18 Sty sound
22 Popular powder
25 Jo's sister
26 Turkish title
27 Aphrodite's consort
29 Possessed
30 Fans
31 Alien who liked cats
33 Madrileño's land
35 Where a concubine is found
37 Buyers beware
38 Lodgings in Liverpool
39 River boat
41 Take advantage of
42 Mexican dance music
47 Pop artist Andy
49 "___ each life a little rain . . ."
51 Kind of angle
52 Big name in computerdom
53 Belittle
55 "Life of ___": Python movie
57 Hardware interface standard acronym
58 Letters beginning the weekend
59 Onetime JFK sights
60 Trial
61 Novel ending
62 Folksinger Richard ___-Bennett
65 FDR follower

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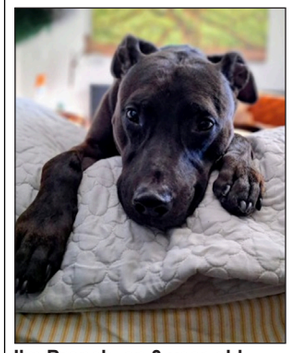
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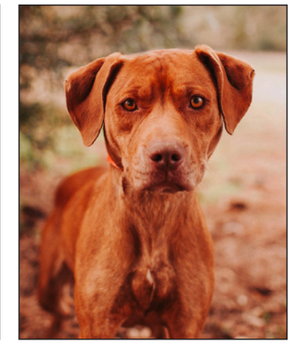
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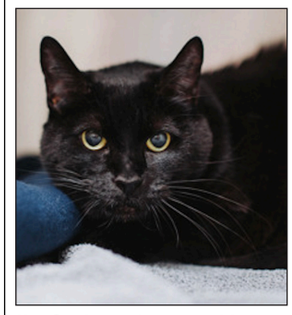
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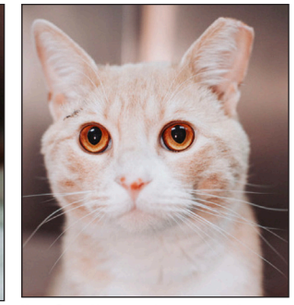
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