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ELIZABETH BUSH

Private John Bellinger, who was laid to rest in Simmons Cemetery on Daniel Island, served with the 371st Infantry during World War I. DIHS is conducting research to identify members of the 371st, such as Bellinger, who may have been buried here or on the greater Cainhoy peninsula.


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# DITA board member shares goals for new citizen-run group

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The new citizen-run Daniel Island Town Association board is setting its goals for the year after being elected as the first property owners to run the organization.

On the table?

Reviewing a decades-old covenant that allows shared public parking on private lots, reviewing landscaping and maintenance contracts, and pushing forward on more transparency for property owners.

"It's going to be several months before we really get our handle on every one of the details of running it," said new board member Mike White of Charleston Industrial, LLC.

The Daniel Island Town Association, known as DITA, is responsible for overseeing the island's commercial property areas, as well as joining other island neighborhood associations, to maintain common areas like stormwater ponds, trails, parks, and playgrounds that are not city-owned.

It's the first time since the island's inception that DITA is not under the authority of the original developers of Daniel Island.

"Look, we have inherited a wonderful legacy from the developers, Mr. (Frank) Brumley and Mr. (Matt) Sloan," White said. "But there's no doubt the fiduciary responsibility of the board members has shifted from the original declarant (developer) to now a community focus. We have to start rethinking a new approach to what is best in the interest of the community from the perspective of the actual owners."

## SHARED PARKING

While the three-member board has yet to have its first official board meeting, White said he has been listening to owners and taking notes.

"Parking is probably number one for the commercial owners," he said.

White said property owners would like to review a 1999 covenant that allows for shared public parking on privately owned lots.

The covenant states that if a commercial landowner buys property from the developer, 15% of their parking spaces can be reserved for tenants or private use. The remaining 85% of spaces are open to all.

With the population spurt on Daniel Island, White said commercial owners have been losing their parking spaces daily to vehicles that are not employees or customers - which can limit their business potential.

"I want to tackle this shared parking covenant and the rules that were adopted 30 years ago with good intentions," he said, "I think they can be challenging today regarding the growth we now have."

## TAXES, DUES, & MAINTENANCE DOLLARS

Landscaping contracts for the maintenance of parks and common areas will also be reviewed.

"As we approach the end of the year, we will be rebidding the landscaping contract," White said. "The board would like to get a better understanding if maintenance contracts can be partitioned into various median specialists, planting specialists, and mowing specialists."

White said the board would also like to review the roughly $10 million budget DITA, the Daniel Island Park Association, and the Daniel Island Community Association collect from property dues, as well as get a better understanding of the amount of tax dollars Daniel Island residents contribute to Berkeley County and the City of Charleston.

"We are sending a lot of money back to the city for sales taxes and hospitality taxes. I think we have to understand where we fit in the overall economic environment of the county and the city and kind of understand what kind of clout that brings with it."

In addition to White, the DITA board consists of Daniel Island residents Colby Hollifield and Otto Orr.

Although DITA is now independently run, the developer still does have a say.

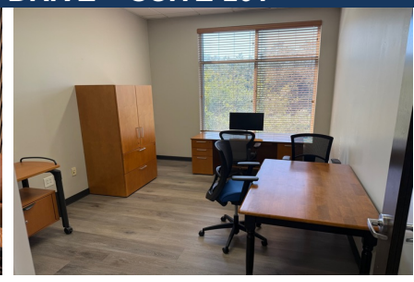
The chief operating officer for the Daniel Island POA will serve as the developer's declarant for two years, and while not on the board, the declarant does have veto power.

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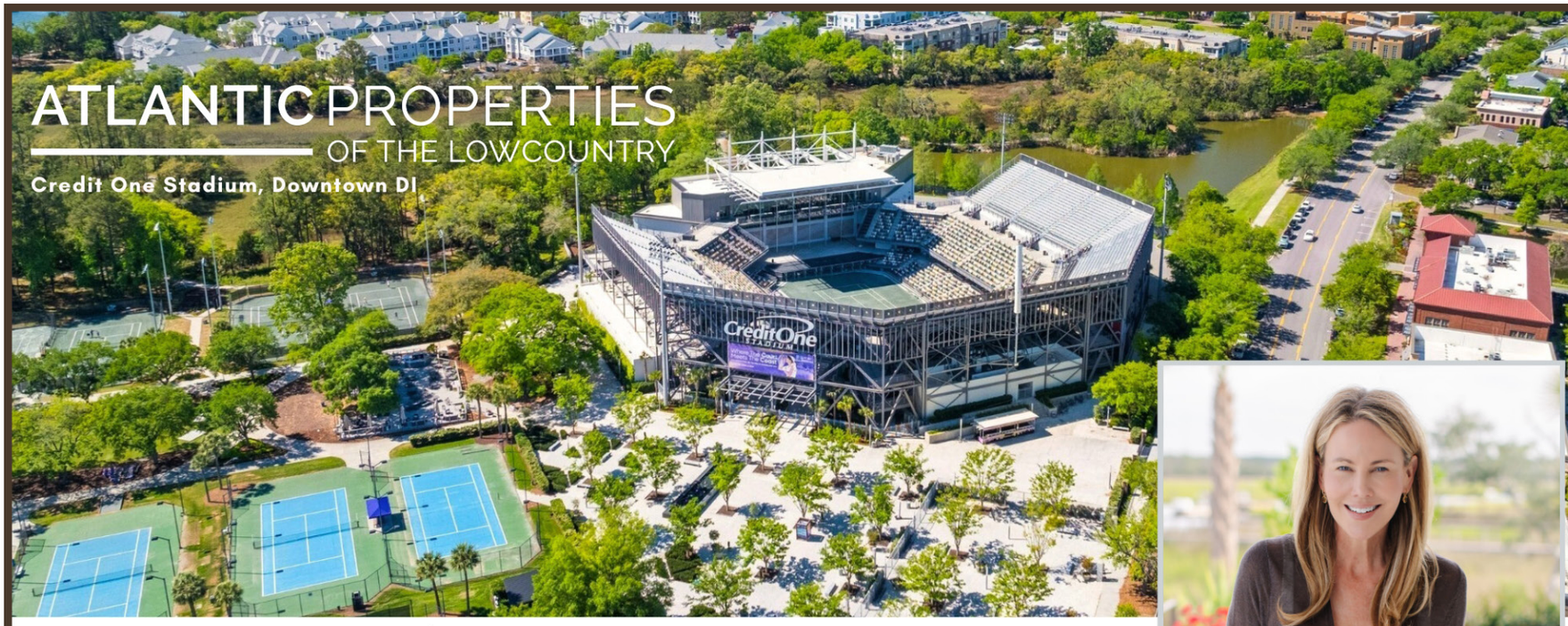
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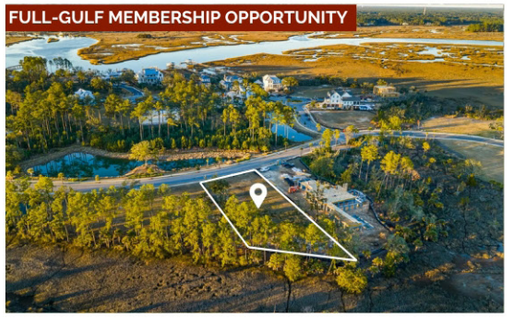


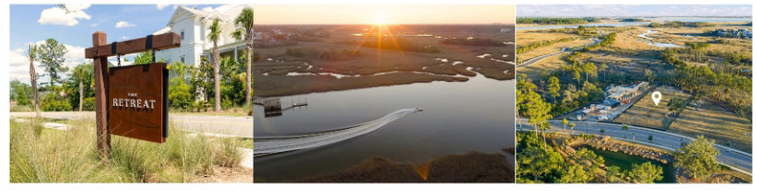
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# DI Rotary, Books in Every Bag partner to bring early literacy to Cainhoy children

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For young readers in Cainhoy, storytime is about to get an upgrade – delivered straight to their mailbox.

Thanks to a partnership between the Daniel Island Rotary Club and the nonprofit Books in Every Bag, toddlers and preschoolers in the Cainhoy Elementary and Huger community can now receive a free book every month until their fifth birthday, mailed directly to their homes and accompanied by a parental guide to make reading together even more enriching.

"The single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school," said Cynthia Bise, interim principal at Cainhoy Elementary. "The first three years of a child's life are critical to brain development, and when a child is exposed to reading at a very early age, the brain develops a lifelong capacity to learn language."

While Cainhoy Elementary provides books, Bise said it has limited capacity to get age-appropriate reading material into homes, especially for toddlers and preschoolers.

"We offer books to parents here, but we do not have the capacity to mail books out to homes," Bise said. "The books we provide are on an elementary level, whereas Books in Every Bag can offer books geared toward babies and toddlers."

By delivering books directly to homes, Bise said the program ensures children have early access to literacy tools that can set the stage for lifelong learning.

Books in Every Bag, a South Carolina-based nonprofit, is dedicated to giving kids in Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, and Colleton counties a strong start. Their mission: make sure every child has access to books from birth to five, helping them develop language skills, spark imagination, and enter school ready to succeed.

The idea came from Daniel Island Rotarian Chip Law, who brought the program to the club's philanthropy committee.

"Chip Law deserves all the credit for finding this organization, and the board unanimously approved full funding," said Evan Murray, the Rotary's fundraising director. The club's $2,688 donation will cover books for all eligible children in the community.

"Literacy is one of our key initiatives," Murray said. "We hope every child in this program will be inspired by these age-appropriate books to fall in love with reading, learning, and discovering the world around them."



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**Cainhoy toddlers and preschoolers are getting a free book mailed to their homes every month courtesy Books in Every Bag.**

As families begin to sign up, Bise said the program could have ripple effects for the Cainhoy community. "We hope that this will give our students a purpose to read to their younger siblings, and it also gives them new books in their hands, which is always exciting. Long-term academic success will hopefully be seen as their younger siblings come to school more prepared while our current students gain confidence and practice their reading."

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# The art and sweetness of doing nothing



## unconventional wisdom

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In Dutch, it's "niksen"; in Danish, it's "hygge." The Swedes call it "lagom," and in Italian, "dolce far niente" means "the sweetness of doing nothing." By all accounts, the notion is vastly underrated.

"Idleness is essential to an active life," explains author Thomas Opping from betterhumans.com. "There's a time and place for action, but there also needs to be a time and place where we stop doing things and give the brain a quality break it needs to restore, recover, and make better connections."

Professor Craig Phillips speaks to the cultural pressures: "We're constantly bombarded with messages telling us to be more productive, accomplish more, and achieve more. We often find ourselves trapped in a cycle of overcommitting, multitasking, and burnout.

"This relentless drive for productivity can lead to feelings of exhaustion, anxiety, and disconnection from our own needs and desires. The concept of niksen challenges traditional notions of success and encourages us to rethink our relationship with time."

**THE BENEFIT OF INTENTIONAL REST**

For many, when they come upon the phrase "doing nothing," it evokes words such as lazy, irresponsible, even reckless. But time and again "intentional rest" turns out to be of enormous benefit, boosting not just our mood but also our creativity, productivity, and health.

According to Calm.com, "Laziness is often framed as avoiding responsibility or effort altogether, even necessary actions. The art of doing nothing, however, is a conscious, intentional practice."

"It creates space for unconventional thoughts and novel solutions" and "allows the brain to consolidate memories, enhance problem-solving skills, and promote creativity," per SilvoTherapy in the United Kingdom.

**'DO NOTHING, WITHOUT A PURPOSE'**

In 2019, a New York Times journalist drew global attention with her piece, "The Case for Doing Nothing," and soon followed with her book, "Niksen: Embracing the Dutch Art of Doing Nothing."

In an interview with Vic Groskop from guardian.com, Mecking acknowledged how difficult it is to define.

"The definition I use in the book is to do nothing, without a purpose. Not watching a movie, not scrolling social media, not reading emails," Groskop said. "We always have in mind some kind of outcome. When we prepare meals, we think, 'This meal will help me lose weight or will make me healthier.' If we go for a walk, it has to be part of our 10,000 steps. So we lose that fun of just eating or just walking. It's about letting go of the outcome."

Antonia Fest of gratis.com calls it "delicious idleness." And the health staff at henryford.com insists, "Periods of doing nothing shouldn't be confused with laziness or lack of drive."

**HOW TO BEGIN**

No surprises here; you've heard all the tips. Voices coalesce around a single notion: to start small (maybe, a five-minute daily break?). But perhaps the critical first step is to acknowledge – to fully embrace – the notion that doing nothing is of enormous benefit, in myriad ways.

**TAKE TIME TO PAUSE**

Our final words are from SilvoTherapy, Calm.com, and Pascal.

SilvoTherapy: "In the midst of life's demands, perhaps the greatest productivity lies in the art of doing nothing at all."

Calm.com: "Doing nothing is about pausing on purpose because you recognize the value of rest, reflection, and simply being."

The French philosopher Blaise Pascal (as quoted by Chad Foreman): "All of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in a room alone." Touche.

# DI News Pick 'Em champ selects charity of choice for $500 donation

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For 24 straight weeks, eight local VIP sponsors – made up of a dedicated cast of attorneys, real estate agents, restaurant owners, car dealership managers, and entertainment operators – take a few minutes away from their businesses and family lives to play a friendly, competitive game.

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Chris Buchholz of Par Paradise is the 2025-26 Pigskin Pick 'Em champion.

As the owner of the indoor golf simulator facility at 866 Island Park Drive, Chris earned more than just bragging rights as a "perfect pigskin prognosticator," a charity of his choice will also receive a $500 donation from The Daniel Island news in honor of his victory.

"I chose AMOR Healing Kitchen as the recipient of the winning donation because of the incredible impact I've personally seen through my wife and her friend, who both volunteer there," Buchholz said.

AMOR Healing Kitchen's mission is to prepare and deliver meals to local people facing critical health challenges. The local nonprofit delivered its 100,000th meal last fall, in its ninth year of operation.



Buchholz

"Ironically, my wife discovered the kitchen after being stranded in Avondale waiting on a flat tire repair – what started as a warm welcome turned into a lasting connection and another valuable resource she now shares through her own foundation supporting cancer patients in active treatment."

We got a hold of Maria Kelly, who is the founder and executive director of AMOR Healing Kitchen.

"Oh, this is great news," she said. "(Chris') wife's group volunteers with us every month; she is a powerhouse."

Kelly noted that their meals are plant-based to support people facing illnesses such as cancer, chronic heart failure, coronary artery disease, and diabetes, among others. They also actively encourage teenage volunteers.

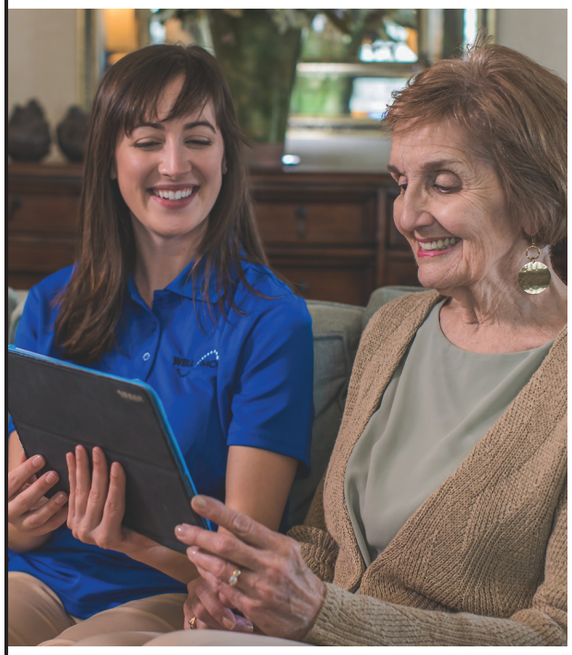
Kelly said the $500 donation is vital, as more than 80% of their clients receive their program free of charge, as they not only face a serious health challenge but also financial hardship.

Chris said he was more than pleased to help out.

"It's a great organization spreading love, hope, and nourishing meals to those fighting major health battles," he said. "And yes, as a committed heavy meat eater, I fully appreciate the irony that I'm proudly supporting a plant-based meal provider."

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# Burned-out license plate lights lead to arrests; $2k worth of wood

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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 Feb. 1-15.

**TRAFFIC ARRESTS**

On Feb. 4, an officer initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Clements Ferry and Cainhoy roads, alerted by a suspended license plate and burned-out plate light on a traveling vehicle. As the driver was searching for his license, registration, and insurance documents, the officer observed a half bottle of vodka between two passengers in the backseat. The officer disposed of the alcohol. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the driver had a suspended driver's license with three prior convictions and a habitual offender status. Further, there was an active warrant for failure to appear in court. The driver was arrested and transported to the Berkeley County Detention Center.

On Feb. 8, an officer made a traffic stop on Reflectance Road after observing another vehicle with a partially burned-out taillight. During a check of the license plate, it was determined that the driver had a suspended license showing six prior convictions and a multiple habitual offender status. The driver was placed under arrest and lodged at the Berkeley County Detention Center.

**THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE**

On Feb. 11, Charleston's Team 5 responded to Newbrook Drive in reference to a theft from a motor vehicle. The victim backed his truck into a space at the apartment complex, and when he returned to the vehicle, he noticed that the center console was opened and a holster was empty on the driver's seat. Upon further inspection, he noticed that his loaded firearm was missing. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

Earlier the same morning, police received a call from the same location reporting that a subject was breaking into vehicles. Police were unable to locate the suspect, who left a bike behind while fleeing the property. An investigation is underway.

**LARCENY**

An officer was approached by a complainant who advised that his trailer was stolen while parked in the driveway of his residence on Feb. 12. The trailer had approximately $2,000 worth of wood on it at the time. Camera footage revealed that a silver truck backed onto his property near Cainhoy Village Road, hooked up the trailer, and left. The complainant will make the video available to the police department for review.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

On Feb. 13, an officer was driving on Clements Ferry Road and noticed a vehicle changing lanes multiple times without using a signal. The vehicle pulled over on Jack Primus Road and police said it nearly collided with a gate in a parking lot. The driver was swaying in his seat and had heavily slurred speech. He presented his bank card when asked for his driver's license. During the field sobriety tests, he was unable to stand and showed multiple signs of being impaired. He was taken to the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center, where he refused to provide a breath sample. He was then arrested and transported to Berkeley County Detention Center.

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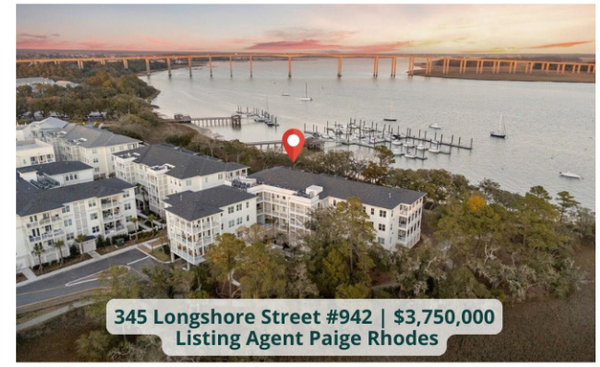
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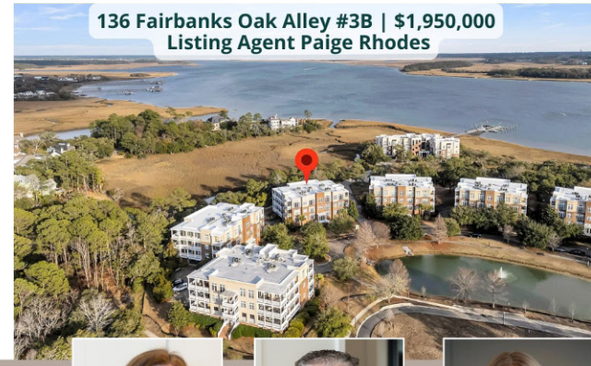

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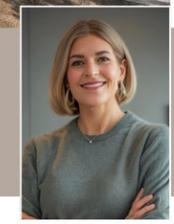
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# *Look Who's Here: 405 Jessen Lane*

## Building home to preschool, produce packager, AI company, and more

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Tucked between some of the older, more distinguished buildings on a growing Clements Ferry Road, 405 Jessen Lane blends into the corridor while serving as a hub for learning, innovation, and local services. Built in 2011, this 9,000-square-foot commercial building hosts a range of tenants:

***Coastal Blooms Learning Academy*** provides full-day childcare and early learning for children from six weeks to pre-K, offering a hands-on environment where kids can explore, play, and grow. The locally owned academy focuses on individualized attention in small-group settings by a dedicated staff who care for the children's development.

"The brain grows fastest in the first five years. Early learning shapes how it develops," according to the academy's website. "When children have the right start, they grow happier, smarter, and stronger. Together, we can help every child bloom."

***Rainbow Packaging Corporation*** delivers fresh produce, eggs, honey, and other farm goods across the greater Charleston area, offering a la carte items or pre-packaged boxes and baskets for quick farm-to-door service. The business said it prides itself on delivering items "from the farm to your door in a few hours."

***Phoenix Systems Design Center*** is a family-owned smart home integration company serving the Southeast, bringing over 25 years of experience and more than 30,000 installations across North America. The company specializes in home automation, whole-home audio, home theater, intelligent indoor and outdoor lighting, security systems, and full connectivity solutions for both homes and businesses.

"We pre-wire homes and businesses so every smart home option is available, providing tailored technology solutions that enhance the way people live and work," said marketing specialist Amy Sanislo. "It is through the support of our community over the last 25 years that we have been able to grow our business one customer at a time."

***Charleston AI*** helps businesses "automate the work they dislike," from answering phones and responding to texts to managing social media, creating content, and handling administrative tasks. The company also provides hands-on tech support, premium AI tools, and AI companions to help brands boost productivity and streamline operations.

"Bring us the work you hate, and we'll take it off your plate," said co-founder John Rector. Serving businesses across the Lowcountry, Charleston AI supports a variety of industries, including restaurants. "Our AI, 'Amy,' handles the phones at Saltwater Cowboys. None of their 280 employees enjoy answering calls, but Amy handles it 24/7 without complaint, even when repeating the same information 100 times a day."

***R.E. Mason*** provides industrial automation, reliability, and control solutions that help clients improve operations, safety, and efficiency across a range of sectors, including energy, life sciences, chemical, and manufacturing. The firm offers project management, control and safety system upgrades, mechanical and valve services, field instrumentation support, and predictive reliability technologies to reduce downtime and enhance performance.

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# Sheriff's 2025 report shows fewer school arrests, more traffic stops

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The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office answered more than just emergency calls in 2025 – its annual report stated the office answered to growth, rising demands, and a county of 272,732 residents that is continuing to expand faster than almost anywhere in South Carolina.

According to the BCSO's 2025 Annual Report, deputies responded to 107,619 calls for service last year and made 1,880 arrests, with the majority occurring in the southern portion of the county. High-visibility patrols totaled 1,977, a strategy aimed at deterring crime before it starts.

**NEW JAIL IN 2026**

At the county jail, the Hill-Finklea Detention Center averaged 502 inmates daily with 6,304 bookings throughout the year – numbers that underscore why officials say a long-awaited expansion is needed and is now nearly complete.

Sheriff Duane Lewis said the detention center has been "over capacity for the last 20 years." Once fully operational, the expansion will nearly double capacity to 565 beds and add space for mental health services, GED classes, and religious programs. More than 340 inmates will be moved into the new facility in 2026.

**CRIMINAL, DRUG CASES**

On the investigative side, detectives handled 1,205 criminal cases, ranging from violent crimes to property offenses and white-collar fraud. Of those, 167 were cleared by arrest, 155 exceptionally cleared, and hundreds more resolved through administrative closures. The division also oversees the county's Sex Offender Registry, which currently tracks 383 registered offenders, with 1,138 compliance checks conducted in 2025.

Drug enforcement remained a priority. The county's Drug Enforcement Task Force seized nearly 800 grams of methamphetamine, 44 firearms, and $94,990 in cash while making 73 arrests and issuing 172 warrants. K-9 teams were equally busy, deploying 520 times, assisting in 420 arrests, recovering 13 stolen vehicles, and seizing 17 firearms. Nearly half of their tracking deployments ended with a suspect capture.

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**DUI ARRESTS INCREASE**

Traffic enforcement ramped up sharply.

The traffic unit accounted for 89% of all DUI arrests, issuing 3,663 citations – a 12% increase from the year before.

Deputies also investigated 146 crashes, including fatal and hit-and-run cases. The team's mission is called "Target Zero," a long-term push to eliminate traffic fatalities.

Deputies also removed 113,530 pounds of litter from public spaces, and victim advocates assisted 1,510 crime victims, ensuring they weren't left to navigate the justice system alone.

**SCHOOL ARRESTS DECREASE**

Inside Berkeley County schools, arrests dropped noticeably.

During the previous 2024-25 school year, deputies made 287 school-related arrests.

In the current 2025-26 school year, deputies have made 75 school-related arrests to date.

Completed incident reports from schools also dropped from the previous year: down to 212 from 712 reports.

Officials said the numbers reflect a shift toward prevention, mentoring, and early intervention by school resource officers.

But Lewis said the numbers only tell part of the story. "Transparency, accountability, and open communication are essential to maintaining a strong and effective partnership between law enforcement and the community we serve," he said. "Together, we are working toward a safer, stronger Berkeley County for today and for future generations."

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# 'These men have a special place in history'

## *Remembering Private Bellinger and the men of the 371st Infantry*

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It sits off the beaten path, tucked away on the edge of the marsh and a tidal creek, nestled between a cedar tree and a tall loblolly pine. If not for the bright stars and stripes of a small American flag planted beside it, you might miss it altogether.

This is the final resting place of John Bellinger in Daniel Island's Simmons Cemetery, an African American burial ground that dates back to at least the 19th century. Etched on his tombstone beneath a cross is his name and the words "South Carolina Pvt Co A 371 Infantry WWI," his birth and death dates obscured by pine straw and the ground below.

Many who have seen this marker likely have no idea who Private John Bellinger was or the heroic service he provided for the men of the 371st Infantry Regiment, let alone what this important regiment did in World War I and for whom. And what happened when they came home.

The grandson of Sgt. Perry "Rawhide" Loyd, one of the soldiers who fought alongside Bellinger, is working to change that. A former Daniel Island resident, retired U.S. Navy Petty Officer Perry James IV was the guest speaker at a recent Daniel Island Historical Society program. Close to 100 people gathered at Church of the Holy Spirit on Feb. 17 to listen, as James shared his research into his grandfather's experience and his heartfelt quest to tell the story of the 371st far and wide.

"These men have a special place in history," said James, dressed in a full replica of the military uniform his grandfather wore for the 371st. "But yet we don't know anything about them. That's going to change, as long as I am able."

James told the audience he didn't recall ever learning about the men of the 371st in the history books he studied in his youth. Or the fact that the group of African American soldiers consisted mainly of South Carolina men who fought valiantly in Europe alongside the French during the war. After retiring from a career as a technology sales executive, James began to research Sgt. Perry Loyd, after whom he is named, and Loyd's service for the 371st. What he learned was both inspiring and heartbreaking.

"They were fighting under a flag that did not fly for them," stated James, referencing the era of racism and segregation in which his grandfather lived.

The men were originally supposed to arrive at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, to begin their training in September 1917, but their arrival was delayed until October so their departure would not negatively impact prime cotton-picking season, noted James. Sgt. Loyd's draft card reflected his status as a Black soldier.

"If you notice in the bottom left-hand corner, something is missing," James said, referencing a photo of his grandfather's card. "African American men had to tear off the corners of their registration card, so they would be recognized as African Americans right from the beginning and put into a different pot."

Despite being unfamiliar with the rigors of military training, the rookie servicemen excelled and were "the envy of the camp," said James. The men of the 371st arrived in France in April of 1918 and found quite a different culture. The French could not comprehend the idea of social discrimination due to race and treated the men as equals.

The 371st would achieve many triumphs in battle, including confiscating equipment and supplies from the enemy, taking nearly 600 prisoners, and shooting down three German airplanes.

But one of the most noteworthy is their critical participation in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive at Côte 188, or Hill 188, in Champagne, France. Of the 2,384 men deployed, 1,065 were wounded or killed, a staggering 45% casualty rate. The campaign has been credited with helping Allied forces win the war. James' grandfather was among the wounded.

In 2018, exactly 100 years to the day Loyd was injured, James paid a visit to the same hallowed ground.

"We were walking in the footsteps of heroes," said James. "During the time that I was there, it felt like I could feel the ground

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rumble. I could smell the smoke, I could hear the sounds of these men dying and crying for their mothers and their girlfriends and their parents."

Later, James was able to obtain his grandfather's Purple Heart, fulfilling a promise made to his mother.

Despite being lauded and celebrated in France for their efforts, returning to American soil after the war wasn't easy for the men of the 371st.

"The Black soldiers are the ones that suffered the most because they could not really have a feeling of coming back home and being accepted," James noted.

As they would discover upon their return, their uniforms bore a problematic red palm print, signifying the "blood spilled on that hill," he continued.

"The MPs were dispatched to the troop carrier and told to rip the red hand patch off the shoulders of the American troops because they did not want the Black soldiers coming back to a Jim Crow society feeling empowered," James said. "They would want too much. They would want jobs. They would want land. They would think that they're better than us or equal to us."

In addition to speaking about the 371st, James has also written a book about his grandfather's experience and is now penning a second.

Future events are being planned to honor the regiment, including a "Centennial Honor Parade" set for Feb. 27, 2027, in Columbia. The 371st Monument Association is also working on a sculpture that will pay tribute to the troops.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of James and many others, recognition on a broader scale is finally coming. No longer buried in history, the stories of Sgt. Perry Loyd, Pvt. John Bellinger of Daniel Island and the other valiant soldiers of the 371st are being told.

"They are more than etched names on tombstones," noted DIHS Board Member Tory Sullivan, who is working with James to identify other servicemen laid to rest on the Cainhoy Peninsula. "Their stories are alive, and we are finally giving them the reverence they so rightly deserve."

For more information on the 371st, visit www.371stmonument.org/.

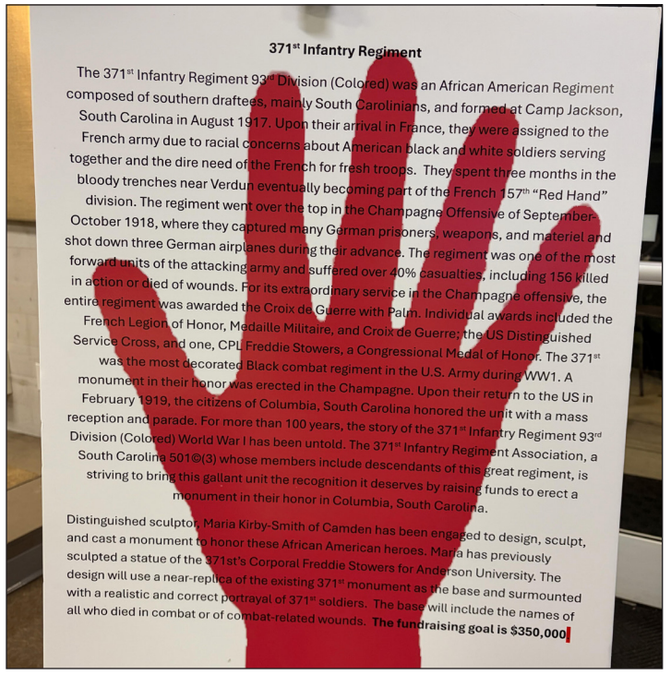




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**TOP LEFT: Retired U.S. Navy Petty Officer Perry James salutes the flag of the 371st Infantry.**
**MIDDLE LEFT: Retired U.S. Navy Petty Officer Perry James IV and DIHS Board Member Tory Sullivan are working to identify members of the 371st who are buried on the Cainhoy Peninsula;**
**BOTTOM: A full house turned out to hear guest speaker Perry James at the Daniel Island Historical Society's February program about the "Men of the 371st.";**
**BELOW LEFT: The red palm adorning the uniforms of the men of the 371st is meant to convey the "blood spilled on the hill," in reference to the battle at Côte 188, or Hill 188, in Champagne, France. Of the 2,384 men deployed, 1,065 were wounded or killed, a staggering 45% casualty rate.**
**BELOW: The 371st Infantry Regiment World War I Memorial Monument Association has commissioned a sculpture that will be dedicated to the memory of those who served;**
**PREVIOUS PAGE: This tombstone for Private John Bellinger, tucked away in Simmons Cemetery on Daniel Island, is symbolic of the often forgotten story of the 371st Infantry for which Bellinger served;**





**371st Infantry Regiment**

The 371st Infantry Regiment 93rd Division (Colored) was an African American Regiment composed of southern draftees, mainly South Carolinians, and formed at Camp Jackson, South Carolina in August 1917. Upon their arrival in France, they were assigned to the French army due to racial concerns about American black and white soldiers serving together and the dire need of the French for fresh troops. They spent three months in the bloody trenches near Verdun eventually becoming part of the French 157th "Red Hand" division. The regiment went over the top in the Champagne Offensive of September-October 1918, where they captured many German prisoners, weapons, and materiel and shot down three German airplanes during their advance. The regiment was one of the most forward units of the attacking army and suffered over 40% casualties, including 156 killed in action or died of wounds. For its extraordinary service in the Champagne offensive, the entire regiment was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm. Individual awards included the French Legion of Honor, Medaille Militaire, and Croix de Guerre; the US Distinguished Service Cross, and one, CPL Freddie Stowers, a Congressional Medal of Honor. The 371st was the most decorated Black combat regiment in the U.S. Army during WW1. A monument in their honor was erected in the Champagne. Upon their return to the US in February 1919, the citizens of Columbia, South Carolina honored the unit with a mass reception and parade. For more than 100 years, the story of the 371st Infantry Regiment 93rd Division (Colored) World War I has been untold. The 371st Infantry Regiment Association, a South Carolina 501©(3) whose members include descendants of this great regiment, is striving to bring this gallant unit the recognition it deserves by raising funds to erect a monument in their honor in Columbia, South Carolina.

Distinguished sculptor, Maria Kirby-Smith of Camden has been engaged to design, sculpt, and cast a monument to honor these African American heroes. Maria has previously sculpted a statue of the 371st's Corporal Freddie Stowers for Anderson University. The design will use a near-replica of the existing 371st monument as the base and surmounted with a realistic and correct portrayal of 371st soldiers. The base will include the names of all who died in combat or of combat-related wounds. **The fundraising goal is $350,000.**



# PSHS student Sophia Ligon wins art contest

## *Winning artwork will be featured on local billboard*

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Home Telecom has named Sophia Ligon, a senior at Philip Simmons High School, the first-place winner of the 2026 Berkeley County School District Art Contest.

Her Lowcountry-themed artwork entitled "The Common Table" will be featured on a local billboard for everyone in Berkeley County to see and enjoy.

While designing her piece, Ligon thought about the contest requirements of showcasing either community or technology, and decided to incorporate both into one piece. She was inspired by memories of her family attending an annual crab festival held in Awendaw, South Carolina.

Ligon used a newspaper background by starting with a collage that she made and then capturing a screen scan of it. Her vibrant layers were added on top using watercolor paint and colored pencils to build in the Lowcountry Boil artwork.

"I want to congratulate Sophia for her exceptional work and artistic talent," Home Telecom's Vice President of Marketing Gina Shuler said, "and also recognize her art teacher, Paige Duvall, for guiding and encouraging her creative growth.

"In addition to highlighting Sophia's vibrant creativity, this billboard serves as a welcoming visual introduction to Berkeley County for both residents and visitors, featuring scenes that genuinely reflect the character of our area."

Duvall also had high praise for her student. "Sophia is a multitalented, creative, high-achieving, competitive, and brilliant student. She never gives up; even when challenges seem impossible to overcome, she always finds a way. She serves as vice president of our National Art Honor Society, which has over 64 members, and helps me organize the chapter. She has added so much to the success of both the art program and the National Art Honor Society."

Ligon plans to attend college next year to pursue a degree in biology and has her sights on medical school to become a geneticist. She is an accomplished band student who plays trumpet and has upcoming auditions at Furman University and the USC Honors College.

The $1,000 prize funds donated by Home Telecom will be used to replenish and refurbish art supplies at Philip Simmons High School. Duvall plans to test a new material, oil sticks, to see if they'll be a good fit for her classes.

Over the past 12 years, Home Telecom has awarded nearly $70,000 to participating art departments in the Berkeley County school system, which they can use for art materials.

In the elementary school category, congratulations were also given to Owen Atkins at Daniel Island School for "The Perfect Pic at Cypress Gardens." Atkins' artwork received a third-place mention.



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**This artwork, titled "The Common Table," was created by PSHS senior Sophia Ligon and will be displayed on a local billboard.**



*'She did some amazing things'*

# Alison Souvoravong makes history for Iron Horse wrestling team

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The Philip Simmons High School wrestling team had a major success story to end the 2025-26 season after a rough start.

Senior wrestler Alison Souvoravong became the first girl in Iron Horse history to win a tournament, win a Lower State title, and qualify for the state tournament, while finishing in the top four at the girls' individual state championships, which were contested Feb. 20-21 at the Florence Civic Center.

"What a year," Iron Horse coach Tyler Hendricks said. "She did some amazing things. She worked hard and deserved success."

Souvoravong had a big senior season, posting a 14-4 record with 14 pins.

Hendricks was an assistant at PSHS and was named head coach late last summer when Anthony Sardelli stepped down to focus on his family. The team had top-10 potential, but six wrestlers either transferred to other schools or moved.

The program had only eight wrestlers this winter – six boys and two girls – and five qualified for postseason action.

Other grapplers who competed in the boys' Class AA individual state championships included Connor Roberts, Samuel Haas, Mason Langworthy, and Alexander Feaster.

Feaster, who competed in the 215-pound classification, had the best finish among Iron Horse boys, claiming fourth in his division.

"We were young, and we really didn't have that much experience," Hendricks said. "But the other kids at school saw the success we had. That's a good start for next year."







# Just shy of state track title last year, Iron Horses reload for 2026

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The 2026 Class AA State Track and Field Championships can't get here fast enough for Philip Simmons High School boys' track and field coach Ryan McCauley and his squad, which includes more than 80 athletes and plenty of talent.

The Iron Horses' bid for a second consecutive state championship came up short last May as Fairfield Central High School posted a 101-82 victory in the state meet, which was held at Spring Valley High School.

That provided the motivation as the Iron Horses prepared for the beginning of the 2026 season.

"Our outlook for the upcoming 2026 season is to win a state championship," McCauley said. "We ended up just shy of one last year, and I think we are a year older and more experienced to be able to win one this year."

The track and field program is in its ninth year and has been one of the school's most successful.

McCauley coaches the boys' team, which has claimed two state titles and three state runner-up finishes. His wife, Emma McCauley, coaches the girls' team, which has won three state championships while finishing in second place twice during its brief history.

This spring, both teams should be in the state title hunt. Motivation should not be a concern for a program that has a combined 146 athletes.

"I do not think it is hard for us to keep them motivated," McCauley said. "We have people graduate, and then it's always a new group of kids that have never made it before and want to prove themselves. Those kids see how the others compete at state and want the same thing and more."

The team lost talent to graduation from last year's squad, including Corey Steed, arguably the best sprinter in the school's history. Distance runner Pierce Walker and field specialist Matthew Yaun won silver medals last spring but also graduated.

"Some of our key returners include Jeremiah Richardson, Brady Cobb, Zack Venning, and Luke Chambers, who are a couple of our top sprinters," McCauley said. "We hope they will have a great season.

"Cam Steed, who was able to compete at state in the 400 last year, and I know he is determined to do it again," McCauley added. "Shaw Brewer-Davis is one of our throwers who just missed the opportunity to compete at state last year, and we believe he will make it this year. Luke and Jack Robinson are some of the best javelin throwers in the state and will have a big impact on our season this year.

"Lastly, we have big hopes for Ryder Patterson and Diavante Irving, who will be able to put us over the top in jumps and sprints."

The season begins Feb. 28 when the Iron Horses compete in West Ashley High School's Wildcat Classic.

Big meets in March include the Zaxby Azalea Invite in Summerville, Mellow Mushroom at Wando, Coaches Classic at Cane Bay, and the Cane Bay Invitational.

# Injury slows BE wrestler Randall at state; Tonon wins bronze

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The third time wasn't the charm for Bishop England High School wrestler Finn Randall.

The senior qualified for the individual state championships for the third year in a row and was seeking his first medal after finishing in sixth place last winter. However, he suffered an injury on the Monday leading up to the Class AAAA individual state championships and could not compete.

"I felt bad for him," Coach Paul Spence said of Randall, who was scheduled to compete in the 165-pound division Feb. 20-21 at the Florence Civic Center. "He's a senior leader who has done everything that is asked of him. I know it has to be hard on him. It was hard on me."

Randall was one of four Bishops who qualified for the individual championships. The others included freshman Crosby Hoover, junior Tommy Sheehan, and senior Brody Tonon.

Tonon competed in his first individual state championships as a Bishop after reaching the state championships last winter as a member of the Philip Simmons High School team.

Tonon was a low seed at this year's meet but surprised the experts by defeating the Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 seeds. Tonon lost to eventual state champion K.J. Burg of South Pointe High School and finished with a bronze medal.

Tonon was also selected to compete in the Best Western North-South All-Star Wrestling Classic.

Hoover went 0-2 over the weekend. "But he made it to state," Spence said of his freshman. "That's a step in the right direction."

Spence said Sheehan showed potential in his first state appearance.

"He held his own," Spence said. "He wasn't overwhelmed. It was a good experience."

# *'We just don't quit'*

# Phillip Simmons celebrates comeback win, Lower State next

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The Philip Simmons High School boys' basketball team rallied for a 62-60 home court victory over Pageland Central High School in a third-round Class AA playoff game on Monday, Feb. 23.

The Iron Horses advanced to the Lower State Championship for the first time in school history. They will play Mullins on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Florence Civic Center with a berth in the state championship at stake.

The thrilling victory gave the Iron Horses their 10th straight victory and improved to 19-7.

"We were down, but never out," Iron Horse coach Garrett Campbell said. "We just don't quit. This is a special group. I keep telling the team they are a special group in a special year."

Central took a 15-12 lead at the end of the first period. The Eagles held the ball for nearly four and a half minutes in a low-scoring second quarter and led 22-17 at halftime.

But the Iron Horses outscored the Eagles by seven points in the third quarter to take a 42-40 lead.

Palmer Driggers and Jack Mevold were a potent one-two punch for the Iron Horses, scoring 20 and 18 points, respectively.

Driggers scored on a goaltending call with just under a minute left in the game to give the Iron Horses a 61-59 lead.

Central converted a free throw to make it 61-60. The Iron Horses' Alex Tchoryk hit a free throw for the final point of the game.

The Lower State victor will play either High Point High Academy or the American Leadership Academy. The pair will compete in the Upper State Championship this weekend. High Point advanced with a victory over Andrew Jackson, while American Leadership topped Clinton.

The Class AA state championship will be held at 4 p.m. March 5 at the Colonial Life Center in Columbia.



Meanwhile, the Iron Horse girls' team lost to Atlantic Collegiate Academy in the second round of the Class AA playoffs as the Armada posted a 44-23 victory.

The Iron Horses finished with a 13-8 record in Allen Gethers' second year as coach.

**BE GIRLS' SEASON ENDS**

The 2025-26 campaign ended for Bishop England girls' basketball as Beaufort High School scored its third victory over the Bishops this season, winning 70-57 in a second-round Class AAAA playoff game.

The Eagles won their 15th consecutive game to improve to 21-4. They were undefeated in Region 6-AAAA playing, handing the Bishops two region setbacks.

It marked the first time since 2004 that the Bishops didn't make it past the second round, as they closed with an 18-10 record.

Seniors Hadley Irvine and Hayden Seay both had strong efforts in their final game at BE. Irvine scored 14 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, while Seay collected 15 points and four steals.

Junior Olivia Allen chipped in with 12 points, nine rebounds, and four assists.

Bishop England coach Paul Runey could have a date with history during the 2026-27 season. He will enter the campaign with a career record of 847-237.

Runey needs 15 victories to pass Anne Long as the winningest girls' coach in South Carolina history. Long coached at Wilson, Boiling Springs, Union, Lower Richland, Dutch Fork, and Spring Valley from 1974 to 2015 and recorded 861 victories.






# Lightweight lures, ultralight fishing worth the learning curve



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

In fishing, there is always something new to experience or learn. Recently, I have been experimenting with lightweight lures on ultra-light (four-pound class) spinning tackle. The learning curve has been steep. However, after much trial and a lot of error, I have developed a system that is highly effective and very fun to fish.

This journey began with the desire to fish a Z-Man Slim SwimZ lure on a 1/10-ounce jig, a lure combination that I felt would provide a slower rate of descent that fish would strike. Unfortunately, this lure combination was difficult to cast and control with my regular 10-pound class light-tackle spinning outfits. I began testing with four-pound class ultra-light spinning gear.

This proved to be the perfect match for the Slim SwimZ on a 1/10-ounce jig. It cast well and had sufficient sensitivity to feel the lure. Problem solved.

Trout cannot resist the Slim SwimZ. It was highly effective. Plus, fighting trout on ultra-light tackle is a blast.

Things were going swimmingly well (no pun intended) until Brody and I encountered a large school of decent-sized redfish. On ultra-light tackle, the trout were a blast, but the redfish were a bit of an angling challenge.

It took a while to learn the fish-fighting limits of four-pound class spinning tackle. As it turns out, in the right situation, you can land pretty large redfish on very light tackle. I can say with confidence: big redfish under a dock is not the right situation.



Capt. Greg Peralta recommends experimenting with different fishing lures to make a day on the water even more fun.

**FISHING CLASS UPDATE**

**Providence Church on Daniel Island has graciously agreed to host the Community Fishing Class on March 28, from 10 a.m. until noon. The class will cover how to locate fish in our rivers and creeks and the techniques to catch them. Thanks to Providence Church, we now have a few more seats available. If you would like to attend the class, please send me an email at captgregp@gmail.com.**




# *Just what the doctor ordered!*
# DIHS speaker takes guests on a journey of 18-century medicine

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The Parish Hall at Church of the Holy Spirit on Daniel Island looked a bit like 18th-century Charles Town on the evening of Jan. 20, or more specifically, a Colonial-era physician's office.

Before an audience of close to 100 people, Andrew Shuler stood at the front of the room. Dressed in a mustard yellow waistcoat, breeches, and ruffled linen shirt, he looked every bit the part. Laid out on a table before him were various medical tinctures, teas, poultices, and other tools of the trade.

"I always open my conversation with '18th-century surgeon at your service,'" quipped Shuler as he kicked off the Daniel Island Historical Society program. "'If I can't cure what's wrong with you, I can remove it.' And that's kind of the crux of it. That's everybody's perception."

A marine biologist with a passion for history, Shuler specializes in exploring science and medical care during the American Revolution. For his Daniel Island presentation, he spotlighted medicinal practices used more than 250 years ago, not only in Charleston but on the Cainhoy Peninsula, where the former Cainhoy Meeting House off Clements Ferry Road once served as a Revolutionary War field hospital.

"A field hospital isn't like a true hospital like we think of today," Shuler told the attentive audience. "These are mobile trauma centers. These are places that are moving to where skirmishes are taking place. During when this location was used as a field hospital, there were a lot of active skirmishes and battles, and there's a multitude of reports of engagements with fairly large casualties on some occasions."

According to Shuler, the Cainhoy site and other field hospitals operating at the time were different from those providing medical care at a military encampment.

"A field hospital was strictly a place where soldiers went," he explained. "It was neutral ground. You were going there solely to receive immediate care. You were going there to have surgery performed on you and then to stabilize your condition. Once you were stable, you were moved out of these places and onto somewhere else."

Typically, a field hospital would have a director, a surgeon, a surgeon's mate, and a nurse, noted Shuler. And since patients were coming straight from the battlefield, the most common injuries treated were lacerations, head wounds, gunshot wounds, and broken or shattered bones.

"They were all things that had to be treated at a place like Cainhoy Meeting House," Shuler said.

To stop bleeding, a variety of materials were used to pack wounds, including flax, animal fur, and even spider webs.

"By and large, we are packing these wounds and trying to stop any excessive blood loss," he said. "Now, is that happening first in a field hospital? No. Often that's something that may be happening in the field to get somebody to that field hospital. Blood loss is something that's pretty important, and it happens pretty immediately. But those are the chosen ways to treat that. We don't have Band-Aids, we don't have butterfly bandages, but this is what we have. We have a clotting agent to help bring that wound to a close."

> *"There were other cringe-worthy tools on display: a saw for amputations, a trocar, a bullet extractor, and more."*

Head traumas were common at the time, Shuler added. The method for treating swelling of the brain elicited gasps from the audience when Shuler held up the tool most often used.

"That is where trepanation comes in," he said, displaying a trephine, a small cylindrical saw with a central retractable pin for drilling into the skull. "This goes through your skull.… And you assess that contusion, that bruising on the brain…. Hopefully just opening that up gives it room, and it can expand…These individuals not only survived but often went on to live long lives after having this procedure done."

There were other cringe-worthy tools on display: a saw for amputations (also common), a trocar (another tool for relieving pressure on the brain), a bullet extractor, and more.

Shuler also spoke of the medicines administered and how they were delivered. Most were herbs that were mixed into tinctures, teas, salves, poultices, ointments, and pills. Typical ailments of the day included fever, cough, gastrointestinal issues, and pox. Bloodletting was used for a variety of conditions, explained Shuler, under the theory that getting rid of the "excess" would help overall health.

"Most of the medicine you see in this era is still purgative in nature," he said. "They were missing some critical pieces of information, but they were doing the best thing they knew at the time.

Shuler calls this period in medical history the "revolution" that no one talks about.

"At this time, they really don't have a good understanding of what we know today, but they're starting to get a lot right."

They began focusing on hygiene, inoculation, and containing contagions, Shuler said, and much of that started in military encampments.

"The medical staff of an encampment was really driving this part of it," he added. "This is disease prevention."





ELIZABETH BUSH

**Guest speaker Andrew Shuler delighted those gathered at Church of the Holy Spirit on Jan. 20 with tales of 18th-century medicine. Shuler specializes in the history of science and medical care during the era of the American Revolution.**

# In and around town when you're Beaufort-bound





CAROL ANTMAN

**The Beaufort Inn, where Antman's stay included quiet mornings on the veranda, friendly greetings from staff, and the gentle rhythm of horse-drawn carriages passing along one of Beaufort's most photographed streets.**

CAREY FURMAN

**Hunting Island at sunrise, where the quiet beauty of the Lowcountry meets the Atlantic Ocean.**



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CAROL ANTMAN

I had a new bike and a lunch invitation in Beaufort, South Carolina, so it seemed like a great opportunity for my friend Mary and me to visit Hunting Island.

Years ago when my husband and I were looking for a place to relocate from the cold north, we rented a cabin on Hunting Island and felt the allure of South Carolina. That cabin and all but one of the others have been lost to continuing erosion of the island's shoreline.

Nonetheless, Hunting Island State Park attracts over one million visitors a year, making it the most visited in the state. The park has a lot of recommendations. But the bike trails – maybe not.

There are 125 campsites, which fill as soon as the 13-month reservation period opens, a well-stocked camp store, picnic areas, a visitor's center with exhibits, a boat landing, and a fishing pier.

Park manager Kirby Brady said, "My favorite spot at Hunting Island State Park is the fishing pier at sunrise. The experience is nothing short of breathtaking, and it leaves a permanent impression with its pristine landscape and abundance of wildlife."

Most visitors make their way up the beach to the lighthouse, which has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1972. It flanks the four-mile shoreline. Bicyclists can ride the entire beach at low tide. Maybe I should have considered that instead of choosing to explore the 10 miles of bike trails.

I used the official park website to plan my trail ride and saw that most of the routes were rated easy except for Diamondback Rattlesnake Trail, rated moderately strenuous (as if the name were not off-putting enough!)

From the Visitor's Center I got on the Maritime Forest Trailhead to begin. My plan was to combine trails to make a loop, but it didn't take long for me to not know which trail I was on due to the lack of signs or blazes. Had I wandered into rattlesnake country?

My wide-tire bike was often mired in sand and had to be pushed. Surprisingly, there were a few sandy hills. Although it was a cool October day, mosquitoes were swarming. Eventually I made it to the Lagoon Trail and encountered a friendly park ranger who pointed me back to the trailhead.

Back in civilization at the lovely Beaufort Inn, Mary and I were greeted by the friendly receptionist, Pebbles, who checked us into our spacious room overlooking what she described as the "most photographed street in Beaufort." From our veranda, we could hear neighbors' friendly chatter and the commentary from tour guides in horse-drawn carriages as they clip-clopped below.

The inn includes several buildings. Between them are lovely courtyards bedecked with twinkle lights and filled with chaises and couches. It was a comfy place to spend the afternoon visiting our friend the next day.

The Beaufort Inn provides guests with a voucher for breakfast across the street at the Blackstone Café. When we arrived just before 8 a.m., the tables were filled with workmen and groups of older men who looked like regulars. Banners from sports teams and a large American flag hung on the walls. It smelled like freshly made biscuits.

We were distracted from our breakfast of fluffy pancakes by a loud bell ringing at 8 a.m. Suddenly everyone in the restaurant stopped eating, stood up, and put their hand on their heart. So we did too, wondering what was happening. Then everyone solemnly turned towards the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Maybe that's a Beaufort thing. I don't know.

I often advise my Charleston friends who are looking for a quick getaway to go to Beaufort. It's an easy drive, less than two hours, and the downtown waterfront is wonderful.

You can stroll along looking at the boats, sit in a porch swing, have a picnic, or try one of the many restaurants that have seating along the water. One time we travelled there in a friend's boat.

Hunting Island is just across the causeway. You can stay at one of the charming inns or B&Bs and wander the historic neighborhoods. The town made a strong impression on favorite son Pat Conroy, who settled here. He wrote, "When I came to Beaufort, I had struck upon a land so beautiful I had to hunt for other words."

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# *Projects up for review:* Governors Park drainage, DI roundabout, Nelliefield path

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: CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, Feb. 24: Governors Park Drainage Improvement** – Facilities and Capital Projects: Approval of Governors Park Drainage Improvements Construction Contract in the amount of $885,373 with Carolina Green Corp. for Demolition, Sediment and Erosion Control, Underdrain and Collector Pipe Drainage Installation, and Irrigation Repair at Governors Park on Daniel Island.

With approval of the project budget, staff is authorized to award and/or amend contracts less than $100,000 to the extent contingency funds exist in the Council Approved Budget. Approval of this contract obligates $885,373 of the $965,000 project budget. The funding source for this project is General Fund Reserves ($965,000).

**UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, Feb. 26: River Landing at Seven Farms Drive Roundabout** – Road Construction. Proposed roundabout at intersection. 225 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. TMS: B2751203029. Owner: City of Charleston. Applicant: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Contact: Reeves Connelly, reeves.connelly@kimley-horn.com.

**Thursday, Feb. 26: Daniel Island Self Storage –** Proposed revisions to previously approved TRC plan on 21.77 acres at 460 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. TMS: B2750000179. Owner: Daniel Island Self Storage LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com.

**Thursday, Feb. 26: Nelliefield Plantation Path –** Proposed open space path connecting neighborhood with school on .86 acres. Cainhoy. TMS: B2690104116. Owner: Nelliefield POA Inc. Applicant: Bowman Consulting Group Ltd. Contact: Holden Armor, holden.armor@bowman.com.

**UPCOMING: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

**Tuesday, March 2: 2274 Clements Ferry Rd. –** Cainhoy. Requesting preliminary approval for a new three-story storage building. TMS: 267-00-00-148. Owner: Holly McAlhany. Applicant: Holly McAlhany.

**RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Feb. 19: Cooper's Crossing Townhomes** - Proposed multifamily development with access easement improvements for 50-unit townhouse project on 12.24 acres at 810 Travis Lane, Cainhoy. TMS: B2680000005. Owner: Clements Ferry Land SC, LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Malcolm Glenn, mglenn@seamonwhiteside.com. *Results: Revise and Return.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DIBA BLOCK PARTY/ TUES. COFFEE TALKS**
Thurs., Feb. 26, 5-7pm, Home-2Suites at 120 Fairchild St. The Daniel Island Businesses Association invites entrepreneurs and professionals from across the area. Food, drinks, and a room full of opportunity. Also, DIBA hosts Tuesday Coffee Talks on Tues., March 3, 8:15-10:15 am at Bucks Deli, 866 Island Park Dr.. Grab coffee and network in a low-pressure setting. Register at danielislandbusiness.com/events2.

**BLOCKS HORSES VS. HEROES FUNDRAISER**
Thurs., Feb. 26, 6-8 pm, Philip Simmons Middle School Gym. Doors open at 6 pm; game tips off at 6:30 pm. PSM students face off against local heroes in a community basketball game benefiting the PTSA. $5 general admission; $20 to play (includes T-shirt). Concessions available.

**ST. CLARE OF ASSISI BLOOD DRIVE**
Tues, March 3, 1-6 pm, St. Clare of Assisi Parish parking lot. The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be on site. Appointments encouraged at redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: stclare). For details, email christinelark@gmail.com.

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

**VETERANS ASSISTANCE DAYS**
Fri., March 13 & Fri., April 10, 10 am-3:30 pm, Daniel Island Library. Berkeley County Veterans Affairs will offer onsite assistance to veterans and their families with benefits, claims, and eligibility questions. Appointments recommended: 843-719-4023.

**DIHS PROGRAM MAUDE CALLEN:**
Tues., March 17, 7-8 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit. Join the Daniel Island Historical Society for a Women's History Month program highlighting the life of nurse-midwife Maude Callen. Guest speaker Lindsay Street, author of "Maude Callen: Legendary Nurse-Midwife of South Carolina." Free, open to the public.

**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.

**COMMUNITY FISHING CLASS INFO MEETING**
Sat, March 28, 10 am-12 pm, location TBD (on or near Daniel Island). Join Captain Greg Peralta for an introductory meeting to gauge interest and discuss a new community fishing class. Limited seats available. Info/RSVP: captgregp@gmail.com

**DI EGG HUNT & COMMUNITY DAY**
Sunday, March 29, 3-5 pm, Smythe Park. Egg hunt (begins at 3:30 pm), games, face painting, balloon art, DJ, photos with the Easter Bunny, fairy hair, food treats, and community vendors. Hosted by Daniel Island Young Life and Point Hope Presbyterian Church. Get tickets at sc117.younglife.events/2026egghunt.

**CLEMENTS FERRY TOWN HALL**
**MON., M**arch 30, 6-8 pm, Philip Simmons Elementary multipurpose room. A community-wide meeting for Huger, Wando, and Cainhoy residents to discuss the Clements Ferry Road area, including growth, infrastructure, traffic, and wetlands. Confirmed attendees include State Sen. Larry Grooms, State Rep. Mark Smith, Sheriff Duane Lewis, Councilmembers Jarrod Brooks and Boyd Gregg, and SCDOT representatives. Open Q&A encouraged.

**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 the first and fourth Tuesdays, 6-7 pm, Daniel Island Library. Build confidence and public speaking skills in a supportive, friendly setting. The club is seeking new members. For info, 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.

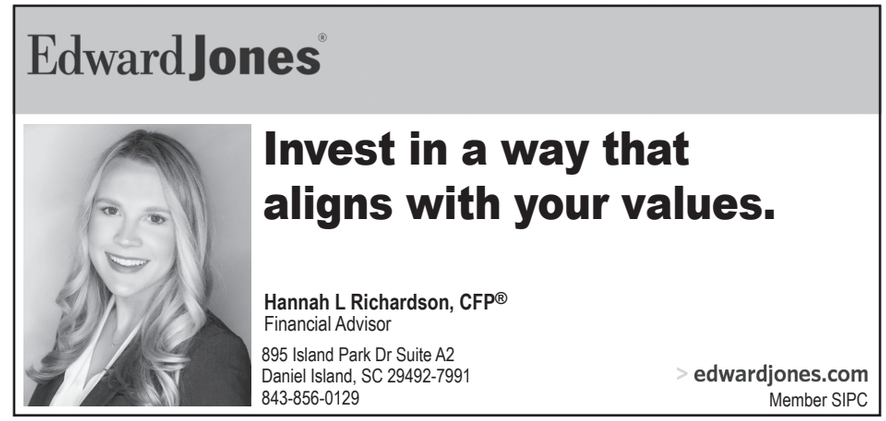
**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY**
Meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Daniel Island Club at 5pm. RAKL is a nonprofit organization of volunteers whose focus is improving the lives of people in the Lowcountry. All are welcome! info. rakl2020@gmail.com

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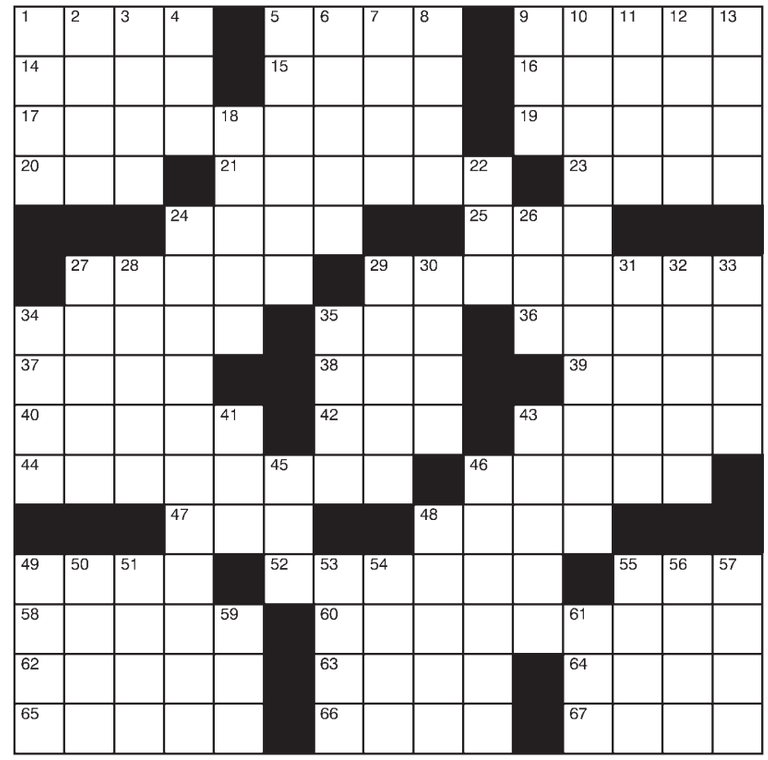
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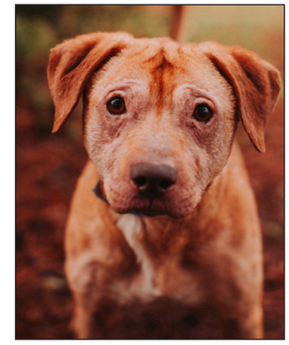
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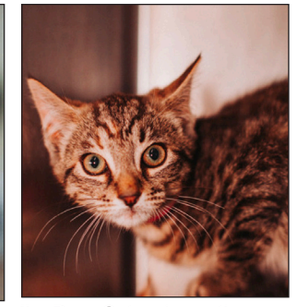
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