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Design planning next step for for DI park on Cooper River

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It's 115 acres of land on Daniel Island where the future hasn't been written yet.

The North Island Tract sits on a stretch of Cooper River shoreline that has remained untouched since Berkeley County purchased the property in 2024. Now, with funding approved to begin planning and design, county leaders are preparing to decide what this future waterfront park will one day become.

As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget, Berkeley County has allocated funding to begin the park's conceptual design process, marking the first major step from preserving the land to planning how the public will eventually use it. County staff are preparing a request for proposals to hire a design consultant who will develop a master plan for the North Island Tract and three other greenbelt park properties.

Once a consultant is selected, the county will begin evaluating the site, gathering public input and presenting a conceptual plan to Berkeley County Council for approval.

"The request for proposals requires the county to seek public input, which will include public meetings," the county's public information officer Jenna-Ley Walls said.

A timeline for selecting a consultant has not yet been announced.

Berkeley County purchased the property from the South Carolina Ports Authority in June 2024 for about \$4 million using funding from the Berkeley County Greenbelt Program and state grants. The acquisition secured one of Daniel Island's last major undeveloped waterfront tracts for permanent public use. Located behind Talison Row Apartments at the end of Seven Farms Road, the property is planned as a future waterfront park.

For Greenbelt Commission member Tory Sullivan, the planning phase is an opportunity to understand the land before deciding what belongs on it.

"I'd very much like to see a comprehensive assessment of what's there, what's natural and invasive – a detailed survey," he said. "This will give the planners a baseline for what exists today."

He also hopes the property's history

receives as much attention as its scenery, noting that the tract contains archaeological sites believed to be tied to the Revolutionary War and was once home to an important ferry crossing.

Sullivan envisions the park serving several roles at once – a neighborhood gathering place, a Daniel Island destination, and a regional attraction – while connecting with the island's existing trail system and surrounding protected lands.

"It's also going to be important to all of Daniel Island, a symbol of local pride and destination for local use and recreation," he said. "It's also a park for the entire county – the region, actually – so being sure that it's a destination that excites all of the region to visit and enjoy it will be an important perspective."

Exactly what amenities the park will include – whether trails, boardwalks, a fishing pier, or other low-impact – won't be decided until the planning process unfolds. Sullivan hopes whatever emerges preserves the site's defining features.

"The site has many mature trees, so we'd want to see those preserved," he said. "The views of downtown Charleston and the Ravenel (Bridge), Leatherman Terminal, and access to the Cooper is definitely something that should be front and center and celebrated."

Residents will have an opportunity to help shape that vision through public meetings once a design consultant is selected. The county has not yet announced when those meetings will take place.





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Meyer Vogl Gallery to relocate in 2027 after five years on Daniel Island

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Five years ago, Laurie Meyer set out to create something Daniel Island didn't have: a place where visitors could do more than admire finished paintings. They could watch the brushstrokes happen in real time, chat with working artists, or simply linger in a space where creativity was in motion.

Now, that chapter is coming to a close.

Meyer Vogl Gallery will relocate from its River Landing Drive home in early 2027, ending a five-year run on Daniel Island. While the gallery's longtime downtown Charleston location will remain unchanged, Meyer said she's actively searching for a new space East of the Cooper.

"We have not yet settled on a location but are actively looking," Meyer said. "There are a lot of variables at this time, but we are hoping to nail something down by the fall. Perhaps we will find something in Mount Pleasant."

The move, she said, came down to finances.

"It was time to sign another five-year

lease, and after a heart-to-heart with our accountant, we made the difficult decision to relocate."

Since combining her working studio with the gallery, Meyer Vogl has become more than an exhibition space. Along with showcasing works by more than 30 artists, Meyer said, "Our gallery has been many things over the last five years: a gallery, studio space, yoga studio, book signing space, and a place for creative expression with our Culture Cake series."

She's hoping to recreate that same atmosphere in the gallery's next home.

"It is no secret that the cost to rent space is high in the Charleston market, so we might need to get creative. We are open to discussions with anyone who might have a great idea to keep vibrant gallery and studio spaces in the East Cooper area."

Meyer said the gallery plans to continue representing its current roster of artists, although whether studio artists Julie Lorris and Susanna Walden will relocate with the gallery remains undecided.

Before saying goodbye, Meyer Vogl plans to leave Daniel Island with a full calendar.



From Oct. 12-16, artists from across the Southeast will paint throughout Daniel Island and the Charleston area as part of the Plein Air Painters of the Southeast event, culminating in a public reception and art sale at the gallery. The gallery will also host the organization's "Quick Draw" competition on Oct. 17, followed by the "Small Pieces, Big Picture" fundraiser benefiting The Formation Project on Oct. 29. A special exhibition showcasing current works will round out the gallery's final weeks on the island.

"We are going to go out with a bang!" Meyer said.

With around half-a year left in the gallery, Meyer said she'll miss more than the building itself.

"There is a broken piece of my heart because we will not be able to stay in the gallery we designed from the ground up. I will absolutely miss unlocking the door each morning and smelling the wonderful scent of art – that which has been created and that which is in the process of being created."

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Owner Laurie Meyer says the gallery will relocate from its DI location in early 2027.

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Education provides multiple pathways to prosperity

BY BEN COULTER

August marks back-to-school season in South Carolina. It's a season filled with anticipation for new coursework and academic progress, but also a time for students and families to reflect on the career pathways that education can help make possible.

It's understandable that many young people are questioning the value of higher education. National student loan debt now exceeds \$1.87 trillion, with borrowers in South Carolina carrying an average balance of about \$34,000 per learner, slightly below the national average of roughly \$37,000 to \$39,000. Meanwhile, unemployment among South Carolinians ages 16 to 24 is approximately 9.2%, twice the state's overall unemployment rate of 4.6%.

While concerns about the value of college are very real, the data indicate that post-secondary education still provides the best pathways to increased lifetime income. In South Carolina, community college graduates will earn \$220,000-\$335,000 more over their lifetime than those with just a high school diploma. Four-year graduates (including transfer students) will earn nearly \$800,000 more over their lifetime.

However, the biggest barriers to obtaining a college degree are cost, time to completion, accessibility, and flexibility to accommodate competing life priorities.

CHOOSE YOUR PATHWAY

Post-secondary education provides multiple pathways to economic success through professional certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor's and master's degrees.

The key is to choose the pathways that offer the best job security and return on investment.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

Professional certificates are the fastest and least expensive way to earn a credential that validates a desired skillset. Certificates can serve as a stackable on-ramp toward a degree, provide timely skills, or help you qualify for upward mobility. In South Carolina, the most in-demand professional certificates are in:

- Healthcare (CCRN, LPN, CAN, certified medical assistant, certified coding specialist)
- Manufacturing, logistics and skilled trades (commercial driver's license, precision manufacturing, HVAC, industrial electrical)
- Corporate (project management professional, Lean Six Sigma)
- Technology (Google Professional Certificates, CISSP, CompTIA Security+)

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Associate degree programs in highest demand across South Carolina are concentrated in the following fields:

- Healthcare (ADN, RN, Physical Therapy Assistant, diagnostic medical tech)
- Engineering and advanced manufacturing technology (mechanical or industrial engineering, and more)
- IT and cybersecurity (computer information technology, network systems management)
- Business (business administration, management, accounting)

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

In the Palmetto State, the following are the most in-demand bachelor's degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Business administration and finance
- Computer science/IT
- Operations and supply chain management
- Engineering
- Public health

YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

According to a recent Gallup Poll, only 12% of adults say four-year colleges and universities are doing an excellent or good job providing an affordable education. They gave higher marks to two-year colleges (68% rated them excellent or good). Despite that sentiment, parents still want their kids to pursue a postsecondary education: 38% want them to attend a four-year college, 19% to a two-year college, and 17% to a job-training or certification program.

While the economic returns on these programs may be years away, here are some strategies to help reduce the cost of postsecondary education:

- Apply for scholarships and grants, both national and local.
- Earn an associate degree, then transfer to a four-year college or university.
- See if your employer offers tuition assistance programs.
- Enlist in the military and take advantage of education benefits (as I did with the GI Bill.)
- Explore accredited, competency-based universities that let you progress at your own pace and potentially graduate faster.

Not every well-paying career in South Carolina requires a costly degree. From skilled trades to technology and healthcare, students have more pathways than ever to build a strong future. This fall, look beyond traditional routes and consider educational pathways that offer the clearest returns: real opportunity, manageable cost and lasting career value.

Benjamin M. Coulter is the Southeast regional director for Western Governors University, with over 8,200 graduates in South Carolina, which recently signed a transfer agreement with the South Carolina Technical College System.



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Residents invited to share Daniel Island transportation ideas

The response to my April column (“Why It’s Time For Public Bus Services”) about transportation between Daniel Island and downtown Charleston has been encouraging. Many residents have expressed the same concerns: increasing traffic, limited parking, and the lack of practical alternatives to driving.

That’s why we’re holding an informal community meeting – not to promote one solution, but to hear from residents and identify the options that deserve serious consideration. Some favor a passenger ferry. Others believe a CARTA shuttle or express bus could provide a faster, less expensive, and more practical alternative.

The goal is to listen, exchange ideas, and determine what the community would actually support. We’ll discuss questions such as: What transportation options would residents use? How often should service run? Where should it stop? What would make people leave their cars at home? And how can we present a unified message to CARTA and our elected officials?

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Daniel

Island Recreation Center meeting room. It is purposely scheduled to end before the 6:30 p.m. Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meeting, where Charleston Mayor William Cogswell, members of Charleston City Council, Berkeley County Council, and other community leaders will be present [at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater.]

I encourage everyone interested in improving transportation on Daniel Island to attend both meetings. Our discussion can help organize residents’ thoughts before many of the decision-makers gather just minutes later. If we speak with a thoughtful, unified voice, our

chances of being heard – and making real progress – will be much greater.

Whether you already have strong opinions or simply want to learn more, your participation matters. This is the first step toward building practical transportation solutions that will benefit Daniel Island for

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Debbie Sindelare is a Daniel Island resident.



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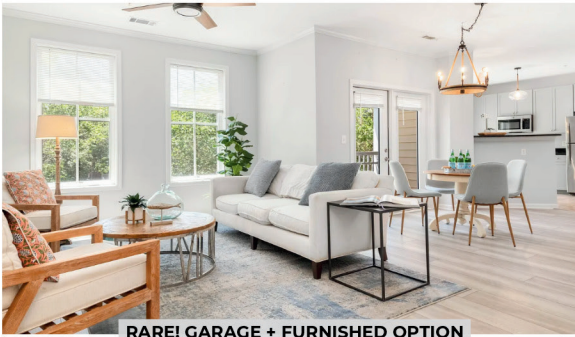
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Doolittle Park is open: Inside Point Hope's new signature amenity

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After years of anticipation, Point Hope residents can take a dip, hit the pickleball courts, or simply relax poolside at Doolittle Park, the community's new signature amenity that officially opened July 28.

The \$15 million resident-only recreation complex features a junior Olympic-sized pool, a resort-style family pool, six pickleball courts, two tennis courts, two basketball

half-courts, a covered pavilion, and gathering spaces designed to bring neighbors together.

Access is limited to single-family homeowners through a key fob entry system, while apartment residents in Point Hope will continue using their communities' private pool amenities.

One of the park's most eye-catching features isn't on the courts or in the water.

Look up at the pavilion roof, and you'll spot a mural by Charleston artist Gil Shuler

that reveals a surprise. At first glance, the artwork appears to show only a single heron soaring overhead. But if you look closer at the bird's shadow, it is actually the silhouette of an airplane, a tribute to aviation pioneer Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, the park's namesake.

"So far, resident sentiment is overwhelmingly positive," said Erin Dudley, Point Hope's director of marketing.

With the complex complete, Dudley said the focus now shifts to bringing the park to life. Point Hope has partnered with Play

Academy to manage court reservations, with tennis, pickleball, and youth swim lessons expected to launch soon.

"This is our first signature flagship amenity," Dudley said. "Designed to bring neighbors together and create lasting memories, Doolittle Park is more than an amenity: it's the signature highlight of our community. Thank you to everyone who took part in creating this incredible facility!"



Point Hope residents can reserve Doolittle Park's six pickleball courts through the Play Academy app or website, with tennis, pickleball, and youth swim lessons coming soon.



Point Hope homeowners can jump right into Doolittle Park's junior Olympic-sized pool and resort-style family pool.



The covered pavilion serves as Doolittle Park's community living room, offering a fireplace, comfortable seating, and a shaded place for residents to gather year-round.

Road rage incident on I-526 ends in 'loud pop' and shattered window glass

STAFF REPORT

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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 Cainho, between July 16-31.

DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS

On July 17, a traffic stop was initiated at Clements Ferry Road and Jack Primus Road in reference to an expired decal. The driver was unable to provide a driver's license when requested. Due to erratic behavior, a search of the vehicle was conducted, revealing a rubber container inside the driver's side door, commonly used as a container to hold and transport narcotics. The container had residue of a white powdery substance consistent with cocaine. Two blue straws containing residue of a white powdery substance were located on top of the center console. The suspect was charged with possession of cocaine and transported to Berkeley County jail. A warning was issued for the traffic violation.

A bicycle stop was initiated on Jack Primus Road and Lemon Lane after police say the rider disregarded a stop sign and was traveling into oncoming traffic. The cyclist ignored several commands from police to stop. The officer pulled his vehicle in front of the suspect, who reached into his pocket and threw two objects into the roadway. The suspect was placed in the backseat of the police car while the officer surveyed the area. He recovered a hard white rocky substance and a cylindrical glass pipe with a scouring pad inserted on one end. Upon further investigation, the suspect returned with a warrant with Berkeley County Sheriff's Office for nonsupport of a parent. He was charged with possession of cocaine, an

out of agency warrant, and given a written warning for bicycle violations on July 23.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS

An officer was dispatched to Island Park Drive on July 17 in reference to the theft of a license plate. The complainant stated that his license plate had been removed while parked at a restaurant. When he left the business, he noticed that it was missing. Surveillance cameras were not available at the location.

FORGERY/ COUNTERFEIT

A complainant visited the Team 5 office on July 21 to report check fraud. She stated that on June 22, she wrote a check for \$430 for a business service and mailed it from a Mount Pleasant post office. She was contacted by the business and was told that payment had not been received. After checking with her bank,

she noticed that the check had cleared but had been rewritten to be made out to another party and was deposited using a mobile checking app. A second check for \$2,050 had been created using the stolen check and deposited using the same mobile app. Her bank advised filing a police report to document the check fraud.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM

On July 28, officers responded to I-526 westbound in reference to a shooting that had occurred. Medics were on the scene when police arrived. A victim observed an individual who was driving aggressively and engaging in road rage with other vehicles on the road. He stated he heard a loud pop, then the glass on his driver's side door shattered, and he thought he had been shot. The victim did not sustain a gun wound. He was transported to the hospital by EMS to be checked for minor abrasions to his face from the broken glass and difficulty breathing. The investigation is ongoing.




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Mwangu paints in the Tinga Tinga style of Tanzanian art, characterized by colorful and whimsical depictions of animals, birds, fish, and tribespeople living in African villages.

THE ART WAS ALWAYS THERE, SOMEONE JUST HAD TO SEE IT

A chance Daniel Island friendship launches Tanzanian artist's first solo exhibition

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A chance meeting on Daniel Island between a Tanzanian painter and a local custom framer has led to a colorful collaboration of art and inspiration – and an upcoming solo exhibit for a previously unknown artist.

John Mwangu moved to the Charleston area from Africa three years ago and works on the housekeeping team at the Daniel

Island Club. He has been an artist all his life but didn't have a platform to showcase his work until he met Daniel Island resident Scott Biehler.

Biehler opened a new custom framing business called The DI Frame Studio last year and met Mwangu when he was hanging a photo to display at the club's fitness center last August.

"One day Scott came in, and I helped hang his photo on the wall. I (told) him I'm an artist too, and the next day I (brought)

paintings to show him," said Mwangu, whose native language is Swahili.

Mwangu paints in the Tinga Tinga style of East African art that originated in Tanzania in the 1960s. The art form is characterized by colorful and whimsical depictions of animals, birds, fish, and tribespeople living in African villages.

"I loved his art, and I was impressed with it, so I told him I would frame a piece for him, and that's how our relationship started," Biehler said. "He gave me an

elephant painting, and I was blown away by the texture, the detail, the uniqueness."

Biehler selected an espresso-hued floater frame that he felt elevated and enhanced the painting without taking away from the artwork.

"His paintings are like a window into what life is like in Tanzania. It's authentic, and I think that's one of the reasons people connect with his work," he said. "It's so

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beautiful, and framing it really draws you into the art, which is the goal.”

Last fall, Biehler brought some of Mwangu’s work to Drummond Studio Gallery in downtown Charleston, which was hosting a show called “For the People” that celebrated unity and culture through bold, vibrant works.

The studio’s founder and director, Arun Drummond, appreciated Mwangu’s art and selected a painting of a zebra to be in the exhibit. On the last day of the show, a private collector bought the piece.

“When I sell my paintings, I feel very happy. I do something people respect,” said Mwangu, who has a home studio in Summerville, where he lives with his brother and his wife. Mwangu said he enjoys his job at the Daniel Island Club, where both staff and members appreciate him.

“When I come here, people are very peaceful. They are happy with me, and nobody complains. People – they love me, so I’m very happy to work here,” he said. “And I’m glad I met Scott and he helped me with my art.”

Through Biehler’s framing contacts in local galleries, he helped Mwangu find venues to showcase his work, which has proven beneficial to both men’s budding careers. “I have been an advocate for him and a collaborator with him,” Biehler said. “I’m helping John, but it’s good for me too, and we’re doing this together.”

That partnership has led to Mwangu’s first solo exhibition at Nidum Gallery in Park Circle, happening Aug. 29-Sept. 12. Gallery co-founder Betsy Butler described Nidum as a place where artists, especially those who may not always have the opportunity, could take over the gallery and tell their story through a full body of work.

“The name Nidum means nest, and we hope to provide a soft place to land where artists can experiment, grow, gain confidence, and then leave the nest with an exhibition they’re proud of and new opportunities ahead,” said Butler, who offered Mwangu a solo show shortly after meeting him.

“His work immediately stood out,” she said. “It felt completely fresh for Charleston while still being deeply connected to his heritage and the artistic traditions he comes from. There was something incredibly genuine about his work, and we knew almost right away that we wanted to see what he could do with an entire gallery.”

Mwangu has hundreds of paintings, and he and Biehler have been experimenting with different sizes, formats, and frames to select the best representations for the upcoming exhibit.

“The first show, they asked me to bring only one piece, but it (sold), so now they don’t limit us,” Mwangu said. “Now we have the opportunity to show several pieces. I’m very happy with that.”

“He’s excited about this show because it’s only him and it runs for 10 days,” Biehler said. “We want to get a good attendance so people can see what he’s created.”

Biehler, who moved with his wife from New Jersey to Daniel Island in 2022, said he always wanted to start a small business, and it was a good time in his life to take on the challenge.

“It all started with my daughter’s College of Charleston diploma, which was very large and very expensive to get framed,” he said. “So I started to learn about custom framing, and I thought Charleston was a good place to start a business.”

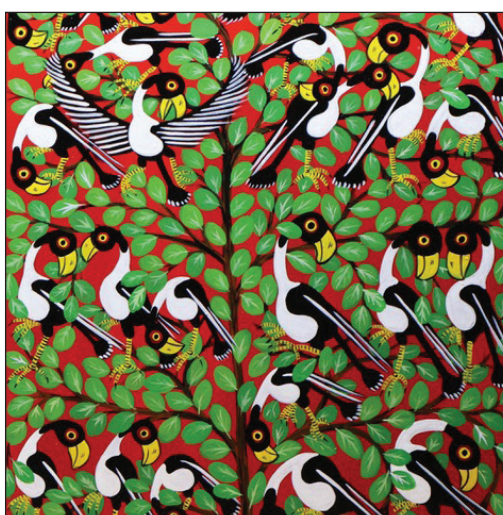
Biehler works with homeowners and professionals to frame everything from mirrors, maps, and documents to original artwork, photographs, and family heirlooms.

“What I enjoy most isn’t just building beautiful frames. It’s helping people preserve, present, and enjoy the pieces that mean the most to them,” he said. “I also get to meet people like John. At the end of the day, it’s all about getting his art out there and getting him discovered because I truly believe he’s got what it takes to be a success.”

For more information about Mwangu’s upcoming exhibit, visit Nidum Gallery’s Instagram page @nidumgallery. To learn more about the DI Frame Studio, visit thediframestudio.com or Instagram @scottbiehler_diframes.

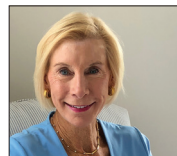


Artist John Mwangu, right, and professional framer Scott Biehler met by chance at the Daniel Island Club and formed a synergistic friendship that has propelled both men’s creative careers.



John Mwangu moved from Tanzania to Summerville three years ago and enjoys painting in his home studio and working at the Daniel Island Club. He will have his first solo art exhibit Aug. 29-Sept. 12 at Nidum Gallery in Park Circle.

August's book picks span from fairy tales to murder mysteries



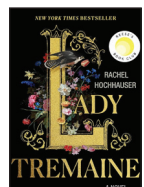
read all about it

BECKY BECHHOLD

A single, but important, nonfiction selection this month:

"The Hero Next Door" by Martha Radatz. A collection of stories about military heroes that are both sobering and inspiring. This is a nonpartisan look at the men and women who are selflessly devoted to serving our country.

Book clubs will be gearing up soon. Some of the selections here would be excellent for discussion:



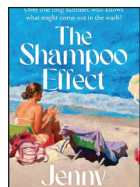
"Lady Tremaine" by

Rachel Hochhauser. A creative and compelling retelling of the Cinderella story from the perspective of the stepmother. Tremendous writing, pacing, and storytelling here make for a fantastic book.

"Kin" by Tayari Jones. A superb work follows two young girls from a tiny Louisiana

town as they pursue divergent paths to adulthood after being abandoned and orphaned. Compelling reading that doubles good for discussion.

"John of John" by Douglas Stuart. This is a challenging read. It involves a young man who returns to his home in the Hebrides, a farm/weaving station with his father and grandmother. Themes of constrictive religious beliefs, claustrophobic community, and family dysfunction, but exquisite writing keeps you reading. Lots to discuss for those willing to take it on.



"The Shampoo Effect"

by Jenny Jackson. From the author of "Pineapple Street," this is set on the northern shore of Massachusetts as millennials deal with life's challenges. Well-written, realistic, and without hand-wringing or whining. The ending is wholly believable and satisfying. The audiobook version, narrated by Marin Ireland, is an absolute delight.

"I See You've Called in Dead" by Jon Kenney. Hilarious, but with deep emotional

aspects to the story of an obituary writer who is suspended for mistakenly posting his own obituary online. His time off leads to self-awareness and refocusing his life.

"Country People" by Daniel Mason. Satirical, but not scathing, look at a couple who relocate from their city existence to a Vermont college campus. Funny, relatable read, and I kept waiting for Darryl, Darryl, and Darryl to make an appearance (IYKYK). This one's for lovers of Bob Neuhart, the movie "Baby Boom" with Diane Keaton, and more recently, the "Rooster" series on HBO.



"Warning Signs" by Tracy

Sierra. A thriller set in the snowy mountains at a remote, rustic cabin filled with men high on testosterone and money with two teenage boys. An avalanche, dead bodies, an earring ripped from an ear – this one will keep you reading. The constant threat from cold wind and ice will cool you off in this heat wave.



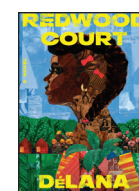
"Murder by Design"

by Lee Goldberg. A brain-damaged (meaning he has no filter to his thoughts after a brain injury), wealthy PI helps solve murders in LA. Quick, funny, with some plausible conclusions that will make you look twice at situations.



"Fairfield County" by

DeLana Dameron. This author recently passed away from kidney disease. I enjoyed her previous book "Redwood Court" set in Columbia, South Carolina. This one is set in horse country west of the city, where she had moved and bought her own horse business. It tells the story of generations of Black cowboys in Fairfield County.



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Annie Franklin takes the helm of BE's boys' volleyball team

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Annie Franklin faces a big challenge as the new coach of the Bishop England High School boys' volleyball team. It's a mission she's more than willing to accept.

She replaces Alec Swanson as coach. Swanson was the founding father of the program when the High School League sanctioned the sport in 2022.

He led the Bishops to two state titles. The first came against Philip Simmons in 2022, although the South Carolina High School League didn't sanction postseason play. The Bishops were 11-0 in the regular season and were flawless in the playoffs as well.

The Bishops went 18-3 the next year and claimed the Class AAAA-AAA-AA-A state title.

Franklin joined Swanson's staff as an assistant coach on the varsity staff and was head coach of the junior varsity squad in 2024.

Swanson concluded his four years at the school last fall and was a cumulative 54-26 with three state championship appearances.

Franklin, who played at Erskine, is excited to get the 2026 season underway.

"We have a lot of great kids, a lot of great athletes, and a great tradition," Franklin said. "The team took some losses

(with a 12-13 record), but we were young. We're ready to step up our game and deal out some justice."

Franklin, who played for Bluffton High School, was the Region 8-AAA Player of the Year in 2017 and played in the North-South All-Star Games.

She excelled at the college level as well as a defensive specialist for the Flying Fleet, with her best season coming in 2019 as a junior when she appeared in 31 matches with nine starts. She was third on the team with 177 digs, with a career high of 25 against North Greenville.

Her senior season was wiped out in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The NCAA granted student-athletes an extra year, and she played in the 2021 season.

She returned to Bluffton High School in 2022 to coach the boys' team in the first year the state's high school league sanctioned boys' volleyball. The team played only 19 matches in her two years as coach, posting a 9-10 record.

In 2024, she joined the BE volleyball machine as an assistant.

"Probably the biggest thing I had to overcome as a high school coach was that I was always playing against and coaching girls," Franklin said. "Coaching boys is a different beast, especially if you are a woman in the coaching world."

Now, she's ready to guide the Bishop boys.

"I'm excited for the opportunity," she said. "I'm excited. I want to establish a team culture and create a legacy. We



Annie Franklin

want to excel on the court and the classroom. My players have to represent the school (and) the team – on and off the court – not just during matches. We have to hold each other accountable."

Bishop England athletic director Bill Warren said the coaching change was seamless.

"Annie has great experience as the head junior varsity coach the last two years," he said. "We feel like our boys' volleyball program is in great hands after reaching the state championship in three of the last four years."

Iron Horses hire back-to-back champion boys' volleyball coach

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Philip Simmons High School seems to have found the right man to be the next boys' volleyball coach.

The Iron Horses hired Jorge Riesgo, who is two-for-two as a coach.

A native of Puerto Rico, Riesgo has been a head coach for two years and has two state championships to his credit as the main man at Oceanside Collegiate Academy, a school he also graduated from during his high school days.

Riesgo, who played at the college level at North Greenville University, is the program's third coach since the South Carolina High School League sanctioned the sport in 2022. The team went 22-9 and won the Region 6-AA title two years ago but struggled last fall as the Iron Horses fielded an inexperienced team.

Riesgo is ready for the challenge.

"Philip Simmons appealed to me because of the youth the program has," he said. "All of the kids who are showing up are sophomores, freshmen – and a couple of juniors," he said. "Another thing that is appealing is

the chance to build something great from the ground up once again. That challenge is always amazing to be a part of.

"I believe my timeline is one to two years," Riesgo added. "But I will always try to compete from Day 1."

He played volleyball for the Landsharks his senior season when it was a club sport. At North Greenville University, he shone as a setter for the Trailblazers' volleyball team.

In 2022, he had a big role in NGU's first Conference Carolinas championship and played in the NCAA tourney.

In 2023, he set a Conference Carolinas record for a single-match record with 62 assists in a victory over Barton and finished the season with more than 1,000 assists.

Now, he's coaching the Iron Horses, a team that will play against OCA.

"Leaving OCA was very difficult," Riesgo said. "I've seen OCA grow from the early days of me being a student and OCA's first year to then starting a club team my senior year to then graduating college, coming back to OCA, and winning back-to-back state titles.

"That was a full-circle moment for me," he continued. "Playing OCA will be mixed

emotions, as that school means so much to me, but now being on the other side will be a very weird feeling."

He said success came quickly at OCA because the players worked hard and believed they could achieve anything if they worked hard.

"When I was coaching at OCA, my initial goal was to build something great," Riesgo said. "As time went on, and we kept working hard and the first season developed, it became clear that we had a great chance to compete for a state title. Ironically, the team we were preparing for was Philip Simmons. And after that first title I knew a second one was very possible."

Philip Simmons Athletic Director Dan Minkin says Riesgo has a great passion for the game.

"He has an even greater commitment to developing young men," Minkin said. "His ability to help student-athletes grow into outstanding gentlemen both on and off the court makes him a tremendous addition to our program."



Jorge Riesgo

Practice makes perfect

A year of workouts preps Iron Horses for football season opener

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Are you ready for some football?

The Philip Simmons High School football team certainly is.

The Iron Horses began fall practice July 31 after a summer of weight lifting, running, and working in specific position groups to refine their skills and get in sync with teammates.

That was preceded by spring practices and games after numerous athletes competed in specific spring sports to help them keep in shape and remain focused.

And spring practice was preceded by winter conditioning, which was preceded by the actual football season.

Get the picture?

Football is pretty much year-round these days, even if workouts are voluntary. The investment is sweat, sometimes a little blood, and sore muscles. The payout can include region championships, all-star status, and,

perhaps, a chance to play at the next level.

The Iron Horses, in their ninth season as a varsity program, kick off the season on Friday, Aug. 21, when they travel to play Berkeley Country rival Hanahan High School.

The Iron Horses put in the work. Now, it's time to savor success. The Iron Horses went 10-3 last fall with a Region 6-AA championship and an impressive



playoff run.

The Iron Horse scrimmaged Lucy Beckham High School on Aug. 7, and will wrap up the pre-season with an appearance in the Berkeley County Lions Club Jamboree on Friday, Aug. 14, against Colleton County.

"We spent the first few days of (fall) practice getting acclimated to pads

and the heat," Philip Simmons coach Eric Bendig said. "The first few days of practice were awesome. These players bought in all summer and are very much ahead of the curve on football IQ and our systems; now it is about gearing up to the contact and the toll a season can take on their bodies. But they are in a great spot."

Bendig said the scrimmage and jamboree are an important process of prepping for the regular season.

"So much of games against good opponents come down to who is better at the critical situations in games and especially late in the game: two-minute offense, redzone play, third downs, etc.," Bendig said "It is imperative to get as many live reps at these situations as you can in the scrimmages and jamborees. Our guys need the time at these jamborees and scrimmages to see the procedures and reasoning behind what we carry into a game and why we do certain things. It can be looked at like a dress rehearsal."



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The search for tailing redfish ends with a gator on my tail



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Recently, my fishing trips have been more like nature tours. That is code for: “not catching a lot of fish.” Between rain and massive new moon tides, it has been a struggle to consistently catch fish – even with Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog.

On Friday, high tide was at about 5 p.m. Due to the moon phase, it was forecast to be about one foot above normal high tide. Not great for how I typically fish. However, the unusually high tide did make it possible to target “tailing” redfish. So, Brody and I launched the skiff at 4 p.m. and ran to a hard-bottom spartina flat.

The area that Brody selected is home to literally thousands of fiddler crabs. Full and new moon tides provide redfish with access to this food source. As the redfish roots fiddler crabs out of their holes, their tails protrude above the surface of the water – hence the name “tailing” redfish.

The tide was not quite high enough to allow the skiff easy access. Rather than jumping out and wading to the spot, I decided to wait a few minutes for the tide

to rise. I staked out the skiff and quietly watched the tide rise. It was very peaceful. An osprey dived into the water and captured a mullet. A few minutes later, a manatee slowly swam by the boat. A blue heron and an egret were on the spartina flat eating crabs and minnows. I told Brody we may not catch any fish, but this was a great fishing trip.

When the tide got high enough, I moved the skiff onto the spartina flat. A redfish was tailing about 20 yards away. I grabbed my seven-weight flyrod and gently exited the skiff. Brody decided to stay in the boat. As I was wading into the casting position, Brody began to bark. He does not bark much, so I turned to look at what got him so excited. An alligator was a few feet behind me. It was not particularly large, so I was not that concerned. Brody kept on barking. The alligator kept on following me.

Distracted by all the commotion, I made a bad presentation to the tailing redfish. It shot off the flat, spooking a couple of more redfish as it left. I figured that was enough nature for one afternoon and waded back to the skiff. The alligator followed me. Back in the skiff, Brody and I split a cold beer as we watched the sunset. We caught no fish, but we had a great nature tour.



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Osupurē Karate teaches women that self-defense starts with awareness

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The first lesson at Sensei Glenn Raus' recent women's self-defense seminar wasn't how to throw a punch. It was how to avoid needing one in the first place.

Inside Osupurē Karate on Daniel Island, women and girls ages 14 and older gathered for a free self-defense class focused on awareness, confidence, and simple techniques designed to create an opportunity to escape danger.

For Raus, a fourth-degree black belt in Wado Ryu Karate and a third-degree black belt in the American Pressure Point Self Defense System, self-defense isn't about winning a fight – it's about recognizing danger, responding decisively, and getting away safely.

"The goal is not to beat up your attacker nor submit them. It is your goal to do something that buys you enough time to get out of the situation."

The seminar comes at a time when violence against women remains a persistent issue. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one in



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Participants learned and practiced everyday self-defense techniques during a free seminar at Osupurē Karate.

three U.S. women have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime, and many incidents involve someone the victim knows rather than a stranger.

Raus said that reality often surprises people.

"We are all taught to be leery of strangers," he said. "However, a large percentage of attacks are from people a female knows."

Rather than relying on strength or martial arts experience, Raus taught participants to use movements they already perform every day.

"We worked on some techniques that utilize movements like knocking on a door or flicking water off of your hand," he said. "Other things like stomping your feet, pushing open a door, clapping your hands, and banging your fist on a table can all be effective actions when targeted to certain areas of the body."

The techniques, he said, are designed to target vulnerable areas of the body and can be effective regardless of an attacker's size.

Beyond physical skills, much of the class centered on prevention.

"Not being a target is best done by walking confidently, being present in the moments, paying attention to your surroundings, trusting your 'sixth sense,' and avoiding being distracted," Raus said.

He also encouraged women, particularly those who are dating, to stay alert in social situations.

"Awareness is your best self-defense technique," he said. "For women of dating age, avoid getting inebriated and losing your cognitive clarity."

Raus said the idea for the seminars came after his wife, who was pregnant with their daughter at the time, safely diffused an uncomfortable encounter with a man at a fast-food restaurant by remaining confident, assertive, and drawing on her karate training. Becoming a "girl dad," he said, only reinforced the importance of helping other women feel prepared.

"The seminar went great," he said. "The ladies did a fabulous job trying the techniques, asked some wonderful questions, and had a lot of fun. I hope that each of them left with a better sense of empowerment and understanding on how to protect themselves."

Scout rebuilds Daniel Island School garden for future generations

DARCIE GOODWIN

For more than a decade, the Daniel Island School and Community Garden has been growing curiosity, community, and hands-on learning through its 16 community garden beds, 10 educational beds, hummingbird garden, native plant areas, and pollinator beds.

After 11 years of serving students and volunteers, however, the educational and pollinator beds had reached the end of their lifespan.

Some were badly deteriorated. One bed had literally fallen apart.

To get the beds reconstructed, the garden team turned to Scouting America for help, and the timing couldn't have been better.

Morgan Hammond of Johns Island Venturing Crew 63 was searching for a leadership project to complete her Summit Scout Award, Scouting America's highest achievement in the Venturing program. For DISCG, having Hammond lead the bed reconstruction was like winning the lottery. After touring the garden, Hammond devel-

oped a comprehensive plan. She selected the materials, redesigned the student beds to make them more accessible for students, and engineered reinforcements to ensure the new beds would stand the test of time. She carefully measured the beds and created a detailed materials list for the DISCG team that included everything needed to construct 15 new raised beds.

On May 3, the 18-year-old arrived at the garden with 15 fellow Scouts and adult volunteers. The lumber had already been measured and cut, allowing the team to get straight to work. She quickly organized the volunteers, assigning tasks as they dismantled the aging, rotten beds.

For the next five hours, the volunteers worked steadily to rebuild the garden beds. Along the way, they encountered challenges, including keeping the soil in place after the old beds were removed, but Hammond guided the team through each obstacle.

"We had to do some problem-solving to get the beds to fit," Hammond said. "I learned a lot about team management. The most challenging thing was keeping every-

one focused and on task, but I think we all found it rewarding to see the results of our hard work."

The finished project transformed the garden. The new raised beds are not only stronger and more attractive but also more functional, featuring wide edges that allow students to comfortably lean over the beds or even sit while they work and learn.

With the successful completion of the project, Hammond earned her Summit Scout Award. This fall, she will begin pursuing a degree in construction management at Western Carolina University, taking with her valuable real-world experience she gained through the DISCG project.

The Daniel Island School and Community Garden team expressed its gratitude for Hammond's expertise, leadership, and dedication. Thanks to her vision and the hard work of her fellow Scouts and volunteers, the rebuilt educational and pollinator beds will serve students and the community for many years to come.

Darcie Goodwin is the co-director of the DI School and Community Garden.



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After 11 years of growing seasons, the Daniel Island School and Community Garden's raised beds got a fresh start thanks to Morgan Hammond, center, and a team of Scouts and volunteers.

The end of the Curse of Mayo

A 75-year football drought brings tears, celebration from Ireland to DI

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When the final whistle sounded, the three elderly men didn't say a word. They simply held each other and cried.

Around them, strangers shouted, bartenders cheered, pints sloshed onto the floor, and an Irish pub just outside Dublin's Croke Park in Ireland shook with a kind of joy that had been waiting 75 years to escape.

Daniel Island resident Beth Bush had never seen anything like it.

Vacationing in Dublin with her husband, Bush had hoped to attend Ireland's biggest sporting event: the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship between County Mayo and Kerry.

The championship is played in Gaelic football, one of Ireland's most popular sports, which blends elements of soccer, rugby, and basketball as teams move a ball down the field and score by kicking or punching it over the crossbar.

Bush never stood a chance. The match was sold out, so they settled for the next best thing – a crowded pub near the stadium.

"When we got dropped off, it was eerily quiet in the area," she recalled. "Very few people were on the streets. That's when we realized they were all in the stadium!"

Inside, every television was fixed on the same game. Nearly everyone wore Mayo's red and green colors. Every score brought deafening cheers. Every missed opportunity drew collective groans.

Then it was over.

"Fans grabbed each other hugging and screaming," Bush said. "I was especially taken by the sight of three elderly men who embraced each other with tears streaming down their faces. They just stood there for what seemed like the longest time, heads buried in each other's arms."

Only later, during a taxi ride back to her hotel, did Bush understand what she'd just witnessed.

A CURSE THAT REFUSED TO DIE

With a 1-20 to 1-17 win over Kerry on July 26, County Mayo had captured the Sam Maguire Cup for the first time since 1951, ending a 75-year championship drought – and, in the minds of many supporters, finally putting one of Ireland's most haunting sport-



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Another batch of Charleston residents, Darragh Ó Muirthe, left, Cliona Ní Mhuirthe, and Alyse Galvin, celebrate County Mayo's historic All-Ireland Senior Football Championship victory over Kerry at Croke Park in Dublin.

ing legends to rest.

For decades, Mayo supporters had lived under the shadow of the so-called "Curse of Mayo." According to Irish folklore, the county's 1951 championship team was returning home on an open-top lorry when it passed a funeral procession without stopping to pay its respects. An offended priest was said to have declared that Mayo would never win another All-Ireland title while anyone from that championship team remained alive.

Historians have never verified the story, but after losing 11 All-Ireland finals following its 1951 victory, the legend took on a life of its own.

The final surviving member of that championship team, Paddy Prendergast, died in 2021. Mayo reached another final just weeks before his death and lost again. Not until this summer, in the first championship final since Prendergast's passing, did the county finally break through.

HOLDING ONTO HOME FROM DI

For Irish families around Daniel Island – many with deep roots in County Mayo – it was the ending generations had waited to see.

Alanna Mairéad said Mayo has always felt like home.

Her mother was born and raised there, and Mairéad spent most of her childhood summers in County Mayo before settling in Charleston 10 years ago. Supporting Mayo football, she said, was simply part of growing up.

"The same as any American family would consider watching football or baseball a family pastime, watching Gaelic football has been the same for my family throughout the years."

She also grew up hearing about the curse. "We knew all about it. We would not win again until that entire team had passed on."

Championship Day found her in Charleston surrounded by friends she'd converted into Mayo fans. She prepared a traditional Irish breakfast, wore her Mayo jersey, and kept holy water from Knock – one of Ireland's holiest pilgrimage sites – nearby.

"I was sick to my stomach until the very last point," she said.

By the end of the match, she was sitting on the floor with a rosary in one hand and her late mother's Mass card in the other.

"I cried and called my aunts and my cousins. I would have given anything to have been able to celebrate this with my mom."

"Ireland is a proud country," Mairéad said. "The people who live there are proud of where they come from... They are just Mayo

men, born and raised there themselves playing with their friends hoping to bring something back to their people. It was incredible to watch it happen after such a long time."

INHERITANCE OF HOPE:

WHAT 75 YEARS CAN HOLD

For Clements Ferry resident Maureen Melody, whose grandparents emigrated from County Mayo in 1927, the victory reached across generations.

"Our roots are in County Mayo, and when I watch Mayo play, I feel connected to the places my family came from," she said. "Supporting Mayo is not just about whether they win; it is about identity, family, belonging, and hope."

Watching from home, Melody cried as the final whistle sounded – not only because Mayo had won, but because Captain Jack Coyne used his victory speech to recognize the millions of Mayo descendants living around the world.

"It was as though he was saying that distance does not make us any less a part of Mayo," she said.

The victory brought out thoughts of family members who never lived to see it.

"There I was, generations later and thousands of miles away, watching the final live in my own home," Melody said. "I felt deeply privileged to share in a moment they had waited for."

FINALLY, 'SAM' CAME HOME

In the days that followed, the Sam Maguire Cup traveled from town to town across County Mayo. Businesses closed early so employees could join the celebrations. Farmers left their fields. Families lined the streets to welcome home a team that had finally rewritten history.

"It has been electric over there," Mairéad said.

More than 3,500 miles away, that same joy reached Daniel Island.

"I think this win means so much beyond sports because it is a story of perseverance, hope, and finally letting go of the weight of the past in order to embrace the future," Melody said. "We all have losses, disappointments, and stories we carry for too long. This win was a reminder that you can honor what came before without remaining trapped by it."



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Cainhoy projects go under review

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: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - SITE DESIGN

Tuesday, Aug. 11: 500 Verdant Way – Cainhoy. Request a variance from Sec. 54-318. a. to allow an 8' wide parking space. Request a variance from Sec 54-343.1. b. to allow more than 12 parking spaces in a continuous row. TMS: 268-00-00-181. Owner: BVT - Aventon Mikasa Owner, LLP. Applicant: BVT - Aventon Mikasa Owner, LLP.

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 6: Point Hope - Capstone Cottages – Proposed multifamily buildings with associated infrastructure with 250 units on 20.92 acres at 1730 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Capstone Collegiate Communities. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Mike Bozovich, bozovich.m@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Thursday, Aug. 6: Point Hope Long Range Neighborhood Plan - South – Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future multi-phase development containing 982 lots on 1,514.4 acres. 2072 UT Sanders House St., Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000008. Owner: Cainhoy Land and Timber LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Bryce Lemon. *Results: Revise and return.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHARLESTON SOUND: RED, WHITE & RINGING CONCERT

Sat., Aug. 15, 2 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Celebrate America's 250th birthday with a patriotic barbershop concert by the Charleston Sound Chorus. Free.

FALL ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Thursdays, Aug. 20 to Oct. 22, 5-7 pm. Enjoy live acoustic music at Waterfront Park. Bring a chair or blanket and picnic. Sponsored by the Daniel Island Community Fund. Weekly artist lineup on the DIPOA Facebook page.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Friday, Aug. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm, Point Hope Village Green. Celebrate the new school year with food from the RiverDogs food truck, live music, lawn games, fairy hair, glitter tattoos, pencil pouch decorating, and sweet treats from Mr. Narwhal's Magnificent Snoballs. Free, family-friendly, and leashed dogs welcome.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

MEETING

Wed., Sept. 9, 5-6 pm, DI Rec Center. Community meeting to gauge interest in bus service and other public transportation options between Daniel Island,

downtown Charleston, and surrounding areas.. RSVP:

PublicTransportonDI@gmail.com.

DINA COMMUNITY MEETING

Wed., Sept. 9, 6:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Center Auditorium. Charleston Mayor William Cogswell will present a State of the City address followed by Q&A + updates from DINA, DICF, county councilmembers, and CPD Team 5, including a waterfront parking study update.

REFLECTANCE DRIVE

ROUNDAABOUT

Thur., Sept. 10, 5-7 pm, Philip Simmons Middle School. SCDOT officials will answer questions about the proposed roundabout at Reflectance Drive and Hwy. 41 and share plans aimed at improving traffic flow and reducing crashes.

DANIEL ISLAND PUTT & CRAWL

Sat., Sept. 19, Community mini-golf crawl through Daniel Island businesses. Play mini-golf holes at participating locations and enter to win prizes, including a \$1,000 Amazon gift card.

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. Three Legacies Speaker meeting Sat, 7 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit.

BALANCE AND STRENGTH CLASSES

Learn balance and strength exercises for mobility on Tuesdays and Thursdays at DI Rec Center, 10:15-11 am, \$10. Contact: 843-216-6366.

DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 am-12 pm, Providence Church, Free. Respite Care Charleston's caregiver support group for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. A confidential space for resources and support, led by Certified Dementia Practitioners. No registration required.

CRAFTERNOONS

1st Fri. of the month, 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Contact Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov.

DI GOP CLUB

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

DI 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: Mon. 1-4 pm; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DI WATER AEROBICS CLASS

meets every Tues, Thurs, Sat at 9-10 am at Edgefield Park pool. Open to all DI residents.

DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL

Non-denominational worship in the Daniel Pointe Theater at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Dr. 843-367-5647 or dyckman.edward@gmail.com.

DI COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6-7 pm, Daniel Island Library. Build public speaking skills in a supportive setting. Email: claire@eduave.com.

DI INSHORE FISHING CLUB

3rd Tuesday of each month at Providence Church. Connect with local anglers and hear from guest speakers.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required: 843-224-6778 or 843-209-1471.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE

Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other nonperishables at DI Library Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 9-5.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DI

4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater. dexchangeclub.org.

INDOOR CYCLING CLASS

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, DI Rec Center. New indoor cycling class, \$10 per class, limited bikes available. Sign up in advance.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX

Multimedia music discussion group. 2nd & 4th Thurs. at the DI Library, 11 am - noon.

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

MASTER GARDENER Q&A

Certified Clemson MGs. DI Library, 1st Mon. of month, 4-6 pm. Soil samples tested at Clemson University for \$6 (check or credit).

POSTPARTUM CHARLESTON

SUPPORT WALKS Walks occur at 9:30 am on the 4th Friday of every month through Oct. Meet at the DI Waterfront splash pad.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

3rd Thursday of each month at the Daniel Island Club, 5pm. Nonprofit volunteers

focus on improving Lowcountry lives. All welcome. info.raki2020@gmail.com.

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

ROTARY CLUBS

DI Rotary: Most Weds. 7:15 am and 2nd Tues. at noon. Cainhoy Rotary: 1st and 3rd Tues. at 6 pm. For more info, contact: ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, DI Rec Center. Weekly social meetup with coffee and refreshments.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS

3rd Sun. of mo. 4-5pm. Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleycountydems.com

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

WATER AEROBICS DI Water Aerobics Class meets every Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9-10 am at Edgefield Park pool. \$5. Open to all DI residents, no reservations required.

WILLINGWAY'S

CONTINUED CARE GROUP Supports families struggling with substance abuse. Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull: 843-323-7111.



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AUGUST 18 - 23 @ THE JOE

Highlights

AUGUST 18	 DOG DAY Tuesday FREE DOGS + T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY	TEE GIVEAWAY TO FIRST 500 FANS! DOG DAY BREED OF THE GAME: CORGIS
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AUGUST 22	 SHOW AT THE JOE Saturday ALBUM RELEASE, HONORARY GUEST	FAITH & FAMILY BLANKET GIVEAWAY POST-GAME CONCERT
AUGUST 23	 FAMILY Sunday KID-FRIENDLY BASEBALL	 BLUEY DAY MEET & GREET WITH BLUEY!

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil Manausa

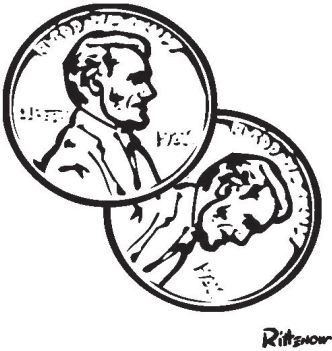
Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

All in the Past

Choose the correct past form on the verbs in parentheses.

- The Boy Scouts (raised, rose) the flag at their campsite.
- The sign that Dan (hung, hanged) is crooked.
- The children (dove, dived) for pennies in the hotel pool.



Answers: 1. raised (Rose is the past tense of rise.) 2. hung 3. dived

ACROSS

- 1 Hot springs
5 Biblical spy
10 Sailor's dir.
13 Motion picture
14 Give a sermon
15 Chow follower
16 Stressed
18 Mass schedule
19 Tiny bits
20 They come first
22 More erotic
24 "Let's Make ____"
25 Become a couple
26 Ottoman Turks
29 Being
33 Memorable ship
34 Scottish resort town
35 Fistfights
37 Meditative sect
38 Gums up
41 Shady
44 Busy buzzer
46 The 50 sts.
47 ____ out: discontinue
48 Swift, for one

- 53 Capri and Bermuda
54 More strict
55 Safe haven
56 Self-control
59 ____ many words
60 Former Kuwait ruler: sp?
61 Gumshoes
62 Pigskin prop
63 Swallows
64 Love child?
- 12 Slaughter of Cooperstown
15 Northern Italy city
17 Convened again
21 First father
23 The Continental Divide
27 Spots
28 In the mail
29 Apiece
30 Percussion instrument
31 Nickname for Gehrig
32 Nylons shade
36 Sun blockers
39 Make suitable for
40 Part of CBS
42 Wicker willow
43 Describe
45 Outdid
49 Resort of 23 Down
50 Central
51 Wall painting
52 Lock
53 Fire leader
57 Comic Philips
58 Litter sound

DOWN

- 1 Slimy films
2 ____ noir
3 Steffi's mate
4 Goes to and fro
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7 Connected computers: acron.
8 Paris season
9 Total chaos
10 Soap producers do this
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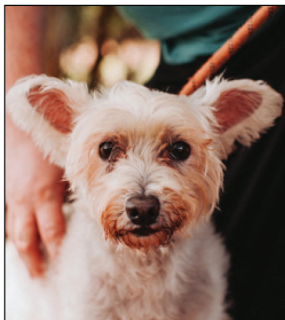
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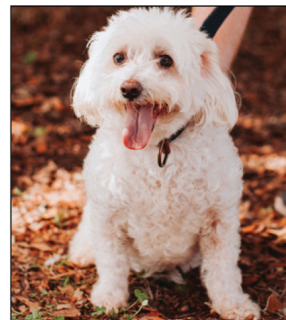


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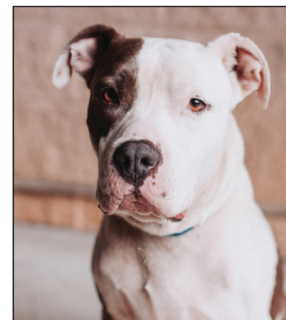
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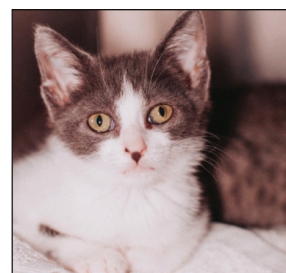
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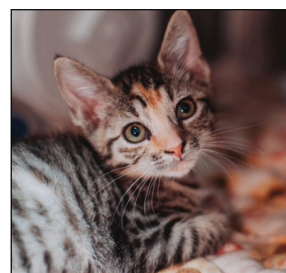
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