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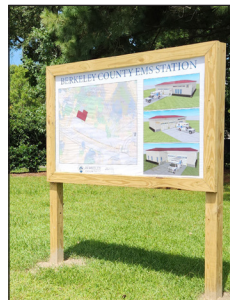
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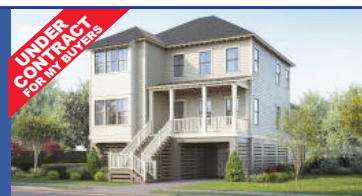
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# Seacoast Church to open new campus in Point Hope

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For anyone who has ever circled the Seacoast Church Mount Pleasant campus parking lot hunting for a spot, relief is coming.

The non-denominational megachurch is opening its newest campus in Point Hope, to serve the rapidly growing Clements Ferry area.

The new location will be inside Philip Simmons Elementary School at 2095 Seven Sticks Drive.

“Over the past several years, the Clements Ferry and Point Hope area has experienced incredible growth, with new neighborhoods, schools, and businesses,” said John Gilmer, Seacoast’s Point Hope campus pastor. “We recognized that many families moving into this community will be looking for a place to connect spiritually and relationally close to home.”

The campus will officially launch on Sunday, Dec. 21, with service times at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve services will be held at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m.

Church officials said the school will serve as a temporary home for the foreseeable future.

“You can expect a welcoming, come-as-you-are environment with powerful worship and practical, Biblical teaching that connects to everyday life,” Gilmer said.

“Whether you’re exploring faith for the first time or have been following Jesus for years, our goal is to help you take your next step in your relationship with God.”

The new campus will cater to all ages, including a Kidscoast Children’s Ministry (ages birth through fifth grade) and a Custom Student Ministry (sixth through 12th grades.) Teen programs will include spiritual and social midweek gatherings and quarterly events.

Adults will also have the opportunity to join small groups and serve teams or participate in local and global outreach initiatives.

“The Point Hope campus will reflect the heart and DNA of Seacoast Church,” Gilmer said. “Every location is shaped by its community, and Point Hope will reflect the unique heartbeat of the Clements Ferry and Point Hope area.”

Josh Surratt, lead pastor of the Mount Pleasant



campus, said, “This (opening) is going to be amazing – it’s our second campus launch this year. We live off of Clements Ferry and know there are so many people here. It’s going to be incredible.”

Gilmer looks forward to leading the new campus. “I love helping people connect with God and with each other. This felt like the right place to do that. It’s exciting to be part of something new and see how it’s going to impact and transform lives.”



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**TOP: Seacoast Church is opening a new campus inside Philip Simmons Elementary School. LEFT: John Gilmer pastor of the new Point Hope campus.**

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# Blessing Plantation sold for \$15.2M to Berkeley County, OSI

## 630-acre property to become public park

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The first thing visitors notice at Blessing Plantation isn't the stately mid-19th-century home or the mile of waterfront along French Quarter Creek – it's the sense of stepping into a place that time left untouched.

After centuries of private ownership, that experience is about to become public.

For \$15.2 million, Berkeley County and the Open Space Institute have jointly acquired the 630-acre property in Huger – one of the crown jewels of the 33,000-acre Cooper River Historic District – and will transform it into the county's newest passive park.

The purchase – made possible through the Berkeley County Greenbelt Program and, what officials say is a rare bargain sale from the plantation's longtime owners, the des Francs family – opens long-restricted land for fishing, kayaking, hiking, events, and historical exploration on a former colonial rice plantation.

"We are here to celebrate the acquisition of probably one of the most important properties in coastal South Carolina," OSI's Michelle Sinkler said during a walkthrough of the plantation. "I'm almost teary at how important this property is, not just to protect it for itself, but as a springboard for the next generation of conservation in the region."

### CENTURIES IN THE MAKING

Blessing Plantation's recorded history dates to 1682, when settler Jonah Lynch named the land after the ship that carried him to the Carolina colony. Over the next three centuries, it passed through prominent families including Henry Laurens and James Poyas, who built the plantation home that still stands.

The des Francs family purchased it in 1987, turning it into a family home.

"My late mother bought this place as a timberland investment," Edouard des Francs said. "At the time, me and my college roommates all piled in the car, drove in the gate, and it was a wild kingdom. We walked in the house and said, 'let's move here.'"

Decades of weddings, christenings, and family traditions followed. "My mother turned it into a home. Forty years later, we're here," he said, holding back tears.

Protecting the land instead of selling it for development was intentional.

"We had a lot of options for this property, and we are delighted that Blessing Plantation will now be open for recreation and enjoyment of the public."

### PAYING FOR THE PLANTATION

Paying for the \$15.2 million acquisition involved a wide coalition:

- SC Conservation Bank / OSI: \$7.4 million
- Berkeley County Greenbelt Program: \$5.8 million
- Lowcountry Land Trust: \$2 million
- Donated value from des Francs family: \$5.22 million

For Berkeley County Supervisor Johnny Cribb, Blessing Plantation represents the purpose of the Greenbelt Program created when voters approved the penny sales tax referendum in 2022.

"The top three concerns of mine every day are roads, roads, roads... but the Greenbelt Program was something the public clearly wanted," Cribb said. The referendum passed with a 74% approval. "You don't often see 74% of people agreeing on anything," he said. "If we weren't purposeful about protecting what we hold dear, it would be gone."

### WHAT THE PARK WILL OFFER

The property includes the historic home, an African American church and cemetery, wetlands, woodlands, multiple outbuildings, and a dock on French Quarter Creek. The county envisions a low-impact park focused on nature and preservation.

"There's not going to be an extensive amount of vertical structures or playground equipment," Cribb said. Instead, the focus will be on trails, ecological preservation, and public access to the creek. "One of the coolest parts about this place is the old cemetery here... a hilly area, wetlands. Personally, I think it's screaming for a hiker-biker trail."

The historic plantation house – soon to be named for Louise Carton Colas des Francs – will become a venue for weddings, family gatherings, and community events. With more than a mile of waterfront, the property will also offer access for kayaking and fishing.



PHOTOS BY EMMA SLAVEN

**Above: Blessing Plantation will become a passive, public park with trails, wetlands, and creek access.**

**Left: The Blessing Plantation house will soon be named for Louise Carton Colas des Francs.**



### PRESERVING A LANDSCAPE

Partners saw Blessing Plantation as one of the Cooper River corridor's last major unprotected tracts, facing increasing pressure from regional growth.

"Conservation is about protecting those places you thought would always be there," said Raleigh West, executive director of the South Carolina Conservation Bank. "This is a real homecoming for me, and I'm glad there are places I can take my kids to experience the same things I did growing up, in spite of all the change."

"You can't talk about conservation on the Cooper River without talking about Father Francis Kline at Mepkin Abbey (in Moncks Corner)," Charles Lane with Holcombe,

Fair and Lane Real Estate shared during the walkthrough.

Lane recounted how Kline, terminally ill, sought to protect the abbey's land, and received approval "within four days from Pope Benedict" to place a conservation easement. "So this area is truly blessed," Lane said.

Matt Williams, president of the Lowcountry Land Trust, highlighted why greenspaces like this matter. "Some of the best conversations I've ever had were in a duck blind or fishing with a friend," he said. "Places like this really matter, and they're important to our well-being and our existence in the Lowcountry."

While the county has not set an opening date, maintenance and safety teams will begin evaluating the land.

"There's a lot that goes into making it publicly accessible," Cribb said, "but executing this was a massive win."





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# Schools rely on local partnerships to thrive

BY DANIELLE LOFLAND

Daniel Island School has quietly become a model for how local partnerships can enhance public education. Through ongoing sponsorships with area businesses and organizations, the school has been able to expand academic programs, support extracurricular activities, and improve student resources, without relying solely on district or state funding.

Though not a new concept, educational sponsorships have taken on a more meaningful role as schools look for ways to adapt to evolving student needs. For Daniel Island School, this has meant everything from funding educational programs, technology improvements, enhancing class-

room equipment and supplies, and teacher training.

"We've been fortunate to have strong community ties," said Kelsey Urtz, the school's fundraising vice president. "The support we receive from sponsors allows us to go beyond the basics and give students experiences that really enrich their learning."

"We love this community and the school here," said Garret McNally, owner of Mac's Bar and Grill. "In fact, the school was one of the driving factors in us moving here 10 years ago from another part of Charleston. Anything we can do to support the school and the staff we are happy to do so."

While students and staff clearly benefit from sponsorships, businesses gain as well. Involvement

in school initiatives allows companies to forge deeper connections with the community and develop relationships with the next generation of thinkers and leaders.

"As parents and small business owners, we joined the Daniel Island PTA to be a part of supporting an association that brings improvements, positivity and opportunities to the students and school in our community," said Island Rides owner Paula Gilchrist.

As the Charleston area continues to grow, so does the importance of educational partnerships. Daniel Island School's model demonstrates how consistent, community-rooted sponsorships can elevate a school's impact.

"Our goal is to keep the focus where it belongs, which is on sup-

porting teachers and students and their growth," Urtz said. "Every time someone steps forward to support that mission, they're helping to shape a better future."

There are many ways for businesses to get involved and support the Daniel Island PTA throughout the year, including the upcoming Multicultural Night, teacher lunches, and more.

These events offer continued opportunities for community engagement and support of the school's mission. If a business is interested in learning more about how to get involved, visit [dispta.org](http://dispta.org) or email [fundraise@dispta.org](mailto:fundraise@dispta.org).

*Danielle Lofland is a member of the Daniel Island School PTA.*

# Get ready to vote for your Best of Daniel Island 2026

The ballots have been pouring in, and we are ready to announce the finalists for The Best of Daniel Island 2026.

By the thousands, you have gone to the polls to cast your nominations for your favorites in food, finance, entertainment, local businesses, and more.

Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 2, the final voting round begins!

Readers and residents will be able to pick their favorite nominees in each category and declare the winners of the inaugural Best of Daniel Island 2026.

Finalists who receive the most votes will be celebrated at a Best of Daniel Island exclusive winners' event.

Winners will also be featured in the annual Best of Daniel Island glossy magazine, show-

cased on the winners' website, and will receive a free framed certificate and window cling.

The voting opens Dec. 2 and closes on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Staff will begin contacting winners in January.

No subscription to The Daniel Island News is required to vote or win – and there's never a cost to participate.

To spread the word that you are a finalist, promotional advertising packages will be available

to support finalists throughout the final voting period, as high reader engagement is expected.

Finalists can learn more by contacting Ronda Schilling at [ronda@thedanielislandnews.com](mailto:ronda@thedanielislandnews.com), Patrick Villegas at [patrick@thedanielislandnews.com](mailto:patrick@thedanielislandnews.com), or by visiting the contest page at [danielislandnews.com](http://danielislandnews.com).

Winners will be celebrated throughout 2026 across The Daniel Island News' newspaper and digital platforms.



# Palmetto Freedom Fest raises record \$1.1M

STAFF REPORT

The 2025 Palmetto Freedom Fest raised a record-breaking \$1.1 million for the Folds of Honor Palmetto State Chapter – more than double previous years and the highest total in the event's history.

Held on Nov. 7 at Credit One Stadium, the

festival drew over 400 guests, including Folds of Honor speaker Alex Maddox, whose husband was a police officer killed in the line of duty. Her son, Bodie, was born just four days later.

A \$250,000 matching gift from an anonymous donor helped push fundraising to new heights, bringing the stadium's four-year contri-

bution to Folds of Honor to over \$2.6 million.

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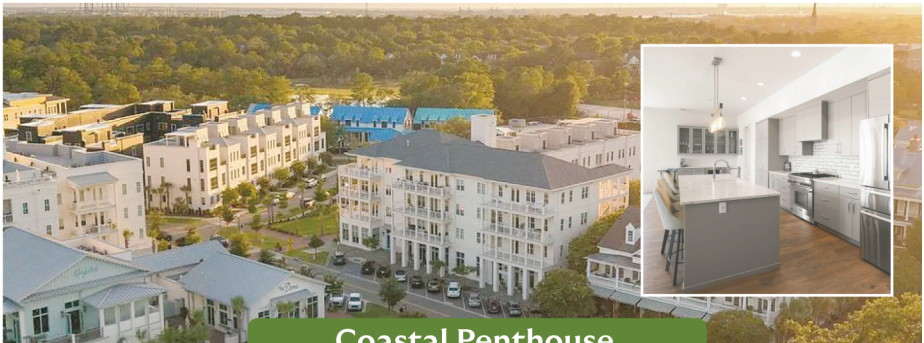
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Kinsley, age 5  
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I would sell Bitzees at my toy store.

Kylee, age 3  
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I would have a pet store with dogs because I love dogs.

Laney, age 8  
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# E-bike rules, EMS uncertainty, and tree dispute dominate DINA meeting

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The Nov. 19 Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meeting delivered a string of updates on major issues residents have been awaiting.

## E-BIKE REGS BY EARLY 2026?

Charleston City Council member Mike Seekings announced that the city is drafting its first-ever e-bike regulations – rules many residents have been urging for amid concerns over speed, safety, and enforcement.

“We do not have anything that specifically addresses e-bikes,” Seekings said. “That is about to change.”

The city has directed legal staff and the Charleston Police Department to craft rules that will align with state law, clearly define what qualifies as an e-bike, and establish enforceable standards for operating them.

Seekings said he expects a draft ordinance in January 2026 and a council vote by February.

## WEIGHING OPTIONS FOR EMS STATION

Berkeley County is still searching for a new home for its Daniel Island EMS station.

The county-operated EMS station must move from its current location inside the Charleston Fire Department’s firehouse on Seven Farms Drive by early 2026.

Charleston officials said the space is needed for a fire department expansion to maintain the island’s top ISO rating – which is a score that reflects how prepared a community is to handle fires. It’s also a rating insurance companies use to set pricing.

The county’s initial plan to build the EMS station at the Daniel Island Library, across the street from Daniel Island School, faced strong neighborhood opposition.

A new possibility being considered is the helipad site at the island’s entrance off I-526.

The site faces major utility challenges and requires approval from the state transportation department.

“We are waiting on approval from the DOT to see if this is even a workable solution,” said Jarrod Brooks, Berkeley County councilman and DINA president.



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## TREE REMOVAL COMPROMISE

Brooks and DINA treasurer Tory Sullivan shared the outcome of the neighborhood association’s months-long battle with developer Holder Properties over the removal of 24 protected trees at its townhome development site off Daniel Island Drive. The dispute drew nearly 700 resident comments opposing the plan.

After DINA appealed the Board of Zoning Appeals’ decision allowing the tree removals, both sides entered mediation.

The result: Holder will preserve three prominent trees at the entrance and plant a larger number of bigger live oaks to restore the vista, alongside the planned 24 townhomes.

Sullivan said the outcome “was not what any of us hoped for,” but noted that the legal odds were stacked against overturning the BZA ruling.

## DINA’s FUTURE AT RISK

DINA leaders closed the meeting with a cautionary reminder: the association’s election cycle is beginning, but no candidates have stepped forward. Without volunteers, the organization risks dissolving. Anyone interested in a DINA position can get in touch with Jarrod Brooks at 843-425-9736 or jarrodbrooks@gmail.com.



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# Look Who's Here: 670 Marina Drive

## Waterfront office building boasts functionality, scenic views on Clouter Creek

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670 Marina Drive is a three-story waterfront office building on Clements Ferry Road, offering views of Clouter Creek. Built in 2007 and renovated in 2021, the 15,307-square-foot property houses professional offices and firms, providing a central, scenic location for local businesses and entrepreneurs.

**Marina Suites Executive Office Rentals** offers fully furnished office spaces with month-to-month terms and, according to its website, combines professional functionality with the beauty of Lowcountry living. The three-story waterfront property has move-in-ready suites with a conference room, a kitchen area for coworking or lunch breaks, and a back porch overlooking marshfront views.

"We're proud to be part of Charleston's vibrant business community, where Southern hospitality meets entrepreneurial spirit," said Peyton Bishop, marketing manager for 32 South Properties. "Supporting local professionals in a space that blends productivity with the natural beauty of the Lowcountry makes doing business here something truly special."

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# As Publix reopens, nearby businesses hope foot traffic follows

## 'Shopping local is so important in a community like DI'

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After nearly a year of construction fencing, detours, and an empty grocery store anchor, the heartbeat of Daniel Island's main shopping center is about to return.

Publix will reopen its newly expanded store on Wednesday, Dec. 3, a date many residents have circled. For the owners of the small businesses surrounding it, the moment will feel like a collective deep breath.

"As the direct neighbor to Publix, we have definitely been affected by the construction closure," said Island Expressions owner Dyan Heineck. "The biggest change we have seen is in the reduction of foot traffic for our gift shop. There are just less people around, so we do not see as many customers stopping in to browse or shop."

Like many centers anchored by a major grocer, the businesses next to Publix rely on those incidental visits – the "I'm already here, let me pop in" moments. With residents driving off-island for groceries this past year, those opportunities vanished.

"When Publix began its rebuild, we definitely underestimated how much of our foot traffic came from their shoppers," said Katharine Matthews, owner of Lucia's Premium Pet. "It's been a challenging year missing those incidental sales. The loyalty of our customers who continued to come to us, even when it wasn't

as convenient, has been such a blessing and has kept us going."

Nationwide data backs up the importance of shopping local for a surrounding community.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, for every dollar spent at a local business, 68 cents stays in the community, compared to just 43 cents when spent at a national chain. And local retailers generate more than twice as much economic activity per dollar than big-box stores.

Heineck said the Publix closure emphasized just how vital that support is.

"Shopping local is so important in a community like Daniel Island because every business that is successful helps to attract new businesses," she said. "If residents don't support local businesses and you have empty storefronts, you will be driving off the island for everything."

"Locally owned small businesses also offer a level of personal customer service not seen in big-box stores," Heineck said.

"We know so many of our customers by name and have built relationships over the years that are truly genuine. It's the most rewarding part of owning a small business in such a wonderful community."

Matthews shared that Lucia's has grown every year until 2025 and hopes to get "right back on track for 2026" with Publix's reopening. With the island's only grocery store's grand opening just a week away, businesses are hopeful for a strong holiday



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This sign, promoting the importance of shopping local, has been a fixture at Island Expressions during the Publix renovation.

season and a full return of familiar faces.

"We look forward to seeing more of our neighbors and customers we missed over the past year!" Heineck said.

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Walk into Divine South Market on any given day, and the first thing that hits you is the scent.

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It's the kind of aroma that doesn't just make you hungry; it makes you feel something. And for owner Kristi Henderson, that feeling is exactly the point.

Henderson opened the dessert shop on Clements Ferry only a few months ago, but her family's baking business, the Chocolate Heaven Company, has been in the Lowcountry for nearly a decade. "Our first customer was Boone Hall Plantation in 2016," she said.

Her first visit to Charleston in 2015 sealed the deal.

"I fell in love with it immediately, as it reminded me of Fort Myers, Florida, where I had lived as a child. The salt, the sand, the palm trees, the marshes." And when post-CO-

VID-19 staffing challenges hit their Highlands, North Carolina, operations, the move became inevitable. "Charleston was the only place that checked all the boxes."

Choosing Clements Ferry was easy, Henderson said. "Mount Pleasant has become so much busier, and Clements Ferry had more of the small-town feel that we were used to in the Highlands." Being near the water helped too. "There are a few things better than sitting on the dock watching the tide go out after a long day."

Divine South Market itself was born years earlier as a kind of happy accident. "It's hard to resist the smell of fresh banana bread, chocolate heaven, or coffee cake coming out into the parking lot and not wanting to take some home," Henderson said.

That irresistible aroma inspired them to open a small market next door to their Highlands kitchen, one that quickly became a destination. Now those same signature desserts are the heartbeat of Divine South's Clements Ferry storefront. Chocolate Heaven, their first

creation, remains the star.

"If fudge and brownies had a baby, that would be it," Henderson said. Four varieties of banana bread, a cream-cheese-laden coffee cake, lemon and butter pound cakes, and party muffins round out the lineup.

"What makes our product stand out is that everything we make is done like Grandma did," she said. "We use only real butter, unbleached flour, real eggs, real sugar, molasses, and no artificial flavors or corn syrup."

Shelves are also stocked with what Henderson calls "local and regional crafted food and gift things," including Charleston Candles, Oliver Pluff teas, Roots and Leaves wellness products, cheese straws, jams, wafers, and more.

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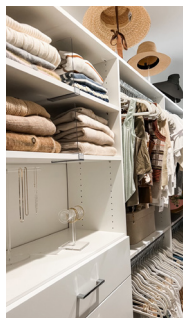
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# With 7 returning players, BE second-year coach Eykyn expects to contend

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Daniel Eykyn knows there's no place like home.

That sentiment allowed him to make a major career decision in what seemed like a split second after Bishop England High School offered him a promotion to boys' head varsity basketball coach.

"Bishop England has been the only place I have ever had interest in coaching," Eykyn said at the time of his promotion. "The BE community is like no other. It truly feels like a family. As a Charleston native and a BE graduate, I know the rich tradition the school and program have in the Lowcountry, and I look forward to continuing it into the future."

Eykyn, who graduated from Bishop England in 2007, enjoyed a prep career that included 1,000 points, all-state honors, and a spot on the South roster for the North-South All-Star Game.

Eykyn, who replaced longtime coach

Bryan Grevey, led the Bishops to a 12-15 record and a berth in the Class AAAA state playoffs, despite inheriting a team that lost eight seniors after going 19-9 in Grevey's last season.

Eykyn served 13 years as an assistant before being tabbed head coach in time for the 2024-25 season. He still has the same enthusiasm and optimism.

"My first year as head coach went well," said Eykyn, who graduated from The Citadel in 2011 after playing hoops for a couple successful coaches: Chuck Driesell and Ed Conroy. "We competed in the region and had a great group that improved as we went along."

He noticed one change in moving up a rung from assistant to head coach.

"The biggest difference was all the work done beyond practices and games," he said.

He's been a part of seven teams, as a player and assistant coach, that won region titles. The common denominator was the players supported each other on and off the court as players and alumni.



He will build on esprit de corps this winter as the team begins its second year at the Class AAAA level.

Lang Tarrant, who led the Bishops with 17.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per game, graduated. But there is still talent on campus.

"We return seven players, including five

with starting experience," Eykyn said. "I expect us to be able to compete for the region championship this year. Bluffton is the favorite to win the region, but we both return the same amount of players."

Senior Drew Gallagher earned all-region honors last winter, averaging 11.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per contest. He shot 58 percent from the field.

Classmate Charlie Reardon returns for his final season at point guard. He averaged 4.2 points and 2.9 assists per game.

Sophomore James Matsik shows promise after leading the junior varsity team in scoring last winter.

The Bishops open the season on Monday, Dec. 1, at Hanahan High School to begin a stretch of three games in five days. They play at Academic Magnet Wednesday, Dec. 3, and host Philip Simmons on Friday, Dec. 5. The Bishops will play in two tourneys: the Goose Creek Showcase and the Carolina Invitational.

"I'm looking forward to another great year," Eykyn said.

## 'As long as I'm healthy, I'll keep coaching' BE's Runey eyes new season, all-time coaching record

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Bishop England High School girls' basketball coach Paul Runey is on course to have a date with destiny next season as he closes in on becoming the all-time winningest girls' coach in Palmetto State history.

For now, the affable coach, who has been at BE in some capacity for 52 years, is focused on another region championship.

The Bishops went undefeated in Region 6-AAAA play last winter. It was the 25th time a Runey-coached Bishop team was crowned region champ.

It could be more of the same as Runey begins the 2025-26 campaign with 829 victories against 227 losses. He needs 33 victories to pass South Carolina's legendary coach Anne Long as the state's all-time winningest coach.

"I still feel good," said Runey, who turns 70 on Jan. 26. "I think about it occasionally. People ask about it. They say, 'You are so close. You can do it.' But now that the

season is at hand, all I'm thinking about is this season.

"It's been a good ride," Runey added. "I have some good girls to work with. They wanted to learn and get better. As long as I'm healthy, I'll keep coaching."

The Bishops posted a 23-4 record last winter, including 10-0 in the region. The team lost some talented players, including Hannah Rosato, a scrappy and talented all-state selection. Lisse van de Erve was another key loss.

This season, only three seniors are on the 12-player roster, and only two starters return.

The seniors are Hadley Irvine, Hayden Seay, and Anna Kate Christy. The returning starters are Irvine and junior Olivia Allen.

Allen was one of the state's super sophomores last winter. She led the Bishops with 13.2 points and 7.8 rebounds a game. She also led the Bishops in 3-point shooting percentage.

"Allen is probably one of the most versatile players on the team," Runey said. "She

probably could play all five positions if she had to."

Irvine, at 6-1, is a presence inside. She is more of a finesse player than physical. She led the Bishops in two categories with 53 percent shooting from the field and 2.0 blocked shots per contest. She was third on the BE squad with 5.6 rebounds per game.

"Both Olivia and Hadley are good high school basketball players," Runey said. "We will count on them. They have worked hard to become successful. They are workhorses."

Christy and Seay, the other seniors on the team, give the Bishops a presence inside and outside, respectively.

A pair of juniors, Ella Runkle and Elisa Artigues, are battling for the other starting position.

The Bishops will face a challenging high school schedule with Wando, Lucy Beckham, Hammond, Philip Simmons, and Porter-Gaud on the docket.

The Bishops face another challenge, playing in Region 6-AAAA thanks to a



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**Bishop England's 2025-26 varsity girls' basketball squad looks to repeat as Region 6-AAAA champs this season.**

multiplier the High School League uses to level the playing field. The Bishops, with the enrollment of a Class AA school, play against schools that have almost twice the number of students.

"People tell me, 'You can only play five on the court at one time.' But they have a tremendous talent pool to choose from," Runey said.



# Bishop England, Philip Simmons to renew sports rivalry after one-year absence

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On Sept. 20, 2024, officials from Bishop England and Philip Simmons high schools announced that the schools would no longer compete against each other in any school-related sports.

The sports flashpoint occurred a week earlier when BE canceled its B-team and junior varsity games against the Iron Horses on a Thursday night. The next evening, Friday the 13th, the varsity game was played but was contested without fans, who were barred from BE's Jack Cantey Stadium.

Bishop England officials released a statement prior to the game, announcing "out of an abundance of caution," the game would be played without spectators because of "related concerns posted on social media across the state and country containing threats of violence, and due to the current climate between our fan bases."

Bishop England wanted to continue the series in football and basketball only, while Philip Simmons wanted to compete in all sports.

A compromise to continue the rivalry couldn't be reached, perhaps because of a little too much emotion and overreaction.

Almost three months later, in a hotel in Austin, Texas, the rivalry was saved when BE's Bill Warren and Philip Simmons' Dan Minkins attended a national high school athletic director's conference.

They broke bread, sharing a meal together that symbolized unity, hospitality, and friendship.



And, the two athletic directors simply talked it out after realizing the obvious: the two schools needed to play each other.

"That rivalry was part of the community," said Warren, who knew Minkins before he arrived at BE. "We both agreed that it was a healthy rivalry. It was a great rivalry. Once emotions cooled down, we sat down and talked about two proud schools that were ready to resume the rivalry."

Minkins concurred.

"There was no reason why we couldn't continue the rivalry," Minkins said. "Not playing with each other wasn't good for the community. It wasn't good for the student-athletes. The kids know each other. Some grew up in the same neighborhood, some played on the same rec-league teams. Some kids just happened to choose Bishop England and some chose Philip Simmons."

The two schools resumed competition at the beginning of the current academic year in sports such as golf, tennis, and cross country. The date BE and Philip Simmons have circled on the calendar is Friday, Dec. 5, when the Bishops host Philip Simmons

in basketball, a revenue-producing sport. A big crowd should be on hand at Father O'Brien Gymnasium to see the two schools play.

Minkins said the two schools will also play on the gridiron next fall, one way or another.

"The (South Carolina) High School League won't allow signed contracts until it announces its realignment (later this year)," Minkins said. "But we have an agreement. We could be in the same region and play each other. If not, we will play them in a non-region game."

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The Philip Simmons defense needed the first quarter to adjust to Central High School's multi-faceted, fast-paced and high-octane offense in a Class AA third-round playoff game Nov. 21 at the Phil.

But by then, the deficit was too much to overcome as the Eagles held on for a 57-47 victory in a tense, exciting game.

The Eagles scored three touchdowns in an eight-minute span to grab a 22-3 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Coach Eric Bendig's squad showed character and a never-quit attitude in its final game of the 2025 season. The Iron Horses outscored the visitors 44-35 the final 36 minutes of the game. But the 19-point deficit was too much to overcome on this Friday night under the lights.

Philip Simmons' 10-game winning streak was halted as the Iron Horses finished with a 10-3 record.

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# Let's talk turkey

## Should the wild turkey be America's national bird instead?



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FRANK CONWAY

It's Thanksgiving time again. And in this season of family traditions and presidential (turkey) pardons, it seems appropriate for us to take a look at the facts and fiction surrounding the bird that somehow found itself at the center of America's traditional holiday meal.

These succulent birds so many of us enjoy at our Thanksgiving tables are generally domestic turkeys. They descended from wild turkeys but are farm-raised and quite different today from their non-domesticated ancestors. While the domestic turkey is sometimes jokingly said to be dumb enough to drown

looking up at rain, the wild turkey has keen senses and is quite well adapted to staying alive in the wild despite near-constant pursuit by a host of predators, including humans.

The wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) is only native to the Americas. There are five subspecies – the Rio Grande, Merriam's, Gould's, Osceola, and Eastern wild turkey. Only the Eastern variety is found here in the Lowcountry.

There is also a second species, the ocellated turkey (*Meleagris ocellata*), which can only be found in Mexico and Central America.

The turkey's uniquely native status, intelligence, and history with the settlers of Colonial America are partially responsible for the story that Benjamin Franklin supported the wild turkey over the bald eagle as our national bird.

According to the Franklin Institute, while he did write a letter to his daughter criticizing the bald eagle as a "bird of bad moral character" for stealing so much of its food and calling the turkey "more respectable" and a "true native of America," most of this is recognized as Franklin's typical satire and humor.

It is also notable that while the eagle was chosen in the competition, it was for inclusion on the Great Seal of the United States in 1782. Through some governmental oversight, we did not have a national bird at all until the eagle was formally adopted in 2024, just last year!

The tale of the wild turkey is a true wild-life management success story. By the early 1900s, the U.S. wild turkey population was estimated to be about 200,000 birds. Centuries of hunting by both indigenous peoples and settlers, destruction of habitat, and other factors had many experts concerned about the birds' possible extinction.

Today, that population estimate sits at some 6.5 million birds. Credit that to the joint efforts of government, conservationists, and hunters.

The National Wild Turkey Federation, a conservation group composed mostly of hunters, has, for over 50 years, existed solely to promote wild turkey populations.

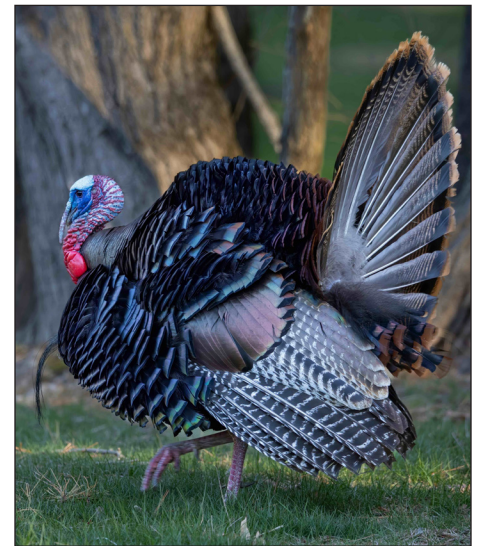


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It donates millions of dollars, funds educational endowments, and lobbies for habitat management that will benefit wild turkeys.

South Carolina's wild turkeys are certainly worthy of their own article. Sometime soon we will revisit this native creature, its characteristics, and its habitat.

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# Bruce Markham goes 11-1, defeats Brannon Florie of Coach's Canteen



Bruce Markham

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“I am an 11-year resident of Daniel Island and enjoy competing in the Pigskin Pick ‘Em every week,” he said. “Usually I do horrible, but ever so often I get lucky with my picks.”

Markham’s “luck” also defeated VIP sponsor

Brannon Florie of Coach’s Canteen to win a \$50 gift card to the Canteen.

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# DI home sales take a sizeable dip in October

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The number of homes sold on Daniel Island in October 2025 declined sharply compared to October 2024. Homebuyers closed on 14 homes last month, compared to 22 homes a year ago. In addition, the total volume of sales dollars decreased dramatically from September to October of this year. “Closed sales on Daniel Island cooled down in October to \$18,875,000 from \$38,000,000 in September,” broker-in-charge Tricia Peterson of Island House Real Estate said. “This year’s sales for October are down 56.4%.” However, Peterson noted October’s trend is not atypical. Seasonal data shows that

home sales tend to decline this time of year. “November and December traditionally are times when we see buyer activity cool off due to the holidays,” Peterson said. Currently, there are 53 homes under contract on Daniel Island, with 64 active listings still awaiting buyers. “This is a great time to buy a home,” Peterson said. “Interest rates have decreased to the lowest we have seen in a year, home affordability is now at the best level it has been in two and a half years, and 2026 is being set up to be a very strong year for real estate sales.” Final numbers show the highest-priced home sold in October was \$3 million at 43 Dalton St.; the lowest were two condo units, each going for \$420,000.

**OCTOBER 2025 HOME SALES**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1142 Barfield St. ....       | \$1,395,000 |
| 1225 Blakeway St. #407 ..... | \$525,000   |
| 200 Bucksley Lane #201 ..... | \$420,000   |
| 1600 Bulline St. ....        | \$1,300,000 |

| Month       | DI Homes Sold Per Month |      |      |      | Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month |               |               |               |
|-------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|             | 2022                    | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2022                                | 2023          | 2024          | 2025          |
| January     | 32                      | 21   | 24   | 15   | \$31,722,900                        | \$30,478,015  | \$39,768,900  | \$31,004,275  |
| February    | 21                      | 12   | 18   | 15   | \$26,962,940                        | \$12,278,500  | \$44,064,646  | \$29,665,000  |
| March       | 38                      | 19   | 25   | 30   | \$47,581,769                        | \$33,002,153  | \$37,717,567  | \$55,306,500  |
| April       | 34                      | 25   | 27   | 25   | \$45,284,139                        | \$41,784,300  | \$56,836,000  | \$51,217,200  |
| May         | 34                      | 36   | 36   | 35   | \$52,184,737                        | \$54,607,975  | \$70,444,400  | \$59,380,250  |
| June        | 30                      | 30   | 30   | 23   | \$44,261,525                        | \$56,576,160  | \$60,970,500  | \$39,987,900  |
| July        | 14                      | 25   | 40   | 23   | \$29,707,500                        | \$36,919,032  | \$64,952,400  | \$37,501,400  |
| August      | 22                      | 22   | 25   | 18   | \$35,597,327                        | \$33,646,299  | \$45,617,000  | \$31,850,950  |
| September   | 30                      | 26   | 19   | 19   | \$44,069,749                        | \$41,327,400  | \$29,435,000  | \$38,262,500  |
| October     | 16                      | 31   | 22   | 14   | \$22,021,005                        | \$49,493,910  | \$40,804,500  | \$18,875,000  |
| November    | 12                      | 10   | 23   |      | \$14,639,805                        | \$14,627,000  | \$38,841,400  |               |
| December    | 10                      | 19   | 17   |      | \$7,903,422                         | \$27,809,500  | \$30,153,400  |               |
| YEAR TOTALS | 293                     | 277  | 306  | 217  | \$401,936,818                       | \$432,550,244 | \$559,605,713 | \$393,050,975 |

|                                |             |                                   |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 43 Dalton St. ....             | \$3,000,000 | 2 Pagett St. ....                 | \$2,175,000 |
| 2271 Daniel Island Drive ..... | \$645,000   | 130 River Landing Drive #8203 ..  | \$465,000   |
| 201 Foundry St.....            | \$282,5000  | 130 River Landing Drive #7200 ... | \$455,000   |
| 2600 Josiah St. ....           | \$1,250,000 | 130 River Landing Drive #1202 ... | \$420,000   |
| 2425 Louisville St. ....       | \$1,450,000 | 145 River Landing Drive #302 ..   | \$2,550,000 |

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# Kia, Hyundai owners targeted by string of car break-ins

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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 Nov. 1-14.

## HIT-AND-RUN COLLISION

On Nov. 4, an officer was called to the I-526 Exit 23 ramp in reference to a hit-and-run collision. The victim advised that she was traveling east from Clements Ferry Road. On the entrance ramp to I-526, police said a driver of a white SUV made an improper lane change and sideswiped the victim's vehicle, causing \$5,000 worth of damage. The offender left the scene of the accident. No injuries were reported.

## IDENTITY THEFT

A complainant contacted Team 5 on Nov. 4 to report an incident of identity theft. In August, she had been contacted by a big box retail store via email about an account that had been opened using her name, email, and

date of birth. A store credit card had also been initiated using the same information. The account was opened in her name but to an address in Grand Prairie, Texas. Later, a charge was made on the credit card in the amount of \$115. The victim has alerted the store about the fraudulent activity and is working with an identity theft protection company to resolve the issue.

## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

On Nov. 6, an officer was traveling east on I-526 to Exit 24 and noticed a vehicle traveling 10 mph on Fairchild Street. The driver swerved in and out of lanes and then came to a complete stop at a green traffic signal. Police signaled the driver to pull over. The driver pulled the front half of the vehicle up onto the curb. The offender was identified by driver's license but was unable to locate his registration or insurance. After failing



standardized field sobriety tests, the officer placed the individual under arrest, and the vehicle was towed.

## DRUG/NARCOTICS VIOLATION

While patrolling Clements Ferry and Jack Primus Roads, an officer took note of a vehicle with a non-functioning brake light. A traffic stop was initiated, and the officer detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. During a search, 380 grams of marijuana, 0.7 grams of cocaine, a half-empty bottle of tequila, and a scale were found in the vehicle. On Nov. 7, the driver was arrested for possession of cocaine and given a warning for equipment violation. The passenger was arrested for possession with intent to distribute after admitting the marijuana belonged to him.

## ATTEMPTED MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

On Nov. 8, an officer responded to an apartment complex on Seven Farms Drive in reference to multiple car break-ins that occurred during the overnight hours. The first victim stated that he parked his locked Kia and found it the next day with broken glass inside and outside of the vehicle, and the steering column and ignition were ripped out of the vehicle. A pair of earbuds were removed.

A second vehicle, a Hyundai, had been vandalized on the same day with the back passenger window broken out and the bottom of the steering column, along with the ignition, removed.

Another victim was the driver of a Kia parked in the same lot, with the back passenger window broken and the bottom of the steering column ripped out with the ignition.

On Schooner Street, also on Nov. 8, officers observed a Kia with the passenger-side rear window broken, parked along the curb. The vehicle was running with the steering column damaged and no key present. The owner of the vehicle advised that he was still in possession of both of his keys.

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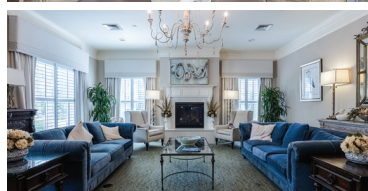
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## City review boards quiet during Thanksgiving week

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](http://charleston-sc.gov/agendacenter).

### UPCOMING: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

**Dec. 1: 606 Brooking Square Lane, Cainhoy** - Requesting preliminary approval for building 4 only. Other buildings to be submitted at a later time. TMS: 262-00-00-028. Owner: SLS Development, LLC Applicant: The Middleton Group/Karo Wheeler.

### RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Nov. 20: Cooper's Crossing Townhomes** - Proposed new 50-unit townhouse development on 12.24 acres at 810 Travis Lane, Cainhoy. TMS: B2680000005. Owner: K. Hovnanian

Southeast Coastal Division. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Kendal Grumbles, [kgrumbles@seamonwhiteside.com](mailto:kgrumbles@seamonwhiteside.com). *Results: Revise and Return.*

**Nov. 20: Cainhoy Del Webb Phase 3** - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction for future 272-lot single-family development and road construction plans on 119.4 acres at 3380 Sawtimber Street, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Pulte Home Company LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at [roach.s@tandh.com](mailto:roach.s@tandh.com). *Results: No return/paperwork comments.*

**Nov. 20: 2296 Clements Ferry Retail** - Proposed commercial building development on 2.25 acres at 2296 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2670000130. Owner: Extra Room Clements Ferry LLC. Applicant: Earthsource Engineering. Contact: Noah Nelson, [nelsonn@earthsourceeng.com](mailto:nelsonn@earthsourceeng.com). *Results: Revise and return.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 4TH ANNUAL TURKEY RUN

Thanksgiving Day, 8:30 am, Nelliefield Park. Bring family, friends, pets, strollers, bikes, and wagons for a fun 3-mile course through Nelliefield that starts and ends at the park. No registration required, all are welcome!

### CAROL HEILMAN BOOK TALK & SIGNING

Tues., Dec. 2, at 2 pm. DI author Carol Heilman will host another reading and discussion of her new novel "Becoming Hattie Mae." Free to attend; books available for purchase and signing. Daniel Pointe Retirement Community Auditorium.

### HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT AT SMYTHE

Thurs, Dec. 4, 4:30-7:45 pm, Smythe Park. Enjoy a festive evening as the DI School PTA and DICF present "The Santa Clause," including a reindeer station, crafts, and face painting. Movie starts at 6 pm. Food available from local vendors. Free.

### CREDIT ONE STADIUM TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Fri, Dec. 5, 6-9 pm, Credit One Stadium. Celebrate the season with live holiday music, Santa and Mrs. Claus, a snow show, cookie decorating, and festive fun for all ages. Free admission! Gates open at 6 pm; tree lighting at 7 pm.

### ROCKIN' AROUND THE VILLAGE GREEN

Sat, Dec. 6, 3-6 pm, Point Hope Village Green. Celebrate the season with live music by Lady Jane, carolers, still walkers, face painting, snow showers, and a holiday market featuring local vendors. Tree lighting to close the event. Free and open to the public.

### OVERTURE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Sat, Dec. 6, 11 am-3 pm, Overture DI. Enjoy a festive day of artisan and craft vendors, plus a special visit from Santa and his elves, who will help kids write letters and spread holiday cheer. All are welcome.

### BARBIE & KEN'S HOLIDAY OF HEARTS: TOYS FOR TOTS

Sun, Dec. 7, 4-7:30 pm, New Realm Brewery or 880 Island Park Drive. Bring an unwrapped toy and support Toys for Tots South Carolina, held in memory of Charlie Peary. For details, contact Hart Peary at 202-360-9003 or Christina Coscia at 843-818-3488.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Fri, Dec. 12, 6-7:30 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit Courtyard. Enjoy an evening of Christmas carols featuring performers from the Daniel Island Music Academy, Daniel Island School, and church members. Warm drinks and treats available from a food truck. Free and open to all!

### 12TH ANNUAL DI CHANUKAH CELEBRATION & MENORAH LIGHTING

Wed, Dec. 17, 4:30-6 pm, DI Rec Center. Join the community for traditional food, music, and games. Candle lighting at 5:15 pm. Free and open to all faiths. Volunteers welcome; contact Matt Levin at levinm@gmail.com or Fred Danziger at fred.danziger13@gmail.com.

### DANIEL ISLAND TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters meetings are free, open to the public. Contact Bud 843-284-6291 or clare@eduave.com.

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### ECCO FOOD DROP AT DI LIBRARY

Starting Oct. 1, the Daniel Island Library will serve as an ECCO Food Drop location. Hours: Mon-Thurs 10 am-6 pm; Fri-Sat 9 am-5 pm

## 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

Craft-ernoons 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.

**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

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

**ROTARY CLUBS** The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am and on the second Tues. of each month at noon. The Cainhoj Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Ben Laaper, ben.laaper@gmail.com. **SENIOR MEN'S GROUP** Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Daniel Island Rec Center. A free, relaxed weekly meetup for senior men to socialize and connect. Coffee and refreshments provided.

**SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS** Meets at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.

### STRONG & MOBILE FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

Sat., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. A class for active lifestyles, especially pickleball players, focused on strength and mobility for sport and real life. \$10. Contact 843-216-6366.

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**YOGA** Thursdays, 9-10 am at DI Rec Center. A mindful flow practice focusing on strength, balance, flexibility, and calm. \$8. Contact Teresa at dicommunityyoga@gmail.com.

**YOGA** Yoga for all levels on Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am. \$8. **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. raki2020@gmail.com

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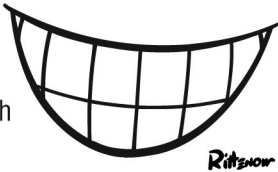
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1. My, but you have big teeth.  
a.) My    b.) but    c.) you    d.) teeth
2. Big Bob builds buildings.  
a.) Big    b.) Bob    c.) builds    d.) buildings
3. There was a great deal of commotion at the sale this morning.  
a.) There    b.) great    c.) deal    d.) commotion
4. Even from across the lake, Ed's voice could be heard by Edna.  
a.) lake    b.) Ed's    c.) voice    d.) Edna



Answers: 1. you 2. Bob 3. deal 4. voice

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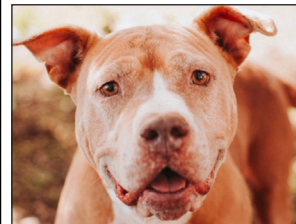
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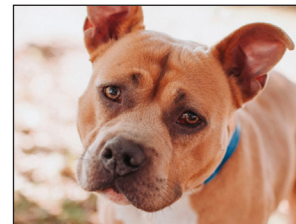


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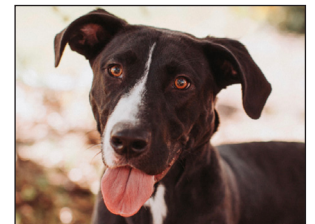
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