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Booming Clements Ferry corridor to welcome new four-story MUSC medical center

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For more than a year, drivers riding along the tail end of Clements Ferry Road have watched a steel skeleton rise, its walls filled in, and a massive structure take shape.

That building is MUSC's Clements Ferry Medical Pavilion, a project that broke ground in October 2024 and is now finished, furnished, and days away from welcoming its first patients.

"Construction is completed," MUSC communications; Kristen Drew said. "We are currently moving in furniture and medical equipment. Our official opening date is (Monday), Dec. 15."

The 80,000-square-foot, four-story medical hub on Waterline Street and Clements Ferry Road is a significant addition to the rapidly developing Clements Ferry corridor. MUSC representatives say its location is no accident.

"Clements Ferry was a strategic priority for

MUSC to meet our goal of bringing care closer to our patients' homes," Drew said. "With the growth the Clements Ferry area will see over the next few years, we want to be the community's trusted partner in health."

That growth, projected between 8% and 14% in the pavilion's service area over the next five years, is why hospital officials say they made a commitment to build a comprehensive medical center in this location.

The pavilion will house nearly a dozen specialties, including heart care, gastroenterology, neurology, OB-GYN, oncology, and physical therapy – services many residents currently have to drive downtown or to Mount Pleasant to visit.

"Many services will be new to the area. We will have advanced radiology like MRI and CT scans," Drew said. "We also have an infusion center on the top floor with an amazing view of Clements Ferry's surroundings."

MUSC's Chief Physician Executive Dr.



EMMA SLAVEN

The four-story MUSC Clements Ferry Pavilion, which will include primary and specialty care, is scheduled to open Monday, Dec. 15.

Eugene Hong said the center's location and additional medical services are aimed at addressing local gaps in care.

"We're talking about offering services at this facility as essential as primary care needs – whether it's managing chronic conditions or treating injuries like a slip-and-fall or common concerns like a cough and cold," Hong said. "We're also able to perform minor procedures and deliver specialized care related to heart

conditions and neurological disorders. People will not have to go as far to seek the best care possible."

The site will eventually host more than 100 staff and providers. Walk-in options won't be offered initially, but its primary care center will offer same-day appointments in person or virtually.

The pavilion will begin serving patients on Dec. 15, with a public ribbon-cutting planned for late January.



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AI-powered pet app launched by Daniel Island entrepreneur

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Anyone with a pet knows that the smallest changes in their furry friend can mean the most: a skipped meal, a new scratch, a little less energy on a morning walk – signs that pet owners often notice but rarely have a clear way to track.

Daniel Island resident and entrepreneur Michelle Wiltse noticed this gap too, and instead of shrugging it off, she built a solution.

Wiltse is the founder of CompanAI, a new AI-powered pet wellness app designed to help owners understand and act on subtle shifts in their pets' health. The app is currently in a free early-access beta phase, with a public release planned for early 2026.

For Wiltse, the idea came from both her career and her home life. "I've spent much of my career at the intersection of technology and human-centered design, but health care and animals have always been my deepest passions," she said.

"The idea for CompanAI grew out of my own experiences as a pet parent. I wanted to take that same power (of AI) and point it

toward the greater good: supporting families and their animals."

Wiltse noticed that the challenge wasn't a lack of good veterinary care; it was everything that falls through the cracks between appointments.

"Care isn't the problem; continuity and access are," she said, adding that owners often have to juggle scattered pet records, rising costs, busy schedules, and long waits for appointments. "Much of the most important information around a companion's health and wellness lives only in the owner's thoughts or memory."

CompanAI aims to change that by creating a single, living timeline of a pet's health. Users create a profile for their dog, cat, or horse, then add anything they have: lab results, vet visit summaries, medications, photos, or even quick notes about behavior changes. The app pulls everything together, interpreting values and spotting patterns behind the scenes so owners don't have to.

"From the pet owner's perspective, CompanAI is designed to feel simple and supportive," Wiltse said.

Users on the app can see what looks

normal, what's trending, and what might be worth watching or bringing up with a vet.

The app also includes a secure veterinary portal to keep professionals in the loop. Vets can upload records, see the same timeline the owner sees, and add their own insights.

"The goal isn't to tell vets what to think; it's to give them a cleaner, more connected picture in a fraction of the time."

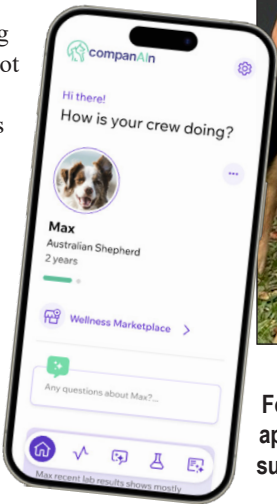
In the long term, Wiltse said she imagines CompanAI becoming a quiet companion in the background of a pet's life, something that helps families spot early changes and make better decisions without the anxiety and guesswork.

"If we can help bring a bit more 'human' back into humanity and bring people closer to the animals they love, then we've done our job," she said.



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Founder Michelle Wiltse built the CompanAI app to help families track and understand subtle changes in their pets' health.



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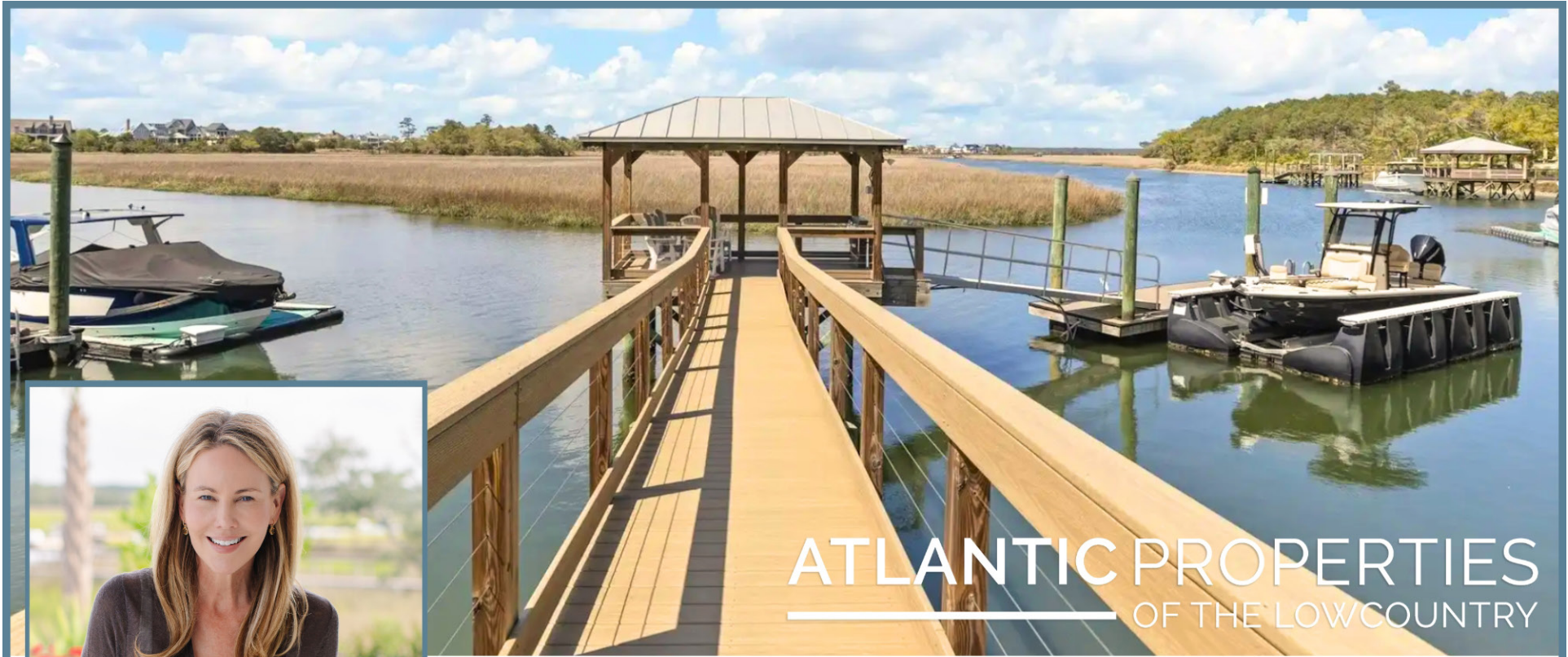
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STEVE FERBER

My daughter kept a gratitude journal for a year. I've never lasted a week, but after reading decades-long, science-based research on its efficacy, I'm heading back in.

But don't be alarmed – keeping a daily journal isn't the only route to receive its benefits. Multiple pathways exist. But before we delineate them, let's first define it. Then we'll talk benefits and icebergs!

There are two major components to gratitude, explains Dr. Robert Emmons, one of the more prominent figures in the field: 1) The benefits we receive and 2) the recognition that these benefits flow from sources outside ourselves (e.g., family, friends, work colleagues, a higher power).

And the message is clear, it's a skill that can be cultivated. Gratitude comes from the Latin word "gratia" which means grace, graciousness, gratefulness.

UNDENIABLE BENEFITS

Gratitude's benefits are undeniable. From double-blind studies to brain scans, the scientific community has spent decades studying the topic and has voluminous studies to support the neurobiological, psychological, and physical

rewards. A few prominent benefits: improving relationships, improving sleep, even boosting your immune system.

Greater empathy, more positive emotions? Yes.

Fewer toxic emotions (envy, jealousy, resentment, anxiety)? Yes again. It's all meticulously documented by researchers worldwide.

Misty Pratt, of mindful.org, calls gratitude a booster shot for romantic relationships and shares what we know intuitively – that humans, by and large, spend far more time thinking about headwinds (the barriers we face) than tailwinds (the benefits we receive).

THE ICERBERG OF GRATITUDE

Tiffany Sauber Millacci, writing in Positive Psychology, shares a simple yet poignant image of an iceberg. What lies above the water? The most meaningful events in our lives: upbringing, health and education.

What lies below? Notes Millacci, "Below the surface, we find all the simple, everyday pleasures that often go unnoticed. This may be the great book we had time to read, the laugh we had with a friend, or maybe even the joy of eating chocolate ice cream in the sunshine. Whatever these simple pleasures may be, consciously expressing our gratitude for them can really help us grow our gratitude practice beyond the surface level."

IT STARTS WITH YOU

"Gratitude should start with yourself," insists

Melissa Madeson, also writing in Positive Psychology, adding, "A simple practice of standing in front of the mirror and saying five good things you appreciate about yourself can do wonders for confidence and sparking joy... This might include recognizing past achievements, present efforts, or talents, and virtues. Compliment yourself with words like beautiful, loyal, disciplined, kind, and loving and notice how it makes you feel."

WHERE SHOULD WE BEGIN?

To help us build our practice, Maureen Salamon at Harvard.edu offers a series of questions to ask ourselves. Here are three of my favorites:

- What happened today that was good?
- What am I taking for granted that I can be thankful for?
- What is the kindest thing someone has said or done lately?

How should we start? The lightest touch may be simply taking a moment, before your head hits the pillow, to close your eyes and think of someone, or something, that you're grateful for.

Other pathways: taking a gratitude walk (love the idea), or creating a contribution journal (whereas a gratitude journal asks, "What am I grateful for today?", a contribution journal asks, "How did I help someone today?")

No matter the pathway, remember that it takes time to build a practice, but rest assured, rewards will accrue over time.



Charleston Police Chief Walker honored with Strom Thurmond Award

Charleston Police Chief Chito Walker recently received the 2025 Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement in the City category. Walker accepted the honor in Columbia, South Carolina, with his family and colleagues.

With 25 years of service, Chief Walker has focused on community engagement, youth programs, and officer development and has earned recognition for his leadership and dedication to modern policing.



Daniel Island ROMEO Club tours American flag-making plant

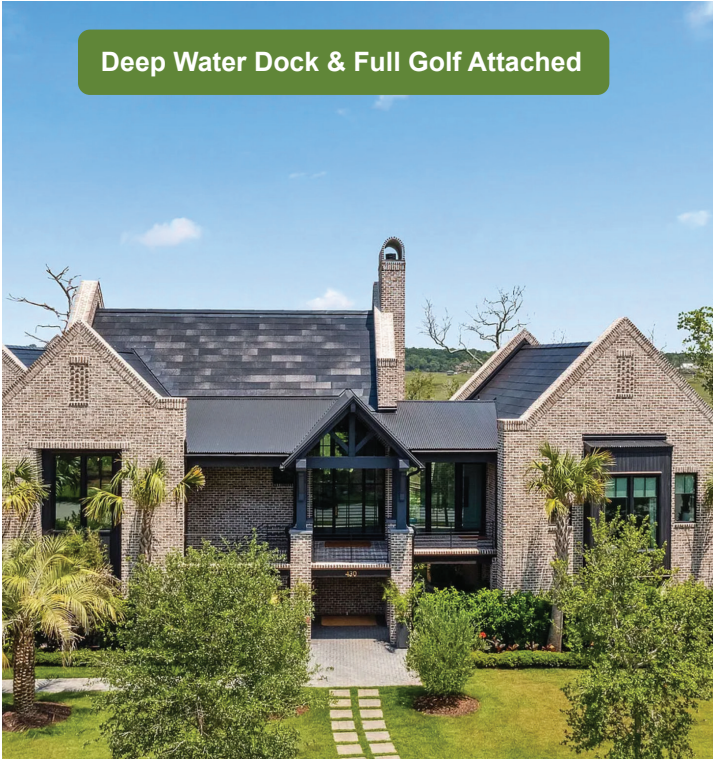
The Daniel Island ROMEO Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out) recently toured Allegiance Flag Supply, an American-flag manufacturing company based in Charleston.

Guided by co-founder Wes Lyon and operations manager Jephtha Tanksley, the group observed the company's production process, from initial manufacturing to final packaging and shipping of the American flags.

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6th grade, University School



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The BK Way BEN KELLY

If there's one thing I've learned in more than three decades competing and coaching, it's this: your morning sets your direction.

Win the morning and you move through the day with momentum. Lose it, and you spend the rest of the day trying to get back on track.

People often look for complicated answers when it comes to health and performance. But the real foundation is built in the first 30 to 60 minutes after you wake up, especially in the colder months when the couch is warm, the bed is comfortable, and the little voice on your shoulder says, "Stay inside today."

Here are the four pillars of a strong winter morning routine – simple, powerful, and proven.

GET MORNING LIGHT (EVEN WHEN IT'S COLD)

This is a non-negotiable. We live surrounded by artificial light – LEDs, phones, laptops – none of which send the right signals to your biology. But 2 to 10 minutes of natural morning light does.

And yes, it's cold. Yes, your brain will try to convince you to skip it. Ignore that voice.

Doing the right thing when it's uncomfortable builds resilience. And stepping outside for a few minutes isn't extreme, but the effect is huge: better energy, better mood, sharper focus, and a stronger sleep-wake rhythm.

When in doubt, go outside.

HYDRATE BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE

After 7 to 9 hours without water, your body is dehydrated before your day even starts. Begin with 16-24 ounces of water. If you use highly filtered water, add minerals back in. Otherwise, plain water is still a massive win.

Think of your body like a plant; if you don't water it first thing, it won't thrive.

MOVE YOUR BODY

This isn't about crushing yourself. It's simply about creating blood flow and waking up the system.

A brisk walk, mobility flow, air squats, a light bike warm-up, or an easy strength session – any intentional movement works. The goal is momentum. You want your body to feel awake before the demands of the day hit you.

EAT PROTEIN AS YOUR FIRST MEAL

This one is a game changer. Most people start the day with carbs – bagels, cereal, toast, pastries – and it puts them on a blood-sugar roller coaster. Carbs aren't bad, but they're rarely the right first meal for most people.

Instead, start with animal protein and healthy fats: eggs, chicken, steak, or salmon. A protein-first breakfast stabilizes blood sugar, boosts energy, reduces cravings, and sets a level playing field for the rest of the day.

When you stack these four pillars – morning light, hydration, movement, and protein – your energy changes, your mood changes, and your consistency strengthens.

Win the morning. Win the day. That's the BK Way, even in the cold.

Ben Kelly is a Daniel Island resident and founder of BK Athletics with more than 30 years of experience in sports and fitness.



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Ben Kelly recommends beginning the day with protein and fat to keep energy steady.



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Daniel Island Publix reopens to cheers, crowds, and lots of opinions

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Just before sunrise on Wednesday, Dec. 3, Daniel Island felt unusually awake.

Cars idled in the half-light, neighbors gathered with travel mugs, and kids bounced on their toes outside the brand-new Publix doors as if waiting for a theme park to open.

When the green ribbon hit the pavement, the crowd surged forward – not out of urgency, but collective relief. After nearly a year without a grocery store, the island finally had its heartbeat back.

The former grocery store, demolished last winter, was rebuilt from the ground up and reopened at 50,472 square feet, almost double its previous footprint. For Publix, the timely turnaround was its own win.

“(We got everything) done in less than 12 months,” said Publix Media Relations Manager Jared Glover. “We were able to get things open just in time for the holidays.”

Glover said the new store is a total inversion of the old one, literally. “The biggest difference is that the store is completely flipped. It’s the opposite of what it was before,” he said. The new pharmacy, a first for this location, now greets shoppers on the right. On the left, a deli, produce section, and bakery unfold across widened aisles.

“We’ve doubled the size of items that you

can buy (exclusively) in our store,” Glover said. More than half of the former associates returned, with staffing now totaling 140 employees.

Inside, the store feels brighter and more open, with windows along the deli and a courtyard with café seating. “You can walk through the seating area into the courtyard... grab a Pub sub, and eat lunch out there,” Glover said. Self-checkout stations now line the front, another first for this location.

The chain’s Community Relations Manager Kim Reynolds offered a heartfelt “thank you” to residents and neighboring businesses who endured the year-long closure. “The expansion was designed with you in mind so that we can better serve our customers here on the island and provide an enhanced shopping experience that truly meets your needs.”

RESIDENTS WEIGHT IN

For longtime islander Ann Moravick, the reopening was pure relief.

“Happiness,” she said of her first reaction. “There was a joyful vibe with vibrant, happy people. The store is sparkling and gorgeous.”

After a year of grocery treks across the bridge to visit other stores, Moravick said, “It was such a pain. I spent a lot of money on Uber Eats and way too much time at Har-

ris Teeter. A year is a long time but it was worth the wait.”

Others, like Joannah Sampson, approached cautiously but left impressed. “While large, it was quite manageable and very well laid out,” she said. She’s hopeful the reopening boosts the other shops in the plaza.

“I felt for the other businesses in the shopping center. I can only hope they are able to quickly recoup any losses they incurred from the loss of the store over the last year!”

Sampson’s only gripe? “The parking lot is a hot chocolate mess. Why is it that people consistently think about infrastructure last?”

Parking, in fact, became the opening day’s hottest talking point. Catie Carlson didn’t mince words. “Parking took longer than shopping,” she said.

While thrilled to avoid Mount Pleasant grocery runs – “I’d rather eat sugar packets than go to Mount Pleasant for groceries” – she said the expansion “was not worth it” without better access.

Resident Kristina Dickey welcomes the store but wishes Publix had closer competition for competitive pricing. “One grocery (store) isn’t enough when you consider the population now,” she said. For seniors in her building, the closure was costly. “Most of us are on a fixed income. Please lower the prices. Not everyone is wealthy.”

Still, many focused on what the store offers now. Billie Bacon walked in on opening morning and immediately felt the difference. “I was blown away by the brightness, the cleanliness, and the friendliness and helpfulness of the employees,” she said. “Just walking down each aisle was a joy.”

The reopening is also a lifeline for Island Expressions, the framing and gift store, next door. Owner Dyan Heineck said foot traffic plummeted during the closure.

“There were just less people around,” she said. “Any new customers have avoided the area.” With Publix back, she hopes to see both familiar and new faces. “We are really looking forward to seeing more of our neighbors in the next few weeks!”

For a community that spent 11 months without its central shopping hub, Publix’s return is helping restore everyday rhythms – the quick ingredient runs, sub lunches, the midweek randomness that make a neighborhood feel whole.

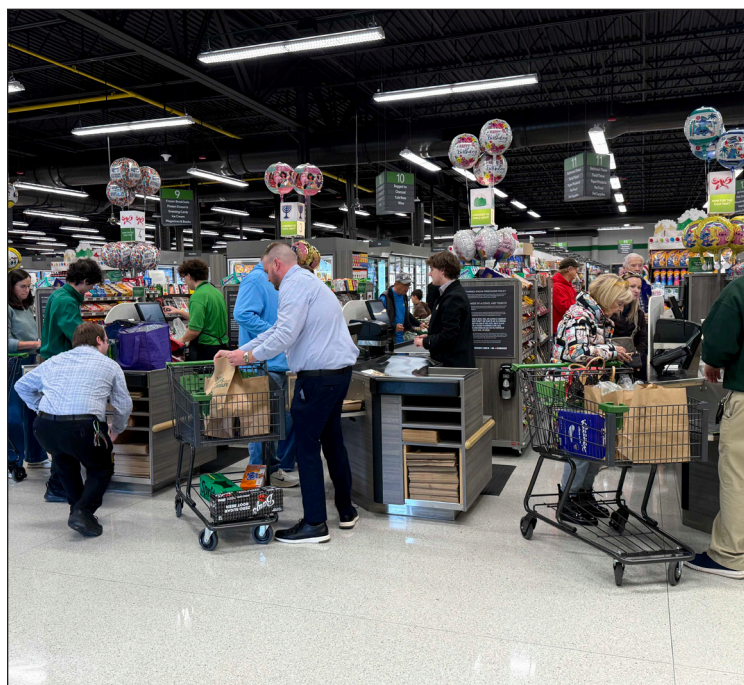
As Moravick put it, “We’ll spend a lot less money on gas and less time in highway traffic. For me, it means better impromptu dinners without taking a road trip for food.”

After a year of inconvenience, Daniel Island once again has its Publix back.



ANN MORAVICK

Sharon greets customers and keeps checkout lines moving smoothly.



EMMA SLAVEN

Checkout stations handled a steady stream of opening-day shoppers.



PATRICK VILLEGAS

Bakery team members Na'Treana Johnson and Madison Coleman were all smiles on opening day.

Homeowner says doormat bandit tries to set it on fire

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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. 15-30.

SHOPLIFTING

On Nov. 17, Team 5 responded to a shoplifting incident at a retail store on Clements Ferry Road. Three men parked a blue sedan at the back of the store and entered through the front. They filled shopping carts with miscellaneous items and then left out the back door. A store employee was not sure what products were stolen but noticed several large containers of laundry detergent and a grill in the cart. The estimated value of the stolen items is \$2,500. Investigators plan to review store video footage.

DRUG VIOLATION

An officer initiated a traffic stop on Island Park Drive on Nov. 18 after noticing a truck traveling with a headlight out. When making contact with the driver, police observed a large blood stain on the shoulder of his shirt. He detected the distinct odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A check on the National Crime Information Center database revealed that the individual had a warrant out for arrest in Berkeley County for assault. An inspection of the vehicle revealed a loaded handgun in the center console and 25 grams of marijuana in the glove box. The suspect was transported to Roper Saint Francis for his injuries, then arrested for multiple charges and lodged at the Berkeley County Detention Center.



LARCENY BY FALSE PRETENSES

On Nov. 19, police were dispatched to a residence on Barfield Street to investigate fraudulent activity. The complainant received a call from someone impersonating a representative at a credit card company. He was told that his account had been compromised and that he would need

to install a firewall on his computer to prevent further corruption. Once the complainant installed the software, he noticed a \$200 charge on his checking account, labeled as Dark Web. The victim then received a call from someone who claimed to work at a digital payment platform. The caller said he was correcting the false charge but claimed the individual entered \$20,000 instead of \$200. The complainant was told he needed to withdraw cash to fix the error and complied, removing \$19,700 from two different banks and depositing it into cryptocurrency accounts. Police advised the victim to freeze his accounts. An investigation is pending.

VANDALISM

On Nov. 20, a victim came to the Team 5 office to report an incident that occurred on Nov. 1. He stated that an unknown individual walked onto his front porch and took his doormat. The suspect was captured on video. A neighbor advised that someone had tried to burn the doormat in a wooded area next to the property, and when it was recovered, it smelled of lighter fluid. The homeowner is interested in pursuing charges if the suspect can be positively identified.

A sedan on Pierce Street on Nov. 20 was damaged during the overnight hours. The driver's side rear window was broken out; nothing was missing from the vehicle. Police are working to recover video footage from nearby residences.



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Postpartum Support Charleston is a nonprofit organization that supports local mothers facing postpartum depression and other maternal mental health challenges.

A mission supporting mothers

Postpartum Support Charleston marks 25 years of advocacy for maternal mental health

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Often regarded as the “baby blues,” postpartum depression was once a topic quietly whispered among mothers. It wasn’t until the early 1990s that postpartum depression officially became medically classified.

Now decades later, reproductive psychiatry has its own textbook. Screening guidelines are standard practice. And new mothers are encouraged – even expected – to talk about their mental health.

Helping reshape that conversation locally is the nonprofit group Postpartum Support Charleston.

For 25 years, PSC’s mission has been to provide a safety net for those mothers who once felt invisible by stitching together a community where no one has to navigate postpartum alone.

What began as one mother’s determination

to prevent tragedy has grown into a far-reaching network of peer mentors, care packages, warm meals, education, and hope.

The mental health organization’s impact can be felt in the Lowcountry, as it has supported more than 10,000 mothers in the Tri-County area with emotional and practical support during what can often be a vulnerable chapter in a mother’s life.

Daniel Island resident and longtime board member Dr. Piave Pitisci Lake has witnessed PSC’s evolution firsthand.

“In a word, it’s dedication,” she said. “The dedication of a mother preventing similar tragedies, and the dedication of many mothers over time helping each other through vision, creativity, identifying needs, and creating programs to address those needs.”

A LIFELINE THAT MULTIPLIES

Dr. Lake said PSC’s impressive outreach to women can be attributed to a human ripple effect.

“It’s an exponential impact. Multiply that by the number of people touched by one mother – children, partners, grandchildren, parents – and you get better health and well-being,” she said. “It’s paying it forward so that more women can be helped.”

Those ripples originate in the gaps PSC fills as the organization helps support needs that traditional health care may not address alone.

Practitioners can screen, diagnose, and refer. But they cannot show up with meals, sit beside a mother on a hard morning, or share the life experience of someone who has survived postpartum depression.

“We offer peer support, education, and outreach in ways the health care system cannot and is not designed to do,” Lake said.

PROGRAMS BUILT ON CONNECTION

PSC’s peer mentor program remains the organization’s beating heart. Mothers who

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have lived through postpartum depression, anxiety, OCD, or PTSD volunteer to support other mothers currently in crisis through texts, phone calls, walks, coffee meetups, or simply the promise that someone understands.

“The sense of being seen is comforting; having community, being part of something, and not alone,” Lake said.

PSC’s Beyond Delivery program adds another layer of care: warm, home-cooked meals delivered to families with newborns.

“Having a meal prepared and delivered is a great relief to parents with a newborn,” Lake emphasized. “It also helps parents and families know they are not alone and there is help if they need it.”

In its more than two decades in existence, PSC has assembled 5,303 care packages, supported 10,159 moms, and formed 2,260 group members – numbers that reflect not just scale, but sustained intention.

Lake describes mothers telling her the non-profit has been “life-saving” and says the support has even inspired some to become mental health providers for other moms themselves.

A CHANGING CULTURE

Piave calls the last decade a “sea of change” in how postpartum conditions are un-

derstood. Awareness has expanded alongside research, formal training programs, reproductive psychiatry fellowships, and statewide access initiatives such as MUSC’s Mom’s IMPACTT, a perinatal resource and referral program led by Dr. Connie Guille.

Screening guidelines from obstetrics, psychiatry, and pediatrics now establish best practices that didn’t exist 20 years ago. New textbooks and curricula have filled long-standing knowledge gaps. Yet the stigma can persist.

One in five mothers experiences postpartum depression or anxiety. Some studies suggest it may be as high as one in three. And still, 85% of mothers never seek help.

PSC exists to change that number: one mother, one connection, one meal at a time.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

On Dec. 7, PSC celebrated its 25th anniversary with a Gather & Give Oyster Roast at Alhambra Hall in Mount Pleasant. The event featured live music, oysters, photos with Santa, and a silent auction, all supporting the nonprofit’s core programs – from its peer mentor program to the Beyond Delivery initiative and community education efforts – helping more Charleston-area mothers access essential postpartum mental health resources.

For Lake, the milestone carries both joy and gravity.

“I remember attending several of the moms’ runs on Daniel Island when the organization was in its earliest years. I was starting my own family at the time,” she said. “This anniversary, seeing the (grown-up) sons at the moms’ run this year was bittersweet. It is a reminder of why PSC was started and how far we have to go, as well as a tribute to how far we have come.”

Her advice to the community is simple and perhaps the heart of PSC’s mission. “Ask how moms are doing, and acknowledge that becoming a parent involves complex feelings, as most life changes do.”

If you or someone you know is struggling with postpartum depression, support, treatment, and healing are available. Contact Postpartum Support Charleston at 843-410-3585 or contact@ppdsupport.org.

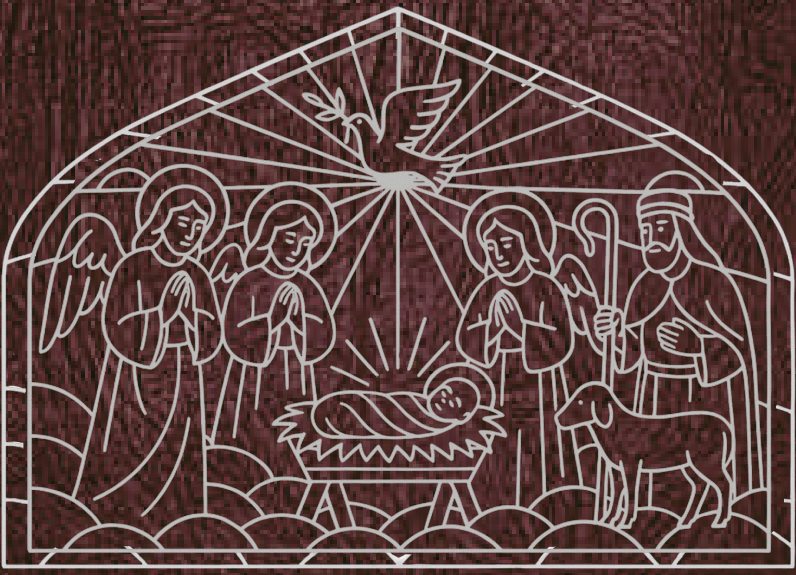
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Top: PSC’s programs bring new mothers in the community, care, and connection they need to heal.

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Bottom: PSC provides essential baby items to local moms across Charleston.





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LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY'S MOBILE FARMERS' MARKET BRINGS LOCAL, FRESH FOOD TO DANIEL ISLAND

nearly a decade ago as a response to food-access inequities across Charleston. Founder Lindsey Barrow Jr., a College of Charleston graduate, was driven by the number of residents living in what he calls "food apartheid." The concept for a mobile market took shape in 2015, and the team later retrofitted the 1988 bus through a Kickstarter campaign.

"We call it Robin Hood economics," said operations manager Jessica Nock. "Through a strategic sliding scale, with SNAP and EBT incentives, we ensure that where you live and how much you earn doesn't predetermine your family's health."

The Nell bus began setting up on Daniel Island in the spring of 2023, running a weekly market on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. LSG has also popped up in other spots on the island in prior years, but Guggenheim Terrace has become its steady home base.

The mobile market operates almost year-round, with short breaks for maintenance in late summer and after the holidays. "Our Nell does need the occasional tune-up and tidy up," Nock said. "We always give a heads-up to our patrons before these breaks so they can make sure to stock up."

Behind the bright exterior of the bus is a

surprisingly large, coordinated operation.

Nock said, "What started as an idea to tackle local food access inequalities has since become three unique and interdependent companies" – Lowcountry Street Grocery, Community Supported Grocery (its delivery arm), and Grocery Rx (its nutrition education program).

Lindsey and Olivia Barrow run LSG, supported by a broader staff that, in Nock's words, "makes the magic happen."

Nell serves several neighborhoods across the region, including Folly Beach, West Ashley, downtown Charleston, and North Charleston on a rotating schedule. "Through our business model that utilizes Robin Hood Economics, we are able to prioritize our mission markets in the communities across Charleston that are most affected by food access," Nock said. "Access to local, healthy, affordable food is a right, not a privilege."

Despite being mobile, the operation is anything but small. LSG works with more than 300 farms, producers, and artisans.

"We have inventory from over 300 vendors," Nock said. "Managing this volume involves a coordinated supply chain. We source from these businesses and farms, aggregate and organize the goods at our warehouse, then stock the bus accordingly."

Vendors include farms and producers across the Lowcountry and the broader Southeast: Rooting Down Farms, Fireant Farms, Wishbone Heritage Farms, Peculiar Pig Farms, Lightning Rock Cattle, Shuler Farms, Sakhar Jams, Wabi Sabi strawberries, and Kemmerlin Farms' century-old corn operation. LSG also welcomes backyard gardeners who bring in extra herbs or bay leaves.

Because of the volume they can move, Nock said they help farmers in ways traditional markets sometimes can't.

"Our sourcing helps farmers by giving them a dependable wholesale outlet," she said. "We can take produce that may have a few more knicks and scratches and educate our members on why it is still perfectly delicious and nutritious."

And nothing goes to waste. "We actually have a full-circle composting system," she said. "A local heritage pig farm picks up our compost weekly and feeds it to his animals. We then buy his regeneratively raised meat. No food waste."

Beyond produce, the bus carries breads from local bakers like Tiller Baking Co.

and Brandon's Bread, cheeses from Counter Cheesemongers, milk and yogurt from Lowcountry Creamery, pantry items like honey and nut butters, olive oils, coffee beans, kombucha, cold brew, flowers from Aperio Farms, and prepared foods including organic tortillas, Rio Bertolini's pastas and sauces, and ready-to-bake cookies.

Despite its steady presence in the community, the organization was recently hit with a setback. "In early September, LSG was unexpectedly de-authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to accept SNAP/EBT," Nock said.

The organization launched its SNAP BACK fundraiser to keep low-income families connected to healthy food. "The funds are being used to cover the cost of goods and logistics so that SNAP-eligible families – about 275 families for three months – can continue to access fresh food through our program."

Nock describes it as "private dollars to support public health," a community-driven alternative to the volatility of policy changes.

She believes that supporting local food

systems is essential to Charleston's future. "By connecting about 300 local growers and producers to a reliable market, we help sustain small farms, food artisans, and regional food systems," she said. "Nell becomes a gathering place. It recreates a sense of community, reminiscent of historic mobile vendors."

"All in all," Nock said, "we are here for the Charleston people and the betterment of our community."



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On Fridays at Guggenheim Terrace on Daniel Island, long before the lunch crowd arrives, a familiar truck pulls into its spot beside CVS.

It's not a food truck. It's not a pop-up boutique. It's Nell, a retrofitted 1988 school bus painted in bright colors, packed with farm-fresh produce, artisan goods, flowers, meats, dairy, and the unmistakable hum of neighbors gathering.

This bus is one of the Daniel Island Farmers Market's most unique fixtures: the Lowcountry Street Grocery's Mobile Farmers' Market, a community health initiative built on one simple idea: bring good food to the people who need it most.

Lowcountry Street Grocery launched



The crew keeps the wheels, and the fresh produce, turning for a healthier Charleston.



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LSG's Nell bus is local and on the move with fresh groceries every Friday on Daniel Island.

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Bishop England, Philip Simmons renew rivalry competition after a year-long stoppage

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It was a celebration of teen spirit: high school basketball style.

Philip Simmons and Bishop England high schools battled on the hardcourt of Father O'Brien Gymnasium on Friday, Dec. 5.

It was the first time the two schools played each other in a revenue sport since September 2024 when inflammatory social media posts caused Bishop England officials to ban fans from the Iron Horse vs. Bishops football game at Jack Cantey Stadium.

It was a much different scenario this time. The gymnasium was packed with boisterous and enthusiastic fans and players who shook hands and hugged at the end of the game.

It was only appropriate that both schools posted victories in the renewal of the rivalry. The Philip Simmons girls' team upset Bishop England 52-46 to gain their first victory of the year. The Bishop boys, meanwhile, picked up their third consecutive victory

with a thrilling 73-70 decision.

But the real winner was the Daniel Island community, which thrives on unity. While the players wear different uniforms, they live in the same neighborhoods, play on the same club and travel teams while sharing the same dreams, hopes and fears.

It was a great night to reunite.

"I think the games went great," PSHS athletic director Dan Minkin said. "You had two rivals playing in two hard-fought games that weren't decided until the final minute. The students and community brought the energy, and we are already looking forward to the next games."

Said Bishop England athletic director Bill Warren: "It was a great night of basketball with great crowds from both schools, including large student turnouts. It was a super environment."

The Iron Horse girls, under second-year coach Allen Gethers, jumped to a 34-20 halftime lead and then had to withstand a Bishop rally. The home team cut the margin

to 44-34 at the end of three. The Bishops came close but fell to 3-2 on the season.

Harper Cohen led the Iron Horses with 19 points, while Wellsley Roe chipped in with 13.

Olivia Allen led Bishop England with 14 points, and Hayden Seay added 12.

Meanwhile Daniel Eykyn, in his second year as the BE boys' head coach, watched his team race to a 35-30 halftime lead. But the Iron Horses went on a 23-14 run in the third period to take a 53-49 lead.

But Eykyn's crew outscored the Iron Horses 24-17 in the final eight minutes to hand PSHS its first loss in four games.

Sam Pelsnik led the winners with 20 points, but he had help as William Donato scored 14 points and James Matsik 10.

The Iron Horses' Jack Mevold led all scorers with 22 points. Hopper Afman and Dylan Morris both tallied 17.

Both schools have busy basketball weeks.

The Iron Horses were scheduled to play at Hanahan on Monday, Dec. 8, and then host



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Bishop England and Philip Simmons high schools took to the court on Dec. 5, renewing its cross-town rivalry after sports competitions between the schools were put on hold in September of 2024.

Cane Bay two days later. On Friday, Dec. 12, the Iron Horses travel to Goose Creek and close out the week with a home date against Hanahan on Dec. 15.

Bishop England, meanwhile, hosts Academic Magnet on Wednesday, Dec. 10, and travels to Porter-Gaud two days later for the "Holy War." The Bishops host Wando High School on Saturday, Dec. 13.

'Most decorated' kicker CJ Falotico joins other Iron Horses, Bishops on all-star teams

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Philip Simmons and Bishop England both had solid seasons on the gridiron, and each school's success was reflected in the recent release of the all-state and all-region teams.

Philip Simmons, which went 11-2, including 5-0 in Region 6-AA play, landed six players on the South Carolina Football Coaches Association's Class AA all-state team, while another four players earned honorable mention all-state.

The Iron Horses also had seven players earn spots on the Region 6-AA team, while Iron Horse boss Eric Bendig was named coach of the year.

Bishop England, meanwhile, went 8-4, including 2-3 in Region 6-AAAA. The Bishops landed six players on the Region 6-AAAA team.

CJ Falotico concluded his stellar career at Philip Simmons with all-state honors and

was selected to play in the 78th Touchstone Energy Bowl on Dec. 13 at Myrtle Beach's Doug Shaw Stadium.

Falotico connected on 13 of 18 field goals and converted 54 of 59 PAT attempts. His 13 field goals ranked No. 42 nationally, according to MaxPreps.com and his 93 points were No. 43 in the nation.

"CJ was a huge asset for our team and program in his time here," Bendig said. "We have had some great kickers, but CJ will leave as the most decorated in school history and owns all of our kicking records for a season and career. His ability to punt and kick was a huge X factor against teams, especially in tight games."

The Iron Horse all-state selections also included the dynamic pass-catch duo of quarterback Hayes Goddard and wide receiver Ashton Kellermann, defensive linemen Alex Tchoryk and Roman Hood, and defensive back Montrell Mungin.

Goddard, Kellermann, Tchoryk, and Hood

are juniors and will form an impressive nucleus in 2026.

The honorable mention selections included junior Diavante Irving, senior Ethan Chisum, junior Omonte Taylor, and senior Yosi Mallett.

"We knew since these juniors were in the eighth grade that they were a special group," Bendig said. "To see so many do so well this year for us was just a great testament to their hard work, talents, and our program's coaches. It shows that the Philip Simmons football program is set up to continue to be one of the best teams in the state."

Goddard was the Region 6-AA offensive player of the year. He showed improvement almost every week and finished with 3,196 total yards while accounting for 36 TDs. He completed 171 of 297 pass attempts for 2,675 yards and 30 scores.

The Iron Horses' other region picks included Kellermann, Hood, Chisum, Irving, Taylor, and Mungin.



Senior quarterback Quinn Mahoney heads the list of BE players who were selected to the Region 6-AA team. Mahoney, who was also selected to play in the Touchstone Energy Bowl, played in only nine games his senior year and completed 102 of 183 passes for 1,446 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Mahoney, who will matriculate to Campbell University, completed 272 of 488 passing attempts in his two years as a starter at BE for 3,907 yards and 37 scores.

The Bishops' other all-region performers included Zach Balog, Chase Tonon, Hunter Alex, Trevor Tonon, and Matthew Ponkow.

BE signing day includes top volleyball star to Pepperdine University

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Sullivan Leonard played volleyball at Bishop England High School, a member of a program that has a rich history. The Bishops volleyball team has garnered 29 state championships, which is the most in South Carolina history and second all-time in the nation.

Now, she's making history on her own.

The 6-foot-2 middle blocker will be the first volleyball player from the Palmetto State to play for Pepperdine University, one of the top programs on the West Coast.

Leonard chose Pepperdine, located in Malibu, California, over schools such as West Virginia University and Tulane.

"I just read that the other day," Sullivan said of going coast-to-coast. "It's going to be interesting because I live in Charleston, where all my friends are. It's going to be hard, but the reward will be worth it."

Leonard was one of 10 BE student-athletes who took part in a signing day ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 4. Nine of the signees were girls.

"I chose Pepperdine because I fell in love with everything about the school – even outside of volleyball – and could really see myself there," Leonard said. "The team's culture and connection with each other and the coaches is something."

"I highly value when it comes to being on a team and I am so excited to be a part of it when I get to Pepperdine," she added. "I also liked how they compete and play at a high level, considering it's a smaller school, and how supportive the environment was."

The Waves get a player who has much success at the high school and club levels.

Leonard was a sophomore member of the Bishops' state championship team in 2023. She tallied 480 kills, 212 blocks, 171 digs, and 49 aces in her three-year varsity career.

Leonard played club volleyball for SC Elite's 16- through 18- teams. She also played two seasons for MVP and one year for the 13 Palmetto Strikers. She was on the Supernovas and Stars Watchlist during the AAU Nationals 16 Open in 2023.

Leonard is one of three players who inked with Pepperdine during the early signing period. Wave coach Scott Wong had praise



Sullivan Leonard

for Leonard.

"Sully is a good addition to the team as an attacking middle blocker that has the ability to be a formidable presence at the net," the coach said.

Like Bishop England, the Pepperdine program has a rich history.

The Waves have played in 26 NCAA tournaments since 1981 and is one of the most successful collegiate programs, winning 12

West Coast Conference championships. The team finished the 2025 regular season with a 21-8 record, including 15-3 in league play.

The Wave has produced top-shelf talent, including 21 All-Americans in six decades. Many of the players have gone on to play in The Olympics, including Kim Hill, a member of the U.S. team that won a gold medal in the 2020 Olympics, which were held in Tokyo.

BISHOP ENGLAND SIGNING DAY

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- Nora Brahim, Cross Country/Track, Samford University
- Lindsey Burridge, Softball, Coker University
- Ellie Chalupsky, Swimming, Arizona State University
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On Sunday, low tide was in the mid-morning. So, Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, and I had a leisurely morning. For Brody, a leisurely morning means cheese grits and bacon. Lots of bacon.

After breakfast, my son Elliott dropped by the house and insisted that we go fishing. He and Brody both said it was the magic time to fish. According to their math, hungry predators with less to eat equal easy fishing with lures.

We launched the skiff into the start of the incoming tide. Immediately, the bite was on. Unfortunately, the bite was from gnats. They swarmed us.

Thankfully, we found relief after a short run in the boat. Brody indicated it was time to stop and fish by jumping on the front deck and sitting down next to the trolling motor. We were adjacent to a dock with lots of oysters that dropped into deeper water, so Elliott and I figured that was the place to fish.

Elliott cast a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/6-ounce NedLockZ jig to the oysters beneath the dock.

Several large redfish attacked the lure. Elliott hooked up.

In the clear water, I could easily see the school of redfish and cast my lure to them. Boom. Fish on. Doubled up on big redfish.

For the next three hours, Elliott and I released trout and redfish at a torrid pace. More times than not, we were both fighting fish. It was an epic morning of fishing.

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John Horn

John Horn of Daniel Island is this week’s winner of the Daniel Island Pick ‘Em contest and wins a \$50 gift card to Wasabi courtesy of VIP sponsor Tyler Letson of Mt. Pleasant Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, who went 4-8.

“I have been fairly inconsistent this year, so it was nice to put together a week that was good enough to win against tough competition,” said Horn.

Horn has enjoyed participating in the weekly

challenge and is looking forward to dining out with his gift card.

“Thank you again for supporting this contest!” he said. “I may not have been in the running most weeks this year, but I still have fun competing.”

You too can win big! This week’s winner wins a \$50 card to Vespa Pizzeria.

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Hearing muffled, muted, fuzzy sounds? Earwax could be the culprit

DOUGLAS LORBER

Audiologist at HearUSA

It's a common feeling that catches people off guard: one moment the world sounds perfectly normal, and the next everything seems muted, as if someone lowered the volume.

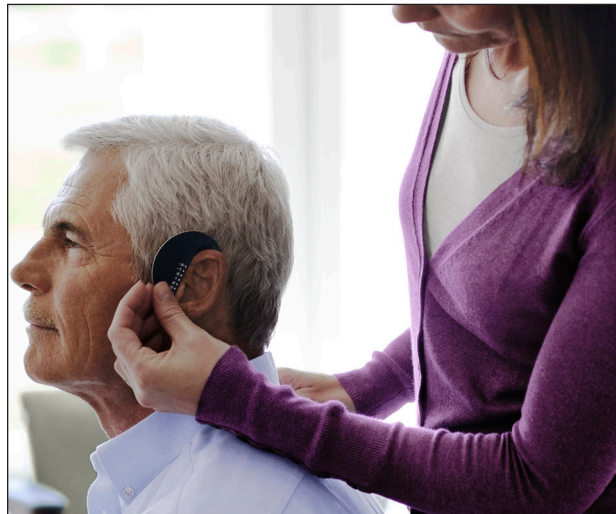
Voices lose their sharpness. Music doesn't sound full. Everyday noises feel distant, fuzzy, or blocked.

While that sudden shift can be unsettling, one of the most common causes is far simpler than expected: earwax.

Earwax, medically known as cerumen, often gets a bad reputation, but the body produces it for good reason. It protects the ear canal by trapping dust and debris, discourages bacteria from traveling inward, and keeps the delicate skin inside the ear from drying out. Normally, earwax makes its way outward naturally and flakes away on its own.

But when that natural process stalls (or when cleaning attempts push wax deeper), the wax can become impacted. Once it does, sound waves have trouble getting through. That's when people notice sensations of muffled hearing, fullness, pressure, or the stubborn feeling that the ear needs to pop but won't.

When muffled hearing hits, many head straight to cotton swabs or ear cleaning hacks. Unfortunately, these methods often do more harm than good. Cotton swabs, hairpins, and other small objects tend to push wax deeper into the canal, compacting it against the eardrum.



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An alternative earwax-removing technique called ear candling, which is still widely shared online, lacks scientific support and carries burn risks.

These attempts at quick fixes can turn a simple problem into a painful one, leading to irritation, infection, or temporary hearing loss.

Safe at-home options exist; they just need to be used

thoughtfully.

Over-the-counter wax-softening drops can help loosen buildup so it can clear naturally. Warm mineral oil may provide relief, and shower or humidifier steam can sometimes ease discomfort.

However, anyone experiencing pain, dizziness, drainage, or symptoms that may indicate a ruptured eardrum should skip at-home care altogether and consult a physician or hearing care professional to ensure it is evaluated safely and correctly.

Of note, not all medical doctors perform ear cleanings, so it's worth checking ahead; some cases may need an ENT or clinician experienced in ear irrigation.

It's also important to remember that not every clogged-ear sensation comes from wax. Issues such as Eustachian tube dysfunction, allergies, sinus pressure, and ear infections can create similar symptoms.

Persistent muffling lasting more than two weeks – or muffling accompanied by fever, significant discomfort, or ongoing hearing changes – should be evaluated promptly.

For many, the safest, most effective solution is simply getting their ears examined by a hearing care professional.

A sudden change in how the world sounds can be surprising, but in many cases, the fix is straightforward. With the right information and by avoiding risky home remedies, clear hearing may be just a gentle, professional cleaning away.

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The twists, turns, and blessings of crooked paths



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DOUG DICKERSON

"Two roads diverged in the woods, and I took the one less traveled." - Robert Frost

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright once told of an incident that may have seemed insignificant at the time but had a profound influence on the rest of his life. The winter he was 9 years old, he walked across a snow-covered field with his reserved, no-nonsense uncle. As the two of them reached the far end of the field, his uncle stopped him.

He pointed out his own tracks in the snow, straight and true as an arrow's flight.

Then, he pointed to young Frank's tracks meandering all over the field.

"Notice how your tracks wander from the fence to the cattle, to the woods, and back again," his uncle said. "And see how my tracks aim directly to my goal. There is an

important lesson in that."

Years later, the world-famous architect liked to tell how this experience had significantly shaped his philosophy of life.

"I was determined right then not to miss most things in life, as my uncle had."

Since I can remember, I've always had a knack for coloring outside the margins and, whenever possible, taking the backroads. As an avid photographer, my camera bag has been a constant companion along the crooked paths to see things most never do.

In leadership, your path to personal growth and success is rarely a straight-arrow trajectory. It's more like a squiggly path of many twists and turns that leads you to where you go.

I can look back on my leadership journey, as I am sure you can too, and reflect on all of the different twists and turns it has taken over time.

But it is in the meandering and unexpected turns that you develop your sense of purpose. Meandering doesn't reflect wasted time; it's merely time invested in gaining a larger perspective on the journey.

Crooked paths build character.

So, what should your approach be to crooked paths and meandering spirit? Allow this fellow journeyman to share a few thoughts with you.

CROOKED PATHS PROVIDE INSIGHT

A natural tendency in leadership is to seek direct paths to desired destinations, thinking that this approach is the most efficient. And in some situations, that thinking holds.

But what if your destination for your business, or you personally, was filled with crooked paths, and that maybe these paths give you a greater appreciation for the destination because of the lessons you learned along the way? The insights you gain on crooked paths today will better equip you for future paths.

CROOKED PATHS BUILD RESILIENCE

One of the most crucial skill sets you will develop over time as a leader is resilience. It's the one skill that will empower you to keep going when you feel like giving up. The crooked path is the secret sauce to

building resilience.

Over the years, here's what I've come to learn: my crooked paths at times were chosen and intentional. At other times, they were detours, and sometimes they were the result of me somehow losing my way. Regardless of how you come to find yourself on the crooked path, embrace it as your opportunity to learn, grow, explore, and not let it go to waste. On every crooked road is a lesson to learn.

So let me ask, what path are you on in your leadership journey?

Don't make the mistake of thinking that because you are on a crooked road and you feel like you are meandering, you have somehow lost your way. It very well may be the right road at the right time to prepare you for the next season in your life.

This is not wasted time; it's preparation. Embrace the blessing of the crooked road.

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Traffic roundabout at River Landing, Seven Farms Drive to go before city 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: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dec. 11: Thomas Island Subdivision – Proposed concept plan for 42-lot conservation development on 17.99 acres at 100 Sands Preserve Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2750000004. Owner: Clouter Creek Reserve LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Zak Wortman, zwortman@seamon-whiteside.com.

Dec. 11: River Landing at Seven Farms Drive Roundabout – Proposed conversions of existing intersection to a roundabout on 2.1 acres. Daniel Island. Owner: City of Charleston. Applicant: Berkeley County. Contacts: Reeves Connelly, reeves.connelly@kimley-horn.com and James Wallace, wallacej@charleston-sc.gov.

RESULTS: 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: Preliminary approval, 5-0.*

RESULTS: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - ZONING

Dec. 2: 714 Swan Dr., Cainhoy – Request variance from Sec. 54-824 to allow lot frontage for the subdivision of the property into two single-family residential lots to be less than required (63' and 0' proposed, 485' required). TMS: 263-00-04-026. Owner: Kimbrell Family Trust. Applicant: Maurice Wilder. *Results: Approval with conditions, 7-0.*

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dec. 4: Atlantic - St. Thomas Site Plan – Proposed 71-unit multifamily townhome development on 7.28 acres at 2815 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2710002169. Owner: MSP SRE LLC. Applicant: Sitecast, LLC. Contact: David Yowell, dyowell@middlestreet.com. *Results: Revise and Return.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DI GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Dec. 10, 10:15 am, Mpishi. Enjoy a festive holiday brunch with the DI Garden Club. Cost is \$26.64 (includes entrée choice, beverage, tax, and tip). RSVP by Dec. 5 to Diane Mohler at demohler@hotmail.com.

HOLIDAY IN WHOVILLE MOVIE NIGHT

Fri, Dec. 12, 5-7 pm, Daniel Island Recreation Center. Enjoy a festive evening featuring "The Grinch," plus popcorn, s'mores, crafts, and more.

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!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

Sat, Dec. 13, 12 pm. Old Ruins Meeting House & Cemetery (inside Oak Bluff off Clements Ferry Road). Join the annual ceremony honoring veterans laid to rest at the historic Meeting House. Park on Burket's Bend Street and bring a folding chair. The ceremony lasts under an hour and is 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 levinml@gmail.com or Fred

Danziger at fred.danziger13@gmail.com.

BERK. CO. HAZARD MITIGATION TOWN HALL

Thurs, Dec. 18, 7-8 pm, Daniel Island Library. Berkeley County Emergency Management will host a public meeting to share details and gather input on the 2025 All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan outlines potential hazards, assesses local risks and vulnerabilities, and proposes strategies to strengthen community resilience. Residents and businesses are encouraged to attend and provide feedback.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sat, Dec. 20, 12-5 pm, New Realm Brewery. Browse local artisans, enjoy sweet treats, seasonal brews, and live music from DJ Earl and 40 Mile Detour. A festive stop for holiday shopping and last-minute gifts. Free admission.

DANIEL ISLAND TOASTMASTERS

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

ECCO FOOD DRIVE

Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other non-perishables at Edward Jones (8:30-4), 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

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

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 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixchange-club.org.

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

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

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

ROTARY CLUBS The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am and on the second Tues. of each month at noon. The 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.

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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.

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

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

WILLINGWAY'S "CONTINUED CARE GROUP"

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

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.

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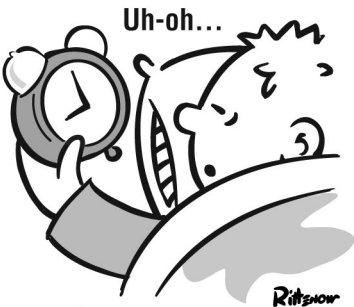
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What's Up?

Decide if the word *up* is used as a preposition, adjective or adverb.

1. Harry woke *up* late for work.
2. Priscilla is always *up* on the latest gossip.
3. The coffee shop is just *up* the street.
4. Gas prices are *up* again.



Answers: 1. adverb 2. adjective 3. preposition 4. adjective

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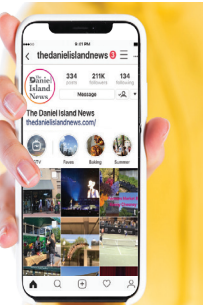
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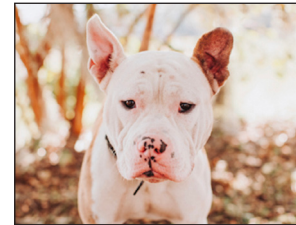


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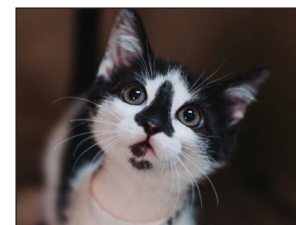
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