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DI, Cainhoy schools estimated to be at or near full capacity by 2032

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School is almost out for the summer, but there's always homework to be done over break. Berkeley County School District is studying its future growth rate and projected school capacities as enrollment climbs with new residential construction.

During a special presentation at the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association's meeting on April 19, BCSD officials and staff were invited to share how new residential developments are impacting the area in terms of student population, what current school capacities are and what they're projected to be in the next 10 years.

The analytical discussion was led by Mike Miller, founder of Numerix LLC, a financial technology company that develops multi-asset class analytics. Numerix has been

operating in Charleston-based schools since 2016.

Miller's analysis dissected the projected expansion of class sizes year-to-year based on the number of single-family homes, townhomes and apartments in the school's area. His formula for estimating the number of children living in the area is based on the number of planned dwellings per acre.

Currently, all of the public schools on Daniel Island and Cainhoy peninsula are under capacity.

By the 2032-33 school year, Cainhoy Elementary, Philip Simmons Elementary and Philip Simmons Middle schools are expected to be over capacity, according to Numerix's estimations. Daniel Island School and Philip Simmons High School are the only schools expected to withstand the growing student population without



ANDREA SULLIVAN

Mike Miller, founder of Numerix LLC, a third-party demographer to school districts in South Carolina since 2016, speaks at a Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meeting on April 19.

the need for expansion or mobile classrooms.

Cainhoy Elementary currently has 152 students enrolled with a full capacity of 606. Daniel Island School has 1,201 students enrolled with a full capacity of 1,522. Philip Simmons Elementary has 544 students enrolled with a full

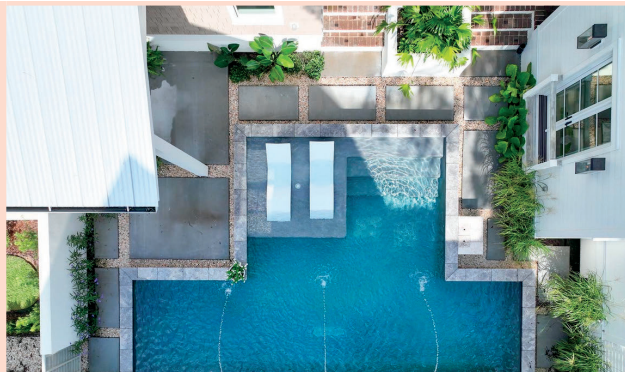
capacity of 597. Philip Simmons Middle School has 431 students enrolled with a full capacity of 761. Philip Simmons High School has 776 students enrolled with a full capacity of 1,397.

"Our team continues to monitor growth each year to determine teacher allocations for each grade

level," said Daniel Island School Principal Nancy Leigh. "We are fortunate to have a high interest from educators seeking employment at DIS, which increases the quality of our instructional teams."

As for development expansions on Daniel Island, such as Nowell Creek Village where the former Blackbaud headquarters used to be, Miller's company estimates the 320-unit multifamily apartment complex to boost school attendance by 30 to 80 students. And incoming single-family homes and townhomes by another 15-25 students.

BCSD Deputy Superintendent Karen Whitley said there are no plans to expand public school options on Daniel Island in the foreseeable future. She did note that there are future plans for school expansion in the Cainhoy/Point Hope area.



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Charleston police investigate incidents of theft, vandalism among other crimes

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department reports within Team 5, which covers Daniel Island and Clements Ferry Road, between April 1 and April 15.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

On April 2, a resident of River Landing Drive reported that her 2021 Lexus RX350 had been stolen during the overnight hours. The victim advised that she had left a spare key inside of the vehicle. Tracking was available through a Lexus app and the vehicle was recovered at an apartment complex on Rivers Avenue. Police processed the vehicle for evidence and returned it to the owner.

A 2015 Mercedes Benz GLK sport utility vehicle was reported stolen from an apartment complex on Blakeway Street, during the overnight hours on April 11. The vehicle had been left unlocked with a key in the center console prior to the theft. No surveillance cameras were available in the area.

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

An officer responded to a residence on River Landing Drive in reference to a theft from a vehicle. A wallet, tools valued at \$4,200, and an iPad worth \$300 were stolen from the car, sometime between April 1 and April 3. There were no signs of forced entry.

FRAUD

On April 3, a victim advised that he had been at a bar in downtown Charleston when he was approached by an individual who offered to give him a ride to his residence on Robert Daniel Drive. He accepted the ride and provided the driver with his Cash App credentials. The driver made two unauthorized withdrawals on the account, totaling \$2,800. An investigation is pending.

VANDALISM

An individual who had recently moved into his home on Oak Leaf Street reported that an unknown person used black paint to spray the words "Get Out" on his garage door. The crime was reported on April 4; an investigation is underway.



EMBEZZLEMENT

On April 14, an officer responded to a business on Clements Ferry Road in reference to a theft. Contact was made with a store manager, who stated that an employee had been stealing money and lottery tickets from the cash register and placing the items in his back pocket. Video footage indicated that the illegal activity had been occurring since February. A total of \$4,313 in cash and 38 lottery tickets were stolen by the individual, who was positively identified. The case is pending.

WEAPONS LAW VIOLATION

A Team 5 officer was conducting traffic enforcement on Clements Ferry Road on April 14 and observed a vehicle traveling 75 mph in a 45 mph zone. A stop was initiated, and the driver was found to be in possession of an unlawfully stored handgun. The suspect was carrying the weapon, a PSA Dagger handgun, in a backpack, without a concealed weapons permit. Loaded magazines were found in the trunk of the vehicle. The driver also had an outstanding warrant with the North Charleston Police Department. He was detained by police and transferred to North Charleston for arrest.

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Take steps to protect children from abuse

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Executive Director,
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Childhood should not hurt. Nonetheless, statistics tell us that one-in-six children will be physically abused before the age of 18 years old. One-in-five girls and one-in-10 boys will be sexually abused during childhood.



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Abuse happens in every neighborhood. In Charleston County last year, the Department of Social Services had over 2,000 cases referred for investigation; in Berkeley County there were 1,443 cases of abuse referred.

Research conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Kaiser Permanente (cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/) linked these types of adverse childhood experiences to an increased incidence of negative outcomes as children grow up. The adverse childhood experiences include poor academic achievement, chronic diseases, incarceration and substance abuse.

Thirty years ago, a small group of community advocates and professionals began to look for a better response when a child is abused and discovered a new multidisciplinary model called a children's advocacy center. That model provides a compassionate, comprehensive and

child-friendly response when there is a concern about abuse. The result of their search prompted the 1991 opening of the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center, one of the first five accredited centers in the country.

Today, there are 881 accredited children's advocacy centers across the country working every day in partnership with agencies like law enforcement, social services and schools to streamline services to children and families where there is a concern of child maltreatment. They do this by coordinating and providing forensic interviews, medical exams and mental health services.

Last year, the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center, the children's advocacy center serving Charleston County and lower Berkeley County, provided services for 970 children and families – including children from Daniel Island.

This month, organizations like the Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center join a national conversation in preventing child abuse through National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Research shows that prevention does work to help reduce the incidence of abuse.

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The best prevention tool is open and continuous communication. Teach the children in your life how to identify their body parts correctly. Teach them they are the bosses of their body. Spend uninterrupted time with them daily.

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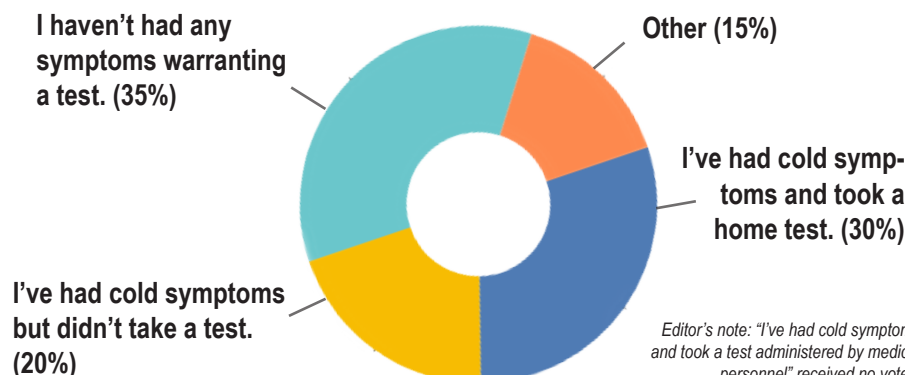
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Readers weigh in on COVID testing rates

Poll Question: Pres. Joe Biden recently signed a bill ending the National COVID Emergency, as life in general has resumed to nearly pre-pandemic routines. But has that resulted in people becoming too lax in COVID prevention? Do you think testing is still important? (Read about the latest COVID updates on Page 14.)



Next week's poll: How safe do you feel in public settings?

Recent national headlines have been filled with ever-mounting stories of gun violence, not only from mass shootings but from incidents of simple mistakes — ringing the wrong doorbell, driving up to the wrong house and mistaking a parked car as your own. Locally, bystanders were shot because of a fight breaking out at a senior skip day on Isle of Palms. So, how safe do you feel these days when in a public setting? Share your thoughts at surveyMonkey.com/r/Feeling_Safe or use the QR code by Sunday, April 30, at 5 p.m.



Bike helmets protect brains!

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Left: Kate and Jack Sperduto wore their helmets while they were out for a Sunday afternoon bike ride. Right: Jonn Myers navigated Daniel Island on Sunday on his Onewheel. Myers said he always wears a helmet, and other protective gear, when he rides. He is the practice administrator for neurologist Dr. Marshall Allyn White's Mount Pleasant practice, which specializes in treating patients who suffer accidental brain injuries. All three helmet wearers were recognized for wearing their helmets and awarded gift cards to Ali Baba as part of the Daniel Island Bike Helmet Challenge, a four-week contest sponsored by The Daniel Island News to encourage residents to protect their brains by wearing helmets. Thanks to local gift card sponsors: Subway, Ali Baba and Joey Tomatoes.



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DINA board elections; Beresford Creek Bridge replacement, other updates

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The Daniel Island Neighborhood Association board will have a completely different look to it after its next election in August. No current board members will be seeking a second term, DINA President Andrea Sullivan said at the April 19 meeting.

Since Sullivan assumed leadership in January 2022, DINA's membership has grown from 860 non-dues-paying members to more than 1,650 members and approximately 200 dues-paying members.

Under Sullivan, DINA created and relaunched their website in March 2022 and set up a direct mailer to all DI residents. In 2023, DINA assisted the City of Charleston with the new compost location at Governor's Park and sponsored the Dolphin Count at the DI Waterfront.

Sullivan, who moved to the island in February 2020, identified that her main goal in leading DINA over the past year was to reinvigorate the organization through communication, engagement and visibility within the community, city and county.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & CROSSWALKS

City of Charleston District 1 councilmember Boyd Gregg gave an update on the Beresford Creek Bridge replacement project. Gregg said that construction bids will be



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Phase 2 of Daniel Island Commemorative Park, accessed on the path that runs next to the pond across Seven Farms Drive from Vespa Pizzeria, is currently underway. Residents can purchase commemorative bricks in honor of loved ones. Contact the DI POA for details.

accepted up until May 9 and the selection of the contractor will go before city council on May 23.

Boyd noted that the project has been an "uphill climb" as the city awaits utility line relocation to be completed. Construction is slated to be underway sometime in the second quarter.

Construction requires a full closure of the bridge for up to 12 months with no access to or from Clements Ferry Road via Daniel Island Drive and St. Thomas Island Drive, according to the city's Traffic Operations Manager James Wallace.

In other construction news, the crosswalk in front of Mac's Daniel Island sports pub is under review for ways to make it more effective for pedestrians.

PARKS & RECREATION

In parks and recreation news, Gregg noted that the city is working on a comprehensive parks and recreation master plan that will include projects on Daniel Island and the Cainhoy peninsula.

At Governor's Park, the new composting site diverted 1.07 tons of food scraps so far during the month of April, according to the

Daniel Island Property Owners' Association Associate Community Manager Lisa Avant.

Avant also mentioned that Phase 2 is underway for the Daniel Island Commemorative Park. The park is accessed from Seven Farms Drive at the pond across from Vespa Pizzeria.

In Phase 1, 350 bricks were engraved, along with benches and trees dedicated in honor of loved ones who have passed. There are 1,500 bricks available for purchase to complete Phase 2.

Any Daniel Island resident, business, community partner or

nonprofit organization is eligible to sponsor a brick for \$100 each.

POLICE/CRIME UPDATES

In crime news, Team 5 Commander Lt. Matt Wojslawowicz stated that so far in 2023 only one violent crime has taken place in the Daniel Island and Cainhoy region.

The incident occurred in January where a motorist on Clements Ferry Road pointed a gun at another driver. The road rage escalated to an aggravated assault charge.

Wojslawowicz added that non-violent crimes such as car break-ins are steadily on the rise and have shown an increase over the years as the island's population builds out.

According to Census data from 2010 to 2020, Daniel Island's population has grown 85% from 5,900 residents to more than 11,000, Wojslawowicz said.

In terms of safety, Wojslawowicz noted that the surveillance cameras on the exit ramps leading to I-526 are still awaiting approval from the South Carolina Department of Transportation, which is needed prior to installation. The cameras are anticipated to be up and running sometime in the second quarter of 2023.

DINA's next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 23, which will include the board election. The final meeting of the year will take place Nov. 8.

Attention Parents: Let's Celebrate Your High School Seniors!



A June edition of the paper will feature local graduating high school seniors. We would like to include photos of all local graduating seniors and need your help. We have photos of Bishop England and Philip Simmons students who took their photos with Tumbleston Photography Studios. We would also like to include all students in our readership area who attend other high schools including Porter Gaud, Ashley Hall, PCA, Wando, Academic Magnet, School of the Arts, PSA, University School, Coastal Christian, home-schooled students, and all students from any other high school who reside in Daniel Island, Cainhoy or Huger, or in our surrounding readership area.

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Strolling along the storefronts that line the business district on Seven Farm Drive, in the heart of Daniel Island, one can't help but notice the smell of pizza or the three gigantic tennis balls that make an appearance during the week of the Credit One Charleston Open.

Located at 224 Seven Farms Drive, the two-story building was built in 2001 and totals approximately 11,300 square feet. Three businesses currently operate from the address.

VESPA PIZZA is a pizza restaurant serving wood-fired pizzas, pastas, sandwiches, salads and soups.

"Everything is made in house including sauces, dressings and bread," said owner Tammy Haight. "We use locally sourced and organic foods when available."

Haight said the best part of doing business on Daniel Island is seeing neighbors and friends appreciating the pizzeria. She enjoys serving regular customers who have been

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Haight is the best point of contact and can be reached at 843-881-0101 or vespapiizza@live.com.

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Romberg said the best part of doing business on Daniel Island is not only where their office is located, but where their owner Pete Oakes and his family call home. "Axon Homes gives back to the community in which we build while experiencing the amenities on the island. Enjoying the concert music



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Left: Wellsdale Home Care is a home health care service that provides quality, non-medical home care to individuals in their homes or in senior facilities. Right: Axon Homes is owned by DI resident Pete Oakes, pictured with his family. Below: Vespa Pizza, pictured with staff, serves wood fired pizzas, pastas, sandwiches, salads and soups.

from our balcony is an added perk too."

Romberg is the best point of contact and can be reached at 843-410-2569 or info@AxonHomes.com.

WELLSDALE HOME CARE is a home health care service that provides quality, non-medical home care to individuals in their homes or in senior facilities.

"Wellsdale is the only local provider of home care on Daniel Island offering a reliable and trusted source of care," said Amy Patrick, community relations manager and physical therapist. "Our staff always goes the extra mile to ensure that each individuals' needs are exceeded."



Patrick said the best part of doing business on Daniel Island is taking pride in doing business within the community and being able to help those who need their services. They also enjoy partnering with other businesses on the island to serve

those in need.

Patrick is the best point of contact and can be reached at 843-789-3003 or amypatrick@wellsdale.com.

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Berkeley County ranks second-to-last statewide in COVID testing per capita

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Berkeley County and South Carolina have seen a drastic decrease in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths since the peak of its surge in the Palmetto State. Although the pandemic has trended downward to an endemic and daily case counts are now being reported on a weekly basis, free testing sites and no-cost resources are still readily available to monitor the virus.

In March 2022, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) shifted its COVID-19 testing strategy to at-home rapid antigen tests across the state after a significant decrease in demand for drive-through polymerase chain reaction testing.

Data on the number of at-home tests that the federal government delivers to South Carolina residents is not provided to DHEC. Since Jan. 1, 2023, DHEC has provided 32,837 tests for residents to pick up at any of their health departments. Additionally, DHEC makes antigen tests available at schools, daycares and other facilities around the state.

Although at-home testing is not reportable, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly recommends self-testing for individuals that are currently symptomatic or have been exposed as a close contact to someone with the virus. Possible symptoms include: Fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

The CDC urges testing before contact with someone at high risk for severe COVID-19, especially if you are in an area with a medium or high community level. To determine the level, the CDC looks at a combination of three metrics – new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past seven days; the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients; and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past seven days. Based on the latest data, Berkeley County is currently labeled as a low level.

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COVID CASES, TESTS & DEATHS

In terms of case rate, Berkeley County ranks 42nd out of all 46 counties with

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Is it hot in here?

Hormones are a lifetime balancing act

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Hormones are the chemical “messengers” that travel through the bloodstream controlling bodily functions from growth to reproduction. When hormones are balanced, they promote overall wellness. Hormones can wreak havoc from hot flashes to mood swings when not functioning properly. The good news is there are solutions to ease hormonal problems.

Thyroid issues can develop from infancy to old age. The thyroid’s main job is controlling metabolism — how the body uses energy. Dr. Brittany Henderson of the Charleston Thyroid Center (charlestonthyroidcenter.com) specializes in treating thyroid problems. She said thyroid issues are most problematic during hormonal changes like aging and pregnancy.

“Typically, women are affected more commonly than men at a ratio of 10:1, though men often have more severe disease,” Dr. Henderson said. “Most thyroid conditions in the U.S. are autoimmune in nature, meaning that the

immune system, a bodily system meant to protect against bacteria and viruses, starts to wrongly identify one’s own thyroid as a threat.”

Hot when it’s freezing, gaining weight, or experiencing brain fog? If you’re of a certain age it could be your hormones. Both women and men will experience changes as they age. For women it’s menopause, for men it’s andropause.

Daniel Island resident Dr. Lucy Davis is based out of Palmetto Primary Care Physicians’ Daniel Island office (palmettoprimarycare.com). She noted that as we age, symptoms of hormonal decline are very broad. She advised that patients start with their general practitioner as symptoms could be signs of other problems.

“If you are experiencing symptoms that you believe could be associated with declining hormone levels, it is important to see your medical provider,” Dr. Davis said. “There are options available to help with certain symptoms, but many things must be taken into account, such as severity of symp-



Dr. Susan Wilson



Dr. Lucy Davis



Dr. Brittany Henderson

toms, other risk factors a patient may have or family history.”

Dr. Susan Wilson of the Charleston HealthSpan Institute (charlestonhealthspan.com) has been prescribing hormones for more than 30 years. She provides help for both men and women suffering from age-related hormonal problems at both her Daniel Island and Pawleys Island locations.

In men, testosterone can start to decline as early as 30, with most men losing 1 to 2% a year starting around age 40. Like women, men can also experience fatigue, depression, weight gain, and loss of muscle mass as they age. Dr. Wilson said that getting testosterone levels back to normal levels can provide relief.

Women often self-misdiagnose their symptoms. “The important thing to realize is that women in their 40s get thrown off guard when they’re not having hot flashes and still having periods

because they’re not thinking perimenopause,” Wilson said. “If they’re not having hot flashes they frequently visit cardiologists, rheumatologists, or psychiatrists for a variety of hormone related complaints. People don’t always connect the dots.”

Hormone treatment has come a long way since Premarin (made from the urine of a pregnant horse) was introduced on the market. Dr. Wilson remembers a time when doctors had a difficult time making hormonal connections. Thankfully things are changing.

Dr. Wilson, who recently had a patient referred to her by a psychiatrist, explained. “I replaced her hormones and her mood disturbances resolved. I was very proud of the psychiatrist for having thought to get the patient’s hormones checked before starting an antidepressant.”

In her initial patient meeting Dr. Wilson spends time dispel-

ling myths surrounding hormone treatments and helps patients become more knowledgeable about bioidentical hormone replacement therapy. “There’s a disconnect because bioidentical products, most of them, are not prepared by big pharma. They’re chemically identical to the hormones that your ovaries made in large supply in your 20s and 30s and they’re not associated with the same risks as synthetics,” Dr. Wilson said.

Six years ago, Diane Majeska lost the desire to do anything, even the most important tasks like paying bills. “It felt like depression, but I had never suffered from depression or lack of energy to do even the most mundane tasks,” she said. “I knew my hormones could be contributing to this. I Googled bioidentical hormone therapy, and the Charleston HealthSpan Institute popped up.”

After an initial diagnosis, Majeska started treatment and within a week felt like herself again. She credits Dr. Wilson with the change. “I have never felt that comfortable with a doctor. Dr. Wilson is passionate about hormone therapy and has years of experience. Run, don’t walk to the phone and make a call to Dr. Wilson if you don’t feel like yourself. You deserve to feel your best,” she exclaimed.

Berkeley County records low COVID testing

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28,295 cases per 100,000 people, according to DHEC. Since the beginning of the pandemic, a total of 66,772 cases have been reported in the county as of April 2023.

As for testing, Berkeley County ranks second to last statewide by

population in testing with 539,194 tests taken since February 2020, according to DHEC. The only other county with fewer tests by population is Jasper County which has a population of 31,588 compared to Berkeley County’s

235,987.

Berkeley County ranks at the bottom of all the counties for the number of COVID-19 deaths reported per capita with 499 deaths, according to DHEC.

For the dates April 13-19, Berkeley County reported 20.62 cases per every 100,000 population with an average of 2.3 new

COVID-19 admissions and 1% result in hospitalizations, according to the CDC.

One-third of Berkeley County, 66.1% of the population, is vaccinated with at least one dose. Fifty-five percent have received the second dose and only 9.4% have the updated booster, according to the CDC.

By age range, 70.2% of the county’s population 5 or older has at least one dose; 75.1% for 12 and older; 77% for 18 and older and 95% of the senior population of 65 or older.

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Healing & Hope

Shifa Free Clinic relocates to new expanded site on Cainhoy peninsula

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Thirty-five-year-old Hispanic immigrant Vilma came for pregnancy care - and later for help with a treatment plan after a breast cancer diagnosis.

Mary Carmen needed prenatal care and food assistance.

Adele came seeking resources to provide for her teenage grandchildren.

They are among the thousands of tri-county residents, from infants to seniors, who have found healing and hope at the Shifa Clinic, a free medical facility and outreach hunger prevention program in the Lowcountry that serves the uninsured and those that are 250% below the poverty line.

"I was ashamed and nervous walking in (to the clinic), but they welcomed me with open arms," stated Mary Carmen. "They provided me with medical care, food, and diapers when I only had \$20 in my bank account. When I walked in, I felt so much love from each volunteer."

And that is exactly why Dr. Reshma Khan founded the clinic more than 10 years ago.

The idea took root in 2012, when Khan, an OB-GYN physician, was working at the VA Hospital in Charleston. She felt a special connection with her patients and it inspired her to seek out additional ways to give back to the community. She wanted to provide high quality, compassionate medical care and services to those in need, treat them with respect and dignity, and also give each patient and recipient hope for their futures. But when she set out to volunteer her services, she found most places wanted only primary care physicians. Deeply devout in her faith, Khan prayed about what to do and soon felt led to start a free clinic of her own.

"I was just so passionate about doing it," she said. "And God Almighty heard my prayers! It started on a very low scale - just



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Prenatal care is a key component of services offered at the Shifa Clinic. Dr. Michael Moxley, pictured here with a patient, is among the many physicians of different specialties who volunteer their time at the facility.

me and one computer and one room...and no money, nothing. Over a period of a decade, the Charleston community has opened its arms and heart to support the project and to bring it to where it is now."

Today, it is a robust, thriving operation in a brand new facility on the Cainhoy peninsula, yet another answer to prayer, noted Khan, who serves as the clinic's medical director. Their former clinic was located in a small, leased space in Mount Pleasant, but last May, while addressing an audience at the facility's annual banquet, Khan decided to put forth a bold idea.

"I said in my speech my next prayer is for God to provide us with a new facil-

ity," she recalled.

By June, they had found a space near Daniel Island, just off Clements Ferry Road on Marina Drive. Just two months later, they bought it with support from ICNA Relief, a nonprofit devoted to building healthy communities, strengthening families and creating opportunities for those in despair while maintaining their dignity. In December of 2022, after renovating the space to suit their needs, the Shifa Clinic staff and volunteers moved in and started seeing patients earlier this year.

"You can't imagine that you would get something so fast!" said Khan. "And to get board approval by three different boards, it's



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Dr. Reshma Khan serves as founder and medical director of the Shifa Clinic, a free health care facility and hunger prevention program that serves those who are uninsured and 250% below the poverty line. Last year, Dr. Khan received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from AmeriCorps and the Office of the President of the United States for her lifelong commitment to building a strong nation through volunteer service.

incredible."

After bursting at the seams in their old facility, which Khan called "too crowded, impersonal, and inefficient," the new clinic is a breath of fresh air with more than twice the amount of space. The bright décor also includes inspirational messages on the walls, such as "Be the reason someone smiles today."

"The main reason for the move was not so much of an expansion," explained Khan, "but to accommodate what we already have... (Now) everybody has a peaceful place to work."

Physicians from different specialties - primary care, pediatrics, cardiology, OB-GYN and more - volunteer their time to see patients on designated days. The clinic has state-of-the-art equipment, as well as a fully functioning pharmacy. Services also include immunizations, chronic disease manage-

ment, vision care, and dermatology.

In 2022 alone, they had close to 4,000 medical visits, and Khan predicts that number will grow 10 to 15% each year. Each patient must fill out an application first, to be sure they are eligible for services.

In addition to medical care, a key component of the Shifa Clinic's offerings is its outreach hunger program, which includes a fully stocked on-site food pantry, monthly grocery deliveries, community giveaways, and child hunger prevention services. They help about 800 families a month, said Khan. She was especially touched by an impactful story she heard while visiting Cainhoy Elementary School to drop off supplies. When she asked the school nurse what items they needed most for the students, she was told that one student had mentioned he had not been able to brush his teeth for almost a week. When asked why, the child responded



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Several staff members at the Shifa Clinic pose in their gleaming new, expanded facility on Marina Drive off Clements Ferry Road. When Dr. Reshma Khan, pictured fourth from left, started the free clinic in 2012 she had just one employee. Today, they have 13, plus a team of medical and non-medical volunteers who donate thousands of hours each year.

that he didn't have a toothbrush.

"Can you imagine?" said Khan when recounting the conversation. "I could not believe it. After that we started making hygiene bags for them...because the need is so great."

According to Khan, a number of charitable organizations pitch in alongside the Shifa Clinic to help make sure community needs are being met, such as Easter Cooper Community Outreach, the Lowcountry Food Bank, and Rotary Club of Daniel Island.

"We all need each other's help," she said.

"...This is God's work and we are all doing our best. We work together, and that is the only way to be helpful to the community. We share burdens. Some days they can help, some days we can help."

The numbers alone indicate that the Shifa Clinic is filling a gap. In addition to the thousands of patient visits each year, they dispensed some \$459,000 in medications and administered 1,348 vaccines last year - all at no charge. The hunger prevention program served more than 28,000 individuals and 8,600 families in 2022. Overall, the

Shifa Clinic's annual report estimates that they provided some \$4.2 million in services.

For Khan, it is the steady fulfillment of her life's work. And she has no plans to stop anytime soon. Her efforts have most certainly not gone unnoticed. Even President Joe Biden has recognized her contributions to the community she serves. At the Shifa Clinic banquet last May, Khan was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by AmeriCorps and the Office of the President of the

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WANT TO DONATE?

Hygiene items, such as toiletries, socks and other personal necessities, are always needed. To make a donation, visit the clinic at 668 Marina Drive, Suite A-5. To make a monetary donation, visit the Shifa Clinic website at icnarelief.org/shifaclinics/ and click on the "Donate Now" button. Or call (843) 352-4580 for additional information.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

The Shifa Clinic is able to continuously offer free services to those in need because of the many volunteers who donate their time and talents to the program. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed. To find out how you can help, visit icnarelief.org/shifaclinics/volunteer/ or send an email to volunteercoordinator.shifa@gmail.com.



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Clinic provides healing

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United States for her lifelong commitment to building a strong nation through volunteer service. The framed honor hangs on the wall in her office today.

The word "Shifa" means healing. And while the term is appropriate for the care that is provided day in and day out at the Shifa Clinic, patients aren't the only ones benefiting from the clinic's outreach. There is no doubt this special place is offering a restorative remedy of its own for the physician who set out to make a meaningful difference in her community some 12 years ago.

"Honestly, when I look back I am just very grateful," said Khan. "Very grateful and very humbled by the divine power – the love and mercy that God has showered on us, on me specifically to be a part of this blessing. He's opened so many doors for me. It just makes me very emotional...I treat it as a gift that God has given. It's very, very dear to me."

And to thousands more as well.

To learn more about the Shifa Clinic, visit icnarelief.org/shifaclinics/.

SHIFA FREE CLINIC 2022 STATISTICS

3,690	Medical visits to clinic
1,348	Vaccines administered
9,453	Hours donated by medical volunteers
\$459,215	Value of medications dispensed
9,980	Hours provided to healthcare students in training
28,454	Individuals served through hunger prevention program
292,503	Pounds of food provided
\$4,288,533	Total value of services



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BE brings home Southern Cross with 1-shot victory on final day

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The Bishop England High School boys' golf team did it again. Three weeks after an impressive team effort in the 2023 Champions Invitational in Palm Springs, California the Bishops stayed close to home to win the 48th annual Southern Cross at the Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken on April 22.

The Bishops edged A.C. Flora by one shot, 441-442, in a tournament that turned out to be one for the ages. And, it just might have aged BE coach Jeff Burton because of the drama.

The Southern Cross is one of the high school golfing jewels the Bishops had not been able to add to their portfolio...that was until last Saturday. The match came down to the Bishops' 441st and final shot as senior standout Luke Walmet made a par putt on the

18th green to give the Bishops the victory and momentum as they begin their drive to win the Class AA state championship.

"It was a long time coming," said Burton, who has been a part of 12 BE teams that were denied victory at the Southern Cross. "This was the 48th running of that race and we finally did it. We've finished second and third, but never had that final putt drop for us."

The Southern Cross always showcases the best teams in the Palmetto State and this year's field included 21 teams and six individual golfers. Three of the South Carolina High School League's top-ranked teams competed as did two defending S.C. Independent School Association state champs.

The Battling Bishops took the lead by one stroke at the end of the first day and then held off charges from A.C. Flora and North Augusta on the final day when the



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The Bishop England High School boys' golf team won the 48th annual Southern Cross at Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken on April 22. BE beat A.C. Flora by one stroke, 441-442.

scores were affected by tricky and troubling winds.

Walmet's final putt was the clincher and wiped out memories of a rough first day when the senior shot an 82.

"He was beside himself," Burton said of Walmet, who will golf at

the next level for William & Mary. "He eats, sleeps and breathes this team. He tried too hard the first day. He had a triple and double bogey, but he bounced back when we needed it."

Walmet fared well for the Bishops. But this was a team event and

the Bishops received strong efforts from Daniel Donato, Sam McMillian and Matthew Teegardin.

April was a big month for the Bishops. They traveled to California to play in a tournament against 44 of the best teams out west. The Bishops finished in third place.

Now, May is around the corner and will offer another challenge.

The Bishops have won eight state championships in the program's rich history. But they have finished in second place the past two seasons. Look for that to motivate the Bishops.

Burton said the state title match, scheduled for May 15-16 at the Newberry Country Club, should come down to BE versus Oceanside Collegiate Academy.

"Oceanside will be ready," Burton said. "It will be a challenge. We're trying to check off all the boxes and that's definitely the one we want."

Philip Simmons Middle School runner clocks in among nation's best

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Laura Perry. If you follow high school track and field in the Palmetto State, you might want to remember that name.

Perry, who is only a seventh-grader at Philip Simmons Middle School, has the potential to be one of the best girls' high school distance runners in state history.

For now, Perry has to settle for being one of the top runners nationally in the Class of 2028. She is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation at the 3,200-meter run among seventh-grade girls.

Perry's best time in the 3,200-meter this spring is 11:22.14, which is about 39 seconds behind the time of Elin Latta of Texas. Latta's twin, Iris, has the second fastest time among members of the Class of 2028.

"I work hard," said Perry, who already owns four Philip Simmons records – three in track and another in cross country. "High school will be a lot tougher. Right now, I'm learning and lucky to be part of such a great

team. It's so fun to be part of this team and experience all the friendships and success."

In addition to the 3,200-meter run, Perry also holds the record in the 1,600-meter run and is a member of the record-setting 4x800-meter relay team. In the fall of 2022, Perry set the school cross country record.

Of course a lot will happen in the next four or five years that will determine Perry's fate as a distance runner. She must continue to improve. She must stay healthy. She has to have luck on her side. And she has to have that inner desire.

The Iron Horses' girls team is coached by Emma Santor, who has help from her mother, Michelle Santor. Michelle helps out with the distance runners and has been impressed with Perry's talent and mettle.

"You don't have to light a fire under her," Michelle Santor said. "That's because she's got a fire burning inside her. She wants to do well."

Emma Santor added, "I haven't seen a middle-school distance runner like Laura.

She's a competitor and she's sweet and special. She's got this drive you don't even see in most high-schoolers. Not only that, she's super humble."

Perry brushes off personal accomplishments. She's focused on being part of the team, which is seeking its third straight state championship.

"That's definitely my biggest goal," Perry said. "It's going to be hard, but what I want to do is work hard and help the team."

Running track and field – and cross country – can be difficult as a seventh-grader because you have to go from one part of the Philip Simmons campus to another. It's even harder for Perry, who also is an accomplished dancer.

It's not unusual to find Perry on the track in the morning before school starts because she occasionally has dance classes after school.

Perry is an accomplished ballerina and performed admirably in "The Nutcracker" at The Sottile Theater over the holiday season.



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Philip Simmons Middle School's Laura Perry is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation for the 3,200-meter run among seventh-grade girls.

"I have loved dancing since I was little," Perry said. "It makes my schedule a little harder, but running and dancing work well together as far as cross training is concerned."

Bishops, Iron Horses post strong showings at Coaches Classic

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The 2023 Coaches Classic lived up to its name – and then some.

The Coaches Classic concluded with The Elite Meet held at Camden High School on April 21, showcasing the top high school track and field athletes in the Palmetto State, regardless of their school's enrollment classification. With all that talent on display, it was no surprise that 109 national elite performances were either timed or measured on a brilliant spring day.

The Coaches Classic regional qualifiers were held March 25 with seven separate events held around the state. Athletes who finished in the top 16 of their event when results of all seven meets were combined moved on to compete in the Elite Meet.

The Elite Meet featured standout efforts in the sprint events. Nigel Ancrum of Spring Valley High School won the 100-meter dash in 10.29 seconds to edge out Carmelo Martin of Boiling Springs, who was clocked at 10.37. Five runners ran the 100-meter dash

in under 11 seconds.

Four athletes had national elite times in the 110-meter high hurdles.

The meet was originally scheduled for April 22 at Waccamaw High School, but officials moved the meet up a day early to April 21 and the venue was changed because of an ominous weather forecast.

Both Bishop England and Philip Simmons competed in the Region 6 qualifier and both schools fared well.

Bishop England had only one athlete compete in the Elite Meet and that was Nora Brahim, who finished ninth in the 1,600-meter run. The Bishops had three other athletes qualify for the Elite Meet. But they didn't compete because the rescheduled meet conflicted with the BE prom.

Philip Simmons, meanwhile, had more than 10 athletes compete. The Iron Horses' best finish came from the girls' 4x800-meter relay team, which won the silver medal. Members of the team included Hailey Meyers, Matea Prayer, Laura Perry and Samantha Watson.



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Philip Simmons sophomore hurdler Jakayla Wright competes in the Coaches Classic Elite Meet at Camden High School on April 21.

Perry, only a seventh-grader, finished in eighth place in the 3,200-meter run and 10th in the 1,600-meter run.

Senior Zhaire Mack, in her first year of track and field after a three-year hiatus, finished in seventh place in the javelin. Avery Harbaugh claimed eighth place in the pole vault.

The Philip Simmons boys' team also was well represented. Bryce Kinloch and Bo Jimenez finished in sixth and seventh place respectively in the high jump. Troy Stevenson claimed sixth place in the long jump and Jeremiah Bonano was sixth in the triple jump.

The Iron Horses' 4x100-meter relay captured sixth place and the 4x400-meter relay team finished fifth.

The track and field season will conclude in May.

Bishop England will host the Region 7-AA championships on May 3 at home. The Class AA Lower State meet is scheduled for May 13 at Woodland High School. The state championships are set for May 19-20 at Spring Valley.

Philip Simmons will compete in the Region 8-AAA championships on May 3 at Beaufort High School. The Class AAA state qualifier will be held on May 13 at Camden High School and the Class AAA state championships will be held on May 19-20 at Lower Richland High School.

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Retired coach Ed Khouri honored for leading BE soccer last 29 years

PROVIDED

In recognition of an illustrious career as Bishop England High School boys soccer coach that included 513 wins and 14 state championships, former legendary coach Ed Khouri was celebrated recently with a ceremony. Coach Khouri, who was recently inducted into the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame, was head coach for 29 years and the architect of Bishop England’s successful soccer program. Under his tutelage, national media outlets like Sports Illustrated, USA Today, and MaxPreps ranked Bishop England as the state’s top athletic program over the course of his career. He’s received many accolades, including the Adidas NSCAA National Coach of the Year in 2007. Coach Khouri was named the South Carolina Coach of the Year 10 times. Bishop England soccer is now coached by Coach Khouri’s grandson, Patrick Khouri, along with Assistant Coach Jorge Villamizar, two former Bishop England soccer standouts, as they embark on another



FILE PHOTO

Coach Ed Khouri (right) was celebrated recently for his 29 years as head coach of the Bishop England Soccer Team. He is pictured here with athletic director Paul Runey.

championship run led by captains Connor Craig, Easton Khouri, Brady Coupe, and Jacob Koster.

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fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Every so often, a species of fish grabs my attention. Typically, it is a fish I do not know much about and subsequently catch infrequently.

The species that has my attention right now is the blue marlin. So, for the past few months, I have been studying blue marlin habitat preferences, feeding behavior, tackle systems and techniques. It is a lot to learn, and I am a slow learner. At some point, you just have to get out there and fish. On Wednesday, that is what I did.

Elliott (my son), Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog) and I pulled away from the dock at 5:30 in the morning. It was still dark. Very dark. Even with high

tech electronics like radar and FLIR, I am not completely comfortable running the boat at night. However, with a 70-mile run to fishing grounds, running the boat in the dark is something you just have to do.

Conditions offshore were calm. For most of the two-hour ride, Brody slept in his bean bag. Elliott rigged large island-style lures with magnum-size ballyhoo. I set the Yellowfin on autopilot and monitored the radar and FLIR.

We pulled up short of the 226 Hole and deployed our spread of lures and teasers. Then, learning about blue marlin began in earnest.

Funny thing about learning, in the early stages you don't catch much. After trolling for five hours, we had zero marlin strikes. A few boats in the area released marlin. So, we knew they were there. Our technique was just lacking. We did not catch a blue marlin, but we learned a lot. Mostly what not to do!



PROVIDED

Capt. Greg Peralta and his son Elliott catch this blackfin tuna on a recent calm day offshore.

On the ride back, Elliott and I talked about the learning process and the adjustments we would make on the next trip. We agreed to stay committed to the process. Even if it meant not catching fish. About then, a school of blackfin tuna began crashing flying fish on the surface. I stopped the

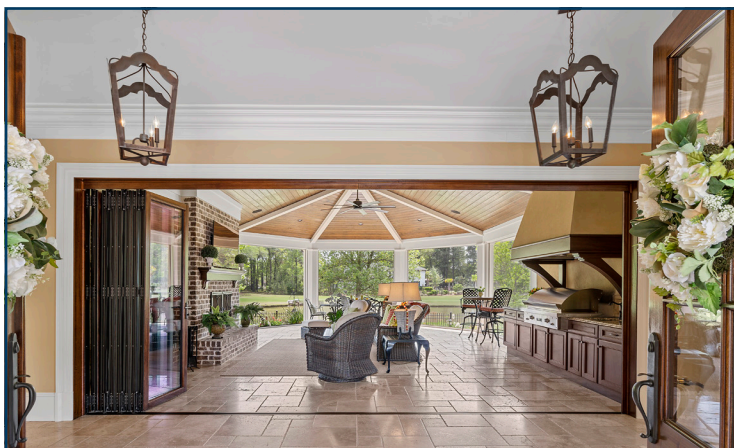
boat and grabbed a rod rigged with a Yozuri 3D popper. A blackfin ate the lure as soon as it hit the water. Not the target species but at least we caught a fish!

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Sargassum weed mucks up beach activities



daniel island nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

Our national news has recently been full of warnings about the huge raft of sargassum weed headed for the shores of Florida. Let us not discount the potential impacts to a family vacation at the wrong place and the wrong time, but perhaps a little perspective would be helpful here, because this is neither new nor particularly dire at the moment.

Even though people do not like walking through piles of sargassum weed (the name comes from the Sargasso Sea, which is the source of much of this algae), fishermen love the stuff.

While at times the weed is “too” prevalent and it makes trolling without fouling the baits difficult, it is usually pushed by the wind and currents into somewhat compacted, fishable “weed lines.”

Many small baitfish live in and under these floating shelters, and weed lines are the first thing offshore fishermen, especially those searching for dolphin fish (or mahi-mahi), are looking for this time of year in the Gulf Stream.

Sargassum weed has been floating around in the central

Atlantic practically forever, so what’s all of the fuss about? First, depending on one’s source, the current bloom is from two to four times the normal size.

The giant raft of “weed” floating toward the Caribbean Islands and Central and North America this year is truly massive. And the most troubling part of that is nobody is sure exactly why.

According to Dr. Melinda Simmons, a professor of marine sciences at Jacksonville University, it is a combination of factors including various (human-induced) nutrients from river runoff and warmer water for more of the year than was historically normal.

Unlike the “red tide” events which have plagued Gulf Coast beaches in recent years, sargassum weed is not toxic. It does not kill fish and it is generally harmless to people.

However, in these massive amounts it can create problems. Near-shore reefs and beaches can become inundated. Too much weed makes swimming or walking unpleasant, if not difficult. And a large amount of sargassum weed decaying on the beach genuinely stinks.

Additionally, it releases hydrogen sulfide as it decays, which can be a respiratory irritant for those with asthma or other respiratory challenges.

In a nutshell, a beach covered in sargassum weed is unpleasant to humans and is unlikely to be attractive for vaca-



FRANK CONWAY

A huge raft of sargassum weed is moving with the Gulf Stream in the Atlantic Ocean.

tions, spring break activities, or other activities.

From Barbados and its 1,600 dump truck runs of weed per day to a Cayman Island effort to pump the weed directly out of the ocean, vast resources have been deployed to manage the recent sargassum blooms. For now, it looks like all that can be done is to manage the symptoms.

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More single-family housing planned for Point Hope

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UPCOMING

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

April 27:
Point Hope Pump Station – Site plan for a pump station, force main and gravity sewer extension at 1236 Clements Ferry Road in Cainhoy.

Restore at Point Hope – Site plan for a single-family attached and detached residential building with 93 units at 1236 Clements Ferry Road in Cainhoy.

Mankiewicz Expansion – Site plan for expansion/improvement of existing facility by the addition of a warehouse and logistics building and filling a pond site at 1200 Charleston Regional Pkwy. in Cainhoy.

RESULTS

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

April 20:

Cainhoy Sanders House – Site plan on park and open space improvements at 2025 Sanders House St. in Cainhoy. **Results:** *Open pending delivery of Zoning comments.*

Nowell Creek Pedestrian /Cycling Bridge – Linear construction (e-Review) on shared-use path and pedestrian bridge along Daniel Island Drive. **Results:** *Revise and resubmit to TRC.*

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY & COUNTY MEETINGS

Berkeley Co. Bd. of Education is meeting the first and third Tuesday each month through April 2023. Starting May 2023, they will meet the first and third Monday. Executive Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Berkeley Co. Council meets fourth Mon. of each month, 6 p.m., Berkeley County Admin. Bldg., 1003 Hwy 52, Moncks Corner.

City of Charleston Council typically meets the second and fourth Tues. of each



month, 5 p.m., City Hall, 80 Broad Street, Charleston, SC and/or virtually via Conference Call #1-929-205-6099; Access Code: 912 096 416. Exceptions: Summer Schedule - 3rd Tues. of June, July, and August; December meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tues. Dates and locations subject to change.

City of Charleston Technical Review Committee meets every Thurs. at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals – Site Design meets the 1st Wed. of

each month at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals – Zoning meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month at 5:15 p.m., except for January and July when no meeting is held on the 1st Tues.

City of Charleston Design Review Board meets the 1st and 3rd Mon. of every month at 4:30 p.m.

City of Charleston Planning Commission meets the 3rd Wed. of every month at 5 p.m.

City of Charleston Board of Architectural Review – Large projects meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. of every month at 4:30 p.m.

City of Charleston Board of Architectural Review – Small projects meets the 2nd and 4th Thurs. of every month at 4:30 p.m.

All meetings are open for public comment except the City of Charleston Technical Review Committee meetings.

For more information, contacts for specific projects and on location and time of the meetings or to learn more, visit charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter/.

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PINWHEELS FOR GREAT CHILDHOODS

The Exchange Club of Daniel Island is selling Pinwheels to be displayed around the island throughout the month of April to bring awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Proceeds Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center and Darkness to Light. Pinwheels are available online or at Island Expressions, Daniel Island Monograms, and Qwik Pack & Ship. \$2/pinwheel or 20 pinwheels for \$35.

DI ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES

Thursdays April 27-June 29, 4:30-7:30 pm, Waterfront Park, River Landing Dr.

SLAVE DWELLING PROJECT BOOK DISCUSSION

Authors Joseph McGill and Herb Frazier talk about their new book, "Sleeping with the Ancestors: How I Followed the Footprints of Slavery." April 27, 7:30 pm, Daniels Point Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Dr. This is part of the DI News Author Series.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, May 7, 8:30 am-1:30 pm at the Red Cross Blood Mobile, Bishop England parking lot. Sign up and use sponsor code "stclare" at red-crossblood.org. Sponsored by St. Clare's Parish and BEHS. christinelark@aol.com.

DI GARDEN CLUB

End of year celebration, Wed., May 10, 3:15. Walking tour of the Osprey Trail located in front of the Daniel Island School. Refreshments. Cheryl Boyle, Dinofives@aol.com

KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

12th Annual Danziger Cup kids Fishing Tournament, Sat. June 17, 8:30-10:30 am at Smythe Lake. Awards ceremony, sponsor raffle, and refreshments to follow. Registration can ONLY be

found via the Daniel Island Fishing Club danielislandfishingclub.com/events. Trent Gustafson, tgustafson1976@gmail.com or 843-991-6008. Fred Danziger, fred.danziger13@gmail.com or 516-524-2208.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS

Mon. - Fri., 7:30, Providence Church, and Sat., 8 pm at Holy Cross Church.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thurs., 7 pm at Holy Cross Church on Daniel Island. Enter via the doors by the preschool playground.

BOCCE BALL

Thurs., 10 to noon, Pierce Park Lawn.

COMMUNITY YOGA

Mindful flow yoga. All levels, mats and blocks provided. Thurs., 9-10 am at DI Recreation Center. Teresa Donohue dcommunityyoga@gmail.com.

CRAFTERNOONS

Crafternoons with Edie every first 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 CONNECT

Fifty-plus age group that hosts a potluck dinner and social every third Thurs., 6-8 pm. March meeting is canceled. April meetings will be on the fourth Thurs. at The Waterfront. Call Kathy 502-387-3046 for more info.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB

Meets the 3rd Mon., 8 am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free and open to the public.

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DANIEL ISLAND

LIBRARY CLUB EVENTS

Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Group: Tues. 2-3 pm; Needleworkers: second and fourth Tues., 11:15 am; Deepthinkers Discussion Group: Wed., 10:30 am to noon; Social Bridge Club: 2nd Fri. and 4th Mon., 1-4 pm; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL ISLAND

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The next DINA Membership Meeting will be held on Aug. 23 2023, 6 pm at Daniel Pointe Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Dr. All DI residents are invited to attend this free meeting.

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DANIEL ISLAND WYLDLIFE

For all middle schoolers on DI, Mons., 7-8 pm at DI Rec. Ctr. Campaigners meet Weds., 6:30-7:30 pm. Tlengyel91@gmail.com.

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND

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GRIEF SHARE

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RECORDER GROUP

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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ROTARY CLUB OF DI

Meets Wed., 7:30 am, DI Club and virtually. maryjo@mjrccac.com at danielislandrotary.com.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS

Meet at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.

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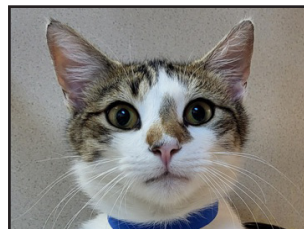


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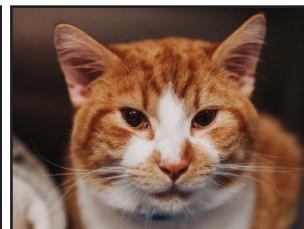


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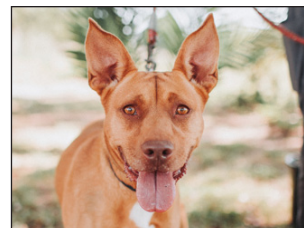
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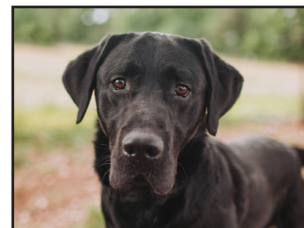
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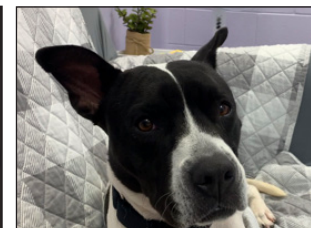
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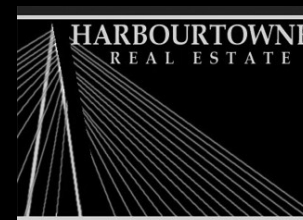
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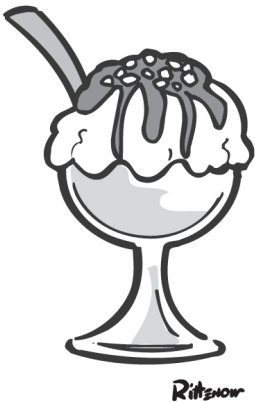
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What's Wrong?

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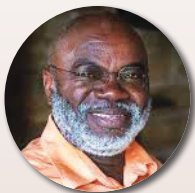
1. I didn't like my boss at all. Her condescending attitude and the way she monitored our e-mails.
2. After waiting in the car for 10 minutes, Emily stormed into the house and said to her sister, "I'm leaving. Find your own ride!"
3. Each of the team members were treated to an ice cream sundae after the game.



Answers: 1. The second sentence is a fragment.
2. The exclamation mark goes inside the quotation marks.
3. Because the subject is singular (Each), it requires the singular verb was.

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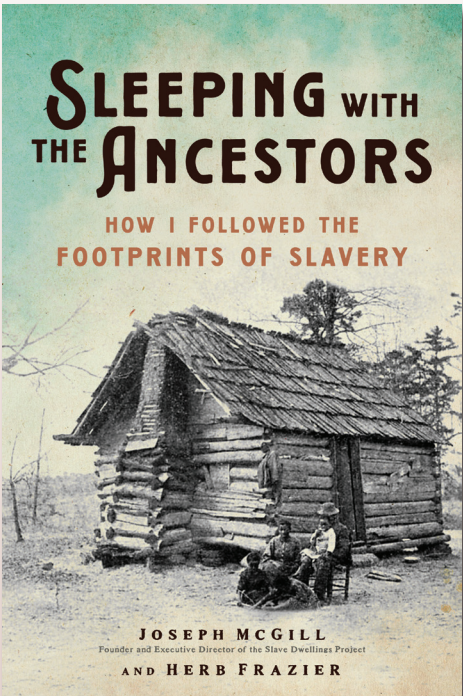
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Joseph McGill Jr., a historic preservationist and Civil War reenactor, founded the Slave Dwelling Project in 2010 based on an idea that was sparked and first developed in 1999. Since founding the project, McGill has been touring the country, spending the night in former slave dwellings—throughout the South, but also the North and the West, where people are often surprised to learn that such structures exist. Events and gatherings are arranged around these overnight stays, and it provides a unique way to understand the often otherwise obscured and distorted history of slavery. The project has inspired difficult conversations about race in communities from South Carolina to Alabama to Texas to Minnesota to New York, and all over the United States.

"Sleeping with the Ancestors" focuses on all of the key sites McGill has visited in his ongoing project and digs deeper into the actual history of each location, using McGill's own experience and conversations with the community to enhance those original stories. Altogether, McGill and coauthor Herb Frazier give readers an important unexpected emersion into the history of slavery, and especially the obscured and ignored aspects of that history.

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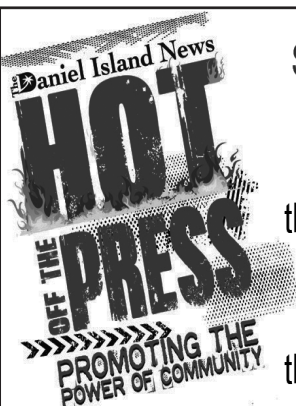
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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



April 24, 2008

According to Jeff Cary, manager of Berkeley County’s Mosquito Abatement program at the time, Daniel Island would be “uninhabitable” without pest management. Mosquitoes have always flourished in the Low-country environment, particularly on Daniel Island, where moist habitats are certainly plentiful. They need only 1 inch of water to lay their eggs. One way to combat the pesky insect was to rely on the efforts of Cary and his team of field technicians who made it their mission to keep the flying menaces at bay.

In business news, it was reported that 281-unit rental community Daniel Island Village was under construction at the end of Seven Farms Drive, behind the Bishop England football field and was nearing completion. A Greystar-built project, it was to be only the second apartment community on Daniel Island, joining Seven Farms Apartments as a rental option for those wishing to move to the island.

TEN YEARS AGO



April 25, 2013

The Daniel Island Farmers Market, which was sponsored by the Daniel Island Community Fund, was deemed an event held to “encourage a sense of community, sharing and fun, while supporting Lowcountry farmers, growers and artists in their mission to provide opportunities to shop and eat local.” That year, event coordinators planned to include live music at the market each week. Daniel Island residents Jacob Driggers and Chris May spent months training for the Boston Marathon. What they didn’t know was that the event would be forever marred by two deadly bomb blasts. They both received medals for finishing the marathon, having crossed the finish line about 80 minutes before the explosions took place. Middle school kids were invited to take a walk on the wild side – with paint! More than 100 kids let their true colors shine at the 2013 Daniel Island Wyldlife Paint War, transforming the fields near the Children’s Park into a vibrant festival of fun.

FIVE YEARS AGO



April 26, 2018

The centerfold featured the seventh annual Daniel Island Luxury Home Tour, presented by Charleston Home + Design magazine. According to a press release on the event, attendees would have a one-time opportunity to walk through eight custom-built homes and meet and speak directly with their builders. The custom builders answered questions one-on-one, while highlighting the vast number of unique and high-end features of the properties. As part of an Earth Day challenge, Diana Allbritton’s first grade class at Daniel Island School dug into some lessons on the environment. The students planted five types of vegetables. Each student planted tomato seeds and the class planted collards, cilantro, radishes and chard for their classroom’s indoor garden. Students at Philip Simmons Elementary School created a special banner to display at the upcoming Cainhoymaypole Festival. Each student painted their hand prints on the banner in different colors to reflect their diversity.

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