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City councilman Seekings addresses growth, transportation, flooding issues

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Daniel Islanders heard from a familiar voice last week at the Daniel Island Community Speaker's Series held at the Daniel Island Club. Charleston City Council's District 8 representative Mike Seekings, who will soon be the second councilperson to represent Daniel Island, spoke candidly about issues facing the city.

The series is sponsored by the Daniel Island Rotary, the Daniel Island Business Association, the Daniel Island Club and the Daniel Island Community Fund.

Seekings has served on council since 2013. He is a full-time lawyer, local art aficionado and a fellow Rotarian at a downtown club. Seekings is the chairman of the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority, chair of the city council Traffic and Transportation Committee and is on the board of the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Gibbes Museum of Art and the Cooper River Bridge Run.

After redistricting goes into effect later in 2023, Seekings' district will include a portion of Daniel Island south of the Wando River



Seekings

Bridge. He will share representation of the island with District 1 Councilman Boyd Gregg.

Seekings spoke in detail about Daniel Island's growth over the years, what the future of transportation will look like in the Lowcountry, and flooding solutions.

DANIEL ISLAND GROWTH

Seekings highlighted the following data. The island is home to 17,500 residents (based on the 2020 Census). Charleston is ranked the largest city in South Carolina with 150,000 residents and receives approximately 8 million visitors per year and nearly 22,000 visitors per day. This is three times the national average.

"We are naturally migratory people and Charleston is an attractive place," Seekings added. "We need to manage growth. We are not going to stop it."

TRANSPORTATION

As the influx of new homeowners continues to expand Charleston's population, Seekings spoke of a solution to help curb the congestion of new motorists on the roadways — a large-scale transit project called the Lowcountry Rapid Transit.

He explained: LCRT, a program of Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, is being designed as a 21.3-mile modern bus rapid transit system that will serve as the state's first mass transit system since downtown's trolley system which dates back to the 1920s. LCRT aims to provide safe, reliable and low-cost connections between Ladson, North Charleston and downtown.

Daniel Island is not a stop on the route in the current configuration due to the lack of demand for public transportation, but the effects of the public ridership are expected to mitigate the traffic flow surrounding the island, Seekings said.

According to Seekings, in 2016, Charleston County voters approved a Transportation Sales Tax Referendum that included \$180 million for LCRT construction and an

additional \$70 million for operations. LCRT recently received FTA approval to enter the New Starts Engineering Phase of the FTA Capital Investment Grants Program, he added.

The maximum Federal contribution to LCRT is now set at approximately \$375 million, which is 60% of the current project cost, Seekings explained. He added that the local project funding match is committed from the Charleston County half-cent sales tax. LCRT is slated to begin construction in 2026 and be fully operational by 2028, according to the website.

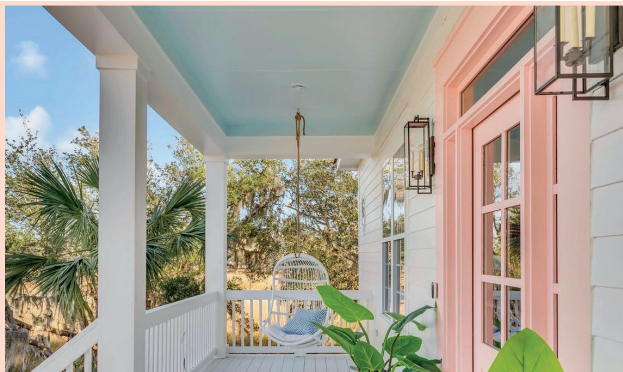
For more information on the transit project, visit lowcountryrapidtransit.com/.

FLOODING

Another topic Seekings highlighted, and which poses a daily threat to Charleston's quality of life, is flooding. Seekings spoke at great length on the Army Corps of Engineers' 3X3 Project.

He said the project refers to a \$1.1 billion investment in an 8-mile long wall around the

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DI teen raises \$1.2M for MUSC to install upright MRI

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A Daniel Island teen's fundraising effort to bring an upright MRI machine to the Medical University of South Carolina is now a sure thing.

In 2021, Sydney Severance launched the "Operation Upright" campaign with a lofty goal of raising the \$1.2 million needed to purchase the machine for MUSC.

The family announced on April 30 the goal has been reached with the help of the community and a generous donation from an anonymous matching donor.

In 2020, Severance went from being an active Bishop England High School student and a competitive tennis player to wheelchair bound. After months of debilitating pain and no answers, Severance was ultimately diagnosed with hypermobile Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS), a genetic connective tissue disorder. She also developed a common complication of EDS called craniocervical instability (CCI) that caused the ligaments in her neck holding her skull in place to loosen causing trauma to her brainstem.

The diagnosis was made possible because Dr. Sunil Patel, chief of neurosurgery at MUSC, recommended that she get an upright MRI as traditional MRI studies are unable to detect CCI. The Severance family, desperate for answers, took on the added stress and trauma of traveling to have the scan performed since an upright MRI was not available in the Lowcountry. It often takes years, even decades, before patients receive a diagnosis of EDS/CCI.

Severance launched Operation Upright because she wanted to eliminate the cost, stress and pain of travel for other patients in South Carolina and to reduce the time it takes for patients to receive a diagnosis.

"I'm in awe," Severance said after hitting the fundraising goal. "This means there is real hope for so many. I'd like to thank the thousands of donors that made this possible."

In the coming months, MUSC will use the \$1.2 million raised to purchase and install the machine.



PROVIDED

Sydney Severance, a Daniel Island teen, announces that Operation Upright raised \$1.2 million to purchase an upright MRI for the Medical University of South Carolina.

MUSC Health CEO Dr. Patrick J. Cawley previously told The Daniel Island News the machine can scan patients in any position, allowing it to detect problems that can't be seen when a patient is lying down.

Severance's fundraising achievement is a big step in the right direction for EDS/CCI patients and those with complicated spinal issues. It gives doctors a vital tool needed to make an accurate and timely diagnosis.

"Whether one dollar or thousands, each donation made a meaningful difference. Thank you for your generosity and support of our daughter's biggest goals," her parents Matt and Ashley Severance said. "Starting a fundraiser with such an ambitious goal was daunting, but it held promise and a path forward for so many, including Sydney."

Severance's battle with EDS remains steady as she experiences good days and not so good days. Nevertheless, her fighting spirit shines brightly.

"Both her family and team of doctors are so proud," Severance's parents said. "She inspires all of us."

What's next for Severance? She plans to attend the College of Charleston in the fall to pursue a degree in medicine while staying involved with The Norris Lab, which focuses on finding genetic causes of EDS.

To view Severance's continued journey, follow her on Instagram @operationupright.

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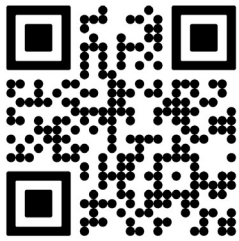
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DI News celebrates high school graduates

Send us your senior photos by Thursday, May 25



from the
publisher

SUZANNE DETAR

It's that time of year when communities across the globe celebrate high school graduates.

High school ceremonies and traditions vary around the world. In Scandinavia, graduates wear matching sailor hats and sing songs with their classmates. In Japan, graduates wear traditional clothing or school uniforms and receive a diploma from their teacher. In Mexico, like in the United States, graduates wear a cap and gown and receive a diploma from a school admin-

istrator. Argentina may have the most unusual graduation ceremony tradition: guests pelt graduates with food, including ketchup, dressing, and syrup.

At The Daniel Island News, we have a tradition of celebrating our high school graduates by publishing their senior photos and by highlighting their accomplishments.

We are very fortunate to be able to work directly with the official photographer who took the senior photos at Bishop England and Philip Simmons high schools. Tumbleston Photography Studios already provided us with photos of students from those schools who did have their portraits done with them.

In order to include island gradu-

ates who attend other private or charter schools, we need help from the schools and parents. If your child is graduating from high school this spring and did not attend BE or PSHS or who attended those schools but did not use Tumbleston, please send us photos so we can recognize as many students as possible.

This year we will publish our special graduation edition on June 1, 2023. The deadline to submit senior photos is Thursday, May 25. Please send color photos, together with the student's name and high school to sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com. You can use the QR code included with this article to send your photos directly to us via my email.

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Congratulations to all the students and their families! We look forward to recognizing them in our special June 1 graduation edition.

Readers weigh in on feeling safe in public settings

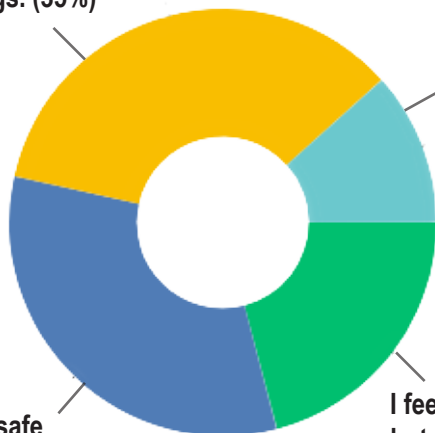
Poll Question: Recent national headlines have been filled with ever-mounting stories of gun violence, not only from mass shootings but from incidents of simple mistakes — ringing the wrong doorbell, driving up to the wrong house and mistaking a parked car as your own. Locally, bystanders were shot because 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?

I don't worry about being
in public settings. (35%)

Other (12%)

I generally feel safe
in public settings,
but worry in large
crowds. (32%)

I feel safe at home,
but worry in public
settings. (21%)



Comments: What makes you feel safe, or unsafe, in public?

- I am concerned with gun violence. It does not hinder my activities but it definitely makes me think more about my surroundings.
- I have raised my situational awareness in public.
- Knowing that many law abiding citizens in the area are armed and generally respect the police [makes me feel safe]. I can't say that for other areas of the country however.
- I do not do anything with large crowds, which I never liked anyway. But I always pay attention to people and surroundings and always know where the exits are. I am a gun owner

but do not agree with open and unrestricted carry laws. Many stupid people have guns.

- I worry more about media outlets trying to stoke the public with nonstop drama.
- Just walking along streets with fear I'll be attacked, slapped, knocked down by a passerby.
- I generally choose to put myself in settings that I feel are safe and not in locations that have a history of having issues. I know this day and age you just never know but I'm not going to live in constant fear.

Next week: What are your Mother's Day traditions?

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14, and it's time to show moms how important they are to the family they shepherd. What is your go-to Mother's Day tradition? Let us know at [surveymonkey.com/r/Mothers_Day_2023](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Mothers_Day_2023) by Sunday, May 7, at 5 p.m. And be sure to tell us about your most memorable Mother's Day.



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Left: Emil is all smiles after getting caught wearing his bike helmet as he rode along the Daniel Island walking and biking paths. Right: Niko Franic wears his helmet while he rides his bike on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. Get caught wearing your helmet this week and win a gift card to a local restaurant. The Bike Helmet Challenge, a four-week contest sponsored by The Daniel Island News, is designed to encourage readers to protect their brains by wearing helmets. Thanks to local gift card sponsors: Subway, Ali Baba and Joey Tomatoes.

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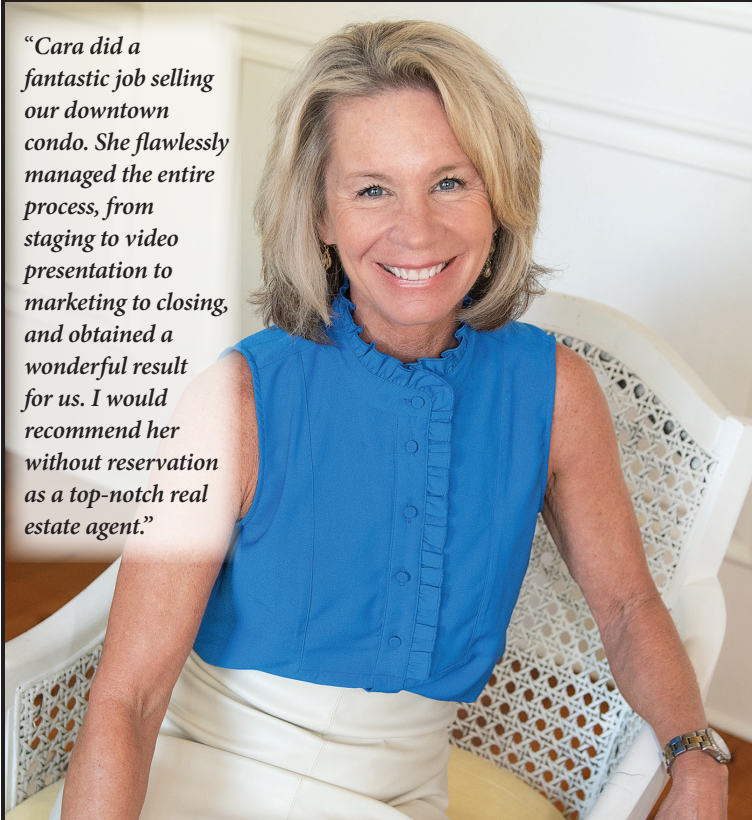
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Francie, age 5
Daniel Island



My favorite park is Pirate Park because there are lots of fun things to do.

Charlotte, age 7
Daniel Island



My favorite park is the Gadsdenboro Park because it is better than the park in Goose Creek.

Miles, age 4
Mount Pleasant



My favorite park is Pirate Park because there are lots of people and fun things to do.

Evelyn, age 6
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My favorite park is the water park because it has a splash pad.

Bash, age 5
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The Team 5 substation, which is located at 235 Seven Farms Drive, is not staffed at all times so individuals wishing to speak with an officer or file a police report should not come to the substation. Likewise, the telephone system in the Team 5 substation is not manned at all times. Therefore, all contact with the Charleston Police Department should be initiated through our dispatch system by calling 843-743-7200.

Police reports should be filed anytime a crime has occurred. This can range from the most serious of crimes such as home invasions, robberies, and murders to vandalisms, bicycle thefts, and vehicle break-ins.

An investigation cannot happen unless a police report has been filed which outlines exactly what happened.

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location to conduct a field investigation. This will include obtaining all the pertinent information such as the who, what, where, when, and why.

It is recommended that you have as much of the information available upon the arrival of the officer. This includes vehicle information (license plate, VIN, make, model, etc.) or serial numbers for stolen property.

We are also only able to take reports for crimes that occur within the City of Charleston. If a crime occurred outside of the city limits, the victim will need to contact a law enforcement representative from that location to file a report in their jurisdiction.

Once you have filed a police report, an investigator will make contact with you for a follow-up. This follow-up may include additional questions that the original responding officer did not ask or may include supplemental questions that will help further the investigation into the crime.

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There is no cost for crime victims to obtain a copy of their incident reports. For other individuals, the cost of obtaining a police report is \$5. Be sure and bring a state-issued ID/license so that your identity can be verified.

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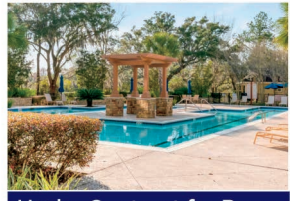
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Local man arrested on sexual assault, trafficking of teen

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On April 24, the Charleston Police Department and Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) arrested David William Hollars, a 55-year-old man, and charged him with sexually assaulting, exploiting, and trafficking a teenage girl. Homeland Security Investigations and the Attorney General's Office assisted in making the arrest.

Hollars, a resident of Palm Cove Drive in The Peninsula, faces the following charges in Charleston County: one count of trafficking a victim under 18, criminal solicitation of a minor, two counts of first-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, and two counts of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor.

The Peninsula is one of several residential communities located off of Clements Ferry Road and backs up to Philip Simmons High School.

A parent of the 15-year-old teen reported the crimes to CCSO at the end of March. Affidavits from the sheriff's office detail that Hollars connected with the minor on Snapchat and first engaged in sexual contact with the teen in July 2022 near her home in Charleston County. At the time, she was 14 years old. Detectives found and downloaded evidence of multiple text messages containing graphic, sexually explicit conversations exchanged over the course of the year.

According to the incident report, the relationship continued through February 2023, and multiple sexual encounters occurred between the teen and the offender. Forensic interviews with the victim detail an exchange of money after sexual contact, via payments on Cash App. The offender also paid for the gifts, transportation, clothing, sex toys, and food, according to law enforcement.

"This is an incredibly disturbing case," Charleston County Sheriff Kristin Graziano said. "Our investigation is ongoing, as we continue to follow leads and information in the case. Our hearts go out to the victim, and we have made ourselves available to her and her family as she begins her recovery from this trauma. No child should ever go through this."

Charleston Police Deputy Chief Jack Weiss praised law enforcement across multiple jurisdictions, "We're thankful that this survivor came forward and is getting the justice she deserves."

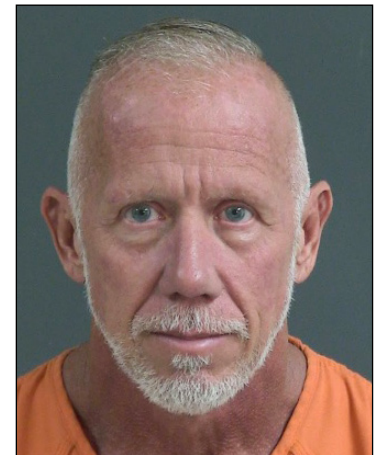
Hollars was arrested on April 24 and placed in the Hill-Finklea Detention Center in Berkeley County, then transferred and booked April 26 at the Al Cannon Detention Center on the CCSO charges.

KNOW SOMETHING?

Detectives continue to investigate. Anyone with information on the case or similar cases can contact CCSO at 843-202-1700 or after hours at 843-743-7200. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 843-554-1111.

For information on internet safety and the S.C. Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, visit scsafety.net.

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David Williams Hollars was arrested and charged with sexually assaulting, exploiting, and trafficking a teenage girl he met on Snapchat.

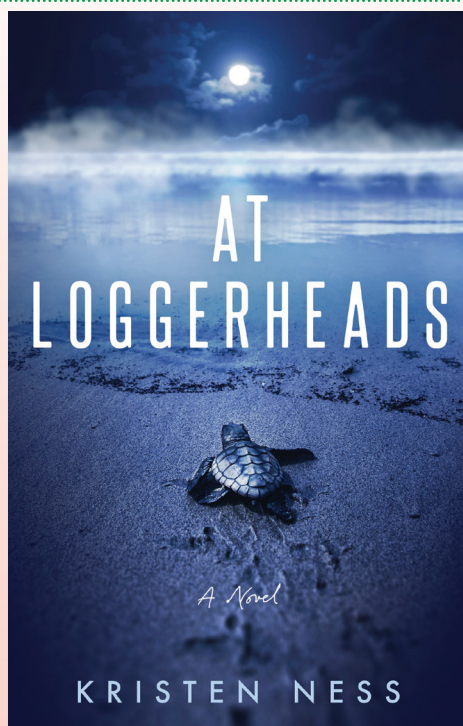
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AT LOGGERHEADS

DANIEL ISLAND RESIDENT KRISTEN NESS' DEBUT NOVEL IS SET IN THE LOWCOUNTRY



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Daniel Island School evacuation caused by faulty HVAC unit

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Class was interrupted recently at Daniel Island School and the building evacuated after a light haze was visible in an upstairs hallway. The incident occurred just after 8 a.m. on Monday, April 24.

The Charleston Fire Department was notified at 8:28 a.m. and crews arrived within 4 minutes. Personnel determined the smoke was originating from an HVAC unit, according to CFD Chief Fire Marshal Michael Julazadeh.

The HVAC unit was shut down and the haze dissipated. No fire was encountered in the building, Julazadeh noted.

Berkeley County School District spokes-

person Katie Tanner said the district released two messages to parents. The first noted that students and staff had evacuated the building and all were safe. The second was that maintenance will be onsite to address an issue with the HVAC unit.

According to CFD’s website, U.S. fire departments respond to an estimated average of 6,650 structure fires in educational properties, annually. These fires cause an annual average of 88 civilian fire injuries and \$90 million in direct property damage.

The last time CFD responded to Daniel Island School was on Feb. 23, 2022, when a fire alarm was activated from a pull station, Julazadeh said.



SUZANNE DETAR

Charleston Fire Department responds to an incident at Daniel Island School on April 24.

Seekings: City updates

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majority of Charleston’s peninsula that could range as tall as 10 feet in some sections with as many as 86 storm gates. The Army Corps of Engineers has been studying the city’s perimeter protection against storm surge, tidal inundation and sea level rise since 2018.

According to Seekings, since 1980, Charleston has experienced more than 700 high tides of 5.5 feet or higher. In 2019 alone, Charleston recorded 79 high tides.

He also explained the project funding: 35% from local, state, county and private funding that would equate to \$385 million. The remaining 65% would be funded federally. The construction would proceed in phases and the city would make its payments in installments over the multiyear life of the project.

The project’s Advisory Committee is composed of a dozen members of the residential, business, and nonprofit communities, plus two council members. Seekings is one of them and a self-proclaimed critic of the project.

“We’ve got some challenges in this city when it comes to water, but building a wall around is probably not the answer,” Seekings added.

Seekings said that he would like to explore other drainage improvement options like the Calhoun West/Beaufain drainage project that aims to increase the capacity of the stormwater collection as well as provide means to convey stormwater directly into the Ashley River during storms and tidal events via pumping systems.

Seekings added that the single-purpose concrete wall is “counterintuitive” to the city’s stormwater management system developed through the Dutch Dialogues, adding it



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A map of the Lowcountry Rapid Transit project, a 21.3-mile modern bus system that will serve between Ladson, North Charleston and downtown.

would be an eyesore, an easy target for graffiti, and a tough sell to residents in districts outside of the peninsula.

For more information on the proposed

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Daniel Islander to talk about her debut novel, 'At Loggerheads'

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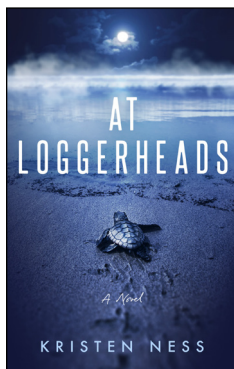
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Murder on a South Carolina barrier island brings together a sea turtle biologist and a local detective to unravel a mystery that might impact the race for the White House.

That's the logline for "At Loggerheads," Daniel Island author Kristen Ness' debut novel. Ness will be the featured speaker at The Daniel Island News Author Series event on May 24 at Mpishi Restaurant, 162 Seven Farms Drive.

Ness is an immigration attorney who is obsessed with marine biology. The setting and topic reflect her obsession and her background. A graduate of Duke University and the University of South Carolina School of Law, she grew up in South Carolina and is a volunteer for the Island Turtle Team on the Isle of Palms.

Published by Evening Post Books, the novel is already garnishing praise. Mary Alice Monroe, New York Times bestselling author of 27 books, including The Beach House series, said, "Kristen Ness' 'At Loggerheads'



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Kristen Ness will talk about her debut novel "At Loggerheads" on May 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Mpishi. Book cover design by ebooklaunch.com.

is a thrilling debut novel intertwined with mystery, nature, romance, and betrayal. Set on a lush barrier island, Ness offers the reader a rich sense of place in a whodunit that reflects on the meaning of home. A must read – especially if you love sea turtles!"

Promotional materials for the book promise more than just a whodunit: "This murder mystery includes romance, nature, politics,

real estate, and science. With a captivating sense of place, the story unfolds as a love letter to the barrier islands and coastal towns of the South Carolina Lowcountry, where the often-opposing forces of Mother Nature and human nature influence what people will do for money, for power, and for love."

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Shelby Van Pelt, bestselling author of "Remarkably Bright Creatures," said, "I came for the sea turtles and stayed for the mystery and intrigue! 'At Loggerheads' is a delightful

debut that deftly shifts from twisty to tender, delivering a page-turning murder mystery while examining the complicated relationship between humans and the incredible creatures we share this world with. I loved this book!"

The event is set for Wednesday, May 24, at Mpishi Restaurant, 162 Seven Farms Drive.

Dessert and drinks begin at 6:30. The author talk begins at 7 p.m. Space is limited. Tickets are free – sign up on EventBrite at bit.ly/DINews_Ness or use the QR code.



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Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good. – Malcolm Gladwell, Outliers

Like most young kids growing up, I played my fair share of sports. Be it on the dusty baseball fields channeling my inner Hank Aaron or playing football all the while believing that I would be the next Roger Staubach.

In football practice our coach would say to us, "Boys, if you're gonna do it wrong, do it wrong the best you can!" His statement puzzled me. We would go through our drills in practice and I was under the impression that he wanted it done right the first time.

But for whatever reason, there were always a few of us who just didn't execute the drill

properly. And while the coach could have chosen to be more harsh in his disapproval, he opted for a more sympathetic approach for us boys just learning to play.

Over time, the drills became more and more routine and our proficiency increased. That season our fierce little team went undefeated. Roger Staubach would have been proud.

I've heard it said in more recent years that you play like you practice. In terms of leadership, that can either be good or problematic. How you conduct yourself as a leader is important and the stakes are higher than the outcome of a rec league football game.

So when it comes to the practice of leadership, what should be your focus? What are the disciplines to pay attention to? Here are a few (no particular order) worth your consideration.

PRACTICE THE DISCIPLINE OF HUMILITY

Rick Warren describes it this way, “Humil-

ity is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.” Humility in leadership empowers you to be authentic before others and it demonstrates that you are willing to set aside your ego for the sake of growth.

PRACTICE THE DISCIPLINE OF READING

It's been said that leaders are readers. I agree. For leaders, the learning never ends. When you practice the discipline of reading you demonstrate that you are committed to your personal growth and development.

PRACTICE THE DISCIPLINE OF SERVING

The capacity of your leadership will always be tied to your willingness to serve. It's when you place others first, looking out for the needs of others, that you will rise as a leader. If serving is beneath you, then leading is beyond you.

PRACTICE THE DISCIPLINE OF REFLECTION

Your effectiveness as a leader will be gauged by your ability to think long. Reflection gives you the ability to put your present

into focus and align your future with your values. Reflection keeps you grounded with purpose and clarity. This can be achieved through prayer or meditation.

PRACTICE THE DISCIPLINE OF GENEROSITY

Generous leaders are contagious leaders. Generous leaders practice an awareness that's uncommon in most. They are observant to the needs of others and are always willing to give of their time and resources. In a self-absorbed culture, we need generous leaders now more than ever.

PRACTICE THE DISCIPLINE OF FORGIVENESS

Leadership can be hard. So can life. And everyone is fighting a battle we know nothing about. The discipline of forgiveness can go a long way in establishing your leadership for the long haul. But know this, life is just too short to walk through it holding a grudge.

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‘Let’s try love’

Bishop England High School and Watoto Academy of the Performing Arts form new partnership

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The vibrant costumes, the rhythmic beating of hands on drums, the unmistakable energy of the dancers as their bare feet hop and pop on the floor, the beaming smile on each and every face.

You notice it all when watching a performance by the Watoto Charleston Ensemble, a touring group from the Watoto Academy of Performing Arts at Meeting Street Academy. But you also feel something. And it’s palpable.

“I was completely overwhelmed by what I saw,” shared Bishop England High School’s Dean of Student Success and Engagement Chris Frisby, who attended Watoto’s “The Happy People” show, part of their Love America Concert Series, at the Dock Street Theatre in January.

What Frisby experienced was powerful, he said. And he knew his students at Bishop England would want to experience it as well. So Frisby immediately reached out to Watoto’s founder Donald O’Conner to ask how the two schools could work together. The result of that conversation is a brand new partnership that promises to provide far-reaching benefits to all involved.

“Donald and I share a common vision that good things will come from this partnership,” added Frisby. “We also share an approach open to the organic development of things to come. We don’t want to force anything or predetermine or limit what the partnership might grow to become. We have ideas for sure, and we see numerous possibilities for bridge-building and exchange that will redound to the benefit of both Bishop England High School students and Watoto Academy students.”

Long term, Frisby hopes that perhaps some of the Watoto students from Meeting Street Academy, which serves K-8, might be interested in attending BE for high school.

“When Bishop England moved to Daniel Island from downtown, we lost connection with an important part of our historic diversity,” he explained. “So this is part of our attempt to re-establish those connections and partnerships again...And as for those younger, aspiring Watoto students, we are ready to welcome and support them!”

“This relationship is going to enable us to serve,” explained O’Conner, who is also an acclaimed musician, songwriter and producer. “And hopefully be an example to the rest of the city and nation about what happens when two communities come together and allow an organic synergy to happen.”

For O’Conner, Watoto is much more than colorful, mesmerizing performances. It is a celebration, and a heartfelt and joyous expression, of Black culture. He founded the academy more than 25 years ago in Memphis, Tennessee, as a way to reverse deep-rooted negative patterns of thinking and behavior among local urban youth. He brought the program to Meeting Street Academy in Charleston in 2014.

The idea was that if students could focus on powering academics and social-emotional skills



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According to the Watoto Academy of the Performing Arts website, hundreds of children have had their lives positively impacted by the Watoto program at Meeting Street Academy. The experience has had a positive impact on children from under-resourced communities in a variety of areas, including social behavior and emotional development, and academic performance.

through rich experiences in the arts, learning would come to life as they experienced African and African-American music, dance, performance styles, literature and history. It was a formula for success.

According to the Meeting Street Academy website, “Watoto’s results have been impressive: serving a largely minority student population, all program graduates have successfully completed high school and many have gone on to college and postgraduate study.”

They have studied periods like the Civil Rights movement and the Harlem Renaissance – expressing what they learn through their performances. There are, of course, difficult parts of that history, but there are also moments of incredible positivity. And O’Conner wants them to understand the “whole” story.

“You got to think about the mindset,” he continued. “We look at the big picture. They get a chance to travel through history and actually experience it...It’s amazing to see what they do, and the way that they do it, and the level they can do it on. All the material is coming out of their cultural experience.”

And all of it is centered on love, noted O’Conner.

“I want them to experience a world view that is positive,” he said. “We have to understand the elephant in the room – and that is the social stuff that we just finished going through, the George Floyd (tragedy), and all of that. We’ve got to look at the pandemic, and before that Mother Emanuel. We’ve got to understand this community is hurting. And when people hurt, they implode. And being a member of that community,

the way we don’t implode is to reach out lovingly. We have to have an aggressive plan to share and connect with other people.”

And that is especially important in Charleston, he said.

“When you look at where we are here in Charleston, there’s a history of certain things...and we’re trying to overcome certain things. So when I stand back and look at it, I say let’s try love. Let’s start telling stories that can be documented. So it’s not the Gospel according to Donald O’Conner. I can point to the page and the paragraph and say this is what happened here. This is what we should be doing. Let’s try love.”

This month, on May 18, the Watoto Charleston Ensemble will bring its Love America Concert Series to the stage in the Bishop England Performing Arts Center for their first public performance of “The Happy People” at the school.

“Donald’s ‘Love America’ series of shows that his student troupe offers is a wonderful example of the power of sharing history and culture in a way that emphasizes human connection, joy, and the optimistic vision that all people, all Americans, contribute meaningfully to the fabric of this country,” added Frisby.

Guests are promised an evening of “joy, excitement and happiness” as they experience the traditional music, movement and costuming of African, Brazilian, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Caribbean cultures.

“The show that you’ll see at Bishop England is taken from what we would call as adults ‘the study of the Diaspora,’” explained O’Conner. “So when you talk to people from any of these cultures, they will tell you that their music and rhythmic movements



The Watoto Charleston Ensemble's Love America Concert Series is a reflection of founder Donald O’Conner’s mission to expose his students to moments and events in American and African-American history that reflect joy, cultural diversity, unity, cultural values and humanitarian love.

come from Africa.”

“My hope is that the Bishop England High School community and folks on Daniel Island come to be elevated and awestruck by the power and beauty of hardworking young people doing their best to celebrate and share culture,” added Frisby. “The show will be awesome, and it will lay the groundwork for more engagement and opportunities for two communities, both integral to the richness and dynamism of Charleston.”

The upcoming free show at BE is the start of what the two schools hope will be a lasting, productive relationship. Both O’Conner and Frisby look forward to what is to come.

“We envision a number of performances hosted at BE in the future and hands-on instructional workshops and summer experiences for Bishop England students and the public held on campus and potentially making use of the public spaces on the waterfront at Daniel’s Landing,” said Frisby.

“(Our work) is also based on the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King,” added O’Conner. “The beloved community. That’s the model. A community that really intensively serves to better the lives of the community members. Not just those sitting in the room with them....Work on loving everybody, and watch what happens!”

To reserve a seat for the upcoming free performance of “The Happy People” by the Watoto Charleston Ensemble at BE, visit bit.ly/LoveAmericaSeries.

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Obsessed with British mysteries



chapter two

VICKI BERNIE

Living life as a senior

I was sure that I was a committed Franco-ophile until I discovered BritBox, an online video subscription service.

There is nothing like a British mystery – they are “gorgeous.” The settings are quaint, rustic, windswept. They lure you in. You know that nothing could really be that idyllic, something has to be lurking there, and it’s definitely nothing good.

Typically, they can be brutal though usually not graphically violent. The victim is often discovered at the beginning of the show, perhaps an occasional body, washed up on the rocks of a stunning waterscape. There is almost always water.

I am protective of my senses. I can’t deal with torture; don’t put me at a table with people eating lamb or veal.

Anyway, the actual physical murder is beside the point. Getting into the convoluted whodunit of it all – the quick minds, the quirky/snarky humor, guessing who are the honest dedicated detectives and who are the “bent coppers” – is what it is really about.

The language is charming. British detectives call their superiors “M’am” and “Guv.” They refer to or are referred to as “Luv” and “Pet.” They don’t go on vacation, they go on “holiday.” Everyone they visit, be it families of victims or suspects, puts a kettle on and pours them a “cuppa” (occasionally there are times they try to slip in a little poison but they are few and far between.).

There are pubs where they sometimes get “knackered.” There are big black taxis, they have “biscuits” with their tea, and their fries are called “chips.”

They don’t just say “thanks” – they say “cheers” or “ta.”

I love them. I want to be them. I want to change my name to Alice or Vera – or Nancy.



PHOTO BY GIORDANO ROSSONI ON UNSPLASH
Watching a British mystery requires a cuppa with honey and maybe a biscuit or two.

I want to go back to my Nancy Drew days when I read every one of her mysteries backward and forward, even though she wasn’t British – or French.

In our house, British mysteries have become not just an addiction but an obsession.

We have our cuppa with honey and maybe a biscuit or two while we are absorbed. It makes it so much more authentic.

Subtitles are critical. The language may be called “English” but it is definitely not our English. Many of the references, especially foods, require us to keep Google nearby.

And speaking of that, don’t even get me started on British food shows. Quaint, warm, funny, delicious and positively charming.

And yes, I do think it’s entirely possible to be a Francophile and an Anglophile. More on that another day.

“Cheers, pet.”

“Bonne nuit.”

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New BE track facility named after Carl E. Poole, Jr.

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Believe it or not, but Bishop England High School will hold a home track and field meet for the first time since 2018 when the Region 7-AA championships are contested May 3 at the Carl E. Poole Jr. track facility.

While the school is relatively new, opening in time for the 1998-99 academic year, the school's original track was outdated and not up to snuff to hold major meets.

Bishop England track coach Tony Colizzi's teams couldn't even practice on campus when the track was being resurfaced.

"We lost about three weeks on the track," said Colizzi who coaches the boys' and girls' teams. "We practiced anywhere we could find on the island. We used a lot of the bike paths and fields around the island. We also did a split practice a few times with some kids running at the town hall track in Mount Pleasant and the rest running here on Daniel Island due to transportation issues."

The track facility, which also has a practice field for other BE teams, was named in honor of Poole, and was rededicated in an April 25 event that included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and recognition of donors who made the new track possible.



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Members of the Bishop England community participate in the dedication of the school's new track on April 25. The facility is named after Carl E. Poole, Jr.

Poole, who passed away in 1993 at age 50, graduated from BE in 1961 and was known for his competitive spirit and talent. He attended Clemson where he ran track and set ACC records. He also ran for the U.S. Army team and participated at the U.S. Olympic trials.

While the track facility hasn't hosted a meet in six years, it has been a major venue

in the Lowcountry, hosting 30 meets in the past.

The Father Kelly Classic has been run 15 times and featured 500 to a thousand athletes at each meet. It has also hosted seven region championships and eight Lower State Championships.

Some of the athletes who have competed at the track include Olympic 100 hurdle

champ Jasmine Camacho Quinn (Fort Dorchester) and Olympic shot put competitor Raven Saunders of Burke.

Chris Brown of Hanahan, who holds the state record in the triple jump and went on to play football at Notre Dame, is one of the top male performers to compete at the Poole Facility. Griffie Loy, who owns the state record in the discus, shone at the track when he attended BE.

"The kids are looking forward to having their first home meet this Wednesday (May 3)," Colizzi said. "The team that we have now has never had a home meet."

"Having a home base is great," Colizzi added. "The new track surface has helped prevent injuries and reduced the amount of shin splits our kids have experienced."

It's not unusual to see Bishop runners on the track during the prime season. It's also common to DI residents getting in a run on the 400-meter track.

"The track is used quite a bit by the community," Colizzi said. "Any time on the weekend you will find several people using the track. This is a huge benefit for the community. We are probably the only local school that allows the community to use the track."

High school playoff picture comes into focus

Lacrosse champions crowned, other sport playoffs continue

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The Philip Simmons boys' and girls' lacrosse teams competed in the Class AAAA state playoffs, and the Bishop England boys qualified as well for the first spring sport to crown state champions.

The Nation Ford boys and Wando girls won the Class AAAAA state championships while Oceanside Collegiate Academy and Lucy Beckham won the Class AAAA girls' and boys' titles, respectively.

The Philip Simmons girls finished with a 14-4 record and advanced to the second round of the Class AAAA playoffs. The Iron Horses were a fourth seed, and blasted James Island 16-4 in the first round. However, Christ Church, a fifth seed, pulled off a minor

upset with a 10-9 victory to end the Iron Horses' season.

The Iron Horse boys were on the wrong end of an 18-2 first-round decision to eventual state champ Lucy Beckham. The Iron Horses finished with a 5-11 record.

The Bishop England boys had a solid season, finishing with a 13-3 record. The Bishops opened the playoffs with a 14-4 victory over Eastside. However, the Bishops lost a 12-11 overtime heart-breaker to May River to end the season.

BOYS' TENNIS

Philip Simmons' bid for a fourth consecutive state championship remains alive as the Iron Horses topped Lower Richland in the first round of the playoffs, and Darlington in the second round.

The Iron Horses picked up a third-round victory Dreher on May 1. The Iron Horses will play Camden in the Lower State Championship on May 3 against the winner of the Waccamaw-Camden match.

Meanwhile, Bishop England opened Class AA tournament play with a victory over Woodland.

However, Christ Church brought the Bishops' season to an end with a home-court victory. Christ Church will play Academic Magnet or Governor's School in the third round.

The Class AAA and Class AA state championships are set for May 6 at Dr. Eddie Floyd Florence Tennis Center.

BASEBALL

Bishop England and Philip Simmons both qualified for the state baseball playoffs, which were scheduled to commence May 2. (Results not available at press time.)

Bishop England, which posted a 10-7 regular-season record, will compete in the

Class AA bracket and will travel to play Lee Central, which went 4-14. The second round will be held May 4 and the district championship is slated for May 8.

In Class AAA, Philip Simmons, 11-11, will travel to Dreher on May 2. (Results not available at press time.) Dreher is 17-4. The second round is set for May 4 and the district championship is planned for May 8.

SOFTBALL

Philip Simmons qualified for the District 5-AAA state softball playoffs, which were scheduled to begin May 3. (Results not available at press time.)

BOYS' GOLF

The Class AA state golf championship is set for May 15-16 at the Newberry Country Club.

The Class AAA Lower State Championship will be contested May 8 at the Diamond-back Golf Course in Loris. The state championship will be held May 15-16.

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Iron Horses shine at Tri-County Track and Field Championships

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If the Tri-County Track and Field Championships are any indication, the Philip Simmons High School track and field teams are so fine-tuned they run like Ferraris.

The Iron Horses competed in the 24-team meet on April 26 at Cane Bay High School and came back with numerous medals and prestige in an event that featured some of the biggest and best track teams in the Low-country.

The Iron Horse boys claimed the top spot with 93 points to edge Fort Dorchester, which scored 91. Goose Creek held down third with 78. The Bishop England boys were in 14th place with 21.5 points.

Wando, a favorite to win the Class AAAAA state championship later in May, won the girls' title with 117 points. Philip Simmons, a Class AAA entry and Class AAAAA power Summerville tied for second with 80 points apiece. The BE girls were 12th with 17 points.

The teams from Berkeley County won the overall championship with 487.5 points. Charleston County was second with 408 while Dorchester County was third with 385.5.

It was the final major meet leading up to the 2023 postseason. Region championships, state qualifiers and the state championships will be held this month.

The Iron Horse boys fared well in just about every phase of the meet including sprints, distance, relays and field events to top the Patriots.

Pierce Walker shone in the distance events, winning gold in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:10.48. He claimed a silver medal in the metric mile.

Corey Steed won the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.47 while Bryce Kinloch claimed gold in the high jump, clearing 6-2. Jeremiah Bonano was second in the triple jump.

The 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams won gold and silver medals, respectively.

Justin Hafner led Bishop England, claiming a victory in the 1,600 run with a time of 4:29.97. Gavin Murphy won a bronze medal in the pole vault.

Meanwhile, the Philip Simmons girls' team seems poised to win a third consecutive state title, including its first as a Class AAA school.



PROVIDED

Philip Simmons High School's Jeremiah Bonano celebrates at the Tri-County Track and Field Championships. PSHS boys won the 24-team meet with Bonano taking second in the triple jump.

Madison Jent had the only Iron Horse national elite performance. She cleared 11 feet in the pole vault to finish in third.

Seventh-grade sensation Laura Perry was impressive, as usual, in the distance runs. She won the 3,200 run in 12:03.98. Josie May finished second. Perry was third in the 1,600.

Perry, Hailey Meyers, Matea Payer and Samantha Watson claimed gold in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 10:10.65.

Watson won the other distance event, claiming gold in the 800 run with a time of 2:25.55.

Zhaire Mack, an all-state selection in basketball and a top athlete, has shone in her first year back as a member of the track and field team. She claimed a silver medal in the javelin and was sixth in the shot put.

The Bishop England girls claimed one medal at the Tri-County championships. The 4x800-meter relay team won a silver medal.

Local youth soccer teams train in England, attend pro games

Two teams from the Charleston Soccer Club, including players from Daniel Island, trained and attended professional soccer matches in England. Highlights included: Trained and played at Manchester United, trained at West Ham's Academy, trained at Fulham Soccer Club, attended Champions League match – Manchester City v. Bayern Munich, attended Europe League match - Manchester United v Seville, and attended West Ham v Arsenal. The trip was organized by Daniel Island resident Mike Kelleher.



CATHERINE LOBB

Charleston Soccer Club 2009 and 2010 Boys NPL team members hang together on the pitch at London Stadium where they were invited to watch warm-ups before the West Ham United game against Arsenal.



CATHERINE LOBB

Daniel Island School sixth and seventh grade students - Will Kelleher, Sam Henry, Oliver Chakides, and Jeremy Lobb – attend a West Ham United game at London Stadium during a Charleston Soccer Club training trip to England.



STALLINGS STUDIO

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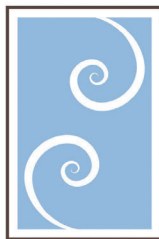


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Make sure you laugh a lot even if you fish a little



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Sometimes fishing does not go according to plan. Saturday was a perfect example. My son Elliott, our dog Brody, and I planned to fish offshore for marlin.

The forecast was for diminishing winds and calming seas. Unfortunately, the forecast was wrong. At 4 a.m. on Saturday morning, the wind offshore was howling and wave heights increasing. Reluctantly, I made the call to cancel the trip and went back to bed.

Later that day, Elliott and Brody came by to help organize our tackle room. It was a mess and took a few hours to get squared away. Well, Elliott helped organize. Brody sat next to the refrigerator and asked about what we were going to

do with all the sandwiches we made for lunch. A bit later he added that it would be a shame for them to go to waste.

A few sandwiches later, Brody decided to take a nap. Elliott and I decided to go fishing. Our plan was to target a school of redfish I had located a few days before.

This school of fish was smart. They had taken up residence in a shallow oyster-lined channel beneath a dock. Between the oysters and the dock pilings these fish were going to be a challenge to catch.

Upon our arrival, the redfish were still there. We could easily see them milling around the channel and dock pilings. They were not particularly big. As a matter of fact, they were tiny. We figured if we hooked one, we had a good chance to wrestle it away from the oysters and dock pilings.

Things once again did not go according to plan. Elliott hooked one and his line was cut off on the oysters. I started laughing and giving him a hard time.

Then I said, "Let me show you how to do it," and I cast a Z-Man Finesse TRD under the dock. I hooked up and was immediately wrapped around a dock piling. Elliott started laughing and giving me a hard time. This got me laughing again as well. Brody started barking from all the excitement.

While we were laughing and cutting up, the redfish unwrapped itself from the piling. I quickly brought it to the boat for a quick picture and release. As the fish swam off, I asked Elliott if he wanted to catch one. He laughed and said, "One miracle is enough!"

Contact Captain Greg Peralta at captgregp@gmail.com or call (843) 224-0099.

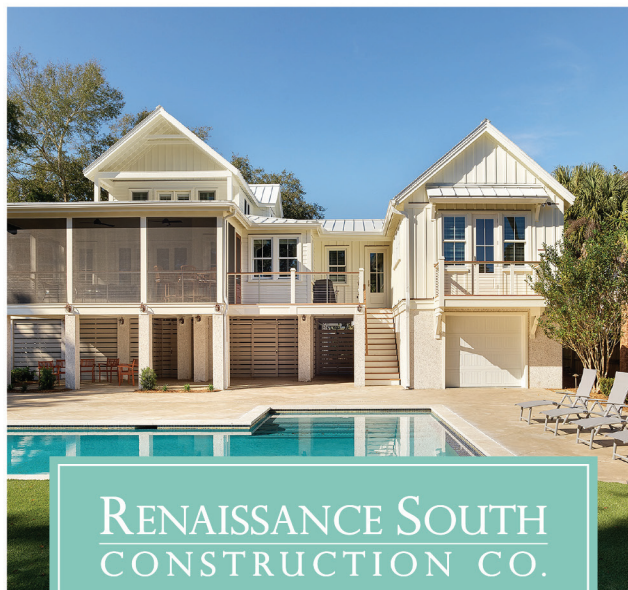


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Restore Point Hope: Single-family and active-senior housing planned

This week there are no new developments coming before the various City of Charleston boards and committees. Below are results from last 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

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

May 4 & May 11:

No items pertaining to the Daniel Island or Cainhoy areas.

RESULTS

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. **Results: Revise and resubmit to TRC.**

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. **Results: Revise and resubmit to TRC.**

Mankiewicz Expansion – Site plan for expansion/im-

provement 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: Submit to TRC for 1st review.**

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY & COUNTY MEETINGS

Berkeley Co. Bd. of Education meets 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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DI ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES

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

DUCK RACE

Sat., May 6, Guggenheim Terrace, festivities begin at 11 am, race starts at 1:30 pm. Games, music, food. Proceeds benefit local charities.

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@gmail.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.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Fabulous Equinox Orchestra free concert, May 13, Smythe Lake, noon to 4 pm. Theme: Mother's Day Brunch in the Park". Picnic contest, games, food.

DANIEL ISLAND INSHORE FISHING CLUB COOKOUT

Family Membership Cookout for all current and new members, Tues., May 16, 6 pm at Smythe Lake Pirate's Park. RSVP email: danielislandfishingclub@gmail.com

DI NEWS AUTHOR SERIES – "AT LOGGERHEADS"

Author Kristen Ness will talk about her debut novel "At Loggerheads," Wed., May 24 at Mpishi Restaurant, drinks & dessert at 6:30 pm, talk begins at 7 pm. Reserve a free ticket at: bit.ly/DINews_Ness.

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 dicomunityyoga@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. MCall 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.

DI INSHORE FISHING CLUB

Meets monthly third Tues. of the month. Family friendly. Call/text Bill at 919-418-3220, danielislandfishingclub.com.

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.

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.

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 Suns. each month. All welcome. 514 Robert Daniel Drive. Deacon Ed Dyckman at dyckman.edward@gmail.com and 843-367-5647.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge, ACBL sanctioned. Daniel Island Rec Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr. Weds, noon-3pm. Space limited, reservations required, 843-224-6778 or 843-209-1471.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND

Meets 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixchangeclub.org.

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare recovery seminar and support group meets in the theater of Daniel Pointe Retirement, at 514 Robert Daniel Drive, each Thurs. from 6:30-8:30 pm from March 2 to June 1, 2023. All welcome. Free and sponsored by the Church of the Holy Cross. Deacon Ed Dyckman at 843-367-5647 and dyckman.edward@gmail.com.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A

First Mon. of month at DI Library, 4-6 pm, trained and certified Clemson Extension Tri-County Master Gardener. Soil samples accepted (\$6) for testing. Upcoming meeting dates: June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6.

PHILIP SIMMONS YOUNG LIFE

All Philip Simmons students welcome. Club meets every other Wed. at 208 Grand Park Blvd. Campaigners every Mon. at 7 pm. Tlengyel91@gmail.com.

RECORDER GROUP

Recorder group "Capt. Danielle's Pipers" play soprano, alto, tenor, and bass recorder at the DI Library activity room on Tues. from 2-3 pm at the DI Library. The recorder is the easiest instrument to learn to play even if you don't read music well. Please join us regardless of your level of playing! This group was founded by the legendary Profes-

sor Hilliard Rudisill, now retired on Daniel Island. Claire 843 754-5492 or claire@eduave.com.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Meet the 4th Mon., 11:30 am, Hilton Garden Inn, 300 Wingo Way, Mt. Pleasant. East Cooper Republican Women on Facebook or tblairecrw@protonmail.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF DI

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

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS

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

TAI CHI CLASSES

DI Library Tues., 10 am and Fri., 9 am.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX

A bi-monthly multimedia discussion group for music lovers. All music genres from the past century including: Country and western, baroque and electronia. Every 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Daniel Island Library from 11 am to noon.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Or do you have friends who do? The Church of the Holy Cross' new Theology on Tap series is for you. This informal gathering at New Realm Brewing on Daniel Island is a chance to hear a relevant talk on a difficult topic and then to follow up with your questions. Third Wed. of each month at New Realm Brewing. 7:30-9 pm. Free admission.

TOASTMASTERS

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Designed to help families struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.

YOGA IN THE PARK

Sat., 9:30-10:30 am, free vinyasa flow yoga, Smythe Park. Bring a yoga mat, water and a smile.

Send info for upcoming events to sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com

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.

To be included you must include: student's name, high school and a phone number where we can contact you to confirm authenticity and to secure the proper releases.

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Looking out for Leo

FRANK CONWAY

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Have you seen the cat in the photo accompanying this story? Leo, a young Bengal cat, escaped from his home late last year and has been living outside on Daniel Island ever since.

If he looks a little “wild,” it’s because the Bengal breed was established by crossing Asian leopard cats, *Felis Bengal*, with domestic cats. Bengals are an established breed of their own now, accepted in 2016 by the Cat Fanciers’ Association (CFA), the world’s largest registry of pedigreed cats. But despite his survival outside for several months now, Leo is mostly a house cat. He needs to be returned to that environment for his safety and wellbeing.

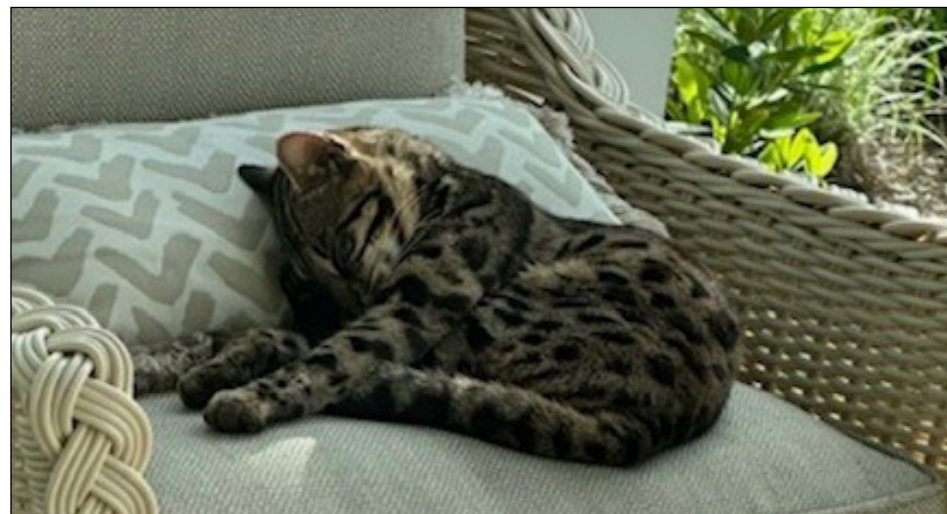
What can be done to help this young feline wanderer get back to a safe, happy home? Enter Kerrin Deretchin – island resident, cat lover and owner of Manx cats, another special breed with its own particular behaviors and needs.

Deretchin arranged to adopt and care for Leo, but there is one problem. She hasn't been able to catch him. Perhaps more island-wide awareness of Leo and his situation can help her bring him home.

Leo's previous owners, who transferred ownership and his microchip registration to Deretchin, say they are thankful that Deretchin is determined to take good care of Leo and that she has experience with exotic cats.

Deretchin posted extensively on the Daniel Island Moms Facebook page about her quest and has received a lot of feedback and support. Based on sightings – many supported by photos – Leo seems to stay within a few miles of home, and he spends the majority of that time in Daniel Island Park. He’s been seen on porches, in chairs and in backyards, and he seems to be attracted to homes with other cats and/or cat-friendly dogs.

The cat's breeder confirmed that Leo is an F1 Bengal cat, meaning that he is a first-



PROVIDED

Leo, a young Bengal cat, escaped from his home late last year and has been living outside on Daniel Island ever since. He has been sighted on porches, chairs, and in yards. If you see Leo, please contact Kerrin Deretchin at 864-346-5132.

generation offspring of a leopard cat and a domestic cat. These kittens are removed early from their mothers and bottle-fed to help with domestication.

The breeder recommends against trying to pick up Leo. She does recommend setting traps and taking him directly to a veterinary hospital once he is caught.

She explained that since Leo has been

feral for such a long period, reintroduction to a family will require a period of retraining and coddling.

If you see a cute, young cat that looks a little different, he is. But he is not wild and Deretchin is ready to bring him home. Please call Kerrin Deretchin immediately at 864-346-5132 if you see (or have seen) Leo.

Suzanne Detar contributed to this article.

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DANIEL ISLAND 2023 SWIM TEAM

2023 IMPORTANT SWIM TEAM DATES

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| MAY 2: | Afternoon Practice Starts (7 and up) | JUNE 13: | Away Meet at Parkshore |
| MAY 13: | No Practice (Happy Mothers' Day!) | JUNE 20: | Home Meet vs. Sne Farm |
| MAY 15: | Practice begins for 5 and 6 year olds | JUNE 22: | Home Meet vs Oyster Point |
| MAY 17: | Ice Cream Social after Practice | JUNE 26: | 6 & under Mega Meet @ Daniel Island (5-8pm) |
| MAY 24: | Time Trials and Dinner 4:00 - 7:30 | JUNE 27: | Away Meet vs Northbridge Terrace |
| MAY 29: | No Practice (Memorial Day) | JULY 1: | Last Entire Team Practice |
| MAY 31: | Home meet vs. Hobcaw | JULY 4: | No Practice |
| JUNE 1: | Morning Practice Starts | JULY 2-10: | City Meet Practice |
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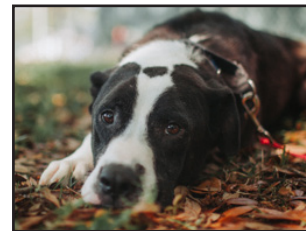


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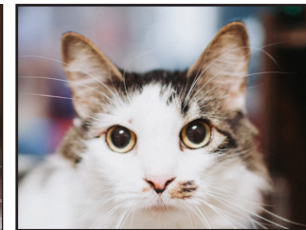
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By Neil Manausa

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Grammar
Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Finding Fragments

A fragment masquerades as a sentence, beginning with a capital letter and ending with a punctuation mark. But it's only part of a sentence that has become detached from another one. It does not express a complete thought.

Find the fragments below.

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- Tomorrow is Eva's surprise party. Don't be late.
- My favorite actor will be on the late show tonight. If I can stay awake that long.

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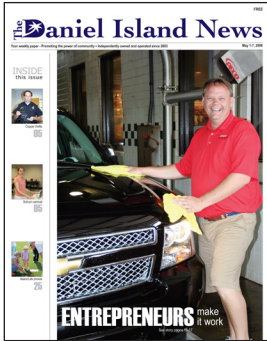
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NOON

Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

MAY 1, 2008 EDITION

Jenny Hagan, public relations manager of the Charleston Water System at the time, presented facts and figures relating to Charleston’s water supply and wastewater treatment at a DINA meeting. In 2007, the



Charleston Water System met or exceeded all water quality regulations, according to a report released by the company. Not bad for a system that provided water for about 400,000 people and had the capacity to treat some 37 million gallons of wastewater each day, Hagan stated.

The centerfold story featured entrepreneurs and how they fulfill their dreams by owning their own businesses. One of the

entrepreneurs featured was then island resident Doug Clarke. After working with Glasspro, an auto glass replacement service, for nine years, he decided to purchase Carolina Car Care, a car wash and detailing shop with an adjoining “quick lube” in Mount Pleasant. He then joined with a partner to create a Glasspro Pit Stop at the site. Today, the business is named Pit Stop Auto and Tire. Clark is no longer the owner of the business.

MAY 2, 2013 EDITION

Daniel Island resident Kelly Hood participated in Dragon Boat Charleston (DBC). When Hood finished treatments for colon cancer in 2008, she was ready for a fresh new start on life. A friend told her about the DBC mission. “I looked it up on the website and started coming out to paddle and just loved it from the start!” said Hood, who in 2013 was completely cancer-free.

In business news, members of the Daniel Island Business Association voted in its



new board at its regularly scheduled meeting. The new officers were: President – Pete Harper; Vice President – Ryan Funke; Treasurer – Kim Fulp; Secretary/Social – Sheila Underwood & Rita Hammond; Organizational Liaison & Meeting Program Coordinator – Ray Schipani; Membership Director – Clyde Hiers; Technology/Communication Director – Stiles Bee; Phone Book/Marketing Materials – Holly White.

MAY 3, 2018 EDITION

The Cainhoy Plantation property was featured. The Lawson-Johnston family watched over the Cainhoy Plantation property from the early 1970s, when the property passed

to Peter Lawson-Johnston, from his cousin, Harry Frank Guggenheim. The family remained stewards of the land for almost half a century. In 2018, plans were in motion to transform much of the parcel into a large-scale residential and conservation-minded community. That plan is coming to fruition now with the development now known as Point Hope.

The Daniel Island Farmers Market went on hiatus in 2018 because of inconsistent attendance.

Coverage of the Daniel Island Business Association Block Party at Wellmore of Daniel Island included a photo spread.

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