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Learn active shooter survival tactics: Run! Hide! Fight!

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At the same time parents, students, law enforcement and educators were attending an active shooter seminar in the Philip Simmons High School auditorium, police in a neighboring North Carolina town were searching for a suspect who opened fire on the recreation trail in a residential area northeast of downtown Raleigh, killing five and injuring two.

Last Thursday evening, Oct. 13, the 30-plus attendees at the PSHS presentation learned to “Run! Hide! Fight!” during the active shooter presentation hosted by the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office and the Berkeley County School District.

The Raleigh incident was eerily timed and consistent with information presented by Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis. It is one more incident adding to the significant increase in active shooter attacks across the country.

The FBI defines an active shooter incident as “one or more individuals actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area.” FBI data shows a 96.8% increase in active shooter incidents from 2017 (31 shootings) to 2021 (61 shootings).

“The worst of the worst could happen here, so we should be prepared,” Lewis said, stressing that his department

Remember: Run! Hide! Fight!

Being mentally prepared greatly increases your chances of survival should you find yourself in an active shooter situation.



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Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis, in conjunction with the Berkeley County School District, held an active shooter seminar at PSHS on Oct. 13. In addition to urging people to be aware of their surroundings and to report suspicious activity, Lewis taught the FBI’s run, hide, fight tactics as the basics of how to survive an active shooter scenario.

trains for active shooter situations beyond just schools.

“You can apply what we learn here today in your everyday life... at a sporting event, a concert, football games, restau-

rants, hospitals, anywhere where large to medium crowds are gathered.”

The number one piece of advice Lewis gave was to pay attention to your surroundings when you are in public locations: know where exits are located, where police or security guards are stationed, and who is near you.

Lewis explained that most active shooting events are over between 4 and 10 minutes. He stressed that in the event of a shooter situation the best course of action is to follow the run, hide, and fight tactics recommended by the FBI.

The advice: Run away and escape if possible. If you cannot safely run away, find a hiding place and silence your cell phone. If confronted, fight back as hard as you can. Once you are in a secure location, call 911 as soon as you can with as many details as possible.

He also urged people to report suspicious and unusual behavior when you see it. “In all school related incidents there were warning signs and messages, Facebook posts, Twitter, Instagram...all those things were there and nobody said anything.”

Editor’s Note: This is part one of a two-part series. Part 2 will focus specifically on the Berkeley County School District’s emergency management plans, physical school security, and detecting, reporting and assessing threats.

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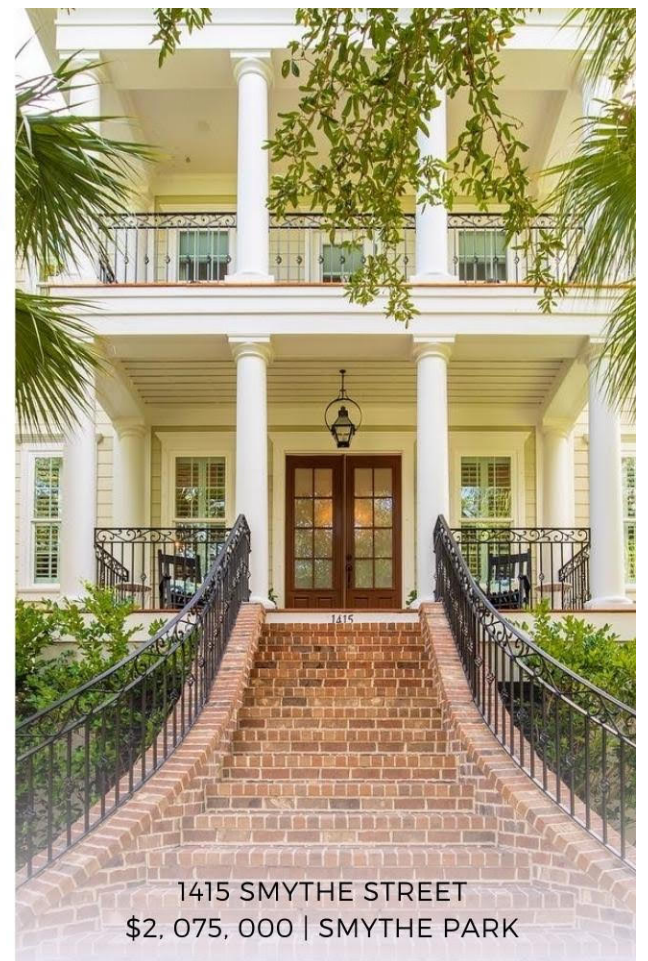
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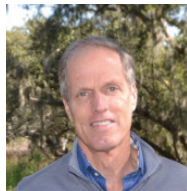
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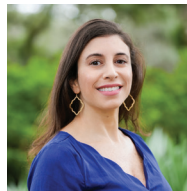
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What is your favorite fall tradition and why?

Compiled by Elyse Gerding
Daniel Island School student



Trick-or-treating because you get to dress up and get a lot of candy.

Bradley, age 11
Daniel Island



Eating pumpkin pie because it tastes good!

Reese, age 5
Daniel Island



Trick-or-treating and getting all the Candy with my family. I like spending time with my family.

Taylor, age 10
Daniel Island



Eating chili because my mom makes chili and it's pretty much the best chili.

Emily, age 7
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Making a big pile of leaves and jumping in them because it's fun and they're fluffy.

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Halloween, because sometimes you get toys on Halloween.

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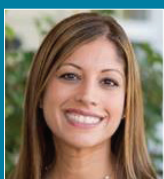
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City still cleaning, collecting storm debris from Hurricane Ian

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Greetings friends and neighbors,

As we move into fall, I wanted to provide a few updates on some of the items we are working on at the City.

First, I'm thankful that Hurricane Ian missed us. I am also thankful for the modern infrastructure on Daniel Island that minimized any impacts to us. We were very fortunate that this was a near miss.

With regards to cleanup from Hurricane Ian, we know there is still some debris left to be collected. With the large amount of material that was left for pickup, it takes longer to collect and the trucks fill up more quickly. The contractor is only able to finish part of the route and they have other routes to keep up with on the other days of the

week. City staff have been working overtime to help with additional trucks and we hope that everything will be caught up in the next couple of weeks.

On a related note, we have worked to have monthly street sweeping on the Cainho peninsula. The City's Public Works Department has recently purchased a new street sweeper that will enable crews to nearly double the amount of area they cover in a shift. The City currently sweeps approximately 1,100 miles of streets per month so these new machines will be a great addition. The Cainho peninsula is scheduled for street sweeping on the fourth week of the month.

We are also working to help improve Governor's Park. With the help of our Parks Department we were able to get Governor's Park top dressed with sand earlier this year, which has helped the grass

fill in and improved the playing surface. However, most of us are aware that it stays wet and muddy for quite a while after it rains, which limits the use of the fields. We are currently working to secure funding for a subsurface drainage system for Governor's Park in the upcoming fiscal year which will help the fields recover more quickly after it rains.

While this doesn't directly impact Daniel Island, the Union Pier redevelopment project is currently in the early planning stages. This project will redevelop 40 acres of parking lots and warehouses and 30 acres of dock space on the east side of the Charleston peninsula. It will be important for those of us on Daniel Island to have a ferry connection and ample parking giving us access to this new part of the city. The Daniel Island Neighborhood Association is holding an information session on this project

on Wednesday, November 2 from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community at 514 Robert Daniel Dr.

Lastly, one quick update on redistricting. Due to some logistical issues with the 2022 elections and to allow the new John's Island district to become effective in the next municipal election, we are postponing the redistricting until 2023. The only impact for us on Daniel Island is that our new district boundaries will become effective some time in 2023 as well.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. The best way to reach me is by my city email address: greggb@charleston-sc.gov.

Boyd Gregg is the Charleston City Council's District 1 representative for Daniel Island.

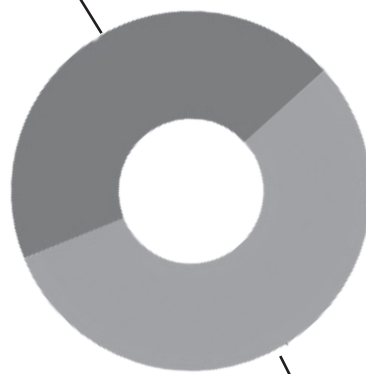
Readers weigh in on U.S. Senate election

Poll Question: Early voting for the General Election 2022 begins on Monday, Oct. 24, and two candidates are vying for the U.S. Senate seat for South Carolina - incumbent Tim Scott (Republican) and Krystle Matthews (Democrat). Who will get your vote?

Comments – Share your thoughts on the top issues facing these candidates:

- Economy, immigration, crime.
- Education and inflation are key issues.
- Gun reform, education, women's rights/abortion rights, infrastructure.
- An over 40-year high in the inflation rate is crippling the lower and middle class. Poor government policy related to energy has driven up energy costs. All of this is leading to an economy that is beginning to shrink.

Tim Scott
(Republican) 45%



Krystle Matthews
(Democrat) 55%

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NEXT WEEK: Who gets your vote for SC Governor

The General Election 2022 is just around the corner, and the race for South Carolina's governor and lieutenant governor is heating up. Three teams are looking to garner your vote – incumbent Henry McMaster and Pamela Evette (Republican), Joe Cunningham and Tally Parham Casey (Democrat), and Bruce Reeves and Jessica Ethridge (Libertarian). Who will get your vote? Let us know at surveyMonkey.com/r/SC_Governor_Race_2022 or use the QR code by Sunday, Oct. 23, 5 p.m.



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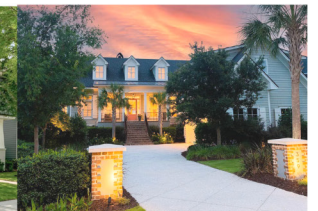
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Troop 519 holds fall court on DI

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Troop 519 held the fall Court of Honor in September at the Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island with scouts, families and friends attending.

First Class Scout Suguri Yamaguchi conducted the event after presentation of the colors and a welcome by Committee Chairman Dino Massoglia, Maryland.

Most of the troop attended summer camp in North Carolina and the work done there helped the scouts earn the 135 merit badges presented

at this Court of Honor. In addition to the merit badges, many of the scouts earned rank advancement. The leadership skills of the scouts and future rank advancement are the focus for the new year. Monthly activities provide fun opportunities to build new skills and self confidence.

Troop 519 is led by Scout Masters Joe Coates and Ruth Meloeny, supported by assistant scout masters, parents and friends. The girl's troop has seven scouts and the boy's troop currently has 45.

"We hope to have more girls join the fun this year," Meloeny said. "We had our first girl Eagle Scout this past year and others in the troop are gaining great skills for life as they advance."

Coates, also an Eagle Scout like his dad, mentors the scouts and like Meloeny, presents a very positive role model, while also assisting the scouts at all levels. "Troop 519 is a scout-lead troop and this approach allows the scouts to plan and manage their activities," Coates said.

Service hours in the community are required for all scouts and Troop 519 is active on Daniel Island in many ways including environmental projects.



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Dining for Good raffle returns

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This month, the Exchange Club of Daniel Island will be holding their second annual Dining for Good raffle. One-hundred percent of the money raised from the restaurant raffle will benefit local children's charities.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold and are available for \$20 each or six for \$100. The raffle runs through Oct. 29. Nineteen prizes

will be awarded – gift certificates for fine dining establishments in the area range from \$50 to \$400. Winners will be notified by email on Oct. 30. Tickets are available at Island Expressions (162 Seven Farms Drive, suite 105) or from members of the Exchange Club of Daniel Island. More information is available at dixchangeclub.org.

DI Exchange club member Mollie Vardell came up with the idea as a tasteful and

entertaining way to raise funds.

"The idea was based upon a similar fundraiser that we did in Delaware. This one is fun, and the tickets are only \$20. Everyone loves to go out to eat and the chance to win is only one in 1,000. Plus, it engages all our members to go sell tickets and we love to work together for a common good," Vardell said.

The raffle is an important event for the community because it not only gives residents the opportunity to try out new restaurants, but it also benefits area chari-

ties, Vardell said, adding, "It is a win-win for all involved. Raffle ticket holders have the chance to win amazing prizes worth over \$3,000 to local restaurants. And of course, the best part of all, all proceeds go to children's charities in the Lowcountry."

This year four local children's charities – Halos, Darkness to Light, Dee Norton and Humanities Foundation – will be the recipients of the proceeds raised from the raffle. Last year, the raffle sold out and the Exchange Club raised over \$14,000.

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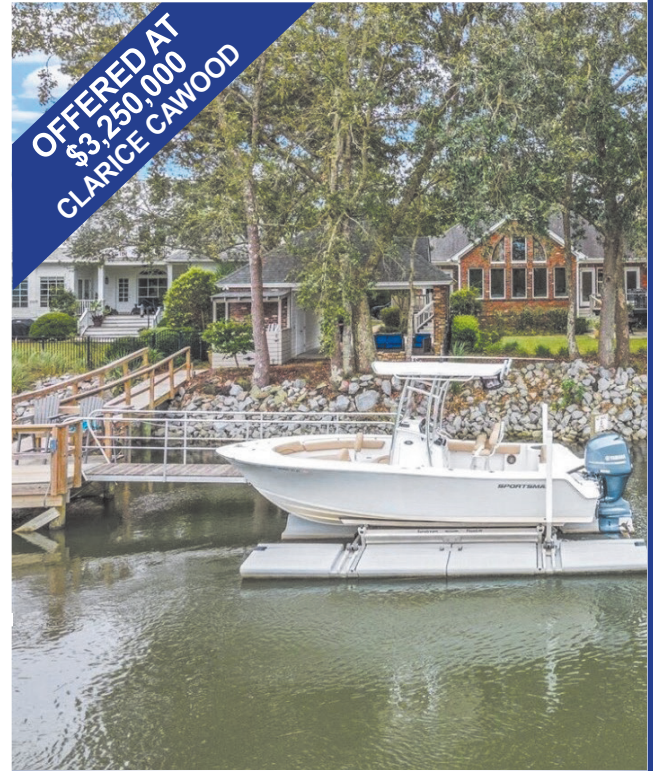




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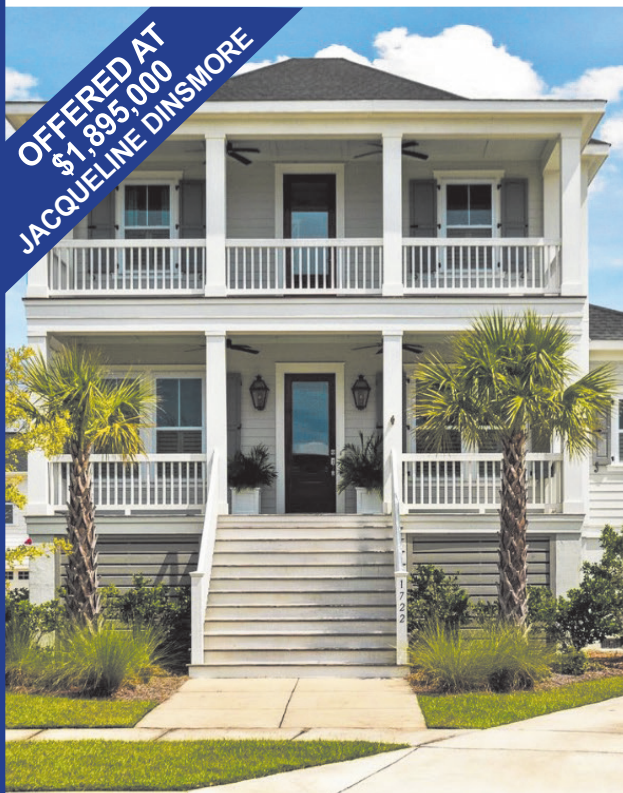
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Palmetto Freedom Fest restrings to benefit Folds of Honor

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On Saturday, Nov. 5, Daniel Island's Credit One Stadium will become a patriotic sea of support as superstars Lee Brice and Big & Rich take the stage. The concert is part of the second annual Palmetto Freedom Fest.

The weekend-long event will start on Friday, Nov. 4, with an intimate night on the grand lawn at the Credit One Stadium. This fundraiser before the main concert will feature music by Edwin McCain and Daniel Island hometown gal, Lauren Hall. Only 300 tickets will be sold and there are still some available. The \$1,250 per person ticket price includes Friday night's VIP party as well as floor seats to the concert. Tickets for the concert start at \$29.

Proceeds from the two day event will benefit Folds of Honor Palmetto State Chapter. The nonprofit organization provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of fallen or disabled active duty military members and first responders. Since its inception in 2007, Folds of Honor has



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Money raised at the second annual Palmetto Freedom Fest will benefit the families of South Carolina heroes through the Folds of Honor nonprofit.

awarded nearly 44,000 scholarships totaling nearly \$200 million.

The idea of a "freedom fest" started when Eric Timko moved to Daniel Island five years ago and first set eyes on the centerpiece stadium. Timko, a board member at Folds of Honor, was determined to find a

way to incorporate the stadium into a fundraiser that would benefit the Folds of Honor chapter in his new home.

Last year his dream became a reality after meeting with Bob Moran and his team at Credit One. "Discussing the positive impact we could make in the community and for

these families by coming together, we partnered and are committed to hosting an annual concert with all profits going to educate the families of South Carolina military and first responders killed or critically wounded

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Palmetto Freedom Fest takes center stage Nov. 5

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in the line of duty,” Timko said. Timko is thrilled by the community support of the area’s hometown heroes. “We learned what an incredibly generous community we live in and how supportive the community is of our military families.”

This year the organization will gift 900 active military, veterans, and first responders with floor seats at the concert. “What an amazing sight it will be for Lee Brice and Big & Rich to look out from the stage and see South Carolina’s finest filling the floor. I get chills thinking about it.”

At the first Freedom Fest over \$400,000 was raised. Timko hopes to raise awareness and \$750,000 this year. “Last year we had one incredible night that focused on making sure the Folds of Honor mission was effectively communicated to those that attended the first Palmetto Freedom Fest. Our goal this year is to expand awareness and support for the Palmetto State Chapter of Folds of Honor.”

To buy tickets for either event or donate go to palmettofreedomfest.org. All the money raised stays in South Carolina.



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Last year’s inaugural Palmetto Freedom Fest raised over \$400,000.



Lee Brice will be performing at the second annual Palmetto Freedom Fest on Saturday, Nov. 5.

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Rick Horger, Rindy Ryan and Nichole Orvin, three real estate agents who frequently list and sell properties on Daniel Island, recently joined Corcoran HM Properties' new Charleston office. The company is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Horger is a long-time Lowcountry resident. He earned his broker's license upon graduating from the University of South Carolina and spent 13 years in the golf industry prior to becoming a Realtor 18 years ago with the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors.

Horger is joined at Corcoran HM Properties by his associate of 12 years, Rindy



Nichole Orvin

Ryan, a licensed agent. Rindy and her husband, Sean, and three children have lived on Daniel Island since 2002.

Daniel Island resident and top producing Realtor, Nichole Orvin, also recently made the move to Corcoran HM Properties. Orvin graduated from the College of Charleston



Rick Horger



Rindy Ryan

and began her real estate career over 25 years ago.

In addition to being a successful Realtor, she has a strong background in operations, marketing, asset management, and affordable housing. Orvin spent six years with

On in several capacities as a real estate coordinator, marketing assistant, and design coordinator before joining Daniel Island Real Estate. During her 20 years with DIRE, she was the builder program manager and then director of sales and operations. She has focused on being a full-time Realtor for the past two years.

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Carolina One's Daniel Island staff expands by 5

Carolina One Real Estate's Daniel Island office expanded with the addition of five new sales and marketing associates.

Marianne Hassell, born in Germany, retired from the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant and then worked as a medical biller and coder and a massage therapist. A mother of three grown sons, Hassell lives on Daniel Island and loves biking, arts and crafts and all genres of music.

A native of Florence, South Carolina, Ashley Hipp is a Clemson graduate with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

She also holds a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology from the University of South Carolina and worked as a pediatric speech-language pathologist. Married and the mother of two young children, Hipp enjoys running, walking and the scenery of the Charleston Lowcountry.

James "Jimmy" Masalin, a Clemson graduate with a degree in communications, worked as a sales manager for a beverage company in his home state of North Carolina. In his free time, Masalin volunteers with the Young Life program at Daniel



Ashley Hipp



Ginger Redican



James Masalin



Marianne Hassell



Peter Newitt

Island School.

Ginger Neuhoff Redican earned a degree from New York University and worked in sales and marketing for Ralph Lauren prior to becoming a licensed Realtor in Rye. She was active teaching at her church. Redican and her husband have three children, live on Daniel Island and the family enjoys traveling, music and sports.

A native of Mount Pleasant, Peter

Michael Newitt is currently enrolled at the College of Charleston in downtown Charleston. A lover of dance, Newitt is a dance instructor at Peace, Love, Hip-Hop and is the head of waste management for Firefly Sweet Tea Vodka. When not studying, teaching dance, or managing waste, Newitt enjoys boating, fishing, reading and dancing.

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Homebuyers wait to see when market will rebound



Tricia Peterson

Thirty homes sold on Daniel Island in September. As of Oct. 17, there were 68 homes listed on the market, with 31 homes under contract and 37 active. The most expensive home was sold in Daniel Island Park on Lesesne Street for \$3.6 million.

The least expensive home sold was a condo in Daniels Landing that sold for \$275,000.

According to Tricia Peterson with Island House Real Estate, more buyers seem to be waiting to “see what the market will do” as higher home prices and rising interest rates have made affordable housing options harder to act quickly on. However, Peterson noted that buyers now have the ability to negotiate as homes are sitting on the market longer giving them an opportunity that hasn’t been available in a few years.

“Lenders are rolling out options like 2-1 buydowns and refinance options to help offset the monthly mortgage costs,” Peterson added.

HOMES THAT SOLD IN SEPTEMBER

- 1077 Barfield St. - \$1,600,000
- 103 Bellinger St. - \$1,850,000
- 236 Beresford Creek St. - \$2,070,000
- 200 Bucksley Lane #105 - \$285,000
- 200 Bucksley Lane #203 - \$300,000
- 600 Bucksley Lane #102 - \$403,000
- 110 Cape St. - \$980,000
- 38 Dalton St. - \$2,550,000
- 2497 Daniel Island Drive - \$2,050,000
- 2589 Daniel Island Drive - \$1,829,000
- 275 Delahow St. - \$2,205,000
- 118 Fairbanks Oak Alley #3B - \$1,275,000
- 504 Helmsman St. - \$1,790,000
- 80 Iron Bottom Lane - \$2,200,000
- 112 Island Park Drive - \$2,860,000
- 211 Ithecaw Creek St. - \$2,999,999

Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	14	22	34	32	\$10,440,644	\$15,414,201	\$28,987,528	\$31,722,900
February	16	23	37	21	\$11,130,138	\$21,287,233	\$31,307,425	\$26,962,940
March	35	42	41	38	\$16,666,317	\$34,525,845	\$51,893,029	\$47,581,769
April	25	22	38	34	\$22,933,229	\$17,382,532	\$39,994,775	\$45,284,139
May	38	20	54	34	\$33,828,169	\$16,069,400	\$66,726,340	\$52,184,737
June	45	51	53	30	\$33,624,296	\$51,424,771	\$65,478,800	\$44,261,525
July	30	61	50	14	\$21,411,329	\$54,504,748	\$70,231,467	\$29,707,500
August	39	48	63	22	\$27,879,600	\$48,663,823	\$74,046,460	\$35,597,327
September	26	57	39	30	\$20,520,565	\$63,680,403	\$46,091,470	\$44,069,749
TOTAL TO DATE	268	346	409	255	\$198,434,287	\$322,952,956	\$474,757,294	\$357,372,586
October	24	62	37		\$16,615,825	\$57,934,023	\$44,705,585	
November	22	47	35		\$18,646,574	\$46,020,216	\$46,100,000	
December	31	43	27		\$29,027,031	\$48,971,346	\$41,678,063	
YEAR TOTALS	345	498	508	255	\$262,723,717	\$475,878,541	\$606,240,942	\$357,372,586

- 2555 Josiah St. - \$1,425,000
- 1625 Juliana St. - \$1,400,000
- 605 S Leavitt Court - \$1,207,500
- 359 Lesesne St. - \$3,600,000
- 145 Pier View St. #208 - \$420,000
- 1787 Pierce St. - \$1,350,000
- 1877 Pierce St. - \$989,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #931 - \$290,000
- 130 River Landing Drive #2312 - \$275,000

- 130 River Landing Drive #7116 - \$305,000
- 7036 Schooner St. - \$1,130,000
- 7053 Schooner St. - \$1,481,250
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How anxiety impacts your leadership – Part Two



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DOUG DICKERSON

In Part One of “How Anxiety Impacts Your Leadership,” I shared a story from the book by Tod Bolsinger entitled “Canoeing the Mountains.” In the book he shared the story of how when a herd of impala in the brutal African heat find a watering hole they rush to drink, crowding in, fearful of not getting enough water to sustain them. Suddenly, one impala raises his head on high alert. Immediately every other impala stops drinking and stands at attention. At that moment, every impala has a life-or-death decision: Is this a lion or not?

If there is a lion lurking near that spot and they don’t run, they become lion lunch. If there’s no lion lurking near the hole and they do run, they lose their place at the watering hole and could die of thirst.

If there is a lion and they run, or if there is no lion and they don’t run, they live

another day. But all that matters is: Is that a lion or not? Everything in their impala being is focused on making that crucial life-and-death decision. Just like they do every day. Numerous times a day.

Part of what helps the impala make that decision is the herd energy, the animal anxiety that permeates the group and causes them to share listening, hearing, and deciding together.

The key takeaway from part one is found in how the impala has to make this split-second decision of determining whether the threat is a lion or not. And translating that into leadership, are we making decisions based on fear or facts and whether the threats we sense are real or made up? These are critical decisions that have to be made and it’s important to your leadership and your team to get it right.

In our high-anxiety moments as leaders, much is riding on the decision-making process we engage in. As leaders, what are the one or two things that you can do to instill confidence and clarity in the moment? Here in part two, let me offer up a few suggestions.

STAY CALM

We’ve heard this statement so much that sometimes I wonder if its true effect is lost on us. So what does stay calm really mean for you and me as leaders? Bolsinger defines it this way: “To stay calm is to be so aware of yourself that your response to the situation is not to the anxiety to the people around you but to the actual issue at hand.” And it’s when you are leading on this level that you know you are effective. When your actions as a leader do not raise or contribute to the level of anxiety of those around you, then you know you have a calming effect as a leader.

As a leader, you don’t want to make threats – whether real or perceived – any worse. You want to be able to lead your people with a steady hand and laser-like focus. This can only happen when you are calm on the inside and out.

MAKE BETTER DECISIONS

An obvious byproduct of staying calm is your ability to make better decisions. Bolsinger’s perspective is: “For leaders, the point of calming down is not to feel better;

it’s to make better decisions. It’s to make the best decisions for furthering the mission. When people are too hot, they don’t.”

And this is the point we have to remember; anxiety leads to poor-decision making. Whether that’s coming from the people you lead or you as the leader, it can derail the mission because bad decisions were made. Making good decisions is not about being lucky. It’s a result of smart intuitive leadership instincts developed over time and experience.

Final Thoughts

In one way or another, anxiety is going to impact your leadership. When it does, you can channel that energy into something positive, lead from a place of calm and inner strength, make better decisions, and lead your team forward.

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Stacy Willingham's “*A Flicker in the Dark*” is a masterfully done, lyrical thriller that is eerily compelling to the very last page. When Chloe Davis was twelve, six teenage girls went missing in her small Louisiana town. By the end of the summer, her own father had confessed to the crimes and was put away for life, leaving Chloe and the rest of her family to grapple with the truth and try to move forward while dealing with the aftermath. Now twenty years later, Chloe is a psychologist in Baton Rouge and getting ready for her wedding. While she finally has a fragile grasp on the happiness she’s worked so hard to achieve, she sometimes feels as out of control of her own life as the troubled teens who are her patients. So when a local teenage girl goes missing, and then another, that terrifying summer comes crashing back. Is she paranoid, seeing parallels from her past that aren’t actually there, or for the second time in her life, is Chloe about to unmask a killer? Stacy Willingham is New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of “*A Flicker in the Dark*”.





“*Bells for Eli*” is a tender exploration of the relationship between cousins drawn together through tragedy. In this compelling coming of age story, culture, family, friends, bullies, and lovers propel two young people to unite to guard each other in a world where love, hope, and connectedness ultimately triumph. First cousins Ellison (Eli) Winfield and Adeline (Delia) Green are meant to grow up happily and innocently amid the supposed wholesome values of small-town Green Branch, South Carolina, in the 1960s and 70s. But Eli’s tragic accident changes the trajectory of their lives and of those connected to them. Shunned and even tortured by his peers for his disfigurement and frailty, Eli struggles for acceptance in childhood as Delia passionately devotes herself to defending him. Delia’s vivid and compassionate narrative voice presents Eli as a confident young man in adolescence—the visible damage to his body gone—but underneath hide indelible wounds harboring pain and insecurity, scars that rule his impulses.



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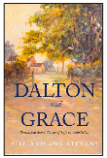
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DALTON WILLIAMS

My mother handed me a shoebox wrapped in colorful paper. It was my sixth birthday and my parents had invited some neighborhood kids over for a party. As I took the box, one kid remarked, “Is that all?”

To this day, I remember my change of emotion. Should there be more? I wasn’t expecting anything in particular. Were we poor? My folks had just purchased their first house and maybe this was all they could afford.

My happiness turned to doubt or even sadness as I removed the paper and opened the box. The other kids peered in, shrugged and moved on to slices of birthday cake my mother had prepared and set on the kitchen table. After the party concluded and my friends left, I sat on the living room floor

and began to unpack the items in the shoebox. While a small container, it was loaded with little goodies. Toy soldiers, a yo-yo, a model car, cap gun, baseball cards, a slinky, comic books, a balsa wood airplane and several candy bars. I remember announcing each one as I removed it from the box, trying hard to show appreciation to my parents.

The candy bars were quickly consumed. To this day, however, I recall playing for months with each other gift. The slinky was a huge hit. I was the only child in the neighborhood with one and the other kids would come to my house to watch it descend our front steps or navigate elevated courses built for it to traverse. I learned how to adjust the wings on the airplane to make it turn left or right in flight. I mastered the “around the world” and “rock the baby” maneuvers with the red yo-yo. I don’t recall the players on the baseball cards, long gone, but I’d really like to think one of those would now sell for millions. And each time after playing with these gifts, I always carefully placed them back in the shoebox. They were a complete set, the box and the treasures therein.

I was relating this story to my lovely wife, Grace and my Aunt Toogie on the recent occasion of my birthday – one of those

“milestone” ones ending in a zero.

We had returned home from a celebratory dinner at one of our favorite restaurants and enjoyed a piece of birthday cake at the kitchen island. Grace had asked me about any particularly memorable birthdays. I related trips with family, golf outings with our boys and dinners with Grace. But I also described the sixth birthday story as a life lesson in finding happiness in every situation.

“I didn’t realize you are such a softie,” Toogie teased with a grin.

“I think it is a sweet story,” Grace offered, adding, “Good things can come in small packages.”

From there, the conversation migrated back to my current milestone birthday. While she has some years on me, Toogie doesn’t show it and she was off and running with birthday quips she was finding on her phone.

“Hey, Dalton,” Toogie barked, “If you were whiskey or scotch, you’d be really valuable.”

To Grace she queried, “Did you ever think you’d be sleeping with a guy this old?”

“Oh, shush!” Grace replied, with a smile,

giggle, and roll of her eyes.

That didn’t dissuade Toogie who continued to scroll on her phone.

“Here’s one,” Toogie chuckled, “Don’t let age define you, but the side effects may be hard to ignore!”

“Oh, and how about this,” Toogie continued, “I’m not saying you’re old and worn out, but if I were you, I’d make sure I’m nowhere near the curb on trash day.”

That prompted Grace to steer the discussion in a new direction.

“What would you say is the perfect age to have a birthday?” Grace mused. This prompted an exchange and a consensus that when young, we want time to pass more quickly; when middle-aged, the passage of time seems to slow; and when getting on in years, we accept things as they are and look forward to the next birthday.

After a while Grace offered, “I guess the perfect age is the one you are right now.” With that, she and Toogie each gave me a kiss then retired for the night.

I poured a Makers on the rocks, sat,

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The Pumpkin Walk Through the Years: In the early days of the Pumpkin Walk the event included a drum circle and was held at Barfield Park. It later moved to Pierce Park pavilion and included a pumpkin carving party. Currently and in recent years, the Pumpkin Walk is held at Smythe Lake.



Pumpkin Walk tradition to be 'gourdgeous' good time



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It's time to get your gourd on at the annual Daniel Island Pumpkin Walk. Starting at dusk on Saturday, Oct. 29, Smythe Park will transform into a Jack O'Lantern spectacular. Luminaries will light the path from Smythe Lawn all around Smythe Lake and back. The spooky stroll begins at the corner of Smythe Street and Daniel Island Drive.

The Daniel Island School PTA hopes to make this the biggest walk ever by having 500 pumpkins encircling the lake. Residents and businesses are asked to unleash their inner ghoul and carve out some fall fun by creating personalized pumpkins for everyone to enjoy.

"We cannot do this without the community! All local businesses, organizations, preschools, and community members are asked to carve a pumpkin for the walk. Businesses and organizations can even leave a placard near their pumpkin with their name to advertise to the community," PTA board member Larissa Beaty explained.

Grown-ups and children alike are excited to participate in the eerie extravaganza.

Daniel Island resident Christine Williamson is excited to check the community's creativity this year. "I'm looking forward to seeing so many creative Jack O'Lanterns!"

Julie Garvey said the event is one of the most unique on the island. "I can't wait for the pumpkin walk because



of the smiles and bouncing up-and-down excitement that it elicits from my children. It's an event like no other – an opportunity to see so many amazing pumpkins, get into the Halloween spirit alongside our entire community of families, and share in a special and memorable time with family and friends."

Brittany Badalamenti is ready to indulge in the holiday spirit and craft the perfect pumpkin for the walk. "The Pumpkin Walk is one of my favorite events of the year! It is so special to see the DI community come together as we kick off the holiday season. I'm looking forward to not only seeing the creativity of our neighbors through the pumpkin designs, but also just spending quality time with my friends.

Time to start working on my carving!"

Stephanie Wiswall, parent of a Daniel Island School kindergartener and third grader, looks forward to the spectacular celebration every year. "The Pumpkin Walk is one of our favorite events. It's such a beautiful representation of the DI community. Every pumpkin represents a person or family, but collectively they create something even more spectacular for us all to enjoy together."

The day before the walk the PTA will be sponsoring a pumpkin carving, decorating, and painting competition among the classes at the Daniel Island School. The pumpkins will be on display at the school on Friday, Oct. 28, and the students will be able to vote on their favorite design. Winners will enjoy a hot chocolate drink bar.

The fourth graders will also be doing a Pumpkin Math activity. Teacher Angi White Gregory is excited to be doing the Pumpkin Math after several years away from the tradition. "Pumpkin Math has been an amazing event for our fourth graders to engage their measurement, multiplication and division skills in an exciting way. Being able to carve their pumpkins and display their work in the Pumpkin Walk is a great community connection, and always something they look forward to."

Daniel Island School Principal Nancy Leigh enjoys the annual event that creates a neighborhood bond. "We look forward to seeing the students' creativity and excitement



this time of year. The October events are special because they provide connectivity between our school and the greater community."

DIS kindergarten teacher Lara Rosner says the Pumpkin Walk is one of her favorite events. "It's a great atmosphere and the pumpkins are so creative. No one does Halloween like Daniel Island!"

The young Daniel Island School students agree. Comments on the Pumpkin Walk range from "It's really cool and makes me happy!" to "I like the funny and silly pumpkins. It makes me smile to see my friends there too!"

Third grader Annabelle Pierce is excited to share the

experience with classmates. "I like to see all my friends in their costumes and all the faces on the pumpkins."

Beaty said the Daniel Island fall tradition will have something for everyone. "The Pumpkin Walk is a DI tradition that both old and young alike can enjoy. It brings friends and families together to share in the excitement of the fall season - the lit pumpkins lining the sidewalks with moss strewn oaks overhead, and the local alligator or two nearby in Smythe Lake."

This year, the popular Halloween Bash and Pumpkin Walk will be combined into one super event. The Halloween Bash, the Daniel Island School (DIS) Parent Teacher Association (PTA) event that formerly was held the night before the walk, starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. on Smythe Lawn. The bash will include some ghoulish games, face painting fun, and a live DJ. Everyone is encouraged to wear a Halloween outfit and enter the costume contest.

There will be plenty of treats to indulge in from a variety of local food trucks. Bits-n-Bytes will be selling their famous fall apart ribs, wings, and a variety of tasty burgers. Taste of Berlin, a family-run food cart, will offer a variety of German American food favorites from gourmet grilled cheeses to specialty sausages and fries. Wally Gyros, the Mediterranean-style food truck, will be cooking up a variety of tantalizing tasteful gyros.



In the mood for some pre-trick-or-treating sweet and savory snacks? Mr. Popper's Popcorn will be selling a variety of salty and sweet snacks and Life Raft Treats has award-winning, chef-driven ice cream delights for purchase during the event.

Pumpkins need to be dropped off at the corner of Daniel Island Drive and Purcell between noon and 3 p.m. the day of the event. Participants are asked to include a battery-operated tea light inside their pumpkin. The pumpkins can be taken home after the walk ends or picked up by 9 a.m. on Sunday; any pumpkins remaining will be recycled.

For more information on this free event go to dcommunity.org/event/halloween-bash-and-pumpkin-walk.

Annual Buddy Walk on DI raises spirits, \$53K and counting

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Around 1,000 people of all ages and walks of life turned out for the 19th annual Buddy Walk on Daniel Island on Oct. 16. The event kicked off in Etiwan Park and the walk took participants through local neighborhoods. The Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry, established in 2007, is designed to provide an inclusive educational experience for students with intellectual disabilities and promote acceptance of people with Down syndrome and to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October.

This year's Buddy Walk was held in-person after the past couple of events have been impacted by COVID-19. In 2020, the event was held virtually and in 2021 it was scaled back considerably. This year's goal was to raise \$40,000 and organizers ended up surpassing it by raising \$53,000 and counting, according to DSAL President and mother Erica Chiovarou.

Donations will continue to be accepted by DSAL through the end of October at dsalowcountry.org.



Team Bishops from Bishop England led off the start of the Buddy Walk on Oct. 16 at Etiwan Park on Daniel Island.



Ian Greig and Wando High School dance team members show off their moves at the 19th annual Buddy Walk.



Team Nothing Down About It raises Down syndrome awareness.



Team Sierra's Shipmates keep moving full steam ahead to the finish line.



Team Drew's Crew holds hands in the fight against Down syndrome.



Team Jamell's MVP's smile through the adversity brought on by Down syndrome.

Bishop England claims state crown in inaugural boys volleyball season

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Undefeated and undisputed. The Bishop England High School boys' volleyball team is the Class AAA-AA-A state champion.

The Bishops put an exclamation point on a perfect season with a 3-0 victory over Philip Simmons in Oct. 15's state championship. The schools are less than 10 miles apart, but the championship game was played at a predetermined site, which was Keenan High School in Columbia.

The South Carolina High School League sanctioned boys' volleyball in time for the 2022-23 academic year as interest in the sport has surged in recent years. Approximately 40 teams in the Palmetto State fielded teams, including about a dozen in Class AAA-AA-A. Many of the 40 teams were in the Lowcountry. In fact, six of the eight teams in the Class AAA-AA-A playoffs were from the Lowcountry. And that included the best team, Bishop England.

"No, not at all," Bishop England coach Alec Swanson responded when asked if he ever thought the Bishops would serve up perfection in the first season. "But we showed potential right off the bat. We came

together quicker than I thought we would. It was something to witness, something to behold."

Swanson said the highlight of the regular season was a Sept. 15 match against Oceanside Collegiate Academy played at BE's Father O'Brien Gymnasium. The Landsharks won the first two sets of the match, but the Bishops battled back to win the last three sets and the match.

"That showed me this team was special," Swanson said. "They never give up. They are never going to give up."

The Bishops followed that victory up with a 3-2 decision at Cane Bay High School.

Other than those two close calls, the Bishops won every match by a 3-0 score, including all three playoff matches.

The Bishops opened the postseason with a first-round win over Hanahan and it was more of the same in the state semifinal and championship as the Bishops rolled past Battery Creek and Philip Simmons.

Seniors Joey Gurney and Erik VenJohn led by example, helping the young players adjust to the physical and mental challenges of playing the sport.



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Bishop England boys' volleyball team won the program's first Class AAA-AA-A state championship last Saturday at Keenan High School in Columbia.

"Both were instrumental in providing leadership," Swanson said. "They have the ability to keep the team positive when things don't go our way."

Junior Andrew Puckhaber's athleticism and size made him a force around the net.

"He had the ability to hit the ball over any blocker we faced," Swanson said. "Still, volleyball is a sport that you really need all six clicking to do anything. That's because in order to hit, you need to set. And in order

to set, you need a good pass."

The Bishops could return 13 of the 15 players in 2023. There were two seniors on this season's roster and 10 juniors. Swanson's squad also included a freshman and two sophomores.

"After talking to prospective players and parents, there's an energy thanks to all the success we had this year," Swanson said. "We will be ready when we start next season."

Iron Horses' boys volleyball finishes runner-up in first state title bid

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You might think of Amanda Newell as the Joanie Applesseed of boys high school volleyball as she traverses the Palmetto State, spreading her seeds to help introduce the sport she loves.

This past weekend was the perfect example of Newell's passion for the sport. Oct. 15, she coached the Philip Simmons High School boys' volleyball team in the Class AAA-AA-A state championship against Bishop England in a match played at Keenan High School. The Bishops won the title with a 3-0 victory over the Iron Horses.

On Sunday, the seventh day, she finished a full day of club sport tryouts. Newell, who coaches the SC Elite club team, said there were 30 boys in attendance.

"No rest for the weary," said Newell, who was a standout at Buford High School and Wofford.

She's an experienced coach, whose resume included a stint at The Citadel.

There should be no worries if you are a supporter of the Iron Horse boys' team. Newell is focused, works her players hard and espouses volleyball.

"I just want to get the sport out there," Newell said. "I want to introduce the boys to a sport that can help them in other sports."

The S.C. High School League sanctioned boys volleyball in time for the 2022-23 academic year as about 40 schools around the state fielded teams. However, the state playoffs were not hosted by the SCHSL. Those matches were sponsored by the Palmetto Volleyball Association.

"We wanted to do something special because this was the first year," Newell said. "We wanted this season to get off to a good start, and the playoffs were a reward for the teams' and players'



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Philip Simmons boys' volleyball team finished runner-up in the state title to Bishop England. The Bishops swept the match 3-0.

effort and hard work."

The Iron Horses posted an 11-7 record during the regular season according to MaxPreps and went 2-1 in the playoffs. The Iron Horses defeated Hanahan in the opening round and topped Oceanside Collegiate in a Class AAA-AA-

A state semifinal before losing to BE for the biggest trophy.

Newell's recruiting approach at the school was that if a boy was interested in playing, she could coach him and develop him into a good player.

This year's roster included three

seniors, two juniors, five sophomores and a freshman. One of the Iron Horses' top players, Owen Jenkins, also stands out on the basketball court because he is 6-feet, 5-inches tall.

"Give me a player who is 6-5, and that's a good start," Newell said. "If you are 6-5 and have an inch of talent, I can coach you to become a good player. Owen was a sponge, he wanted to absorb everything about volleyball."

Frank Jannuzzi, a 6-3 standout on the volleyball court at Philip Simmons, also had an impressive season.

The two most experienced players on this year's team are club-sport standouts Huston Tosh and Ian Newell, the son of coach Newell.

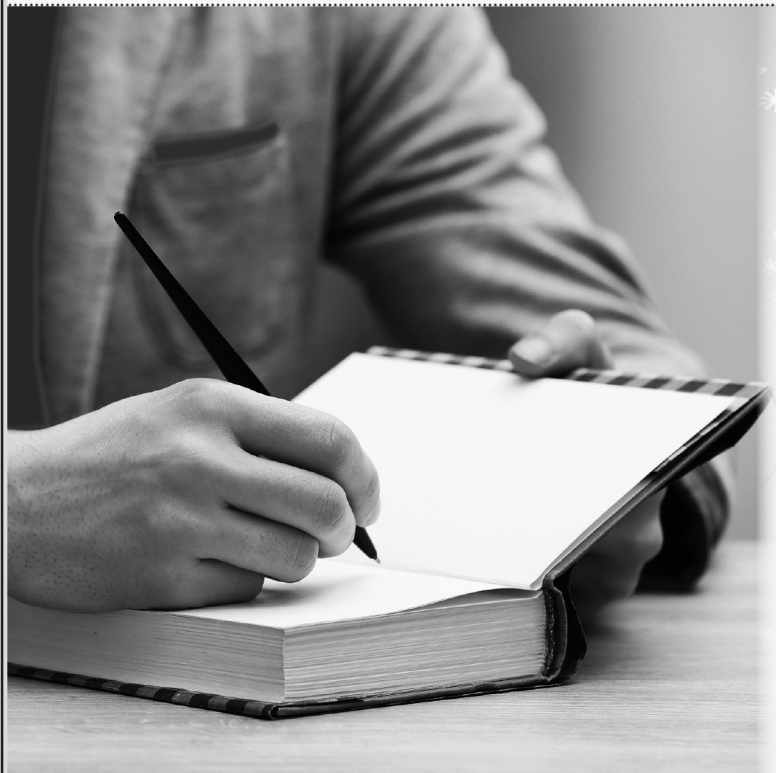
"They come with experience and experience is what you build on," Newell said. "Experienced players, they are the foundation of any program."

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Bishop girls win USTA South Carolina Junior Varsity State Tennis Invitational

The Bishop England girls junior varsity tennis team earned first place in the USTA South Carolina JV State Invitational held earlier this month. The team posted a 13-1 record – one of the best seasons in the history of the JV program. This

is their first state championship since 2019. The team was captained by Mia Furlano and Kiley Mummert, and coached by Coach Jim Greenho and Coach Maria Elliott.



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Above: USTA South Carolina Junior Varsity State Tennis Invitational champions: Front row - Ava Martin, Maddie Johnson, Clare Engelbert. Back row - Coach Jim Greenho, Laila Malpeli, Margaret Macdonald, Sarah Gill, Emerson Mathesius, and Coach Maria Elliott.

Left: The 2022 Bishop England Junior Varsity squad included 19 girls.

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Philip Simmons pummels North Charleston with accelerated clock activated

Bishops one win away from clinching playoff spot

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The Philip Simmons High School football team built such an insurmountable lead at halftime of its game against North Charleston Oct. 14 that the two teams used the pigskin version of the mercy rule in the second half.

The third and fourth quarters were reduced from 12 to 8 minutes and the clock was not stopped. The Iron Horses, who led 42-0 at halftime, posted a 42-6 victory over the Cougars in a Region 8-AAA contest that was played at The Phil.

Philip Simmons coach Eric Bendig and his squad know it won't be as easy when the Iron Horses travel to rival Hanahan Oct. 21 in a game that will have region and playoff implications on the line.

Philip Simmons enters the Berkeley County showdown with a 5-3 record, including 1-1 in 8-AAA play. Hanahan is 6-1 and tied for the league lead with Beaufort who has a 2-0 record.

"It's one of those games where there is a lot



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Philip Simmons defensive back Jacque Greene (12) intercepts a pass against North Charleston last Friday. The Iron Horses went on to beat the Cougars 42-6.

on the line," Bendig said. "We're fighting for a first-round playoff game at home. Hanahan is definitely one of those places where it is a tough environment. We're going to have to go in and play one of our best games, if not our best game."

The Iron Horses lost two of three before meeting the Cougars. The Iron Horses came out against North Charleston showing no signs of rust. They jumped to a 28-0 lead at the end of the first quarter and expanded the cushion to 42-0 at halftime.

The statistics don't reveal how lopsided the game was as Philip Simmons collected 304 yards in total offense to the Cougars' 189.

But the Iron Horses used big plays to gain the easy victory. They picked off three passes and had 139 return yards on interceptions.

Troy Stevenson returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown, while Elijah Riley and Jacque Greene gave the Iron Horses great field position with interception returns of 67 and 33 yards, respectively.

Philip Simmons quarterback Tavien Orel-

ana was on target, completing five of seven passes for 182 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Greene was his favorite target, catching three passes for 78 yards and two touchdowns. Isaac Schimpf caught a pass for 57 yards.

The Iron Horses carried the ball 19 times for a combined 122 yards as Markellis Asbury, Sharod Williams and Schimpf scored on runs.

The Iron Horses will close out the regular season with an Oct. 28 region game against Battery Creek.

BE FOOTBALL

Meanwhile, Bishop England had an open date over the weekend and faces a major test Oct. 21 when the Bishops travel to play state power Oceanside Collegiate in a Region 7-AA clash.

The Bishops have dropped seven consecutive games to enter the game with a 1-7 record, including 0-2 in league play. The Landsharks have a five-game winning streak and are 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

The Bishops must beat either OCA or Academic Magnet in the regular-season finale to clinch a playoff berth.



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Successful shorebird nesting season on newly restored Crab Bank

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South Carolina Department of Natural Resources biologists are celebrating the close of a successful shorebird and seabird nesting season on the newly restored Crab Bank Seabird Sanctuary. Biologists documented over 500 nests over the season, marking the first time coastal birds nested on the small island in Charleston Harbor since its disappearance to erosion. Shorebirds and seabirds are declining worldwide, and the 2017 loss of the crucial nesting site in Charleston Harbor – one of just a handful in South Carolina – inspired a pioneering solution: In late 2021, the island was rebuilt with material dredged from the deepening of Charleston Harbor through a partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers, a project that garnered widespread support from community members, conservation groups and elected officials.

Hopes were high that South Carolina's shorebirds and seabirds would quickly find and make use of the new habitat – and the birds did not disappoint. Biologists discovered the first nest of the 2022 season, belonging to a pair of American oystercatchers, on April 1. Eight pairs of oystercatchers eventually nested on the island over the season, including a four-year-old



CHRISTY HAND/SCDNR

The newly restored Crab Bank Seabird Sanctuary in Charleston Harbor comprises about 35 acres at high tide.

bird that was originally banded as a chick on Cumberland Island, Georgia.

Least terns, small, state threatened seabirds, colonized the island in late April. Over 100 pairs nested on the island, and their fledglings gathered along the waterline in late May and June.

In the second week of May, a strong storm put Crab Bank to the test during the heart of nesting season. A two-day storm blew through Charleston with 35-knot winds, driving typically five-foot high tides over seven feet above sea level for several tidal cycles. The island suffered some escarpment on its southern waterline, but it experienced no sea water inundation.

One of the most spectacular sights this nesting season was the return of black skimmers and gull-billed terns to the island. Skimmers feed in flight by opening their orange and black bill and dipping the narrow lower mandible in the water to feel for fish to eat. Gull-billed terns have heavy bills, which they use to grab fiddler crabs off the beach, and give a remarkable call, almost a giggle, while in flight. SCDNR biologists counted 237 skimmer nests and 179 gull-billed tern nests in May.

Hatching success for both species was high, with parents attending to chicks throughout the summer. For these species that rely on beach habitat with little to no

vegetation to lay their eggs, Crab Bank provided ideal habitat. Black skimmers and gull-billed terns were able to nest in the interior of the island, safe from the lapping waves and inundating tides that often wash over their favored barrier island beaches.

SCDNR Marine Resource Division staff have been monitoring Crab Bank since its completion in November 2021, using drones to collect high-resolution imagery and elevations of the island. The island comprises approximately 35 acres ranging between 5 and 8 feet above the high tide waterline. A grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation obtained by Audubon South Carolina paid for the mapping work.

Following Hurricane Ian, which made landfall in South Carolina as a Category 1 hurricane, staff reported that the island received no saltwater inundation and remained, as designed, well above the storm's tidal level.

SCDNR-owned Crab Bank Seabird Sanctuary is completely closed from March 15 through Oct. 15. From Oct. 16 through March 14, public access on Crab Bank is allowed only in the intertidal zone (in the wet sand area below the high tide line). Dogs and camping are prohibited year-round.

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Adrian Otto had recently moved to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico when she was awakened by a loud noise: Bang, bang, bang. “I dived under my bed. I thought it was a drive-by shooting,” she said. No. Just some of the town’s frequent fireworks.

After being there a few years she told me, “I feel safer here than in the U.S.”

I heard that repeatedly from expats that comprise about 10% of the town’s population. Adrian was inspired by the environment there: “Everywhere I looked was full of natural beauty.” It’s a UNESCO Heritage site. But the pace of life took some adjustment. “I took a taxi ride and wondered, ‘why is this taxi going so slow?’ No one is in a hurry here.”

I was astounded to see that in the historic town center (population 60,000) there are no stop signs. Cars approach intersections and patiently take turns; no one honks and pedestrians are always afforded the right of way.

When Adrian lived nearby on Sullivan’s Island, we loved watching her pet guinea pigs scampering around her yard. Some play in a cage on her courtyard now where passersby stop to say hello. She’s continued to invest in real estate and now owns two houses in the Guadeloupe neighborhood which is famous for its colorful murals. Her renovated home is filled with local art, much of it depicting animals in reference to her careers as a veterinarian and horse jockey.

The popularity of San Miguel for expats is attributable to Chicagoan Stirling Dickinson who wandered into El Jardin, the town square, in 1937 and thought, “My God, what a sight! What a place. I’m going to stay here.” He co-founded an art institute. After World War II he recruited hundreds of veterans to study there. The G.I. Bill afforded them a much better lifestyle than in the U.S. That art center became the Allende Institute which continues to offer a large variety of classes that contribute to the city’s sophisticated arts scene.

During the month I spent in San Miguel I asked many expats why they’d moved there. Chiefly the reason was financial. The cost of living is much lower than the U.S. That’s very appealing to digital nomads



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Adrian Otto in her home.



Left: La Parroquia, the church in the main square. Right: A typical street mural.

and to retirees who make up 80% of the expat community. Many are single women. Girlfriend groups are apparent at restaurants and events. Several told me how easy it is to make friends since everyone crosses paths at the numerous concerts, plays, tours and classes. There’s a huge English language library and over 100 nonprofit organizations where many volunteer.

It’s an easy place to live. The climate is temperate. The tourist infrastructure is developed. People walk the steep cobblestone streets everywhere or take inexpensive transportation. There’s a notable absence of pushy street vendors. Like Charleston, San Miguel has been voted No. 1 in the World in magazines but they seem to have handled it gracefully.

Another reason people cited for the move is politics. One woman was caring for her aging mother several years ago and researching an affordable place to relocate when her mother was gone. “Then Trump got elected and we both moved to San Miguel,” she said. Many told me they’d left the U.S. because of gun violence. In fact, violent crime is very low in San Miguel. There are no drug cartels there.

When I told people where I was going many said to me, “You’re going to Mexico! Isn’t it dangerous?” And there were expats saying they’d moved to Mexico because it’s safer. How ironic.

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Land use & zoning activities on Daniel Island, Cainhoy

This week there are a large number of multifamily and large residential developments coming before the various City of Charleston boards and committees.

Below are those items as well as the application results for specific items 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

Oct. 20: A site plan for the construction of Point Hope Mixed-Use South, a mixed-use development on Clements Ferry Road in Cainhoy, containing single-family attached homes (196 units) and amenity on 62.86 acres of land.

Oct. 20: A site plan for the construction of Point Hope Mixed-Use North, a mixed-use development on Clements Ferry Road in Cainhoy, containing single-family attached/detached homes (854 units) and a retirement community site on 62.86 acres of land.

RESULTS

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Oct. 13: A site plan for a new office building on 1.1 acres of land at 2042 Wambaw Creek Drive in Cainhoy. **Results:** Pending.

CITY OF CHARLESTON WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Oct. 13: Consideration of the annexation of 10.32 acres at 638 Tuxbury Farm Road and two adjacent parcels on Tuxbury Farm Road in Cainhoy. The property is owned by Ray and Angela Waits. **Results:** Pending.

Oct. 13: Consideration of the annexation of 5.71 acres at 715 Yaupon Drive and 2682 Highway 41 in Cainhoy. The property is owned by Rumphs Auto Service et al. **Results:** Pending.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY & COUNTY MEETINGS

Berkeley Co. Bd. of Education meets twice each month. 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.

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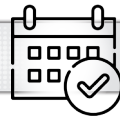
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The Exchange Club of Daniel Island will be holding its second annual "Dining for Good" raffle throughout the month of October. Their "Dining for Good" Raffle last year not only garnered over \$14,000 but also raised awareness about the superior work that these local charities do for the children and community. Raffle tickets go on sale starting Oct. 1 and ticket sales end on Oct. 29. The drawing will be on Oct. 30. For more information, visit dixchangeclub.org.

DI NIGHT MARKET

The Daniel Island Night Market is a market series that will take place at the picturesque Guggenheim Terrace (200 Seven Farms Drive). The market is a family and pet-friendly market that has something for everyone. Artisans, crafters, specialty foods, live music, and fresh food vendors will be participating every 1st and 3rd Friday. This event will run from 5-8 pm every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month starting Sept. 30 through Friday, Dec. 17.

DI NEWS AUTHOR SERIES:

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NY Times best-selling author Stacy Willingham presents "A Flicker in the Dark" and author Susan Beckham Zurenda presents "Bells of Eli" on Oct. 26, 5:30 pm, Daniel Point Retirement Community, 514 Robert Daniel Dr. Free. Sign-up online on Eventbrite.com, search author name.

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SERIES AT WATERFRONT PARK

Thursdays through Oct. 27, 4:30 to 7:30 pm, Daniel Island Waterfront Park, 1 River Landing Drive. Bring a chair or blanket and your own picnic.

HALLOWEEN BASH AND PUMPKIN WALK

The Daniel Island School PTA and the POA are hosting the Halloween Bash and Pumpkin Walk on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 5-8:30 pm at Smythe Park. The bash will end at dusk and lead directly into the pumpkin walk, starting at the corner of Smythe Street and Daniel Island Drive. Deliver your carved pumpkin at the corner of Daniel Island

Drive and Purcell Lane from noon to 3 pm. Be sure to include a battery-operated tea light inside your pumpkin.

DINA

Daniel Island Neighborhood Association's Development/Land Use Committee is hosting a presentation on the future of Union Pier on Nov. 2, 6-7pm at Daniel Point Retirement Community 514 Robert Daniel Dr. All Daniel Island residents are invited to attend this free event and are encouraged to visit DINA's website to sign up with tickets Eventbrite.

BARK IN THE PARK

This pet and family friendly event returns to Daniel Island's Waterfront Park on Nov. 5, 10 am to 2 pm. Pet vendors, food vendors, dog demonstrations, blessing of the animals, adoptions!

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Clare's Parish and Bishop England High School are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, Nov. 6. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be parked in the BE parking lot from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please sign up for your appointment at redcross-blood.org. Appointments are limited. For more information, email christinelark@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY MARKET

The 2nd Annual Holiday Market will be held Nov. 12 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Daniel Island Recreation Center (160 Fairbanks Drive). The boutique-style event will be full of talented artists, designers, and merchants. Free entry, plenty of free parking.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS

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

BOCCE BALL

Thurs. from 10 to noon, stop by the Pierce Park Lawn next to the pool to play bocce ball. Water and sunscreen are encouraged.

COMMUNITY YOGA

A mindful flow yoga class to promote strength, flexibility and relaxation. All levels welcome, mats and blocks provided. Thursdays 9-10 a.m. at DI Recreation Center. Contact Teresa Donohue dicomunityyoga@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND CONNECT

Fifty-plus age group meets the third Thurs., 6-8 pm, Crow's Nest. Free. *No meeting in September.* Call Kathy at 502-387-3046.

THE DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 3 pm in the annex of Holy Cross Church. The guest speaker will be Suzy Cubbler-Tyner, Daniel Island resident and owner of Blume Designs, who will present "Floral Holiday Decorating Ideas." Contact info:

Cheryl Boyle, Dinofives@aol.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB

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

DANIEL ISLAND

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Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Group: Tues. 2-3 pm; Needleworkers: second and fourth Tues., 11:15 am; Book Club: 3rd Tues., 11 am - noon; 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 Nov. 16, 6 pm at Daniel Point 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, Mon., 7-8 pm at DI Rec. Ctr. Campaigners meet Wed., 6:30-7:30 pm. Tlengyel91@gmail.com.

DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL

Daniel Pointe Chapel offers non-denominational Christian worship services in the Theater of the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month starting on Oct. 2, 2022. All are welcome. Daniel Pointe Chapel is located at 514 Robert Daniel Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Dyckman at dyckmanedward@gmail.com and 843-367-5647.

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

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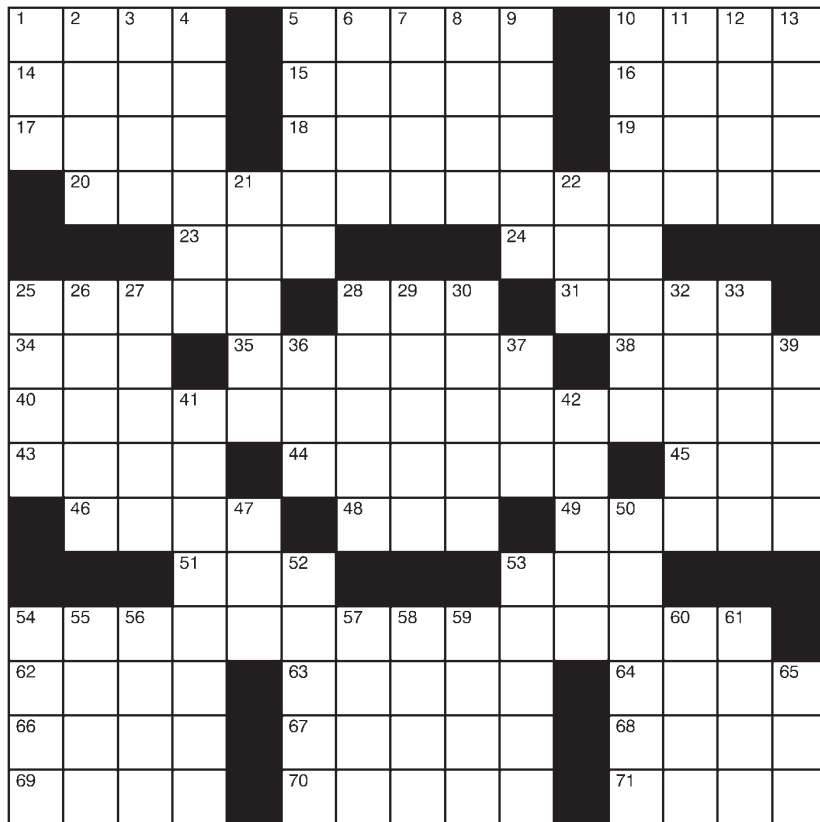
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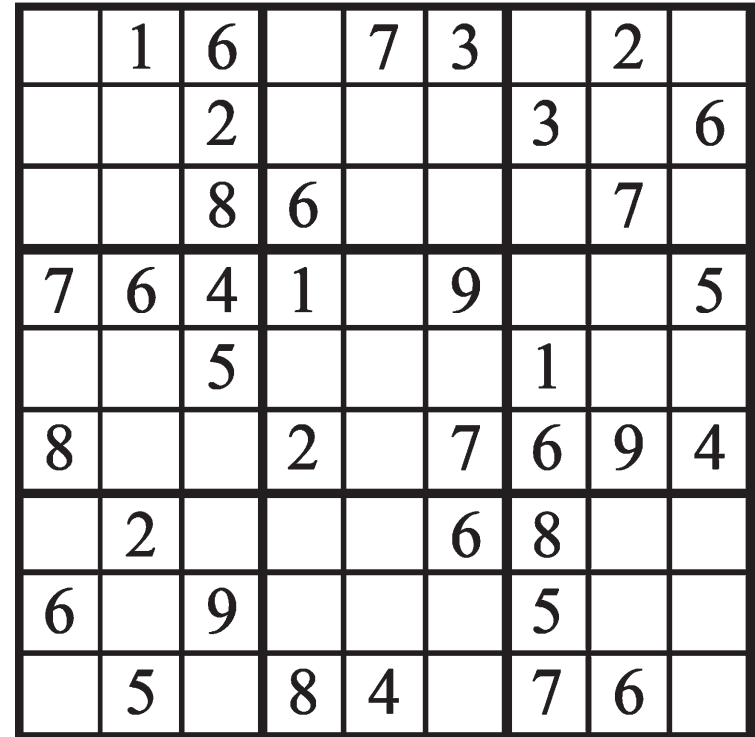
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- 22 Eggs
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Let's Have
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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Parental Concerns

Circle the correct noun in the parentheses.

1. "Hey, (Mom, mom), please don't kiss me goodbye at school anymore."
2. "I become so embarrassed when my (Mom, mom) does that!"
3. "Lisa, does your (Mom, mom) ever embarrass you?"
4. "No, (Mom, mom) is cool about that stuff, but (Dad, dad) is the worst!"



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Answers: Capitalize **Dad** or **Mom** when it takes the place of his or her name. Use lowercase **mom** or **dad** when your sentence only refers to one of them. 1. Mom 2. mom 3. mom 4. Mom, Dad

MYSTERY PHOTO CONTEST

CONGRATS TO LAST WEEK'S WINNER: MAX SCHLEGEL



Max Schlegel

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest from Oct. 13 is Max Schlegel who correctly identified the picture as part of the fountain at the Credit One Stadium.

Schlegel, 6, has lived on Daniel Island since 2016. He enjoys all the pools on the island, the library (especially STEM projects) and the bike trails.

Congratulations to Greta Hughey, Sydney Busniuk and Robert Peiffer who also correctly guessed the location of the photo.

PRIZES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Winners now have their choice of Mary Alice Monroe's and Angela May's "The Islanders Search for Treasure" or Suzanne Detar's "Don't lose the ball in the lights."

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CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



If you recognize the photo, please send your answer, along with your phone number, to mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com by noon on Saturday, Oct. 22. The names of the winners with the correct response will run in next week's paper.

A treasure trove of memories

From HUMOR on PAGE 16

sipped, and pondered the evening and the memories of bygone birthdays. In the quiet, the realization struck me – as cool as the slinky was, the very best gifts over the years have been family, friends and faith. An idea began to percolate. I rose and collected several sheets of paper and a pen. I tore the paper into small strips and started writing. On one I wrote Grace's name and drew a heart; she is the love of my life. On the next few sheets I wrote the name of each of our children and grandchildren and the date of their birthday, each a day of joy. I included slips for extended family members. For Toogie I added a smiley face for the humor she adds to each day, even if it is often at my expense. On more I wrote the name of friends. It is a real blessing to have so many to know. I listed my church and my Savior. Next came special occasions and memorable travels. Very soon I had over a hundred slips of paper. I then tiptoed, since Grace was now asleep, into the closet and retrieved what I knew was there. An empty shoebox. I put the slips of paper in the box and returned it to the shelf. I will probably add a few more slips of paper, photos, and some other goodies in the coming months and then cover the box with gift wrap.

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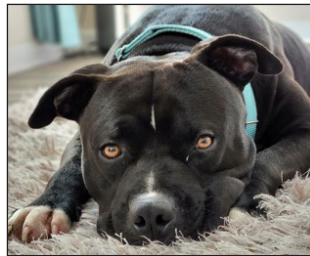


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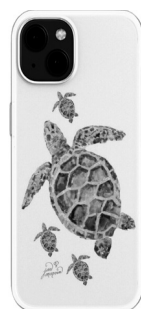
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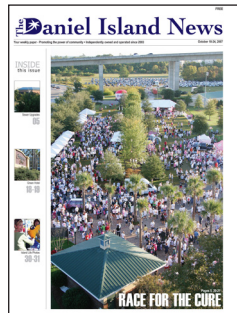
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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Oct. 18, 2007



In business news, a group of investors (DI Partners LLC) planned to add a new, environmentally-friendly Hilton Garden Inn to the Daniel Island landscape. The facility would join the group's other property, the Hampton Inn, to create an interconnected campus bordering Fairchild Street and the I-526 Mount Pleasant ramp.

Premier Hospitality Group, who managed the Hampton Inn at the time, would oversee the new hotel's operations. Although the hotel project was eventually scrapped, a Home2Suites hotel is now on the site.

In sports news, the Ninth Annual East Cooper Meals on Wheels Charity Golf Classic took place at RiverTowne Country Club. The event is one of two annual fundraisers that support the distribution of midday meals to homebound individuals living east of the Cooper River. They led 75 generous businesses and individuals in funding an afternoon of unforgettable golf that raised more than \$40,000 to benefit our most vulnerable neighbors.

TEN YEARS AGO

Oct. 18, 2012



Businesses on Daniel Island showed their support for Race for the Cure participants with colorful pink designs on their local storefronts. Qwik Pack and Ship owner Tom Pomposelli called the event "a family affair" and reported that he always enjoys

getting in on the fun "I just love that all the businesses on the island get behind it," said Pomposelli of the festive storefronts.

In other news, then City of Charleston Mayor Joe Riley told a group of citizens he would like to see more tax credits given to developers of affordable housing communities in urban areas. He used two low-income complexes on Daniel Island to make his case. He explained that affordable housing developers like the Humanities Foundation are able to submit applications each year for a share of the available low-income housing tax credits, which provide a dollar for dollar tax credit for housing developments in the United States.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Oct. 19, 2017



Two attacks involving unleashed dogs sparked concerns among Daniel Island residents about leash laws and general pet safety. The City of Charleston municipal code states that all pets must be restrained with a leash and under owner control within the public right of way or on public and private property.

In island life, there were photo pages of the Music Brouhaha event and of the Steam Color 3K run hosted by Philip Simmons Elementary School. Also, members of the "Sound of Charleston" a popular, acclaimed show presented at the Circular Church in downtown Charleston, were guests and performed at the Daniel Island Historical Society's September meeting.

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