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I-526 interchange improvement plans change after community feedback

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As traffic flow changes throughout one of the state's busiest thoroughfares, so do the plans for the proposed I-526 Interchange Improvements project at Long Point Road. Although the traffic ramp reconfiguration will take place near the Wando Terminal at Exit 28 in Mount Pleasant, the impacts will be felt down the stretch of interstate that leads to Daniel Island.

The \$165 million project proposes to improve the operations of the I-526/Long Point Road interchange and I-526 mainline and reduce operational conflicts between port-related and local traffic. The average daily traffic from Daniel Island to Long Point Road was approximately 78,000 motorists in 2017, according to SCDOT. If there was no build out or mitigation by 2050, a projected 131,000 motorists would frequent the same stretch of road daily – a 69% growth rate.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) deems the current Long Point Road and I-526 interchange configura-

tion is deficient because it does not have the capacity to accommodate the forecasted 2050 traffic as outlined in the I-526 East Lowcountry Corridor Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study Report.

Last August, SCDOT personnel held a public information meeting to discuss the project's proposed alternatives. Recently, as a result of community feedback received, the preliminary design of the new partial interchange, including the associated flyovers, have been adjusted in order to reduce or avoid impacts to Seacoast Parkway in Mount Pleasant, according to I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Project Director Pete Poore, who replaced SCDOT's senior engineering project manager Joy Riley following her resignation after 13 years in December 2022.

Poore noted that the adjustment to Reasonable Alternative 2 is now the Reasonable Preferred Alternative for the project. The proposed alternative includes new ramps from the Wando Terminal that would connect to the truck climbing lanes on the



A map of the Reasonable Preferred Alternative (Reasonable Alternative 2) for the I-526 Interchange Improvements project at Long Point Road near the Wando Terminal at Exit 28 in Mount Pleasant. A \$165 million traffic ramp reconfiguration that is slated to begin by the spring/summer of 2024.

Wando River Bridge.

SCDOT previously performed a safety analysis for the existing truck climbing lanes on the Don Holt and Wando Bridges and

concluded that it was safer to leave the existing truck climbing lanes in operation rather

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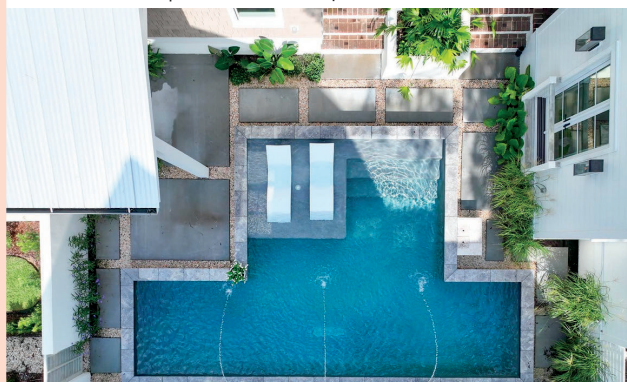
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2 stolen guns recovered after two dozen DI vehicle break-ins

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department reports within Team 5, which serves Daniel Island and parts of the Cainhoy peninsula, between Jan. 16-31.



THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

On Jan. 17, Team 5 responded to a complex on Robert Daniel Drive in reference to multiple vehicle break-ins. A total of 24 vehicles were either entered or attempted to be entered by an offender who appeared to be using a window punch device to access the vehicles. Two firearms were stolen: a 9 mm Springfield XDS and a Glock model 48. On Jan. 20, one of the firearms was located and recovered in Orangeburg. The second firearm was found in Florence County on Jan. 31. Ring camera footage from a third floor apartment captured suspicious activity and was turned over to the police. Several suspects and people of interest have been identified

and the case is being actively investigated.

On the same day, officers responded to a residence on Watroo Point. There, the victim advised that an unknown individual entered her gray 2022 Dodge Ram pickup truck during the overnight hours while it was parked in her driveway. The vehicle had been left unlocked, and a Gucci purse valued at \$3,000 was removed, along with a wallet containing three credit cards. The purse was recovered nearby but the contents were removed. Another vehicle was stolen at the same location.

On Cattle Ranch Street, a victim advised that her gray 2020 Jeep Wrangler was entered during the overnight hours. The vehicle's key fob was removed from the unlocked vehicle. Another vehicle parked at the residence, a black 2020 Ford Explorer, was also entered and the key fob was taken. Team 5 collected multiple sets of prints from the vehicles and are investigating persons of interest.

A resident of Integrity Lane contacted an officer to report that his white 2019 Ford F-350 was entered during the overnight hours on Jan. 26. A loaded Ruger 9mm pistol and \$5,800 in currency was removed from the unlocked vehicle. Surveillance footage captured two suspects walking in the area at 3:45 a.m. Police have been provided with a serial number for the pistol.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

On Jan. 17, an officer responded to a residence on Watroo Point in reference to a stolen motor vehicle. The victim reported that an unknown offender stole his black

2021 Land Rover Defender, which had been left unlocked with the keys inside. GPS tracking indicated that the vehicle was identified in Ladson.

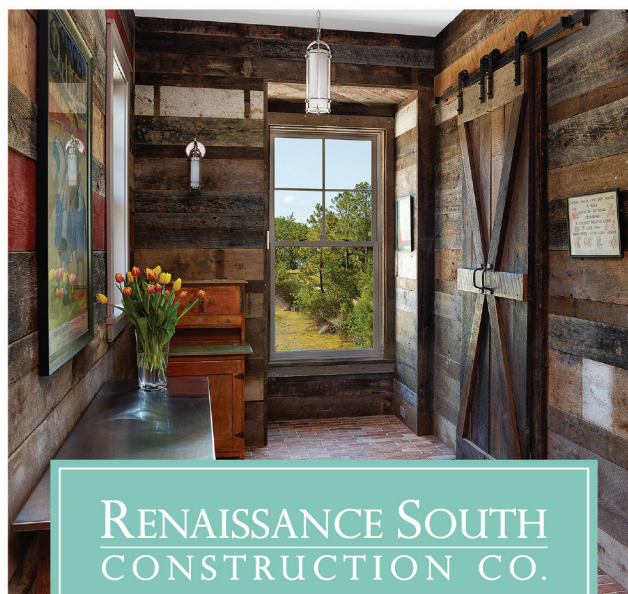
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On Jan. 24, an officer made contact with a victim via telephone. The complainant stated that in April 2022, he entered into a contract with a company to install a pool at his home on N. Leavitt Court. The victim paid a deposit of \$18,500 but construction work never began. Communication from the pool company ceased in December 2022.

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– Karen & Jim

“I would HIGHLY recommend Angie. She is wonderful and I can’t imagine a better experience with anyone! She is very responsive and has an excellent team working with her. I found her to be pleasure to work with and get to know both professionally and personally. I will recommend her to all my friends moving into the area. She has extensive knowledge about Daniel Island and a keen sense of identifying a buyer’s needs and wants. You would consider yourself fortunate to work with Angie and her team!”

– Sheri & Tom

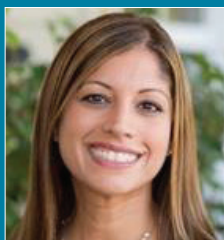
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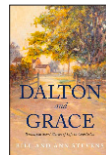
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Dalton's letter to The National Archives



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DALTON WILLIAMS

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Attention: Whoever is figuring out this classified documents fiasco

Dear Sirs/Madams (and all other pronouns):

My somewhat elderly, but still quite spry Aunt Toogie, has been closely following the saga of government documents turning

up hither and yon. She has been badgering me to accompany her on an exploration (her words were “classified document treasure hunt”) of our attic to see if, God forbid, we had any of these aforesaid records. Since there were no NFL games this past weekend, Toogie and I completed our stem-to-stern search. In addition to cobwebs and what might be mouse droppings (sheesh), we found the items described below. Toogie insists I report this to you ASAP so that “her hands are clean if the Feds come calling later.”

There were a lot of personal items which I suspect many people may stash in their attic. My high school yearbook – how did I get my

hair to stand up straight back then and why were the guys’ ties so narrow? My lovely wife, Grace, looks much better in her high school yearbook – homecoming queen and all – but she has always been the better looking of our pair, by far. There were some old newspapers, like the sports page about the Cleveland Browns last NFL Championship – in 1964. Pretty faded, a little like the Browns today. Some 45 rpm records, still with the plastic disc inserts but no record player. A stack of Bed Bath & Beyond coupons – all expired, although Toogie says they take them anyway, but we better hurry. The snow shovel from our Ohio move. A cigar box full of old,

unlabeled family photos. Not sure who all these people are, and the vintage cars have running boards. And our tax returns going back, well, quite a few years. Grace has encouraged me, more than once, to throw out the oldest ones. But if one of the new 87,000 IRS agents wants to snoop around in these returns from the last millennium, I’ll be prepared.

But we also found a suitcase with some rather official-looking markings and stickers on it. I have no idea where it came from or how it got in our attic. I suggested we turn it in unopened. Toogie, however, insisted we open and explore it, saying not to do so would be like

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DI Community Fund shares mission to enrich area, residents

BY DICF BOARD MEMBERS

“This is a unique place.” Perhaps you have heard someone say that about Daniel Island. Maybe you thought or said it yourself. We have. Daniel Island is a unique and special place in many ways – its physical beauty, its proximity to one of America’s top cities, its culture and character, the people who live and work here, and their spirit of serving others.

We at the Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF) believe it is a unique little gem itself in the fabric of our community. Daniel Island, like most master planned communities, assesses an enhancement fee on the resale or transfer of property.

What is unique about Daniel Island, contrasted to many other master planned communities, is that all of these fees are used to promote the quality of life on Daniel Island and our neighboring Cainhoy/Huger communities. Here are some examples of how DICF fulfills this mission:

Community capital improvement

projects

Over the years, DICF has helped fund, and in some cases fully funded, Daniel Island improvements such as the deck and landscaping at Guggenheim Park, the rebuilt north dock and landscaping improvements at Waterfront Park, the Osprey Trail Park in front of the Daniel Island School (with the Daniel Island Garden Club), the Commemorative Park and the playground at Waterfront Park (with Daniel Island Rotary). In the Cainhoy community, DICF helped build the Baldwin Carson Community Center (partnering with ECCO and Nucor).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DICF has funded all of the beloved annual events open to residents of Daniel Island, such as the Concert in the Park, Independence Day Celebration, Pumpkin Walk and Halloween Bash, Food Trucks at various locations, Acoustic Guitar Series at Waterfront Park,

9 PM ROUTINE

Dear citizens of Berkeley County, It has truly been an honor serving this great county since 2015. I look forward to continuing to have the support of our citizens.

We are already well into the year of 2023. As we settle into the new year, it is imperative that we do it safely. My goal of this letter from the sheriff is to be sure my citizens get to keep the possessions they currently have. Every year, hundreds of hard-working citizens fall victim to crimes of opportunity. Many of these theft incidents can be prevented by ensuring that valuables are locked away and kept someplace secure. A vehicle is not a secure place to leave anything of importance. Please never leave a firearm inside of your vehicle. We have seen an increase in thefts

of guns from unlocked vehicles at night.

A good routine to practice is the 9 p.m. routine. The 9 p.m. routine is a nightly reminder to residents to remove valuables from their vehicles, lock their vehicle doors, lock the doors to their residences, turn on exterior lights and activate their security systems. The best way to prevent vehicle burglaries is to remove all of your valuables, lock your vehicle’s doors upon exiting and take the keys to the vehicle inside your residence. The 9 p.m. routine is only the beginning to preventing theft. Your deputies will do their part by actively patrolling neighborhoods to show a presence to deter crime.

Sincerely,
Sheriff S. Duane Lewis
Berkeley County Sheriff

Next week: Should books be banned from school libraries?

The battle over what books are allowed in school has reached a fevered pitch around the country. The Berkeley Co. Board of Education recently voted to establish a book review process to approve what would be allowed in schools. How do you feel about restricting books from libraries? Share your thoughts at surveymonkey.com/r/Book_Banning or use the QR code by Sunday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m. And tell us where you’d draw the line.



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Attn: Government classified documents fiasco

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Howard Carter not opening King Tut's tomb after his amazing discovery. Toogie dived in and I played scribe. I may have missed a few items – Toogie was rapidly moving through the suitcase – but I think the following is close enough for government work, as they say.

Here is what we (actually, Toogie if that becomes legally important later) found:

A map exactly pinpointing where Jimmy Hoffa is buried. An owner's manual for a 1967 Corvette Stingray. Copy of a June 23, 1876, telegraph from General George Custer reporting no need for additional troops. Barack Obama's birth certificate. Colonel Harland Sanders' original Kentucky Fried Chicken recipe. A Consumer Product Safety Commission report listing the location of all gas stoves on Daniel Island. A Revolutionary War document that concludes Benedict Arnold was framed. An envelope marked "Hillary Clinton emails – open at your own risk." We did not open it and used hand sanitizer to wipe the thing clean. While

it's written in French, possibly, the deed and closing statement from the Louisiana Purchase. Trump's tax returns for the past 25 years with a note, "these are the real ones." Photos of flying saucers at Area 51. A list of the buyers of Hunter Biden artwork. A Betamax tape identified as "FAA Operating System." And a metal box, with two keys, which may have something to do with farming since the box lid says, "Launch Codes for Western Silos." Toogie took this box for her costume jewelry, but everything else is back in the suitcase.

Anyhoo, if you guys want any of this stuff, give me a shout out. I put my contact information on the enclosed post-it note. If we don't hear back from you in a couple months (I know you are busy with the big guys now), I'll probably take the suitcase to Goodwill. Grace usually gets us in full spring-cleaning mode come April.

*Yours truly,
Dalton Williams*

DI Community Fund lays out goals, objectives

From DICF on PAGE 06

and Holiday Tree Lighting and Menorah Display. It partnered with other organizations to present the Easter Egg Hunt, 9/11 Heroes Run, and JDFR One Walk.

PHILANTHROPIC WORK

An important part of the DICF vision and mission is to support the community service work and philanthropy of Daniel Island residents and organizations. In the report that follows, you will read about many of these such as the DI School and DI Garden Club Green Heart Project, the Annual Youth Fishing tournament (Danziger Cup), the DI Exchange Club's Pinwheels and Fields of Honor events, the DI Historical Society's Tree Markers and Kids' Ride & Seek programs, and the DI Rotary Club's improvements to a reading room at the Cainhoy Elementary School and delivery of holiday meals to the Cainhoy Community Center. Supporting the actions of our residents who are devoting their time, talent, and treasure to help others is one of

DICF's most important priorities.

GRANTS TO CHARITIES

Each year, DICF targets a portion of funds to support local charities that provide services to residents in our target areas of Cainhoy/Huger and Daniel Island. Charities apply for grants which are awarded two times in the year. The approval process is rigorous. Post-grant reviews are done.

In conclusion, we believe DICF, and the Foundation bring value to our community, residents, and service organizations; provide meaningful impact to the causes and people those residents and organizations serve; accomplish this without using any of our annual property owner dues or requiring any special assessments are an important part of what makes Daniel Island unique.

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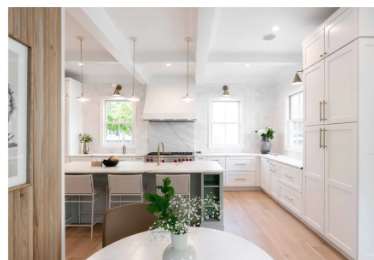
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New interchange expected to ease DI traffic

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than closing them to decrease the number of accidents.

Although these adjustments do not have any direct impact on Daniel Island, the Long Point Road interchange improvements are expected to greatly improve the commuter flow of traffic all the way to Daniel Island's interchange at Exit 24.

The project has been funded by a combination of federal funds with state matching dollars through the Interstate Improvement Program in SC-DOT's 10-year Plan. Construction is expected to begin by the spring or summer of 2024.

The project's next step is to obtain National Environmental Policy Act documentation in order to get environmental approval sometime in early 2023.

NEPA compliance is estimated to take up to 12 months and the design and construction is estimated to take up to 32 months.

The I-526 corridor program includes \$7 billion of interstate improvement projects representing the largest and most complex projects developed by SCDOT to date.

"SCDOT welcomes input from the communities wherever infrastructure projects are planned," Poore added. "Our goal is to work with our partners, which includes the public. We encourage citizens to make comments and offer suggestions."

For more information and virtual access to the project or to provide public input, visit 526lowcountrycorridor.com.

PROPOSED ROAD MODIFICATIONS

- An additional lane along the I-526 westbound on-ramp from Long Point Road.
- An additional lane along the I-526 eastbound off-ramp to Long Point Road.
- An additional left-turn lane along the I-526 eastbound off-ramp approach of the intersection of Long Point Road and I-526 eastbound off-ramp.
- An additional northeast through-lane along Long Point Road beginning as a receiving lane for the left turns from the I-526 eastbound off-ramp and continuing towards the intersection with the I-526 westbound on-ramp.

PROS

- There are no project dependencies; this project can progress first and simultaneously with other recommendations.
- Provides alternative access to neighborhoods along Long Point Road.
- Provides alternative access to Wando Welch Port Terminal.
- Contributes to satisfying the roadway deficiency portion of the purpose and need .

CONS

- Requires alignment with the eventual mainline preferred alternative.
- Insignificant impact to improving overall mainline traffic performance.
- Does not meet expected geometric interstate requirements necessitating higher level approvals.

**According to the I-526 East Lowcountry Corridor Planning and Environmental Linkages Study Report:*



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Brookes’ clients praise his experienced professionalism and outstanding service, and



Kevin Brookes

they often contact him again when in need of additional mortgage loans.

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Ashton Woods, one of the nation’s largest private homebuilders, was recognized nationwide for their design center at The Nationals ceremony, held in January at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Presented by the National Sales and Marketing Council (NSMC), a division of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the awards honor commitment to innovation, imagination and marketing flair within the homebuilding industry.

“Being recognized for our approach to home design is always an honor for our



ASHTON WOODS

Pictured (from left) at the National Association of Home Builders awards ceremony in Las Vegas are Valerio Muraro, vice president of Ashton Woods’ interior design group; Leigh Spicher, national director of studios and Charleston studio manager Jen Alonzo.

team,” said Robert Norton, division president of Ashton Woods, Charleston. “Our designers are focused on creating homes that are beautiful backdrops for memories that are made inside them. The Studio by Ashton

Woods is where homebuyers work side-by-side with design experts to get inspired and discover their own sense of style.”

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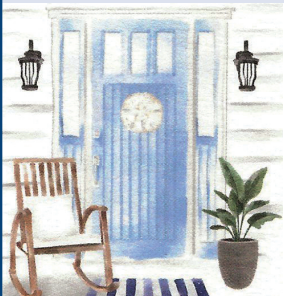
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Tom & Sue's Incomplete Guide

LOWCOUNTRY HIKING AND BEYOND



BY TOM AND SUZANNE DETAR

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Sue's greeting: South Carolina is home to wonderful hiking trails. Together with our dog Iggy, we have enjoyed some very strenuous treks through upstate state parks, as well as some interesting flatter tracks in the midlands and here in the Lowcountry. On Daniel Island, we are fortunate to have 25 miles of walking paths that connect the neighborhoods with some remarkable marsh and nature areas, including Bellinger Island. There are 13 loops that are marked on sidewalks and sign posts by a colored dot and arrow. You can find an interactive map for the Daniel Island trail system here: dicommunity.org/community/parks-trails/.

Here's our top recommendations for other trails in the Lowcountry and throughout the state.

Tom's greeting: Our go-to trail is along the Wando River waterfront where Sue and I often watch the sunrise. Iggy's dichromatic vision lacks the receptors necessary for distinguishing the often-stunning shades of red as the sun breaks over the Wando River, which makes her sad. She is, however, a big fan of deer spotting, discouraging egrets and herons from perching atop footbridge railings and randomly being a nutjob or a princess when other dogs pass by.

LOWCOUNTRY HIKES

Sue's take: I'm a big fan of the Awendaw Passage, the last leg of the mountain-to-sea Palmetto Trail. We skip the section north of Highway 17, park at the Rosa Green Road lot and hike toward Buck Hall Recreation Area. If you like to canoe or kayak, there is a canoe launch at Rosa Green. It's about a 4.25-mile hike to Buck Hall along the Intracoastal Waterway. It can be wet, so wear appropriate shoes. There are restrooms at Buck Hall, which also has campsites and a boat launch.

During the early days of the COVID pan-

demic, when the lockdown was first lifted, we discovered additional local sections of the Palmetto Trail that go through the Francis Marion National Forest and make up part of the Swamp Fox Passage. The section between Halfway Creek Road and Highway 17 is well-traveled and wooded. In contrast, we rarely encounter people in the section leading from Halfway Creek Road toward Moncks Corner, probably because it is less shaded and buggier.

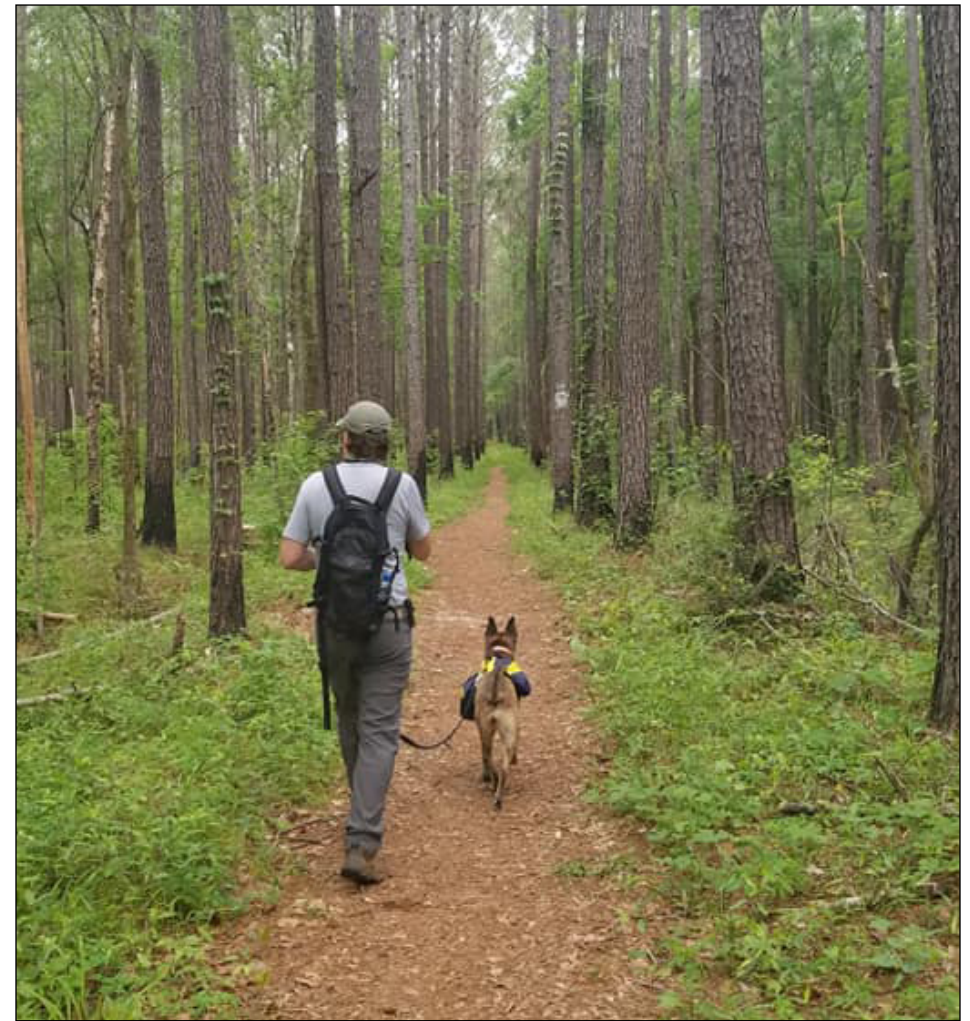
For maps and details about all sections of the Palmetto Trail, visit palmettoconservation.org.

Tom's take: There's a lot to like about the Awendaw Passage, but Hunting Island outside of Beaufort has a boneyard beach, trails along its many inlets, and a lighthouse. More importantly, there are at least three chocolate shops in Beaufort, with Kilwins being our favorite. Sue may say that hiking is about the sights, but for me, it is about the treats.

URBAN HIKES

Sue's take: For a very short trek through downtown Charleston, I enjoy the Gateway Walk. Originally built in 1930 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of Charles Town, the trail begins in the graveyard at St. John's Lutheran Church on Archdale Street, continues through the grounds of the Unitarian Church, crosses King Street at the Charleston Library Society, meanders through the Gibbes Museum garden, crosses Meeting Street into the grounds of the Circular Church, and connects to the St. Phillips Church cemetery via a shared gate.

Tom's take: By far, the best 'Urban Hike' Sue and I have taken is the San Antonio Riverwalk, which is decidedly not in the Lowcountry. Second place, however, is downtown Charleston. You can start at Colonial Lake, The Battery, Waterfront Park, or even over the bridge in Mount Pleasant – as long as your hike ends at Sabatino's Pizza on Calhoun Street, it will be a memorable



SUZANNE DETAR

Iggy and Tom walk among the pine trees on the stretch of the Swamp Fox Passage between Halfway Creek Road and Highway 17.

experience.

MIDLANDS HIKES

Sue's take: I saw my first two water moccasins, and thankfully only, in Congaree National Park several years ago. We were on a raised footbridge and there was plenty of vertical distance between the snakes and us. Congaree has a few tent sites, a nice visitor center, and 10 marked trails (including a boardwalk), ranging from .6 to 12 miles and graded from easy to hard. The trails

run through the largest intact expanse of old growth bottomland hardwood forest in the southeastern U.S. It is also popular for kayaking as both the Congaree and Wateree rivers run through it. The conditions vary as it is situated on a floodplain so check the park website for updates before heading out.

Tom's take: OK, the South Carolina Midlands has a reputation of being godawfully hot, because it is. I've heard there are plenty

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Hiking trail guide (cont.)

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of great parks and lakes to explore, but then I look at the weather forecast and say, “Not today, Satan.” I can confirm that Congaree, with its massive cypress trees that block out the sun, tends to be a few degrees cooler than downtown Columbia, but our air fryer is also a few degrees cooler than downtown Columbia in the summertime. It’s probably best to save Midlands explorations for the October to April months.

UPSTATE HIKES

Sue’s take: We like to frequent the state parks near Greenville and Travelers Rest. Caesars Head, Jones Gap and Table Rock state parks are in the same geographic area, have many trails, and they are all connected. We’ve found wonderful trails in and around all three parks. My favorite: The Dismal Trail to Raven Cliff Falls in Caesars Head. It is strenuous, challenging, at times fittingly-named, but well-worth the effort to discover the great waterfall setting to enjoy lunch and a rest.

Tom’s take: I have to go with Table Rock for two reasons: The views at the top of the trail are the best in the state; and the name “Table Rock” implies that lunch will be served once we make it to the top. Of course, it is the same food we brought with us, but even peanut butter and jelly sandwiches taste exceptional when you’ve spent hours hiking to the top of a mountain.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Sue’s take: There are so many options in the Lowcountry and throughout the state for a great hike. While nothing beats the convenience and accessibility of our local Daniel Island trails, it’s fun and rewarding to explore the entire state.

Tom’s take: In these days of remote work, zoom calls and binge-watching entire seasons of the Mandalorian in one sitting, it’s easy to forget that just beyond our front doors is the whole outside. So, go on through that door, find a dog to walk, and hike a trail. Just beyond the next bend there could be an amazing sunrise, a waterfall, an otter playing in a creek, or an ice cream shop. You never know what you’ll find until you get out there and explore!



SUZANNE DETAR

The 6.9 mile, 2,316 foot elevation gain out and back trail to the top of Table Rock offers this gorgeous view.



TOM WERNER

The Awendaw Passage is the last stretch of the mountain-to-sea Palmetto Trail and meanders along the Intracoastal Waterway.



TOM WERNER

This lighthouse is one of the many highlights of a hike through Hunting Island State Park near Beaufort.

IAAM gallery to honor SC Congressman Clyburn following \$1M donation

PROVIDED BY INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

The International African American Museum (IAAM) has announced that South Carolina Congressman Jim Clyburn will soon receive an honor befitting his lifelong service to the state.

Clyburn, (D) represents District 6, which includes areas along Clements Ferry Road and the Cainhoy peninsula.

Clyburn, 82, the first chair of the IAAM board and a long-term museum supporter, will be honored in the Carolina Gold Gallery, which will bear his name. He has served 15 successive terms, where he is currently serving as House assistant Democratic leader and previously served twice as majority whip. He is the third-ranking House Democrat.

The dedication gift was made by Lynne Dobson and Greg Wooldridge of Austin, Texas, whose foundation, Tejemos, supports social justice and civil rights causes, constitutional freedoms, and education. The highly anticipated museum is set to open in 2023.



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South Carolina District 6 Congressman Jim Clyburn (left) and Lynne Dobson, founder of Tejemos, a private foundation from Austin, Texas, that provides grants to support social justice and civil rights causes, constitutional freedoms and education.

“My hope is that those who visit will leave with a more complete understanding of African American and American history,”

Clyburn said.

Dobson, daughter of the Whataburger restaurant founding family, created the Tejemos Foundation with her husband in 2020. She met Clyburn at a luncheon in Austin in the spring of 2022.

“Rep. Clyburn has always inspired me with his many years of devoted public service for our country, especially his tireless work to ensure that the needs of Black Americans are heard, and their contributions are recognized,” Dobson said. “We are passionate about supporting people and institutions like IAAM, who are dedicating resources to exposing injustice and telling the whole truth of our history.”

The Carolina Gold Gallery, which includes both the Carolina Gold Exhibit and the Memories of the Enslaved Exhibit, offers a look at the transformative impact of enslaved people whose labor shaped and built the lucrative rice industry. Carolina Gold, a variety of African rice, was a staple in South Carolina until the late 1920s. The exhibit not only examines the root of the plantation systems, but it also acknowledges the inge-

nuity that Africans, from the western region, brought to this nation. Through perseverance and resistance, African Americans were able to engineer the community and shape the geography and economy in the Lowcountry.

The gallery examines the brutality of chattel slavery by utilizing the experiences of these people while demonstrating the idea of turning exploitation to triumph. A notable object illustrative of that time is “Ashley’s Sack,” which is on loan to IAAM from the Middleton Foundation.

Ashley’s story is that of a 9-year-old enslaved girl who was sold in Charleston in the mid-1800s and then separated from her mother, Rose. Knowing the separation was coming, Ashley’s mother gave her a cotton sack filled with a tattered dress, pecans, and a braid of Rose’s hair. Although she never saw Ashley again, the sack would later become an intergenerational connection to Rose’s descendants when it was handed down to Ruth Middleton, Ashley’s granddaughter. In 1921, Ruth embroidered her story on the sack, and it has come to be known as “Ashley’s Sack.”



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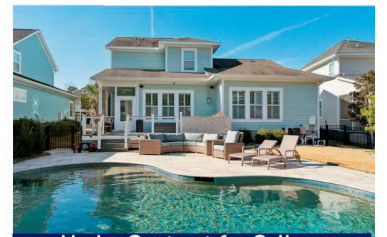
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Everlasting Love

Longtime married couples on DI offer love advice

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As Valentine's Day approaches, cards, candy and flowers are everywhere – each filled with hopeful expressions of everlasting love. But what is the ultimate secret to a love story that lasts a lifetime?

Three Daniel Pointe Retirement Community couples with a combined 199 years of marriage experience, provided insight into the secrets of successful unions. Their formulas for love's longevity ranged from faith and family to keeping a sense of humor.



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH
Bill and Emie Mehard will welcome their first great-grandchild in July.

'GRIN AND BEAR IT'

High school sweethearts Bill and Emie Mehard have been married for 67 years. After raising three children, one who passed, and welcoming grandkids, the couple fondly remembers their early years, including their first kiss at a Pennsylvania mill. A picture of the McConnells Mill still hangs in their bedroom – keeping the memory alive.

After more than six decades, the memories are plentiful, from romantic recollections to special stories. Bill loves to recount the story from a trip the two took while he was in the military. In Spain, they stopped alongside the road to admire some of the 100-year-old trees.

"She wanted to know where were the olive trees that had the red things inside and that became a running joke," Bill laughed. "It's good to have little jokes between you. Emie was quick to respond, 'Of course, I knew right away it came out of my mouth wrong, but it was too late!'"

Bill's advice for people starting out? Keep finances in focus. "We were never in debt, except for a mortgage, but outside of that we always saved. Most people don't save today and don't have a nest egg. Start off right in your marriage, don't get stymied over money and don't overextend yourself."

Emie said a successful marriage needs to be a 50-50 thing. "Sometimes it doesn't work out that way, you often just grin and bear it, but there's lots of rewards and we're still together. There's so many people who don't have anyone."

The family continues to grow and Emie is grateful for a life filled with love. "We

are blessed. Our granddaughter is going to have a baby in July and our grandson is going to be married in October. When you're a couple, you have all this great happiness together. I never thought I'd be a great-grandma."

'DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF'

Carolyn and Neal Alexander met in college when she was a senior and he was in graduate school. The two attended a social event at a fraternity house and struck up a conversation. He asked her out to dinner; it was the start of their everlasting love story.



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Carolyn and Neal Alexander have been married for 67 years. Their secret to marriage is not sweating the small stuff.



After raising three children and welcoming grand-children and great-grandchildren, the couple has learned a lot about making a marriage work. Carolyn shared her simple advice. "Just roll with the punches, don't worry about what's happened, it'll pass. And don't sweat the small stuff." Neal agreed, adding, "It's all small stuff. This advice is almost embarrassing because it's so simple!"

The couple credits their parents with helping them start out on the right path. "Our parents have a lot to do with our success. Both our parents set a good example for us," Carolyn said. "Two things that are very important in marriage are family and church and we tried to instill that into our children," Neal said. "And it worked! We've been married 67 years and our children have all been married almost 40 years themselves, so between the two of us we have 200 years of



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Bill and Emie Mehard met in high school when they were both seniors.

marriage." After almost seven decades, there are no awkward silences between the two. Sometimes, the language of love doesn't need words. "Last night we were just sitting around, she was reading and I was thinking we don't have to have a conversation every minute," Neal explained. "We don't feel



MARIE ROCHA-TYGH
Three couples from Daniel Pointe Retirement Community prove that happily ever after isn't just in fairy tales.

forced to talk, we enjoy just being with each other. And you know there's nobody I'd rather spend time with."

'DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY'

Juanita and Bud Moon's love story begins in Spartanburg, where the two were elementary school friends.

Bud's family moved away when he was about 10, but the couple met up again when he was working at a store his freshman year in college and Juanita and her mother came into the shop. He recognized her mother and they began talking. Juanita asked him if he wanted to see the new church sanctuary with her. Without hesitation he immediately said, yes.

"I knew within two weeks that I wanted to continue our relationship," Bud said. "I was starstruck!"

Even though the couple went to different colleges almost 100 miles away, they made the relationship work. "She came home extra during those two years, and I knew she was special," Bud added.

Married 65 years, the couple raised two daughters and were blessed with four grandchildren. Through it all, the couple remains devoted to each other.

"We've always had a lot of fun," Bud

said. "We have never screamed at each other. We had our disagreements of course, but the secret is don't go to bed angry. We try to settle everything before bedtime and 99% of the time it works." Juanita agreed.

When Bud traveled on business and speaking engagements, Juanita usually came with him. Bud's sense of humor kept him in demand as a speaker and in 2007 he wrote a book, "Observations from the Moon." It is filled with witty stories showcasing his sense of humor. That sense of humor has helped sustain their relationship. "He always keeps me laughing," Juanita said.

The couple was "over the moon" when their two daughters arranged a surprise vow renewal at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration during a family trip to Hawaii.

"It was such a surprise," Juanita added. "Our daughters planned the whole ceremony, we had no idea. It really was the trip of a lifetime that we got to share with our whole family."

For these three couples, happily ever after isn't just something from a fairy tale. All three have discovered the secret to everlasting love.



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Long before they were married, Juanita and Bud Moon were friends in elementary school. Juanita Moon says Bud still keeps her laughing after all these years.



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Legacy enshrined

BE's Khouri inducted into SC Coaches Hall of Fame following victorious career

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Local coaching icon Ed Khouri, who established the Bishop England High School's boys' soccer program as one of the best in South Carolina over the course of his tenure as head coach from 1994 to 2022, was recently inducted into the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame following his retirement in December 2022.

Khouri, who recently retired after an illustrious career, is one of only five boys' coaches in South Carolina history to reach 500 career victories. He finished his career with 513 victories. His

teams accounted for 14 of Bishop England boys' varsity soccer's 17 state championships.

"I am very grateful that our boys got to grow up with Coach Khouri and his coaching," said Brian Michel, father of two BE alumni, whose sons were coached by Khouri. "He helped them with their self-esteem and self-worth more than he knows. And he did that by pushing them to be their best and to be part of something bigger than themselves. He built a tradition and culture like no one else."

Khouri's successful soccer program was one of the reasons national media outlets Sports Illustrated, USA Today, and



CRAIG MCLAUGHLIN

Retired Bishop England High School boys' soccer coach Ed Khouri (top left) finished his career with 513 victories. His teams accounted for 14 of 17 state championships from 1994-2022.

MaxPreps have ranked Bishop England among the state's top athletic programs over the course of his career. He has received many accolades including being the Adidas NSCAA National Coach of the Year in 2007. Khouri has been the South Carolina Coach of the Year 10 times. Many of his

former players have gone on to play professionally at the highest level in the United States and internationally.

Earlier in his career, Khouri served as an assistant with the Charleston Battery, was the architect of numerous local club programs and teams, and is the



PROVIDED/BISHOP ENGLAND

Former Bishop England High School boys' soccer coach Ed Khouri was recently inducted into the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame.

founder of Daniel Island Soccer Academy (DISA), formed in 2006 as a feeder to local high school soccer programs. His vision of developing and mentoring youths locally has provided a positive outlet for them in the community to learn not only soccer skills but life skills as well.

Bishops, Iron Horses ready to dance as playoffs emerge

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Why wait for March Madness when you can experience a February Frenzy?

That was the case for the Bishop England High School girls' basketball team as it played its regular-season finale against Academic Magnet on Feb. 7.

That same night Timberland and Oceanside Collegiate Academy played for all the region marbles. Timberland entered the Region 7-AA finale with a 6-1 region record, while Oceanside was 5-2 as were the Bishops.

The final night of league play determined the champion and seeding order.

The Bishop girls owned a 14-10 record, but have heeded coach Paul Runey's mantra that it's not how you start the season, but how you finish. The Bishops responded with eight wins in their last 11 games heading into the finale against Magnet.

The Bishop girls picked up an impressive 56-51 victory over Oceanside as they rallied from a 22-20 halftime deficit to win on the road. Izzy Wood led the win with 22 points while Lissie Van de Erve chipped in with 12.

The Bishops aren't the only Daniel Island school to head to the big dance, which begins with first-round play Feb. 14 with a field of 32 teams in each of the five classifications and concludes with the state championships the weekend of March 2-4.



JEEP MCCABE

Bishop England junior guard Andrew Pride (right) fights for a loose ball against Oceanside Collegiate Academy last Friday. The Bishops lost to the Landsharks 73-52.

BE BOYS HOOPS

The Bishop boys finished second in Region 7-AA as Oceanside claimed first place.

The Bishop boys were on the wrong end of a 73-52 decision against the Landsharks. The Bishops played even on the road, with a 12-12 tie at the end of the first stop. But the Landsharks broke open the game by outscoring the Bishops 29-9 in the second quarter.

Andrew Puckhaber led the Bishop with 16 points while Jack Van de Erve tallied 12.

The Bishops will be a No. 2 seed in the playoffs, which means a home game in the first round.

Wrestling wrapped-up early

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Both Bishop England and Philip Simmons qualified for the state duals, but neither squad advanced far.

Bishop England was ranked No. 9 in Class AA and received a first-round bye. The Cross Trojans topped the Bishops in the second round.

Meanwhile, Philip Simmons, ranked No. 18 among Class AAA schools, according to scmat.com, fell to Gilbert in the first round.

PS BOYS HOOPS

Meanwhile, the Philip Simmons boys team locked up a second-place finish in Region 8-AAA behind Beaufort. The Iron Horses were 13-10, 5-2 in league play heading into the Feb. 7 regular-season finale against Battery Creek.

PS GIRLS HOOPS

The Iron Horse girls just might be the team with the most momentum heading into the playoffs. Coach Dustin Williams' squad reeled off seven consecutive victories heading into the finale. They owned an 18-4 record and a perfect 7-0 record in conference play, which gives the Iron Horses the region title regardless of their Feb. 7 encounter against Battery Creek.

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About Kelce: Both teams feature brothers who played at Cleveland Heights. Jason Kelce is a lineman for the Eagles, while Travis, who happens to be the best tight end in the business, plays for the Chiefs.

About Fort Dorchester: The Patriots produced some incredible players in the 2000s and at the top of that list just might be Carlos Dunlap and Robert Quinn, who teamed up as starting defensive ends for the Patriots. Dunlap plays for the Chiefs, and Quinn, you guessed it, plays for the Eagles after a mid-season trade from the Dallas Cowboys.

My esteemed editor, Zach, asked me to share my opinions on who just might win Super Bowl LVII, whatever LVII means.

That's easy, a no-brainer. The winner of the Feb. 12 glamor game pitting NFC entry Philadelphia Eagles and the AFC's Kansas City Chiefs will feature a player from Cleveland Heights High School with the last name Kelce.

Not only that, but get this: The winning team will also feature an all-pro defensive end who just happened to play up the road from us at Fort Dorchester High School.

It will be that type of Super Bowl as a team from this country's biggest megalopolis faces a team from a part of America known as the Paris of the Plains on an Arizona desert battlefield.

Predicting a Super Bowl can be tough, especially if you let your imagination run wild. What if a starting quarterback goes down with an injury early? Or, what happens when a stout defense runs out of gas late in the game.

Every Super Bowl has an angle and this one has plenty of them including the Kelces, the Fort Dorchester defensive ends and oh yeah, Kansas City's coach, Andy Reid, who just happened to coach the Eagles from 1999-2012, where he was unable to win a Super Bowl.

The Chiefs are making their third appearance in the Super Bowl in four years. They won the big game in 2020, lost to Tampa Bay in 2021 and did not make it last season as the Cincinnati Bengals won the AFC championship.

This year's Super Bowl comes down to quarterbacks. Patrick Mahomes is the best in

the business – west of Cincinnati – and led the Chiefs to a monumental 31-20 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in the 2020 Super Bowl that was accentuated by an impressive rally directed by Mahomes.

Mahomes will battle the Eagles' Jalen Hurts, who will attempt to gain super elite status as one of the NFL's next generation of great quarterbacks.

Mahomes was able to rally the Chiefs past the Bengals in the AFC championship for a controversial victory over Cincinnati.

This weekend, Mahomes still won't be at 100 percent, and the Chiefs won't be going up against an average defense like the Bengals presented.

The Eagles have the best defensive line in the business and will put pressure on Mahomes all day. The pass defense is solid; however, the Eagles' run defense is flawed.

It won't matter as the Eagles will jump out to an early lead, forcing the Chiefs to take to the air. In the meantime, Hurts will rock and roll the football world and gain the Super Bowl MVP as the Eagles claim a 27-21 victory.



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Fishing for tips



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

In early January, Brody and I were fishing. A boat with a couple of guys on it stopped and asked Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog) for a stock tip.

To my surprise, Brody recommended buying Tesla. A stock that had seen significant erosion in share price and market capitalization.

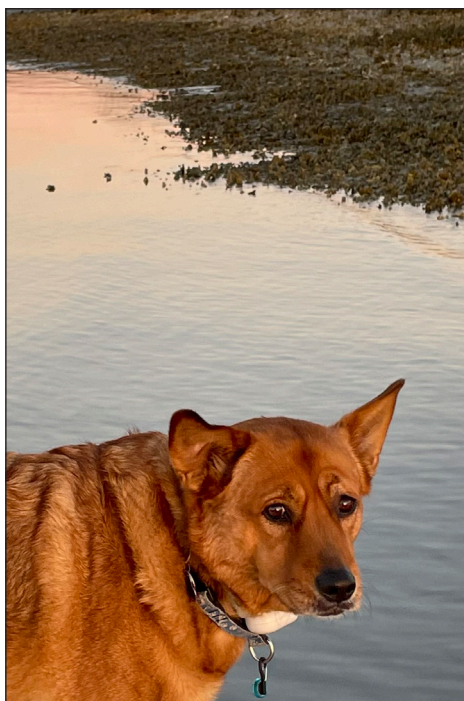
So, I quickly reminded Brody's fans that he is not licensed with the American Kennel Association or the Securities and Exchange Commission. He is simply a dog that fishes with me a lot. The fans laughed and went on their merry way.

Fast forward to Friday, Jan. 3. Brody and I are once again fishing. The same two guys stop and are super excited to see Brody.

They asked permission to pull alongside. When they got close to my skiff, they handed me several bags of beef jerky (Brody's favorite treat). They told us that as a joke, they each purchased a few shares of Tesla, and their shares went up dramatically in value.

The beef jerky was in appreciation for Brody's stock tip. After a few laughs and a reminder that Brody is just a dog, I went back to fishing. Brody started eating beef jerky and was absolutely no help in finding fish.

After several minutes of searching for



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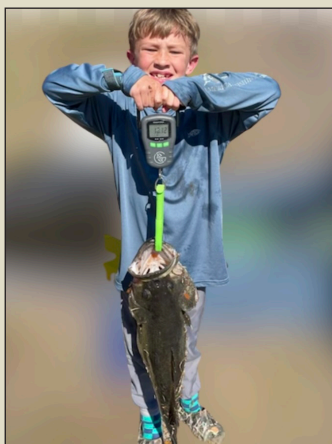
Brody takes a break from eating beef jerky and finding redfish.

redfish in shallow water, Brody pulled his head out of a beef jerky bag and jumped onto the bow of the boat. I figured he was going to throw up or point out some fish.

Thankfully, it was the latter. A school of redfish was adjacent to a shallow oyster bar. I cast my lure to the fish and hooked up. Brody returned to eating beef jerky.

It took a few minutes to land the redfish. When I asked Brody to take my picture, he was fast asleep. Apparently, in a beef jerky-induced coma. With my fish-finding dog out of commission, I laughed and called it day.

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



Lucky fishing spot kept secret

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Daniel Island 8-year-old Denver Stier caught a 10-pound bass recently at an undisclosed pond on the island. Stier declined to share the location of the lucky spot in order to keep it a family secret.

If you would like to share your fishing pictures, send them to zach@thedanielislandnews.com.



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Robert Musso beats Quackie, wins ducks



Robert Musso

Enter by 5 p.m. on Friday at [surveymonkey.com/r/M3CHWZW](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M3CHWZW)

Robert Musso is no stranger to winning the Pigskin Pick 'Em or to winning ducks. This week, Musso again beat "Quackie" with the Daniel Island Rotary. He won the tiebreaker.

Musso, a Daniel Island resident for the last 10 years, is now happily retired.

"I've been doing this contest for several years now

and really enjoy trying to pick the winners, and then watching the games over the weekend," Musso said. "The contest makes it a lot more interesting watching the games."

Musso added, "Over the past few months, I've used about every option trying to pick the winners each week and usually spend a couple hours going over the

matchups, without much luck. So this time, I used the old flip-a-coin for my selections on the games that were tossups (no pun intended). And lady luck was with me!"

Now it's finally Super Bowl Week and time to make your last football picks of the season! Want to play? Enter the above link in your URL for the last chance to win this season. To be eligible to win, you must select your entries online by 5 p.m. on Friday. There is no cost to enter.

The paper will be donating \$500 to the charity of choice of the sponsor who has the best overall win-loss record at the end of the season.

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164-85

BALLOT:
For the week of
February 9, 2023

PROFESSIONAL GAMES

Eagles vs Chiefs
Leading Passer:
Patrick Mahomes
Leading Rusher: Isiah Pacheco
Leading Receiver: DeVonta Smith
Leading Tackler: TJ Edwards
Leading Sacker: Haason Reddick
First kicker to score:
Harrison Butker
Team with the most punt return yards: Eagles
First team to score: Chiefs
First team to recover a turnover: Eagles
MVP: Jalen Hurts
Over/Under 49.5

Chris Mingleдорff & Michael Patterson
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160-89

BALLOT:
For the week of
February 9, 2023

PROFESSIONAL GAMES

Eagles vs Chiefs
Leading Passer:
Patrick Mahomes
Leading Rusher: Miles Sanders
Leading Receiver: AJ Brown
Leading Tackler: Nick Bolton
Leading Sacker: Haason Reddick
First kicker to score:
Harrison Butker
Team with the most punt return yards: Chiefs
First team to score: Eagles
First team to recover a turnover: Eagles
MVP: Jalen Hurts
Over/Under 49.5

Ashley Severance
Atlantic Properties

155-94

BALLOT:
For the week of
February 9, 2023

PROFESSIONAL GAMES

Eagles vs Chiefs
Leading Passer:
Patrick Mahomes
Leading Rusher: Miles Sanders
Leading Receiver: AJ Brown
Leading Tackler: Nick Bolton
Leading Sacker: Haason Reddick
First kicker to score:
Harrison Butker
Team with the most punt return yards: Chiefs
First team to score: Chiefs
First team to recover a turnover: Eagles
MVP: Jalen Hurts
Over/Under 49.5

Nancy Crick
Carolina One

153-96

BALLOT:
For the week of
February 9, 2023

PROFESSIONAL GAMES

Eagles vs Chiefs
Leading Passer:
Patrick Mahomes
Leading Rusher: Jalen Hurts
Leading Receiver: AJ Brown
Leading Tackler: Chris Jones
Leading Sacker: Chris Jones
First kicker to score:
Harrison Butker
Team with the most punt return yards: Eagles
First team to score: Chiefs
First team to recover a turnover: Eagles
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Daniel Island Real Estate



152-97

BALLOT:

For the week of
February 9, 2023

PROFESSIONAL GAMES

Eagles vs Chiefs
Leading Passer:
Patrick Mahomes

Leading Rusher: **Miles Sanders**
Leading Receiver: **DeVonta Smith**
Leading Tackler: **TJ Edwards**
Leading Sacker: **Haason Reddick**
First kicker to score:
Harrison Butker

Team with the most punt return
yards: **Eagles**
First team to score: **Chiefs**
First team to recover a turnover:
Eagles

MVP: **Jalen Hurts**
Over/Under 49.5



Luke Billman
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147-102

BALLOT:

For the week of
February 9, 2023

PROFESSIONAL GAMES

Eagles vs Chiefs
Leading Passer:
Patrick Mahomes

Leading Rusher: **Kenneth Gainwell**
Leading Receiver: **AJ Brown**
Leading Tackler: **TJ Edwards**
Leading Sacker: **Nick Bolton**
First kicker to score:
Harrison Butker

Team with the most punt return
yards: **Chiefs**
First team to score: **Chiefs**
First team to recover a turnover:
Eagles

MVP: **Patrick Mahomes**
Over/Under 49.5



"Quackie"
Rotary Club of Daniel Island



142-107

BALLOT:

For the week of
February 9, 2023

PROFESSIONAL GAMES

Eagles vs Chiefs
Leading Passer:
Patrick Mahomes

Leading Rusher: **Kenneth Gainwell**
Leading Receiver: **Travis Kelce**
Leading Tackler: **Justin Reid**
Leading Sacker: **Haason Reddick**
First kicker to score:
Harrison Butker

Team with the most punt return
yards: **Chiefs**
First team to score: **Eagles**
First team to recover a turnover:
Eagles

MVP: **Jalen Hurts**
Over/Under 49.5



Phil Bowman
Daniel Island News
Sports Writer

Daniel Island News

136-113

BALLOT:

For the week of
February 9, 2023

SUPER BOWL GAME

Eagles vs Chiefs
Leading Passer:
Jalen Hurts

Leading Rusher: **Isiah Pacheco**
Leading Receiver: **Travis Kelce**
Leading Tackler: **Reed Blankenship**
Leading Sacker: **Carlos Dunlap**
First kicker to score:
Harrison Butker

Team with the most punt return
yards: **Chiefs**
First team to score: **Chiefs**
First team to recover a turnover:
Eagles

MVP: **Jalen Hurts**
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February Author Series to feature Civil War historical fiction

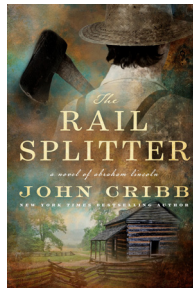
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Historical fiction novelists John Cribb and Rebecca Dwight Bruff will present their novels featuring heroic figures from the Civil War era at February's Daniel Island News Author Series. The event is set for 7 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the theater at Daniel Point Retirement Community. Reserve your spot at bit.ly/3JGFH8i.

"The Rail Splitter" by John Cribb

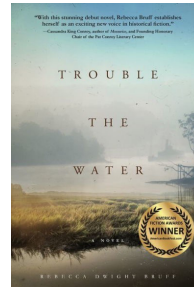
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heroes. Walk beside Lincoln through the pages and experience his challenges, loves, and heartbreaks. Part coming-of-age story, part adventure story, part love story, and part rags-to-riches story, "The Rail Splitter" is the making of Abraham Lincoln. The story reminds us that the country Lincoln loved is a place of wide-open dreams where extraordinary journeys unfold.

"Trouble the Water" by Rebecca Dwight Bruff

Inspired by the life of an unsung American hero, "Trouble the Water" navigates the rich tributaries of suffering, hope, courage, and redemption. At the age of 12, Robert Smalls is sent to work in Charleston, where he loads ships and learns to pilot a cotton steamer. When the Civil War



John Cribb



Rebecca Dwight Bruff

erupts and the cotton steamer on which he is enslaved becomes a confederate warship, Robert seizes the opportunity to pursue freedom for himself and the people he loves.

From his illiterate childhood to his thrilling escape to freedom, from his work to make South Carolina the first state to guarantee public education to his final days on the porch of his family home — "Trouble the Water" will engage readers, delight history lovers and biographical fiction fans, and invite thoughtful reflection, discussion, and learning.

March 23 event – The invention of the sports bra

The March Author Series event will be held at 4 p.m. at the Meyer Vogl Gallery.

Lisa Lindhal, the creator of the first sports bra (now in the Smithsonian), will discuss her memoir, "Unleash the Girls: The Untold Story of the Invention of the Sports Bra and How It Changed the World." Joining her to discuss the book is Kathy Meis, owner of the publishing technology company Bublish, which was instrumental in bringing the book to market.

Series sponsors and benefactors

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Single-family residential subdivision slated for Seven Farms Drive

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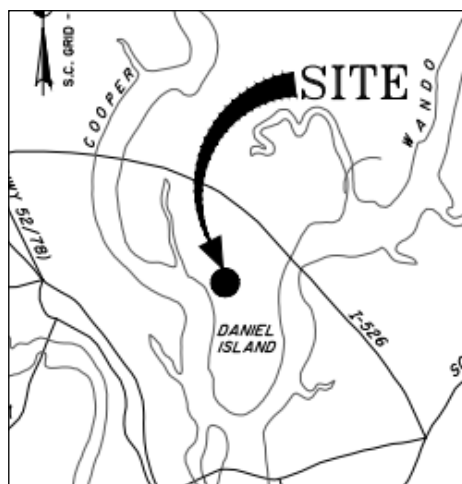
More detailed agendas and results can be found at charleston-sc.gov/agendacenter.

UPCOMING

CITY OF CHARLESTON TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Feb. 9: A site plan at Mikasa Apartments (Aventon) on Clements Ferry Road for the construction of five multifamily residential buildings (320 units), clubhouse and parking lot.

Feb. 16: A plat and road construction plans for a 20-lot single-family residential subdivision at 509 Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island.



A vicinity map for a 20-lot single-family residential subdivision at 509 Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island.

RESULTS

Feb. 2: A major subdivision road development plan at Cainhoj Del Webb on Clements Ferry Road and Cainhoj Road for 164 single-family residences. **Results:**

Pending final documentation to T&T, Engineering, MS4, GIS, and Planning. Once approved, submit Road Plans to Engineering for stamping.

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.

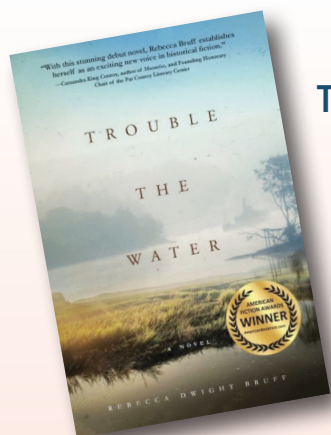
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City of Charleston Design Review Board meets the 1st and 3rd Mon. of every month at 4:30 p.m.

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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Historical Fiction - Civil War Era Rebecca Dwight Bruff & John Cribb

Wednesday | February 22 | 7 p.m.

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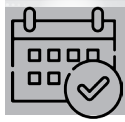


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February 2023

BOOK STUDY

The Lowcountry Faith Community Leadership Council is offering a study of the book, "What's Your Story? Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes" by Sarah Heath, each Tuesday evening from Jan. 14 - Feb. 14, from 6:30-8:30 pm, at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dan Freemyer, pastor at Providence Church, will be co-leading this book study. A program for children ages kindergarten through 5th grade will also be offered and will be led by Rev. Allison Benfield, Associate Pastor, Providence Church. For more information, please contact Rev. Dan Freemyer, dan@providencecharleston.org; 843-971-5275.

WINDOWS INTO HEAVEN

The Saint Clare of Assisi parish community is hosting "Windows into Heaven" with Dr. Denis McNamara, a renowned expert on beauty and church architecture, on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Bishop England High School Performing Arts Center. Enjoy a reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6:15 pm. followed by Dr. McNamara's keynote presentation at 7 pm. All are welcome! Visit clare.church/windows for details and free tickets.

VALENTINE'S MAKING PARTY

Join Stroll Daniel Island on Feb. 11 from 10 am to noon at the Pierce Park Pavilion for the second annual Valentine's Making Party! Just bring yourself and your creativity. Art supplies provided to make cards. Extra cards will be delivered to the residents of The Oaks and Wellmore. All are welcome, no registration is needed.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Clare's Parish and Bishop England High School are hosting a blood drive on Sun., Feb. 12. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be parked in the BE parking lot, 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code "stclare." For more information, email christinelark@gmail.com.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In recognition of Black History Month, join the Daniel Island Historical Society on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7-8 pm, at the Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island, for a discussion about the powerful book

"Ukweli: Searching for Healing Truth." Free.

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. Thurs., 9-10 am at DI Recreation Center. Contact Teresa Donohue dicommunityyoga@gmail.com.

DANIEL ISLAND CONNECT

Fifty-plus age group hosts a potluck dinner and social every third Thursday, 6-8 p.m., at Overture Daniel Island. Call Kathy 502-387-3046 for more info.

DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

The Daniel Island Garden Club's next meeting is Wed., Feb. 8, at 3 pm. The new location is Holy Cross Church and not the annex. Presenter is Ella Cowen from Sea Island Savory Herbs on Johns Island. The topic is "Growing Herbs in the Low Country." Contact info: Cheryl Boyle, Dinofives@aol.com.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB

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

DI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In recognition of Black History Month, join the Daniel Island Historical Society on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 7-8 p.m., at Church of the Holy Cross on Daniel Island, for discussion about the book "Ukweli: Searching for Healing Truth," hailed as one of the most important literary compilations on race in decades. Serving as guest speakers for the program will be local author/journalist Herb Frazier, who co-edited the book, and one of the book's contributors, Steve Bailey, who spent 30 years as a journalist at The Boston Globe and is now a regular contributor to The Post and Courier's op-ed page. The church is located at 299 Seven Farms Drive on Daniel Island. For more information, visit dihistorical-society.com.

DI INSHORE FISHING CLUB

Meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Boat owners, non-boat owners. Family friendly. Call/text Bill at 919-418-3220.

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LIBRARY CLUB EVENTS

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; Deep-thinkers 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.

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The next DINA Membership Meeting will be held on April 19, 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

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. 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.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF

DANIEL ISLAND

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

MASTER GARDENER Q&A

Will resume the first Monday of March 2023. DI Library, 4-6 pm.

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 "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 Professor Hilliard Rudisill, now retired on Daniel Island. Call Claire 843 754-5492 or email claire@eduave.com.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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

ROTARY CLUB OF DI

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

SOUTH BERKELEY

DEMOCRATS

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

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. Join the church on the third Wednesday of each month at New Realm Brewing. 7:30-9 pm. Free admission.

TOASTMASTERS

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WILLINGWAY'S

"CONTINUED CARE GROUP"

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., from 9:30-10:30 am, a free vinyasa flow yoga class is offered at Smythe Park. Bring a yoga mat, water and a smile. Donations are welcomed.



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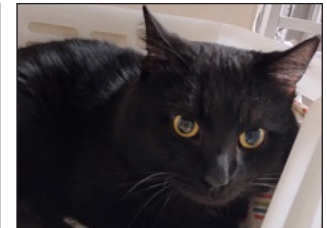
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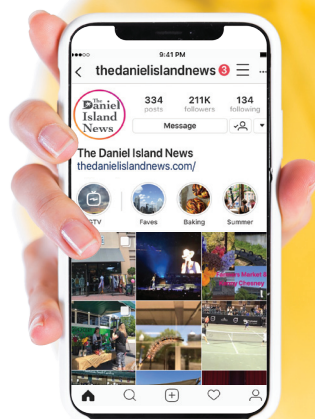
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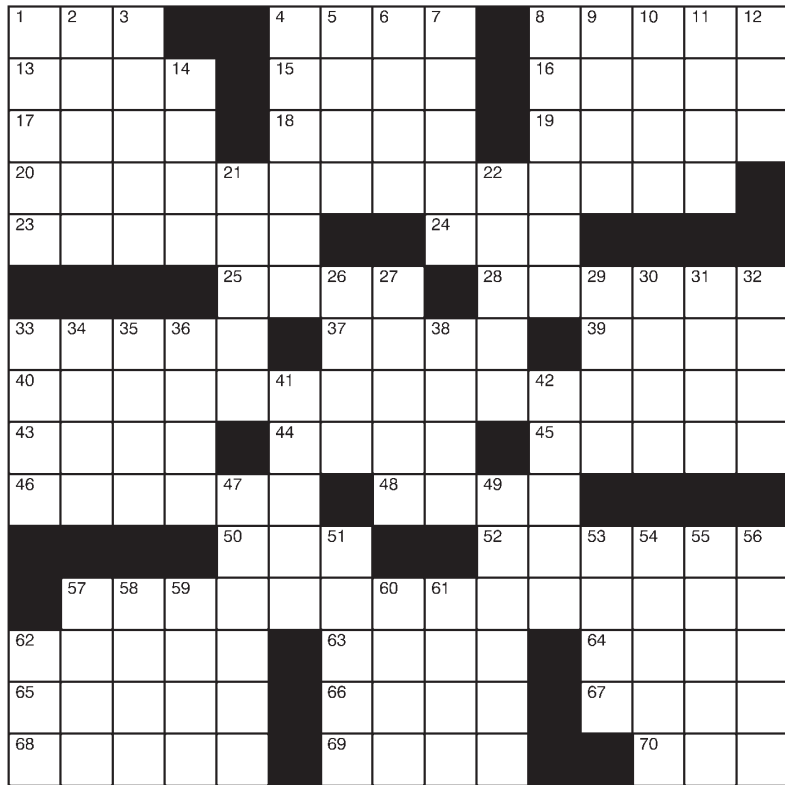
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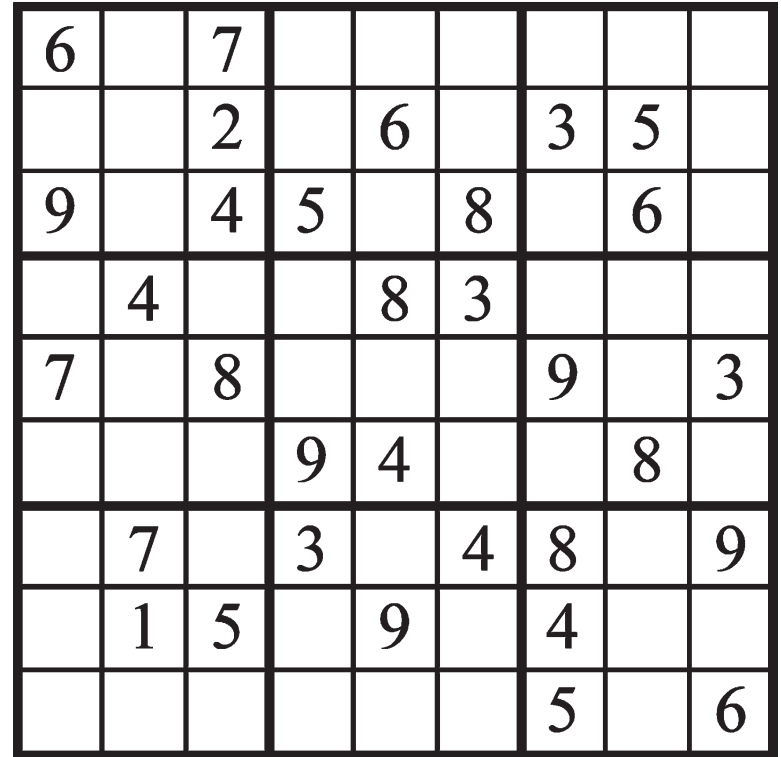
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- 20 Author of famous equation at 57
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- 62 Laissez- ____
- 63 Ballerina wear
- 64 Obey

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- 65 Passion
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- 67 To be, to Brutus
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- 69 Lease
- 70 Part of HRH
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- 2 FL citrus center
- 3 Allurement
- 4 Cure-alls
- 5 Singer Brickell
- 6 French roast
- 7 Inebriated
- 8 Capri's Blue ____
- 9 Put on the payroll
- 10 "____ want for Christmas . . ."
- 11 Night light
- 12 Author Rand
- 14 Diminutive suffixes
- 21 "The mouse ____ the clock"
- 22 The ____ Madelon Claudet, 1931 Helen Hayes flick
- 26 Loom frame
- 27 Where sinners go
- 29 ____ arms
- 30 Leslie Caron role

- 31 Sieben follower
- 32 London gallery
- 33 Sphere start
- 34 ____ she blows!
- 35 Abominable Snowman
- 36 Greek peak
- 38 Found's partner
- 41 Expunge
- 42 German industrial town
- 47 ____ uno
- 49 Exculpate
- 51 Fall bloom
- 53 Poor, as an excuse
- 54 Kind of stew
- 55 Perfume
- 56 More eccentric
- 57 Trading center
- 58 Neap or ebb
- 59 Use a mangle
- 60 Preserve
- 61 Anna, who played Nana
- 62 Mi followers

Let's Have Some FUN



Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Past Irregularities

Irregular verbs do not follow a typical pattern. Can you guess the past participle of the following irregular verbs?

	Infinitive	Past	Past Participle
1.	ring	rang	_____
2.	do	did	_____
3.	put	put	_____
4.	drive	drove	_____
5.	burst	burst	_____
6.	eat	ate	_____

Don't bother to ring me anymore...



Ritznow

Answers: 1. rung, 2. done, 3. put, 4. driven, 5. burst, 6. eaten

MYSTERY PHOTO CONTEST

CONGRATS TO LAST WEEK'S WINNER: JOHN PANCOAST



John Pancoast

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest from Feb. 2 is John Pancoast. He correctly identified the picture as the Daniel Island Real Estate Office Sales Gallery on River Landing Drive.

Pancoast has lived on Daniel Island for eight years with his wife, Priscilla. After retiring, they moved to Daniel Island to be closer to their daughter and her family.

"We enjoy the friends we have made," Pancoast said. "We appreciate the historical role and importance of all the people who have lived here. Something new to discover every day."

"Being part of our grandkids' lives is a joy," Pancoast added.

Congratulations also to Don Haven, Robert Peiffer, Karen Fedder and Kathie Harvey who answered correctly.

Compiled by Katherine Smith,
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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."

Books can be picked up at The Daniel Island News office, 225 Seven Farms Drive, Suite 108.

CAN YOU GUESS THIS WEEK'S PHOTO?



If you recognize the photo above, please send your answer, along with your phone number, to mysterypic@thedanielislandnews.com by noon on Saturday, Feb. 11. The winner with the correct response be announced in next week's paper.

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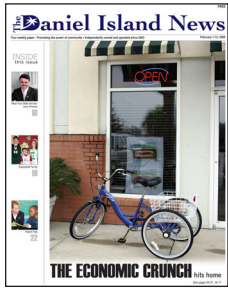
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Fifteen, Ten, and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Feb. 7, 2008



Daniel Island business owners shared their thoughts on the island's commercial health. The official Daniel Island website at the time described the island's commercial district as a "vibrant downtown" with a "unique mix of shops and businesses." However, when the island's retailers and restaurant

owners were asked if they agreed there was a mixed bag of answers. Some were overwhelmingly positive when describing business on the island, and yet others had been largely disappointed. In fact, many businesses that were spotlighted in the article have since closed. There was mention of a steadfast restaurant on the island that weathered the economic hardships during those years. The numbers remained good for Laura Alberts Tasteful Options, a thriving restaurant business on Island Park Drive.

Then-Sen. Larry Grooms answered questions about what he saw as important issues at the time.

TEN YEARS AGO

Feb. 7, 2013



In honor of Valentine's Day and to show community support for victims of Hurricane Sandy in the New England area, resident Kate Maas coordinated an effort between the Daniel Island School (DIS) and a school in the Rockway area of Queens, New York. DIS stepped up to "show some love" to their newly

adopted Belle Harbor School, also known as PS/MS 114. The facility suffered extensive damage after Sandy, including the loss of all art supplies and materials. Maas organized a local campaign to collect art supplies for the school.

In other school news, Daniel Island Academy received the "Spare The Air - Outstanding School" award at a ceremony held in January 2013 at the school. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control recognized Daniel Island Academy as an environmental leader that has made a voluntary commitment to promote and practice air quality improvement in South Carolina.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 2018



After a marathon planning process that included multiple community feedback sessions, the new Daniel Island Recreation Center was sprinting towards the finish line. The long-awaited complex was set to begin rising in Governor's Park later that year. Today, the center is thriving, having

officially opened on Aug. 9, 2021. It is being used in many different capacities and is an asset to the island.

In school news, it was reported that the number of students out of school due to flu or flu-like symptoms at Daniel Island School and Philip Simmons Middle School was high enough for both schools to report a potential "influenza outbreak" to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). The student populations impacted at both facilities could be as much as 20 percent, based on SCDHEC's reporting guidelines.

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