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# 'I chase methane'

## DI entrepreneur talks gas conversion at speaker series

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Marc Fetten calls himself “a recovering accountant” by trade, but these days he’s in the business of chasing things far smaller than numbers on a balance sheet.

“I chase really small things for a living,” Fetten told the Daniel Island Club audience at the Daniel Island Speaker’s Series on Sept. 17.

“Things you can’t see, things you can’t touch, things you can’t smell, but things you’re probably somewhat familiar with. I chase CO2 (carbon dioxide), and I chase methane.”

The Daniel Island resident founded GreenGas USA six years ago, a company that captures methane from organic waste streams – everything from farms to food processing plants – and converts it into

energy in the form of renewable natural gas, known as RNG.

That gas is then injected into pipelines, displacing fossil fuels and cutting greenhouse emissions.

Processes like this, Fetten noted, have been happening in Europe for more than 30 years, but the U.S. has lagged behind.

Fetten illustrated just how potent these gases are with a simple demonstration: in the 100,000 cubic feet of the Daniel Island Club ballroom, the carbon dioxide present would fill 80 balloons.

The methane?

A single balloon.

“Why do we care about CO2 and CH4 (methane)? Well, they’re considered greenhouse gases, and they are rumored to contribute to global warming,” he explained. “Methane, as a matter of fact, has a global warming potential that’s 85 times greater than CO2.”

It’s methane, he said, that often gets overlooked. Left alone, decomposing organic matter, from manure to vegetable waste, releases it into the atmosphere.

“If we did nothing at all, we would be producing methane,” Fetten said. “So what we do is instead of letting all that methane emit to the atmosphere, we capture it, and



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**Marc Fetten of GreenGas USA shared how methane from organic waste can be transformed into renewable energy at the DI Speaker’s Series on Sept. 17.**

we make a fuel out of it.”

The numbers are staggering. From a single company’s waste stream, GreenGas can capture enough methane in one day to fill 1.6 million balloons. That’s half a billion balloons a year. “That’s enough methane to power every home in Daniel Island Park,” Fetten said.

The process reduces methane emissions by up to 85% compared to traditional waste management practices. Their current operations in 2025 have prevented 283,000 metric tons of CO2 from entering the atmosphere,

and the company aims to reach 556,000 metric tons by 2026, he said.

GreenGas USA has grown from a startup backed by Fetten’s own home mortgage into a multi-project operation with 12 sites across the country and four in South Carolina.

“We work with customers that have decided that it’s better to use renewable natural gas than fossil natural gas,” he said.

The process goes beyond capturing methane. GreenGas has also developed technology to purify CO2 from waste streams, repurposing it for uses like refrigeration, dry ice, or beverage carbonation.

Despite grim statistics surrounding global warming, Fetten rejects the narrative of doom.

“I don’t believe we’re on the verge of mass extinction,” he said. “I’m not going to sit here and tell you we’re in the middle of a climate crisis when it’s 75 degrees outside, we just watched the sunset, and it’s gorgeous.”

Instead, he closed with a message of gratitude and purpose.

“I’m thankful to leave a legacy of making significant positive environmental impacts at a scale that matters. To commit to a mission and purpose that leaves the planet in a better place than where I found it.”

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What has followed is truly one of the Lowcountry's great success stories. Today, Daniel Island is home to nearly 15,000 residents, with another 8,000–10,000 people coming here each day to work, go to school, and enjoy this unique place. The island is filled with thriving neighborhoods, a nationally recognized golf club, parks, trails, shops, and businesses — all part of a master plan that has unfolded beautifully over the past three decades.

From the very beginning, Daniel Island Real Estate has been honored to play a central role in this journey as the real estate brokerage subsidiary of the master development company. Our team of dedicated Realtors has helped more than 4,000 families find their place here — whether a home, townhome, condo, or home-site. Each sale was never just a transaction; it was another step in building the fabric of this community we all treasure.

As the development of Daniel Island enters its final chapter, we are making an important change. Daniel Island Real Estate will no longer be in the general brokerage business. Instead, we will devote our full energy to completing the last residential neighborhood on the island — The Retreat.

The Retreat is made up of 62 special marsh and deepwater homesites. Only 14 remain available, and several custom homes are already under construction. After these remaining homesites are sold, Daniel Island Company will have officially completed the sale of every residential homesite on the island.

We share this news with deep appreciation for the trust, support, and friendships that have been built along the way. It has been our privilege to serve this community, and while our role is changing, our pride in what has been created — and our excitement for what's still to come — remains as strong as ever.



With gratitude,  
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# August sales dip a bit compared to July, but homes are still selling

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August showed a small drop in Daniel Island home sales compared to the previous month as buyers purchased 18 homes compared to 23 in July.

Six of the properties sold were priced under \$800,000, with the remaining 12 selling at \$1.2 million and higher. The highest-selling home was 27 Watroo Point at \$5.3 million. The lowest: 130 River Landing Drive, Unit 7106, at \$292,000

As of Sept. 15, 56 homes are up for sale and 31 are under contract.

“This tells us properties are selling,” said Renee Reinert of Carolina One Real Estate.

Of those 31 homes under contract, eight are under \$1 million, 16 are priced between \$1 million and \$3 million, with the remaining selling at \$3 million or more.

“We are seeing more price adjustments with prices continuing to slightly adjust down a little more,” Reinert said.

“Price that home according to the market, and it will sell.”

| Month       | DI Homes Sold Per Month |      |      |      | Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month |               |               |               |
|-------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|             | 2022                    | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2022                                | 2023          | 2024          | 2025          |
| January     | 32                      | 21   | 24   | 15   | \$31,722,900                        | \$30,478,015  | \$39,768,900  | \$31,004,275  |
| February    | 21                      | 12   | 18   | 15   | \$26,962,940                        | \$12,278,500  | \$44,064,646  | \$29,665,000  |
| March       | 38                      | 19   | 25   | 30   | \$47,581,769                        | \$33,002,153  | \$37,717,567  | \$55,306,500  |
| April       | 34                      | 25   | 27   | 25   | \$45,284,139                        | \$41,784,300  | \$56,836,000  | \$51,217,200  |
| May         | 34                      | 36   | 36   | 35   | \$52,184,737                        | \$54,607,975  | \$70,444,400  | \$59,380,250  |
| June        | 30                      | 30   | 30   | 23   | \$44,261,525                        | \$56,576,160  | \$60,970,500  | \$39,987,900  |
| July        | 14                      | 25   | 40   | 23   | \$29,707,500                        | \$36,919,032  | \$64,952,400  | \$37,501,400  |
| August      | 22                      | 22   | 25   | 18   | \$35,597,327                        | \$33,646,299  | \$45,617,000  | \$31,850,950  |
| September   | 30                      | 26   | 19   |      | \$44,069,749                        | \$41,327,400  | \$29,435,000  |               |
| October     | 16                      | 31   | 22   |      | \$22,021,005                        | \$49,493,910  | \$40,804,500  |               |
| November    | 12                      | 10   | 23   |      | \$14,639,805                        | \$14,627,000  | \$38,841,400  |               |
| December    | 10                      | 19   | 17   |      | \$7,903,422                         | \$27,809,500  | \$30,153,400  |               |
| YEAR TOTALS | 293                     | 277  | 306  | 184  | \$401,936,818                       | \$432,550,244 | \$559,605,713 | \$335,913,475 |

| AUGUST 2025 HOME SALES                |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 126 Balfour Drive .....               | \$3,050,000 |
| 1962 Bellona St.....                  | \$2,500,000 |
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| 300 Bucksley Lane #102....            | \$485,000   |
| 116 Cartright St. ....                | \$1,225,000 |
| 404 Cattle Ranch St. ....             | \$2,725,000 |
| 996 Cochran St.....                   | \$1,258,000 |
| 300 Ginned Cotton St.....             | \$2,485,000 |
| 301 Ginned Cotton St. ....            | \$2,035,000 |
| 458 Lesesne St. ....                  | \$2,841,950 |
| 1625 Oak Leaf St. ....                | \$1,575,000 |
| 130 River Landing Drive #3202 - ..... | \$320,000   |
| 130 River Landing Drive #6207 - ..... | \$470,000   |
| 130 River Landing Drive #7106 - ..... | \$292,000   |
| 260 Seven Farms Drive #306 - .....    | \$560,000   |
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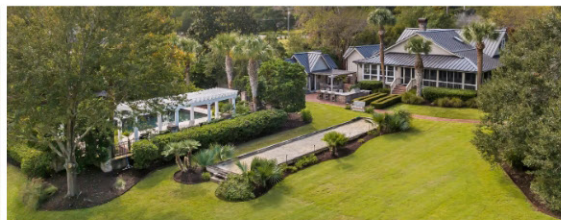


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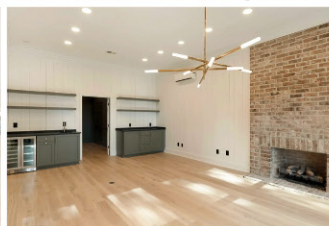


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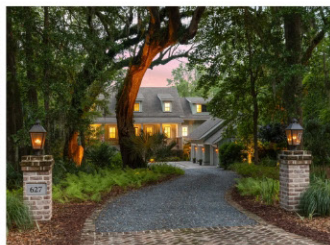
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# Oscar Family Fun Night shines bright at Daniel Island School

**DANIELLE LOFLAND**

Daniel Island School PTA

Daniel Island School was buzzing with excitement as families gathered for one of the most beloved traditions of the year: Oscar Family Fun Night.

At the heart of the event was an opportunity for families to sit together, share a meal, and catch up with neighbors and friends. For many, it was the perfect pause in the busy back-to-school season and a reminder that sometimes the simplest traditions are the sweetest.

But dinner was just the beginning. The real excitement kicked in when the bingo cards came out. Each "B-I-N-G-O!" was followed by cheers and applause. From young students to parents and even grandparents, everyone was caught up in the thrill of the game.

Beyond bingo, the evening offered activities for every age. The playground and gym were alive with energy as kids dashed between games of gaga ball and four-square. The library was bustling with excitement from the book fair, and the spirit wear table was filled with families pur-



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**From bingo to gaga ball, Oscar Family Fun Night brought Daniel Island School families together for food, fun, and community.**

chasing DIS merchandise for the school year.

What made Oscar Family Fun Night so special wasn't just the spaghetti or the bingo or the activities; it was the sense of connection. Parents mingled with teachers outside the classroom setting, while students darted from table to

table with friends. Volunteers worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and their efforts showed in every smiling face.

A special thank you to our DIS band students who played during the event and the middle school students who volunteered their time to set up, run activities, and clean up. And a huge thank you to the volunteers who helped plan the event, greet families, and help with the overall event operations.

Events like the Oscar Family Fun Night are reminders of why Daniel Island School is more than a place of learning. It's a place where friendships grow, families connect, and laughter is always part of the fun. Families are already looking forward to next year's celebration of food, fun, and community.

Oscar Family Fun Night was brought to families by the Daniel Island School PTA. Interested in supporting the Daniel Island School PTA? Visit [dispta.org](http://dispta.org) for more information. All membership and sponsorship funds directly support academic and community enrichment programs benefiting Daniel Island School.

## Do you have the 5 traits of extra-mile leaders?



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**DOUG DICKERSON**

*"There are no shortcuts on the extra mile."* – Zig Ziglar

Bob Kuechenberg, the former Miami Dolphins great, once explained what motivated him to go to college.

"My father and uncle were human cannonballs in carnivals. My father told me, 'Go to college or be a cannonball.' Then one day, my uncle came out of the cannon, missed the net, and hit the Ferris wheel. I decided to go to college."

The way you tap into your motivation as a leader may not be as drastic for you as it was for Bob Kuechenberg, but tapping into it is necessary nonetheless. Going the extra mile as a leader is what will set you apart from the rest of the pack and will take you farther than you could have without it.

So what traits do extra-mile leaders possess? Here is a sampling of a few that I believe are essential. It's not an exhaustive list, but it is a good

place to start.

**EXTRA-MILE LEADERS ARE PROACTIVE**

Extra-mile leaders take the initiative in getting things done. They prefer to tackle issues head-on rather than assume a reactionary posture. Extra-mile leaders are out front on understanding the culture of their organization and the needs of the people they serve. They don't wait to be told or asked; they see what needs to be done, and they do it.

**EXTRA-MILE LEADERS HAVE CONTAGIOUS ENTHUSIASM**

What sets extra-mile leaders apart from mediocre leaders is a passion and enthusiasm for what they do. Their attitudes are positive, and their temperament is even-handed. An extra-mile leader in your organization with enthusiasm and passion will be the benchmark for the rest of your team. Without extra-mile leaders, your work will be challenging, but with them, your team can see extraordinary results. Extra-mile leaders bring out the best in those they serve.

**EXTRA-MILE LEADERS PUT THE TEAM FIRST**

Extra-mile leaders, by and large, are selfless in that their motivation and their proactive

ways are done with the intent of benefiting the team. Yes, there can be exceptions when what motivates an individual is selfish in nature. But by and large, extra-mile leaders have a broad understanding of the mission and vision of the organization, and their extra-mile sacrifices are for the benefit of the group. Of course, it pays dividends in the long run, just like all hard work and effort do, but it's not the prime motivation. Extra-mile leaders put their colleagues first.

**EXTRA-MILE LEADERS EXUDE EXCELLENCE**

Extra-mile leaders are not satisfied with the status quo, nor do they settle for what is merely acceptable. Extra-mile leaders have a compelling desire to be the best personally and professionally. At times, it can be misinterpreted by those without the extra-mile mentality as self-serving, grandstanding, or posturing. Still, at their core, the extra-mile leader cares deeply and truly wants to advance the team in the right direction.

**EXTRA-MILE LEADERS HAVE PURPOSE**

Extra-mile leaders have not only tapped into

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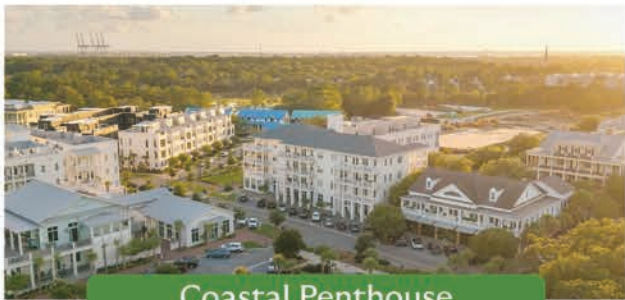
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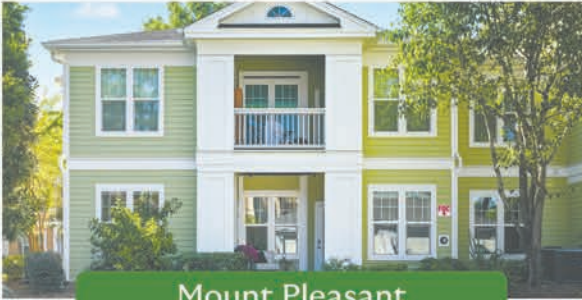
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# Daniel Island Real Estate restructures as island's development nears completion

*Company downsizes, plans to market final 14 lots*

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Daniel Island Real Estate announced last week that it is restructuring and winding down its operation.

“The company will be stepping away from the broader brokerage business to focus solely on marketing and selling the island’s last residential neighborhood – The Retreat,” DIRE said in a press release.

Development of Daniel Island began nearly three decades ago when the Daniel Island Company purchased much of present-day Daniel Island from the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.

DIRE was formed as an affiliate of the Daniel Island Company and acted as the de-



**JEFF LEONARD**  
**DIRE PRESIDENT**

veloper’s exclusive broker.

Over the past 28 years, DIRE real estate agents sold more than 4,000 homes, homesites, townhomes, and condominiums, according to the press release.

Current DIRE agents will remain with the company until they place their licenses with another office, with a goal to transition by mid-October.

“This transition marks both the close of

an extraordinary chapter and the beginning of a new focus,” said Jeff Leonard, president and broker-in-charge of Daniel Island Real Estate. “Daniel Island Real Estate is proud to have played such a central role in the island’s story, and we look forward to completing it by continuing to connect families with the rare opportunity to build at The Retreat.”

“The Retreat consists of 62 exceptional marsh and dockable deepwater homesites, with only 14 remaining. Several homes are under construction, including one sold at a price exceeding \$10 million, underscoring the rarity and value of this final offering,” the DIRE press release said.

Daniel Island is zoned for approximately 7,500 residential units. It includes a 36-hole golf club with courses designed by Tom Fazio and Rees Jones and more than 2 million square feet of retail, office, and commercial space.

According to DIRE, it is home to nearly 15,000 residents, with another 8,000 to 10,000 people coming to the island each day to work and attend school.

For more information about available homesites or continuing operations, please contact Jeff Leonard at DIRE.

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their passion but have also taken it a step further in discovering their purpose. Extra-mile leaders intuitively understand that it’s not about what they do that defines them or motivates them to go the extra mile. Extra-mile leaders are those who have embraced the blessing and gift of their Creator and have committed themselves to live their lives in such a way that honors it.

Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard said, “There is nothing with which every man is so afraid as getting to know how enormously much he is capable of doing and becoming.”

What you are capable of becoming as an extra-mile leader is realized when you worry less about what you do and care more for the life you have to live and how you can serve others. When you do, the results will speak for themselves.

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Side by side at this address, Ali Baba Deli & Catering and the recently opened Wings Co. share more than just a wall; they share an owner, Samir Elzabidi, with deep ties to food and family tradition.

Ali Baba has been a Daniel Island staple since 2009, serving Mediterranean favorites like chicken shawarma, gyros, kebabs, and more than 40 fresh salads displayed in large deli coolers. The Elzabidi family's recipes, passed down through generations, remain at the core of the restaurant's success.

"We love sharing fresh Mediterranean flavors with our neighbors," said Elzabidi, who moved to the United States from Jordan in 1990. "Serving Daniel Island isn't just about food for us; it's about being part of a growing, supportive community that truly feels like home."

Earlier this year, Elzabidi expanded his footprint with Wings Co., the island's only wing-focused eatery. The quick-service restaurant specializes in crispy wings, hand-breaded chicken tenders, and bold flavors inspired by

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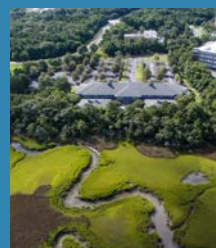
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Carolina traditions.

“At Wings Co., we enjoy bringing people together over fun food and great game-day vibes,” Elzabidi said. “At both restaurants, we take pride in using fresh ingredients, serving high-quality food, and making sure our guests enjoy quick and friendly service. What we enjoy most is seeing familiar faces return and getting to know the families who live and work here.”

Tropical Smoothie Cafe is a popular stop for made-to-order smoothies, wraps, flatbreads, and acai bowls, offering dine-in and carryout meals. Many families swing by after school for refreshing favorites like the Island Green or Sunrise Sunset.

Owner Jon Parkman said the smoothies and snacks here “fuel your body and brighten your day.”

“I love the genuine sense of connection on Daniel Island,” Parkman said. “People here truly support local businesses, value healthier choices, and create a welcoming atmosphere that feels like family. It’s rewarding to serve great food and smoothies to neighbors who care.”

The UPS Store provides residents and businesses with packing, shipping, printing, and mailbox services, along with a focus on personalized customer care.

Owned by Todd and Julie Erickson, the duo called the store their “baby” and said they bought it after a five-minute visit stroll around the store and nearby waterfront.

“We had no idea we were buying a store in such a great community,” Julie Erickson said. “Our customers are kind, patient, and appreciative. Customer service is the most important thing we request of all our employees, as we want our customers to be taken care of as efficiently as possible. We enjoy riding our bikes or walking and seeing our customers everywhere.”

House of Sage, a boutique owned by husband-and-wife team Chris and Erin Abagnale, brings effortlessly chic, boho-inspired fashion to Daniel Island.

Known for affordable and on-trend pieces, the store offers a mix of unique styles that appeal to a wide range of shoppers while emphasizing the value of shopping local.

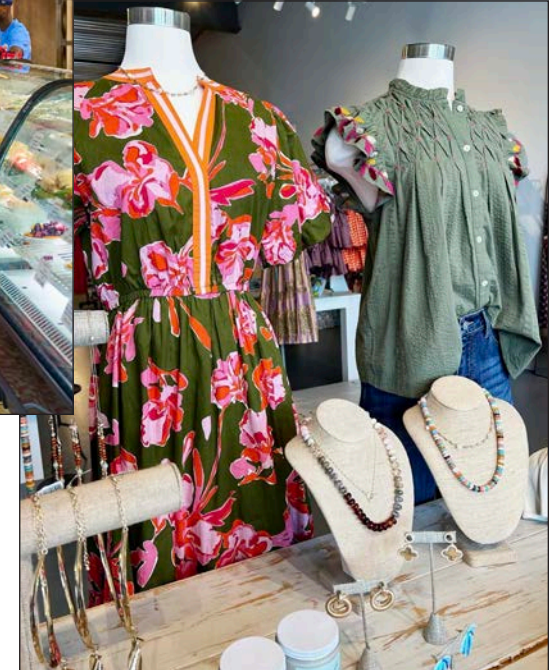
DI Nail Lounge offers a full range of nail and spa services, from manicures and pedicures to exfoliation, polish, and custom designs.

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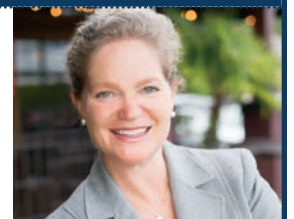
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# AI and...

## AI driving changes to the car-buying experience

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For decades, the car-buying process has been a formidable task – consumers trying to get the best deal, and dealerships trying to sort through unqualified leads and high staff turnovers.

But now, artificial intelligence innovation is zooming across the auto market to help create a winning situation for both parties.

From CarGurus.com to ChatGPT, AI can speed up transactions, improve transparency, and boost efficiency. Consumers can benefit from clearer information, while dealerships can connect with ready-to-buy customers.

CarEdge, an AI-based application, is designed to streamline the car-buying process by providing decision-making support and operational tools to the industry.

CarEdge co-founder and CEO Zach Shefska said he believes AI will strongly influence how people purchase automobiles.

“The system burns everyone out. AI is the key to bringing this industry into the 21st century,” Shefska said.

“We’re already seeing a massive shift, with 90% of dealerships experimenting with AI tools and 25% of consumers are using tools like ChatGPT to research their next vehicle. The way people access information is fundamentally changing, and car shopping is no different.”

Shefska said Agentic AI – a form of artificial intel-



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**Tyler Letson, operating partner at Mount Pleasant Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, said AI is helping his dealership streamline the auto-buying process.**

ligence with minimal human intervention – creates AI-generated agents that represent consumers and dealers, helping them secure qualified leads and close deals with knowledgeable buyers.

“Our AI agents interact directly with dealers to collect this data at scale, which no one has done before. Since launching in July, our agents have been deployed over 10,000 times and have mapped thousands of dealerships.”

Shefska says AI is an innovative way to provide dealers with firm leads, slashing the time frame spent with unmotivated buyers.

“We’re already seeing how AI agents improve negotiations, streamline research, and eliminate friction. The car-buying journey is one of the last major consumer transactions that still relies on outdated processes. We’re not just building tools, we’re reengineering the entire experience to benefit both sides.”

Tyler Letson, operating partner of Mount Pleasant Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, said AI helps his dealership operate efficiently. “More importantly, it allows us to spend more time where it matters – building relationships with our community and delivering a customer experience that feels honest, easy, and enjoyable.”

Letson also sees artificial intelligence as a tool to create more transparency and value for customers. “By using AI to analyze market data and pricing trends, we’re able to offer fair, competitive deals while giving shoppers confidence that they’re making the right choice.”

Using AI in the purchasing process can also remove a lot of the stress that comes with the car-buying experience, Shefska added.

“AI can replace the adversarial nature of car buying with a more transparent and efficient process, creating a new paradigm where both buyers and dealers can interact seamlessly and benefit,” he said. “Dealerships that embrace this change can escape the costly cycle of distrust, build lasting customer relationships, and ultimately thrive in a more efficient and fair marketplace.”



# Meet AI, your new coworker

*Artificial intelligence reshaping the workplace, but is it too*

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Not too long ago, artificial intelligence was a talking point in boardrooms.

Today, it's sitting at desks, joining team meetings, and drafting emails alongside millions of workers.

From newsrooms to marketing firms, AI has become a daily workplace tool praised for its speed, questioned for its risks, and still evolving in ways that promise to reshape how we work.

According to a 2024 survey by McKinsey & Co., a leading management consulting firm focused on improving corporate performance, 78% of organizations reported using AI in at least one business function, up from 55% in 2023.

Meanwhile, a recent Gallup poll found that 40% of U.S. employees use AI in their role a few times a year or more, nearly double the rate from two years ago.

Adoption spans industries: The New York Times tests AI for research and translation; legal firms scan case law; retailers rely on it for inventory and marketing; and tech companies embed it everywhere from product design to coding.

## WORKING SMARTER, NOT HARDER

For many businesses, the first benefit is saving time.

AI can transcribe meetings, summarize documents, generate marketing drafts, or analyze data in seconds. In software development, teams using generative AI report faster project completion, reducing the time between idea and finished code.

Trey Rust, founder of Charleston-based Pollen Social, explained how his digital marketing company leverages AI. "As a startup, we use it often for internal operations. AI is one of our primary areas of focus from a development standpoint within Pollen. We're also utilizing



multiple internal solutions that we are heavily relying on AI for note taking, transcribing, content creation, and knowledge base development."

Rust emphasized how AI helps businesses scale digital marketing. "We recognized early the challenge business owners and marketing managers have in managing the multitude of platforms and publishing outlets. Our first patent covers one-click content distribution via social media, email, and text, and the advancements and technology are allowing us to offer a solution now that is far more time efficient and approachable.

## AI'S ANXIETY FACTOR

Still, the rush to adopt AI hasn't come without costs.

Systems trained on historical data can reproduce bias, data security can be compromised, and outputs may be wrong, incomplete, or mechanically written.

Stylistic quirks – like overused em dashes or repetitive phrasing – can reveal machine-generated work.

Then there's the anxiety factor.

McKinsey surveys show that while many employ-

ees are excited about AI's potential, others fear it may replace portions of their jobs.

Rust doesn't see it that way. "AI does not replace key human capacities, but people and teams who leverage AI and new technologies effectively will have far greater capacity than those that do."

## USING AI RESPONSIBLY

Experts stress that companies must build guardrails for responsible AI adoption, including:

- **Human-in-the-loop oversight:** AI should support decisions, not make them unilaterally.
- **Data governance:** Organizations must define what information can and cannot be fed into AI tools.
- **Bias audits:** Testing outputs for fairness across demographics and contexts.
- **Transparency:** Employees and customers should know when AI is being used.
- **Training:** Workers need literacy in both how to use AI and how to recognize its limitations.

"When we implement applicable technologies, it improves workflows and makes complex processes more time efficient," Rust said. "The key is applying features and technologies that are the right solution at the right place and time. With so many emerging technologies in AI, it becomes a challenge in determining what is right for implementation vs. what is not the right fit."

## WORK REIMAGINED

AI in the workplace is both a promise and a provocation. It can promise efficiency, speed, and new capacity, but it can also provoke questions about fairness, oversight, and what it means to be human in a world where machines draft the first version.

The organizations that will thrive aren't the ones that chase every tool, but the ones that use AI thoughtfully, treating it as an amplifier of human work, not a substitute.



# Teaching tool or shortcut?

## How Berkeley County schools, local colleges are implementing AI

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When a teacher in Berkeley County sits down to plan a lesson, chances are they're no longer doing it alone.

Artificial intelligence is starting to lend a hand, from generating quiz questions to helping draft lesson outlines. While there's plenty of debate about its future role in the classroom, district leaders say AI is here to stay.

"As superintendent, I firmly believe that embracing generative AI in our classrooms can revolutionize the educational experience for both teachers and students," said Berkeley County School District Superintendent Dr. Anthony Dixon.

"Generative AI can assist teachers by automating administrative tasks, allowing them to focus more on personalized instruction and student engagement. For students, it opens up new avenues for creative problem-solving and critical thinking."

To guide that vision, this summer BCSD released "AI Navigator: A Guide for BCSD Educators," a playbook for teachers and students on how to use AI responsibly.

The district said the guide "marks the beginning of BCSD's ongoing efforts to empower our educators, students, and families with the knowledge and skills to harness the potential of generative AI responsibly and innovatively."

The district's guidelines stress that AI is a supplement, not a substitute.

Teachers are urged to double-check for bias or errors, keep student data private, and treat AI output as a draft – the "80-20 approach," where human judgment supplies the final polish.

The need is clear, according to the district.

BCSD found that teachers spend about 50 hours a week working, yet less than half of that is with students. By offloading administrative work to AI, the district hopes to give teachers more time for direct instruction.

### GAME-CHANGER IN THE CLASSROOM?

Generative AI works by training large language models, or LLMs, on massive datasets, enabling them to generate tailored content.

For teachers, it can mean lesson blueprints or feed-

back suggestions; for students, tutoring-style help and new ways to explore material.

BCSD and other Lowcountry districts are experimenting with platforms like Magic School AI, which creates lesson plans aligned to state standards and coaches students through writing.

Younger students are seeing tools like the ABii app, an adaptive tutoring program that tracks progress, even eye movements, and pauses lessons when kids lose focus.

In a video introducing its AI Navigator program, BCSD posed the question, "Why can't teachers be supported to notice changing student needs and be provided with support to enact a technology-rich lesson plan? When things change in a classroom, as they always do, why don't the tools of the classroom make it easier for teachers to adapt to student strengths and needs on the fly?"

For homeschoolers, AI can also be a quiet game-changer.

"I use AI to create practice quizzes and come up with reading questions," said Marisa Gomez, a Daniel Island homeschool teacher to her kids. "It doesn't replace the lessons I teach, but it saves me hours of prep time and lets me focus on actually working with my kids one-on-one."

### AI BENEFITS VS. AI ABUSE

The potential benefits of AI can be striking: personalized learning, faster feedback, enhanced creativity, and efficiency for overworked educators.

But schools aren't blind to the risks.

AI could tempt students into plagiarism, perpetuate societal biases, or raise privacy concerns if misused.

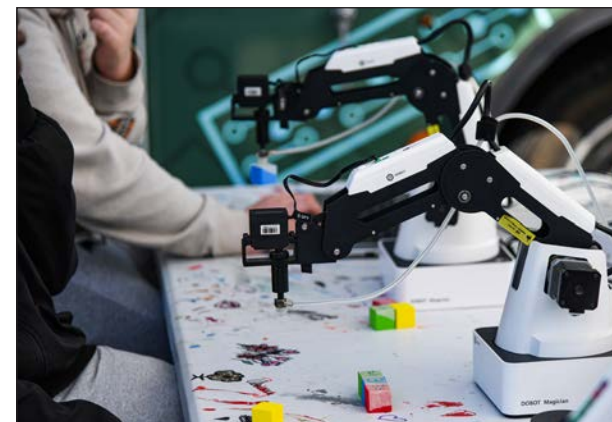
"AI will be used to support educational goals under the guidance of school staff, enhancing learning without replacing students' intellectual work," BCSD stated.

### COLLEGES QUICK TO ADAPT AI

Higher education is moving quickly, too.

At the College of Charleston, an AI chatbot identifies students at risk and connects them to resources. The Charleston School of Law trains students in AI for e-discovery.

"AI has been used for years," law professor Allyson Haynes Stuart said. "Students have the opportunity to be fluent in AI processes that can help automate other



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**Students are diving into coding, robotics, and AI-powered tools at the district's Full STEM Ahead program.**

tasks as well, while remaining aware of the limitations inherent in using AI."

Nearby, The Citadel is embedding AI literacy across campus, ensuring cadets and faculty alike understand both the possibilities and the pitfalls.

The Medical University of South Carolina is going a step further, launching an AI-integrated online Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies program this fall.

"By integrating AI into the program, we are providing students with the tools to drive health care innovation, improve patient care, and lead within their communities," said Dr. Lauren Gellar, who directs the MUSC program.

### HUMAN AT THE CORE?

For Superintendent Dixon, the message is clear: AI is a tool, not a takeover.

"I do not believe this is an opportunity to replace quality planning of instruction, teaching, learning, or analysis of student data to increase student outcomes," he said. "Rather than shying away from this innovation, we are seizing the opportunity to enhance learning, foster growth, and cultivate a generation of tech-savvy, innovative thinkers."

Across schools and universities, the technology may be changing fast, but educators say they are determined to keep learning rooted in something no algorithm can replicate: the human connection.



# Iron Horses bounce back from early losses, now riding 3-game winning streak

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The Philip Simmons High School football team didn't push the panic button after opening the season with back-to-back losses. If the Iron Horses pushed anything, it was the fast-forward button as they began to play at a frenzied pace.

The Iron Horses made Whale Branch High School their most recent victim of the offensive frenzy on Sept. 19. The Iron Horses exploded for 36 points in the second quarter en route to a 46-14 victory in a homecoming game played at The Phil.

It was the second straight week the Iron Horses had a quarter that was a textbook case of domination. On Sept. 12, the Iron Horses led Military Magnet 43-0 after one quarter and eventually posted a 71-0 victory.

Just like that, all is better in the Iron Horse football world after dropping games to Hanahan and Lucy Beckham, sur-rendering a combined 75 points in the first two games.

That wasn't what the Iron Horses worked for day after day in the summer, starting the season as the No. 7 team in Class AA.

But that hard work during the humid days is paying dividends. The Iron Horses are 3-2 at the halfway point of the season and have an open date this weekend. The Iron Horses will begin Region 6-AA action on Oct. 3 against an athletic Woodland High School team.



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**Linebacker Ethan Chisum, right, and quarterback Hayes Goddard trot to the sideline on Sept. 19, as the Iron Horses cruised to victory 46-14 against Whale Branch High School at The Phil.**

Coach Eric Bendig had 14 starters return from last year's team. But the Iron Horses showed some inexperience and

depth at certain positions in the early going.

"We had some inexperienced players who had not played a lot of meaningful downs," Bendig said. "We had some guys who had never played until this year. The guys kind of weathered the storm. We built confidence off of that."

The Iron Horses are averaging 36.6 points a game as first-year starting quarterback Hayes Goddard gains more experience, confidence, and success.

He completed 6 of 12 passes last fall and struggled with completion percentage early this season. But he has since responded in a big way. The junior had his best game of the season as he led the offense to 337 yards in total offense. Goddard completed 19 of 28 passing attempts for 251 yards and four TDs. He now has 54 completions in 111 attempts for 714 yards and nine touchdowns.

"He's a junior," Bendig said of Goddard. "Sometimes you get leadership from someone you might not expect because of their age. There's leadership tied to being a quarterback, and he's embraced it. He's a great leader, a great kid who has seen all the hard work pay off."

Junior Ashton Kellermann led the receivers against Whale Branch with eight receptions for 137 yards and a pair of scores. Another junior, Patrick Clark, was on the receiving end of five passes for 79 yards and two TDs.

Nate Elsey led the defense with 10 tackles, including two for a loss. Ethan Chisum was credited with seven stops.

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# 'Blue-collar' Bishops cruise to 4-0 start

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The Bishop England High School football team is off to its best start since the 2016 season after an impressive – and exciting – 40-23 victory over Porter-Gaud School in a battle known by locals as “The Holy War.”

The Bishops improved to 4-0 for the first time since 2016, when they opened the season with seven consecutive victories. They finished the year 8-3.

Bishop England extracted a bit of revenge after the Cyclones posted a win last fall. The Bishops now lead the series 19-9 following the conquest at Singleton Field.

“This group of young men behind me, they are an unbelievable group of young men,” coach Logan Hall told reporters after the game. “I am so proud not only for these guys, but I’m proud for our community, and I’m proud for our administration. This was a huge win; it was a program win. We wanted this one. They worked their tails off this summer. The sky’s the limit for this team.”

The Bishops gained 373 yards in total offense and played with confidence. They scored all five times they reached the red zone and were 5-of-9 in third-down conversions and converted their



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Long snapper Shepard Hulen, left, receivers Zach Balog and Hunter Alex, and quarterback Quinn Mahoney wear confident smiles after the Bishops' 40-23 victory over Porter-Gaud School in the annual “Holy War” rivalry.

only fourth-down conversion attempt.

The defense was superb, as the Cyclones managed only 219

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yards in total offense as the Bishops were credited for 13 tackles for a loss, while Hunter Alex, Zach Balog, and Knox Mahoney picked off passes.

The Cyclones got a heavy dose of Bishop England's “Killer T's,” a play on the Pittsburgh's Steelers' “Killer Bees” from the 2010s. The Killer T's include brothers Brody, Trevor, and Chase Tonon. They transferred from Philip Simmons to Bishop England in time for the season.

Brody and Trevor Tonon are almost like a tag team at their linebacker positions, while Chase Tonon is a leader in the secondary from his safety position. Trevor and Chase both led the team with 12 tackles apiece.

Brody did most of his damage from his running back position. He carried seven times for 54 yards and a TD. He also caught two passes for 79 yards, including a 60-yard catch and run for a TD on a wheel route that sealed the victory.

Quarterback Quinn Mahoney completed 50 percent of his 28 passing attempts for 216 yards and three TDs. He added 52 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

The always reliable Zach Balog caught four passes for 54 yards and a score. William Donato caught five passes for 59 yards and a score. He also intercepted a pass.

The Bishops will conclude the non-region part of the schedule this weekend with a home game against Woodland High School, a team with a 3-1 record and some very talented athletes.

What's next for the Bishops?

“We’ve got to go 1-0 next week,” Hall said. “We will be back on the grindstone Monday. We’re going to work. That’s how we do it. We’re a blue-collar environment around here.”





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# Polls rank Iron Horse, Bishop cross-country teams as cream of the crop

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The first poll of the high school cross-country season was released Sept. 21, and the Philip Simmons and Bishop England teams were well represented.

Both the Iron Horse girls and boys were ranked No. 1 in Class AA. The Bishop England boys were No. 1 in Class AAAA, while the girls were No. 2.

The Philip Simmons girls are seeking their fourth straight state title, while the boys won their first state crown last fall.

It could be more of the same when November rolls around. The Iron Horse girls dominated the field at last season's state meet, cruising past Academic Magnet, which was contested at Newberry College.

"Our girls have embraced that target on their back," coach Josh Michael said in a preseason interview. "The key is not to look back. They work to be on the big stage. When they find out who wins the 4-A, 5-A state championships, they want to race them.

They want to find out where they stand among the biggest and best."

The Iron Horses returned the top five female runners from last year's team: Avah Mallek, Flynn Taylor, Laura Perry, Lilah May, and Anna Alomar.

Meanwhile, the Iron Horse boys are in the top spot in the Class AA boys after claiming their first state title last season. That ended a string of three straight finishes as runner-up.

Matthew Perry, who finished ninth in the state as a freshman, is back for more. Brian Stambaugh and Grady Castiglia were

also all-state and should contribute in the Iron Horses' bid to repeat as state champs.

## BISHOP ENGLAND XC PREVIEW

The Bishop England boys and girls have enjoyed much success at the state level. The boys are seeking their seventh state title overall and first since 2021. They've finished runners-up six times. The girls are seeking their third title in four years. This fall is the 25th anniversary of the girls' first state title.

Coach Tony Colizzi, who built the BE program into a powerhouse, said there is no rivalry between the boys and girls. "We do not talk much

about rankings during the season," Colizzi said. "We tell them that the only ranking that really matters is the one at the end of the season. We talk about how their ranking is a result of the hard work they are putting in, but that is about the extent of our talk about rankings."

Grace Brahim, who finished third in the Class AAAA championship, is back for her senior year. Her sister, Nora, will also have a key role this fall.

Grace Buss, Caroline Wilson, Katie Cheverie, Sienna D'Agostino, and Addy Wood all have state experience.

Jackson Muller will lead the Bishop boys. Other returners include Ben Huntington, Andrew Curl, Gabe Hislop, and Jude Asmer.

The South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association conducts the poll. Unlike other sports, there is no preseason poll. The next rankings will be released Oct. 15. The final poll will be released on Nov. 2, following the conclusion of the state championships.



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# Ron DiBella nabs 11 of 12 Pigskin Picks, defeating VIP sponsor Gabe Jolly of Carolina One Real Estate



RON DIABELLA

Ron DiBella nabs 11 of 12 Pigskin Picks, defeating VIP sponsor Gabe Jolly of Carolina One Real Estate

Longtime Daniel Islander and DI News reader Ron DiBella topped the Pigskin Pick ‘Em field this week, securing 11 out of 12 wins to earn a \$50 gift card to Mac’s sports pub and grill, courtesy of VIP sponsor Gabe Jolly of Carolina One Real Estate, who went 6-6..

“I have lived on Daniel Island for over 20 years and have been playing ever since,” DiBella said by email. “If you check your records, this might be my fifth win.”

Originally from New Jersey, Dibella and his wife first retired to Florida but “decided it was not the place for us and settled on Daniel Island and have been happy ever since. A GREAT place to live and enjoy,” he said.

Will you be next week’s winner?

This week, the VIP sponsor to beat is Brannon Florie of Coach’s Canteen to win a \$50 gift card to Coach’s Canteen in Point Hope.

It’s free to enter! Just scan the QR code on the next page, or visit [bit.ly/DIN\\_football6](http://bit.ly/DIN_football6), or email [patrick@thedanielislandnews.com](mailto:patrick@thedanielislandnews.com) to get a weekly entry sent to you. Just be sure to submit your entries online by 5 p.m. this Friday!

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# Can you squeeze in fishing, shrimping, and hunting in one day?

In late September, options abound for outdoor-oriented people. Shrimping is in full swing. Falling water temperatures have the trout, flounder, and redfish feeding aggressively. Early teal season heralds the arrival of duck hunting. What is the avid outdoors person to do? For me, the answer is all of the above! On Friday, I did all three. It takes a lot of organization and equipment to fit shrimping, fishing, and duck hunting into a single day. Deep-hole shrimp net and ice. Check. Fishing rods rigged and ready. Check. Shotgun and teal decoys. That took a bit of looking, as I have not used them since last winter. But eventually, check. My old friend Tom Nawrocki helped me with the fishing part of the agenda. We launched the skiff in the late morning. Our plan was to catch an inshore slam. So, we needed to catch and release a trout, flounder, and redfish on the falling tide. Thankfully, we completed the inshore slam at our first stop. The trout, flounder, and redfish are feeding aggressively. Part two of the agenda was deep-hole shrimping. Elliott and I launched into the start of the incoming tide. We ran to the harbor and quickly found the shrimp in 35 feet of water. Elliott cast the deep-hole net a few times, and we had enough shrimp for dinner. We ran back to the dock, unloaded the shrimping gear, and loaded our duck hunting stuff. Then we were off to the national forest. The weather was perfect. A nice breeze kept the bugs at bay. Sunset was beautiful. However, I did not see a single duck. Most probably because I fell asleep. Did I mention the national forest is quiet and peaceful? The perfect place for a nap! Late September has a bit of everything for outdoor-oriented people. Whether you fish, shrimp, or hunt, the best catch is time spent with your friends and family.



GREG PERALTA

Capt. Greg Peralta takes a photo of his old friend Tom Nawrocki holding a catch-and-release redfish to complete their inshore slam on a day full of outdoor activities.

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## City to review Cainhoy developments

Here are the developments before the various City of Charleston boards and committees this week, as well as results, if any, from the prior week's items specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. More detailed agendas and results can be found at [charleston-sc.gov/agendacenter](http://charleston-sc.gov/agendacenter).

### RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

*Sept. 18: Thomas Island Subdivision* – Concept plan for proposed 42-lot development on 17.99 acres at 100 Sands Preserve Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2750000004. Owner: Clouter Creek Reserve LLC. Ap-

plicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Zak Wortman, [zwortman@seamonwhiteside.com](mailto:zwortman@seamonwhiteside.com). Results: Revise and return.

*Sept. 18: Tuxbury Farm Subdivision* – Preliminary plat and road construction plans for proposed 83-lot mixed-use development on 15.1 acres at 2682 SC Highway 41, Cainhoy. TMS: B2630004042. Owner: Toll Brothers. Applicant: Hussey Gay Bell Zoning: Single-Family Residential/Diverse Residential. Contact: Les Phillips at [lphillips@husseygaybell.com](mailto:lphillips@husseygaybell.com). Results: Open pending delivery of Stormwater comments.

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## SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING EVENTS

### FALL ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES

Free live acoustic music at Waterfront Park, Thurs. through Oct. 23, 5-7 pm. Bring a chair or blanket and a picnic.

### DIBA NETWORKING EVENT

The monthly Daniel Island Business Association networking event will be held at The Retreat amenity center, on Thurs., Sept. 25, from 5 pm to 7pm. Food, drinks, networking sponsored by DI Real Estate. Register at [danielislandbusiness.com](http://danielislandbusiness.com).

### CLEMENTS FERRY NETWORKING

Thurs., Sept. 25, 5-7 pm, Paxton at Point Hope Clubhouse. Monthly networking for local business owners with refreshments, prizes, and connections. Register at [clementsferryconnection@gmail.com](mailto:clementsferryconnection@gmail.com).

### ARTS & CRAFTS VENDOR FAIR

Sat., Sept. 27, 11 am-3 pm, Overture Daniel Island. Open house festival featuring resident artists and crafters. Family friendly, kids welcome. Vendors are encouraged to join.

### TOASTMASTERS OF DI

Open House (in person) Sat., Sept 27, at the DI Library. Starts at 2 pm. Toastmasters Area Speech Contest on Oct 4; same location. Free and open to anyone interested in watching a Toastmasters meeting and speech contest.

### OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Fri., Oct. 3, 7-9 pm, Waterfront Park. Enjoy "Hotel Transylvania" under the stars. Bring blankets and chairs. Food vendors on site. Free, open to the public.

### 36TH ANNUAL BEACH/RIVER SWEEP

Sat., Oct. 4, 1-4 pm, DI Waterfront Park. Family-friendly cleanup to keep Daniel Island clean. Students earn service hours. Register on site by 11:40 am, cleanup begins at noon. Free. All ages welcome.

### POINT HOPE HARVEST MARKET

Sun., Oct. 19, 11 am-2 pm, Village Green. Celebrate fall with live music by Thomas Champagne, local vendors, food, lawn games, and special promotions from Point Hope businesses.

### PUMPKIN WALK

Sun., Oct. 26, 5:30-7:30 pm, Smythe Park. Enjoy a glowing Pumpkin Walk (drop off decorated pumpkins 1-3 pm), costumes, music, food, and family fun on the lawn.

### BARK IN THE PARK

Sat., Nov. 1, 10 am-2 pm, Waterfront Park. The 5th annual festival features food, music, kids' activities, and vendors. Free. Supports Charleston Animal Society-Berkeley Campus.

### 5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET

Sat., Nov. 8, 10 am-4 pm, Daniel Island Rec Center. Free entry and parking. Boutique-style market with up to 45 vendors offering unique holiday gifts, fine art, jewelry, home décor, clothing, pet products, chocolates, and more. 50/50 raffle benefits Random Acts of Kindness of the Lowcountry.

### DANIEL ISLAND TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters meetings are free, open to the public. Contact Bud 843-284-6291 or [clare@eduave.com](mailto:clare@eduave.com).

### ECCO FOOD DRIVE

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

### LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

Fri. at Guggenheim Terrace, 11 am-4 pm.

## REGULAR MEETINGS

### AA MEETINGS - CLEMENTS FERRY

King's Cross Church: Mon. and Fri. - 7:30 pm. Women's only meeting: Tues. - 8 pm. 2011 Clements Ferry Rd. 843-723-9633.

**AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND** Providence Church: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am. Church of the Holy Spirit: Speaker Mtg. Sat., 7 pm; 12 Step Mtg. Wed. 7:30 pm.

**AL-ANON** Al-Anon, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thurs., 7 pm at Providence Church on Daniel Island.

### BONE HEALTH TRAINING CLASS

Tues. & Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm. Strength and Balance for Bone Health class begins Sept. 16. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

**CORE STRENGTH & STABILITY** Mon., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. Improve balance, posture, and injury prevention with this all-levels class designed to support healthy movement. \$10. Contact 843-216-6366.

**CRAFTERNOONS** Crafternoons with Edie every 1st Fri. of the month from 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or [timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov](mailto:timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov).

**DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB** 3rd Mon., 8am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free. Contact Mark Smith at 843-442-8371 or Susan Chapman at 203-512-3929 for info.

### DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Grp: Tues. 1:30-2:30 pm; Needleworkers: 2nd & 4th Tues., 11:15 am; Deepthinkers Discussion Grp: Wed., 10:30 am - noon; Social Bridge Club: every Monday 1-4 pm.; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

**DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL** Non-denominational Christian worship services in the Theater of the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Drive. Deacon Ed Dyckman at [dyckman.edward@gmail.com](mailto:dyckman.edward@gmail.com) and 843-367-5647.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** Duplicate Bridge, ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr. Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required, 843-224-6778/843-209-1471.

**EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND** 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., [dixchangeclub.org](http://dixchangeclub.org).

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

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

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

**ROTARY CLUBS** The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am and on the second Tues. of each month at noon. The Cainhoy Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Ben Laaper, [ben.laaper@gmail.com](mailto:ben.laaper@gmail.com).

**SENIOR MEN'S GROUP** Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Daniel Island Rec Center. A free, relaxed weekly meetup for senior men to socialize and connect. Coffee and refreshments provided.

**SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS** Meets at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. [berkeleydems.com](http://berkeleydems.com).  
**STRONG & MOBILE FUNCTIONAL FITNESS** Sat., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. A class for active lifestyles, especially pickleball players, focused on strength and mobility for sport and real life. \$10. Contact 843-216-6366.  
**TAI CHI CLASSES** DI Library Tues., 10 am & Fri., 9 am.

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

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

### BLOOD DRIVE AT SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

Tues., Sept. 30, 1-6 pm, Saint Clare of Assisi Church parking lot. Red Cross Bloodmobile on site, register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) with sponsor code "stclare." Donors receive a \$10 Amazon e-gift card.

### OKTOBERFEST FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Fri., Oct. 10, 5:30-7:30 pm, Point Hope Village Green. Celebrate Oktoberfest with polka music by the Hans Schmidt Band, games, inflatable ax-throwing, and themed eats from Motley Chew. Prost!

### PALMETTO FREEDOM FEST

Fri., Nov. 7, 6-10 pm, Credit One Stadium. Country star Lee Brice headlines this intimate, patriotic evening benefiting Folds of Honor. Live music, food, drinks, and auctions. Tickets: [palmetto-freedomfest.org](http://palmetto-freedomfest.org).

### DIHS: CELEBRATING JOHN LAURENS

Tues, Oct. 21, 6:30-8 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Center Theatre. Free event with a meet-and-greet, panel discussion on Revolutionary War hero John Laurens, and reception. Presented by the Daniel Island Historical Society and Berkeley 250.



## Spill the Beans with The DI News

Got a story idea? Heard some local buzz?

Come "spill the beans" with our reporter, Emma Slaven! On Wednesday, Oct. 1, Emma will be at Blondies Bagels & Cafe at 8 a.m. for her monthly story idea session. She'll have coffee in hand, ready to hear your news tips, story suggestions, and what's happening around town. Stop by, say hi, and let's talk about the stories that matter to our community.

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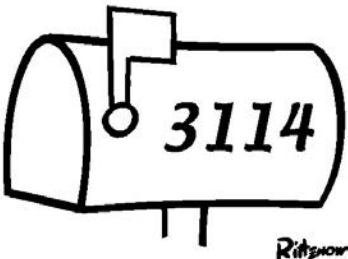
## Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

### An Abbreviated Quiz

Check the examples that are abbreviated correctly.

- ☐ 1. Rev. John Furst
- ☐ 2. Sep. 16, 2020
- ☐ 3. The Atlantic Paper Co.
- ☐ 4. 3114 Sunset Avn.
- ☐ 5. William Jenkins, Jr.



Answers: 1. Correct.  
2. Incorrect. September is abbreviated Sept.  
3. Correct.  
4. Incorrect. Avenue is abbreviated Ave.  
5. Incorrect. Don't use a comma after the name.

### ACROSS

- 1 Johnny \_\_\_\_
- 4 Pickle choice
- 8 River of song
- 13 Seraglio chamber
- 14 Duck in "Peter and the Wolf"
- 15 Lose a foothold
- 16 Yellow wildflower
- 18 Used and Underwood
- 19 Wife of Marc Antony
- 20 "I Love \_\_\_\_", Cole Porter song
- 22 Roughly 38 grams in eastern Asia
- 23 Ethyl ending
- 25 Iran-\_\_\_\_ Affair
- 28 Accent
- 30 Spacewoman \_\_\_\_ Jemison
- 32 First or reverse
- 33 Fictional Jane
- 34 Gamma follower
- 36 Deli bread
- 37 Annual New Orleans sports event
- 40 Sneezzy's sidekick
- 43 Augustus Caesar's third
- 44 Direction of the earth's rotation
- 47 Word of woe

- 49 Old-timer
- 50 Brought out
- 52 Deliberate
- 54 Under the weather
- 56 Uncommon
- 57 Like Biblical offerings
- 59 Electrical units
- 61 Early computers?
- 63 Batting site
- 65 Sire
- 66 Oscar or Tony
- 67 Four month ender
- 68 Cubic meter
- 69 Capone's nemesis
- 70 Former fast flyer: abbr.
- 14 An indef. number
- 17 Old German coins
- 21 Vinegar, in Venice
- 24 Retired, as professors
- 26 Sun's gift
- 27 Is doubled?
- 29 Soissons single
- 31 Jessica of Marvel films
- 34 Letterman, to his friends
- 35 In wonder
- 38 Admitted as fact
- 39 Wreath of honor
- 40 One's sire, informally
- 41 World Cup cheer
- 42 Slaw base
- 45 Sacred beetles
- 46 Cylindrical muscles
- 48 See 9 Down
- 50 Bernstein and Rice
- 51 Gobi, for one
- 53 Banal
- 55 Tibetan priests
- 58 "... to give \_\_\_\_ to receive"
- 60 Post office abbreviation
- 61 Bodybuilder's pride, briefly
- 62 Wager
- 64 See red?

### DOWN

- 1 Automaton
- 2 Train
- 3 Manhattan park, with The
- 4 Flat-bottomed craft
- 5 Early Peruvian
- 6 "Turandot" role
- 7 One of the Reindeer People
- 8 Houston athlete
- 9 With 48 Down, UFO sighting
- 10 Horse race figure
- 11 Canticle
- 12 Late actor Beatty



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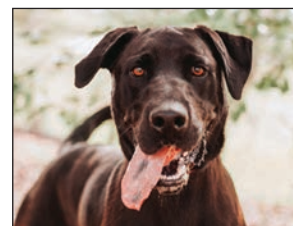
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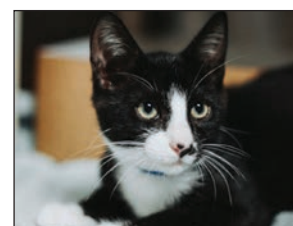
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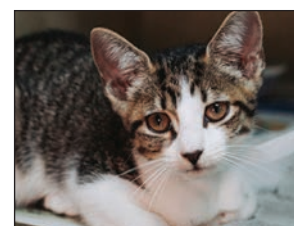
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