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New year, new rules

South Carolina updates liquor laws, taxes, and driving restrictions

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As 2026 begins, South Carolina residents will notice several changes in laws that affect everything from taxes to driving and even their favorite local bars.

LIQUOR LAWS

One major update involves the state's liquor liability laws. Beginning this year, if both a drunk driver and a bar are found responsible in a collision, the bar is now responsible for 50% of the actual damages, rather than the full amount.

"These adjustments aim to balance accountability with fairness, particularly for small businesses that have struggled under the previous system," according to the Floyd Law Firm.

Bars and restaurants are also seeing stricter training requirements. All servers and managers must complete four hours of certified alcohol training within 60 days of



employment.

The program covers state alcohol laws, liability, fake ID detection, and tips on recognizing and refusing service to intoxicated patrons. Liquor liability insurance requirements have also been updated: coverage can now be reduced with credits but cannot drop below \$300,000.

College sports venues have additional rules, including mandatory server train-

ing, compliance checks during events, and restrictions on alcohol in student sections. Violations can result in permit loss.

TAX CHANGES

For families and workers, state tax withholding tables have changed to reflect federal updates. The standard deduction rises to \$32,200 for married couples, \$16,100 for singles, and \$24,150 for heads of household.

Employers across South Carolina must adopt the new tables starting Jan. 1, 2026, to ensure correct payroll withholding.

PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING

Drivers should also take note: South Carolina has joined 31 states in making it illegal to hold a phone while driving. Since the law took effect in September, officers have been issuing warnings to give motorists time to adjust. Starting in March, however, fines and points will be enforced, with penalties including:

- First offense: \$100 fine
- Second and subsequent offenses (within three years): \$200 fine and two points on your driving record

Exceptions include hands-free use, reporting emergencies, or when the vehicle is legally stopped. Experts recommend using Bluetooth earpieces, dashboard holders, and smartphone integration systems like Android Auto or Apple CarPlay to stay compliant.

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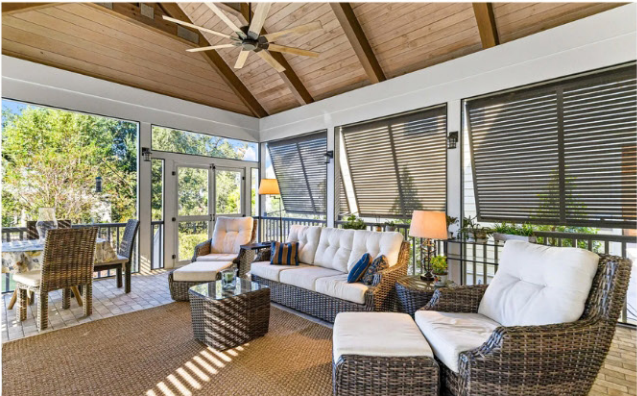
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Restaurants rethink traditional dine-in model

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Dinner used to mean a table, menus, and a server asking, “Still working on those?”

Now it’s more likely a phone in one hand, car keys in the other, and a notification that says, “Your order is ready.”

Across Daniel Island and across the country, takeout isn’t just an option anymore. It’s the plan. According to the National Restaurant Association’s Off-Premises Restaurant Trends 2025 report, takeout, delivery, and drive-thru now account for 75% of all restaurant traffic. Speed, value, and convenience have become the cornerstones of how people eat, driven by packed schedules, more dual-income households, and younger generations who expect food to fit seamlessly into their lives.

“Since opening on Daniel Island a year ago, we’ve seen strong demand for both, but takeout has played a bigger role here than we initially expected,” said Brenda Haire, co-owner of Heavy’s Barburger on Island Park Drive. “We see that many guests are grabbing food on the way home, between work, or before heading to events such as the summer concert series.”

Nationally, nearly 95% of consumers say fast service is critical, with 90% naming it their top priority when ordering off-premise.

For Gen Z and millennials, takeout isn’t just convenient; it’s essential. The report found 67% of Gen Z adults consider takeout essential to their lifestyle, while 60% of Gen Z and millennials say they’re ordering it more often than they did a year ago.

Rather than replacing dine-in, many restaurants are expanding to meet customers where they already are. At Heavy’s, that meant thinking beyond the dining room.

“One of our biggest adaptations has been launching the HeyRide Catering rig,” Haire said, adding their catering element allows them to serve “at neighborhood events, private gatherings, and local organizations without relying on a traditional dining room.”

At Indigo Reef Brewing off Clements Ferry Road, owner Christopher Ranere says the brewery still thrives on in-person dining, but habits are evolving.

“We have seen an uptick in customers grabbing some food to go for the rest of their family for dinners,” he said. The business is now exploring third-party delivery options to expand access while keeping

dine-in central. “While the core focus will remain dine-in, we are trying to increase options.”

Technology has also been playing a role in restaurant fast-food marketing, as websites and apps have allowed customers more efficiency in placing and picking up their food orders without having to slow down to stare at a menu at the front of a line.

“Approximately 90% of all orders are placed online, which shows that customers value convenience and minimal interaction,” said Kevin Kerchenko, owner of the Domino’s Pizza in Point Hope.

Kerchenko said the pizza chain’s online model demonstrates that customers want the convenience of meals “delivered or picked up as quickly as possible.”

For local families, the appeal is simple.

“Between dance, baseball, and homework, we’d never eat before 9 p.m. without takeout,” Point Hope mom Hope Bakerman said. And as island resident Caroline Reid joked, “I love a nice dinner out, but sometimes I just want good food in sweatpants.”

Dine-in isn’t disappearing; it’s just sharing the table. And these days, that table might be anywhere but the restaurant itself.



BRENDA HAIRE

As takeout culture takes over, restaurants like Heavy's Barburger on Daniel Island are seeing more meals enjoyed at home, on the go, or between activities.

Charleston Restaurant Week spotlight: The Kingstide, where fine dining meets the water

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With Charleston Restaurant Week starting Jan. 8-18, one of Daniel Island’s restaurants comes into focus for a taste of fine dining on the island.

The Kingstide, located at 32 River Landing Drive, paints a clear picture – one that touts waterfront views, thoughtful dishes, and a polished and comfortable dining space.

Inside the restaurant, the dining room is intimate; outside, the porch and bar open to the Wando River.

Seafood leads the menu, but influences stretch from Italian to French.

“At The Kingstide, we’re lucky to work with some incredible local purveyors like Bradford Farms, who connect us with farms across the Southeast,” said Executive Chef James Pearce. “Our seafood is as fresh as it gets, and we put just as much care into the produce and proteins that round out the menu.”

Pearce also added that “you’ll find influences from Italian, Latin American, and French cuisines woven into our Southern seafood roots, creating a well-rounded dining experience with something for everyone.”

As Daniel Island’s only waterfront restaurant, general manager Dargan Kirby said fine dining at Kingstide isn’t only about what’s

on the plate.

“We want to pose ourselves as an amenity to the Daniel Island community as a place to gather and celebrate, whatever the occasion,” Kirby said. “I believe that a good meal and nice company is a remedy for many of life’s maladies, and a perfect crescendo to any day or reason for celebration.”

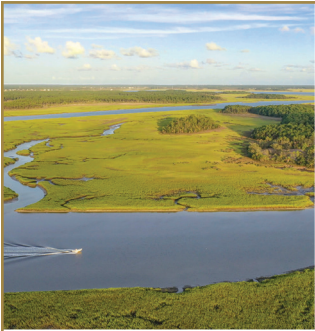
Pearce said that the restaurant has “exciting things” coming in 2026 that he hopes will elevate Kingstide to the next level, “as a resounding moniker of how lucky we are to pass our time in such a beautiful and unique setting as Daniel Island.”

During Charleston Restaurant Week, The Kingstide is offering three dinner courses for \$55.



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A healthier New Year: Simple nutrition resolutions that stick

KATHRYN ADEL

As the new year begins, many Daniel Island residents are thinking about eating healthier, but the key to success isn't a strict diet or drastic rules. The most sustainable changes are simple, realistic habits that fit into everyday life.

One of the biggest nutrition mistakes people make in January is trying to overhaul everything at once. Instead, think of New Year's resolutions as small upgrades. Adding more nourishing foods, rather than focusing on restriction, is often the most effective place to start.

A great first step is building balanced meals. Aim to include a source of lean protein, fiber-rich foods, and healthy fats at each meal. These components help stabilize blood sugar, keep you full longer, and provide essential nutrients.

The Daniel Island and Clements Ferry area offers many nutritious options for dining out.

Look for meals that include lean proteins such as fish, shrimp, chicken, tofu, or beans, paired with vegetables and whole grains when available. Don't be afraid to ask for sauces on the side, swap fried options for grilled, or add extra vegetables. These small choices can make a big difference without taking away the enjoyment of eating out.

A few healthy-minded choices on Daniel Island:

- Buck's Deli & Market – Avocado toast; waterfront wrap; smoothies.
- Mpishi – Sourdough avocado toast with smoked salmon and fruit; build-your-own omelet; various salad choices.
- Beech – Poke bowl with tuna/salmon/

tofu, edamame, add veggies; acai bowl or smoothie.

- VIVA Tacos & Tequila – Grilled chicken or shrimp skewers, request extra vegetables; cantina bowl, choose cauliflower rice, option to add grilled chicken and veggies; salad with grilled chicken/salmon/shrimp.
- The Kingstide – Grilled or seared local fish or scallops with seasonal vegetables.
- Ali Baba Deli & Catering – Sampler vegetarian plate with falafel and salads; grilled chicken salad; chicken kebab with Greek salad and tabouli.
- Wasabi – Sashimi; cucumber or avocado rolls; seaweed salad; edamame; miso soup.
- The DIME – Avocado toast; Kale Yeah or Berry Bliss smoothies.
- Vespa – Salad with shrimp; cauliflower crust pizza with veggie topping and side salad, option to add shrimp or chicken
- Catrina's Tacos and Tequila – Cantina bowl with chicken or shrimp, add extra veggies; salad with chicken/shrimp/tuna.
- Agave Mexican Grill – Veggie fajitas; chicken fajitas with black beans, guacamole, pico de gallo, request extra veggies; grilled chicken or shrimp salad.
- Heavy's Barburger – Veggie burger or grilled chicken sandwich, ask for lettuce wrap; side salad instead of fries.

Hydration also plays an important role in overall health. Many people confuse thirst with hunger, especially during busy days. Keeping a reusable water bottle handy – whether walking the trails, heading to work, or running errands – can help support digestion, energy, and focus.

Perhaps the most important resolution is



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Kathryn Adel, a Daniel Island registered dietitian nutritionist at FitWave Nutrition, believes feeling good and staying healthy begins on your plate.

letting go of “all-or-nothing” thinking. Healthy eating is not about perfection. Enjoying a favorite dessert, a restaurant meal, or a social gathering is part of a balanced lifestyle. What matters most is what you do consistently over time.

I encourage Daniel Island residents to focus on progress, not perfection, this new year. Choose goals that feel achievable, flexible, and enjoyable. Nourishing your body should support your life, not complicate it.

With a few intentional choices, eating healthier in 2026 can feel both empowering and sustainable.

Kathryn Adel is a registered dietitian nutritionist at FitWave Nutrition.

Dining igloos keep outdoor meals warm on Daniel Island

Even chilly winter evenings don't mean giving up on outdoor dining.

On Daniel Island, The Kingstide has brought back a cozy twist to rooftop dining with heated igloo domes, letting diners enjoy the restaurant's ambiance while staying warm and snug.

“Dining in an igloo is a truly memorable experience,” said Erin Harloe, marketing manager at The Kingstide. “We had a post-proposal celebration inside one of the igloos during the holidays and have seen many Galentine's girl dinners.

It's a great way to enjoy everything our rooftop has to offer without the cold weather.”

The Kingstide offers two igloos, seating six to eight people each, complete with a table, a heater, and blankets. Guests can use them free on a first-come, first-served basis. Kelly Davis, a frequent visitor, said, “There's nothing cozier than enjoying a warm meal inside the igloo while still taking in the rooftop views.”

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Daniel Island Community Fund awards \$75K to support ECCO

STAFF REPORT

The Daniel Island Community Fund has awarded a \$75,000 grant to East Cooper Community Outreach to support the continuation of critical programs and services for local neighbors facing financial hardship.

Established to strengthen community well-being and support philanthropic initiatives on Daniel Island and the surrounding Cainhoy peninsula, DICF is a private 501(c)(4) organization funded through a Community Enhancement Fee on all resale transactions on the island. This structure allows the fund's resources to grow alongside the community, creating a lasting legacy of support for generations to come.

Through this grant, DICF is helping ECCO provide assistance, including food support, financial aid, medical and dental services, and personalized client naviga-

tion, to help families achieve safety, stability, and long-term opportunity.

Founded in 1989 following the devastation of Hurricane Hugo, ECCO has grown into a permanent community resource guided by its mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

"The need in our community continues to rise, with more families turning to ECCO for help each month," said Stephanie Kelley, executive director of ECCO. "Thanks to this grant, we can continue expanding essential services – from food and clothing to medical and dental care – for hundreds of neighbors in Daniel Island, Huger, Wando, and Cainhoy.

"Our goal is not just to respond to crises, but to walk alongside each family on their journey to long-term stability," Kelley continued. "We are deeply grateful for the Daniel Island Community Fund for the opportunity to continue being a trusted source of hope and support for many in our community."



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Meyer Vogl Gallery marks 10-year artistic milestone

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Meyer Vogl Gallery is marking a milestone in 2026, celebrating 10 years of exhibiting contemporary artists and cultivating a creative community grounded in connection, curiosity, and care.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Daniel Island-based gallery has announced a 2026 exhibition program that reflects both its history and its continued evolution.

"In 2026, Meyer Vogl Gallery turns 10," said gallery director and co-owner Katie Geer. "Anyone who has a small business knows that 10 is no small feat. We have poured our heart and souls into this little art gallery; it is our child, our parent, our best friend – and sometimes enemy, our home, our everything. The artists we represent have become our family, and we hope to honor them with this exciting lineup of exhibitions."

The lineup begins in March with a solo exhibition by Melanie Parke, Nectar Collector, opening March 6 and on view through

March 26.

Parke, who lives and works in Arcadia, Michigan, is known for lush paintings that weave together landscape, interior, and still life elements.

"Today, Melanie Parke is a part of our gallery DNA," Geer said. "Most of the collectors we work with know and admire her work." This will be Parke's second solo exhibition with the gallery.

Later that month, the gallery will open Love Languages, a 10-year anniversary group exhibition running from March 27 through April 17.

Featuring more than 25 artists from around the world, the show includes one 10-by-10-inch work from each gallery artist. "We asked each gallery artist to submit one piece each...that pays homage to one of their 'love languages,'" Geer said, noting that the concept is intentionally personal and open to interpretation.

In May, Marissa Vogl will take center stage with a solo exhibition. Geer described Vogl as a "color whisperer," praising her intuitive mastery of color and her increas-

ingly sought-after abstract practice. A group exhibition, Wild. Flowers., follows in June, featuring artists including Mac Ball, Anne Blair Brown, Diane Eugster, and others, with works inspired by ideas of wildness and florals.

The fall season opens with Marc Hanson's first official solo exhibition at Meyer Vogl Gallery in September, focusing on painting contre-jour, or subjects set against the light. October brings a solo show by Laurie Meyer, a longstanding gallery tradition. "It isn't fall in Charleston without a Laurie Meyer solo exhibition," Geer said, noting the added significance of the gallery's anniversary year.

November will feature Glory Day's second solo exhibition, showcasing her multidisciplinary talents, followed by December's solo exhibition by Spanish painter Carlos San Millán. "This is our second solo exhibition for this magician out of Spain," Geer said. "He is able to transport viewers to a place they may not be able to quite put their fingers on, but a place they know with all of their heart."



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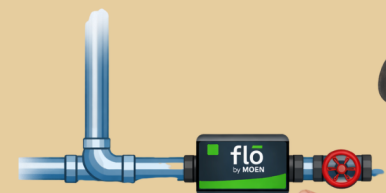
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If you want to know whether a restaurant is popular, don't check the reviews – check the parking lot.

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Night after night, the lot is packed. Not “a few cars” full, but every-spot-taken, cars-circling, people-streaming-in full. Inside, laughter bounces off the walls, wine glasses clink, and plates of steaming pasta weave through a dining room that feels equal parts lively restaurant and neighborhood living room.

Salute opened last summer at 1190 Clements Ferry Road and brought back something this stretch of road needed: energy.

Located just past Cainhoy Road, Salute took over the former Joey Tomatoes space, a building that had seen its share of turnover. Other nearby spots, including the old Lowco Café, tried to anchor this small pocket with retail success, but eventually closed, as other nearby areas boomed.

Then Salute arrived.

Since opening, it has become one of the busiest restaurants on the corridor, supporting Clements Ferry's rapid residential growth as a true neighborhood restaurant.

“Since our inception, the local community has strongly embraced the restaurant, its atmosphere, its menu and overly friendly service,” owner Joe Spiotta said.

That embrace is visible every weekend, and most weeknights, as Cainhoy and Point Hope residents pack the dining room, turning Salute into a place that feels less like a new venture and more like it's always belonged.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JOE SPIOTTA

Joe and Bethann Spiotta, pictured during a trip to Italy, turned their passion for Italian food into Salute, the bustling new restaurant now open on Clements Ferry Road.

A GATHERING PLACE

Spiotta isn't new to building Italian restaurants that grow alongside their communities. He and his wife, Bethann, also own Bricco Bracco in Mount Pleasant, which has built a loyal following for more than a decade.

“I believe our strong following and brand for the 15 years Bricco Bracco has been in Mount Pleasant gave our guests the confidence to give Salute a go,” Spiotta said.

Still, opening on Clements Ferry was a leap many restaurant owners wouldn't take. The road has grown rapidly with new homes and neighbor-



Salute's spaghetti and meatballs, a classic Italian-American staple.

hoods amid the dozens of warehouses and commercial buildings, but dining options – especially sit-down restaurants – have lagged behind.

But Spiotta believed in the corridor's potential.

"Owning that building for the last six years, I always knew that in time the growth of the local community would warrant a restaurant in that location," he said.

That timing proved right. As Point Hope and Cainho continue to expand, Salute has become a natural gathering place – somewhere to celebrate, unwind, or skip cooking altogether.

"What has surprised me the most is their acceptance and dedication to the restaurant," Spiotta said. "We have guests who come in every week and have become like family to our staff. Some customers have even celebrated birthdays and

anniversaries here, choosing Salute as the backdrop for their special moments. I've also noticed that many people recommend us to their friends and neighbors, which has helped us build a loyal following faster than I ever expected."

REGULARS AND RESERVATIONS

Part of Salute's appeal, Spiotta said, is that it doesn't feel intimidating or reserved for special occasions.

"That was the concept from day one. Good food, great price, perfect atmosphere, and the best service."

That philosophy shows up on the menu, which leans heavily into Italian-American comfort classics while still feeling polished. Appetizers include calamari fritto, garlic bread, and meatballs il forno. Salads range from a classic Caesar to antipasto and a standout beet salad that has quickly become a local favorite.

The pasta list reads like a greatest-hits album: multiple versions of Bolognese, rigatoni soaked in vodka sauce, fettuccine Alfredo, baked ziti, shrimp scampi, drunken chicken, chicken parm, and traditional spaghetti and meatballs. There are also sandwiches and soup, keeping things approachable for lunch, dinner, or a quick bite.

"Executive Chef Kenny Peters and Sous Chef Matt Lancaster have executed our quality, our standards, and our full menu to a superfluous degree because of the love they put into each and every dish," Spiotta said.

Regulars at Salute aren't shy about sharing their love for the restaurant.

"The chicken parm is the best I've had in Charleston," said island resident Lauren Hall.

"I could eat the beet salad every day and not get tired of it," Clements Ferry regular Thomas Hunt said. "It's so nice to have a great Italian restaurant on this side of town!"

Longtime Clements Ferry resident Terry Wright said, "It's the kind of place where my kids feel at home, and we always leave happy and full."

From long-time neighbors to first-time visitors, the sentiment is the same: Salute has quickly become a neighborhood favorite.

A NAME THAT FITS

Salute's impact reaches beyond its front door, injecting life back into the intersection of Cainho and Clements Ferry Road.

When asked if Salute has helped bring traffic and life back to the corridor, Spiotta didn't hesi-



Salute's signature drunken chicken.

tate. "Absolutely 100%."

The name Salute – pronounced SAH-LOO-teh – translates to "Cheers" or "To your good health," a fitting toast for a restaurant built on connection. "That says it all," Spiotta said.

Months in, Salute has become exactly what the Spiottas hoped for: a regular spot, not a one-time visit.

"The greatest pleasure Bethann and I get being in the restaurant business is getting the opportunity to meet new people and build relationships. To us, our guests are our top priority. We treat everyone as if they are coming into our home for 'Sunday dinner,'" Spiotta said. "I'm grateful to have created a place where our guests feel happy, comfortable, and truly enjoy themselves."

And judging by the packed parking lot, everyone knows where to go.

Bishop boys' basketball looks to get healthy ahead of region play

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When Bishop England High School boys' basketball coach Daniel Eykyn talks about his team's potential for the 2025-26 season, he likens it to a jigsaw puzzle.

"We have all the pieces to challenge for a region championship," said Eykyn, who is in his second year at the helm of the program. "We just need to put them all together, limit turnovers, and get fully healthy."

The Bishops, who were wrapping up the non-region portion of their schedule with an appearance in the Carolina Invitational, picked up five victories in the first 10 games, playing a challenging schedule that included some of the biggest Class AAAAA teams in the Lowcountry. The schedule also included Porter-Gaud School, a powerhouse team that competes in SCISA.

"The season is off to a good start," Eykyn said. "We have played a tough schedule that will prepare us for region play. This season, we have dealt with a few injuries and illnesses, as opposed to last season. We have

more experience to weather issues, but still only have four seniors on the roster, with just three healthy at this point."

Last season, Eykyn replaced longtime coach Bryan Grevey and led the Bishops to a 12-15 record and a spot in the Class AAAAA state playoffs, despite inheriting a team that lost eight seniors after going 19-9 in Grevey's last season.

The injuries and illnesses this winter have allowed some of the younger players a chance to showcase their skills. That includes sophomore guard James Matsik, who is having a season to remember.

He is averaging 12.6 points per game, and has cashed in on 17 of 51 three-point attempts to place him in the top 20 in the state among Class AAAAA players. He is collecting 2.6 rebounds and 1.3 steals per contest.

"We are not surprised by his ability to score the basketball," Eykyn said. "He is just a sophomore and is learning to affect the game in other areas."

Veteran Drew Gallagher earned all-region honors last winter and is having a strong season, averaging 9 points a game, hitting



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The Bishop England 2025-26 boys' basketball team.

52 percent of his shots. He is strong on both ends of the court, averaging 5.2 rebounds per game.

Sam Pelsnik is another key returner. He has been dominant at times, averaging 11.3 points and 9.5 rebounds per outing. Junior William Donato helps out with 4.2 rebounds, 1.8 steals, and 1.8 assists per game. "The biggest positive is our depth,"

Eykyn said. "Anyone can go in and provide solid minutes. Turnovers have been our Achilles' heel thus far."

The Bishops compete in Region 6-AAAA and will challenge for league supremacy. May River High School, which is 13-0, seems to be the favorite to win the region title. Hilton Head and Bluffton should be strong as well.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Top cross-country runners carry game ball in Shrine Bowl Relay

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Neither Philip Simmons nor Bishop England had players selected to play in the 89th Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, but the Daniel Island schools were represented in the pregame festivities of the Dec. 20 football game that featured the top seniors from North Carolina against the top seniors from the Palmetto State.

Iron Horse cross country individual Class AA state champ Avah Mallek and Bishop England standouts Jackson Muller and Nora Brahim took part in the Shrine Bowl Relay, a tradition where some of the top senior cross country runners carry the official game ball from Greenville's Shriners Hospital to the Spartanburg High School football stadium.

The relay covered 28.5 miles, with each runner carrying the football 1.5 miles while promoting camaraderie and helping boost awareness of the Shriners Hospitals, culminat-



Iron Horse cross country individual Class AA state champ Avah Mallek participated in carrying the official football in the opening ceremonies of the 89th Shrine Bowl.

ing with the oldest high school football all-star game in the United States.

Mallek, a six-time all-state selection, capped a brilliant career with her third straight individual gold medal to help the Iron Horse girls capture their third straight state championship, winning the Class AA title.

Brahim led the Bishop girls to a second-place finish in Class AAAAA with a bronze-

medal performance to earn all-state honors for the sixth time. She will run for Samford University in Alabama.

Muller helped the BE boys finish second place in the team standings with a fifth-place finish.

South Carolina defeated North Carolina 17-7 at Spartanburg's Viking Stadium.

PSHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Philip Simmons girls' basketball team has shown much improvement in coach Allen Gethers' second season as coach.

The Iron Horses finished the non-region portion of their schedule with a 5-4 record, including an impressive victory over Bishop England. The Iron Horses have played a demanding schedule, losing to Wando High School twice and Goose Creek once. The Class AAAAA powers have a combined 23-3 record.

Gethers, who replaced Dustin Williams last season, inherited a team that had only two players with varsity experience.

The Iron Horses opened the season with only one victory in their first eight games last winter, struggling with fundamentals such as layups and free-throw shooting.

The team showed improvement as the season progressed, posting a 10-15 record and qualifying for the Class AA playoffs by finishing in third place in Region 6-AA with a 6-4 record.

Three players who formed the nucleus of last year's squad are having impressive seasons so far: Germany Moore, Kenira Holmes, and Harper Cohen.

Moore, who set a single-season school record with 301 rebounds last winter, is having another solid season. The senior center is averaging 9.5 points and 10.7 rebounds per game. Her rebounding totals place her in the top 30 in the state, according to MaxPreps.com.

Holmes, a senior forward, is averaging 8 points and 8 rebounds per contest. She is strong on defense with 1.8 steals per contest.

Cohen, a junior guard, is averaging 7.4 points and 2.4 steals per contest.

Oyster bars make cold-water trout easier to reel in



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

The other day, I was shopping at the newly remodeled Publix on Daniel Island. That place is huge now! It will take me a few shopping trips to figure out where everything is. However, I am extremely happy to have Publix open once again.

While randomly wandering from aisle to aisle, a fellow patron asked if I was the fishing guy in The Daniel Island News. I laughed and introduced myself. My new friend asked me to explain the oyster bar and depth transition pattern that I write about so often. I did my best to explain the pattern and promised to provide a picture in my next article.

So this week, there is no picture of Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog) or fish. Just a picture of an oyster bar in a creek. Pretty com-

mon stuff around these parts. But this one is a bit different.

The oyster bar is situated in the bend of the creek. As the tide falls, it washes over the oyster bar and creates a hole at the base of the bar. Often, that hole is the deepest part of the creek. In cold water situations, trout gravitate to these holes. It is literally like fishing in a barrel.

Given the frigid temperatures forecast for this week, Brody and I will be fishing the oyster bar and depth transition pattern for the next few days. Now that Brody has a proper fleece thermal layer, he will insist on fishing every day. Regardless of conditions.

We recommend that you do the same. Fish the depth transition slowly. Bouncing a small finesse lure down the transition works well for Brody and me. We prefer a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a Ned-lockZ 1/6-ounce jig or a Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 on a 3/16-ounce finesse jig. Both are highly effective lures for cold-water trout.

I hope this helps. Dress properly for the conditions and go catch fish!



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Cheryl Jansen defeats VIP sponsor Garret McNally of Mac's



Cheryl Jansen

In a week where many Pigskin competitors struggled to achieve a .500 in their Pick' Em ballot, Cheryl Jansen of Daniel Island posted an impressive 11-1 record to defeat VIP sponsor Garret McNally of Mac's, who finished 5-7.

"What a nice surprise!" said Jansen via email. "I started watching and going to NFL games to follow my favorite college football players. This season, I decided to try Pick' Ems since I know most of the teams."

Jansen, who won a \$50 gift certificate to Mac's, has been a resident of Daniel Island for more than two decades.

"I've been living on the Island for 25 years," she said. "My husband, Mark, and I have three girls. Two of my three daughters were born on DI (technically MP), but know only here as home."

Are you the next person to win? The NFL playoffs dominate Week 21 of the challenge, with next week's winner earning another \$50 gift card to

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Make your picks by scanning the QR code, visiting bit.ly/dinews21, or emailing patrick@thedanielislandnews.com to receive a weekly ballot - and submit your picks by this Friday.

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Bills at Jaguars
Team scoring the first touchdown:
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49ers at Eagles
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Packers at Bears

Player with the most sacks:

Montez Sweat

Bills at Jaguars

Team scoring the first touchdown:

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49ers at Eagles

Leading Tackler: Zach Baun

Chargers at Patriots

Player with the most passing yards:

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Leading Rusher: Kyren Williams

Packers at Bears

Player with the most sacks:

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Bills at Jaguars

Team scoring the first touchdown:

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49ers at Eagles

Leading Tackler: Zack Baun

Chargers at Patriots

Player with the most passing yards:

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Team scoring the first touchdown:

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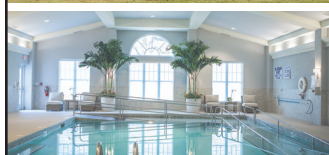
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DI Historical Society leads cleanup at Lesesne Cemetery

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Members of the Daniel Island Historical Society Cemetery committee were hard at work on Sat. Dec. 13, at the historic Lesesne Cemetery on Daniel Island.

Volunteers, led by DIHS members Kim Sermersheim and Hugh Haynsworth, completed a variety of tasks, including weed eating and leaf blowing, cutting low limbs and palm branches, cleaning nine tombstones with special solutions, and cleaning and returning foot markers to original positions. Also assisting were Richard Raggo and Tory

Sullivan. It is believed the burial site was first established in the 1700s.

"We thank each volunteer for their efforts to maintain these sacred sites and honor those laid to rest," Sermersheim said. "Community members are invited to join the committee in the months ahead as care is provided to the historical cemeteries of Grove, Simmons, and Alston on Daniel Island, and at Old Ruins/McDowell and Nelliefield Creek Cemeteries on the Cainho Peninsula."

Those interested in helping can email dihistoricalociety@gmail.com with their contact information.



PHOTO BY BETH BUSH

Community members, including Rep. Mark Smith (center), gather on Dec. 13 for a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Old Ruins/McDowell Cemetery in the Oak Bluff subdivision off Clements Ferry Road.

Remembering the fallen at Cainho's Old Ruins Cemetery

BETH BUSH

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In what has become a tradition on the Cainho Peninsula, a poignant Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at the Old Ruins/McDowell Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 13, as community members gathered to pay tribute to veterans.

The cemetery was one of 2,700 locations to participate in Saturday's annual nationwide observance, which encourages participants to "remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom."

Twenty-four Christmas wreaths with red ribbons were placed at the graves of military ser-

vicemembers, while the name of each honoree was spoken aloud.

The Old Ruins/McDowell Cemetery dates back more than 300 years, with burials that include those who served in the Revolutionary War. Those in attendance also placed wreaths at the ruins of the old Cainho Meeting House, which served as a field hospital in 1780 during the British occupation of Charleston.

Participants learned more about the history of the site from the program's organizer, MaeRe Skinner, a fifth-generation Cainho resident whose family has been overseeing the cemetery for decades. Also taking part in the ceremony was Rep. Mark Smith, who represents South Carolina State House District 99.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING SEED STARTING WORKSHOP

Wed, Jan. 14, 1 pm, Daniel Island Point Retirement Center auditorium. The Daniel Island Garden Club hosts a Spring Seed Starting workshop led by Clemson Horticultural Agent Zack Snipes, sharing practical tips for getting a head start on spring gardening. For more information, contact dthiel-foldt@msn.com.

DIHS: THYME FOR A TINCTURE

Tues., Jan. 20, 7-8 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit. The Daniel Island Historical Society presents an engaging look at 18th-century medicine with guest speaker Andrew Shuler, exploring early healers, remedies, and Revolutionary War-era medical practices. Free and open to the public.

SPEAKERS SERIES: CAROLYN MURRAY

The Daniel Island Community Speaker's Series returns on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, from 7-8 pm in the ballroom at the Daniel Island Club. The speaker will be Carolyn Murray, WCBD-TV co-anchor of "Count on News 2." Free.

MINDFUL MILES WALK CLUB

Walking club created to build community, make new friends, move with intention, and get outside. DI Waterfront Park, Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 am. The walk will be about 1-1.5 miles at a relaxed pace. Come as you are. Free.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

Fri. at Guggenheim Terrace, 10:30 am-3 pm.

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Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other non-

perishables at Edward Jones 8:30am-4 pm, 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2, and at the Daniel Island Library, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 9 am-5 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.

STRENGTH AND BALANCE

Tuesdays, 10-11 am. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366...

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CRAFTERNOONS Craft-ernoons 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.

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 and 843-367-5647.

DI COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS

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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., dixexchangeclub.org.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX

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

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.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Daniel Island Club at 5pm. RAKL is a non-profit organization of volunteers whose focus is improving the lives of people in the Lowcountry. All are welcome!

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RECORDER GROUP

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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.

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.

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

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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Cainhoy gas station, DI daycare expansion up for city review

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jan. 8: Cainhoy Del Webb – Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 87-unit single-family development on 93.2 acres at 2501 Bay Strip Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000088. Owner: Pulte Home Company. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at roach.s@gtandh.com.

Jan. 8: Point Hope Tract 7 - Phase 2 – Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 122-unit single-family development on 52.6 acres at 350 Curvy Creek Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000009. Owner: Ashton Charleston Residential LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: James

Thomas at Thomas.j@tandh.com.

Jan. 8: Church of the Holy Spirit Daycare Addition – Proposed addition to existing church daycare facility on 1.4 acres at 299 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. TMS: B2750000165. Owner: Church of the Holy Spirit Daniel Island Inc. Applicant: C Baker Engineering, LLC. Contact: Jessica Meyers at jessica@cbakerengineering.com.

Jan. 8: Parker's Kitchen – Proposed gas station with a convenience store and associated site improvements at 510 Everly St., Cainhoy. TMS: B2710001035. Owner: Cato Ad Holdings Ltd. Applicant: Foresite Group, LLC. Contact: Patrick Monaghan at pmonaghan@fg-inc.net.



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by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Cutting the Fat



Each sentence below would read better if one word was removed. Identify which words need to be eliminated.

- Oscar was happy with the end result of the golf match.
- The spelling champion is equally as good at math.
- Each individual student should pack a lunch for the field trip.

Answers: 1. Cut **end**. **End** and **result** mean the same thing.
2. Cut **as**. The sentence is better without it.
3. Cut **individual**. **Individual** and **student** mean the same thing.

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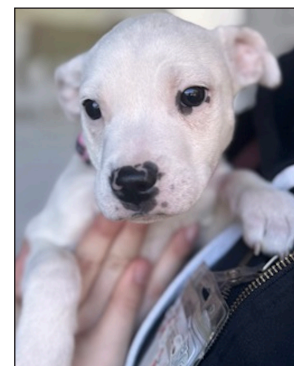


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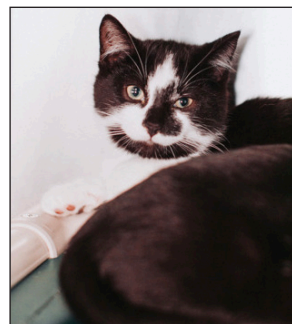
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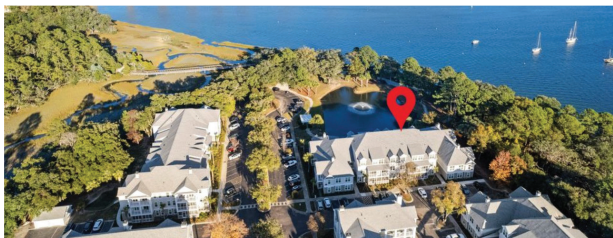
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