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See the smoke? It could be a prescribed forest fire

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If you were driving on the overpasses of I-526 last week near the Clements Ferry and Daniel Island exits, you may have noticed plumes of black smoke rising to the sky in the distance.

As the spring months continue, forestry officials are conducting prescribed fires in thousands of acres of forests across South Carolina, including the neighboring Francis Marion National Forest, which borders the Cainhoy, Wando, and Clements Ferry Road communities.

“We use prescribed fires throughout the year to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure, and natural resources from wildfires,” said a statement from the U.S. Forest Service in February.

The proactive measures are part of national and statewide efforts to prevent the spread of wildfires.

By removing old vegetation, or fuel, under controlled conditions, forest officials say the chances of damaging fires are reduced.

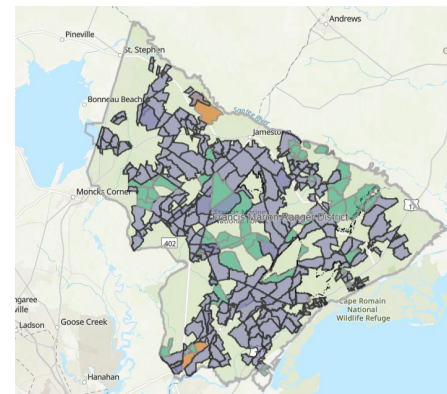
Three weeks ago, in late March, the South Carolina Forestry Commission issued a three-day burning ban across the state as low humidity levels, gusty winds, and continued drought conditions increased the fear of pop-ups.

A state forester’s burning ban prohibits all outdoor burning, including yard debris burning, prescribed burning, campfires, bonfires, and other recreational fires in unincorporated areas.

Although the burning ban was lifted in April, the warning was not: April is historically the month when South Carolina has seen the most damaging and costly wildfires.

“Just because the burning ban is being lifted, it does not mean the fire danger is gone,” said South Carolina Forestry Commission Fire Chief Darryl Jones. “Most of the state is still very dry, and the risk of fires igniting easily remains. Anyone who has conducted a burn recently should continue to monitor it closely because of the potential for it to reignite.

“If you choose to burn outdoors, you should be extremely careful and take all necessary precautions. Any fire you start is



U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE

This prescribed burn tracker of the Francis Marion National Forest shows locations, colored in gray, where prescribed fires are being planned next.

your responsibility even if it rekindles and spreads days later.”

A Red Flag Fire Alert was also issued last week as a reminder that the danger of out-of-control wildfires had increased. The alert does not prohibit outdoor burning, but it does ask people to voluntarily hold off on

any yard fires.

Although the Red Flag Fire Alert has since been lifted for Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties, state law still requires anyone planning to burn outdoors (outside of city limits) to notify the Forestry Commission in advance and to have water on standby to keep the fire contained.

The U.S. Forest Service will continue with prescribed burns in the Francis Marion Forest, and cautions residents that nearby roads in those areas may be closed for several days.

They also note that area residents may see and experience smoke during those controlled fires.

The Southern Region Prescribed Burn Accomplishment Tracker (arcg.is/0rC5im) shows when prescribed forest burns will take place over the next 10 days and which burns are already in progress, partially completed, or completed.

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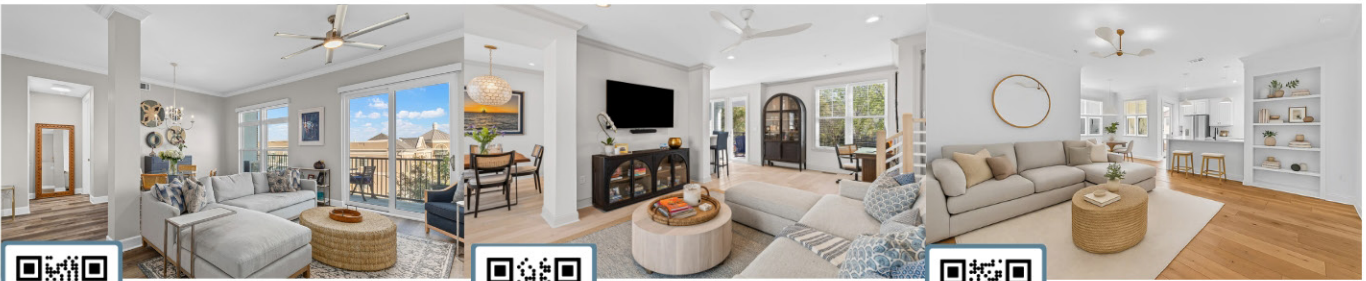
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Help tally Charleston's dolphin population during Dolphin Week

Dolphin Count set for April 25 on Daniel Island

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If Shark Week gets your pulse racing, Charleston's Dolphin Week might just make your heart leap.

From April 20-25, the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network is hosting its ninth annual Dolphin Week, a week of family-friendly events celebrating Charleston's resident dolphins while giving locals a hands-on role in their protection.

"Charleston is lucky to have resident dolphins, but without conservation efforts, we all risk the loss of this amazing natural resource," said Lauren Rust, executive director of the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network. "Dolphin Week and Dolphin Count are great ways to engage the community in our work with a common goal of learning about how to protect local dolphins and their environment."

Activities this year include sunset beach yoga with downtown instructor Erin Gray

at Breach Inlet, kayak and boat tours with Coastal Expeditions and Barrier Islands Eco Tours, an exclusive College of Charleston screening of the documentary "Stranded," and a happy hour meet-and-greet with the LMMN team at Vickery's Muddy's Dock-side Bar in Mount Pleasant.

The week builds to its grand finale: Dolphin Count on Saturday, April 25, with one of the key counting locations at Daniel Island's Children's Park on the waterfront. Across 13 stations around Charleston, community volunteers, or "community scientists," will join marine mammal experts to tally dolphins in real time.

"We're essentially capturing a snapshot of the dolphin population in one day," Rust said. "Everyone has a data sheet; we spend 30 minutes looking for dolphins and then tallying them up. Afterwards, we map all the sightings so everyone can see where dolphins were observed." Counts happen three times that morning – at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. – to capture the dolphins' movements



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Jenny Fine, left, Nora Futrell, and Nancy Baker lead a previous Dolphin Count, where community members contribute vital data for marine conservation efforts.

across the tidal cycle.

Charleston is home to roughly 400 resident dolphins, animals that live in its rivers and harbor year-round. As top predators, they are essential to keeping the ecosystem

balanced. "They're also great indicator species ... they tell us how healthy our environment is, whether that's clean water or plentiful food," Rust explained.

LMMN works year-round to protect these animals through scientific research, community engagement, response to strandings, education, and advocacy. They photograph and track dolphins, measure water quality, and teach locals how to view dolphins safely and sustainably.

"One of our biggest goals is for people to learn more about dolphins and that they live in their backyard for 40-plus years," Rust said. "We meet people every day who didn't know they were residents and that they can have an impact on their health and survival."

From yoga mats to kayaks to spotting fins slicing through Charleston's waters, Dolphin Week is a chance to celebrate, protect, and connect with the remarkable dolphins that call the Lowcountry home.

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"Your attitude, not your aptitude, determines your altitude." – Zig Ziglar

I read a story once by Michael Hodgin about two Kentucky racing stable owners who had developed a rivalry.

Each spring, they both entered a horse in a local steeplechase. One of them thought that having a professional rider might give his horse an edge in the race, so he hired a hotshot jockey.

Well, the day of the race finally came, and as usual, their horses were leading the race right down to the last fence. But the final fence was too much for both of the horses. Both of them fell, and both riders were thrown. But that didn't stop the professional jockey. He remounted and easily won the race.

When he got back to the stable, he found the horse owner fuming with rage. The jockey really didn't understand the owner's behavior, because he had won the race. So the jockey asked, "What's the matter with you? I won the race, didn't I?"

The red-faced owner nodded and said, "Oh yes, you won the race. But you won it on the wrong horse!"

The determination of the jockey is admi-

rable despite the fact that he made that critical mistake.

In leadership, you will be regularly challenged by your attitude. It comes with the territory. Sometimes the attitude challenges that we face are the result of our own poor choices. At other times, our attitude is challenged by external forces beyond our control.

In the book "Winning The War in Your Mind," Craig Groeschel writes, "Our lives are always moving in the direction of our strongest thoughts. What we think shapes who we are." This is precisely why our attitudes matter.

Poor attitude choices can be a detriment to your leadership. Your attitude is basically the thermostat by which your team members adjust. When you are upbeat and positive, others tend to adopt that attitude. The same holds true if it's negative.

So, as a leader, what posture should you take with your attitude? Here are a few simple approaches worth consideration.

GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS

I would like for you to think of guarding your thoughts not from a defensive posture, which we've all been accustomed to, but from a proactive posture.

When it comes to guarding our thoughts, what does a proactive posture look like? Examples could include practicing gratitude and random acts of kindness, prayer or meditation, volunteering/serving others, and exercise or taking a walk.

When your thoughts and actions are others-centered and when you are intentional about what you choose to watch and listen to, then you are, in a proactive way, guarding your thoughts. You have less time to be self-absorbed and more time to focus on others.

GUARD YOUR COMPANY

We don't always control what happens to us, but we do control how we will respond. Here's a truth you must embrace: not everyone belongs in your circle.

As a leader, you will have many interactions with people within and outside your organization. These are generally tied to your specific duties as a leader.

But when it comes to your inner circle – the people closest to you by choice – you must guard your company. To be clear, I am not advocating being a snob. I am, however, saying that to protect and guard your attitude, you can't allow others with poor attitudes into your inner circle, who could potentially drag you down. Your winning attitude is too valuable and must be protected.

Possessing a winning attitude takes work, discipline, and determination. It is incumbent upon you to be proactive and wise in your choices. A winning attitude is attainable, but you must guard your thoughts and your company to maintain it.

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Ever dreamed of seeing your name in print? Or telling a story that everyone in your community can read?

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The Daniel Island News Kids Takeover Edition is back, and we're handing over the newspaper for one whole week so you can run the show.

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Worker suspected of stealing from cash register; threat made over world events

STAFF REPORT

The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department's crime reports within Team 5, which covers Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and parts of Cainhoy, between March 16-31.

EMBEZZLEMENT

On March 16, an officer was called to a business on Clements Ferry Road regarding a theft made by an employee. A meeting with the store's loss prevention manager revealed that the suspect had stolen more than \$1,500 from the cash register in February and March. From March 2-12, the store was able to provide documentation indicating how much money was removed from the drawer. The suspect provided a written statement admitting that she had taken the money over a period of time. Evidence is currently under review by a police investigator.

NARCOTICS/DRUG VIOLATION

A vehicle traveling on Clements Ferry Road was stopped on March 17 due to a broken headlight. When making contact, the officer detected the odor of marijuana. Upon

request, the suspect handed over a bag of marijuana hidden under her clothing. A check of the driver's license revealed that it had been suspended, with two prior convictions during the past five years. Citations were issued for driving under suspension and defective equipment, and a court date was set.

A vehicle with a defective tag light was pulled over on Jack Primus and Clements Ferry roads on March 19 during a routine patrol. Police reported the driver was irate and would not roll down his window. When the suspect was told to exit the vehicle, the officer noticed an open container of alcohol. A probable cause search revealed 3.5 grams of a white powder in a plastic bag under the driver's seat and a loaded handgun. The suspect claimed that the powder was baking soda; the substance was confiscated for testing. A DMV check revealed



that the offender's driver's license had been suspended with one prior conviction. A warrant may be drafted pending the results of the drug analysis.

INTIMIDATION

On March 18, Team 5 responded to Island Park Drive in reference to threats that were made toward a victim as he exited a business on Daniel Island. The complainant stated that he was confronted by an individual who began shouting at him regarding current world events. The complainant told police the individual made gun gestures with his fingers, saying, "Bang bang, I'll see you at 6 a.m. at your house." Video footage was captured and turned over to police.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

An SUV left unsecured was stolen on March 23 from Clements Ferry Road when it had been left on the side of the road after becoming disabled. The complainant is in possession of all keys for the vehicle.

On the same day, the vehicle's license plate information had been checked by the Moncks Corner Police Department. The investigation to recover the vehicle continues.

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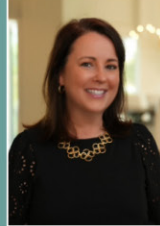
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DI dad tees off to improve children's animated shows with Captivated Kids

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What if the next blockbuster for kids wasn't just flashy but values-driven, faith-friendly, and made right here in Charleston?

That's the idea behind Captivated Kids, a nonprofit that has become a platform for creating animated content that parents can trust and kids actually want to watch.

It started with Chris Langlois, a Daniel Island dad, who hit a wall during COVID-19. "My daughters were watching content that was either entertaining but empty or values-driven but poorly produced," he recalled. "There was a clear gap. Instead of complaining, I decided to help create something better."

Since then, Captivated Kids has grown into more than a personal project. Collaborations with Butch Hartman, creator of

Nickelodeon TV series "Danny Phantom" and "Fairly Odd Parents," and Charleston's Moondog Animation have brought ambitious projects like the upcoming feature "Hi-5" to life.

"We're not trying to be alternative content," Langlois said. "We're aiming to set the standard."

This growth is fueled in part by the Captivated Kids Charity Golf Outing, set for Monday, May 4, at Coosaw Creek Country Club in North Charleston.

The event is far from your average fundraiser: attendees can try their hand at a celebrity long drive inspired by "Happy Gilmore," shoot off an air cannon sponsored by the clothing company Mugsy, compete for prizes, and network, while directly supporting animation projects organizers say could reach children worldwide.

"It's competitive, fun, and purpose-driven,



all in one," Langlois said. "People don't just show up; they buy into the mission. Funds raised have directly supported animation development, and partnerships have formed that are accelerating our growth."

Locally, organizers said Captivated Kids is creating jobs, fostering creative partnerships, and positioning Charleston as a place where world-class animation can be made. Globally, their content aims to equip kids with stories that teach courage, integrity, and purpose.

Langlois sees the vision expanding far

beyond a single golf course.

"We want to give kids stories that shape how they think, act, and grow," he said. "In Charleston, we're building something the community can be proud of. And this is just the beginning."



AK PHOTOGRAPHS

The Captivated Kids Charity Golf Outing hopes to raise funds for faith- and values-driven animated content for children.

CAPTIVATED KIDS CHARITY GOLF OUTING

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Miles of smiles: Daniel Island School runs its way to \$80K

DANIELLE LOFLAND
DANIEL ISLAND SCHOOL PTA

The Daniel Island School community came together in a show of school spirit and generosity, raising more than \$80,000 during this year’s annual Fun Run. The event, which has become a tradition for students, families, and teachers, combined fitness, fun, and philanthropy into one unforgettable day.

Leading up to race day, students rallied around fundraising goals with enthusiasm and creativity. Classrooms buzzed with excitement as students tracked progress, celebrated milestones, and encouraged one another to reach new heights.

The Fun Run itself was a celebration of energy and community pride. Students took to the course with smiles, determination, and plenty of cheers from parents, teachers, and volunteers lining the route. Music, laughter, and encouragement filled the air, creating an atmosphere that reflected a sense of connection that characterizes Daniel Island School.

The Daniel Island School Fun Run was not only a fundraiser, but a reminder of what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared purpose.



PHOTOS PROVIDED
BY DANIELLE LOFLAND



Above left: DIS students take on the Fun Run with smiles all the way!
Above right: The red team shows their school spirit, ready to cheer each other on.
Bottom left: The blue team prepares for a great day of fun and fundraising.
Bottom right: The green team brings energy, smiles, and team pride to the Fun Run.



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The Wando River is about to get a whole lot quackier.

On Saturday, May 30, Daniel Island's Waterfront Park will transform into a riot of yellow, laughter, and family fun as 30,000 rubber ducks take their signature plunge in the 19th Annual Charleston Duck Race.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Lowcountry will gather for a day of games, cotton candy, music, and, of course, the thrill of watching thousands of tiny yellow racers float toward the finish line, all in the name of charity.

"This event is pure Charleston – fun, family-friendly, and fueled by people who care about their community," said Frank Conway, the 2026 Duck Race Chair, affectionately known as the "Head Duck." "When those ducks hit the river, it's a spectacle, but the real win is what it does for local nonprofits and families across the



FILE
Not your average rubber ducks.

Lowcountry."

Conway, a Daniel Island resident and father of two, took over the helm from Evan Murray, who guided the race back to the Wando River last year and orchestrated its return with Cape Romain Contractors' barged crane.

"Head Duck is essentially the ringleader of a very organized and very passionate circus," Conway said. "I make sure our committees are aligned, timelines are on track,

and that on race day everything runs like clockwork. I'm kind of everywhere at once – putting out fires, cheering on volunteers, and making sure our 30,000 rubber ducks make it safely to the finish line."

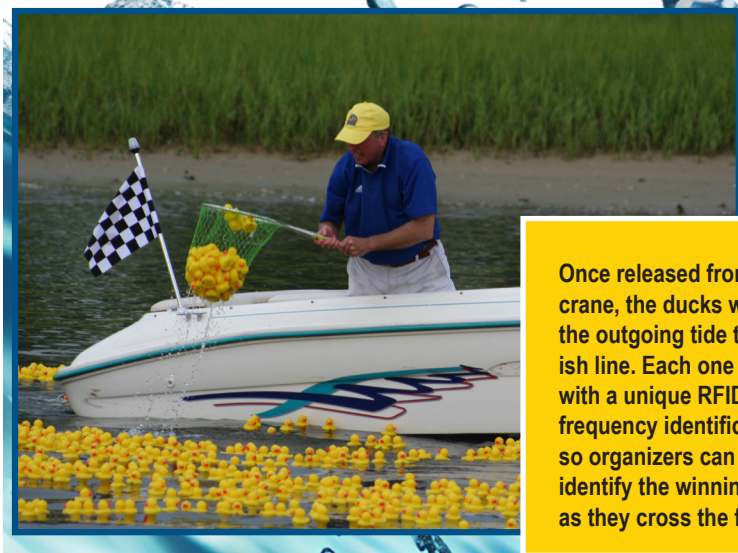
Behind the quacks

Getting their ducks in a row

The magic of the Duck Race doesn't happen by chance. For months, volunteers – all dedicated Daniel Island Rotarians – meet, plan, and fine-tune every detail. From early February, committees tackle logistics, marketing, fundraising, games, and club coordination.

Ducks are fitted with radio frequency identification trackers, spreadsheets are prepared, and even the ducks themselves get a post-race shower at the Daniel Island Self Storage facility.

"It definitely takes a village," said Murray, the



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Once released from the crane, the ducks will ride the outgoing tide to the finish line. Each one is fitted with a unique RFID, or radio frequency identification tag, so organizers can scan and identify the winning ducks as they cross the finish line.



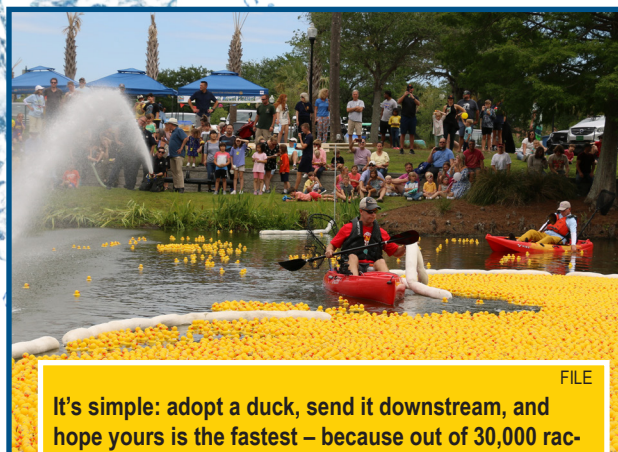
race's operations manager. "We test every duck, track each purchase, coordinate with 10 Rotary clubs, and make sure that everyone who adopts a duck has a fair shot at winning. And yes, Mike Spires (Cainhoy Peninsula's Rotary Club director) deserves a huge shout-out for entering every duck purchased on race day manually, because there's no internet at the park."

For many volunteers, the reward is more than logistics. Mary Schroeder, a long-time volunteer, said, "I volunteer because it matters! The duck race fundraiser is a powerful way to raise money for local and international charities. You see families show up, kids get excited, funds get raised, results happen, and you can see the impact it has had over the past 20 years!"

Ann Moravick, another veteran volunteer, said, "The 30,000 duck drop-off the Wando River Bridge is now like Daniel Island folklore. Those who witness it talk about it with such pride at the ingenious and incredibly dynamic visual extravaganza of a sea of ducks dropping into the sea. There is joy in being a volunteer and seeing all the young families having a great time on race day. It's a double win – an event that raises considerable funds for charities while giving everyone a chance to be together, laugh, connect, and have fun."

Race day fun

The Charleston Duck Race is more than



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It's simple: adopt a duck, send it downstream, and hope yours is the fastest – because out of 30,000 racers, one lucky duck brings home \$10,000.

just a river drop. Waterfront Park becomes a festival playground with face painting, balloon animals, arts and crafts, games, live music, and local food vendors. Conway and Murray even scout birthday parties for fresh ideas to keep the kids entertained.

"We're ... also investing in bolstering our games. My daughters and I have been running 'field research' at every birthday party we attend. If it works for toddlers, it works at the duck race!"

"This year, we're working closely with the Daniel Island Ferry for a viewing experience during the duck drop – imagine watching 30,000 ducks hit the water from the water itself," Conway teased.

Quacks for a cause

Participants adopt ducks for \$10 each. Cash prizes add excitement: \$10,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second, and five

\$1,000 prizes.

But organizers say the real victory is in giving back.

Over the past 20 years, the Duck Race has raised more than \$3 million for charities across the Lowcountry, including First Tee, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, Feeding of the Multitudes, Girls on the Run, Shifa Clinic, and the Rotary Club of Daniel Island Scholarship Program. This year's fundraising goal: \$225,000.

"Last year alone, 27 charities benefitted from the generosity of our volunteers and participants," Conway said. "Every duck, every dollar, every volunteer contributes to something bigger than ourselves."

Still paddling strong

It's a tradition that has captured the hearts of the Lowcountry. "Race day itself – seeing months of planning suddenly come alive – is my favorite part," Conway said. "But watching families experience it together, seeing kids cheer and laugh, that's what hits different for me. This is a community event that's lighthearted, fun, and deeply meaningful."

Mark your calendars. Adopt your duck. Bring your family. And prepare for a day of quacks, cheers, and a whole lot of heart.



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BE, Philip Simmons battle top teams at All American Track Classic

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In the fall of 1990, Spring Valley High School principal Ben Nesbit convinced his school district to replace the clay track at Harry Parone Stadium with an all-weather track.

The following spring, the school hosted its first major track and field meet with 13 teams bidding for the championship.

That was the humble beginning of what would become the All American Track Classic, which today is the biggest meet east of the Mississippi River. This year's event, contested April 9-11 at Spring Valley High School in Columbia, South Carolina, featured more than 100 teams and more than 3,000 athletes, including some of the top performers in the country.

The talent pool included Myrtle Beach High School high jumper Julian Brown, a junior who has the top high jump in the country this spring at 7 feet, 4 ¼ inches. He won the gold at Spring Valley, clearing 7-1

¾. Bishop England and Philip Simmons both competed in the meet as both programs entered the final month of the season.

With such incredible talent on display, the All American Track Classic gave athletes a chance to see how they stack up against top-notch competition.

"We go into the meet with the mindset that the meet is a great chance for the athletes to compete against some of the best competition on the East Coast," BE coach Tony Colizzi said. "Both of our teams are starting to peak at the right time. It should be an exciting last month of the season."

Blythewood High School won the girls' title with 51.25 points to top Mallard Creek, which scored 42. St. James Academy was third with 34 points.

Ashley Roush led the Philip Simmons girls with a gold medal in the pole vault. Roush was the only local athlete to win an event and accounted for 10 of the Iron Horses' 14 points, which was good enough to finish tied for 17th place in the team standings. Roush cleared 12-11 ¾.

The BE girls finished in a tie for 36th place with seven points. Kinsley Wood shone brightly, holding down sixth place in the javelin while finishing seventh in the discus. Katie Griffin finished fifth in the pole vault and Victoria Wood was 10th in the long jump.

Archbishop Carroll, located in Washington D.C., won the boys' title in one of the most competitive finishes ever. Archbishop Carroll won with 37 points to edge Mallard Creek and Wando High School. Both teams scored 36.

The Bishop boys finished in a five-way tie for 44th place with five points. Connor Good claimed fourth place in the 3,200-meter run while the 4x800-meter relay team finished 10th.

Trent Manning led the Iron Horse boys with eight-place finishes in the 1,600-meter run and the mile run. Lucas Shively was seventh in the discus while Jack Robinson and Luke Robinson finished seventh and ninth in the javelin. Matthew Perry finished in 10th place in the 3,200-meter run.



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Bishop England's Connor Good finished in fourth place in the 3,200-meter run at the All American Track Classic at Spring Valley High School in Columbia, South Carolina.

'Fab Four' seniors leading Iron Horses on courts, in classrooms

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Philip Simmons High School boys' tennis coach Richard Schulz says his squad has a group of seniors who might be the Fab Four of their sport -- and in the classroom.

The four seniors are Camden Manganaro, Davey Kesner, Grayson Estey, and Wyatt Waters.

"All four are great young men," Schulz said. "All four have been with me since the seventh grade."

Manganaro has been accepted at both Tennessee and Clemson and plans to major in construction management. He hasn't decided where to matriculate just yet.

Kesner, a team captain, will attend Auburn and will take a four-year program to prepare for a career as an airline pilot. He already has a pilot's license and has plans to be a pilot for Delta Air Lines.

Estey is ranked No. 2 academically in his class and is also the president of the student body. He also is a team captain and will attend Clemson with plans to major in international business. "He will someday run his own business," Schulz said.

Waters will attend Clemson and plans to earn a degree in veterinary science.

"These four men represent Philip Simmons High School and everything that is special and wonderful about athletics and education today," Schulz said. "They are why teachers



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Philip Simmons boys' tennis coach Richard Schulz, center, poses with members of the 2026 team.

and coaches love what they do."

Schulz says there is enough talent on campus for the Iron Horses to compete for the Class AA state championship, which would be the fourth state crown in the program's brief history.

But first, the Iron Horses are sharpening their skills with some grueling matches, which began this week and will continue through early next week. The Iron Horse boys were scheduled to play Bishop England on April 14, and Academic Magnet two days later. On April 20, PSHS will battle five-time state champ Oceanside Collegiate Academy.

The Iron Horses posted a 14-4 record last spring and

finished second in Region 6-AA to eventual state champ Oceanside Collegiate.

The Iron Horses began play this week at 14-5.

The Iron Horses have talented student-athletes -- and accomplished tennis players. But they just aren't limited to the senior class.

Sophomores Henry Broad and Addison Stuart had impressive freshman seasons last spring. They train at LTP along with Luke Smith and Chivale Nelson.

Broad and Stuart played in last spring's Class AAA-AA-A individual state tournament. Broad is a former right-hander who transitioned to a lefty when he was younger to improve his game. He reached the final four and earned all-state, playing against older players at bigger schools.

Stuart, the Iron Horses' No. 1 singles player, also earned all-state honors with an impressive effort.

Schulz originally coached both the boys' and girls' teams at PSHS and led the girls to one state title. Today, Schulz coaches the girls' team at Summerville High School, which plays during the fall.

How long has Schulz coached?

"Too many years," the coach quipped.

Why does Schulz coach?

"It's the greatest gift I get," he said. "These kids want to learn and they keep me young at heart. I grow from them. Coaching is teaching at the highest level."

Bishops' golf squad travels to prestigious California tournament

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The Bishop England High School boys' golf team made history three years ago when the Bishops became the first school east of the Mississippi to compete in the prestigious Champions Invitational, which was contested in Palm Springs, California.

The tournament, held at Tahquitz Creek, is one of the biggest events in high school golf in the country and past individual performers includes some of the sport's biggest luminaries, including Jordan Spieth, Collin Morikawa, Ricky Fowler, Will Zalatoris, and Beau Hossler, among others.

The Bishops finished third in Palm Springs during that memorable season, using the performance as a springboard to the state championship.

The Bishops returned to the desert March 30-31 to compete in the 2026 event. Bishop England coach Jeff Burton, who spreads the gospel of high school golf, told his good friend Rock Catalano about the tournament. Catalano just happens to be the golf coach at Oceanside Collegiate Academy.



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Golfers from Bishop England High School and Oceanside Collegiate Academy pose for a photo during a recent tournament in Palm Springs, California.

"We're tight," Burton said of his friendship with Catalano. "I said, 'Here's all the information. Here are the (entry) forms. It's a good time.'"

Catalano listened, and the Landsharks decided to apply. Tournament officials picked the teams after they reviewed biographies of the players and teams who sent in entry forms.

Like the Bishops, OCA has an impressive program. The Landsharks won a state title last

May, their third in four years.

Both local teams fared well in the tourney, which included 36 holes of golf the first day and 18 holes the second day.

Oceanside Collegiate finished second to Santa Margarita Catholic High School, located in Rancho Santa Margarita, California. The Landsharks led by nine strokes after the first day. But Santa Margarita carded a 282 on the final day to OCA's 297 to gain an 845-850 vic-

tory in the 49-team tourney.

The Bishops finished in 26th place. Burton's crew shot 589 on the first day and had a 293 on the second day to finish with a score of 882.

Burton said the tournament experience will help the Bishops as they head into the final month of the season. The Bishops, who finished second in the state the past two seasons, are bidding for their 10th state title overall.

"This tournament is something pretty special, something the kids will remember," Burton said. "If you play in this event, you will remember it for a long time."

The Bishops' roster includes 15 players and 11 made the trip, which was offset by members of the team serving as caddies on the Daniel Island courses.

"The Daniel Island members did a great job of helping out," Burton said. "Four of the golfers who did not go played in an invitational on Hilton Head Island."

The Bishops were led by a pair of juniors: Hunter Colwell carded a 216, and Sam Pelsnik shot a 219. Senior Evan Houde scored a 224, while sophomore Merritt Mathesius recorded a 236, and senior Bobby Martin carded a 240.

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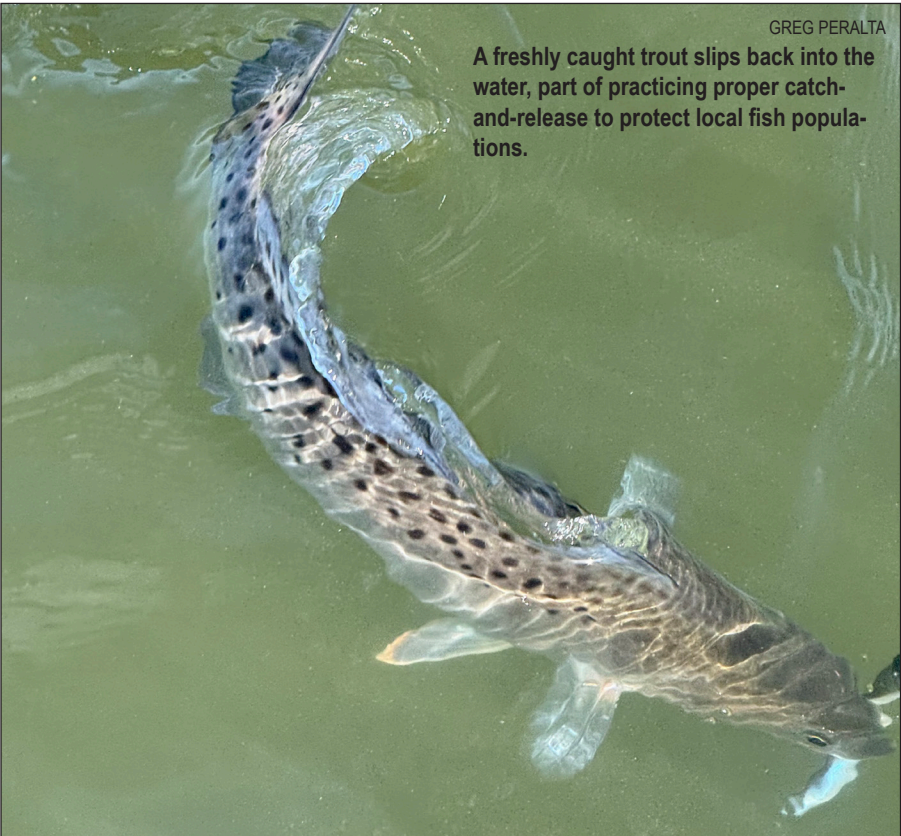
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A freshly caught trout slips back into the water, part of practicing proper catch-and-release to protect local fish populations.

Fishing class reels in success; tips to catch and release



fishing trends
GREG PERALTA

The community fishing class went well. Thanks to all who participated. I appreciate the positive feedback, especially the texts and emails from those that are catching more fish! The class would not have been possible without the help of the Daniel Island Inshore Fishing Club and Providence Church. I appreciate their thoughtfulness and support.

While reading the texts and emails, it occurred to me that I should have covered fish release best practices in the class. This is particularly important now that more people are consistently catching fish. Here are a couple things you can do to decrease released fish mortality.

Fish with barbless hooks. I use my needle-nose pliers to smash down the hook barbs on my lures. This makes it much easier to release a fish. A barbless hook also limits damage to a fish's mouth. The

hook just pops right out. In my experience, fishing with a barbless hook does not significantly impact my catch numbers. If you keep the line tight when fighting the fish, they rarely get away.

If at all possible, keep fish you intend to release in the water. When using barbless hooks, releasing fish is quick and easy. A slight push towards the bend of the hook released the fish nearly every time. This is good for the fish. It is also good for the angler because it saves time so they can catch more fish.

I hope these tips help. Please give them a try. You will be pleasantly surprised with the results.

Now that warm weather is upon us, our rivers and creeks are becoming more crowded. To avoid the crowds, Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog) and I fish early in the morning or late in the afternoon. This aligns with the low-light fish feeding periods, and we typically have the water all to ourselves.

Brody says to bring bug spray. The fish are not the only things that are biting.

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Maude Callen: What can one woman do?

DIHS program spotlights South Carolina's first Black nurse midwife

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Author and journalist Lindsay Street set the scene for the audience at the March 17 program of the Daniel Island Historical Society at Church of the Holy Spirit, reading a poignant passage from her recently published book "Maude Callen: Legendary Nurse-Midwife of South Carolina."

It was 1951 in rural Berkeley County, explained Street. A tiny infant "hot with fever" was brought to Callen's doorstep. The baby was in desperate need of a blood transfusion. Callen realized the child was too dehydrated to treat at her home, so she decided to drive her 27 miles to the hospital in Moncks Corner.

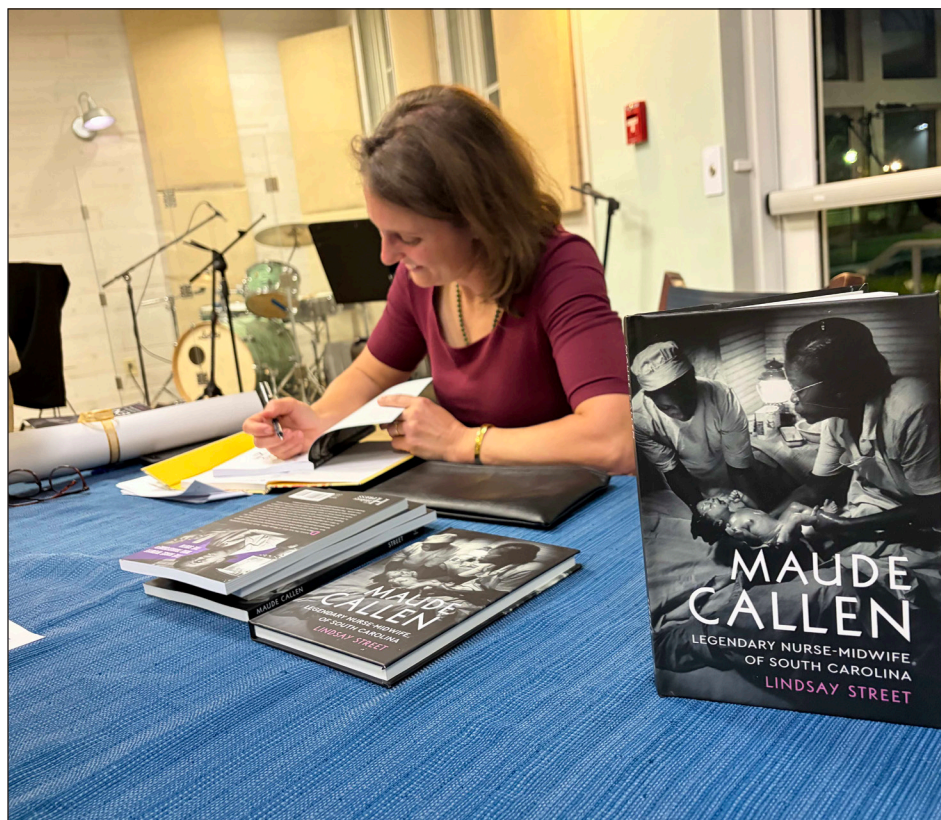
Accompanying Callen, the first Black nurse-midwife in South Carolina, were two staff members from Life magazine, photographer W. Eugene Smith and Bernie Schoenfeld, who were in town working on a photo essay about Callen and rural health care.

"Maude drove as fast as the road could carry them, never caring if she left the photographers in the dust," Street continued. "Transfusions weren't a new tool for Maude or the rest of the medical community in 1951. It was a procedure born in the 19th century...perfected through scientific advancement of the 20th century and the battlefields of World War II.

"But in 1951, that was only the second year this Black baby could access blood from donors not of her own skin color under Red Cross regulations. In South Carolina, however, her access remained limited by race."

In other Southern states, such as Arkansas and Louisiana, state laws prohibited blood crossing racial lines until the 1960s and 1970s, noted Street.

"This turned out to be important in this case, although Maude had no way of knowing yet," she said. "Maude wasn't allowed to administer transfusions, although she did and could under her supervisor, Dr. William Kershaw Fishburne. But in this case, there were two reasons for that technicality. First, transfusions were the realm of doctors, and second, Jim Crow (laws) kept White and Black lives as separate as possible, even within a hospital. Maude was no longer a



ELIZABETH BUSH

In commemoration of Women's History Month, author and journalist Lindsay Street spoke to the DI Historical Society about her book, "Maude Callen: Legendary Nurse-Midwife of South Carolina."

nurse once she walked through the hospital doors."

Once Callen arrived, a White doctor and nurse attempted to assist the baby, but after a mishap with a vial of blood and difficulties accessing the child's veins, they were not able to save her. Callen could not intervene due to the racial disparities of the time.

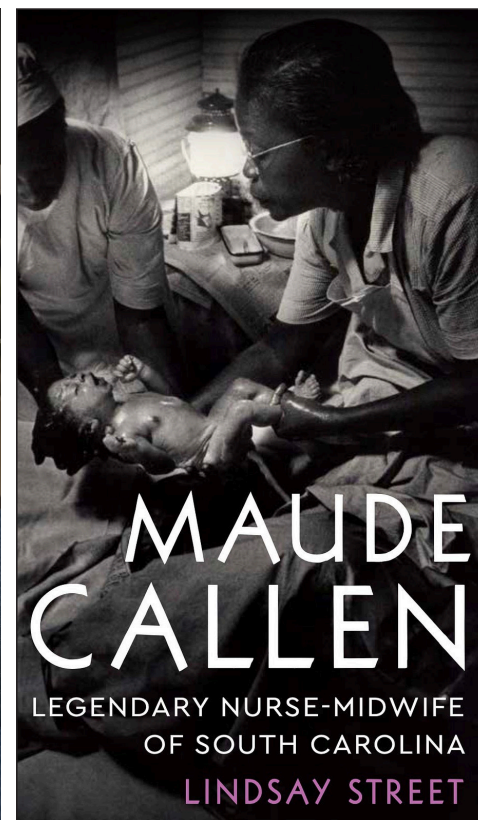
"Maude held the baby's arms," Street recounted. "Perhaps she held them to keep the baby from fighting the needle. But now under the gaze of Gene's camera, it looked more like to give the child final comfort. There was no fight left. Maude watched the child take her last breath and become still, unable to take another."

The images captured of those gut-wrenching moments would forever immortalize Callen and the emotion she felt on that fateful day. Smith's photographs would reveal a "heartbreaking serenity" on Callen's face, noted Street.

"Inside, she raged. She knew she could have saved the little girl."

But moments like this, along with other happier times and outcomes, would punctuate Callen's pioneering medical career serving those in need — many of them without electricity or running water. The Life magazine essay catapulted her story across the nation, bringing in funds that enabled her to build a modern clinic of her own, which is now a museum on the National Register of Historic Places. According to the museum's website, "through her personal midwife services and midwife training program, Callen significantly diminished maternal and infant death in Berkeley County by 1955 and is credited with delivering nearly 75% of Berkeley County's population by 1972."

Street's book documents Callen's incredible journey, from her early days as an orphan in Florida, to her arrival in Pineville, South Carolina, by mule-drawn wagon in



1923 to begin her work as a missionary nurse, to a life of service that would ultimately span nearly 70 years.

"What she did was absolutely extraordinary and yet so very ordinary," Street continued. "Some people call her the Mother Teresa of South Carolina, the angel in twilight. And if you ask anyone in Pineville, the area that she served, they'll tell you she's a saint. She's a legend."

Street is hopeful Callen's story will inspire others to raise their own hands when they see a need.

"Her story encourages us to get our hands dirty and to jump up and do something, not serving what need we want, but the need that is there. When things feel hopeless, be helpful, create meaning from life, find a purpose that can be yours to claim...that's why stories like Maude's matter. She faced oppression few of us can ever imagine, and look what she could do. So, what can you do?"

For more information, visit arcadiapublishing.com and search for "Maude Callen: Legendary Nurse-Midwife of South Carolina."

A decades-long journey returning to Lake Atitlán, Guatemala



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CAROL ANTMAN

There's a photo on our bedroom wall that Mark and I took from the top of a mountain in Guatemala 50 years ago.

We'd confidently hiked there using a bogus map with camping equipment fashioned from shopping bags, planning to walk one day to Lake Atitlan on the other side. It was the kind of thing we did during the nine years that we travelled as much as possible and worked only enough to keep moving.

The photograph shows what we discovered: the lake was two more mountains away. Over the next five days, we followed rising smoke from one Mayan village to another seeking water and food, and talking about our future.

When I heard about Joyce Maynard's one-week memoir writing retreat at Lake Atitlan, I knew that was the story I wanted to revisit. The trip began in Antigua, where I joined a group of 14 other women for dinner. The luxurious Porta Hotel demonstrated how far the tourist infrastructure has improved since my last visit, but the curvy, bumpy roads to the lake the next day showed what hasn't changed. After a short boat ride we pulled up to Joyce's dock and were greeted by a marimba band. Our happy group danced.

Joyce built Casa Paloma from an undeveloped piece of land she purchased over 20 years ago. Now lovely casitas, massage palapas, dining spaces, a yoga platform, porches, a stone sauna, and a kitchen and living room perch on the hillside. Everything is connected by steep stone steps that require careful navigation. Huipils, carvings, masks and paintings fill the walls. There's a swimming dock, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards waiting on shore.

We were given gifts: vibrant hand woven rebozos. There were snacks: tortillas with guacamole and smoothies courtesy of Rosa, who fed us sumptuously all week. Each accommodation offers a view of the shimmering lake and the towering volcano. My very comfortable casita even had an outdoor bathtub under a thatched roof. A nearby porch with a swinging bench made from a hand-carved canoe was the perfect spot to enjoy morning coffee before a bracing swim in the lake.

Joyce Maynard has written over 20 books and has contributed to newspapers and magazines since she was a teenager. Her career took off after she wrote an essay for the New York Times, "An Eighteen Year Old Looks Back on Life," and she gained notoriety for her book, "At Home in the World," about her relationship with J.D. Salinger. Two of her books, "To Die For" and "Labor Day," have been turned into movies. Throughout two marriages, she has supported her family by writing, never having "the luxury of writer's block," she says. "I am endlessly interested in hearing women's stories," she told us.

Using a large whiteboard and her arsenal of tools, Joyce



PHOTOS BY CAROL ANTMAN

Carol Antman's morning coffee came with a side of magic – the shimmering lake and towering volcanos stretch as far as the eye can see from her casita porch.

led us to dissect each essay. First of all, what exactly is the story? It should move like a road trip: start somewhere and get somewhere. "I used to ... and now I ..." she kept repeating. She decries adverbs, and interpretive language. We were prompted to add more descriptions, edit out needless dialogue, and never to underestimate the intelligence of our reader by explaining everything.

It was a tough lesson. Some were told to start completely over. I'd been confident in my essay, but it didn't survive her scrutiny. "I'm giving you such a hard time! But that's because I know you can do better." She was right. I worked hard on the rewrite and the story is much better.

(See my blog peaksandpotholes.blogspot.com to read the finished essay, "Solo Para Conocer.")

It's clear that Joyce has a genuine reverence for the culture. Everyone who works at Casa Paloma is local and paid well. "I don't want to pay the people here as bargain basement workers, but I couldn't have built this place in the U.S.," she said.

Each day began with a description of its significance on the Mayan calendar. There was a cacao ceremony and a shaman's ritual about choosing happiness. Local women gave us massages. We toured a nearby town to learn about medicinal herbs, bee keeping, coffee roasting, dyeing and weaving. A fisherman paddled by to talk about his life and the changing ecology of the lake.

I spent each day absorbed in stories: the trajectory of my life upon returning to Lake Atitlan, the intimate insights from the other essays, the mystical Mayan customs, the history and nature that surrounded us. Joyce has built such a remarkable place. It's clear to see why so many who come call the retreat one of the most meaningful weeks of their writing lives.

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250-unit Point Hope development goes before city committee

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.

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 16: Point Hope - Capstone Cottages – Proposed multifamily development with associated infrastructure with 250 units on 20.92 acres at 1730 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Capstone Collegiate Communities. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Mike Bozovich |

bozovich.m@tandh.com.

Thursday, April 16: Marshes at DI Amenity Center - Proposed amenity site for Marshes at DI on 3.53 acres at 106 Fairbanks Oak Aly, Daniel Island. TMS: B2710000012. Owner: Stanley Martin Homes LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Zachary Wortman, zwortman@seamonwhiteside.com.

RESULTS: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

April 6: 2274 Clements Ferry Road - Cainhoy – Requesting final approval for a new 3-story storage building. TMS: 2670000148 Owner: Holly McAlhany Applicant: Holly McAlhany. *Results: Approved.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DANIEL ISLAND SPEAKER SERIES

Wed., April 15, 7-8 pm (6:30 pm reception), Daniel Island Club. Hear from Dr. Joseph Scalea, MUSC transplant surgeon on drone technology in organ transplants and the future of medicine.

PAT TILLMAN HONOR RUN

Sat., April 18, 8 am-5 pm, Credit One Stadium. A 4.2-mile run/walk honoring Pat Tillman and supporting scholarships through the Pat Tillman Foundation. \$40 registration. Open to runners and walkers.

ROBERT DANIELL AND THE BARBADOS ADVENTURERS!

Tues., April 21, 7 pm. Daniel Island Historical Society hosts a talk on Robert Daniell's life and Barbados ties, featuring authors Peg Eastman and Robert Stockton. Church of the Holy Spirit, 299 Seven Farms Dr. FREE.

EARTH DAY AT MUSC

April 22, 12-4 pm, MUSC Clements Ferry Pavilion. Celebrate Earth Day with free family fun, including kids' games, face painting, food trucks, plant your own flower and take it home.

6TH ANNUAL

DI FINE ART SHOW

Sat, April 25, 10 am-4 pm, Daniel Island Recreation Center. The DI Rec Center hosts an art gallery-style showcase featuring local artists exhibiting original works across a variety of styles and mediums.

GATHERING ON THE

GREEN - POINT HOPE

Sat., April 25, 5-8 pm, Village Green at Point Hope. Enjoy live music by Lady Jane, food from And Lobster food truck, face painting, balloon art, fairy hair, and lawn games. Featuring sensory-friendly "Bee Hive" space in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.

CLEMENTS FERRY PUTT & CRAWL

May 2-3, Point Hope Hub. Hosted by Clements Ferry Connection, a community mini-golf crawl visiting local businesses with special offers, course stops, and prize drawings (grand prize \$1,000 Amazon gift card). Info: rob@mistirmessermmedia.com.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI BLOOD DRIVE

May 5, 1-6 pm, St. Clare of Assisi Parish parking lot. The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be onsite for community donations. Appointments recommended at redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: stclare). Info: christinelark@ymail.com.

OUTDOOR MOVIE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Friday, May 8, 8-10 pm. Family-friendly movie night at Point Hope featuring "A Minecraft Movie." Bring blankets and chairs; food and popcorn available. Free, leashed dogs welcome.

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 Fellowship for relatives and friends of alcoholics. Meets Thurs., 7 pm at Providence Church on Daniel Island.

STRENGTH AND

BALANCE Tuesdays, 10-11 am, DI Rec Center. All ages and levels. \$10. Contact: 843-216-6366.

CORE STRENGTH & STABILITY

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CRAFTERNOONS 1st Fri. of the month, 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Contact Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP

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

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: Mon. 1-4 pm; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL POINTE

CHAPEL Non-denominational worship in the Daniel Pointe Theater at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Drive. Deacon Ed Dyckman: 843-367-5647 or dyckman.edward@gmail.com.

DI COMMUNITY

TOASTMASTERS 1st and 4th Tuesdays, 6-7 pm, Daniel Island Library. Build public speaking skills in a supportive setting. Email: claire@eduave.com.

DI INSHORE

FISHING CLUB 3rd Tuesday of each month at Providence Church. Connect with local anglers and hear from guest speakers.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required: 843-224-6778 or 843-209-1471.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other nonperishables 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

EXCHANGE CLUB OF

DANIEL ISLAND 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater. dixchange-club.org.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX

Multimedia music discussion group. 2nd & 4th Thurs. at the DI Library, 11 am - noon.

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

MASTER GARDENER Q&A Certified Clemson MGs. DI Library, 1st Mon. of month, 4-6 pm. Soil samples tested at Clemson University for \$6 (check or credit).

POSTPARTUM

CHARLESTON SUPPORT WALKS Walks occur at 9:30 am on the 4th Friday of every month through October. Meet at the DI Waterfront splash pad.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

3rd Thursday of each month at the Daniel Island Club, 5pm. Nonprofit volunteers focus on improving Lowcountry lives. All welcome. info.rakl2020@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF

DI 1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-10 am. Call/text for venue and RSVP: 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS

DI Rotary: Most Weds. 7:15 am and 2nd Tues. at noon. Cainhoy Rotary: 1st and 3rd Tues. at 6 pm. Contact: ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, DI Rec Center. Weekly social meetup with coffee and refreshments.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS

3rd Sun. at 4 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com. Contact: 843-216-6366.

SPRING ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES

Thursdays, April 23 to June 25, 5-7 pm, Waterfront Park. Enjoy live acoustic music by the Wando River. Bring a chair/blanket and picnic. Sponsored by the Daniel Island Community Fund.

TAI CHI CLASSES DI Library: Tues. 10 am & Fri. 9 am.

WILLINGWAY'S CONTINUED CARE GROUP Supports families struggling with substance abuse. Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull: 843-323-7111.

YOGA AT DI REC

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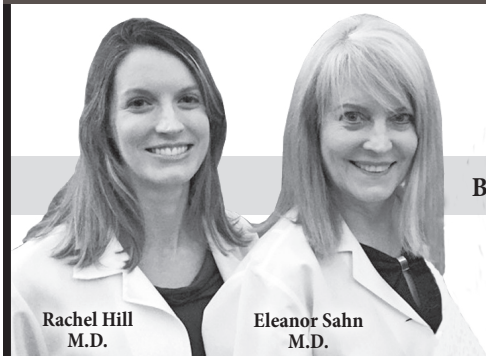
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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil Manausa

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Comparing Adjectives

Adjectives can be compared by adding **-er** or **-est** to the end of the word (example: *big, bigger, biggest*). They can also be compared by using **more** and **most** (example: *attractive, more attractive, most attractive*). Decide whether you should add **-er** and **-est** or **more** and **most** to the following adjectives.

1. happy 2. expensive 3. green 4. bulky 5. skeptical

Answers: Usually, adjectives with one or two syllables use **-er** or **-est**. Adjectives with three or more syllables use **more** or **most**. There are exceptions, so always check the dictionary.
1. happy, happier, happiest
2. expensive, more expensive, most expensive
3. green, greener, greenest
4. bulky, bulkier, bulkiest
5. skeptical, more skeptical, most skeptical



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ACROSS

- 1 Free from doubt
5 Hall of Famer batting champ Rod
10 1944 battle site
14 Turkey or fox follower
15 Pavarotti's "___ mio"
16 Miami team
17 Star of "The Defenders"
19 Besides
20 Chick or sweet
21 Part of a list
22 Hairy, in botany
24 "___ Almighty", 2007 film
25 Not at all
26 Type of engine
29 Nonsense!
32 Meet feature
33 Ceremonies
34 Baseball stat
35 Chantilly or Brussels
36 Weighty works
37 Cut
38 Akkadian god
39 Praise
40 Place for élèves
41 Complainer
43 Juries
44 Jumbo leader

- 45 Compos mentis
46 San Luis ___
48 Nazimova
49 Turkish title
52 Unpleasantly moist
53 Author of "The Catcher in the Rye"
56 "Picnic" author
57 City in Minnesota
58 Starr of Green Bay
59 Empty ___ syndrome
60 Camp sights
61 James Bay people

DOWN

- 1 Watch your ___!
2 Press
3 Campagnano di ___, Italy
4 Zeta follower
5 Pertaining to ribs
6 Wan
7 Wander
8 Right angle extension
9 Greets with pleasure
10 Soft, pliable leather, sp?
11 "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" author
12 Endure
13 Indigenous Nebraskan
18 Metal fastener
23 Resistance units
24 Feudal toiler
25 A flat and C sharp
26 Procrastinate
27 Late Mrs. Trump
28 Author of "the enormous room"
29 Indonesian island
30 Bay window
31 Records
33 Copland ballet score
36 Fast aircraft
37 "Auld Lang ___"
39 83rd governor of Georgia
40 Hawaiian porch
42 Revolutionary weapon
43 Bright asteroid
45 Virgule
46 Wotan
47 Opposite of boon
48 "It's ___ to tell a lie"
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