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Berkeley County leads number of scam reports in tri-county area

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Scammers are evolving and so are their methods.

From the comfort of a local grocery store to late-night phone calls, criminals are finding new ways to drain bank accounts and steal identities, often targeting older adults in South Carolina. While vigilance has increased, fraudsters are hitting harder and faster than ever before.

A recent press conference at the South Carolina Statehouse brought lawmakers, law enforcement, advocates, and AARP volunteers together to address the rise in cryptocurrency scams. AARP South Carolina hosted the event to spotlight a growing threat: scammers using cryptocurrency kiosks, often found in gas stations and convenience stores, to siphon money from unsuspecting victims.

"Criminals are using cryptocurrency kiosks in gas stations, convenience stores, and grocery stores to steal from South Carolinians, and it is time for stronger protections," Lorraine Simmons said at the conference,

AARP Executive Council member and lead fraud volunteer.

The tactics are familiar yet increasingly sophisticated. Victims are often coerced over the phone or online to feed cash into a crypto machine, which converts it into cryptocurrency and sends it to a scammer's digital wallet. Once the money disappears into the blockchain, recovery becomes nearly impossible.

Scott Cooke of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs explained, "We are seeing those with a wide variety of scams, anything from a jury duty scam, a romance scam, especially those investment scams. Tens of thousands have been lost through this method."

Berkeley County Chief Deputy Jeremy Baker shared an example at the press conference. "A couple months ago, an elderly gentleman came to the office saying 'You told me to come see you.' They used my name and told him he had a warrant. He had just sent \$6,000 at one of those crypto ATM ... machines."

Romance scams are also on the rise. AARP volunteer Jan Wuorenma recounted

“Con artists often target older adults living alone, using phone calls, mail, or in-person approaches to exploit vulnerabilities.”

her own experience: after losing her husband, she connected with someone online who eventually coaxed her into sending money through bitcoin.

"People believe that their intelligence and education will prevent them from falling for this kind of scam, but really smart and savvy people who are lonely and very sad are just as vulnerable as anyone," Wuorenma said.

Her advice is simple: "Never give money to someone you have never met in person ... listen to your family's concerns ... if it feels 'off,' it is 'off.'"

In 2025, South Carolina reported 667 cases of identity theft, totaling \$2.7 million in losses, with Berkeley County leading the tri-county area at 44 reports. Scam reports where victims were tricked out of money reached 525, with \$5.9 million stolen. Phone calls remain the primary delivery method followed by the internet.

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office warns that scams can take more than your money; they can shake your confidence. "Although you may feel you are too intelligent to be a victim, it can happen to anyone," officials say. Con artists often target older adults living alone, using phone calls, mail, or in-person approaches to exploit vulnerabilities.

Some common warning signs include urgent money demands, promises of "big money guaranteed," or requests to use prepaid cards or crypto ATMs. The BCSO says the best defense is to stay alert, double-check offers, and involve trusted family or friends.

If you suspect a scam, call the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office at 843-719-4465.



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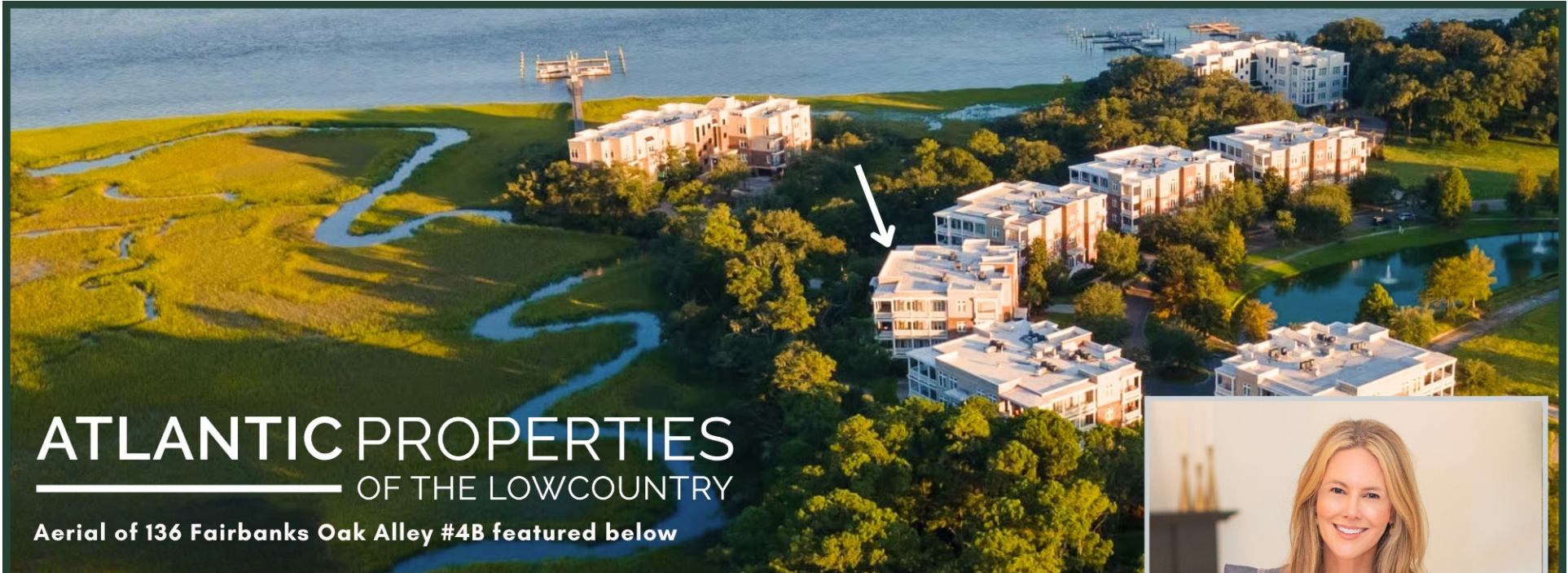
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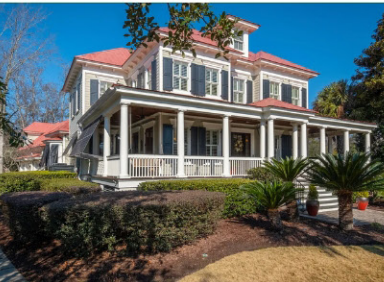


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The MUSC Health Clements Ferry Pavilion, which opened in December, is an 80,000-square-foot medical center off Clements Ferry Road.

MUSC leaders say new Clements Ferry health pavilion seeing strong growth

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Months after opening along one of the region's fastest-growing corridors, MUSC Health officials say their new Clements Ferry Pavilion is seeing strong patient demand and is growing into its targeted role as a community healthcare hub.

What was once a steel frame rising off Clements Ferry Road more than a year ago is now a fully operational, four-story, 80,000-square-foot facility.

"The pavilion is performing well," said Dr. Gene Hong, the chief physician executive for MUSC Physicians and MUSC Health. "We expect volumes to continue to grow as the community learns more about the facility and services offered. We are currently seeing about 2,000 patients a week, and that number will continue to grow as we add more physicians."

Since its December debut, the pavilion has acquired 34 physicians and health care providers, with additional hires added weekly as the medical center builds toward filling its capacity.

"Our numbers are growing every day," Hong said.

The facility offers 26 specialties, including primary care, pediatrics, cardiology, gastroenterology, orthopedics, neurology, and women's health. Patients can also access on-site lab services, advanced imaging such as MRI and CT scans, and infusion therapy.

"All services are open and seeing patients. All services for lab, radiology, and infusion are running," Hong said.

Hong said the pavilion was designed to function as a one-stop destination for care and to give patients an alternative to having to drive to its MUSC facilities in downtown Charleston or Mount Pleasant.

"We are seeing a number of new patients to MUSC, suggesting that local residents are choosing to receive care here rather than travel elsewhere," he said. "Clements Ferry is a community health destination."

As development continues along Clements Ferry, MUSC leaders say they are evaluating future expansion, including the possibility of adding urgent or walk-in care.

"We want to bring care closer to our patients' homes," Hong said. "The best care is local, and MUSC has embraced this statement and invested in our communities to bring our physicians to our patients' communities."



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City updates on e-bikes, fire station, and pedestrian bridge

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Greetings,
I wanted to give an update on a few things that are happening at the City.

First, we had our first reading of our pending e-bike ordinance last week. That ordinance does a few things. 1) It clarifies the difference between a moped, an e-moto, and an e-bike. 2) It makes it illegal to modify the vehicle. 3) It makes it illegal to operate e-bikes or mopeds on sidewalks and shared use paths. 4) It makes it illegal to operate an e-bike without a helmet. 5) It makes it illegal to operate an e-bike recklessly. 6) It increases the fine for violation up to \$500.

Based on my observations and discussions with members of our community, many of the e-bikes we are hearing complaints about are not actually e-bikes. They are mopeds or e-motos according to state law. Please note, the operators of these vehicles are required to have a license and registration. Also, note that doing wheelies

on an e-bike, e-moped, or e-moto falls within the definition of reckless operation. I have had discussions with the police department, and they have increased enforcement of existing laws and will be enforcing the new ordinance when it takes effect in a few weeks.

Also, we are in the process of acquiring five (+/-) acres of property at the corner of Clements Ferry Road and Beresford Run for a replacement of Fire Station #20. In addition, we are in the process of acquiring 34 (+/-) acres of property adjacent to the Mikasa factory for a future police station, fire station, and public works facility. These facilities will help to improve public safety as well as position our public works resources more closely to the growing Clement's Ferry Road corridor. These parcels are zoned light and heavy industrial which allows for more intense uses, so this is a two-fold benefit; we are improving public safety and public works service and preventing more intense development on these parcels.

Lastly, you may have seen some of the

construction on the Nowell Creek pedestrian bridge. The embankments have now been built and currently the engineers are waiting on the proper amount of settlement to occur in the soil to make it structurally sound. Construction of the sidewalks and crosswalks will be starting soon as well as some of the piles for the bridge. After the proper amount of settlement occurs, construction will proceed on the pedestrian bridge connecting the two embankments and then the remainder of the trail connecting the Beresford Creek Bridge and the Shell Ring neighborhood will be completed.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please email me at greggb@charleston-sc.gov.

Thank you,
Boyd

Boyd Gregg is a Charleston City councilmember, representing District 1 which covers most of Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and the Point Hope communities.

Picking right school can be tough for music students

C. CLAIRE LAW

Will the right school or college make a big difference in the development, growth, and success of our students? Absolutely!

If students want to pursue a career in the performing arts, such as dance, drama, music, or musical theatre, does it pay to go for a selective, "name" university? Is it worth the additional cost?

This is a common question both parents and students struggle with. The answer is complex. It depends on various factors. Every family is different. Every student is different. Programs vary in excellence and cost among colleges.

When students aspire to artistic careers, they need to have the basic ingredients: talent, ambition, and a solid work ethic. The quality

and reputation of the school and strength of the program could also make a difference. For example, a conservatory will provide intense professional training as compared to a bachelor's degree.

It's not easy for high school students to choose their educational future, and often, their aspirations are marred by unrealistic dreams. Their personal self-assessment must be brutally honest. Students must take time to evaluate their values, artistic ability, learning style, and personality preferences in order to choose the right school and course of study.

I'm not one for espousing expensive colleges, but for the serious artist, it may pay off to seek admission to a highly reputed program because a career in the performing arts needs extensive professional training, mentoring, and

professional advice. This path would fit the high school student whose level of motivation and achievement is demonstrably higher relative to the competition.

Performing arts majors need to assess what they want to gain by going to either a college or a conservatory. Often, their decisions are contingent on parental approval, peer pressure, and what teachers think. If they are also happy pursuing other areas, it's prudent to have a back up plan in another area of study. Careers in the performing arts require self-discipline, resilience, and talent.

Daniel Island resident C. Claire Law is a certified educational planner. For more information, visit eduave.com.

READER SURVEY: A need for public bus options on DI?

In a recent letter to the editor, (bit.ly/4tRCxCq) a Daniel Island News reader asked why, after more than 20 years of Daniel Island residents paying taxes that support regional transportation through the Charleston Area Regional Trans-

portation Authority, doesn't the island and surrounding area have public transportation options?

Do you think CARTA should offer service – at least on a test basis – to Daniel Island and Clements Ferry Corridor? If CARTA service

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A fast rise Clements Ferry pizzeria owner ranks among nation's best at world pizza championship

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The flour still clung to his hands when the results came in – half a world away from Clements Ferry Road, under the bright lights of the International Pizza Expo in Las Vegas, and then just days later, at the World Pizza Championship in Parma, Italy.

For Pizza A Modo Mio owner Michael Pitera, the moment wasn't just about rankings. It was about proving that a brand-new local shop could compete with the best in the world.

"It's honestly surreal," Pitera said. "We just opened the doors on Clements Ferry, and to already be representing Charleston on an international stage means everything."

Just two months after opening, Pitera first made waves in Las Vegas, earning third place for best cheese pizza in the Southeast region. That same pie – simple, balanced, and precise – is what he serves daily.

"That pizza is actually the same cheese pizza we serve in all our stores," he said. "It's about balance, high-quality

ingredients, proper fermentation, and execution. We use top-tier cheese, great tomatoes, and focus on technique. Nothing overcomplicated, just doing the basics at a high level."

Las Vegas gave him confidence. Parma tested everything.

"This is the largest international pizza competition. Not a food show or trade show – straight competition," Pitera said.

At the World Pizza Championship, he competed against more than 500 pizza makers from 55 countries, many of whom train year-round for the event.

"This competition is truly the best of the best in the world," he said. "Competing against over 500 competitors from 55 countries pushes you to a level you didn't even know you had. Every detail matters – dough, timing, technique, ingredients. There's no room for error."

Despite the pressure, Pitera delivered strong results across multiple categories, including 29th out of 115 in Pizza Pala and 48th out of 354 in Pizza Classica.

On the national level, he placed first in the U.S. for Pizza Pala, second for Classica, and fourth for Pan pizza.

"I'm most proud of the consistency," he said. "It's one

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Michael Pitera, owner of Pizza A Modo Mio, competes at the World Pizza Championship in Parma, Italy, where he faced more than 500 pizza makers from 55 countries.

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thing to do well in one category, but to compete across multiple styles and still place shows versatility and preparation.”

The competition itself was relentless. Days began early and stretched well past midnight.

“We were up around 6 a.m., competing during the day, then prepping until late at night, sometimes 1 a.m. It was nonstop,” he said. “Some categories you only have 12-20 minutes from start to finish, with judges watching your every move.”

Even sourcing ingredients became part of the challenge, and the inspiration.

“It was incredible,” Pitera said. “We were going to local markets, working with fresh products, meats, cheeses – you name it. It’s a completely different experience than in the U.S. Everything is so fresh and regional. You really have to adapt and build your pizza around what’s available.”

That immersion pushed him creatively.

“I must have changed my pizzas 10 times because my head was spinning with all the fish items I was walking by,” he added.

Through it all, Pitera said having his wife by his side made a lasting impact,

calling her his “rock, my biggest cheerleader, and my support system.” He also credits pizza mentors Vitangelo Recchia and Rico Lunardi for helping shape both his craft and his business.

Now back in Charleston, Pitera says the experience will show up directly on the menu.

“You’re going to see more creativity, more technique, and more inspiration from what I learned in Italy,” he said. “But at the same time, we’re staying true to who we are – great pizza done right.”

For Pitera, the difference between good and great comes down to attention to detail.

“Anyone can make a good pizza, but a world-class pizza comes down to consistency, technique, and understanding your ingredients.”

And after proving himself on one of the world’s biggest stages, he’s bringing more than medals home; he’s bringing momentum.

“This experience pushed me to another level,” Pitera said. “I can’t wait to bring back new ideas, flavors, and inspiration to add to the menu. Let’s keep raising the bar. Charleston, we’re just getting started.”



PSHS junior wins art competition, piece to hang in U.S. Capitol for year

Philip Simmons High School junior Eden Tumey has earned top honors in the annual Congressional Art Competition, winning for South Carolina’s District 1 and securing a summer trip to Washington, D.C. Her artwork will be unveiled in the U.S. Capitol where it will hang for a year.

Tumey is an Advanced Placement Art student and officer in her school’s National Art Honor Society. She is involved in community projects like Habitat for Humanity’s Playhouse initiative, and her artwork draws inspiration from her Lowcountry roots and her passion for Southern wildlife and conservation.



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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.

LARCENY BY FALSE PRE- TENSES

On April 1, an officer responded to Seven Farms Drive in reference to a report of larceny by false pretenses. The complainant, an accountant for a business, stated that during the month of February, 17 fraudulent transactions totaling \$120,000 were made through online sales. Stolen credit cards had been used to make the purchases. In March, the complainant discovered that credit card chargebacks had occurred against the transactions. The business provided financial statements to the police for use during their investigation.

SEAT BELT VIOLATION

Team 5 was called to Balfour Drive in reference to an injured victim who had fallen from a moving golf cart. Charleston Fire Department and Berkeley County EMS were on scene. The driver told police a juvenile passenger had leaned on a back door and fell out of the vehicle. The responding officer observed that the seatbelts had been left unbuckled in the back seat. The victim had briefly lost consciousness but appeared to be in stable condition. The driver was charged with failure to ensure a juvenile passenger was wearing a fastened seat belt.

IDENTITY THEFT

An officer met with a complainant on April 6 who explained that on March 25, she received a notice from the South

Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles confirming an online address change to a location in Walterboro, South Carolina. The woman stated that she did not change her address. On April 1, she received a bill for a new car loan and a notice from a credit card company that a new account had been opened in her name. She was able to freeze her credit after notifying the companies of the fraud.

LARCENY

On April 7, an officer responded to a construction site on Clements Ferry Road regarding a theft of a generator that had been rented for short-term use. The generator had been left on April 3 and was stolen sometime over the weekend. When the complainant returned to work on April 6, the equipment was missing.

The loss is estimated at \$2,000.

BREACH OF TRUST/CONSPIRACY

Charleston police responded to a store on Clements Ferry Road for a reported armed robbery around 9 a.m. on April 13. Police said an employee told them an unknown individual entered the business, implied he had a gun, and demanded money. After an investigation, police determined the employee staged the robbery to obtain money to bail an acquaintance out of jail. The employee was charged with breach of trust by fraudulent intent (\$2,000-\$10,000), conspiracy, and filing a false police report.

CLEMENTS FERRY CHECKPOINT

The Charleston Police Department, Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, and the South Carolina State Transport Police conducted a joint traffic enforcement operation April 20-21 on Clements Ferry Road. Deputies and officers focused on high-risk driving behaviors in an effort to improve roadway safety. Authorities issued 70 citations and 31 warnings. Of those traffic stops, 32 drivers were cited for exceeding the posted speed limit.



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Established in 2001, the building remains a steady presence, housing a mix of businesses that reflect both everyday community services and specialized professional work across the Lowcountry.

The Daniel Island Property Owners Association serves as the managing organization for the island's three associations (Daniel Island Community Association, the Daniel Island Park Association, Daniel Island Town Association), as well as the shared parks, trails, ponds, wetlands, and recreational spaces. With a small staff, the POA oversees architectural review, community standards, and programming for residents and businesses across the island.

"It is such a great pleasure to hear how much people love Daniel Island and its natural areas, parks, waterfront, and community of businesses," said Chief Operating Officer Mary Stuart Sutton. "Working to keep this high community-wide standard for the

residents and businesses is one of the reasons we love working here."

The POA serves as a primary source of information for residents and businesses and can be contacted at 843-971-9200 or info@dcommunity.org.

Founded by the four Dennis brothers during the COVID-19 pandemic, *Daniel Island Mobile Car Wash* provides mobile detailing and ceramic coating services directly to homes and businesses. What began with a hose and bucket has grown into a full-service operation serving the local area.

"We're a family-run operation. My brothers and I grew up right here on Daniel Island," Alex Dennis said. "Every detail job reflects our community, and we take that seriously. Daniel Island has an incredibly tight-knit feel for its size, and our customers genuinely root for us. There's nothing better than building a business in the same neighborhood you grew up in."

843 Benefits & Health Marketplace is a locally owned agency that designs employee benefits and insurance strategies for individuals and businesses. Services include ICHRA plans, small group coverage, and large group solutions, with support integrated into existing HR and payroll systems. The agency also works with national partners like NFP/Aon for more complex

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Clockwise from left to right:

The Daniel Island Property Owners Association team: Mitch Guarriello, left, Mary Stuart Sutton, Henry Jackson, Lori Pittari, Marla Chalfie, Dave Perry, Shawn Kramer, Dani Stix, Lisa Avant, and Carson Jackson.

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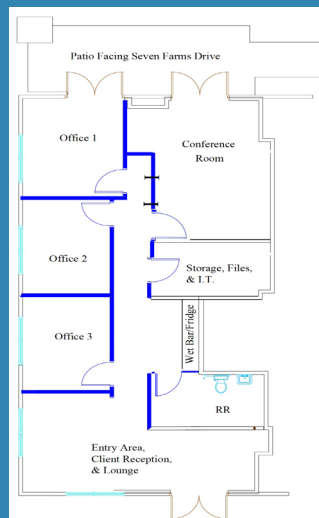
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FitWave Nutrition provides personalized nutrition counseling, virtual consultations, and group seminars for individuals, athletes, and corporate clients. Led by registered dietitian Kathryn Adel, the practice focuses on sports nutrition, gut health, weight management, and medical nutrition therapy for digestive and metabolic conditions including irritable bowel syndrome, small intestinal bacterial overgrowth, and food intolerances.

“I love building real relationships and seeing the direct impact of my work,” Adel said. “Being part of the community allows me to support people in a meaningful, personalized way.”

Daniel Island Chiropractic has served the community for over 20 years under Dr. Jimmy Smith. The practice treats conditions such as back pain, neck pain, headaches, and

joint issues, while also offering corrective exercises and wellness-focused care.

“Most people think chiropractic is just about neck and back pain, but we treat the entire body without drugs or surgery,” Smith said. “We find the problem, provide the solution, and then prescribe stability exercises so the underlying problem is addressed and corrected so that you can get back on the field, court, or golf course as quickly as possible.”

Envy Salon & Boutique offers haircuts, custom color, treatments, and professional hair care services designed to help clients achieve a personalized look.

“Daniel Island is the perfect place for a small business because of the small community where we all support one another and lend a helping hand,” owner Amy Porter said. “You’re always meeting new people from all over who move here because it truly is paradise.”

Lowcountry Flight Doc is a specialty medical practice providing FAA physicals for pilots in the Charleston and Beaufort areas, offering Class 1, 2, and 3 exams, including EKGs when required, led by FAA-designated Senior Aviation Medical Examiner Dr. Julian Levin.

Anchor Heating & Air is a Charleston-

based HVAC company with more than 30 years of experience offering heating, cooling, maintenance, and indoor air quality services, including dehumidifiers and UV installations, across the Lowcountry.

Stone’s Appliance Repair provides residential appliance repair and maintenance services, including refrigerators, washers, dryers, ovens, and dishwashers, along with preventative maintenance.

SisSync Marketing is a veterinary-focused digital marketing agency specializing in social media strategy, content creation, and online engagement for clinics. Founded by sisters Heather and Haley Wagoner, the company draws on their background in business marketing and experience in the veterinary industry.

“We’re here to make sure your clinic’s online vibe is just as warm and welcoming as the care you provide,” the Wagoners said.

dvmGRO is a veterinary-focused platform that connects independent practices with resources, partnerships, and tools designed to support efficiency, education, and long-term growth.

JacksonBuilt Custom Homes is an award-winning Lowcountry homebuilder that has completed more than 50 custom homes in over 15 years on Daniel Island,

each designed to be distinct and tailored to the client. The firm guides homeowners through every stage of the process, from lot selection through design and construction.

“It has been exciting to be a part of the growth and an honor to contribute to the curb appeal of our beautiful island,” owner Richard Jackson said.

Therese Jenkins Real Estate helps buyers and sellers navigate residential real estate transactions with a focus on pricing strategy, negotiation, and the closing process. With more than 20 years of experience, owner Therese Jenkins has sold hundreds of properties across the area and said one of the company’s expertise areas is in the Daniel Island condo market.

“I value sharing the Daniel Island lifestyle to help others see what makes living here such

a special place to call home,” Jenkins said. “I consider it an honor to be considered the trusted ‘go-to’ real estate resource for my clients, friends, and neighbors.”

New South Mortgage Corporation, founded by Jamie Culler, provides residential mortgage services across the Lowcountry, working with both local and national lenders to support clients from application through closing.



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At a star-studded event filled with hundreds of friends, families, and co-workers, more than 230 winning categories were announced honoring the community's best at the inaugural Best of Daniel Island celebration. Voters and readers of The Daniel Island News picked their favorite finalists from categories ranging from best hairstylist, burger, happy hour, dental office, accountant, veterinarian, real estate company, foods, and schools throughout Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, Point Hope, and Cainhoy.

The winners attended an exclusive Best of Daniel Island drop-in event and party at New Realm Brewery on April 23, presented by exclusive title sponsor Daniel Island Wealth Management.

Each winner received a framed certificate and a Best of DI window cling, and all the winners are showcased in the special 2026 Best of Daniel Island glossy magazine, which is included in this week's special issue.

You can also see if your favorites won by visiting The Daniel Island News' winners' website at [thedanielislandnews.com/bestof#//](http://thedanielislandnews.com/bestof#/) – which to date, has almost 50,000 views.

There was no cost to vote or win, and category winners will be highlighted on our website throughout the entire year.

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'I started to feel crazy'

DI woman shares her struggle with endometriosis

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Sarah Mathis was 11 the first time her period left her curled on the cold bathroom tile – nauseous, dizzy, and too weak to stand between waves of pain.

For years, she was told it was normal.

"I missed school, I quit sports, and I started to think maybe I just had a low pain tolerance," the Daniel Island resident said. "It took almost a decade before anyone even said the word 'endometriosis' to me."

Mathis' story is one countless women know all too well.

Endometriosis, a chronic condition where tissue similar to the uterine lining grows outside the uterus, affects roughly one in 10 women worldwide. Symptoms range from severe menstrual pain and heavy bleeding to infertility, bloating, and even bowel or bladder issues.

"It's estimated that endometriosis affects about 11% of the general population," said

Dr. Courtney Poston, a minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon at MUSC Women's Health. "But to be honest with you, the incidence of endometriosis is probably higher than that due to under-reporting and misdiagnosis."

Despite how common it is, Poston said, "It can take an average of eight to 11 years to achieve a diagnosis of endometriosis in this country."

Part of the problem is how the disease presents.

"Endometriosis is a multi-systems inflammatory condition, so it affects multiple different parts of the body, not just your gynecologic organs," she said.

Until now, diagnosis has relied on laparoscopic surgery, where physicians insert a camera into the abdomen and biopsy tissue. Imaging like ultrasound and MRI can sometimes detect disease but often miss earlier or less visible cases.

But that standard may be starting to shift. Researchers at institutions, including

Yale School of Medicine and the University of Cincinnati, are developing blood tests designed to detect endometriosis earlier and without surgery. Some analyze inflammatory markers like CA-125 and BDNF, while others use genetic and molecular signals in white blood cells.

In one multi-center study of nearly 300 women, a blood test identified more than 60% of endometriosis cases missed by imaging.

"It's exciting," Poston said. "These things would genuinely be game-changing for all of these patients."

For patients, that could mean faster diagnoses and less time suffering through ineffective treatments.

Right now, many are placed on hormonal birth control first, sometimes for months or years before finding relief. Researchers are also studying whether blood-based biomarkers could predict which treatments will work, reducing that trial-and-error period.

For patients like Mathis, earlier answers

could have changed everything.

"I started to feel crazy because no one could tell me what was wrong," she said. "It seemed normal to throw up and pass out every month. If there had been a simple test back then, I could have gotten help so much sooner."

Still, experts caution the tests are not yet widely available and remain in clinical validation.

"I'm hopeful that it will be more on the order of a year to years," Poston said.

When they arrive, surgery will likely remain part of treatment, but the path to it could become far shorter.

"I think it could take out that middle-man and get patients to the right specialist sooner," Poston said. "This is a complex disorder, and this new treatment could change the trajectory of a (woman's) life. No woman should have to be in pain for all of her reproductive years, and they deserve access to specialized care for this disease."

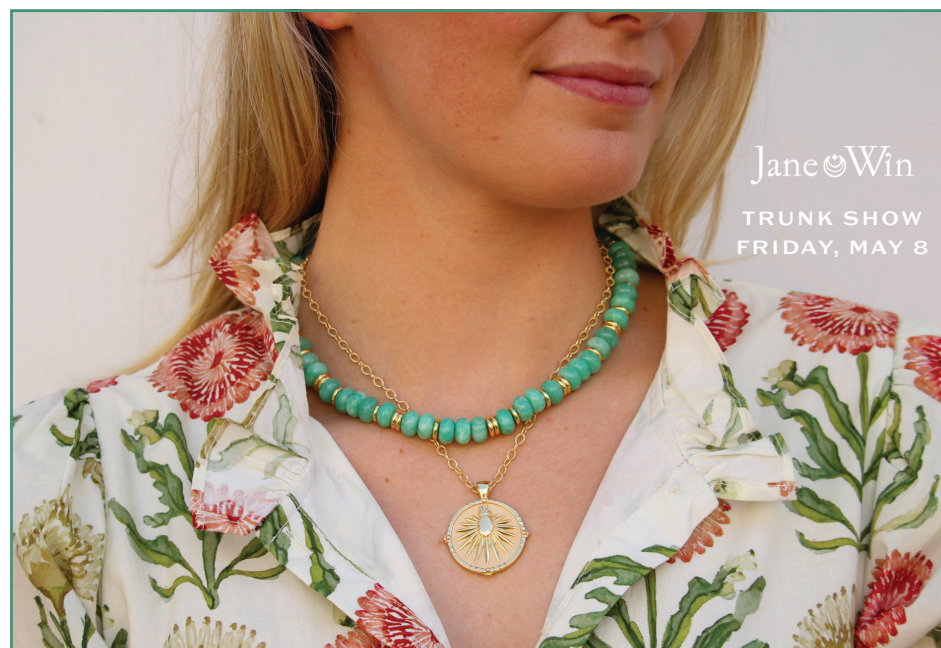
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Bishops' Grace Buss runs circles around competition, classroom

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Grace Buss is the epitome of the Bishop England High School student-athlete.

She's determined and solid on the track and cross-country course, and, most importantly, in the classroom.

That combination is why Buss will matriculate to Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, and write the next chapter in her running and academic career.

Lafayette College is a private liberal arts college founded in 1826 by James Madison Porter and other Easton residents. The college, which held its first classes six years later, is named after Frenchman Marquis de Lafayette, a military hero in both the American and French Revolutions.

Located 70 miles west of New York City and 60 miles north of Philadelphia, Lafayette competes in NCAA Division I athletics and is a member of the Patriot

League.

"I'm so grateful and excited to announce my verbal commitment in hurdles and sprints at the Division I level at Lafayette College," Buss announced on Instagram. "Thank you to my coaches and teammates for pushing me every day and helping me grow and my family for always supporting me."

Buss is the president of the senior board, the National Honor Society, and a member in student government clubs. She is also an honor roll student and is currently taking five AP classes.

Buss plans to double major in government and law and economics and hopes to attend law school and pursue a legal career.

Buss has competed in track and cross country for four years and is a member of three relay teams that own school records: the 4x1,600-meter relay, the 800-meter sprint relay, and the 1,600-meter sprint medley.

She has two gold medals and a silver as a member of the Bishops' talented 4x800-meter relay team.

"Grace has worked very hard to become a very good runner," coach Tony Colizzi said. "She leads the team by example, always giving her best in practice."

Buss was a member of the Bishops' state championship cross-country teams her freshman and sophomore years and was on the state runners-up team last spring. She was a member of the Bishops' 2023 state track-and-field championship team.

Buss and her Bishop teammates begin their bid for more state glory beginning April 29 at the Region 6-AAAA meet at Beaufort High School. The state qualifier is set for May 8 at Woodland High School. The season culminates with the Class AAAA state championships, set for May 14 at Richland Northeast High School.



Sports Roundup

PSHS, BE region title hopes dashed, baseball playoffs still ahead

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PHILIP SIMMONS BASEBALL

The Philip Simmons High School baseball team's bid to repeat as Region 6-AA champions came up short as Andrews High School handed the Iron Horses a pair of heartbreaking losses last week to win the region title with an 8-0 record.

Still, the Iron Horses began this week with a chance to make history in the final week of the regular season with road games at Academic Magnet, Hanahan, and Waccamaw. If the Iron Horses manage to sweep the three games, they will win 20 regular-season games for the first time in the program's history. The Iron Horses were 17-5 to begin the week.

The Iron Horses traveled to Andrews April 21 and took a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the sixth. But the Yellow Jackets rallied with a run in the sixth and plated two more scores in the bottom of the

seventh to post a 3-2 victory. The Iron Horses collected seven hits to Andrews' five.

Three days later, it was more of the same, although the venue changed to The Phil. The score was tied at 4-4 at the end of seven innings. The Yellow Jackets scored two runs in the top of the ninth and held on in the bottom of the inning for a 6-5 victory. The Iron Horses outthit the Yellow Jackets 10-6, but committed two errors and allowed an unearned run.

BISHOP ENGLAND BASEBALL

Meanwhile, Bishop England's bid to gain a share of the Region 7-AAAA championship came to an end on April 27 when league foe Bluffton posted a 5-2 home victory over the Bishops, who fell to 14-7 overall.

May River, which has completed league play, claimed the top rung in the region with a 12-3 league record. The Bishops still have two region games against

Bluffton and were 9-4 in league play after the April 27 loss. Hilton Head was 10-5 in Region 7-AAAA play. Bluffton was 8-5 in the region after the win over the Bishops.

LACROSSE

The Class AAAA lacrosse state playoffs commenced April 27 with the Philip Simmons boys traveling to Fox Creek High School.

The Iron Horses, who entered the match with a 1-12 record, knocked off Fox Creek 13-5, for the first playoff victory in the program's history. The Iron Horses were credited with a victory last spring after Waccamaw forfeited a first-round match.

The Iron Horses advance to play at Oceanside Collegiate Academy in the second round of the playoffs on May 1.

Meanwhile, the Bishop boys earned the No. 1 seed in the Lower State and received a first-round bye. The Bishops,

9-6, will host Hilton Head, a 23-1 winner over Gilbert. The match is set for May 1.

The girls' teams for Bishop England and Philip Simmons were scheduled to play first-round matches on April 28. The Bishop girls, 9-6, hosted Bluffton, which entered with a 1-11 record. The Iron Horse girls, 6-9, played Academic Magnet.

BOYS TENNIS

Bishop England and Philip Simmons both qualified for the Class AAAA and AAA tennis playoffs, respectively, and had first-round matches scheduled for April 28.

Bishop England, the No. 1 seed in the Lower State, was scheduled to host Airport High School, while the Iron Horses, the No. 4 Lower State seed in Class AAA, hosted Battery Creek.

The Lower and Upper State championships are set for May 6 with the state championships set for May 9.

Daniel Island students get their hands dirty for Earth Day

For Earth Day on April 22, Daniel Island School students rolled up their sleeves and got a little “soil-ed” in the best way possible. Kindergarten teacher Laine Holmes and seventh grade teacher Allison Woods teamed up their kindergarteners and seventh graders in the school garden, where they pulled weeds from carrot and strawberry beds and gave plants a much-needed drink. Working side by side, the students turned the garden into a hands-on lesson in teamwork, responsibility, and growing something good together.



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Daniel Island School students work together in the garden, pulling weeds and watering plants for Earth Day.



Kindergarten teacher Laine Holmes and seventh-grade teacher Allison Woods teamed up as their classes dug in, weeded, and watered their way to a greener day.

Planting the seed for change in the Daniel Island School garden.

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Our June edition will celebrate local high school graduates, and we need your help to include everyone! We want to feature all seniors residing in Daniel Island, Cainhoy, and Huger—regardless of which high school or homeschool program they attend. We are currently securing photos for Bishop England and Philip Simmons high schools. If your graduate attends other high schools, such as Porter-Gaud, Ashley Hall, PCA, Wando, Academic Magnet, School of the Arts, PSA, University School, Coastal Christian, or if they are homeschooled students or a student from any other high school who reside in Daniel Island, Cainhoy, or Huger, or in our surrounding readership area, please send us their name and photo!

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GREG PERATLA

Bodhi reels in his first-ever catch-and-release fish during a lesson with his father and Capt. Greg Peralta at Nowell Creek Village.

A father and son's first fishing catch



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Fishing is a great family and community activity. It is an excellent way to spend time with your children and neighbors. So, when Joe Jurcak with Fenland Townhomes asked me to help with a youth fishing class, I gladly volunteered.

We planned for the class to be on the dock in Nowell Creek Village. Over the years, I have learned a few things about teaching children to fish. Keep it short. Keep it simple. Keep it fun. When I shared my plan with Joe, he thought it was spot on.

On the day of the class, I arrived several minutes early. Never having been to Nowell Creek Village, I wanted to orient myself with the facilities. I parked my car and just walked around. It is a beautiful place. In true Daniel Island fashion, everyone I met was friendly and engaging.

The tide was just beginning to fall when

I walked out onto the dock. Joe was already there along with Bodhi, my soon-to-be star pupil. Bodhi was very polite, a bit shy, and eager to learn about fishing.

We cast a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a NedLockZ jig up current of the dock and let the outgoing tide bounce the lure along the bottom. When the lure swept past the dock, we would reel it in and cast again. We did this several times without a bite. Bodhi was patient and undeterred.

Then it happened. A fish ate the lure, and the fight was on. Bodhi fought the fish like a pro, and soon a trout came to the dock. Bodhi's dad took a photo, and we quickly released the fish. I was surprised when Bodhi told me that was the first fish he had ever caught. It was pretty cool to be a part of that experience.

At the end of the class, Bodhi's dad shared the picture with me. It was a bit wonky. My upper body is out of frame, and Bodhi is not looking at the camera. No worries. I feel sure Bodhi will be catching a lot more fish. This will give his dad a lot of opportunities to practice fish photography.

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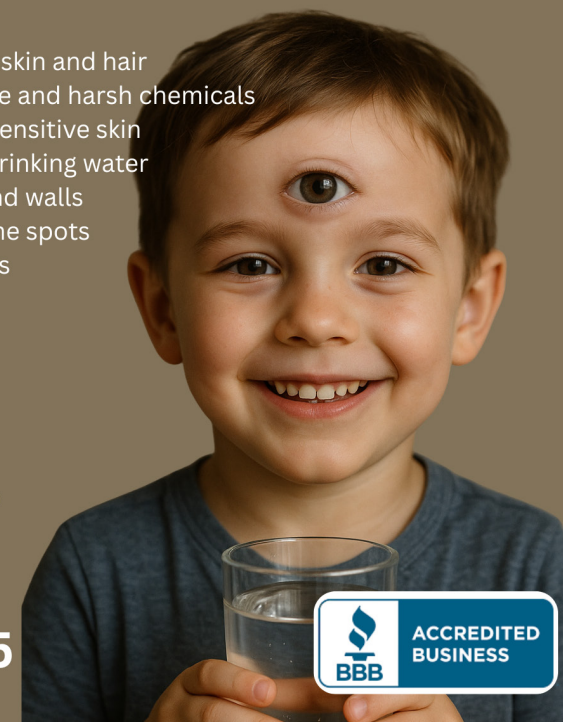
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Holding the phone too close?

The hidden vision issue that could be affecting your child

DR. JESSE WILLINGHAM

Children with learning difficulties and differences seem to exist in a world of alphabet soup in their journey to succeed in school. ADD, ADHD, ASD, SLD, and APD are all acronyms that we come across frequently in the pursuit of answers, not to mention nebulous and frequently misunderstood terms like dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia.

In hopes that I can simplify the issue rather than add to the soup, I'd like to suggest considering one acronym higher on the list: CI.

CI, or convergence insufficiency, is a developmental visual disorder that affects the clarity, consistency, and comfort of vision when focusing on things in our near visual space – reading, writing, using computers – most of what we do day-to-day. Though convergence insufficiency as a condition was first defined in the 1800s, there's a reason your grandparents likely wouldn't have heard of it.

Take a moment to imagine yourself in a day in the life of one of your grandparents when they were kids. How much time did they likely spend looking at something within arms' reach versus far away? Now compare that to kids, and even adults, these days. We've doubled, if not tripled or quadrupled, the amount of time we spend looking "up close" thanks to the universality of screens in our lives.

But with the benefits of improved technology also comes consequences.

For most people with "normally" developed vision, looking far away is relatively passive. The car is in neutral, so to speak – idling – when we view things farther than arm's reach (think looking at the teacher at the front of the room, watching TV, etc).

But when we look up close, we're hitting the gas. And some people have more gas, and everyone's car (and vision) gets different gas mileage. This is where convergence insufficiency comes in – a kid who gets less gas mileage out of their car is going to run out of gas sooner.

Unfortunately, no kid is going to come up to their parent and say, "I think I have convergence insufficiency." They might think they have ADHD. One study reports children with CI are three times more likely to also have ADHD, and conversely, children with ADHD are three times more likely



to have CI. They may also say, "I don't like reading" or "school is hard."

So what are these signs? How can we help our children?

The signs are fairly predictable when we understand what CI physically is. When we look in the distance, the lines of sight of the two eyes are roughly parallel. But as we shift our gaze to near, the eyes must cross inward toward the nose to converge the lines of sight on the same target. In some kids with CI, they can do this successfully, but with monumental effort compared to their classmates. Prolonged near work like reading is a true struggle for them. This results in fatigue, headaches, and eventually avoidance of near work, as it has become associated with pain and failure.

Similarly, some kids simply won't be able to fully align their eyes. When asked, they may report experiencing double or blurry vision when reading but may just as commonly report odd symptoms such as words floating, swimming, or jumping on the page.

Luckily, unlike many conditions in the alphabet soup, CI is completely treatable.

We take for granted that most of us see fairly effortlessly, especially when we are younger, but we weren't born this way; we learned to do this. And for those who don't naturally learn the most efficient way to do this, because this is an act of "sensory-motor

coordination," we can still be trained to do this properly, just as someone can be trained to ride a bike, say a tongue-twister, or run with better form.

This is where developmental optometry comes in.

Sometimes referred to as "behavioral optometrists" or "neuro-optometrists" depending on their training and approaches, developmental optometrists have additional post-doctoral training and experience in the learned aspects of vision, especially in rehabilitating them. Your typical eye exam consists of measuring the visual acuity of the eyes, testing for glasses to improve visual acuity, and checking for eye diseases. In a developmental evaluation, you will also be tested to assess your abilities to visually track from place to place, change the focus of your eyes, and adjust your eye teaming capabilities. This is also followed by testing visual perceptual abilities – the cognitive abilities that allow us to understand and use what we see, such as visual memory, visual-motor integration, and many other skills.

Identifying areas that can be affecting academic performance and addressing them by teaching individuals to use their vision more efficiently and effectively can be life-altering.

Not to mention, CI is not the only acronym a developmental vision evaluation will

test for – BVD (Binocular Vision Dysfunction), OMD (Ocular Motor Dysfunction), AI (Accommodative Insufficiency), CE (Convergence Excess), and many others are possibilities.

And if you've made it this far, you might have already realized that visual issues like these can affect performance when testing for things like ADHD and dyslexia. This reason alone should put seeing a developmental optometrist at the top of your list if your child is having learning difficulties, as it informs the entire process of identifying and tackling these difficulties head on.

It is important to begin with visual testing because most other testing uses the visual system. If you are already having trouble seeing, you will by default have trouble seeing the psychoeducational tests and it can muddy the result.

So if you or your child has any learning difficulties, make it a priority to see a developmental optometrist as soon as possible.

Your closest developmental optometrist can be identified by using the Locate a Doctor tool provided by OVDRA, the professional organization that most developmental optometrists belong to at locate.covd.org.

Dr. Jesse Willingham is a developmental optometrist and binocular vision expert at Brighter Outlook Vision in Charleston.

Clear as broth

Making sense of Daniel Island's alphabet soup of associations

NICK KALKAS

DI Neighborhood Association president

Ever heard a Daniel Island association acronym and wondered how it fits into the veritable alphabet soup of DI entities? It can be tough to keep all the different associations we have on Daniel Island straight, but we've got you covered. Here is a clear guide to the primary associations and what each one does to keep Daniel Island a wonderful place.

IT STARTS HERE

Daniel Island Property Owners' Association (DIPOA)

The DIPOA runs the day-to-day operations of Daniel Island's common areas and amenities. It maintains trails, pools, boat launch ramps, parks, playgrounds, ponds, and more. The POA installs mailboxes, administers the Architectural Review Board, or ARB, and enforces the restrictions and

rules in the community governing documents. The POA serves as an information hub and helps foster a sense of community by coordinating social, educational, and recreational programs for residents. The POA office provides administrative support for all three main community associations.

THE BIG 3

Every property owner on Daniel Island belongs to one of these three associations. As of 2026, all three now operate with fully resident-controlled (property owner-elected) boards. These boards carry direct fiduciary responsibility: they approve annual budgets, oversee spending, and provide guidance on covenants and rules for their respective areas.

Daniel Island Community Association (DICA)

Generally represents the single-family home property owners south of the I-526,

with some exceptions. DICA has primary responsibility for the Scott Park Pool, Pierce Park Pool, Edgefield Park Pool, pickleball and bocce courts, and the Beresford Creek Boat Landing.

Daniel Island Park Association (DIPA)

Represents property owners in Daniel Island Park, including Captain's Island, The Retreat, and Nobels Point (generally the residential areas north of I-526, with some exceptions).

Daniel Island Town Association (DITA)

Represents commercial property owners and owners in condos and apartments on the island. DITA has overall budget responsibility for its areas and has primary oversight of the docks at Waterfront Park, plus shared non-exclusive common areas, parks, and trails.

NEIGHBORS AND NETWORKS

Daniel Island Neighborhood Association (DINA)

DINA is a volunteer-driven civic organization formed by residents and officially sanctioned by the City of Charleston in 1998. DINA is independent and not affiliated with the POA. It serves as a forum for raising and resolving neighborhood issues with government officials (city, county, and state) and promotes neighborliness and a greater sense of community. Their quarterly meetings are an excellent opportunity to engage with government officials, guest speakers of neighborhood interest and meet friends and neighbors.

Daniel Island Business Association (DIBA)

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Real estate market ‘resilient’ as home closings on DI see big jump

PATRICK VILLEGAS
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RENEE REINERT
CAROLINA ONE REAL ESTATE

There was a significant increase in home sales in March, with 55 properties sold on Daniel Island, totalling almost \$110 million. As a comparison, there were 40 homes sold combined in January and February of 2026.

As of April 24, there are 62 properties under contract and 98 properties currently for sale. “We are seeing an increase in inventory, or the number of homes on the market,” said agent Renee Reinert of Carolina One Real Estate. “We are still seeing the prices continue to drop slightly, but the housing market overall shows remarkable resilience despite the war and related uncertainty around oil

and gas prices, which has affected both the stock market and the interest rates.” Reinert said there is a trend where homes up for sale are staying on the market longer and not getting snapped up as quickly as in the past. “Homes are no longer typically selling in one day or one week,” she said. “A few still may sell quickly, but it is no longer the average. Now we have to be patient as the market continues to adjust to its new normal.” The most expensive home sold in March was 430 Fish Tale Road at \$7.9 million, while the least expensive was Unit 112 at 400 Bucksley Lane at \$410,000. Reinert also noted that some home sellers are taking the silent approach, preferring not to advertise their listing publicly. “We are seeing an increase in the number of sellers wanting to sell ‘quietly,’ which means they do not want their home listed on MLS, Zillow, or Realtor.com.”

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Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	21	24	15	25	\$30,478,015	\$39,768,900	\$31,004,275	\$55,963,250
February	12	18	15	15	\$12,278,500	\$44,064,646	\$29,665,000	\$29,655,000
March	19	25	30	55	\$33,002,153	\$37,717,567	\$55,306,500	\$109,094,994
April	25	27	25		\$41,784,300	\$56,836,000	\$51,217,200	
May	36	36	35		\$54,607,975	\$70,444,400	\$59,380,250	
June	30	30	23		\$56,576,160	\$60,970,500	\$39,987,900	
July	25	40	23		\$36,919,032	\$64,952,400	\$37,501,400	
August	22	25	18		\$33,646,299	\$45,617,000	\$31,850,950	
September	26	19	19		\$41,327,400	\$29,435,000	\$38,262,500	
October	31	22	14		\$49,493,910	\$40,804,500	\$18,875,000	
November	10	23	23		\$14,627,000	\$38,841,400	\$72,678,500	
December	19	17	15		\$27,809,500	\$30,153,400	\$26,832,724	
YEAR TOTALS	277	306	255	95	\$432,550,244	\$559,605,713	\$492,562,199	\$194,713,244

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MARCH HOME SALES

- 332 Bayley Road - \$7,500,000
287 Beresford Creek St. - \$1,430,000
217 Black Powder Lane - \$2,750,000
1225 Blakeway St. #1108 - \$533,750
111 Brady St. - \$1,320,000
400 Bucksley Lane 112 - \$410,000
42 Dalton St. - \$2,550,000
120 Etiwan Park St. - \$1,320,000
105 Etta Way - \$1,130,000
107 Etta Way - \$1,039,000
109 Etta Way - \$1,150,000
113 Etta Way - \$1,130,000
115 Etta Way - \$1,039,000
117 Etta Way - \$1,150,000
142 Fairbanks Drive - \$1,150,000
118 Fairbanks Oak Aly #3B - \$2,000,000
430 Fish Tale Road - \$7,900,000
2516 Gatewood St. - \$1,515,000
540 Helmsman St. #1222 - \$1,099,000
540 Helmsman St. #1224 - \$1,999,000
540 Helmsman St. #1225 - \$980,500
540 Helmsman St. #1232 - \$1,174,000
540 Helmsman St. #1234 - \$2,121,000
540 Helmsman St. #1235 - \$1,057,750
540 Helmsman St. #1242 - \$1,249,000
540 Helmsman St. #1244 - \$2,221,000
540 Helmsman St. #1246 - \$1,815,000
47 Iron Bottom Lane - \$3,850,000
147 Island Park Drive - \$3,257,500
203 Ithecaw Creek St. - \$3,500,000
2548 Josiah St. - \$1,260,000
178 King George St. - \$3,068,744
303 S Ladd Court - \$1,285,000
329 Lesesne St. - \$4,100,000
510 Lesesne St. - \$2,750,000
320 Longshore St., #1041 - \$1,557,750
325 Longshore St. #1121 - \$925,000
325 Longshore St. #1122 - \$1,495,000
325 Longshore St. #1142 - \$1,525,000
325 Longshore St. #1143 - \$2,447,000
110 Lucia St. - \$1,325,000
108 Mellish Court - \$1,325,000
407 Milner Court - \$1,210,000
1140 Oak Overhang St. - \$2,375,000
145 Pier View St. #114 - \$481,000
1659 Pierce St. - \$1,250,000
2034 Pierce St. - \$1,250,000
7048 Schooner St. - \$1,090,000
2459 Settlers St. - \$1,650,000
1250 Smythe St. - \$1,850,000
1415 Smythe St. - \$2,150,000
2705 Waker St. - \$1,400,000
37 Watroo Point - \$4,900,000
2530 Waverly St. - \$3,100,000
1549 Willtown St. - \$1,985,000

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BACKPACK GIVEAWAY & DORA JERSEY (5/2)

DORA & BOOTS APPEARANCE (5/2)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Ap- pointments recommended at redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: stclare). Info: chris- tinelark@gmail.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.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Sat., May 9, 5-9 pm, Smythe Park. Annual community concert hosted by the DDCF featuring live music by DamRites Bluegrass and Charleston Jam Express, food trucks, and spring gathering under the oaks. Free, bring blankets, chairs, and picnic.

DOCUMENT

SHREDDING EVENT

Sat, May 9, 9 am-noon, 65 Fairchild St. parking lot. Safely dispose of documents with onsite shredding from Shred America. Limit 5 boxes per vehicle; remove non-paper items (staples/paper-clips OK). Must bring valid

ID. Open to DI residents and businesses only.

DI GARDEN CLUB

Wed., May 13, 12 pm, Crow's Nest. Season wrap-up lunch and gathering before summer break, including final Master Gardener Minute with summer gardening tips. RSVP: dthielfoldt@msn.com.

BERESFORD CREEK LANDING

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

Sat, May 16, 7-11 am. Shop neighborhood finds including clothing, jewelry, furniture, and more.

DEFENDING THE GATEWAY

TO CHARLESTON

Tues., May 19, 7-8:30 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit. Panel discussion on the Revolutionary War's role on the Cainhoy Peninsula, hosted by the Daniel Island Historical Society + Berkeley 250. Featuring local historians and authors.

DINA COMMUNITY MEETING

Wed., May 20, 6:30-8 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community Theater. Hosted by the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association, featuring updates from city and county council and CPD Team 5.

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.

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am-12 pm, Providence

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with Alzheimer's disease and

other dementias. A confi-

dential space for resources

and support, led by Certified

Dementia Practitioners. No

registration required.

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; Deepthink-

ers 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-denomina-

tional 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.

DEMENTIA/AL-

ZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

GROUP

Starting April 28, the new

caregiver support group will

meet from 10:00am-noon

on the second and fourth

Tuesdays of each month at

Providence Church. The sup-

port group is offered by RCC

at no charge. No registration

is required.

DI COMMUNITY

TOASTMASTERS

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6-7 pm,

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DI INSHORE

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OF DANIEL ISLAND

4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel

Pointe Retirement Commu-

nity theater. dixexchangeclub.

org.

THE INFINITE

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

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at the Daniel Island Club,

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raki2020@gmail.com.

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OF DI

1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-

10 am. Call/text for venue

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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.

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coffee and refreshments.

SOUTH BERKELEY

DEMOCRATS

3rd Sun. at 4 pm, Daniel

Pointe Retirement Com-

munity. berkeleydems.com.

Contact: 843-216-6366.

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DI Library: Tues. 10 am & Fri.

9 am.

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Crull: 843-323-7111.

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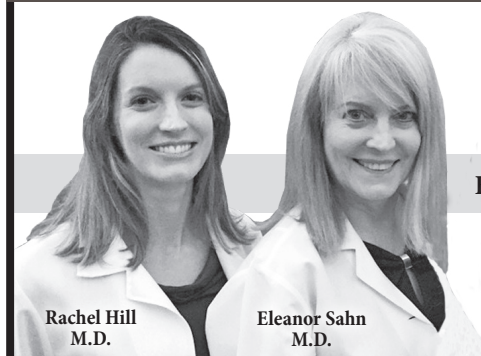
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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil Manausa

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

EX-ceptional Words

Some EX-pressions are so overused that they are often mispronounced. Choose the correct pronunciation of the following words.

1. A quick getaway is pronounced (**escape/excape**).
2. A strong cup of coffee is pronounced (**expresso/esspresso**).
3. The abbreviation "etc." is pronounced (**excetera/et cetera**).
4. A word meaning "much more" is pronounced (**especially/expecially**).



Ritz

Answers: People usually spell these words correctly, but sometimes stick in an x when they say them. None of these words should be pronounced with an x. 1. escape 2. espresso 3. et cetera 4. especially

ACROSS

- 1 Rigging support
5 Decompression sickness
10 Snake, for one
14 ___ colada
15 Cartoonist's wavy line?
16 Duke's ___ Devils
17 Pac-10 jocks
20 Oasis visitors
21 Lickspittle
22 You can play one by Czerny or Chopin
23 Injures
25 Babble
28 It can be lo or hi
29 Range waif
30 Study, with over
31 Weeping figure of myth
33 Upstanding
34 Atlantic Coast jocks
38 Pause that refreshes
39 Hunter's lure
40 Word with band or board
41 Declaim
43 Type of order
46 Short trip
47 Federer specialty

- 48 Test result
50 Wood, metal or nail tools
52 Too ardent supporter
53 Colorado Springs jocks
57 Kennel talk
58 Weapon in the wild
59 Cleveland's lake
60 Lacking vitality
61 Ooola's love
62 Kick back

DOWN

- 1 Orthodontic device
2 Corsair
3 Ill will
4 Took down
5 Just says no
6 Romantic, for one
7 Here's companion
8 Periodic table creator, Mendeleev
9 Famed dancing girl
10 Kindergarten quartet
11 Ticket taker?
12 Caught striking
13 ___ Plains: city and river
18 Paul Bunyan's cook
19 "___ Boot"
- 23 Roadster?
24 Meeting matters
26 Pass patterns
27 Rouge or noir
29 MS's original offering
30 Tracker's target
31 Requisite
32 Troublemaker
33 For the Jung at heart?
34 Jazz singer Laine
35 Kids' game
36 Ninth Hebrew letter
37 Kind of box
38 Keep it to yourself!
41 Conspiracy of silence
42 Sterling North classic
43 Abundant
44 Handsome devil
45 Prerace admonition
47 ___-mo camera
48 Set
49 American black or blue snake
51 Questionable
52 Nutty
53 Hole maker
54 C-note, in letters
55 Defunct cloth measure
56 Darth, to Obi-Wan

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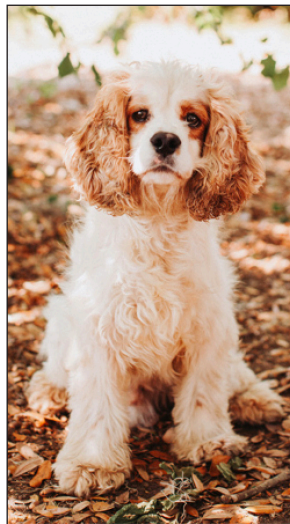
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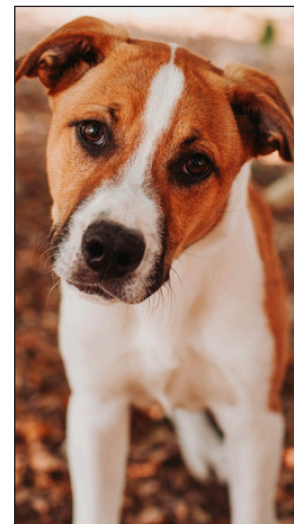


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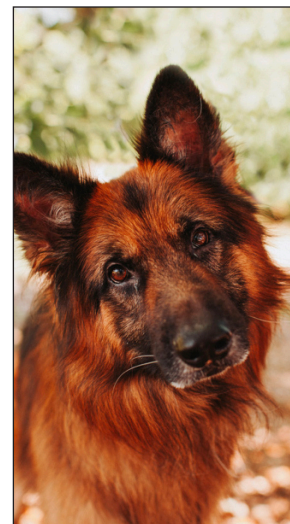
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I'm Oliver, a 7-year-old medium male Spaniel mix.



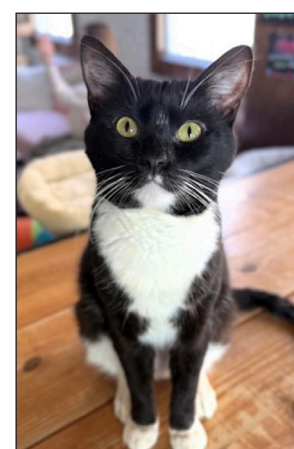
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