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Feeling the heat? Higher AC bills are coming

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If it feels like your power bill has been creeping up, brace yourself – the worst may still be ahead.

New projections show homeowners across the country will pay more to stay cool this summer, and in the heat-heavy Lowcountry, that jump could be even more noticeable.

For residents on Daniel Island and along Clements Ferry Road, where humidity builds fast and air conditioning quickly becomes essential, the increase is expected to hit close to home.

The National Energy Assistance Directors Association estimates the average U.S. household will spend \$778 on electricity between June and September – about \$61 more than last year, an 8.5% increase, and nearly 37% higher than in 2020.

In the South Atlantic region, which includes South Carolina, the numbers climb even higher. Households are projected to spend around \$860 this summer, up from \$757 last year – a jump of more than \$100. That's roughly a 13.5% increase, outpacing much of the rest of the country. By comparison, Midwestern households are expected to see summer costs rise by only about \$30.

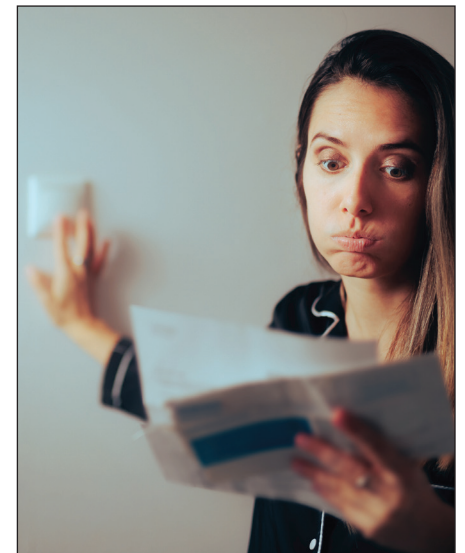
"Families are squeezed from both directions," Mark Wolfe, the association's executive director, said in a news release. "They are paying more for electricity, and they need more of it to stay safe during increasingly hot summers."

That combination, rising prices and rising temperatures, is expected to hit Southern states hardest, where air conditioning use is widespread and often unavoidable.

On Daniel Island, some residents say they're already bracing for what's ahead.

"It used to be that winter was the expensive season, but now it feels like there's no break," said Clements Ferry resident Thomas Hunt. "You almost don't want to turn the AC down, but you also don't want to see the bill."

Another DI homeowner, Lauren Hall, said her family has started adjusting daily routines to compensate. "We're closing blinds earlier, running fans more, anything to avoid cranking the AC. But realistically, once it hits August, you don't have much



of a choice."

Behind the rising costs are several overlapping factors. The Edison Electric Institute points to surging electricity demand, extreme weather, new technologies and widespread electrification as key drivers, with utilities expected to invest more than \$1.1 trillion in grid improvements over the next five years.

"We've got to build a lot of infrastructure to meet this incredible growing demand that's going to benefit our economy, benefit our communities, and help the United States lead in the technologies of the future," EEI Vice Chair Chris Womack said during an April 14 event with White House and congressional energy leaders.

A February study commissioned by the organization found that while electricity prices have remained stable in many areas, increases in "a few states and regions" have pushed national averages higher, attributing those spikes to market shifts, policy changes and other factors beyond utilities' control. "In general, the utilities have managed controllable costs effectively," the report said.

Still, the financial strain is mounting. One in six American households is behind on energy bills, with total utility debt expected to reach approximately \$23 billion by the end of the year. With home energy costs rising at more than double the rate of inflation, assistance agencies are urging additional federal funding, but for now, Lowcountry residents are preparing for another expensive summer just to stay cool.



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'A steady adult in their life'

For Big Brothers Big Sisters, showing up adds up

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Across the Lowcountry and nation, there are children missing one key piece of support in their lives: a consistent adult in their corner.

That's where Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry steps in, pairing the youth with adult mentors who dedicate themselves to showing up consistently in their lives.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships between youth and adult mentors – what we call Littles and Bigs," said marketing coordinator Rehanna Menon. "Our work is grounded in the belief that every young person already has potential, and mentorship helps bring that out in a meaningful, lasting way."

Those relationships aren't built through grand gestures. Instead, they take shape in the little moments: grabbing a snack,

working on homework, or spending time outdoors. Over time, those small interactions add up.

"Day to day, it looks like real life," Menon said. "It's not complicated, but it is consistent and that's what makes it powerful."

Across Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties, that consistency is increasingly in demand. Many young people are juggling academic pressure, social challenges, and uncertainty about what comes next. Having a steady adult presence, someone who's there just for them, can shift that trajectory.

"For Littles, (success) might be more confidence, stronger communication skills, or being willing to try something new," Menon said. "For Bigs, success is commitment. It's choosing to keep showing up, even in the small moments."

As young people enter their teenage and young adult years, Menon said, "One of

the biggest needs is consistent connection. Young people are navigating a lot... and having a steady adult in their life who is there just for them can make a real difference."

She pointed to one match in particular: Omeir and his mentor, Mike, whose last names are withheld for privacy. Their time together includes baking cookies, going to the beach, and playing sports, but it's the bond behind those activities that stands out.

"What stands out most is how much Omeir values the relationship," she said. "He's asked Mike how long he'll be in his life. That sense of consistency and connection matters deeply."

That mission is starting to resonate on Daniel Island, where a partnership with the Daniel Island Community Fund is helping bring more awareness, and more volunteers, into the fold.

"We have mentors in the Daniel Island area, and we're continuing to grow our pres-

ence there," Menon said. "There are always youths waiting to be matched."

Becoming a "Big" doesn't require special qualifications, just a willingness to show up a few hours each month. In return, those hours can turn into something much bigger: trust, connection, and a relationship that lasts for years.

To support that work, the organization is hosting its 2026 BIG Golf Cart Raffle. It's a golf cart giveaway with raffle proceeds directly funding local mentoring matches.

"A \$50 ticket helps lay the groundwork for a relationship that can last for years," Menon said. "Every dollar stays local, supporting local youth, and helping us continue to create and sustain these one-to-one connections."

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More importantly, what do you want your elected representatives to do about these issues?

On the national level, is it the economy, rising costs, global conflicts, health care, AI, or something else?

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When I'm gone: Understanding your legacy



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Doug Dickerson

Legacy is not what you accomplish. Legacy is what others accomplish because of you. – Mark Batterson

For the longest time, I often associated legacy with something I built and how I'd like to be remembered once I'm gone. My thought process was somehow connected to my actions, compounded over time, and hopefully, all the good things outweighed the negative.

Perhaps you have similar feelings about what it means to leave a legacy. It can be connected to being a good family person, leaving a nice inheritance, raising good children, etc. All of these and more are typical things we consider worthy of a memorable legacy.

When I consider the impact of legacies, I look to both my grandfathers. Both were survivors of the Great Depression and began their lives in humble circumstances. Both were hard workers and overcame a lot of adversity. Both were accomplished in their respective occupations – one a top executive in a fabric company, the other a

minister. Both influenced me in various ways, and I think about them often.

One of the key rules of leadership that must be understood is that it's not about you. It's about others and serving others. If you think it's about you or your title, you are not a leader – yet. And herein lies the dilemma about understanding what legacy building is all about.

Legacy is not reputation building – it's people building

As a leader in the education space for more than three decades, there's nothing more rewarding for me than those moments when students return to thank me for the impact I had on their lives in the brief time I had them. Or when former students walk their child through the doors of the same school, and those legacy moments become generational.

You and I can spend our lives building our reputations and hope that someone will remember us, or we can pour our lives into people, empowering them to accomplish more than we ever could.

"If you love and serve people," said Emerson, "you cannot, by hiding or stratagem, escape the remuneration." As you invest in others, serve them, and develop the leader within them, your legacy will be secure. Not in brick and mortar

but in hearts and lives that will outlive you.

Legacy is not about your success – it's about succession

A traditional understanding of leaving a legacy in many circles is measured by certain standards of success – wealth creation, etc. But a true and lasting legacy is about succession.

What others accomplish because of you is the result of your leadership. In other words, how did you empower others? What investments in human capital did you make to equip and add value to those in your sphere of influence? Were other people your priority? Did you concede the spotlight by putting others in it?

"A legacy lives on in people, not things," says John Maxwell, "Too often leaders put their energy into organizations, buildings, systems, or other lifeless objects. But only people live on after we are gone."

As you take a moment to reflect on your legacy, consider the high calling of leadership and what is important to you. Think about how you are building others and a leadership legacy that endures in them. How will your legacy be defined?

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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, between April 15-30.

BURGLARY

On April 15, an officer responded to Cainhoy Village Road in reference to a residential burglary. The property is secured by a gate which requires a code, but the rear of the property is bordered by woods. The complainant, who lives in a garage apartment behind the property, stated that he left at 7 a.m. and returned that evening. Upon return, he observed that the top three drawers of his dresser and the drawer of his bedside table were opened and in disarray. Four-hundred dollars in cash were removed along with prescription medication valued at \$1,000. The medicine cabinet was rummaged through, but nothing was removed. Early in April, the property owners had contacted law enforcement on two separate dates regarding trespassing incidents. Installed surveillance was unable to capture activity around the apartment.

BICYCLE THEFT

An officer was called to Farr Street on April 17 to investigate a stolen bicycle from an apartment complex. The victim

advised that the bicycle had been secured with a cable lock on the rack located on the first floor of the enclosed parking garage. The bike was valued at \$900. A serial number will be turned over to the police to aid in their investigation.

DRUG/NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS

On April 17, an officer was patrolling Clements Ferry Road near Point Hope when he observed a vehicle with an expired decal. During the traffic stop, he detected the odor of marijuana. An opened wine cooler bottle was observed in the driver's side door. A gray plastic bag was recovered from the center cup holder which police said contained 7.58 grams of marijuana. The driver was charged with possession of marijuana, open container, and operating a vehicle with expired registration. A court date had been set.

The next day, a traffic stop was initiated on Clements Ferry Road near Quinby Marsh Lane. The vehicle had an expired registration sticker. Upon approaching the vehicle, an odor of marijuana was detected. Police said a probable cause search revealed a loaded firearm that had been reported as stolen from Moncks Corner Police Department, an opened bottle of tequila, and two bags of marijuana, weighing 14.47 grams and 6.85 grams each. The driver had a suspended license and the passenger had an active warrant for arrest for failure to appear for a fraud charge. Both individuals were placed under arrest.

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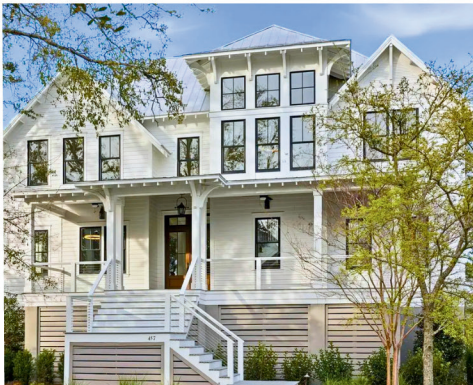
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DI support group lends hand for those caring for dementia patients

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The phone calls, forgotten appointments, confusion at the grocery store – for many families, the signs of dementia arrive slowly before life changes all at once.

Respite Care Charleston hopes a new support group established on Daniel Island will help the day-to-day caregivers of dementia patients, such as spouses and grown children, feel less alone in that transition.

The Charleston-based nonprofit, which supports individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, recently expanded its caregiver support services to Daniel Island with a new twice-monthly group at Providence Church.

While RCC has long served families across the Lowcountry, the new location comes in response to growing demand from island residents.

"Our caregiver support groups offer lifelines for those who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias," said

Deborah Reynolds, outreach and communications coordinator for RCC. "As the number of people diagnosed in the Charleston area increases, participation in our programs has also risen."

The support group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at Providence Church on Seven Farms Drive and is offered free through support from the Daniel Island Community Fund.

RCC first recognized the need while watching attendance rise at existing Mount Pleasant support groups.

"We realized many of the new group members lived on Daniel Island," Reynolds said. "The DICF made a generous grant to RCC this year which allowed us to meet the need of Daniel Island residents for support in their dementia journey."

For many caregivers, that journey can be overwhelming and isolating, often becoming a full-time responsibility.

"When someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, the entire family begins a journey filled with emotional,



physical and logistical challenges," Reynolds said. "Many caregivers also struggle with the grief of watching a loved one change, while still having to manage practical, legal, and financial demands."

RCC's programs are designed to support both caregivers and those living with dementia. In addition to caregiver support groups, the nonprofit offers educational programs for individuals experiencing early memory loss and half-day memory care programs that include music, games, crafts, meals, exercise and socialization.

"Caregivers who are 'first-timers' at one of our support groups can expect a warm, non-judgmental environment. Members form bonds and share laughter, tears, and friendship in a setting where

they are understood."

For sisters Jill and Becky, RCC became an important part of caring for their mother, Gwen, after her dementia diagnosis began changing daily life. Gwen got connected with RCC's memory care program, which gave her social interaction and structure while giving her daughters peace of mind.

"We are so grateful," Becky said. "Knowing our mom is safe and surrounded by such loving, caring staff gives us peace of mind we didn't know we were missing.... Seeing her so happy reminds us we're not alone in this journey."

For caregivers who spend most days focused entirely on someone else's needs, the new group offers something rare: support for them, too.

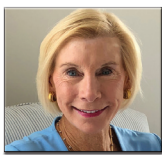
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"No One's Coming"

by Kevin Hazzard. Remember Ebola? This book tells the incredible story of Phoenix Air, a daring group of pilots who are willing to carry the most dangerous cargo around the globe. The CDC

has become a hotbed of politics, but we need the devoted experts there to try and keep us safe from rogue viruses and other outbreaks. In this case, workers from Africa who had active Ebola. Both fascinating and alarming.

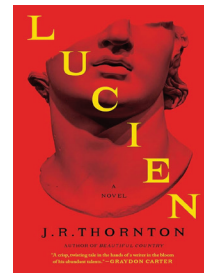
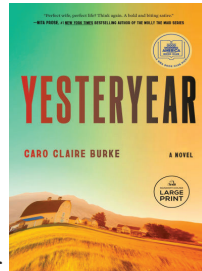
"The Madness of Believing" by Josh Owens. I chose this book after hearing an interview with the author, who struck me as far too intelligent to have taken a job at

InfoWars with the ridiculous Alex Jones. How do you stay at a job where you literally make up all of the stories? He did, but he left and wrote this book. I continue to wonder if he went there with the idea of an expose, but I have no proof. Owens testified in the trial against Jones by the Sandy Hook parents.

Moving on to the pure entertainment portion now!

"Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke. This is the book everyone is talking about. Anne Hathaway has already bought the rights. A trad-wife influencer wakes up in a pioneer household – no electricity, running water, or heat. Love seeing a self-important social media personality brought back to reality.

"The Scent of Oranges" by Kathy George. A retelling of Oliver Twist from the perspective of Nancy. I highly recommend this as well as **"Fagin the Thief"** by Alison Epstein. Both do an outstanding job of describing life in nineteenth century London.

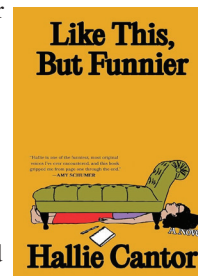


"Lucien" by J.R. Thornton. A charismatic student is the male Anna Delvey of Harvard. I am too skeptical to fall for this deception (I think). This is fiction – read the Vanity Fair or New York articles

about Delvey for a true-life deception. The methods are the same.

"Mule Boy" by Andrew Krivak. This is a spare but powerful story of a young boy who survives a coal mine collapse and witnesses the death of his co-workers. The lasting impact is sobering and heartbreaking. His descriptions of the mines will have the claustrophobic reader squirming.

"Like This, but Funnier" by Hallie Cantor. The author is a comedy writer and she has some hilarious lines. The book is about a Hollywood



writer who gets in trouble for appropriating some material. Fast reading.

"Wolf Hour" by Jo Nesbo. One of my favorite Norwegian writers. His detective Harry Hole is always involved in something complex and violent. This book takes place in Minnesota and is complicated and violent as well. I think I prefer his works set in his homeland, but this is worth a read.

"The Tree of Light and Flowers" by Thomas Perry. This is the 10th book featuring Jane Whitefield. She is an expert at helping people disappear from dangerous circumstances. Just when she thought she was out of that business, they pull her back. Violent justice and a strong heroine.

"The Oyster Diaries" by Nancy Lemann. A Washington, D.C. journalist returns to her NOLA stomping grounds as a court monitor for criminal trials. This is her diary depicting the changing of the guard in her hometown. Her "Lives of the Saints" was better in my opinion, but she is a talented storyteller.

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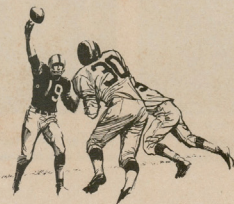
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28 Oct.	at Northern Michigan University	Marquette, Mich.
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THE MEASURE OF A MARINE

Lt. Col. Ronald Eckert reflects on service, career, and coaching legendary Devil Dogs

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Honor. Courage. Commitment. The core values of the United States Marine Corps have manifested in the life of retired Lt. Col. Ronald Eckert.

From the battlefields of Vietnam to football fields across America, Eckert has left a legacy of passion and dedication to his country and the sport he loves.

The 86-year-old Daniel Island resident served 20 years in the Marines, including two combat tours in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry for heroism in combat.

A high school All-American football standout, Eckert played for the Quantico Marines football team and later became the 50-year program's last head coach.

After retiring from the military, he consulted for the Washington Redskins through 13 seasons and three Super Bowl appearances and officiated more than 250 NCAA football and basketball games.

The history and high standards of the Marines were what drew Eckert to the military, but football is why he joined.

"There were football players who

wanted to be Marines and there were Marines who wanted to be football players, so it was a magnet at both ends," he said of the success of the Quantico Marine football program, which began in 1919 at the Quantico Marine base in Virginia.

The team became known as the Devil Dogs, a name given to Marines in World War I due to their ferocious fighting spirit. Several past members went on to be professional players and coaches in the NCAA and NFL.

Eckert's passion for the team began in 1958 when he was a freshman at Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey, and watched the Devil Dogs win 13-0 against undefeated Rutgers University.

"I hitchhiked down to New Brunswick to see them play and after the game, I went over to the buses and talked to the players. They were impressive," Eckert said. "The next day I went over to the Military Selection Officer in New York City, and he signed me up."

Eckert played for the Devil Dogs in 1963 and 1964 before deploying to Vietnam. In 1971, he was named the team's final head coach. "I took it as a real indication of the confidence the leadership had in me," said Eckert. "They said I was their man."

Over 53 years, the Quantico Ma-

rines amassed 355 wins against other military squads and colleges such as Georgetown, Villanova, and Vanderbilt. The program ended in 1972 due to post-Vietnam budget cuts and a dwindling pool of opponents.

"Our last game was Thanksgiving Day in 1972 against Xavier in Cincinnati," Eckert said of the team's 34-0 final win. "I later learned the crews of a passing FedEx plane and a military aircraft sang the Marines' Hymn over the radio to honor the team as they flew over the stadium."

On Jan. 28, 2026, Eckert was the guest of honor at the unveiling of the new Marine Football exhibit at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. Eckert donated several pieces of memorabilia he collected through the years including signed footballs, a helmet, a warmup jersey and a commissioned painting depicting highlights of the storied program.

Eckert's greatest love: his wife, Kathie, helped him cut the ribbon for the Marine Football exhibit. She passed away five days later.

The couple were married 58 years and share three daughters and three grandchildren.

"She was the core of it all. Not only was she a great mother, she was a great professional," Eckert said of Ka-

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Upper and Lower Left: Lt. Colonel Ronald Eckert, shown in 1972, was the last head coach of the 53-year Quantico Marines football program.

Upper Right: Retired United States Marine Corp Lt. Col. Ronald Eckert and his wife, Kathie, cut the ribbon for the new Marine Football exhibit at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia, in January this year. Eckert was honored for his 20 years of service to the Marines and his contributions to the football program.

Opposite page: A recruitment flyer for the 1972 Quantico Marines football team.

thie, a Realtor who helped military families find homes for 37 years. "She kept everything together and was a great supporter of everything I wanted to do."

In 2025 the Eckerts pledged \$100,000 to a scholarship fund at Ronald's alma mater, Rogers High School in Newport, Rhode Island, where he was captain of the football team and named to the 1958 National All-American team. The donation provides college tuition assistance to help Rogers High School graduates achieve their dreams, just as Ronald has.

The Eckerts met in the summer of 1961 when

Ronald was a lifeguard at Easton's Beach in Newport. They married in 1967 and lived most of their lives in Virginia and North Carolina.

The couple moved to Daniel Island in 2020 when Kathie needed temporary rehabilitation services at Wellmore assisted living facility. They fell in love with the island and bought a condominium at the Oaks at River's Edge, where Ronald still lives.

"They are the best neighbors we've ever had," Eckert said of the residents of The Oaks. "They are such caring people and they all rallied around me when my

wife died."

Eckert said he is amazed by the number of people who continue to offer daily support, including his neighbors and friends from Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church.

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Bishops girls place 3rd, boys 4th at Lower State track meet

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The Bishop England High School track and field program has an impressive number of athletes headed to the Class AAAA state championships following a strong showing at a May 8 state qualifier at Wilson High School in Florence, South Carolina.

The Bishop girls finished in third place behind Hilton Head and Hartsville. The Seahawks tallied 131 points to Hartsville's 100.5. The Bishops scored 97.

The Bishop boys held down fourth place in the 10-team event. May River won with 125 while Hartsville tallied 118. Hilton Head was third with 91, and the Bishops had 89.

The meet was originally scheduled for May 7 at Woodland High School, but inclement weather pushed the meet back a day and changed the venue to Florence.

The Bishop girls had three gold-medal efforts. Grace Buss finished first in the

400-meter hurdles with a time of 1 minute and 7.42 seconds. Katie Griffin cleared 3.73 meters in the pole vault to win, while Kinsley Watson's throw of 36.46 in the javelin was good for gold.

Nora Brahim picked up a silver medal in the 3,200-meter run and a bronze in the 1,600-meter run.

Olivia Allen finished second in the 400-meter dash, while the Bishops' 4x800- and 4x400-meter relay teams both finished in third place.

Lorenzo Palagano led the Bishop boys with a silver medal in the pole vault and bronze in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Gabe Hislop was second in the 800-meter run, and Jackson Miller was third.

The Bishops earned three additional bronze medals. William Mote was third in the 400 dash, Logan Schallenberger was third in the 3,200, and the 4x800 relay team captured bronze as well.

The Bishops' season concludes May 14 with the State Championships at Richland Northeast High School in Columbia.

Iron Horse track stars enjoy golden day at Lower State

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Just how dominating was the Philip Simmons High School girls' track and field team during the Class AA Lower State meet?

The Iron Horse distance runners ruled the meet, which was contested May 9 at Woodland High School.

The Iron Horses scored a combined 72 points in the 800-, 1,600-, and 3,200-meter runs and the 4x800-meter relay. That was more than enough to win over Hampton County and Woodland, teams that scored 57 and 56 points, respectively, to finish second and third.

But track and field is a 17-event meet, and the four distance events were a snapshot of the team's domination. The Iron Horses finished the day with a remarkable 10 gold medals and 179 points.

Laura Perry had a big day with wins in the 1,600 (5 minutes and 12.33 seconds) and the 3,200 (11:38.25). Flynn Taylor

won the 800 run in 2:18.68 and was second in the 1,600. The 3,200 relay team captured gold with a time of 10:28.16.

Ashlyn Johnson dominated the sprints with victories in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, while Ashley Roush won the long jump and was second in the long and high jumps to score 26 points.

Julia Reilly won the triple jump, while the 4x100-meter relay team won the other gold medal.

The Iron Horse boys also were ultra-impressive with a 143.5-79 victory over Hampton County. Manning was third with 62 points.

The Iron Horses boys earned four gold medals.

Trent Manning won the 1,600 run in 4:29.28, while Montrell Mungin won the 400 hurdles in 58.74.

The Iron Horses won a gold medal in the field events as Luke Robinson threw the javelin 51.08 meters. The team's other first finish was in the 3,200 relay.

BE boys' tennis team makes another strong run at state title

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The Bishop England High School boys' tennis team's bid for an elusive 13th state championship came up short as A.C. Flora High School topped the Bishops 6-0 to cap an undefeated season and win the Class AAAA state title in a match that was contested May 9 at the Cayce Tennis Center.

It marked the second straight year A.C. Flora topped the Bishops in the state championship to culminate an undefeated season.

Still, the Bishops had a solid year with a team that featured some young talent, including freshman Dante Nava, seventh-grader Declan Finley, and sophomore Ben Burnette.

Senior team captains Roland Weir and Andrew Hamilton played in their final team match.

"I am very proud of the boys and our season," coach Kristin Fleming Arnold said. "We worked hard to get back to the

state championship. We won our region, defeating Bluffton three times. It's not easy to beat a team three times in one season.

"A.C. Flora was a great team," Fleming Arnold continued. "We knew going into the match it would be a tough battle. I was proud of the boys' demeanor, work ethic, and sportsmanship. It's a huge accomplishment to be in the state championship and to have done it back-to-back is even better."

SOCCKER HOPES ALIVE

The Philip Simmons boys' team defeated Atlantic Collegiate Academy 3-0 on May 11 in the Class AA soccer playoffs to push its winning streak to 12 games and set up a Lower State Championship match against Academic Magnet on Friday, May 15.

The Iron Horses, who own a 22-1 record, are the No. 2 seed in the Lower State, while the Raptors are No. 1.

The PSHS-Magnet winner will play the

Andrew Jackson-Buford winner in the state championship, which is set for May 21.

The Iron Horse girls, who were 14-9, were scheduled to play Atlantic Collegiate Academy May 12 in a Lower State semifinal. The winner advanced to the May 16 Lower State Championship and will play the winner of the Academic Magnet-Bridges Prep match.

Meanwhile, defending Class AAAA boys state champ Bishop England, 14-5, was scheduled to play May River, 19-1, in a Lower State semifinal on May 13.

The Bishops opened playoff action with a 5-0 victory over Gilbert and then scored a thrilling 1-0 victory over North Augusta in a match that extended into two over-times.

The Bishop girls put their six-game winning streak on the line May 12 when they battled Bluffton in a Lower State semifinal.

The Bishops outscored two playoff foes 20-0 and entered the match with a 15-6

record. Bluffton was 8-7.

BASEBALL SEASONS END

Defending Class AA state runner-up Philip Simmons opened the District 6 Lower State playoffs with a 10-0 victory over Edisto.

East Clarendon topped Philip Simmons 6-1 to send the Iron Horses to the elimination bracket. Philip Simmons defeated Andrew Jackson 10-2 to remain alive. But East Clarendon won the district title and eliminated the Iron Horses with a victory on May 11.

The Iron Horses lost six of their last nine games and finished with a 20-9 record.

Bishop England finished its season with a 14-11 record, reaching the Class AAAA playoffs.

The Bishops won their District B Lower State opener with a 6-2 victory over South Aiken. Airport blanked the Bishops 10-0, and the Bishops fell to South Aiken 11-9 in an elimination game.

Memorable season ends for Bishops girls' lacrosse team

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It's never easy to replace a legend, but first-year Bishop England High School girls' lacrosse coach Billy Bitter passed the test.

Bitter took over a program built by Jeff Weiner and produced impressive results. The Bishops posted a 12-7 record this spring, including three solid victories in the Class AAAA playoffs.

But the memorable season came to an end when Oceanside Collegiate posted a 13-8 decision over the Bishops in the state championship match at Irmo High School.

It wasn't a case of déjà vu, but it was close. The Landsharks defeated the Bishops 12-8 in last year's state championship.

It was the Landsharks' third state title in the last four seasons.

"Our ultimate goal was to win the state championship," Bitter said. "Oceanside played very well, and it didn't come out the way we wanted. You could see the disappointment on the girls' faces."

The Bishops got their man in Bitter, a 38-year-old native of Manhasset, New York,



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The 2026 Bishop England girls' lacrosse team finished as state runner-ups against Oceanside Collegiate in the Class AAAA championship game.

who replaced Weiner. Weiner posted a 226-36 record over 12 years and guided the Bishops to a record seven state titles.

Bitter was a three-time all-America selection at the University of North Carolina and has coached at the college and high school levels. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Boston College in 2021.

He was the head coach of Cohasset High

School in Massachusetts in 2022 and served as Weiner's assistant at BE.

"Overall, I'm proud of this group," Bitter added. "We played a tough schedule with seven or eight teams out of the area, including New York and the No. 2 team in Massachusetts. Oceanside has always been on our radar. We played them in the regular season, and it was close. They came out and played an

excellent, full game and got off to a fast start."

Oceanside Collegiate defeated the Bishops 12-11 in a regular-season game in March and took a 7-4 lead at the end of the first half of the championship. Freshman Regan Bowers led the Landsharks with four goals.

Natalie Noone led the Bishops with three goals, and Gracie Seymour chipped in with two scores.

The Bishops held their team banquet this week, and the toughest part might have been saying farewell to six seniors: Noone, Jocelyn Moody, Brooke Pennell, Taylor Ayers, Kate Modenhauer, and Tricia Hayes.

"Six seniors, it was an awesome class," Bitter said. "We let them know we were sorry that we didn't get the win. I was fortunate enough to coach them."

The Bishops will begin preparation for the 2027 season on June 1. It should be a talented and interesting roster.

Bitter has four nieces who could be on the Bishop England roster in '27: Whitney Jellison, Patsy Jellison, Virginia Jellison, and Mimi Bitter. Bitter's sister, Kristen Bitter Jellison, was the head junior varsity coach this season.



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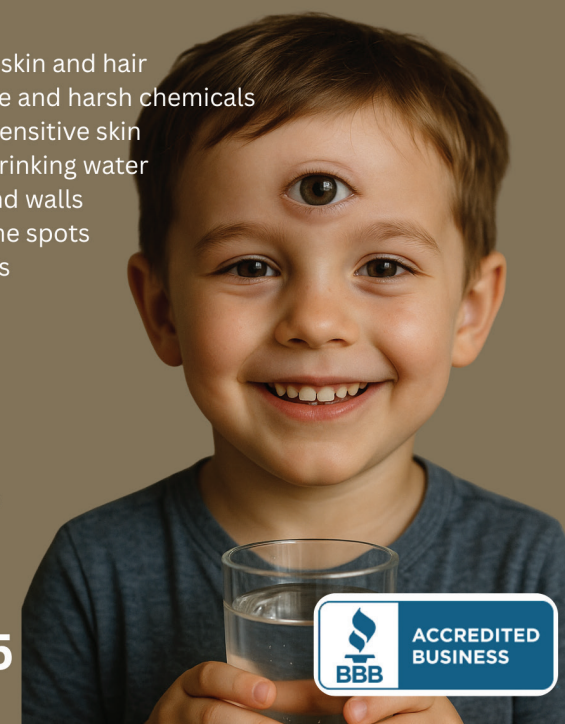
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GREG PERALTA

In May, Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog), Elliott (my son), and I switched our focus from inshore to offshore fishing.

The run from our dock to the offshore fishing grounds is a long one — about 70 miles. Preparation for an offshore trip takes hours. Checking boat operation and safety gear. Fueling the boat. Rigging and organizing tackle. Loading up on food, drinks, and ice. Offshore fishing is time consuming and a good bit of work. However, we love it.

Typically, we meet at my house at 4:30 a.m. Elliott checks the weather forecast and offshore marine conditions. Brody and I review satellite,

sea surface temperature, and current data. Then we compare notes, and Brody picks our fishing destination.

At 5 a.m. we leave the dock. It is still dark. We use GPS, RADAR, and FLIR to navigate from Beresford Creek to a few miles outside of the jetties. If the forecast and the actual sea state match up, I plug in the GPS coordinates for the location that Brody has selected for us to fish. Then power up, set the autopilot, and sit back for the two-hour ride.

After about 30 minutes, the eastern horizon transitions from black to pink and orange. Then the sun breaks the horizon. No matter how many times we see this, it is always a wonderment.

When the ambient light is sufficient, I configure the boat for daylight running. Navigation lights and FLIR are turned off. Brightness on the

multi-function displays is turned up. If sea conditions allow, I increase the speed of the boat. Elliott and Brody settle into beanbags for a short nap.

Alone at the helm, my job is to monitor depth, sea surface temperature, and to look for current breaks, weed lines, and floating debris. These are positive indicators of a good place to fish. Once located, Elliott and Brody wake up and deploy the trolling spread. Elliott prefers to pull a mixed spread. Two strip teasers. Two lures on the short riggers positioned just behind the teasers. Ballyhoo rigged with circle hooks on the long riggers.

Then we observe, adjust, and wait. Over and over and over again. Sometimes a blue marlin or sailfish will come out to play. Sometimes they don't. For us, either way, it is a great day.



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Capt. Greg Peralta and his son Elliott pause during an early offshore run to admire a sailfish before releasing it back into the blue.



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DI Toastmasters returns after hiatus, speaking louder than ever

BUD INGRAHAM
Toastmaster

Toastmasters on Daniel Island is baaaack! Although this club lay dormant a couple of years after COVID-19, it's now back.

This club has an illustrious history on Daniel Island. It originally met at Revela, then called Summit Place. This club was founded in 2002 by Distinguished Toastmaster Brian Richards, who subsequently moved to New Hampshire in 2014. The club continued like the valiant red engine that could but struggled through COVID-19, when we all suffered from sore throats, colds, and fever;

therefore, meeting online only.

Now post-COVID-19, it's vibrant and ready to go up the mountain again. The train is full of ideas and tools for people who like to keep their minds active, connect with friends, and gain self-confidence as they improve their speaking skills.

The current membership is composed of experienced Toastmasters who have achieved the highest level of competency – "The Distinguished Toastmaster" designation. Several clubs have only one Distinguished Toastmaster on their roster, and Daniel Island has an astonishing seven – this means that new members have ample resources for speech

improvement. They receive expert guidance, accurate, and supportive feedback.

Even if you don't plan on going for a job interview or giving presentations at work, knowing how to prepare for a toast at a wedding, funeral, birthday, and holiday is always useful. To quote Distinguished Toastmaster Scott Brown: "At Toastmasters, members push the limits of what they can do so that they can shine in the workplace and succeed."

For example, if your boss says, "I'll give you five to seven minutes to present your project," an employee who has trained with Toastmasters will not be intimidated. They

will do so with confidence because they're used to writing speeches and delivering them.

In social events, there are people who are too shy to talk, some who feel their speaking isn't effective, and those who ramble on and on long after they've made their point. At Toastmasters, they learn to answer questions succinctly during Table Topics.

Meetings take place at the Daniel Island Library every second and fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Questions? Email Bud Ingraham at bud@ingraham.us or check out Daniel Island Toastmasters on Facebook.

Community unites for Daniel Island School Day of Giving

DANIELLE LOFLAND
Daniel Island School PTA

Daniel Island once again demonstrated its strong sense of community on April 23 during the annual Day of Giving. Organized by the Daniel Island School PTA, the day brought together families, local businesses, and neighbors with a shared purpose: to invest in the people and programs that make the Daniel Island

School thrive.

Throughout the day, the island was abuzz with generosity and school pride. Local businesses stepped up in a big way, donating a portion of their proceeds directly to Daniel Island School. From restaurants to retail shops, these community partners turned everyday purchases into impactful contributions, making it easy for residents to participate while supporting their favorite local spots.

The PTA's leadership was instrumental in coordinating the event, creating opportunities for families to engage and give back. What set this year's Day of Giving apart was the collective spirit behind it. Parents, students, and community members rallied together, not just as donors but as active participants in strengthening their school. For many families, it was also a chance to model the importance of generosity and community involvement for their children.



Cub Scouts take STEM to new heights with firefighters in 100-foot egg drop challenge

CATHY LEEKE
Lion Den Leader of Pack 519 Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts from Pack 519 on Daniel Island experienced an unforgettable night of creativity, engineering, and community partnership during a 100-foot Egg Drop Challenge made possible through collaboration with the local fire department and Ladder 101.

After a month filled with traditional spring egg hunts, Cathy Leeke, Lion Den leader, introduced the idea of an Egg Drop Challenge, giving Scouts a fun and educational twist on the seasonal theme. The concept quickly gained momentum, and Cub Master Matt Levin partnered with the local fire department to elevate the experience – literally.

On April 20, firefighters from Ladder

101 raised their ladder approximately 100 feet in the air, from where each Cub Scout's engineered invention was dropped while families and Scouts watched below. Using everyday materials like balloons, rubber bands, boxes, padding, and creative designs, Scouts worked to protect a raw egg from breaking upon impact.

Scouts tested their designs and learned firsthand about STEM principles, problem-solving, and perseverance. Some eggs survived the dramatic fall, while others provided valuable lessons and sparked conversations about design improvements.

Following the Egg Drop Challenge, firefighters provided Cub Scouts with an up-close tour of Ladder 101, answered questions, and shared about their work serving the Daniel Island community. The

hands-on interaction made the evening even more memorable for Scouts and families.

"Cathy's creative idea combined with Matt's partnership with the fire department made this event truly spectacular," Pack 519 leadership said. "It reflects what makes Pack 519 special. Our adult leaders and parents work together every month to create meaningful, memorable experiences for our Cub Scouts."

Pack 519 extends sincere thanks to the Daniel Island Fire Department and Ladder 101 firefighters and crew.

Pack 519 serves families on Daniel Island and surrounding communities, providing Cub Scouts with opportunities to grow in leadership, character, and confidence through outdoor adventures, service, and hands-on learning.





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50-unit townhouse development goes before TRC board

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, May 14: Cooper's Crossing Townhomes - Proposed new 50-unit townhome development on 12.24 acres at 810 Travis Lane, Cainhoy. TMS: B2680000005. Owner: Clements Ferry Land, SC LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Malcolm Glenn, mglenn@seamonwhiteside.com.

DICA Community Survey results to be revealed

The Daniel Island Community Board Association, or DICA, will meet virtually Friday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m., and will release the results of a recent community survey.

The board conducted the survey during the week of April 22–28 to better understand the current demographics of DICA's single-family homeowners and to learn more about their interests regarding island amenities.

In a press release, the board said its goal is to address community priorities "through updates to

existing amenities and potential new offerings in the future."

DICA primarily represents single-family home property owners south of I-526, and is responsible for the maintenance and operation of Scott Park Pool, Pierce Park Pool, Edgefield Park Pool (Crow's Nest), the pickleball and bocce courts, and the Beresford Creek Boat Landing.

Registration is for DICA members only and can be found on the Daniel Island POA website at dicommunity.org.

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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: dthiel-foldt@msn.com.

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

CAINHoy DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FORUM

May 18, 6-8 pm, Philip Simmons Elementary. Hosted by the Coastal Conservation League, this forum will address environmental and safety concerns surrounding the proposed Cainhoy development. Topics include wetland loss, flooding, wildlife impact, and traffic. Guest speakers & Q&A for residents.

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.

CHARLESTON DUCK RACE

May 30, 10 am-2 pm, Daniel Island Waterfront Park. Free, family-friendly festival featuring games, activities, and the iconic duck drop into the Wando River (around 1 pm). Adopt a duck for \$10 for a chance to win cash prizes up to

\$10,000. Proceeds support 20+ local nonprofits.

DI KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

June 20, 8:30-10:30 am, Smythe Park, \$5. 15th annual Danziger Cup for ages 4-15 (must live/work on DI; adult required). Awards for longest fish by category + grand prize fishing trip. Pre-register at danielislandfishingclub.com/events (first 150 get goodie bags).

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.

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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 Mon., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. Improve balance, posture, and injury prevention. All levels. \$10. Contact: 843-216-6366.

DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 am-12 pm, Providence Church, Free. Respite Care Charleston's caregiver support group for

loved ones with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. A confidential 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; 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 2nd 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 DI 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. dixchangeclub.org.

INDOOR CYCLING CLASS

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, DI Rec Center. New indoor cycling class, \$10 per class, limited bikes available. Sign up in advance.

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 REC CENTER

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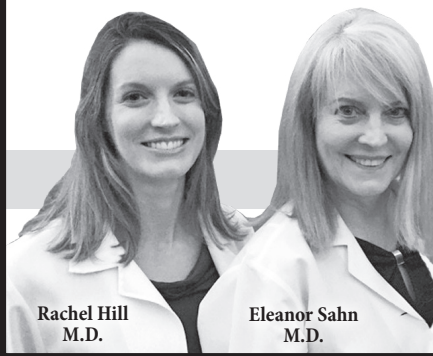


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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil Manausa

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Comma Knowledge

Read the sentences below, and decide whether the commas are used correctly.

1. Melanie and I are going to order big, fat, ice cream sundaes.
2. There were three, very chatty girls sitting in front of us at the theater.
3. The nurse was a kind, skilled, sympathetic, caregiver.



Answers:
1. No commas are needed in this sentence. Adjectives that are equal in rank require commas. Those that describe different aspects of an item (big red balloon) do not.
2. No comma needed here. Never use a comma after a number that is used as an adjective.
3. Remove the comma after *sympathetic*. Commas do not come between the last adjective and the noun.

ACROSS

- 1 Farm machine
6 Computer symbol
10 ____ Four
13 Animated
14 Marlin and Coral's offspring
15 Tree trunk
16 Edible fungus
17 1968 Broadway musical
18 "Hawkeye"
19 No matter what
21 More arid
22 Rich dessert
23 Hot felonies
24 Set a price
27 Immediately!
28 ____ may look at a king
29 Clark's lady
31 Quilt style
35 Islamic deity
37 Tea quota?
38 Deep divers
40 Completed negotiations
43 Thailand's neighbor
44 Expensive
45 Not Rep. or Ind.
47 Map abbreviation

DOWN

- 1 Vols rival
2 A place to build
3 Turkey's currency
4 Might be special
5 Have confidence in
6 Displeasing the boss
7 ____ and desist
8 Leave out
9 Creed word
10 Place for loose papers
11 Standish rival
12 Chicago team
15 Tippler's place

- 20 Riding whip
21 Southern speech pattern
23 Hamburg interjection
24 ____ king
25 Empty house sign
26 2.2 pounds, roughly
28 Belonging to an unfeeling person
30 Beach pest
32 Amer. Airlines 2001 acquisition
33 Wander
34 Tie tight
36 Cads
39 Leaking air sound
41 24 hours
42 Diffuse
46 Conquer
48 Reach the top
49 Mind the alarm
50 Challenged
51 Chest material
52 Explain grammatically
54 Honshu port
55 Franklin's flyer
56 Hot times in Lille
57 Withered
59 Use a straw

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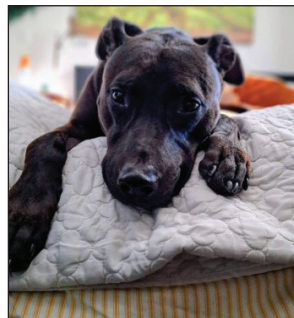
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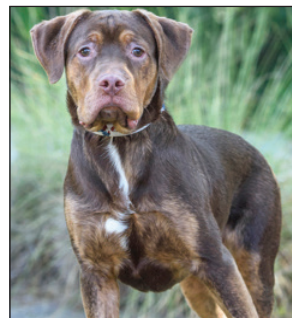


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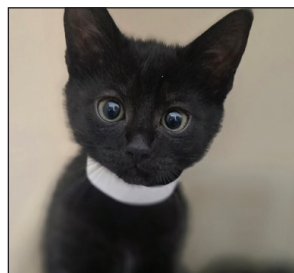
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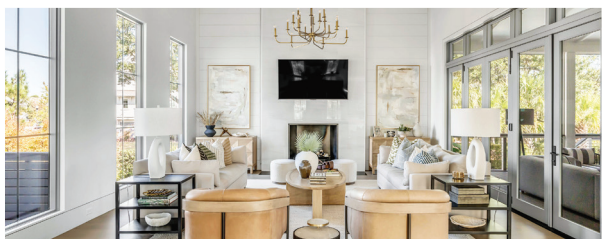


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