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From who's on the ballot this primary season to where and how to vote, this special election edition of The Daniel Island News is your guide to the June 9 election. Inside, readers will find a voter guide and candidate Q&A for the South Carolina House District 99 race, responses from local Republican and Democratic chairs on redistricting, and previews of two community traditions returning this year: the Field of Honor and Palmetto Freedom Fest.



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Developer reveals plan for waterfront parking lot, e-bike laws kick in

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From e-bikes and traffic lights to a future boutique hotel on the waterfront, the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association meeting on May 20 offered a fast-moving look at how the island is changing and how local leaders are trying to keep up with it.

BYE-BYE WATERFRONT PARKING, HELLO HOTEL

The future of the graveled, temporary parking lot that sits along the Daniel Island Waterfront next to the children's park on River Landing Drive has been outlined.

Harriette Calder of East West Partners revealed the long-vacant parcel is now being reimagined as a 65-room boutique inn with residences above it, along with public gathering spaces, a possible restaurant, riverfront bar, and direct connection to trails.

"We feel like it is kind of the bookend to the activity hub that the waterfront has become, so we feel like it should have more public space," Calder said.

Though the project would eventually eliminate the temporary lot, Charleston City Councilman Boyd Gregg stressed that parking studies show enough spaces already exist nearby – residents may simply need to walk a little farther.

"There is nowhere in the City of Charleston where we have a waterfront parking lot. This property was bought by somebody else for another purpose, and they are going to use it for that purpose," Gregg said. "The city is going to make sure that they provide adequate parking for all of us down there."

Additional signage directing residents and visitors to existing parking areas is also being explored as the waterfront continues evolving into one of Daniel Island's busiest gathering spaces.

E-BIKE LAWS IN EFFECT

One of the night's biggest updates centered around Charleston's newly passed e-bike ordinance, which Gregg said was months in the making.

"You all asked for an e-bike resolution about six months ago, and I'm happy to say that we have finally passed the e-bike ordinance," Gregg said.

The new ordinance bans e-bikes from sidewalks and multi-use paths, increases

finest up to \$500, prohibits modifying bikes to increase speed, and creates clearer definitions separating legal e-bikes from electric motorcycles and mopeds.

Reckless riding, including wheelies, can now also be ticketed, and helmets are required.

Lt. Joseph Harvill, the new commander of Police Team 5, said officers have already seen improvements.

"We're seeing less e-motorcycles and e-mobiles," he said, crediting an education-first approach involving schools and parents. "It seems to be working."

Officers have not yet issued citations related to the ordinance. Residents can also expect to see more officers patrolling on police-issued e-bikes, as well.

ROUNABOUTS AND RED LIGHTS

Public safety concerns also centered heavily on Clements Ferry Road following two fatal crashes within two weeks. Harvill said police dramatically increased enforcement afterward, conducting roughly 460 traffic stops in a two-week span and placing additional officers and speed-monitoring devices along the corridor.

"We will do everything we can to slow it down and stymie it as best as possible," he said.

Several transportation projects are also moving forward. Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks shared new details on the planned two-lane roundabout at Seven Farms Drive and River Landing Drive, saying the project is now going out to bid after design revisions and community feedback. Motion-sensitive pedestrian crossing buttons will also be incorporated at the Daniel Island Drive roundabout.

Along Clements Ferry Road, leaders previewed future signalized intersections, including one near the future realignment of Enterprise Drive and Beresford Run. Brooks said this intersection will be the first of several traffic lights to join the corridor.

"Anything that acts as traffic calming along Clements Ferry Road is going to create opportunities for people to make a safer left turn out of their neighborhoods than they have now," Brooks said.

Gregg also announced plans for a new city fire station at the future Enterprise Drive intersection, while another 34-acre tract (between Ace Hardware and the Gildan



NICK WOOD

East West Partners unveiled plans to transform the Daniel Island Waterfront's temporary parking lot into a boutique hotel with residences, dining, and expanded public gathering spaces.

Distribution Center) could eventually house a police substation, additional fire station, and public works facility off Clements Ferry Road.

A NEW HOME FOR EMS STATION?

The county's EMS crews may have finally found a permanent future home after being forced to leave their former space inside the fire station due to growing operational needs there. Since then, EMS personnel have been temporarily operating out of Port House Apartments while county leaders searched for a long-term location.

After concerns surfaced over a previously proposed site near the library and schools, officials are now eyeing property near Island Park Drive behind Refuel and beneath the interstate bridges.

"It's a good spot for it," Brooks said, citing quick interstate access and proximity to retirement communities, one of EMS' highest-volume call areas.

State Rep. Mark Smith added that the state-owned land beneath the bridges makes logistical sense because it already sits near Daniel Island's existing helipad.

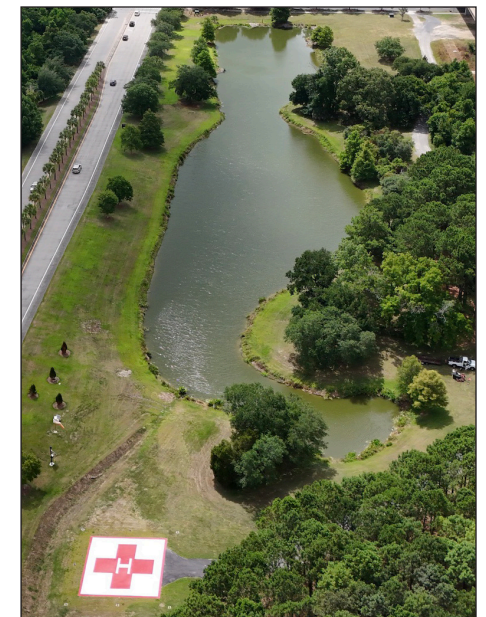
"I feel good about it and can't imagine that it won't happen," Smith said.

NORTH ISLAND TRACT PRESERVED FOR A PARK

The future of the preserved 114-acre North Island Tract will remain protected from residential development. Brooks said the county is now budgeting to hire a plan-

ner to begin designing what is expected to become a passive park with trails, waterfront access, possible frisbee golf, and potentially a public dock. Smith called preserving the property "an incredible opportunity" for Daniel Island.

The tract is lined by the Cooper River and is located at the end of Seven Farms Drive, not too far from Bishop England's football stadium.



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County leaders are eyeing this area near Island Park Drive near the Refuel convenience store and under the I-526 bridges as a possible site of a new Daniel Island EMS station.



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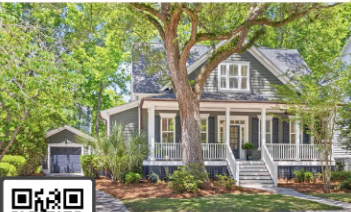


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RON ZUMSTEIN

Field of Honor marks 11th year with America250 tribute, 1,000 flags

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Every flag has a reason for being there. Some honor service. Some honor loss. Some honor survival. Put them all together, and River Landing Drive becomes something closer to a living memorial than a display.

That is the idea behind the Exchange Club of Daniel Island's Field of Honor, returning this summer for its 11th year from June 13 through July 5.

Once again, 1,000 American flags will stand in neat rows, each one dedicated to a personal hero: veterans, active-duty military, first responders, teachers, cancer fighters, and others whose impact is felt in everyday lives.

Starting in 2016 with just a few hundred flags, the event has grown into one of the island's most recognizable traditions, says Ron Zumstein, who leads the project.

"Over the 11 years, the Field of Honor has grown from 275 flags in 2016 to 1,000 flags the last three years," Zumstein said. "The Exchange Club dedicates about 200 flags to our local first responders and veterans at the island's retirement centers. The growth of the field has come from the increase in flags purchased by residents and visitors to honor their heroes. For me, it is really special to run across someone at the field visiting their flag to take a picture and send it to their hero or family."

Each flag carries a personal connection, and Zumstein said that's what gives the installation its lasting impact year after year.

"There is a story around every dedicated flag. It is really special to have someone share their hero's story."

This year's Field of Honor also comes during a major national milestone: America's 250th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the Exchange Club is adding an America250 display featuring all 26 official flags flown throughout U.S. history, along with historical notes for each and a detailed artistic rendering of the Declaration of Independence.

"The fact that this year marks our 250th year as a nation is special," Zumstein said. "I remember our nation's bicentennial in 1976 as a kid. It was exciting and a celebrated event across our country. It rekindled the 'Spirit of '76' and brought us closer together as a nation. I hope that this year's 250th anniversary also rekindles the 'Spirit of '76' across our nation and unites us further."

Zumstein said the display is also meant to highlight continuity through history. "I hope people realize that, as a nation, we have grown from the 13 colonies to our current 50 states in 250 years, and all that time we have been under the same set of beliefs and principles as defined by our constitution," he said.

The America250 exhibit is currently being displayed at Guggenheim Park through June 13 before moving to 210 River Landing Drive for the Field of Honor.

Proceeds from the Field of Honor benefit local organizations supporting veterans, including Friends of Fisher House Charleston, One80 Place, and Tri-County Veterans Support Network.

Admission is free, and visitors are encouraged to walk the field, read the dedications, and take in what the flags represent: individually and together.



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Opposing parties share opinions over SC redistricting battle

Map changes in SC are merely a power grab

SEAN MCCAWLEY

Berkeley County Democratic Party Chair

The move by the Republican members of the South Carolina General Assembly to redraw the Congressional district lines, at the behest of President Trump and with the aid of Gov. McMaster, this close to our primary elections is nothing short of a power grab and an attempt to silence the voices of South Carolina voters. Our primary elections are set for June 9. Early voting starts May 26. Absentee ballots have already been sent out. The votes of the men and women of South Carolina serving overseas are already being returned. Changing the election date and the map at this stage ensures only one thing: chaos. The director of the State Election Commission has already voiced concerns about the veracity of the election results if new maps were to be adopted under this rushed process. Gov. McMaster and many GOP members of the General Assembly previously voiced opposition to midterm redistricting in the state. Unfortunately, to no one's surprise, they seem to be buckling under pressure from Donald Trump.

It is no coincidence that every state

that has rushed to redraw their congressional maps following the Supreme Court's Callais decision on April 29, which gutted Section II of the Voting Rights Act, are all former Confederate states. Contrary to their assertions that the Voting Rights Act is no longer necessary, they are, in fact, proving just how vital that historic piece of legislation is. Roughly, one in four citizens of this state are Black and anywhere between 40-45% of voters in this state consistently vote Democratic. Yet, the publicly stated goal of this redistricting effort is to remove the only Black representative and Democratic member of our congressional delegation.

Constitutionally, redistricting occurs after the U.S. Census every 10 years, not at the whims of an unpopular President who can only maintain power through chaos and disenfranchisement rather than actual governance and true leadership. When the party in power demonstrates that they cannot effectively govern it is the right of the people to vote them out. This effort seeks to rob the voters of that right. What Republicans in Columbia are doing is wrong. I know it. You know it. They know it!

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South Carolina is a Republican state. Voters have made that clear in election after election, by margins that leave no real doubt. Yet our congressional delegation, thanks to district lines that no longer match how South Carolinians actually live, sends a representative to Washington whose voting record sits directly at odds with the values of the people he claims to serve. The redistricting proposal before the General Assembly would finally fix that mismatch, and it deserves the full support of anyone who believes representation ought to reflect reality.

Consider the incumbent. Jim Clyburn is the man who gave the country Joe Biden. He may be a kingmaker in Washington, but he has never been a champion for South Carolina. He does not show up for Charleston. He does not deliver for Berkeley County. He answers to party bosses in the nation's capital while the Lowcountry communities he nominally represents go without serious attention. We deserve a congressman who works

full time for South Carolina, not part time for the Democratic National Committee.

The Sixth District as currently drawn is not a genuine community of interest. It is the product of map drawing engineered to produce a particular outcome, and that result has outlived whatever justification it once had. The proposed map replaces the contrivance with districts that follow coherent geography and respect county lines, restoring the basic honesty that ought to guide any fair apportionment.

Critics call the timing inappropriate. The argument falls flat. Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, California, Virginia, and Missouri have all moved to bring their maps in line with their political character. For South Carolina to sit on its hands while other states act would amount to surrendering representation our voters have plainly earned.

Daniel Island and the broader Lowcountry deserve a representative whose convictions match the constituents'. South Carolina is a red state. Our map should reflect that. The General Assembly should pass this proposal, and it should not wait.

Letters to the Editor

Resurfacing Request: To tow or not to tow

Editor's note: As part of the Berkeley County Resurfacing Project, on May 11, the Banks Construction Company issued an email through the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association requesting residents to refrain from on-street parking on River Landing Drive from Seven Farms Drive to the Daniel Island Waterfront, from May 12 to May 15 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., noting that "Any vehicles parked on the street will be towed."

To the editor,

During the second week of May, many Daniel Island residents returned from dinner, Concert in the Park, or simple evenings with family only

to discover their cars had vanished. Families feared their vehicles had been stolen. Mothers in heels chased tow trucks down the street. There were no obvious signs near available parking, no guidance, no phone numbers, and often no one nearby to help bewildered residents understand what had happened.

Instead, law-abiding citizens suddenly found themselves scrambling for rides to North Charleston, paying \$225 to recover their vehicles, producing paperwork to prove ownership, and rearranging their lives late into the night. Babysitters had to stay longer. Parents scrambled to find someone to pick up children from soccer practice. Teachers, nurses, and doctors lost valuable time and peace of mind

over what appeared to be an overly aggressive towing operation tied to repaving work.

Charleston is supposed to be a community that values hospitality, communication, and common sense. Repaving roads is necessary, but treating residents like offenders for unclear parking violations is not.

I respectfully ask the City of Charleston and parking enforcement leadership to investigate these towing practices on Daniel Island and ensure future operations prioritize clear communication, visible signage, and compassion for the people who call this community home.

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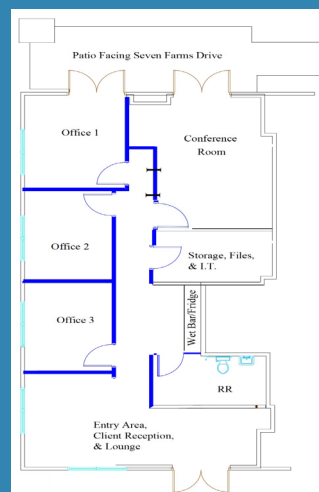
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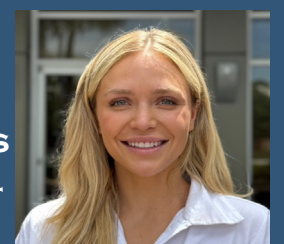


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DUI suspect tells police he consumed 24 beers during the day

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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 May 1-15.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

On May 1, a collision occurred on Intertidal Drive, resulting in a driving under the influence charge. When the officer arrived on scene, he observed visible damage to a garage. The incident report states multiple opened beer cans were found in the front seat of the vehicle and the individual appeared to be intoxicated. The individual said he consumed 24 beers during the day. After failing the on-site sobriety check, the individual refused to submit a blood sample and was placed under arrest.

BURGLARY/ BREAKING AND ENTERING

Charleston Police Team 5 responded to a business on Fairchild Street on May 2 in reference to a burglary. The owner of the business stated two males entered the business and quickly left once confronted. He said an office safe was missing about \$30,000 in cash and checks, as well as injectable medications from a storage room valued at \$44,000. Video footage will be provided to police as the investigation continues.

ATTEMPTED MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

On May 3, an officer responded to Seven Farms Drive in reference to an attempted motor vehicle theft. The vehicle had been parked at an apartment complex. The complainant stated the rear passenger window was broken and the ignition was damaged, and the vehicle was inoperable. No surveillance was available in the immediate area.



VANDALISM

An officer was called to Oak Leaf Street regarding a vandalism incident that occurred between Sunday, May 3, and Monday morning, May 4. According to the complainant, wiring for fuel pumps on an excavator had been torn. Parts from the excavator were

found thrown on a field. Additionally, a portable restroom at the facility was pushed over and found on its side. The complainant told police multiple sets of footprints were observed on the grounds. An investigation is underway.

VEHICLE RECOVERED

A sedan reported stolen was located in a parking lot on Seven Farms Drive. A resident reported it to Team 5 as a suspicious vehicle on May 5. The report indicates the vehicle had a shattered rear window with a tampered ignition. An officer with Mount Pleasant police took custody of the vehicle.

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It's part concert, part fundraiser, part reunion, and for one night this fall, just 350 people will pack the Grand Lawn at Credit One Stadium, for an event where the loudest moment might not be the music.

The 5th Annual Palmetto Freedom Fest returns Friday, Oct. 30, transforming the Charleston venue into an intimate setting for one of the Lowcountry's most purpose-driven nights out. Headlined this year by country artist Chris Janson, the evening blends live music, auctions, and food and drinks, all in support of the Palmetto State Chapter of Folds of Honor, which provides scholarships to spouses and children of fallen or disabled service members and first responders.

This year's smaller guest list is a deliberate shift aimed at bringing attendees closer to the people at the center of the mission.

"Working closely with our incredible partners at Credit One Stadium and Beemok, we have really been intent to bring our guests closer to the experience in several different ways," said Eric Timko, vice president of the Folds of Honor Palmetto State Chapter. "By having military and first

responder families as our guests along with South Carolina Folds of Honor families, our guests can engage with and hear their stories firsthand."

Rather than spreading the experience across a large crowd, organizers have reimagined the layout so guests are positioned closer to the stage. Alongside the entertainment, the heart of the night remains the families themselves.

"The most pivotal and impactful part of the night is hearing firsthand the tragic stories of our Folds of Honor spouses and recipients," Timko said. "But tragedy turns to hope in knowing that we are there to help and support them, and provide their families with some relief through a Folds of Honor scholarship."

That balance between celebration and remembrance is what has helped define Palmetto Freedom Fest since its inception. Guests can expect an evening that moves between emotional testimony and elevated hospitality, including specialty food and beverages, a cigar and bourbon bar, exclusive Folds of Honor swag, and live and silent auctions.

Chris Janson returns as this year's headliner, a choice Timko says reflects his commitment to the cause.

"Chris is a patriot who strongly supports our military and first responders," he said. "After performing here in 2024 and seeing firsthand the incredible support that our commu-



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nity provided, he expressed his desire to return."

As the event enters its fifth year, momentum continues to grow. Last year's Freedom Fest raised more than \$1.1 million, and overall support has now surpassed \$2.5 million since the event began. Still, Timko says the goal has never changed.

"The goal we set every year is a simple one: no qualified scholarship applicant will be turned down for a scholarship. Our hope is this event continues to grow because of the impact we have on our South Carolina military and first responder families that we all depend on to protect us and keep us safe."

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Governor slogans: Can a catchphrase make a difference?

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With South Carolina’s longest-serving governor winding down his final year as the state’s top leader, Gov. Henry McMaster’s seat has drawn a considerable number of candidates vying to succeed him.

The Republican governor took over the duties from then Gov. Nikki Haley in January 2017, when she was tapped as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Nine years and five months later, voters are now beginning to whittle down a crowded field to determine his successor.

They include six Republicans and three Democrats.

With limited space to fully flesh out each and every single candidate, we figured we’d go the easy route and let the candidates campaign for themselves.

Not with fiery speeches or photos of the candidates kissing babies, but by simply showcasing the first slogan that appears on their official websites.

It’s not scientific.

It’s not official (slogans can change from day

to day).

But it’s a tiny look at how each candidate is marketing themselves.

What do you think? Do these catchphrases make a difference?

On the Republican side:
Pamela Evette: Conservative. Business-woman. America First.
South Carolina Lt. Governor
pamelaevette.com

Joshua Kimbrell: A Reformer with Results.
State Senator District 11 (Spartanburg County)
votejoshkimbrell.com

Nancy Mace: Never Stop Fighting.
U.S Representative District 1 (includes part of Berkeley County)
nancymace.org

Ralph W. Norman: Term Limits. Clean up Columbia.
U.S. Representative District 5 (From Rock Hill/Fort Mill at the border to Sumter)
ralphnormanforgovernor.com

Rom Reddy: It’s Time for Something Different.
Lowcountry businessman
reddyforgovernor.com

Alan Wilson: Defending our Freedoms. Keeping Families Safe.
South Carolina Attorney General
wilsonforsc.com

On the Democratic side:
Jermaine Johnson: After 20+ years of single party rule, South Carolinians Deserve More.

State Representative District 22 (Kershaw, Richland counties)
johnsonforsc.com

Mullins McLeod: The People’s Governor
Charleston attorney
mcleodscgov.com

Billy Webster: Don’t Talk. Just Do
Greenville businessman
websterforsc.com

U.S. SENATE RACE
Another packed ballot of candidates will enter the June 9th primary trying to upset incumbent Sen. Lindsey Graham, who is fighting for his fifth term.
Among them are six Republican candidates, and three Democratic candidates who are looking to make it to the General Election.
It could be a tall task for the challengers: No U.S. senator from South Carolina has lost a re-election bid in 82 years.

- Republican Candidates**
- Calvin Cowen
 - Paul Dans
 - Thomas Keith Dismukes
 - Lindsey Graham (i)
 - Pat Herrmann
 - Mark Lynch
 - Darius L. Mitchell

- Democratic Candidates**
- Annie Andrews
 - Brandon P. Brown
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Early voting begins as SC lawmakers debate congressional lines

STAFF REPORT

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As South Carolina's early voters head to the polls this week, there is still uncertainty whether votes cast for the 1st Congressional District race, which includes Daniel Island and portions of Berkeley County, will ultimately count.

Lowcountry voters in the Daniel Island, Clements Ferry, and Cainhoy areas will be picking their candidate to replace the seat held by Congresswoman Nancy Mace, who is running for South Carolina governor.

Meanwhile, the South Carolina General Assembly continues to debate whether to redistrict, or alter, the map lines for the state's congressional districts

after Gov. Henry McMaster called Senate and House members back for an overtime session, even as early voting began Tuesday.

If approved by both chambers and signed into law, it could possibly push back and delay the primary election for all seven of the state's congressional districts until an Aug. 18 special primary. Current candidates would then be required to refile under the newly drawn district map lines.

Currently, South Carolina's congressional delegation includes six Republicans and one Democrat. GOP leaders hope the proposal could create a more favorable map for Republicans and potentially eliminate the district seat held by Democratic Congressman Jim Clyburn.

The candidates below are vying to represent the 1st Congressional District.

Republicans:

- ☐ Dan Brown
- ☐ Jay Byars
- ☐ Logan Cunningham
- ☐ Tyler Dykes
- ☐ Jenny Costa Honeycutt
- ☐ Kendal Ludden
- ☐ Sam McCown
- ☐ Alex Pelbath
- ☐ Cindy Wagers Riley
- ☐ Mark Sanford
- ☐ Mark Smith

- ☐ Ben Frasier
- ☐ Matthew Fulmer
- ☐ Nancy Lacore
- ☐ Mayra Rivera-Vazquez

For more on where both parties stand in the debate, turn to Page 6 where the Berkeley County Democratic Chair and the Berkeley County Republican Chair face-off in our Viewpoint section.



Democrats:

- ☐ Francina Dantzler
- ☐ Mac Deford
- ☐ Max Diaz

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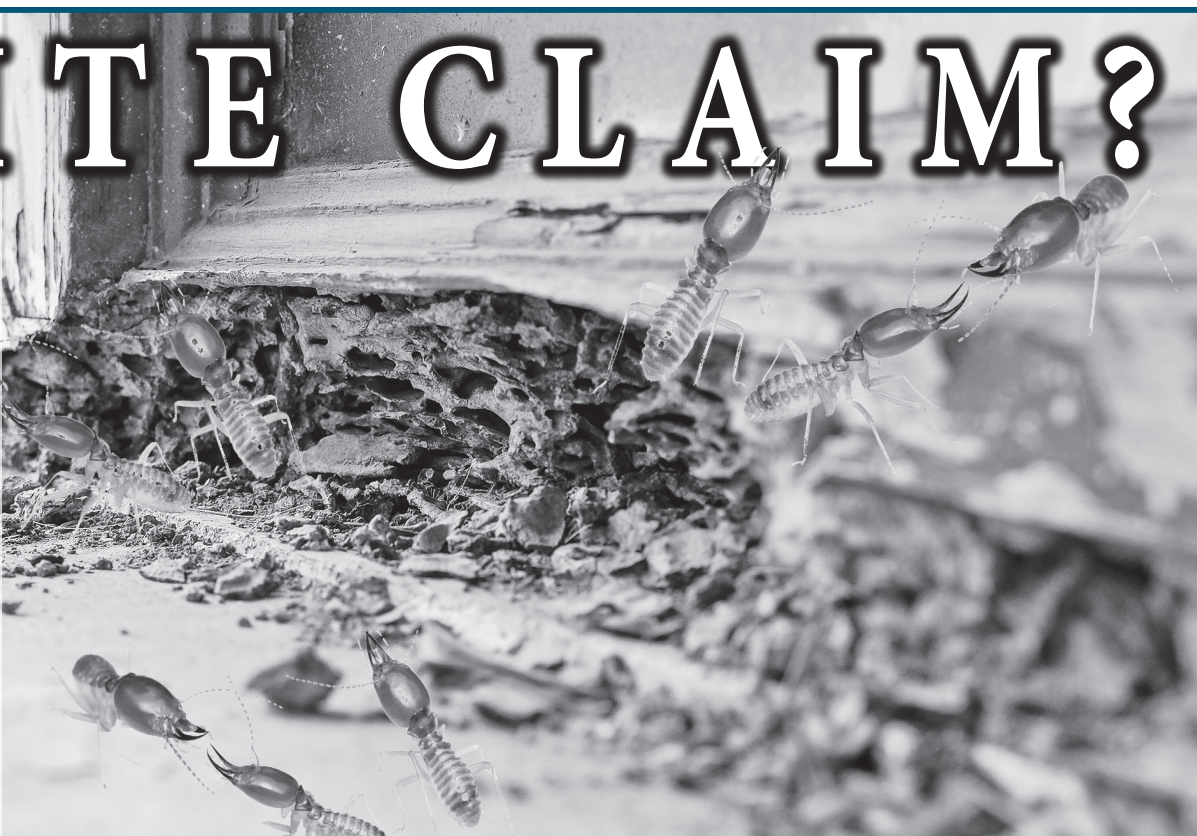
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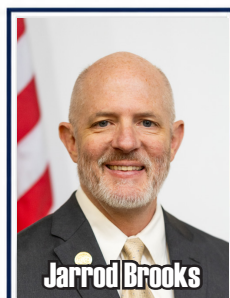


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★ = Who's Running for = ★ SC HOUSE DISTRICT 99?



David Herndon



Jarrod Brooks



Kristy Gore



Samuel Price



Shawn Pinkston



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Voters in South Carolina House District 99 will choose a new representative this election as longtime lawmaker Mark Smith steps away from the seat.

District 99 represents the Berkeley County area, including Daniel Island, the Clements Ferry Road corridor, and portions of Goose Creek and Hanahan.

The district's next representative will serve in the South Carolina House of Representatives, where they will help shape state laws, vote on the budget, and advocate for local priorities.

Ahead of the election, candidates vying for the District 99 seat shared their qualifications for office and what they hope to accomplish if elected.

MEET THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

1. Where do you live, and what ties you most to District 99?

Jarrod Brooks: "I've lived on Daniel Island for 22 years on Bounty Street. I'm tied to District 99, a community that has given us much, through the life, businesses, and bonds we've built here."

Kristy Gore: "I was raised in District 99, educated in Berkeley County schools, and I'm proud to raise my family in Hanahan."

I've dedicated my career to serving and protecting our community."

David Herndon: "I live on Ralston Creek Street. This is a special place. This is home, and where I'll one day grow old and retire. I have immense pride in our community and want to protect it."

Shawn Pinkston: "I've proudly called the Lowcountry home since being honorably discharged from the Army. After 16 years on Daniel Island, my family moved to Point Hope. My family, small business, legal practice, and roots are all in District 99."

2. What experience best prepares you to serve in the State House?

Jarrod Brooks: "The knowledge, relationships, and constituency work gained as our Berkeley County councilman and Daniel Island Neighborhood Association president informs every decision I make for the betterment of our community."

Kristy Gore: "My experience as an investigator, court deputy, small business owner, and public servant has prepared me to fight for accountability, public safety, conservative values, and the families of District 99. My experience on Planning and Zoning at the county level has allowed me to be a voice against problematic planning."

David Herndon: "I'm a businessman. Having built a successful business, I understand hard work, and my business experience will be a tremendous asset. More businesspeople are needed in government."

Shawn Pinkston: "As a husband, father

of four, veteran, small business owner, and attorney, I understand leadership, service, and hard work. My experience advocating for veterans, my community, and families prepares me to effectively serve District 99."

3. What is the top issue facing District 99 and your first step to address it?

Jarrod Brooks: "Our quality of life impacted by the state's underinvestment in roads is our top issue. I've paved and built roads in Berkeley County and will be an activist to the legislature for more."

Kristy Gore: "The top issue facing District 99 is poor planning in development on Clements Ferry Road and the strain it places on roads, schools, and public safety. My first step is fighting for responsible growth policies that protect our infrastructure, neighborhoods, and quality of life by putting concurrency laws in place."

David Herndon: "No issue impacts us more than traffic. We CAN find solutions, beginning with making it priority one, dedicating ourselves to it, and fighting for our fair share of road-improvement funds."

Shawn Pinkston: "District 99's biggest challenge is explosive growth outpacing infrastructure. Berkeley County sends more gas tax dollars to Columbia than it receives back. I'll fight to return those funds home to improve our roads and infrastructure."

MEET THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Editor's Note: The Daniel Island News reached out to Democratic candidate Jacob Goddard, who did not respond to requests for participation in this Q&A or provide a photo.

1. Where do you live and what ties you most to District 99?

Samuel Price: "Berkeley County is my home. It's where I live, enjoy the local restaurants, support my neighbors, and where I feel the effects of local events and issues daily."

2. What experience best prepares you to serve in the State House?

Samuel Price: "I am a senior developer and technical lead at Boeing. Oversight, logical and technical understanding of systems, and leading teams to accomplish their goals is what I do."

3. What is the top issue facing District 99, and your first step to address it?

Samuel Price: "Infrastructure. We should be able to get kids to school and families to work safely, over safe bridges and infrastructure that isn't overloaded with shipping trucks in every lane."



YOUR GUIDE — to — THE POLLS

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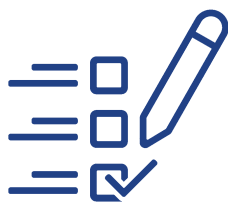
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On Election Day, everything comes down to one simple action, but getting there takes a few steps: Where do you vote? What's on your ballot? Can you vote early or absentee? And how do you find your sample ballot before you walk in?

Consider this your quick-reference guide to make voting easier, faster, and less confusing before casting your primary ballot. (And if you have more questions, check out South Carolina's election website: scvotes.gov.)

ABSENTEE VOTING

- **Who's eligible:** Among others, Armed Forces members and families; persons 65 years of age or older; sick, disabled, or hospitalized citizens who are not able to travel to the polls.
- **How:** Call, visit or send your application request by U.S. mail to your county voter registration office.
- **Application deadline:** The deadline to return your absentee application is 5 p.m. Friday, May 29. Once approved, ballots will be sent to you by mail.



- **Ballots Due:** The deadline to return your ballot to your county voter registration office, early voting center – either by mail or personal delivery – is 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 9.
- **More information:** scvotes.gov/voters/absentee-voting/

EARLY VOTING:**Tuesday, May 26-Friday, June 5**

- **Who:** Voters can visit any early voting center in the county. Don't forget your photo ID.
- **When:** Early voting begins Tuesday, May 26, to Friday, June 5, weekdays 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Closed weekends & state holidays.
- **Where:** Vote early at any designated Berkeley County early voting center:
 - Daniel Island Library – 2301 Daniel Island Drive
 - Berkeley County Voter Registration Office – 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner
 - Goose Creek Library – 325 Old Moncks Corner Road
 - Hanahan Library – 1216 Old Murray Ct, Hanahan
 - Sangaree Library – 595 Sangaree Parkway, Summerville



- St. Stephen American Legion Hut – 180 Ravenell Drive, St. Stephen

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY:**Tuesday, June 9**

- **Where:** Polling Locations include:
 - Cainhoy Elementary School – 2422 Cainhoy Road
 - Daniel Island Recreation Center – 160 Fairbanks Drive
 - Daniel Island School – 2365 Daniel Island Drive
 - Philip Simmons Elementary School – 2095 Seven Sticks Drive
- Find your polling place: vremsscvotes.sc.gov/Voter/Login?PageMode=PollingPlace

**FIND YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT**

- **View your personalized sample ballot:** vremsscvotes.sc.gov/Voter/SampleBallot.
- Select your political party to preview candidates and races

Who's on THE BALLOT



Democratic Primary Governor

- ☐ Jermaine Johnson
- ☐ Mullins McLeod
- ☐ Billy Webster

Secretary of State

- ☐ Jason Belton
- ☐ Edwina Winter

State Treasurer

- ☐ Vincent Coe
- ☐ Trav Robertson Jr.

Comptroller General

- ☐ Tiffany Boozer
- ☐ Bruce K. Cole

State Superintendent of Education

- ☐ Lisa Ellis
- ☐ Sylvia Wright

U.S. Senate

- ☐ Annie Andrews
- ☐ Brandon P. Brown
- ☐ Kyle Freeman

U.S. House of Representatives – District 1

- ☐ Francina Dantzler
- ☐ Mac Deford
- ☐ Max Diaz
- ☐ Ben Frasier
- ☐ Matthew Fulmer
- ☐ Nancy Lacore
- ☐ Mayra Rivera-Vazquez

State House of Representatives – District 99

- ☐ Jacob Goddard
- ☐ Samuel Price

Republican Primary Governor

- ☐ Pamela Evette
- ☐ Joshua Kimbrell
- ☐ Nancy Mace
- ☐ Ralph W. Norman
- ☐ Rom Reddy
- ☐ Alan Wilson

Attorney General

- ☐ Stephen Goldfinch
- ☐ David M. Pascoe
- ☐ David Stumbo

Commissioner of Agriculture

- ☐ Jeremy B. Cannon
- ☐ Danny Ford
- ☐ Cody Simpson
- ☐ Fred West

U.S. Senate

- ☐ Calvin Cowen
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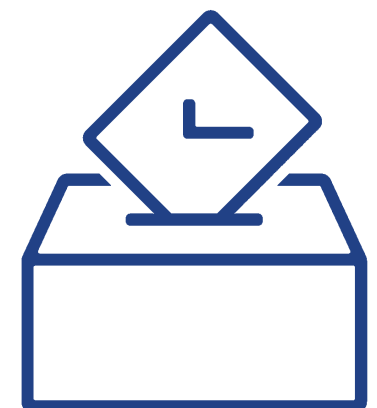
U.S. House of Representatives – District 1

- ☐ Dan Brown
- ☐ Jay Byars
- ☐ Logan Cunningham

- ☐ Tyler Dykes
- ☐ Jenny Costa Honeycutt
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- ☐ Sam McCown
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- ☐ Mark Sanford
- ☐ Mark Smith

State House of Representatives – District 99

- ☐ Jarrod Brooks
- ☐ Kristy Gore
- ☐ David Herndon
- ☐ Shawn Pinkston



Agent says Daniel Island seeing a ‘strong spring surge’ in housing market

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In the month of April, 33 homes sold on Daniel Island, including a \$6.275 million home at 151 Brailsford St..

The total dollar volume of sales for April topped \$68 million.

“Daniel Island real estate saw a strong spring surge in April,” said Tricia Peterson of Island House Real Estate, noting the jump was “driven by increased inventory, continued luxury buyer demand, and buyers re-entering the market as they adjust to current interest rates.”

As of May 21, 68 properties were under contract on Daniel Island, with 93 homes actively listed.

“Many buyers appear to be accepting that mortgage rates in the 6% range are the ‘new normal’ rather than waiting indefinitely for major drops,” Peterson said. “National pend-

ing home sales increased again in April despite rates remaining elevated.”

Six properties closed for more than \$3 million in April, two of which sold for more than \$5 million. The least expensive property sold was 130 River Landing Drive, Unit 9202, for \$312,000.

Peterson said spring is typically one of the stronger seasons for home sales and is currently being buoyed by more inventory hitting the market.

“With more homes available and the lifestyle appeal of Daniel Island remaining stronger than ever, both buyers and sellers are becoming more active this season.”



Tricia Peterson
Island House
Real Estate

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	33	\$41,784,300	\$56,836,000	\$51,217,200	\$68,112,517
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	128	\$432,550,244	\$559,605,713	\$492,562,199	\$262,825,761

APRIL HOME SALES

3034 Baltimore St. – \$1,200,000
1970 Bellona St. – \$2,150,000
178 Beresford Creek St. – \$3,600,000
1225 Blakeway St. #1503 – \$469,500
115 Bounty St. – \$1,540,000
150 Brady St. – \$1,200,000
151 Brailsford St. – \$6,275,000
1601 Bulline St. – \$1,625,000
492 Creek Landing St. – \$5,600,000
2267 Daniel Island Drive – \$940,000
2445 Daniel Island Drive – \$2,225,000
138 Fairbanks Drive – \$1,150,000

140 Fairbanks Drive – \$1,014,000
124 Fairbanks Oak Alley #4b – \$1,960,000
7790 Farr St. – \$1,075,000
215 Ferryman Lane – \$2,640,000
34 Hazelhurst St. – \$3,375,000
515 Helmsman St. #515 – \$3,375,000
523 Helmsman St. #523 – \$2,990,000
532 Helmsman St. #532 – \$2,275,000
201 Ladd Court – \$1,885,000
325 Longshore St. #1141 – \$1,035,000
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Thrilling, nail-biting, heartbreaking finish caps BE's girls' soccer season

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Eighty minutes of regulation. Two 10-minute periods of overtime. And two 5-minute Golden Goal periods (sudden death) to boot.

The Bishop England and A.C. Flora girls were still tied, 1-1, after 110 minutes of emotional, physical, and exhausting soccer in the May 22 Class AAAA State Championship, which was contested at Memorial Stadium in Columbia.

And now, the match would be determined by penalty kicks, a somewhat controversial and perhaps an inexact way to conclude a match with so much at stake. In a team sport, the last minutes of action involved the will of individual players taking a penalty kick vs. the skill of a solitary goal-keeper.

That's what the championship came down to as the Falcons and Bishops gave it their best effort.

In the penalty kick phase, Falcon keeper Kennedy Bagley made her biggest save of the match when she deflected a potential BE goal in the third round of the PK.

In the fourth round of PKs, ACF's Rachel Britt clinched the victory with a goal as the Falcons prevailed, 1-1, including 5-3 in the PK phase.

It was the second straight state championship for A.C. Flora, which finished with a 13-game winning streak and a 24-6 record. And it was the second straight year the Bishops suffered the agony of coming oh so close in the biggest match of the season, suffering through another painful loss. Last year, Last May, A.C. Flora scored in the 58th minute to gain a 1-0 triumph and a state title as Bagley shone as a keeper.

"I'm super proud of the girls," first-year Bishop England coach Linda Brady told reporters. "They fought really hard,



and it's tough to come back in a close match like this. A.C. Flora played hard too. Sometimes things like this can happen, right? Somebody has to lose."

Last year, the Falcon keeper Bagley survived a 19-shot barrage by the Bishops, recording 16 saves. She was just as effective on May 22 with 15 saves against Bishops as the Falcons claimed another crown in a season in which they allowed only 21 goals, including only two in the last 17 matches.

A.C. Flora grabbed a 1-0 lead when junior forward Evan Dampier scored on an indirect kick with just seconds left on the first-half clock. Officials quickly reviewed the shot goal to make sure the goal happened with time left on the clock.

Bishop England all-state selection Sophia DeMarco, who scored both of the Bishops' goals in the Lower State Championship victory over Gray Collegiate Academy, scored with four minutes left in regulation to forge a 1-1 tie and send the match into overtime.

The Bishops, who were seeking their first state title since 2019 and 13th overall, finished with a 17-7 record.

“Sometimes things like this can happen, right? Somebody has to lose.”

- Linda Brady, BE soccer coach

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bishop England, Philip Simmons lacrosse stars named to all-state

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The Bishop England girls' lacrosse team, which went 12-7 and reached the Class AAAA state championship game against Oceanside Collegiate Academy, landed seven players on the 2026 all-state lacrosse team, as selected by the state's lacrosse coaches association.

The Bishops' first team selections included attack Gracie Seymour, defender Briar Marcogliese, midfielder Natalie Noone, and keeper Brooklynn Guidi.

Second-team selections included defenders Kate Moldenhaus and Whitney Jel-

lison, and midfielder Patsy Jellison.

The Bishop boys, who went 10-7 and reached the second round of the playoffs, also landed seven players on the all-state team.

First-team selections included attack Ben Nesseralla, midfielder Will Garton, long-stick midfielder Tyler Cubello, and defensive midfielder Trip Grizzle.

The BE boys' second-team selections included attack Tommy King, defender Wyatt Combs, midfielder Cole McCormack, and face-off Peter Rosato.

The Philip Simmons girls posted a 7-10 record and reached the second round of the Class AAAA playoffs.

Iron Horse defender Caroline Perez earned first-team all-state while attack Finley Neary and midfielder Laney Bredemann were second-team all-state.

The Iron Horse boys went 2-13 on the season and reached the second round of the playoffs.

Midfielder Taylor Chisum and keeper Nathan Carswell were second-round all-state selections.

SOCCER SELECTIONS

The Bishop England girls' soccer team, which posted a 17-4 record and reached the Class AAAA state championship match against A.C. Flora, landed four players on

the Class AAAA all-state team, as picked by the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association.

Bishops picked for the team included midfielder Elizabeth Brady, forwards Charlotte Cline and Sophia DeMarco, and midfielder Reese Woodard.

The Bishop boys posted a 15-6 record this spring and reached the Class AAAA Lower State championship. They had three players named all-state: midfielder Trey Hall, defender Payton Lyttle, and defender Dominic Smith.

Beyond the ATM: Raising financially-resilient kids

On Daniel Island, our children grow up surrounded by abundance. From manicured trails to grabbing a bagel at Blondies, the mechanics of wealth are often invisible. When a child sees a parent swipe a card, they don't see a balance decreasing; they see a magic wand.

To raise adults who can navigate the real world, we must pull back the curtain. The goal isn't just to teach math; it's to build a "value system" that prioritizes patience over pulses.

IF YOU CAN'T BUY IT NOW, YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT

"I'll pay you back later" is a common phrase. To truly teach the pitfalls of debt, the most effective rule is simple: We do not borrow.

By removing the "loan from mom and dad" option, you teach children that desire does not equal access. If they want a \$200 pair of sneakers but only have \$150, the sneakers simply do not exist for them yet.

This creates a healthy friction between wanting and owning. It forces a child to

look at an item and ask, "Is this worth three months of my effort?" When they finally make the purchase with their own accumulated cash, the sense of pride and ownership is far greater than if it had been "subsidized" by a parent.

FOUR PILLARS OF THE 'ISLAND ECONOMY'

To make financial literacy a daily habit, consider using four clear glass jars.

1. Spending: The Freedom Jar

This is for the small joys – an ice cream or a new toy. It teaches trade-offs. If they spend everything on a Tuesday, they learn the discomfort of having nothing left for the weekend. Learning this at age eight prevents a "broke" college experience later.

2. Saving: The Fortress Jar

This is for "big goals," like a gaming system or a new bike. This jar teaches endurance. To encourage this habit, consider acting as the "investment fund." For every \$20 they save toward a long-term goal, you contribute \$5. You aren't giving them the item; you're rewarding their discipline. This



Scott Noonan

also teaches them how money can "grow" when saved.

3. Giving: The Community Jar

Affluent communities can sometimes create a bubble. Encourage your child to support local nonprofits, like the Lowcountry Food Bank or Charleston Animal Society. Giving their own money to help someone else teaches that wealth is a tool for impact, not just consumption.

4. Ghost Debt: The tax on the next paycheck

To show how debt affects future income, imagine your child earning \$20 a week in

chore "commission." If they want a \$40 item now, you provide it — but charge a 25% "debt tax" until it's repaid. They still do the same chores, but only receive \$15 each week while \$5 disappears into the "Debt Jar." It simulates the "garnished wages" or "minimum payment" trap, where your hard work goes to pay for a "ghost" from the past rather than something new and exciting.

THE 'WAIT-AND-SEE' RULE

To combat the "Amazon Prime" mindset of instant delivery, implement a 72-hour rule for larger purchases (perhaps \$20 for an 8-year-old, but \$75 for a 16-year-old). The money must sit in the jar for three days after the decision is made. More often than not, the "must-have" feeling fades.

By teaching our children that wealth is built through patience, not plastic, we give them a gift far more valuable than any inheritance: financial peace.

Scott Noonan is a Daniel Island resident and a Ramsey Certified Financial Coach. More at @ScottNoonanCoaching.

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Capt. Greg Peralta's daughters Maddie and Heather show off a pretty jack they caught while fishing in Bermuda.

Like father, like daughters: Fishing gene runs strong



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GREG PERALTA

The other day, I was shopping at Publix. It was a warm day, and I was enjoying the cool air in the frozen food section. As I pondered chocolate or strawberry ice cream, a fellow Publix patron stopped and introduced themselves. I shared my quandary. Together we decided on both!

With my ice cream dilemma resolved, the patron asked me to include my daughters more often in my weekly article. She said everyone knows Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock- trading dog) and Elliott (my son). I told her I have two amazing daughters – Maddie, my biological daughter, and Heather, my daughter-in-law. I love them both unconditionally. Not surprisingly, both enjoy fishing.

Recently, Maddie and Heather spent several days in Bermuda. After a few days of shopping and restaurants, they decided to spend an afternoon fishing. Thankfully, they had the foresight to pack a couple of travel spinning rods and a good selection of lures.

As it turned out, the fish in Bermuda have an affinity for a small Shimano Current Sniper lure. An erratic stop and start retrieve cadence triggered most of the strikes. They caught several yellowtail and mangrove snappers, along with a few jacks and a trumpet fish. All fish were released.

It was a warm day, so Maddie and Heather quit fishing and searched for the best ice cream in Bermuda. They did not find any ice cream but made do with frozen margaritas at a beachfront bar. I guess that is close enough. Of course, they had to ponder strawberry or lime margaritas. Being my daughters, they decided on both!

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DI Community Association outlines resident amenity requests

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Daniel Island Community Association

The Daniel Island Community Association is grateful to the many residents who took time to complete its recent community survey, conducted during the week of April 22-28. With 636 households responding out of the approximately 2,040 residents served by the association, the strong participation reflected community engagement and provided valuable insight into how DICA can best serve Daniel Island families.

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

A solid majority of survey respondents expressed satisfaction with current amenities, with 83.8% rating them 4 or 5 out of 5 (mean score of 4.16). At the same time, members clearly identified opportunities to

improve existing facilities. The top upgrades requested were shade structures (50.6%), bathroom renovations (42.9%), and furniture upgrades (39.0%). Residents also showed strong willingness

to help fund these enhancements, with

71% open to an additional contribu-

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amenity by 63% of respondents.

The board is pleased with the survey response and truly appreciates the thoughtful feedback from the community. This input will play a major role

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community priorities, both through upgrades to existing amenities and potential new offerings in the future. Additional surveys are planned annually to keep this important dialogue going.

In January 2026, the newly seated DICA Board established several focused subcommittees to proactively address important community needs. These groups continue to work diligently on priorities that matter to residents. Current efforts include an Operational Expense Review, a Reserve Engineering Review for long-term financial health, improvements to Community Communications, and Amenity Programming to enhance the use and enjoyment of our parks and facilities.

Our next public DICA meeting will be held in-person on Friday, Aug. 14.

The DICA board remains committed to serving its residents with a focus on maintaining and improving property values. We look forward to continued engagement with the community.



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The annual Charleston Charity Duck Race is May 30th! Thousands of rubber ducks will take to the water at Daniel Island Waterfront Park to race for a cause.

DANIEL ISLAND 2026 SWIM TEAM

2026 IMPORTANT SWIM TEAM DATES

May 15	Ice Cream Social	June 9	Parkshore @ Daniel Island
May 21	Time Trials & Dinner	June 11	Newington @ Daniel Island
May 27-	Daniel Island @ Hobcaw	June 16	Daniel Island @ North Charleston
June 2	Snee Farm @ Daniel Island	June 27 & 28	CCAA Championship Meet
June 4	Daniel Island @ Northbridge Terrace	June 30	6 & Under Mega Meet

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Who are you cheering 'fore'?



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DOUG DICKERSON

"We rise by lifting others." – Robert Ingersoll

Not long ago, I was in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the pro-am event at The Heritage golf tournament. It was the day before the actual competition began. I have been a golf fan all my life, and seeing many of the world's top players up close was a lot of fun, including world No. 1 Scottie Scheffler.

What was also enjoyable to watch was the camaraderie among the players during a non-competitive day. Watching the players on the large putting green, talking and joking with one another, was entertaining.

While I do have my favorite golfer that I cheer for most weeks, having those brief, friendly encounters with many of them has softened my perspective on them as I watch them on television going forward.

In far too many workplaces, we see cultures of unhealthy competition instead of healthy collaboration. Getting ahead is more important to some than getting along.

However, it will come as no surprise that productivity and workplace culture significantly improve with recognition and with seeing each other as colleagues rather than competitors.

In a Nectar State of the Workplace survey, respondents weighed in by affirming the following:

- 83.6% of employees surveyed said that recognition drives their motivation to succeed at work.
- 77.9% of employees surveyed said they would be more productive if their employer recognized them more frequently.
- 81.9% of employees said that recognition for contributions improves employee engagement.

These statistics should not surprise any leader who sees, recognizes, and values the value of their team members. Good leaders understand this and make it a practice.

Who are you cheering for? Can you celebrate the successes and wins of those around you, even when not experiencing one yourself?

As a leader, your ability to cheer on those around you happens when these three things happen.

1. You can cheer others when you set aside your ego

The leadership lesson here is simple – it's not about you. You will be a more secure leader when you acknowledge and embrace this fundamental premise of leadership. When you can check your ego at the door, you win and are now positioned to cheer those around you with no hidden agenda or motive.

2. You can cheer others when you value the team over yourself

Your team will succeed when they see what they do as something greater than themselves. While roles, responsibilities, and contributions will vary, the team wins when each person values the team over self. When you work against a colleague, you work against your team, and ultimately, against yourself.

3. You can cheer others when you don't care who gets the credit

Lao Tzu said, "A leader is best when people barely know he exists. When his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves." This is the beauty of your role as a leader – to shine the light on others as the wins are celebrated. When you come together as a team and work together, you can accomplish so much more when you are not concerned about who gets the credit.

Who are you cheering for today?

Learn more at doug dickerson.net.

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YARDS OF THE MONTH

The Daniel Island Garden Club recognizes local residents with its Yard of the Month award, continuing through September, with special awards for Halloween in October and the holiday season in December. Winners have a sign placed in their yard by the Garden Club to be displayed for the month.

Overall, the organization is looking for manicured yards and beautification projects with originality and creativity, and judging can take place anytime during the month. Here are the winners for May:

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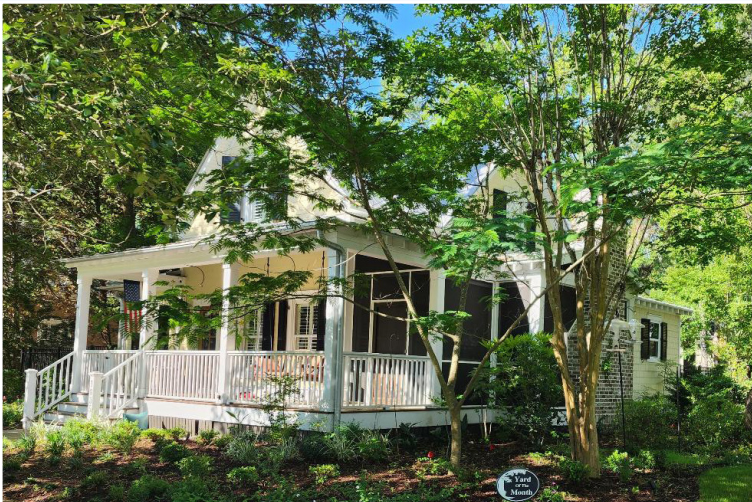
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473 Creek Landing Street, Catherine and Raymond August



206 Beresford Creek Street, Vonne and George Martin



1035 Barfield Street, Diane Rozier



1713 Doldridge Street
Katie and Woody Kerzner



1616 Oak Leaf Street
Carl Kienle



434 Fish Tale Road
Tracee Elrick and Dan Theriault



Church addition, golf club cottages up for design review

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 28: Daniel Island Club Lodge - Major Mod. – Daniel Island. Proposed clubhouse modifications at 604 Island Park Drive. TMS: B2710000001. Owner: Daniel Island Golf Club. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Tony Woody at woody.t@tandh.com.

Thursday, May 28: Atlantic St. Thomas Sportsman Island Drive – Cainhoy. Proposed improvements to Sportsman Drive at 754 Lumen Court. TMS:

B2710002169. Owner: MSPSRE 1 Owner LLC. Applicant: Sitecast, LLC. Contact: Jacob Cordray at jcordray@sitecastsc.com.

UPCOMING: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Monday, June 1: 299 Seven Farms Drive – Daniel Island. Requesting conceptual approval for a new 6,400 sq. ft. addition to the school building adding classrooms and offices and a 94 sq. ft. addition of restrooms to the parish hall. TMS: 275-00-00-165, 210, 211. Owner: Church of the Holy Spirit (David Rogers). Applicant: GBA Architecture (Kaleb Schaff).

Monday, June 1: 604 Island Park Drive – Daniel Island. Requesting conceptual approval for (4) new cottages and amenity building and parking. TMS: 271-00-00-001. Owner: Daniel Island Golf Club. Applicant: Brett Wright.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2026 MILITARY SALUTE REGATTA

The annual regatta, presented by Veterans on Deck and Blackbaud, returns to Charleston Harbor on Sat, May 30 at 1pm. The event brings local military members and the sailing community for competitive racing to support veteran therapy and lodging programs. militarysaluteregatta.com

DANIEL ISLAND WIDE OPEN

June 1, Daniel Island Club. 9 am registration, 10 am shotgun start. Annual community golf tournament open to residents, businesses, and guests. Play championship courses while supporting the Daniel Island Club Employee Fund. Register: dicommunity.org/event/daniel-island-wide-open.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

June 13, 10 am-1 pm, Providence Church. Community meal-packing event to assemble 10,000 meals in partnership with Rise Against Hunger. Open to all ages. Register: admin@providencecharleston.org.

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).

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 3, 4-10pm, Daniel Island location TBD. Celebrate the nation's birthday by dressing your homes, bikes, golf carts, and businesses in red, white, and blue and join neighbors and friends for an evening of patriotic fun. Free.

REGULAR MEETINGS

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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

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.

DI 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.

DI LIBRARY EVENTS

Capt. Daniel'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 DI

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 Oct. 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.raki2020@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

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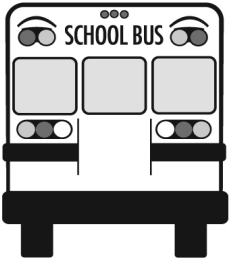
Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Pick the Pronouns

Choose the correct pronouns in these sentences.

1. Don't ask Tanya and (I, me) any more questions.
2. The Smiths hired Dave and (he, him) to cut their lawn.
3. The wedding present is from my husband and (me, I).
4. Paul and (him, she) missed the bus this morning.



Ritzy

Answers: Whenever you have to choose a pronoun that is paired with another name in the sentence, imagine that the name isn't there. Choosing the correct pronoun will become much easier.
1. me (Don't ask **me** any more questions.) 2. him (The Smiths hired **him** to cut their lawn.) 3. me (The wedding present is from **me**.) 4. she (**She** missed the bus this morning.)

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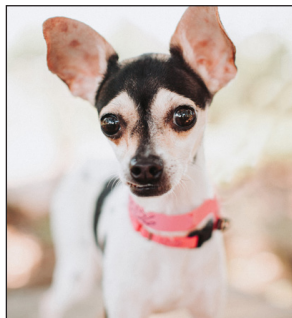
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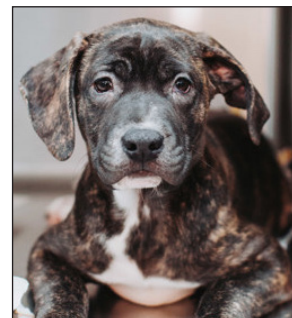
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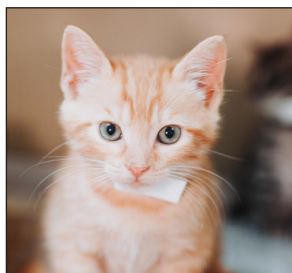
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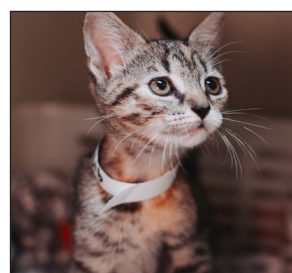
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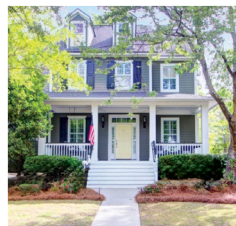
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\$3,950,000



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Please send your student's photo to: patrick@thedanielislandnews.com

To be included you must include: student's name, high school and a phone number where we can contact you to confirm authenticity and to secure the proper releases.

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