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The Push and Pull of Progress and Preservation

Cainhoy is changing rapidly. In this edition, we explore the area's past, present and future — from its Revolutionary War roots and historic marshlands to mounting traffic concerns, rising collision rates, large-scale development plans and ongoing efforts to preserve the character and environment of one of the Lowcountry's fastest-growing regions.



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'How many more wrecks?'

Residents call for faster improvements to Reflectance Dr.

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Blue lights flash so often at the intersection of Clements Ferry Road and Reflectance Drive that many nearby residents say they no longer slow down to look – they already know what happened.

Another crash. Another ambulance. Another close call.

After a fatal wreck there in April involving an SUV and an 18-wheeler, frustration among Cainhoys and Huger residents is boiling over.

According to South Carolina Department of Transportation public engagement director Kelly Moore, construction on the intersection improvement project at Highway 41 and Reflectance Drive is "currently anticipated to begin in 2028."

For people who drive the corridor every day, that timeline feels painfully far away. "This intersection needs a stop light,"



WADE MALLOCH

Frequent crashes near Reflectance Drive highlight ongoing safety concerns at the intersection, where officials and residents continue to push for answers and improvements.

said resident Wade Malloch, who says he has witnessed crashes there for years. "The speed needs to be reduced to 35 mph as well. You have businesses and churches right at that intersection."

The April 17 crash marked the seventh fatal traffic-related collision investigated by the Charleston Police Department in 2026. The collision involved an SUV and an 18-wheeler near Reflectance Drive. The SUV driver died.

Residents say wrecks happen there constantly – sometimes multiple times a week – as traffic volumes surge along a road system many believe was never designed for the explosive growth now pouring into Cainhoys, Huger and surrounding developments.

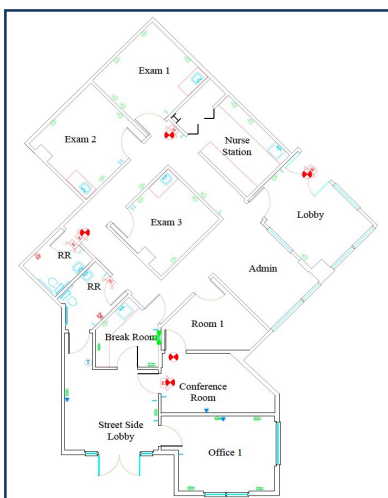
"I use that intersection daily and the accidents I have witnessed are quite dispiriting," Malloch said. "The population has grown beyond relief for that intersection."

He noted Huger had fewer than 1,000 residents. See INTERSECTION on PAGE 4

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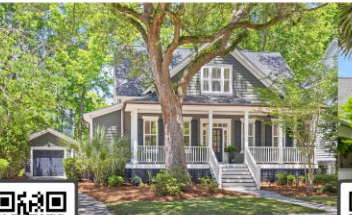
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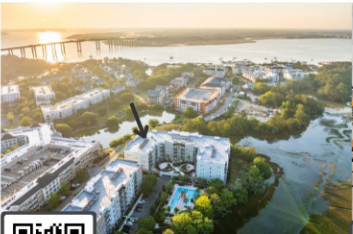
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dents just over a decade ago and is now nearing 7,000, with several new neighborhoods still planned.

"That intersection is the main thoroughfare for Huger and all traffic using Highway 41 heading north or south," he said. "During rush hour it's quite difficult to turn left or right."

Many residents blame a combination of speeding, congestion, distracted driving, and the awkward geometry of the intersection itself.

"The intersection doesn't line up," Malloch said. "Drivers coming from Halfway Creek or Reflectance Drive are not directly across from one another, probably offset by 20 feet, which makes it challenging for some."

Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks agreed the layout is part of the problem.

"Reflectance approaches Highway 41 at a weird angle," Brooks said. "That causes a lot of driver mistakes in part because the design – it's got a lot more traffic on it now than it was probably originally designed for."

Brooks said he would support redesigning the intersection to straighten the approach, aiming for "at least a roundabout, if not a traffic signal," he said.

Moore said the project is still in the early development phase, with project analysis and preferred plans expected to be presented for public review by the end of this year.

"I'm sure Representative Mark Smith and I both will be pressing for an earlier start," Brooks said. "It is a dangerous area, and the statistics tell the story." He added that if construction could begin in 2027, "that would meet my expectations."

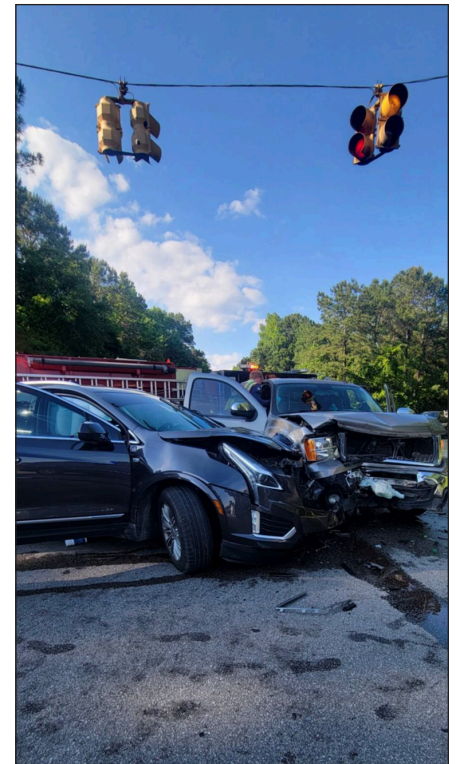
Still, residents say they are tired of hearing about studies while crashes continue piling up.

"Maybe Reflectance should be temporarily closed until improvements are complete," Clements Ferry resident Kelly Davis said. "Too many drivers are distracted, impatient, and trying to rush through that intersection."

Nelliefield resident Isaac Owens said, "At peak hours, it's almost impossible to turn left from Reflectance. Sometimes I take the extra minute and go down to the stop light. It's actually faster and way less dangerous."

Others say the issues go beyond the intersection itself.

Reflectance Drive is marked for "Local



WADE MALLOCH

Deliveries Only," but residents say tractor-trailers regularly ignore the restriction and use the road as a shortcut between Clements Ferry Road and Highway 41.

"The other issues at hand are all big trucks that come through there and cut through Reflectance," Malloch said. "Heck, even Greyhound buses cut through there daily."

Nearby Charity Church Road residents say truck traffic has become relentless.

"I can attest to the persistent issue with 18-wheelers ignoring the no trucks signs," resident Laura Bennett said. "I can't believe the lack of enforcement and concern for the safety of residents. How many more wrecks need to happen before something changes?"

In the meantime, Brooks said driver awareness remains a major factor in many of the crashes.

"The road doesn't cause the accident and the car doesn't cause the accident, typically," Brooks said. "It's the driver."

Still, he said the intersection's current design is struggling to keep up with the area's rapid growth, and he plans to continue working with state officials and pressing SCDOT for answers in hopes of accelerating improvements to prevent more fatal crashes.



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Letter to the Editor

There have been some good things with the Waterfront area. It is more attractive and functional. We love the Daniel Island Ferry and hope it can continue its runs to the city from there. We also love the views from the swings.

But the Waterfront is designed more for the wealthy people who live in the expensive townhomes and condos or in large boats.

For many of us legacy Daniel Island families, our memories take us back to the "Turtle Park"

and the festive events held in that area and the great quiet walks or runs on the path along the Wando. It has definitely changed – some for the better and some for the worse. For those just moving here, it's "their" perceived Daniel Island and likely much more beautiful than where they moved from. But for us "oldies," it's not our small community island but a new Daniel Island, which we have to adjust to.

The loss of the Waterfront parking area is just another blow to us "regular" island folk who have seen a Daniel Island sell out to developers. The answer is always "this was planned" from the beginning. I suppose the people living in residences at the Waterfront who have parking will be the ones to sustain the restaurant patronage there. Most of us have no intention of walking blocks after parking to eat or get a drink there.

Finally, it is great hearing the North Island Tract is protected, but let's hope we can keep it as a green space or recreational area for residents and visitors and not another footprint for developers to ruin.

Alan Garner
Daniel Island resident





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SC overdose deaths decline, but counterfeit pills keep teens at risk

DOUG TREASURER

Editor's note: This article will be Part 1 of a series on the overdose epidemic.

South Carolina is seeing its first meaningful drop in overdose deaths in years and a steeper decline than the nation overall.

Provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 1,475 deaths in 2024, down from 2,157 in 2023 – a 33% decrease and the largest single-year drop in state history.

Nationally, deaths fell 27%, from 110,037 to 80,391.

Experts credit wider naloxone access, faster EMS response, increased awareness of counterfeit pills, and law enforcement pressure on fentanyl networks. Naloxone, now common in schools and community settings, reverses opioid overdoses and has reduced lethality even as drug use remains high. Still, overdoses remain the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18-44, underscoring the volatility of today's drug supply.

Fentanyl continues to drive most deaths

and is often mixed, unknowingly to users, with methamphetamine, cocaine, or sedatives such as xylazine, which naloxone cannot reverse. Toxicology trends show a rise in polysubstance use, increasing the risk of fatal outcomes.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has recently warned about several emerging threats:

- Xylazine, a veterinary sedative found in fentanyl mixtures, is not reversed by naloxone and can leave a person dangerously sedated.
- Nitazenes, extremely potent synthetic opioids, can be reversed but often require multiple naloxone doses.
- Medetomidine, another veterinary sedative, is also non-responsive to naloxone and causes profound sedation.
- Bromazolam, a powerful illicit benzodiazepine common in counterfeit Xanax, is frequently mixed with fentanyl. Naloxone treats only the opioid component, leaving deep sedation and respiratory depression.

These substances increasingly appear in

counterfeit pills that look identical to legitimate medications, especially fake Xanax, Adderall, and oxycodone.

Counterfeit Xanax has become particularly popular among teenagers, young adults, and people self-medicating anxiety or sleep problems. DEA reporting shows these pills rarely contain alprazolam, the benzodiazepine active ingredient in Xanax. Instead, they often contain fentanyl, bromazolam, or other dangerous additives. Because they are visually convincing and widely used in social settings, they are a major driver of unexpected overdoses among occasional or first-time users.

To help families understand these risks, the DEA continues to promote its "One Pill Can Kill" and fentanyl awareness campaigns, emphasizing that counterfeit pills sold on social media or shared among peers are now a leading cause of youth overdoses.

Even with declining deaths, one illicit pill can be lethal. While naloxone can reverse fentanyl and nitazenes, though multiple doses may be needed, it cannot reverse xylazine, medetomidine, or bromazolam. Warning signs of overdose include slowed or stopped breath-

ing, blue lips or fingertips, unresponsiveness, or unusual sedation, each requiring immediate emergency care. Open conversations about stress, peer pressure, and substance use remain one of the strongest protective factors for teens.

According to Director Robert Murphy, who leads the Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, "While increased access to naloxone and strong law enforcement efforts are helping save lives, the safest choice for teenagers is simple: never take a pill that was not prescribed specifically to you by a trusted medical professional. One counterfeit pill can be deadly."

Murphy adds, "Education and prevention are essential to ensure this downward trend continues. The drugs of the future are becoming cheaper, more accessible, and more lethal, which makes early prevention and awareness more important than ever."

Doug Treasurer is a longtime Daniel Island resident and an analyst with the Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA. Before joining HIDTA, he served a full career as a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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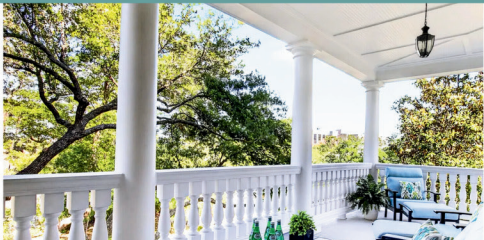
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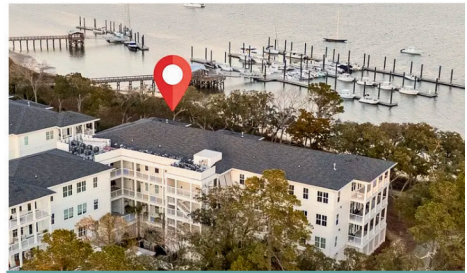


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Stacks of brand-new books recently made their way into the hands of Daniel Island students thanks to a donation from the Daniel Island Library Society, a group focused on encouraging literacy and a love of reading throughout the community.

The organization made its first-ever contribution to Daniel Island Elementary School on May 15, donating \$830 to help purchase books for fifth- and seventh-grade classrooms. The selected titles were chosen by teachers Laura Smith and Amanda Atkins to support their book club-style learning format, which encourages independent reading and classroom discussion.

"It generates lively discussions, independent reading, and a love of literature," said Janet DiGangi of the Daniel Island Library Society. "These are aspects that the society wants to promote."

The donation was coordinated with school bookkeeper Tania Schmitt and media specialist assistant Lynsey Harper. Students from Smith's fifth-grade class were photographed proudly holding some of their newly selected reads.

DiGangi said the group was especially excited to partner with its neighborhood school for the first time.

"We're thrilled to help support reading, and especially our school neighbors," she said.



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Marie's Meet the Merchant

Subtle and Sass: A boutique with a small town-shopping vibe

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Looking for a store with the latest fashions, free private styling appointments, rental outfits, expert closet makeovers and much more? Your search is over – Subtle and Sass Boutique is the place. With locations in Mount Pleasant and Clements Ferry, it's the perfect place for Lowcountry locals.

Owner Renee Smith says Subtle and Sass is more than just cute clothing and accessories; it's a place with a small-town shopping vibe where all customers are welcomed with a smile. Smith often has community gatherings at Point Hope, such as style classes, vision board workshops, crafting nights and networking events.

"Our team members use their exceptional styling talent to help you create the perfect look or pick out a thoughtful gift for a friend," she said. "We carry casual styles as well as pieces you can dress up for a night out,

brunch with friends, or a family gathering."

Smith opened the original Subtle and Sass in Mount Pleasant in 2023. With the success of her first brick-and-mortar store, Smith opened another location in Point Hope.

"I knew it would be the perfect fit for the rapidly growing area. Point Hope is like no other, with its focus on community building. The Village Green, where my shop is located, is a hub for the entire area."

Subtle and Sass elevates boutique services by offering free personal styling, closet makeovers, alterations, jean cutting, private shopping parties, delivery style boxes, and even rentals. "You can rent the perfect look for your occasion. The best part is that we take care of laundering."

Lowcountry local Marsha Patel has been a happy customer for five years and appreciates the outfit rentals and other services.

"I love that they are size-inclusive and have fabulous accessories to complete any outfit. I also love the other services Renee and



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Subtle and Sass owner Renee Smith.

her team provide from closet clean-outs and clothing rentals to style boxes curated specifi-

cally for you."

Resident Amber Roos says store visits always bring something new and exciting.

"Style appointments with Renee are truly a gift. She has an amazing eye for selecting pieces I would never think to try, yet somehow, they're perfect. One of my favorite memories is buying a dress for a gala when I was a size 14/16. Renee chose a dress I never would have picked myself, and it was stunning. Seeing myself through her eyes was a powerful moment." Roos calls Smith a remarkable entrepreneur. "She is creating spaces for women to realize their potential, embracing what makes each of us unique and beautiful, and elevating us to the next level through our wardrobes.

"She also creates ways for us to connect with one another through both boutiques by hosting special events that inspire our best selves and promote other women-owned businesses. Subtle and Sass is more than shopping – it's a full experience."

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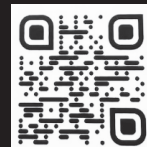


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Step into the backyard of a Daniel Island gardener, and you'll quickly learn two things: nothing grows by accident, and the deer are always watching.

Beyond the fences and patio gates are herb gardens built for the perfect morning sunlight, raised vegetable beds designed to survive hurricane season, and pollinator blooms buzzing with bees in the summer heat. For members of the Daniel Island Garden Club, these outdoor spaces have become colorful, personal retreats shaped by months (and sometimes years) of trial, error, watering, pruning, and patience.

For Ricki Gardner, her backyard is exactly what a Lowcountry retreat should feel like: "A relaxing oasis for just us two as well as our children and grandchildren," Gardner said of her

and her husband. "The grass is green, the patio furniture comfortable, and the view of the golf course unmatched."

Her favorite feature may be the herb garden tucked into what she calls the perfect spot, where it catches gentle morning sunlight instead of the intense afternoon heat. A drip irrigation line keeps everything thriving through South Carolina summers.

"It's colorful and abundant, and having fresh herbs when cooking is best," she said.

Gardner admits gardening in the Lowcountry came with a steep learning curve after years of gardening in West Virginia.

"I had to learn all over again what plants can tolerate this hot, humid weather and what not to plant in the sun," she said.

The Daniel Island Garden Club helped speed up that education. Through the club, she learned which tropical plants flourish locally and which

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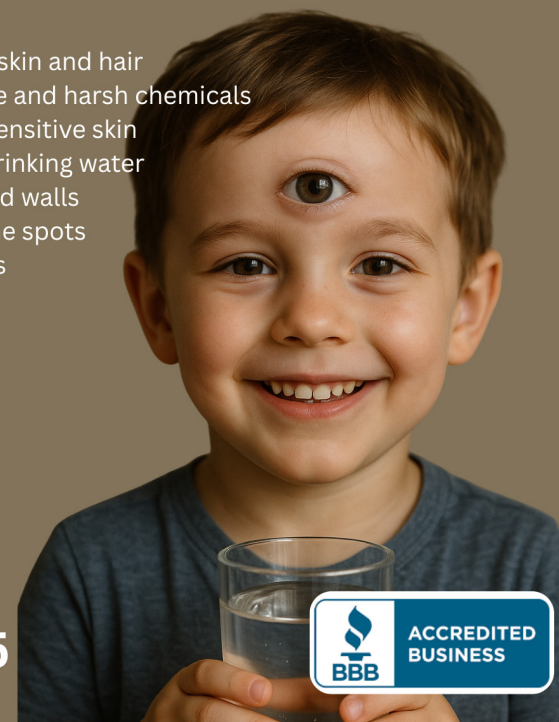
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northern favorites simply won't survive the climate. Then came another challenge familiar to many island residents: deer.

"For many years, these deer thought my front yard was a salad bar," Gardner joked.

After years of experimenting with repellents, she said her husband finally found one that works well enough for their flowers to survive. Thankfully, the fenced backyard gives their pool deck, herb garden, and landscaping a bit more protection.

"My husband designed it, and it's fabulous," Gardner said of the backyard layout. "I get to sit on my back deck in my rocking chair and enjoy the view."

A few neighborhoods away, Debbie Scordino took a more strategic approach when designing her outdoor space. When she built her home three years ago, she already knew exactly what she wanted, and what she wanted to avoid.

"I wanted a garden but did not want to bring pots in and out during hurricane season," Scordino said. "Nor did I want to deal with the deer."

Instead, she designed five built-in garden beds directly into her patio layout – three for sun-loving plants and two for shade gardens – all equipped with automatic sprinklers.

"The garden is extremely colorful but also very practical," she said. "I have pollinator flowers as well as vegetables and herbs growing in small spaces."

Scordino's garden is built around the idea of farm-to-table living. She grows organic vegetables and herbs year-round and says she hasn't needed to buy either in months.

"Everything is organic so I know what I am eating and

what I am giving to friends," she said. One of the biggest surprises for her after moving South from New York was realizing that Lowcountry gardening often rewards abundance over perfection.

"One of my go-to tips is to really plant a lot and let it all grow together," she said. "It prevents weeding, and other than initial mulch, everything is thriving."

She credits the Daniel Island Garden Club for helping her understand which flowers and pollinator plants perform best locally, along with guidance from Rita's Roots, a gardening company in Summerville.

"People always comment on the organized approach that I designed for my beds as well as the abundance of vegetables that I'm able to grow in a small space," Scordino said. "This is definitely a labor of love."

For Jean Baldwin, gardening has long blended craftsmanship with imagination. Before moving to Daniel Island, she spent decades in Washington, D.C., where she built an elaborate garden railway from scratch.

"I loved creating it through the plants, over the pond and waterfall, and through the bridges," Baldwin said. "The best part was ripping the redwood with my table saw – great fun!"

That creative spirit is something the Daniel Island Garden Club has cultivated since it first formed in 1998. Created to help residents navigate the unique challenges of Lowcountry gardening, the club offers educational speakers, field trips, gardening exchanges, and seasonal contests ranging from Yard of the Month to holiday decorating competitions.

For many members, the appeal goes beyond the flowers

themselves. Gardening becomes a reason to experiment, learn from neighbors, and spend more time outside, even if it means losing a few plants along the way.



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Debbie Scordino's colorful raised garden beds blend pollinator flowers, organic vegetables, and fresh herbs into a carefully designed backyard space.





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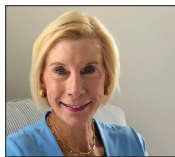
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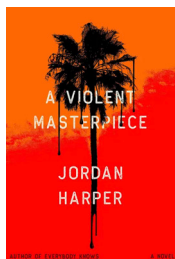
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BECKY BECHHOLD

We read differently in the summer – more fiction, maybe less intellectual fare. Here are some books to get you started by the pool, the beach, or in the air.

“A Far Flung Life” by M.L. Stedman. Multigenerational story of the McBride family in Western Australia. Heartbreaking at times, but so engaging it is hard to put down. See it through to the end for your reward. Highly recommended!

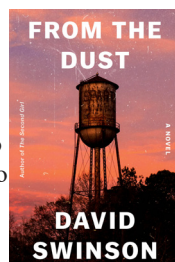
“Night Watch” by Jayne Anne Phillips. 1874 post-Civil War, ConaLee and her mother, Eliza, are taken to an asylum in West Virginia. You will learn their story and much about the effects of the war on families in this exquisite novel.



“A Violent Masterpiece” by Jordan Harper. I enjoyed a previous work by Harper, **“Everybody Knows,”** so I was aware that his writing style is very aggressive. He is a Hollywood writer and insider, so he writes

what he knows about. Both of these books describe the underbelly of LA – the stars, the billionaires, the drugs. His stories are reminiscent of the cartels in Don Winslow books.

“From the Dust” by David Swinson. A Washington, D.C., policeman moves back to quiet upstate New York to retire but is drawn into a multiple murder investigation. Well written and well paced. I did finger the perpetrator early

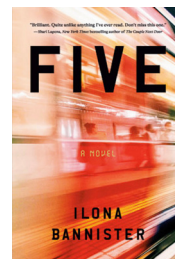


on. Let me know if you guess the killer.

“Five” by Ilona Bannister. Five passengers wait at the rail station in London, England. One will die before the train arrives in seven minutes. It reminds us that we

never know what others are going through. **“Go Gentle”** by Maria Semple. Not as good as **“Where’d You Go, Bernadette,”** but a fairly entertaining read.

“The Things We Never Say” by Elizabeth Strout. Strout has a gift for finding the deepest part of every character. Artie Dam is no Olive Kitteridge, but he and the rest of the cast are all relatable and make for a truly satisfying book.



“The Island” by Adrian McKinty. Heart-pounding thriller about a family vacationing alone on an island. Yikes!

“The Quiet Tenant” by Clemence Michal-lon. A serial killer lives with his teenage daughter and his captive. Definitely gets your pulse racing.

“Moscow X” by David McCloskey. Russian traitors and the CIA in Putin’s Moscow. It does not get any better; it will keep you reading and your heart racing.

“Wild Dark Shore” by Charlotte McConaghy. In case you missed this, read it now. A family on a remote island near Antarctica and a woman who washes up on shore. Twists and turns and deep family love. It’s not over

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A peninsula under pressure:

Environmental groups, residents press city leaders to revisit 30-year-old Cainhoy Development Plan

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On a map, the Cainhoy Peninsula still looks like open space – a vast stretch of marsh, forest, creeks, and winding roads tucked between the Wando River and the Francis Marion National Forest.

But for residents watching new homes rise and traffic intensify along the Clements Ferry corridor, the future of that landscape suddenly feels much more immediate.

Nearly three decades after the original Planned Unit Development agreement was approved, the conversation surrounding the Cainhoy Peninsula has shifted from “if” development will come to “how” it should happen and whether a decades-old plan should still guide one of the region’s

largest remaining undeveloped areas.

That debate continued May 18 inside Philip Simmons Elementary School, where residents, environmental advocates, and community leaders gathered to revisit what the peninsula could become and what they say is already slipping away.

At the center of it all is the long-standing Planned Unit Development agreement for the Cainhoy Peninsula, originally approved in 1996 and revisited in 2014, which allows for up to 18,000 residential units across nearly 9,000 acres of Lowcountry marsh, forest, and tidal creek systems. Advocates argue the framework no longer reflects the environmental or infrastructure realities of a region experiencing rapid population growth along the Clements Ferry corridor.

“We really just want to revisit the plans from 2014. We’re not saying, ‘Hey, don’t build.’ Let’s think about how we’re

doing this and what’s for the betterment of the community,” said Wade Malloch, a Huger native and advocate for residents along the corridor.

RESHAPING THE PLAN

The meeting, held alongside the Coastal Conservation League, centered on newly presented development alternatives commissioned through planning firm Dover, Kohl & Partners. The scenarios were designed to show how development could be reshaped to reduce environmental impacts while still meeting housing goals.

According to the firm, three of the four alternatives would still allow roughly 9,000 residential units while disturbing fewer than 14 acres of wetlands and placing about 90% or

more of homes outside the 100- and 500-year floodplains.

A fourth option reduces development to 6,000 units while eliminating all wetland impacts by shrinking and repositioning the footprint.

Much of the concern focused on flooding and the role wetlands currently play as a natural buffer system across the peninsula. Environmental groups say those systems store and filter stormwater during heavy rain events, and that large-scale fill could have long-term consequences.

“This 9,000-acre property – twice the land area of the Charleston Peninsula – is one of the largest and most ecologically sensitive undeveloped properties in the Charleston area,” the Coastal Conservation League stated in its project overview, noting the presence of endangered species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker and the northern long-eared bat, as well as marine life important to local fisheries, including redfish, flounder, blue crabs, and oysters.

The organization argues current plans could ultimately fill nearly 200 acres of wetlands and reshape the peninsula into what it describes as an “Anywhere, USA” suburb. The Coastal Conservation League, along with the Southern Environmental Law Center, Charleston Waterkeeper, and South Carolina Wildlife Federation, has spent years challenging permits tied to the project, including lawsuits filed in 2022 over wetland impacts and endangered species concerns.

“We are working and doing everything we can to show the mayor and the rest of city council that there are people that care deeply about this, and we need to find some solution here,” said Torrey Sanders of the Coastal Conservation League.

‘PLAYBOOK NEEDS TO BE CHANGED’

The Coastal Conservation League is pushing a petition urging the City of Charleston to revisit the development agreement under the South Carolina Development Agreement Act, which allows updates when conditions have significantly changed since approval. The petition has more than 7,000 signatures, though organizers say they are working to increase participation from Charleston city residents before bringing it to city council.

Residents from the Jack Primus settlement community, a historic Black community established in the early 1700s, voiced concerns about how surrounding development is affecting their neighborhood.

They’re building all around us,” said resident Kathy Mack-Watson, who added she feels residents haven’t been included in discussions about possible environmental impacts – including concerns of flooding.

“We don’t know what to expect,” she said. “We don’t know if it will end up in our yards or in our homes. We’re concerned. Involve the community. We have a right to know what’s going on in our community, in our surrounding areas.”

Others pledged continued community action.

“We’re going to continue to fight as a community. That we will do,” said Dwan Venning of the Jack Primus Settlement Community.

Supporters of revisiting the agreement say the goal is not to stop growth but to reassess how it happens in a region where infrastructure is already under pressure.

“The playbook needs to be changed from when it was initially drawn up in 2014 and to meet current needs, such as growth considerations, infrastructure, and so on,” Malloch said. “We see the changes daily on our drives; sadly, it will only get worse; we all know this.”

He pointed to traffic concerns along Clements Ferry Road.

“State planners have given Clements Ferry Road a grade of “F,” meaning gridlock, severe delays, and traffic volume that exceeds the road’s physical volume it can handle,” Malloch said. “The road operates beyond safe parameters; drivers are more prone to be impatient, drive aggressive, tailgate.”

Malloch also noted concerns about limited alternate routes in the area. “When I moved to Huger 14 years ago, the population was 900. Now we are pushing 8,000. Imagine another 15,000 or more all in the Francis Marion National Forest.

“We have no roads that run parallel with Clements Ferry Road. Cainho Road is a disaster and will get worse as Nucor steel expands.”

LAWMAKERS RESPOND

As for requests for the City of Charleston to consider revising the plan, The Daniel Island News reached out to Charleston City Councilman Boyd Gregg, who represents Daniel Island and the Clements Ferry Road area.

“Point Hope has been one of the more contentious conversations in our community, and the concerns residents have raised deserve a straight answer,” he said. “The zoning rights attached to this land were granted by Berkeley County nearly 40 years ago, and then transferred to the City. Under state law, reducing the number of permitted units would constitute an unlawful taking of private property which is a legal standard that courts have upheld consistently. The City would face litigation, and the precedent is not on our side. This is not political, but a legal constraint.”

POINT HOPE’S POSITION

As for the developers associated with Point Hope, they say the project is already being designed with long-term conservation in mind. A spokesperson at the May 18 meeting was in attendance and provided the following statement:

“Point Hope is being developed in a thoughtful and conservation-minded manner over the course of several decades. Over 4,500 acres – more than half of the property – will remain permanently protected and preserved. Wetland impacts will affect only 2% of the property in small, isolated pockets in order to improve interconnectivity and meet road construction standards. While Point Hope has zoning approval for 18,000 residences, it is expected to be significantly smaller. No docks have been applied for. Docks require approval with opportunity for public comment through state and coastal permitting processes.”

Meanwhile, organizers and residents continue working to build support for their petition before presenting it to Charleston City Council. They say they are aiming to increase the number of Charleston city residents represented among signers – and the conversation is far from over.

“Growth doesn’t have to stop everything,” Malloch said.



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Historic Native American, colonial, and Black communities – including Jack Primus, established in 1712 – remain part of the Cainho Peninsula as residents and advocates continue debating its future development.



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Nowell Creek runs through the Cainho Peninsula, one of several tidal waterways that environmental groups say could be affected by future development in the area.



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“As coastal communities face choices about how to adapt to a changing climate, the Cainho proposal is a reminder that nature provides us an obvious solution. It’s sitting right outside our door if we can just recognize it.” – Chris DeScherer, director of Southern Environmental Law Center.

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Bishops, Iron Horses make a racket during championship runs

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Bishop England and Philip Simmons both enjoyed impressive boys' tennis seasons.

The Battling Bishops reached the Class AAAA state championship, finishing runners-up to A.C. Flora High School. The Iron Horses reached the Class AAA Lower State semifinal, falling to eventual state champ, Oceanside Collegiate Academy.

Both teams featured strong individual performances as well, as both teams sent two players to the Individual State Championships, which were contested May 12-13 in Lexington, South Carolina.

The Bishop players included freshman Dante Nava and senior Roland Weir, a team captain who went undefeated in region play. He also was selected to play in The North-South All-Star tourney. They competed in the Class AAAAA-AAAA championships.

Nava was undefeated in region play and is considered one of the top freshmen in the state.

The Iron Horses sent two players who will be part of the 2027 team's nucleus. Junior Chibale Nelson and sophomore Henry Broad. They competed in the Class AAA-AA-A championships.

"Both of these young men will play college tennis," PSHS coach Richard Schulz said.

The BE freshman Nava earned all-state status. He opened play with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Colt Stanley of Sumter High School.

Nava held off Braydon Jeffcoat of River Bluff in two intense sets of the second-round action. Nava posted a 7-5, 7(8)-6(6) victory to advance to the quarterfinals.

However, Ashley Ridge junior Greyson Kane ended Nava's deep tournament run with a 6-1, 6-0 win. Kane finished state runner-up to Nathan Purica of Riverside.

Weir opened play with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Ford Netzler of Greenville. But Purica, the eventual state champ, overpowered Weir, 6-0, 6-3, to send the senior to the consolation bracket.

Nelson and Broad, the players with bright futures, were impressive in current times as Nelson finished third to earn all-state, while Broad also earned all-state sta-

tus with a fourth-place effort. Oceanside Collegiate's Luke Skillman defeated teammate Jackson Nichols in the championship as the Landsharks held down the top two places in the individual standings.

Nelson and Broad came out swinging in the first round, both scoring big wins. Nelson disposed of Levi Moore of Williston-Elko, 6-0, 6-0, while Broad cruised to a 6-0, 6-1 triumph over King Brown, also of Williston-Elko.

Broad and Nelson both overwhelmed their second-round foes. Broad blasted Jonathan Stewart of Walhala, 6-1, 6-1 and Nelson posted a 6-1, 6-0 conquest of Waccamaw's Harmon Porter.

The Iron Horse duo breezed to easy quarterfinal victories but stumbled in the semifinals against OCA's 1-2 punch of Skillman and Nichols.

Skillman halted Nelson's hot streak, 7-5, 6-2, and Jackson topped Broad to set up the all-OCA final.

Still, Schulz was happy with his players. "Chibale Nelson, third. Henry Broad, fourth," Schulz said. "Next year, the Philip Simmons boys will be even stronger. Losing in the state semifinals this year to Oceanside, 4-3, was tough and will fuel us to beat them next year."



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The Philip Simmons tennis team reached the Class AAA Lower State semifinals before bowing out.

Expectations are mountain high for Iron Horse football

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Crunch the numbers.

Check the pulse of the team.

Or chat with the head coach.

In 2026, the Philip Simmons High School football team could have a season to savor.

First the numbers.

The Iron Horses just completed spring practice, and coach Eric Bendig reported 113 players participated in varsity, junior varsity, and B-team drills and practice. That's quite a foundation.

Another impressive number is 18. That's how many starters return from last fall's team that posted a 10-3 record, won the Region 6-AA championship, and reached the third round of the state playoffs.

Members of the team know the talent pool is deep when it comes to football at PSHS. That's why spring practice was important as players worked to move up the depth chart. The players will continue to work hard over the dog days of summer because they know the effort put in on those muggy days pays dividends on crisp fall nights.

Coach Eric Bendig will lead the team in its ninth season. The school will celebrate its 10th year when classes commence in August, but Iron Horses didn't field a varsity team the first season to build depth and struggled the first three seasons. However, the Iron Horses are 48-14 since 2021.

This year, the Iron Horses bid for their third straight

region title.

"The key will be maintaining the edge and hunger that championship-level teams must have every single day," said Bendig, whose team averaged 39.5 points a game on offense last fall while allowing only 15.3. "We have been fortunate to experience a great deal of success as a program, but we have not yet accomplished the ultimate on-field goals of winning a Lower State or State championship. That reality fuels us.

"Our players understand that expectations here are high and meeting those expectations requires daily discipline, preparation, and a relentless commitment to improvement," the coach added.

The Iron Horses' key personnel losses from last year's team include cornerback Montrell Mungin, linebacker/defensive end Ethan Chisum, tight end William Hollifield, kicking specialist C.J. Falotico, and offensive lineman Yosi Mallett.

Bendig said replacing all-state performers Mungin and Falotico and others who graduated will be a challenge.

"We had a senior class that really set a standard of excellence for our program," Bendig said. "We are always trying to find new impact players along the offensive and defensive fronts, and those were major points of emphasis entering the spring."

Running back Omonte Taylor had two rushing touchdowns and showcased his versatility and explosiveness in the spring game. Bendig said the offensive line made tremendous strides and began to gel as a unit. Greyson Salvo,

Cole Carmel, Christian Cromedy, Donny Lynch, and Jordan Johnson all had outstanding springs and strong spring game performances.

Quarterback Hayes Goddard and wide receiver Ashton Kellermann were impressive in limited action, connecting on numerous big plays, including a touchdown. Hayes distributed the ball extremely well and showed great command of the offense.

Aaron Feaster, a junior wide receiver/outside linebacker, emerged as a major playmaker. Feaster is 6-5, 200 pounds, has tremendous upside and is developing into a high-level college prospect.

Defensively, Nathaniel Elsey created two turnovers in the spring game with an interception and forced fumble, while Diavante Irving recorded three pass breakups and Mauricio Curry added two of his own.

Other key returners for 2026 include OL Sullivan Tollison, WR Patrick Clarke, and defensive ends Roman Hood and Alex Tchoryk.

"We have championship standards and championship aspirations at every level of our program," Bendig said. "Our mission is bigger than football. We want to develop outstanding young men who win on and off the field.

"On the field, our expectation is to compete for championships – region, Lower State, and State," he added. "We believe we have the talent, leadership, and culture to do that, but it will come down to our players and our coaches putting in championship-level effort."

Bishops' Hall urging team to carry 'chip on their shoulder' for 2026

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Logan Hall was named the head coach of the Bishop England High School football team in 2024. He inherited a program that won only seven times in 32 games over a three-year stretch while averaging only 12 points during the slump.

But Hall resurrected the program in his first season as the team went 9-3, won the Region 6-AAAA championship, and reached the playoffs, averaging 28.1 points a game.

It was more of the same last fall as Hall guided the Bishops to an 8-4 record and another berth in postseason play.

Now comes the hard part.

Hall will attempt to continue building positive energy and results despite the graduation of some key players who were two-year stars. Among the biggest losses were quarterback Quinn Mahoney, two-way star Brody Tonon, Zach Balog, and Hunter Alex.

Mahoney accounted for 4,686 in total

offense and 53 touchdowns in two seasons, including 3,907 yards and 37 scores via the air. Balog was the top receiver while Alex led the team in tackles. Tonon's play landed him a spot on the Wofford College roster.

If anyone can keep the Bishops' good fortunes flowing, it's Hall, a 35-year-old coach with a promising past – and future.

When the American Football Coaches Association announced its 2026 Leadership Institute's 35 Under 35, it included a list of 34 college coaches – and Hall.

The program is designed to identify and develop future leaders in the football coaching profession under the age of 35.

The Bishops just completed spring practice, and their spring participation numbers were somewhat skewed because many of the football players play other spring sports. Still, Hall began searching for replacements while evaluating the returning talent.

"The key was to develop the young guys who are going to play big roles for us on Friday night," he said. "Getting to Week 1 healthy and ready to go is important. We

need a chip on our shoulders and outwork everybody. We need to focus on the process this summer and create good habits for success."

There is talent on offense for the 2026 season, including up front as linemen Jake Olsen, Coleman Runey, Gavin Bailey, and John DiLiegro should open holes and provide pass protection.

William Donato is bidding to replace Mahoney at quarterback. Donato saw action when Mahoney was injured and responded with 337 yards and five TDs passing. Junior quarterback Banks Luton, who transferred from Oceanside Collegiate Academy, has potential.

Chase Tonon, Knox Mahoney, and Connor McGovern are more important pieces to the offensive puzzle.

On defense, Matthew Ponkow, Jackson Kunz, Luke Balog, and Luke Russell form an impressive front four, while Trevor Tonon and Knox Mahoney are skilled linebackers.

Finn Corley, Chase Tonon, and Donato are expected to see action in the secondary.

Hall saw many positives during spring practice.

"The offensive and defensive lines both played well," Hall said. "Both quarterbacks, Banks Luton and William Donato, showed signs of growth over the spring. Connor McGovern is an athlete who can move around on the offensive side of the ball."

The Bishops will drop to Class AAA after spending the past two at Class AAAA.

"We have to put together a great summer and a great fall camp," Hall said of his team's path to success. "We have to come out of non-region play with confidence and be healthy and give it a run.

"This year is a new region with Hanahan, Oceanside Collegiate Academy, North Charleston, and Georgetown. We are excited to match up with everyone and see how we match up as a school with the smallest enrollment out of the group. We are excited for the opportunity to prove we can compete with anybody, anywhere."

Brody says the Spanish are here



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Thanks to everyone for the positive texts and emails regarding the article with my daughters Maddie and Heather. Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog) and Elliott (my son) are not the only people in my family who can fish!

The other day, I asked Brody if the Spanish mackerel were already in the harbor. He replied by running down the dock and jumping into the skiff. I wondered if that meant, "I don't know, but let's go see," or "Yes, let's go catch some." As Brody refused to leave the skiff, I figured there was only one way to find out. We launched the skiff and headed to the harbor.

When fishing offshore, we use Spanish mackerel as teasers and pitch baits. Blue marlin love them. As it turns out, freshly caught Spanish mackerel makes a tasty ceviche. My family loves them too. Given this demand, I fish for them regularly in the summer. They tend to congregate near current seams and upwellings all over the harbor, especially early in the

morning.

Spanish mackerel are aggressive surface feeders. They are plentiful and pretty easy to locate. A small Shimano current sniper quickly retrieved through a feeding school is pretty much a sure thing.

Upon arrival in the harbor, I discovered that I had no current snipers or 20-pound fluorocarbon leader. Brody gave me a sad look. Like, "my human is dumb." Undeterred, I picked up my ultra-light trout outfit rigged with a six-pound braid, eight-pound fluorocarbon leader, and a Finesse TRD on a 1/10th ounce jig.

I cast the TRD to the feeding fish and immediately got bitten and then quickly cut off. Spanish mackerel have very sharp teeth. After repeating this process a few more times, I decided to quit targeting Spanish until I could rig up the right way.

Brody and I moved to a submerged rock pile near the Waterfront Park. When positioning the skiff, I took a moment to admire the view. Charleston is a beautiful place. Charleston is also a wonderful place to fish. Brody and I quickly released a few nice-sized trout. Then Brody talked me into breakfast at Waffle House.



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After striking out on Spanish mackerel, Greg Peralta and Brody found success with trout.

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Leapin' lizards!

The backyard dating game of the green anole



nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

I was getting very close to getting that “perfect photo.” The male green anole (*Anolis carolinensis*) was in his fiercest green coloration, pumping his head and displaying his pink, under-chin dewlap. This brightly colored fold of skin is a flag of sorts, used to communicate both territorial protection and mating interest.

At precisely the moment I was going to snap my photo, another male anole, which I hadn't yet noticed, charged my subject and either forced him to jump from or threw him off of our backyard fence. So much for that photo.

And to add more drama, the now-victorious (originally unseen) anole looked up to find that he was now being challenged by an even larger greener, and meaner newcomer.

The green anole is a wide-ranging, frequently encountered lizard in the Southeast, and while it is naturally arboreal, or tree-dwelling, it is plenty comfortable hanging out on wooden porch rails or backyard fences.

They primarily feed on insects but will also eat seeds, grains, worms, and young skinks, when necessary. Primary anole predators are snakes, birds, adult skinks and, where present, domestic or feral cats. While it is easy to take these common creatures for granted, they have some really unusual and fascinating characteristics.

Green anoles periodically shed their skin as they grow and frequently eat it to retain the nutrients. Coloration ranges from dull brown to brilliant greens and is more closely related to activity than to their surroundings. When attacked by a predator, anoles possess “autotomic” tails. These break off easily and wiggle for a time on their own, hopefully for long enough to distract the predator while the anole escapes. The tails grow back

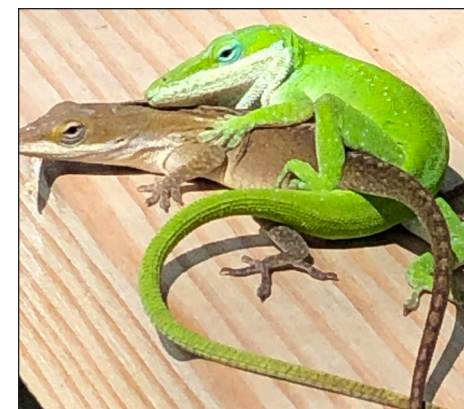
quickly.

Mating behavior is also unique and runs from early spring through early fall in the Lowcountry. Female anoles will typically produce about 10 eggs per season, at a rate of roughly one every two weeks. These may be fertilized by the same or different males or by sperm, which can be stored by the females for up to seven months!

When courting, male anoles will fiercely defend their territories. They can be found on tree limbs, fence rails, or in other open areas, pumping their heads up and down and daring competitors to trespass. The victor will then breed with females in the area, in what can best be described as a full-body hug. Once fertilized, the eggs are deposited in wet soil, compost, rotting wood, or other moist environments. The young anoles will be born independently and will immediately be on their own.

Green anoles can live up to eight years in the wild or in captivity. While they are sometimes kept as pets, they must be

purchased through a licensed dealer. It is illegal, per the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources website, to capture or “re-home” any native reptile or amphibian. And besides being illegal, this act is unnecessary. All one needs to do to see all of the behaviors described in this article is to walk outside and take a look around.



Green anoles may mate multiple times over many weeks each year.



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A 'revolutionary' discovery DI Historical Society sleuths spotlight Revolutionary War history at Point Hope



ELIZABETH BUSH

A view of what was then known as "Addison's Ferry" on the Cainhoy Peninsula. Some 750 Patriot soldiers would sail down this creek on sloops and schooners in 1780 to reach Charles Towne.

ELIZABETH BUSH

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It started with a simple question.

Historian and author Suzannah Smith Miles was researching the history of the Cainhoy Peninsula for the Daniel Island Historical Society when she noted a name – Addison's Ferry – that kept popping up in historic records related to the Revolutionary War. It was connected to a momentous event involving hundreds of Continental troops.

"Does anyone know where Addison's Ferry was?" she asked her contacts at DIHS.

It was a place not frequently discussed, if at all, in history circles. In fact most folks, when asked, had never heard of it. DIHS board member Tory Sullivan dug in to find out more. He asked some of his history-minded contacts in Berkeley County, but none could offer any information on the mystery location. So he turned to social media, posting a question about the name on the Facebook group "Charleston History Before 1945." And then, a hit!

Someone shared an image of an 1821 plat noting the name "Addison's Ferry." Sullivan recognized some of the creeks and names on

the image. He compared it to current online maps of the area, and a clear, undeniable picture emerged.

"I looked at that piece of paper, and it was mismarked," Sullivan told the DIHS audience. "It mentioned a different creek. I looked at it upside down, I turned it in circles, I opened up Google Earth, and then all of a sudden the two pieces matched!"

Sullivan's sleuthing had paid off. He discovered that the ferry's location was in an area known in the 18th century as the Addison's Ferry Tract, owned by Thomas Addison. Today, it sits on private, undeveloped property within what is now Point Hope off Nowell Creek.

According to Sullivan, the discovery and subsequent research breakthroughs on the topic have led to a "goldmine of associations." He and Miles spent the next several months knitting together a story that could be one of the most significant accounts related to the Revolutionary War in the Charleston area.

On May 19, Sullivan presented the findings at a joint program hosted by DIHS and the Berkeley County Francis Marion Commission (Berkeley 250) entitled "Defending

the Gateway of Charleston: The Revolutionary War on the Cainhoy Peninsula."

He joined other guest speakers John Brian Eleazer, author of "The South Carolina Militia and the Revolutionary War," and Katherine Pemberton, chief of education and outreach for the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC 250).

Sullivan laid out the dire situation in Charles Towne in 1780 for his audience. The British were closing in. By the end of April, the only protected corridor into the city from the north was through Christ Church Parish (today's Mount Pleasant) and St. Thomas Parish (the Daniel Island/Cainhoy Peninsula area). The Patriots were fighting the British as best as they could, but they desperately needed reinforcements.

When word of their plight reached General George Washington in New Jersey in late 1779, his response would set in motion what Sullivan describes as "one of the most audacious actions in the entire Revolutionary War." A plan was devised to send some 2,500 soldiers under Col. William Woodford's command to defend Charles Towne. This meant a tedious 800-mile march over

land during the worst winter of the war (travel by sea was ruled out due to the Royal Navy's occupation of the waterways).

"They were moving so incredibly slowly," Sullivan said. "The generals finally commanded the men to leave spare wagons and baggage behind to hasten the march, telling them, 'Your most speedy arrival is ardently wished for.'"

They were halfway there and had left everything behind. No cannons. No equipment. No additional stores. And they were down to about 750 men. Woodford noted to Washington, "I hope we shall still be there in time to be useful."

The town was almost completely hemmed in by the time they arrived. "The only still 'untaken' place by the British was St. Thomas Parish," Miles explained. "Normally, they would have crossed the Cooper River into Charles Towne from Haddrell's Point at Shem Creek. But it and Daniel Island's Scott's (Clements) Ferry were too open to British interference. Enter the smaller, little Addison's Ferry on the Cainhoy Peninsula."

The Addison's Ferry Tract was indeed an important strategic location. Not only did it have good access to the Wando and Co-

per Rivers, it served as a place to stage horses and provision food for Patriot forces. (See sidebar).

When, on April 6, 1780, the 700-plus troops finally settled at Addison's Ferry after four months of marching, the Patriots were ecstatic. Help had finally arrived. To get the troops (and their horses) into Charles Towne, nine vessels were procured, likely rice schooners and plantation sloops from nearby properties. They sailed without reprisal down the Wando and Cooper Rivers into Charleston, under the watchful eyes of the enemy.

"Anyone who was at the waterfront could see them sail right on by," said Sullivan. "When they arrived at Gadsden's Wharf, it was to cheers and jubilation."

"These folks looked like they were veterans who'd been to war," Sullivan continued. "And they had been, even just before this march, which was incredible... Woodford himself noted that the garrison appeared in high spirits, with fresh confidence."

It was just the morale boost the American troops needed. But, sadly, several weeks later, on May 12, 1780, Charles Towne fell to the British. Their victorious arrival was a situation of "too little, too late," and all the Patriot soldiers, including those who had made that courageous march, were ultimately taken prisoner.

"It was a tremendous loss, obviously, when Charleston fell," Sullivan said. But even during the occupation, General Francis Marion's men continued to use St. Thomas Parish and Daniel Island as a venue for harassing the British.

Both Sullivan and Miles agree that the significance of what the Continental troops at Addison's Ferry accomplished cannot be understated. The men had completed a journey fraught with challenges, their arrival was a complete surprise to the British, and they managed to travel safely into the city without attack. It was a "phenomenal" feat, noted Miles.

Thanks to new online accessibility to information and research, including Gen. Francis Marion's Papers, a three-part treasure trove of letters and documents, the story of what happened here continues to unfold.

"We're in an exciting time in history where resources that weren't available 250 years ago, 100 years ago, or 10 years ago are now available to us," Sullivan said. "And we're finding new things every day."

Suzannah Smith Miles contributed to this article.

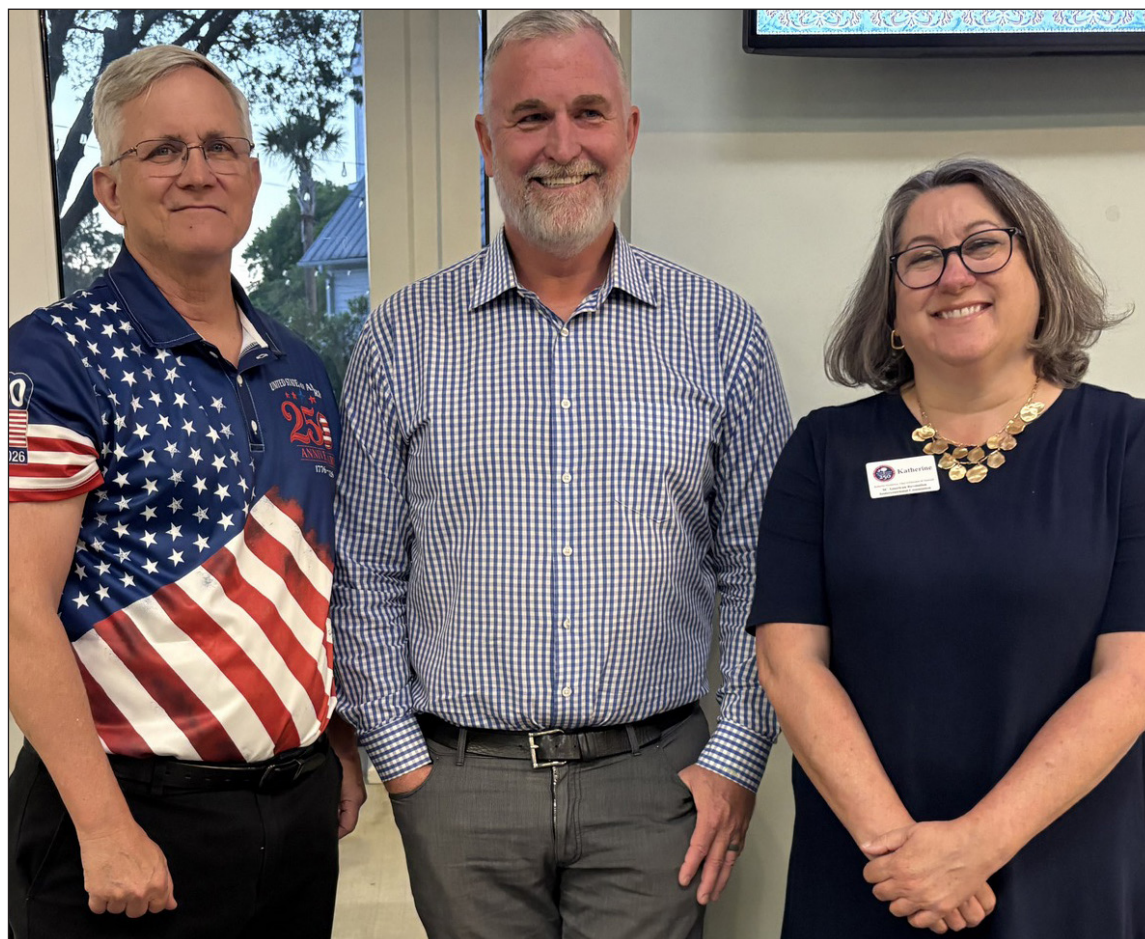
NEIGHBORLY PROVISIONS

During the British occupation and until the end of the war, the rich abundance of Daniel Island and Cainhoy farmlands became of vital importance as the fight for freedom continued. Soldiers needed food; horses needed forage. Roaming guerrilla units under Francis Marion continued to harass the British as the war progressed and the British needed supplies.

Cainhoy Peninsula property owner Thomas Addison offered more than a ferriage. In June 1780, his lands provided beef, rice, corn, and pigs to Marion's men. Likewise, Samuel Bonneau provided 240 pounds of beef and 150 pounds of pork to Colonel Hezekiah Maham's troops. Robert Daniell III provided a whopping 5,000 pounds of beef for Continental use that same year.

In November and December 1781, Robert Quash provided 1,200 pounds of beef and 200 bushels of potatoes and rice to Marion's brigade. These are just examples of the constant "back door" supply chain that remained active until the war's end, with support and supplies generated from area families like the Lesesnes, Capers, Dearingtons, Vennings, Akins, Parkers, Fogarties, Atkinsons, and others.

Source: S.C. Archives & History, Revolutionary War Indents



CHRISTY STEWART

The Daniel Island Historical Society and Berkeley 250 joined forces on May 19 to present "Defending the Gateway to Charleston: The Revolutionary War on the Cainhoy Peninsula." Left to right: John Brian Eleazer, author of "The South Carolina Militia and the Revolutionary War"; Tory Sullivan, DIHS and Berkeley County Greenbelt Commission board member; and Katherine Pemberton, chief of education and outreach for SC 250.



PROVIDED BY TORRENCE SULLIVAN

This map, created by DIHS board member Tory Sullivan, shows sites on the Cainhoy Peninsula where Revolutionary War activities took place.

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DIBA's networking event dodges rain at The Port House

Organizers from the Daniel Island Business Association darted inside the gameroom of The Port House apartment complex on Robert Daniel Drive after a spring shower brought May's Business Mixer indoors. The rain didn't deter DIBA members, business professionals, and other guests as the group enjoyed an evening of meeting and greeting new contacts and friends. Registration for the next DIBA event is at danielislandbusiness.com.

Enjoying the fun are Madison Janik, Janet Bolin, Lee Janik, John Pampu, and Marco Pampu.

Staying dry from the rain are Davis Pugh, Evan Yannuzzi, Alexandre Fleuren, and Ashlin Cash.

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The Port House apartment complex and RealManage sponsored DIBA's May event. From left to right, Madeline McGinn, Micaela Moran, Nicole Cook, and Moose Murray.

A thorny thought: Have you stopped to smell the roses?



management moment

Doug Dickerson

"As you walk down the fairway of life, you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round." – Ben Hogan

Part of my morning routine before heading to work each morning is to stop and look at the roses in the flower bed at the front of my house. I do this every morning. It's a ritual.

My fascination with roses began decades ago, when, as a teenager, I worked at a garden center. Each winter, we built a large greenhouse on the property, and we spent those months preparing for spring. In the greenhouse, we potted roses by the thousands. Come spring, we were ready, and our customers would come from near and far to purchase our roses. As did I. It was then that my affection for roses began, and I've always maintained an abundance of them in our flower beds.

It seems like I have known the phrase "stop and smell the roses" for as long as I can remember. But I've never given much thought to the origin of the phrase.

It seems to be a fairly modern phrase in origin. The core idea of stopping to appreciate life's pleasures dates back centuries. The Latin phrase *carpe diem*, "seize the day," or as the 17th-century poet Robert Herrick wrote, "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may..." conveys the idea of pausing on life's journey.

The exact phrasing "stop and smell the roses" seems to have originated in the early to mid-twentieth century. Ironically enough, the phrase became popular in golf culture when professional golfer Walter Hagen was often associated with sentiments encouraging people to enjoy life beyond work.

Speaking of enjoying life beyond work, I don't have to be the one to tell you how hectic life can be. It seems life is busier now than ever before. Which brings me back to my title question: Have you stopped to smell the roses? There's nothing magical about my morning routine to observe the roses in the flower bed. But here are a few

things I've learned.

Set the tone for your day with intentional-ity

The first decision of my day – walking out the door – is to take in something positive and beautiful. It's an intentional act that focuses me on something I really admire and appreciate that brings me a small degree of happiness.

Regardless of what the day brings, I begin it with something no one can take from me. What about you? What are you intentional about that guards your peace of mind and sets the tone for your day? Or do you just take it as it comes?

Leadership Tip: The first decisions of your day will often set the tone for the rest of it. Choose wisely.

Don't get distracted by the thorns

While working in the garden center, it was just part of the job to get cut by the thorns, while potting the roses. Call it an occupational hazard.

In your daily leadership, you will deal with thorny situations from time to time. It comes with the territory. There may be times when you feel overwhelmed by the

pressures of running your business and a myriad of other issues that cross your desk. But my pause each morning is not to admire the thorns, it's to admire and appreciate what I see all around them.

Leadership Tip: We can't choose what happens to us, but we can choose our response.

Pause with purpose

My morning routine works for me. It's a deliberate pause. It forces me to hold off on the temptation to get in the car, fight the traffic, think about ten things on my mind that I need to do when I get there, etc. It's a strategic pause.

As a leader, when you take time in your day to pause and take a few deep breaths, you can feel a reset. Regardless of how busy it can be, a pause with purpose can be refreshing.

Leadership Tip: When you embrace pausing during your day, you can gain fresh perspectives you might otherwise miss.

Have you stopped to smell the roses?

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Waddle it be? Duck Race delivers family fun, raises over \$185K for charity

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On Saturday, May 30, a sea of yellow filled the Wando River as 30,000 rubber ducks raced toward the finish line during the 19th Annual Charleston Charity Duck Race. This beloved Lowcountry tradition helped raise over \$185,000 for local and international charities while bringing families and community members together for a day of festivities at Daniel Island Waterfront Park. Hosted by 10 Lowcountry Rotary Clubs, including the Rotary Club of Daniel Island, the event featured food vendors, games, music, and family-friendly activities throughout the day. The grand prize of \$10,000 went to Daniel Island Club employee Avery Reed, whose duck conquered all and crossed the finish line first in a tight race. Chris Thompson's duck came in a close second, earning a \$5,000 prize. Four other lucky ducks were quick to cross the finish line, earning their owners Kirsten Griffin, Billy Swails, Mark Smith (who donated his winnings back), MarineMax, and Jennifer Olmstead \$1,000 each.



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City reviews requests to modify DI golf clubhouse

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: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – ZONING

Tuesday, June 2: 345 Blowing Fresh Drive – Cainhoy. Request Variance from Sec. 54-347.1 and the Wando Village Planned Development Ordinance to build a pool within the 10' setback from the BCM critical line buffer with a 3' rear setback (15' required). TMS: 269-04-01-071. Owner: Roger and Sarah Southall. Applicant: Sky Blue Pools & Spa.

RESULTS:

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 28: Daniel Island Club Lodge - Major Mod. – Daniel Island. Proposed clubhouse modifications at 604 Island Park Drive. TMS: B271000001. Owner: Daniel Island Golf Club. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Tony Woody at

woody.t@tandh.com. Results: Revise and Return.

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. Results: *Open pending delivery of Zoning comments.*

RESULTS: DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Monday, June 1: 299 Seven Farms Drive – Daniel Island. Requesting conceptual approval for a new 6,400 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). Results *not yet provided.*

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. Results *no yet provided.*

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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.

HOLLINGS CANCER SURVIVORSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Fri., June 12, 8 am-4 pm, Daniel Island Club. Hosted by MUSC Hollings Cancer Center, a full-day symposium on cancer survivorship, caregiver support, and advances in oncology. Featuring medical experts, survivor keynote, panels, and exhibitors. Register at hollingscancercenter.musc.edu.

RED, WHITE & BRUNCH

Sat., June 13, 9 am-12 pm, Nowell Creek Village. Family-friendly

community brunch celebrating America's 250th anniversary. Enjoy food, drinks, music, lawn games, raffle prizes, and activities for all ages. Free, RSVP at tinyurl.com/mu2tfx9v.

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AA MEETINGS -

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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

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

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

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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.

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DI Library: Tues. 10 am & Fri. 9 am.

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil Manasa

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Beyond Compare

A comparison adjective can be changed by adding -er or -est to the end of the word, or by adding "more" or "most" before the word. Decide which adjectives are used correctly in each of the sentences below.

- 1. Frank said that his new daughter was the (most small, smallest) baby in the nursery.
- 2. Our new postal carrier is (more friendly, friendlier) than the old one.
- 3. That history exam was the (most difficult, difficultest) test I have ever had.



Answers: Add -er or -est to comparative adjectives that have one or two syllables. Use more or most before adjectives that have three or more syllables. However, there are some irregular adjectives that don't follow either of these rules (good-better-best), so consult a dictionary when you are not sure.

1. smallest 2. friendlier 3. most difficult

ACROSS

- 1 Havana is its capital
- 5 Signs of healing
- 10 Qatar's capital
- 14 ____ roof: place for Williams' cat
- 15 "Ulalume" auth.
- 16 Arab capital or gulf
- 17 Capital on the Aar
- 18 Iowa communal society
- 19 Coke's nut source
- 20 Gesso
- 23 Addams cousin
- 24 Scull
- 25 Author of "The Sea-Wolf"
- 30 Brit. honour
- 33 After-dinner party
- 34 Hanoi's river
- 35 Where Bamako is capital
- 36 Hangs out to dry
- 37 Biblical man of patience
- 38 Hinder
- 39 Windward's antonym
- 40 Groove
- 41 Term of office
- 42 Legal matter
- 43 Vodka cocktail
- 45 Weapon
- 46 "I'll Be Seeing ____"
- 47 Belgian youngster?

- 55 Wine: comb. form
- 56 Vaquero's rope
- 57 Surveyor's nail
- 59 Where Bismarck is capital: abbr.
- 60 Card game for three
- 61 South American capital
- 62 Vincent Lopez theme song
- 63 Sudden gush
- 64 Nonpareil

DOWN

- 1 Hansom
- 2 Western Athletic Conf. member
- 3 Engage in logrolling
- 4 English governess ____ Leonowens
- 5 Puget Sound metropolis
- 6 Regained consciousness
- 7 On ____ with
- 8 Late congressman Sonny
- 9 Scampi, for one
- 10 Senegal's capital
- 11 Redolence
- 12 Port lead-in
- 13 Literary collections
- 21 Oliver Twist's foe
- 22 Greek man-beast fertility god
- 25 Thermodynamics unit
- 26 Buenos ____
- 27 One-time dominant Canadian tribe
- 28 Campus marine military org.
- 29 Coming-out girl
- 30 Afghanistan capital
- 31 Trumpet tantara
- 32 Ireland, in Ireland
- 33 Cicatrix
- 35 PC display
- 37 Roast beef au ____
- 38 Hesitate
- 40 Family of guitarists
- 41 Type of harmony
- 43 Malaprop or Miniver
- 44 See 9 Down
- 45 King of India: 3rd C. B.C.
- 47 Former capital of West Germany
- 48 Fix over
- 49 Single
- 50 Flaccid
- 51 Hollywood's "Elephant Boy"
- 52 Norse capital
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- 54 Domesticate
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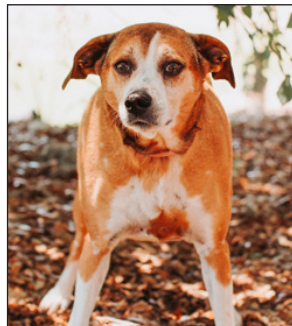
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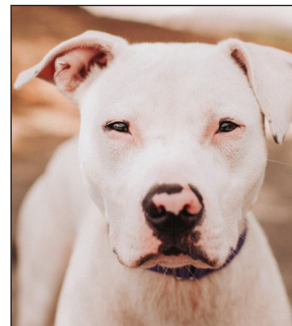


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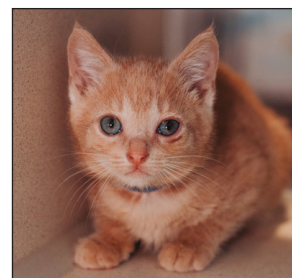
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