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# Staffing changes draw criticism

## Berk. Co. School District ok's \$517M budget with no tax rate increase

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The Berkeley County Board of Education unanimously approved a General Fund budget of more than \$517.9 million for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The board adopted a spending plan that includes employee raises, additional special education positions, and no increase to the district's overall tax rate.

According to the district, the budget includes a step increase and a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment for eligible employees, increases first-year teacher pay to \$57,905, keeps the district's 31-year salary schedule, and adds \$1.554 million to fund 11 new special education positions, including therapists, a psychologist, and autism and behavior specialists.

District officials said the budget is about 16% larger than last year's, with nearly \$445 million allocated for salaries and benefits.

The board also approved a shift in exist-

ing millage rather than an overall tax rate increase. Total millage will remain at 196.9 mills, with debt service decreasing from 55 mills to 50 mills and school operating millage increasing from 141.9 mills to 146.9 mills.

Chief Financial Officer Marcie Abrahamson said the adjustment was made possible by revenue generated through the Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax, also known as the Penny Tax, which Berkeley County voters approved in 2022.

The budget also designates \$1.9 million in legal settlement funds as a contingency and does not use the district's fund balance, or savings, to cover recurring expenses.

"Over the past four years, Berkeley County School District has experienced significant growth and achievement," Superintendent Dr. Anthony Dixon said. "While we are proud that our district has no schools rated Unsatisfactory and that we've retained more than 93% of our teachers, we are not satisfied. We remain committed to continu-

ous improvement and to ensuring our time, talent, and resources remain focused where they matter most, in the classroom."

As part of the budget, the district consolidated some senior leadership responsibilities and repurposed positions to provide additional curriculum and instructional support while maintaining employment for current staff.

The staffing changes have drawn criticism from some teachers and parents, who have expressed concerns about reduced support for arts programs, school libraries, and special education.

During public comment, parent and former teacher Amanda Hebel questioned why the district chose not to raise the millage rate.

"Why aren't we raising the millage instead of just leveling it out? If this had accommodated not redeploying all the positions, then why wouldn't we do that?" Hebel asked.

Dixon said the district chose to reassign positions rather than eliminate jobs.

"This is not new to Berkeley County,

Charleston County, Dorchester Two, or Dorchester Four; this happens in every district," Dixon said. "Positions may have been redeployed, but unlike certain other places and other districts across our state, they have not lost any jobs; we have maintained and ensured that everyone has a position."

Dixon also defended the district's decision not to increase taxes, saying the millage shift allows the district to continue investing in schools while limiting the financial impact on residents.

"This approach provides meaningful relief to working families at a time when many continue to experience the effects of inflation and rising cost of living," Dixon said. "This strategy allows them to retain more of their hard-earned income, and in many ways, it serves as an additional investment in our workforce without requiring additional district expenditures."

The 2026-2027 budget took effect July 1.

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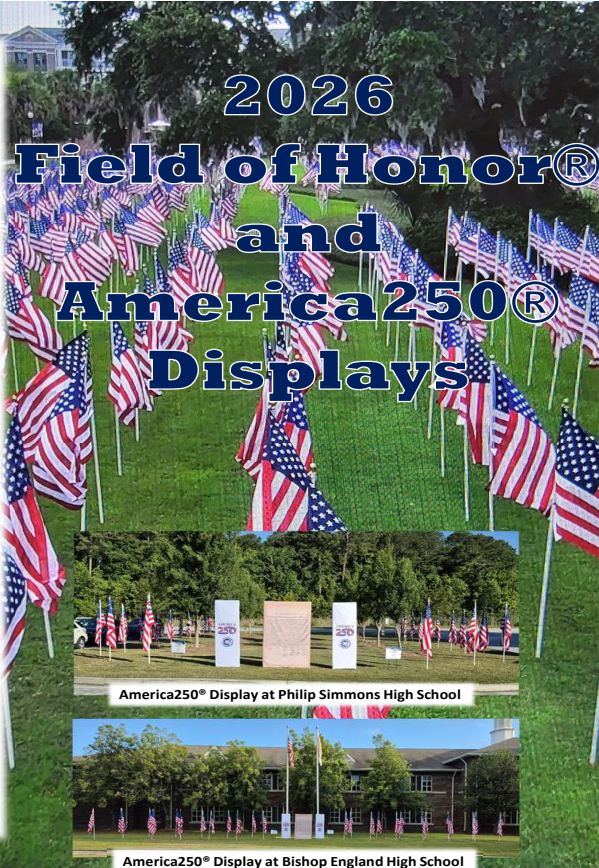




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# 25 years of impact DI Rotary Club celebrates silver anniversary with grant giveaway

ROTARIAN BILL STEPHENS

How would you like to hand deliver a \$2,500 grant to your favorite local charity? Or, if you're under 16, how about scoring \$250 to bring your own hometown community service project to life?

To celebrate 25 years of making magic happen, the "duck race folks" at the Rotary Club of Daniel Island are giving away both. It's their way of saying thank you to the community that has fueled their mission since the very beginning.

## FROM A MOBILE HOME TO MILLIONS

It all started on July 19, 2001, when the president of Rotary International hand delivered the club's official charter to first president Mary Murray and 33 founding members.

Beginning as informal breakfast chats at the Hampton Inn, the club quickly outgrew its space, moving to Blackbaud and later the UBS building. Their very first fundraiser? Selling pretzels at Daniel Island Park Day. That grew into a three-year golf tournament, which paved the way for the legendary Duck Race.

From day one, their hearts were locked onto local needs. Their inaugural service project was purchasing a used mobile home for a Cainhoy corridor resident served by East Cooper Meals on Wheels. Soon after,

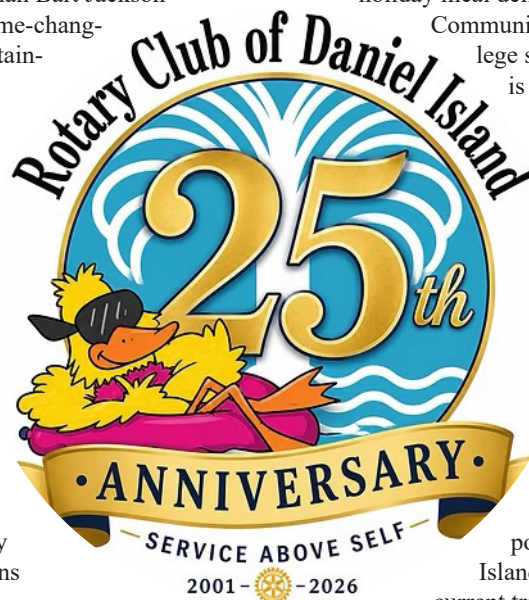
they tackled their first major hands-on project: building a playground from scratch to replace the empty dirt fields at Cainhoy Elementary School, where those slides and climbing bars still stand today.

## BRING ON THE DUCKS!

In 2005, Rotarian Bart Jackson dreamed up a game-changer to create a sustainable fundraising machine. He bought the first 10,000 rubber ducks, figured out how to safely drop them off the Wando Bridge, corralled them in the river, and sold the community on the concept by hawking adoptions outside Publix.

Two decades later, the event just celebrated its momentous 20th anniversary! The venue has shifted over the years, from the traffic nightmare of the bridge to Smythe Lake, Guggenheim Lake, and back home to the Wando River, but the community's love for the race has never wavered.

Most importantly, those little yellow ducks have raised a staggering \$3 million for the Rotary motto: Service Above Self. True success, however, is measured in lives changed across five key areas: hunger, housing, literacy, health, and family support. From East Cooper Community Outreach to holiday meal deliveries at the Cainhoy Community Center and local college scholarships, the impact is everywhere.



## LOCAL FOOTPRINTS & GLOBAL REACH

You can see Rotary's mark all over Daniel Island, from Commemorative Park on Seven Farms Drive to the Waterfront Park playground, the popular quarterly Daniel Island Speakers Series, and current trail improvements near

Credit One Stadium. Globally, they've partnered with Water Missions to build clean water systems in Peru and Tanzania, and they continue the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

Today, boasting nearly 100 passionate members, the club meets for breakfast

Wednesday mornings at the Daniel Island Club, but has also added a monthly lunch meeting option, and a brand-new Clements Ferry corridor sister club.

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY GRANTS

Ready to make a difference? Applications are open now at [dirotary.org/rcdi25th](http://dirotary.org/rcdi25th). Winners will be announced at the Speakers' Series event in September.

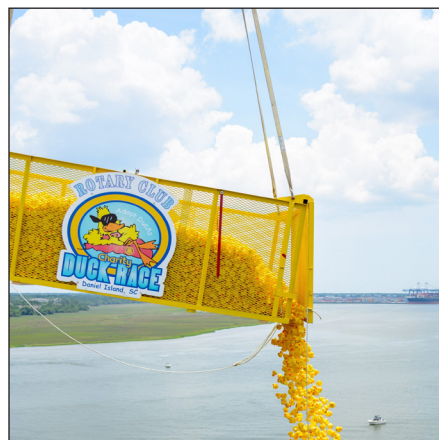
- The \$2,500 Area Charity Grant: Open to any DI resident. Just submit your name, address, and the local charity (serving zip codes 29492 or 29450) you think deserves the funds.

- The \$250 Student Service Project Grant: For DI residents under 16. An adult sponsor, 21 and over, can submit a short description of a hands-on project to improve Daniel Island. Funds will be awarded upon completion!

To learn more about Rotary, the Charleston Duck Race, and more, dive in at [dirotary.org](http://dirotary.org).

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

July marks the official start of a brand-new year for Rotary Clubs, and the Rotary Club of Daniel Island recently installed their new officers for the 2026-27 year. Real estate agent Evan Murray will be the club's new president, and Ann Moravick will preside as president-elect.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ROTARY CLUB OF DI

The Rotary Club of Daniel Island started the annual Charleston Duck Race 20 years ago, and it's been going strong ever since.



Daniel Island Rotarians support various charities, including East Cooper Community Outreach, Meals on Wheels, Lowcountry Food Bank, Feeding the Multitudes, and the Red Cross.



Each year, the Rotary Club sets aside money for improvement projects on the island, such as Commemorative Park on Seven Farms Drive and the children's playground at Waterfront Park.





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## Hundreds of readers speak out Parking shortage will impact Waterfront usage

Readers of The Daniel Island News spoke out in volumes when asked their thoughts on parking availability on the island, and specifically the Waterfront.

Developers East West Partners revealed the long-vacant graveled parcel that has been used for parking will be replaced by a 65-room boutique inn with residences above it, along with a possible restaurant, and riverfront bar. 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.

But with 455 responses to the DI News survey, the readers overwhelmingly disagree with Gregg's assessment.

When asked if they felt there is adequate parking on the island, 75% said "No."

"Residents with little kids and babies in tow, senior citizens or anyone who does not have the ability to walk distances will be impacted," commented a reader. "DI is too crowded already with people and cars and golf carts." The reader continued, "A boutique hotel sounds like fun for visitors and family members that visit but what about the residents who live here year round."

Some respondents felt split, with 20% selecting "Other" as their answer.

"It's fine now, but taking away the current gravel parking lot will create inadequate space," wrote a reader. "Having to park in spaces on River Landing will take up spaces businesses along there need."

One respondent shared this observation: "The music event on Thursday afternoon should be taken as a benchmark. On a popular evening such as July 2nd, all spots were completely taken." The respondent continued, "The businesses that should be worried are Vinea, Sauer Grapes, and Kingstide -- their client demographic is park & play."

Only 5% responded "Yes," that they felt there was sufficient parking available.

"There is way more accessible parking on DI

than ION, IOP, Folly Beach etc.," wrote one commenter. "Everywhere you go to eat at the above-mentioned areas you park quite a ways and walk. Walking is good for us."

The Waterfront has become a vibrant gathering place for the community, with restaurants, children's park, boating, fishing, community events and more. But, 76% said that battling for parking spots will impact their plans for visiting the area.

"Often spaces are being used by workers in the area. Or the 10-minute parking area by Waterfront offices are occupied all day," noted a reader. "Herding a few kids, carrying towels,

tubes, life jackets and coolers and walking several blocks will deter use."

Another reader expressed concerns about those who are mobility challenged. "Absolutely, I am 81 years old and, like many of my friends, will not be able to walk blocks to the Waterfront restaurants."

For some respondents – 17% – they were more conflicted on the impact, choosing "Other" as their answer.

"Generally, no," was one response. "But for access to the Wando for recreational kayaking and SUPing, yes, lack of parking will greatly affect my ability to put in at the Waterfront."

Only 7% felt their decision to visit the area or frequent businesses weren't impacted by parking concerns.

"We don't need more space dedicated to parking spots that'll (be) empty 90% of the time, just so people don't have to walk a block," wrote a reader. "There is more than enough parking behind the businesses currently."

When asked, "What would you like to see happen regarding parking," readers shared a wide variety of suggestions.

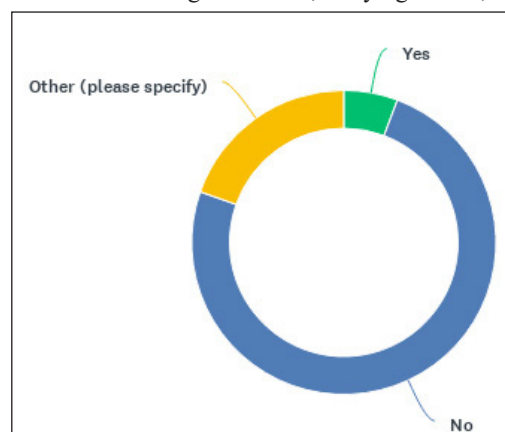
"I thought there were prior plans to build a multi-story parking lot near where the current condos are being built. I was told there would be a shuttle service to the restaurants in the evening," cited one reader.

"Perhaps the addition of formal parking under the Wando Bridge allowing access to the Waterfront via the trails," suggested another reader.

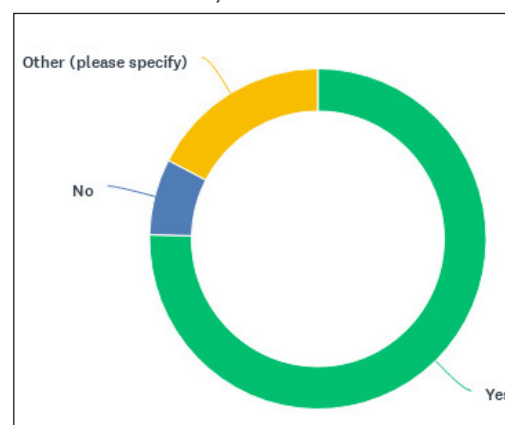
"Can we add a residential permit parking to existing spots for anyone living on DI?" asked a reader.

*Editor's note: Read more readers' comments and their suggestions for parking alternatives on the DI News Opinion page online thedanielislandnews.com or at bit.ly/3Te5AmE.*

**When asked if parking issues would impact their plans for visiting Waterfront events or businesses, 76% said "Yes," 17% said "Other," and 7% said "No."**



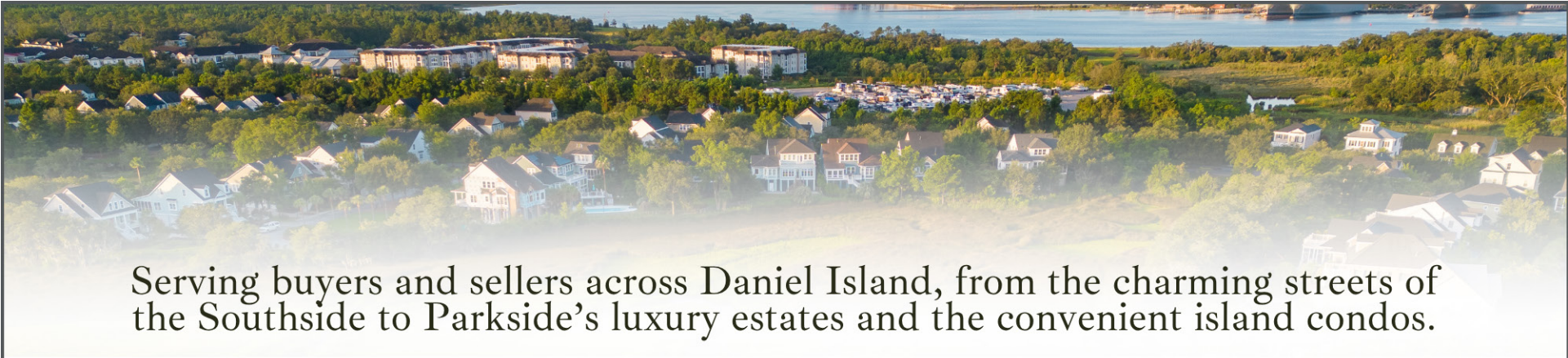
**ABOVE: When asked if they felt there is adequate parking on the island, 75% of readers said "No," 20% selected "Other," and 5% said "Yes."**



## Correction

In "Read All About It" published on July 7, the book review of "How to Rule the World" by Theo Baker incorrectly stated the results of an investigation into the falsification of scientific research at Stanford University. The school's president, not dean, was exonerated by a special committee of the school's board of trustees as they determined he "did not personally engage in research misconduct." The president resigned shortly after an additional independent panel's review.





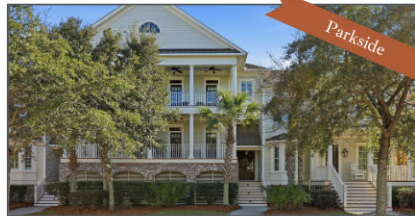
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# Berkeley's animal shelter seeks adopters while caring for over 560 animals

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The Charleston Animal Society's Berkeley Campus is caring for more than 560 animals throughout its shelter system, highlighting an ongoing need for adopters, foster families and volunteers.

Of those animals, about 190 are currently housed at the shelter, while many others are being cared for in foster homes until they are ready for adoption.

Right now, the shelter's biggest challenge is simply the number of animals in its care.

"Our greatest need is adopters," said Kay Hyman with Charleston Animal Society. "We have hundreds of animals looking for homes."

Dogs one year and older and kittens are among the pets most in need of permanent homes. For those who are unable to adopt, the shelter encourages fostering as another meaningful way to help relieve overcrowding.

The busiest time of year is during the spring and summer, commonly known as "kitten season." During these months, hundreds of neonatal kittens are found throughout the community and brought into the shelter's care. Because they are too young to be adopted immediately, they typically spend at



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least a month in foster homes before becoming available for adoption.

Community members can make a significant difference

by adopting a pet, fostering animals in need, volunteering their time or making donations to support the care of shelter animals.

The Berkeley Campus will also participate in the ASPCA-sponsored Stronger Together adoption event from July 17 through July 26 at its location in Moncks Corner, offering special adoption promotions to help more pets find homes.

The shelter recently celebrated one such success after asking the community for help with an overcrowding of adoptable kittens. By waiving adoption fees for the weekend, the Berkeley Campus found homes for 55 kittens in just two days.

"We consider all of our adoptions success stories," Hyman said.

In addition to finding homes for animals, the Berkeley Campus is looking toward the future. Construction is currently underway on a new adoption center funded by Berkeley County that will be attached to the existing shelter.

As the shelter continues caring for hundreds of animals, staff hope the community will continue stepping up by opening their homes and supporting the mission to give every pet a chance at a loving family.



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# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

## Preparations underway for Bark in the Park 2026

### PATRICK VILLEGAS

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We hope you are enjoying the 2026 Big Pet Edition! We love sharing the stories and photos of your favorite pets.

As you flip through this issue, The Daniel Island News is already preparing for the next big animal event on Daniel Island – the Sixth Annual Bark in the Park celebration.

Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, the pooch party will again include all your favorite doggy activities.

On tap at DI's Waterfront Park is a chance for dogs and their owners to mingle. Dozens of pet vendors will be on hand with free giveaways, and local animal rescue shelters will feature some of the cutest dogs you can play with – and hopefully adopt!

This year's event will include the following:

- Dog-Owner Look-alike Challenge

- Doggy Runway Competition
- Best Trick Contest
- Doggy Yoga
- Best Halloween Costume
- Charlie T RiverDog
- Adoption Row
- And much more!

We will also have the much-anticipated K-9 police dog demonstration from local law enforcement, as well as dog-wagging tunes, mouth-watering food, and a fun, family-festive atmosphere to keep your canines wagging their tails all day long.

### SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Along with all the activities, local and regional vendors will be at Bark in the Park with giveaways, treats, and smiles. We encourage our established vendors and new vendors to register and show their support for all the wonderful pet lovers.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorships



are available to local organizations (pet and non-pet related) to support the event, which is not only dedicated to animal welfare but to the growth of local businesses.

In addition, the Daniel Island Community Fund will again serve as a Platinum sponsor to help make this an entertaining event on

the waterfront for family, friends, and their beloved four-legged companions.

### SUPPORTING ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

And for the sixth year in a row, proceeds from the Bark in the Park festival will support the Charleston Animal Society and the Charleston Animal Society-Berkeley Campus and their rescue efforts across the region.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We would love to hear from you about what you would like to see at this year's celebration. Maybe a pup cup bar? A doggy splash zone? Ask a vet? More contests, raffles, and prizes?

Give us your suggestions by emailing them to [patrick@thedanielislandnews.com](mailto:patrick@thedanielislandnews.com) – and get ready for Bark in the Park 2026! We will see you there!

# Dog Days

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# Meet Sophie, Daniel Island Library's four-legged reading buddy

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Sophie doesn't care if a child stumbles over a word, loses their place, or needs a moment to stop reading. In fact, that's exactly what makes her such a good listener.

On select Thursdays this summer, the 5-year-old black Labrador retriever can be found sprawled across the floor of the Daniel Island Library, patiently listening as young readers turn pages and sound out words. There are no grades, corrections, or pressure – just a wagging tail and a calm companion who makes reading feel a little less intimidating.

"She's an English Lab, which means she's very calm," said handler Sandy Snyder. "That's important for a therapy dog. She is very trusting; loves people, especially children; and does not care what a child does to her – supervised by me, of course. The littles can explore her eyes, ears, nose – she thinks they're great."

Snyder and her husband, Tom, are certified therapy dog handlers through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, and Sophie is their third certified therapy dog. Certification includes veterinary and background checks, obedience training, and evaluations to ensure both the dog and handler have the skills needed to serve as a therapy team.

Together, Sophie and Snyder have visited hospitals, airports, senior living communities, private homes, universities during finals week, injured Marine recruits at Parris Island, and hospice patients. Their goal is simple: help people feel calmer, more confident, and less alone.

At the library, that mission takes the form of reading.

"As a reading dog, Sophie listens to children read, helping them to gain confidence and comfort when reading in a non-judgmental environment," Snyder said. "I tell the children, 'You're reading to Sophie, not me. Do you think she cares if you don't know a word? She's a dog! She just likes to be with



SANDY SNYDER

you."

Snyder said research, including a UC Davis study, found reading fluency can improve by 30% when children read to a dog. She's watched that happen firsthand while working with students in Tennessee, including children with ADHD and autism.

"Reading to a dog reduces the fear of failure," she said. "The dog doesn't care about mistakes. Reading can be fun."

The Daniel Island Library is the newest stop on Sophie's schedule. After spending the past year visiting Berkeley County libraries in Hanahan, Goose Creek, and Santee, Snyder was invited by Daniel Island Library branch manager Tim Boyle to bring the program to the island.

"We're still in the first stages of building a reading program," Snyder said. "Adults and older youth seem to be having as much fun as the children during the library's Summer Reading Program. We're seeing many children first learning, 'Wow! The library has a dog!' The library is a fun place to visit."

Sophie will return to the Daniel Island Library on Thursday, July 16, and Thursday, July 30, both at 11 a.m.

Snyder said she hopes to continue working with library staff to expand the program throughout the school year, giving more young readers the chance to discover that sometimes the best reading buddy has four paws.



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### **We love Milo!**

This is Milo, a 2-year-old male German Shepherd. His birthday is coming up soon on Aug. 18. We've had Milo since he was a pup. He's learned all sorts of tricks, including paw, down, sit, and stay. He loves to play in the yard, chase squirrels, and go on walks. He will follow us everywhere. On hot days, we love to play in the sprinklers. Except he looks like a wet mess after. He's good around people too! We love Milo!

# Big Edit



SUBMITTED BY BRIAN RICKERD

### **Lilly is a godsend**

My wife and I faced considerable adversity when we moved here recently, but we adopted Lilly, a 10-year-old labrador, who has made our hearts whole again. She's gentle and loving.



SUBMITTED BY AIGUL CROSS

### **Pooki is a treat!**

Pooki is our little guy with a big personality. He loves attention, follows us everywhere, and never says no to a treat!



SUBMITTED BY ADRIANA SANTIAGO

### **Topaz is tops!**

This is Topaz. She's a year-old fancy leopard gecko. She's the sweetest gecko I've known since forever. She sleeps in the day and is active at night, in other words she's nocturnal. She loves to hunt in her cage and can even be cute when she sleeps, eats, and basks on her rock. Topaz sometimes likes to chill on my shoulder when I go to Pirate Park! Topaz is the gecko of my eye, and I love her so much!

SUBMITTED BY CAROLINA AND BROOKE BEATY

### **Rockstar Ellie!**

She's playful and cute, and let me tell you why! She's playful because when she wants to play, she won't leave you alone or sit still until you do, and then she'll do it all again. She's cute because she has a face that looks like a teddy bear. Rockstar ELLIE!



SUBMITTED BY CATHERINE SECOUSSE

### **pais Hobson and Bitterman**

Hobson and Bitterman are miniature dachshunds that love treats, barking, and going on walks.



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They can be furry, fuzzy, feathery, or fluffy.  
Some are funny; others frisky.  
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Every pet has a wonderfully distinct personality.

But at the end of the day, whether they curl up on your bed, nestle on the windowsill, or shake their rabbit tail all night long, pets have one thing in common: they are our best friends.

Welcome to the 2026 Big Pet Edition!

The Daniel Island News is excited to share the stories and photos of some of your neighbors' lovable pets.

This year, we have every type of pet: of course, dogs and cats, but also, rabbits, guinea pigs, turtles, and even a tarantula!

Enjoy the next few pages and bask in the unconditional love these animals provide. And to everyone who took the time to send in a photo, thank you for sharing your best friends with us.



SUBMITTED BY CATHY CANOLES

## **ziggy, the best boy**

Ziggy is a certified therapy dog who loves bringing comfort and smiles to people of all ages. He previously competed in scent work, where he enjoyed putting his remarkable nose to the test. Today, he's happiest making new friends and brightening lives one visit at a time.



SUBMITTED BY CHARLENE GARRISON

## **Vito, the Maltese terrier mix puppy**

Vito is full of energy. He is likely to be greeted as a long-time friend he has not seen in decades, with hugs and kisses. He enjoys doing skilllevel puzzles, where Bocce treats are hidden behind his "challenge slider" squares. He especially excels at warming your heart and bringing many smiles with a great sense of joy when he is around!

SUBMITTED BY CHARLENE GARRISON

## **Silent gentle giant Bentley**

Bentley is a very unique lab with his gray-ish coat. He makes up for his silent nature with the deepest of expressions with his eyes. Although intimidating in size, he is so gentle with all. Like most large dogs, he is totally unaware of being nearly 148 pounds. And loves to cozy up on your lap.



SUBMITTED BY EMALYNN TATE

## **cooper & Frankie**

I love my boys! My baby Alfie passed away right after my cancer in 2014. I found Cooper at the Moncks Corner-Charleston Animal Rescue in 2015. After he nursed the toy lion (in photo) until its fur was coming off. I realized he needed a friend: Frankie from Charleston Rescue.



SUBMITTED BY ELIOT TUCKERMAN

## **smootchy Billie-Bob**

On Christmas Day 2021, at a breeder in Florida, Buddy, a white Coton de Tulear with tri-color markings, came into this world. Ten weeks later, he came into our world. We called him Billie-Bob and thus began our love affair with the cutest, sweetest, smoochiest pup on the planet!

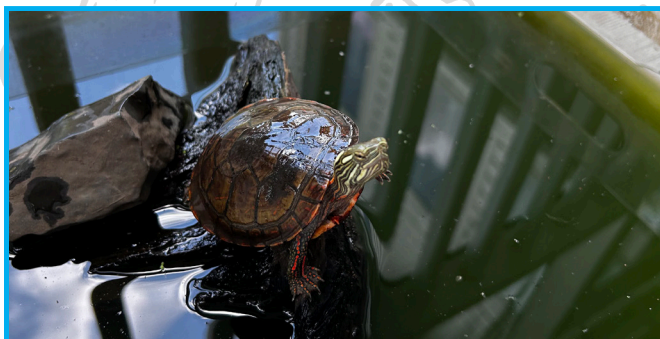




SUBMITTED BY HOCE KALKAS

## Guinea pigs Nibbles & Smoochers

Nibbles and Smoochers are very fun, playful, and friendly! We love to play and cuddle with them, but sometimes they are a little mischievous! Whenever we play with them in a bedroom, they try to run under the bed, even when they know they are not supposed to!



SUBMITTED BY HOCE KALKAS

## Tiny the turtle

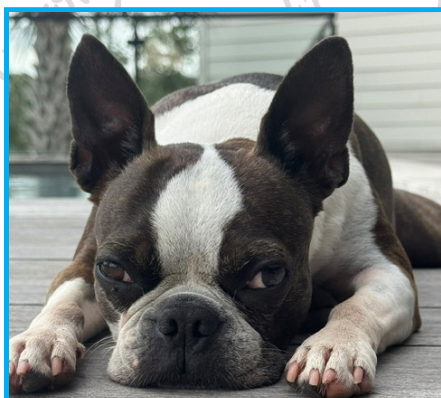
Tiny is a friendly turtle and is always excited to be fed her favorite food – shrimp! She loves to swim around and be part of the action! On sunny mornings, she likes to bask in the sun on her rock and extend her back leg – just like she is doing yoga!



SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE SIAU

## Thumper, the Holland Lop

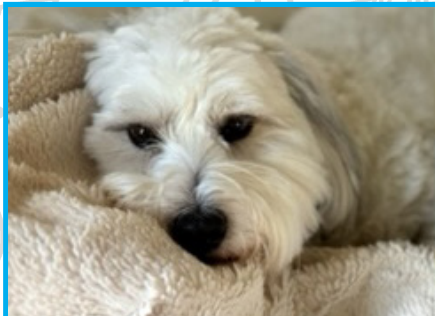
Thumper is a really fluffy bunny. He loves strawberries and being near his favorite human, Faith. He's well loved and part of the family. He lives inside and is (mostly) litter-trained. This picture shows his happy, angry, sad, and cheerful face. It's all the same!



SUBMITTED BY KELLY CRUMP

## Juniper and Petunia: 'Deer' friends

These are my two babies, Juniper and Petunia. They enjoy lying by the pool, going on boat rides, and hanging out with their brother, Charlie and kitty, Clover, and their human big brother, Nikolas. Their favorite TV show is "Chopped" and they love to eat while being fed by hand. They enjoy watching the deer in our backyard, though sometimes they chase them away.



SUBMITTED BY ELIOT TUCKERMAN

## Billie-B 4U&Me

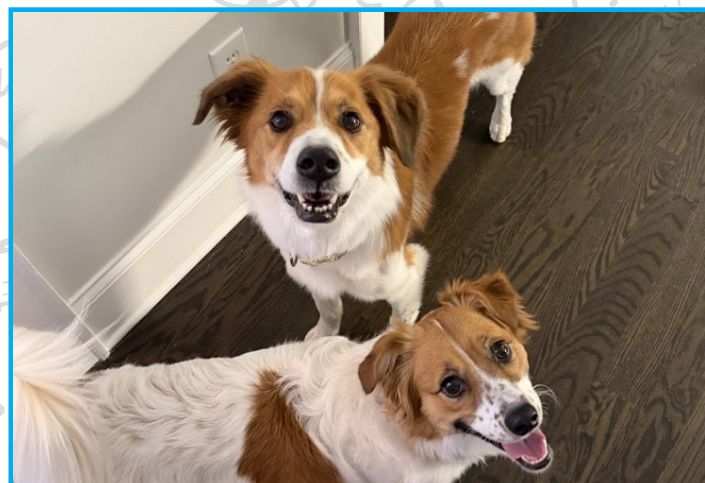
Four years later, Billie continues to bring joy to us and all of our friends and neighbors. He's become a celebrity in our neighborhood... literally loves every person he meets. Ya might say, he's a "glutton for affection!" In our home and in our lives, it will always be Billie-B 4U&Me!



SUBMITTED BY JIMMY LETTON

## Sweet Marshmallow

Marshmallow (toasted) was found as a kitten by my daughter. After being rescued by the fire department, he lived with Nana and now lives with us. He is our blue-eyed (slightly crossed) boy and is my wife's favorite.



SUBMITTED MARY KATE HAMPTON

## Sunny and Luna love squirrels!

Our kids wanted to include Sunny (3) and Luna (8) in the Big Pet Edition! They're both rescues that we adopted in San Diego, California. We got Sunny a few years ago because we saw her puppy adoption photo, and it resembled Luna so much. They both love chasing squirrels, staring down cats, and watching life go by on Pierce Street from their porch. We love that Daniel Island is a dog town.





SUBMITTED BY MAUREEN PRICE

**Jazzy the Jasmine**

This is Jasmine. She is one of a kind, she loves to snuggle. She loves to play with everybody. She is definitely a Southern belle from head to toe. She loves being in her dresses and her little bandannas. Her favorite treats are just about anything – including lettuce!!



SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE SIAU

**Rub-a-tub Remy**

Although Remy hates baths, for some reason he loves to get in the tub!



SUBMITTED BY OLIVIA WARD

**Fisher is the coolest cat in town!**

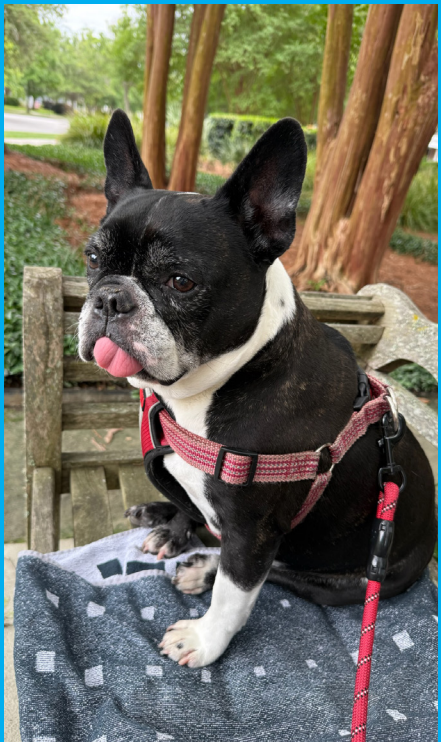
Fisher is a playful 4-year-old rescue who joined our family at just 14 days old alongside his brother, Hunter. Full of personality, he loves wrestling with his cat siblings, Hunter, Mitzy, and Sailor. He always poses for photos and enjoys watching birds from the window. Fisher's personality is always entertaining.



SUBMITTED MICHELLE LINDSEY

**Bogart barks a friendly hello**

This is my rescue dog Bogart. He is funny, brilliant, and precious... the world's sweetest, most joyful soul. He loves long walks around Daniel Island, toys, and treats! His favorite thing in the world is going for car rides around DI, window rolled down, barking a friendly hello to everyone!



SUBMITTED MICHELE HARBER

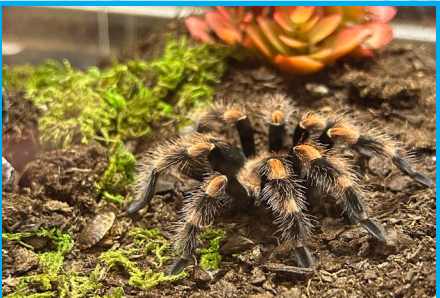
**Buster is chillin' at center park**

Buster loves early morning stroller rides down Daniel Island Drive. Then there's always a stop at Center Park for sniffing, taking care of business, and people watching on the bench. He's such a sweet boy who loves his family and his daily routine.

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL SEKLECKI

**celebrating charlie**

Charlie celebrates his birthday. Charlie is an old soul who is the calmest boy dog anyone can ask for. He loves to dress up and take up two spots on our bed. He loved watermelon tomatoes.



SUBMITTED BY CARY HOWARD

**Azazel, the creepy crawly**

Azazel is quite sassy, if you enter her enclosure unannounced she will fling hairs from her backside at you. She likes hanging out in her skull hide or crawling on the sides of her enclosure. She's very docile for the most part. She is a mexican red knee tarantula and the first of many that I will have as a pet.





SUBMITTED BY OLIVIA WARD

### **Greyson, the screen-porch security cat!**

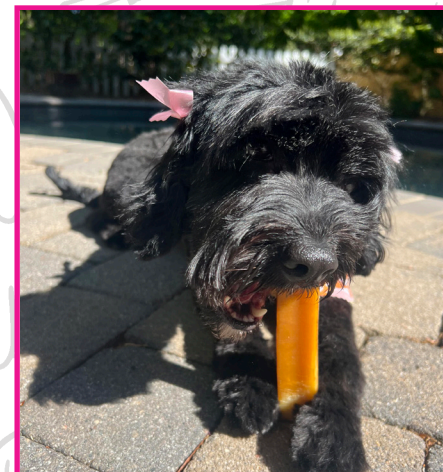
Meet Greyson, a 7-year-old cat found by a rottweiler. She was scared to death under a toolbox back in 2019. He now lives comfortably in a warm home, and his hobbies include catching lizards and relaxing on the screen porch.



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### **Hunter, the patriotic pet!**

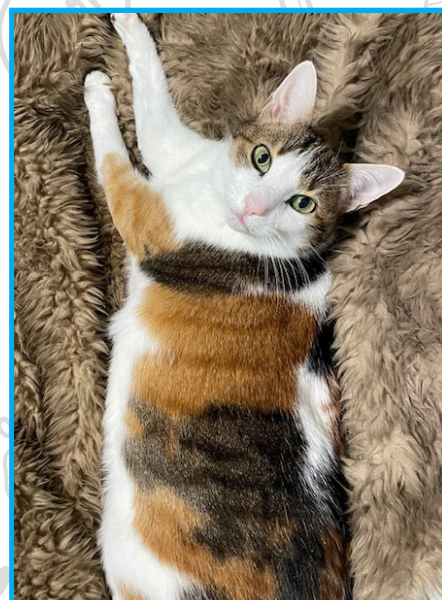
Meet Hunter! He is a 4-year-old brown tabby with three pet siblings, Fisher, Sailor, and Mitzy. He was rescued around 14 days old by the Charleston Animal Society with his brother. Today, he enjoys watching lizards, cuddling and catching treats mid-air, and, of course, celebrating July 4th.



SUBMITTED BY ASHLY GRZYB

### **Gemma and Ginger are great!**

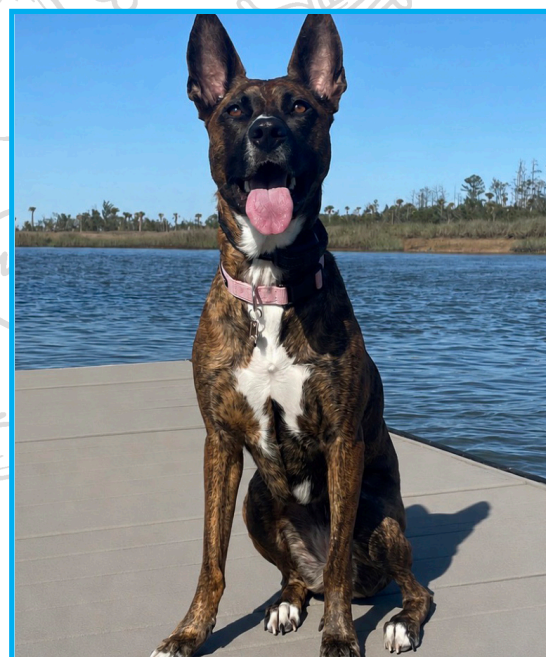
Gemma (black, age 6) and Ginger (brown, age 2) are our family cavapoos. They are great dogs! Ginger is expert at playing catch and fetch with a tennis ball. Gemma is expert at catching lizards and chewing her bone. They are very friendly. If you see them around Beresford Creek Street, say hi!



SUBMITTED BY OLIVIA WARD

### **Mitzy, the calico queen!**

Meet Mitzy, an 11-year-old Hurricane Matthew survivor. She was found outside during the harshest parts of the storm: starved and exhausted. Now she comfortably lives with her three pet siblings, Hunter, Fisher, and Sailor. She brings love, cuddles, and resilience to the family.



SUBMITTED BY OLIVIA WARD

### **Sailor, the water patrol dog!**

Meet Sailor. She is a 4-year-old German Shepard mix. She has three cat siblings, Hunter, Fisher, and Mitzy. In her free time she enjoys chasing squirrels and deer and patrolling Beresford Creek by alerting boats when they speed. She is a tough cuddle bug full of personality.





# UBER RIDES AND DOG 'BEER'

## Clements Ferry couple launches concierge service for chic canines

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Not every dog gets a birthday party complete with ice cream, pupcakes, and a cold "beer." But if Cathy and Martin Canoles have anything to say about it, maybe they should.

For the Clements Ferry husband-and-wife duo behind the newly launched Canine Concierge, every dog deserves the VIP treatment. From dog walking and pet sitting to homemade treats and custom celebrations, the business is built around one simple idea: making tails wag while giving pet owners peace of mind.

"We are a growing business offering dog walking, dog-sitting/daycare, and limited-ingredient pet treats — ice cream, pupcakes, cakes and dog 'beer,'" Cathy Canoles said. "We also act as an Uber driver for pets, taking them to the vet, groomer, or wherever they might need to go."

The idea didn't appear overnight. Cathy says she's been pet sitting and walking dogs for

neighbors since childhood, and later as an adult, caring for the couple's own dogs, which gave their business an even more personal purpose.

"Our day jobs take us in different directions, but the one thing we have in common is an unhealthy obsession with our three golden retrievers, collectively called the Z Dogs — Ziggy, Zany and Zora," she said. "Doing something that involves pets was just a natural evolution."

One of those dogs, Ziggy, inspired Canine Concierge's growing line of homemade treats.

"He can't have most commercial dog treats, so we often make dog treats for folks," Cathy said of Ziggy's severe food allergies, which led the couple to focus on limited-ingredient recipes. Today, his favorites include maple bacon, birthday cake, and even pumpkin dog ice cream.

Martin, a former executive chef, brings years of culinary and business experience to the operation.

"They didn't teach us about making dog food in culinary school," he joked, "but I am well



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**Clements Ferry residents Cathy and Martin Canoles, owners of Canine Concierge, are helping local pups live the VIP life.**

versed in substitutions and understanding flavor profiles."

The Canoleses also hope to bring a little more fun to local dog owners through custom celebrations.

"I like to say, 'You bring the pups; we'll

bring the party!'" Cathy said, describing everything from birthday parties and gender reveals to neighborhood "yappy hours" complete with canine-safe dog beer.

The couple recently launched Canine Concierge at The Broken Leash in North Charleston, in which they encountered a new customer.

"He looked at us and said, 'Are you serious? Dog beer? That's the silliest thing I've ever heard of!'" Cathy remembered. "And I said, 'Yep, it's a ridiculous product that you didn't know you needed. Who doesn't love cracking open a cold one with their best friend?' His response was perfect — 'You're right. I'll take two!'"

Residents of the Oak Bluff neighborhood, the couple serves Clements Ferry and surrounding neighborhoods, including Peninsula and Nelliefield, with local delivery available for treats.

For more information, visit Canine Concierge's Instagram page, @canineconcierge\_sc, or email k9mama@gmail.com.

# 'THEY REALLY LOVE THEIR JOB'

## The strong bond connecting Berkeley Co. K-9s and their police partners

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For members of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, a police dog is more than a partner on the job.

Lt. Joe Seegars, who supervises the K-9 Unit, said these dogs are a critical part of law enforcement and play a role officers cannot replace. Beyond their training, the dogs become companions to their handlers, spending most of their time together both on and off duty.

"They go through a lot together," Seegars said. "Anything that's difficult where you're going to go through something with and be with another living thing for 12 hours a day for the majority of the time, there's no way not to have that bond."

That partnership begins long before a dog ever goes on patrol.

Deputies must apply to become K-9 handlers and have at least three years of law enforcement experience. Applicants complete physical testing, firearms qualifications, scenario-based exercises, and interviews

before being selected.

Once chosen, handlers are matched with dogs through a series of evaluations.

"Generally, when we're going to select dogs, we'll have in mind what that person's personality is," Seegars said. "We'll try to select a dog that's going to be successful for him."

Most of the department's patrol dogs are German shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Dutch shepherds or mixes of those breeds. These dogs complete eight to 12 weeks of initial training before earning certification through the North American Police Work Dog Association. After that, the teams continue with field training to prepare for real-world situations.

"I always tell people certification is kind of like getting a driver's license, and we're trying to make our dogs race car drivers," Seegars said.

The training continues throughout the dog's career. Handlers regularly expose their dogs to different situations so they are prepared for the challenges they may face on the street.

The sheriff's office patrol dogs are trained in narcotics detection, tracking, building searches, apprehension, article searches and obedience. The department also uses bloodhounds for tracking and trailing. Seegars said bloodhounds are especially useful because their friendly nature makes them less intimidating if they locate a missing person.

Seegars recently began working with a new K-9 named Zoro after his previous partner, Rex, retired following 10 years of service. Rex still lives with Seegars after retirement and is adjusting to the new member of their team.

Although police dogs are often associated with apprehending suspects, Seegars said many people misunderstand them.

"I think a lot of people think that the dogs are just mean," he said. "They really love their job... they're playing a game."

For Seegars, being a K-9 handler comes with challenges, but the relationship makes it rewarding.

"Canine is one of the most frustrating things you'll ever do, and one of the most rewarding at the same time," he said.

Seegars hopes people recognize not only the work these dogs do, but also the commitment from the handlers, trainers and department members who prepare them for the job.



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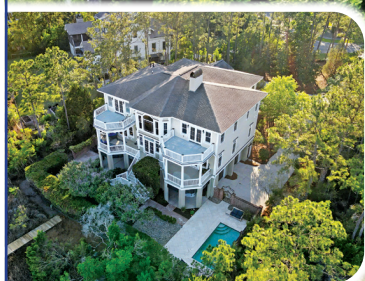
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## Making a splash for USA

Attendees at this Daniel Island water aerobics class celebrate the Fourth of July at the Edgefield Park pool, working out to rousing, high-stepping patriotic tunes. Instructor Susie Peiffer and her husband, Bob, show their spirit poolside.

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# Top Class AA program in the state Iron Horse athletic program wins back-to-back Carlisle Cups

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Philip Simmons High School earned the Carlisle Cup for athletic excellence for the 2025-26 academic year.

But that's just half of the school's mission concerning student-athletes.

"Our goal is not simply to win championships, but to develop young men and women who excel in the classroom, compete with character, and positively represent our school and community," PSHS athletics director Dan Minkin said.

"The success we have experienced is something we are incredibly proud of, but we believe the best is yet to come," Minkin added. "With outstanding coaches, dedicated student-athletes, supportive families, and a community that believes in our vision, the future of Philip Simmons athletics is as strong as it has ever been. Together, we will continue to raise the bar both on the field and in the classroom."

The Iron Horses were crowned Class AA

state champs in six sports: girls' track and field, girls' cross country, boys' track and field, boys' cross country, girls' volleyball, and boys' basketball.

All the gold helped the Iron Horses post a 1,170-980 victory over Academic Magnet. Chesnee was third with 690.

The Carlisle Cup is given annually by the South Carolina Athletic Administrators to the overall top athletic programs in each classification and is based on a points system that determines the winners.

For example, teams earn 100 points for a state championship, 80 points as state runners-up, 60 points for third place, etc. Points are also awarded for region titles as well.

It marked the second straight year the Iron Horses won the cup and fourth time in the school's nine-year history. The Iron Horses have become the model program in Class AA despite their short history.

The Iron Horses have won 21 state championships since the school opened in time for the 2017-18 school year.

"We continue to be the only public school to win the Class 2-A Carlisle Cup and the only school in Berkeley County to ever win one, regardless of classification," Minkin said. "I don't think anyone could have predicted this level of success so quickly."

"Every school hopes to achieve something special, but very few ever reach this point," Minkin said. "This year alone, we won six state championships – more than

some schools will win in their entire history. That accomplishment is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of our student-athletes, coaches, staff, and supporters. What we have built together is truly remarkable, and it is something our entire Iron Horse community should be proud of."

The Iron Horses won their first state title in two sports in the completed academic year: girls' volleyball and boys' basketball. Minkin refuses to pick his favorite state title.

"There isn't one state championship that stands out above the others," Minkin said. "I think the motto, 'The next one is my favorite,' really applies here. For the coaches who have been fortunate enough to win one – or even multiple – state championships, they may have a favorite."

"But for me, it's always the next one," he continued. "It's about the excitement of the journey, the pursuit of excellence, and most importantly, seeing the pride and happiness it brings to our students, coaches, families, and the entire community."



## Two state crowns help Bishops finish second in Carlisle Cup

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Bishop England High School just missed winning the Carlisle Cup championship for the second consecutive year, but the Bishops still had plenty of athletic success to celebrate during the 2025-26 school year.

The Bishops finished second in Class AAAA as A.C. Flora High School posted an 1,140-1,110 victory, while May River was third with 860 points.

"We had a fantastic year in athletics," said Bishop England athletics director Bill Warren. "We finished second in the Carlisle Cup after winning the cup in 2024-25, our first year in 4-A."

The Carlisle Cup is given annually by the South Carolina Athletic Administrators to the overall top athletic programs in each classification and is based on a points system that determines the winners.

For example, teams earn 100 points for

a state championship, 80 points as state runners-up, 60 points for third place, etc. Points are also awarded for region titles as well.

"The Carlisle Cup is a measure of the strength of your overall athletic program," Warren added. "For a school our size (625 students) to be able to compete with schools three times our size is a tribute to the quality coaches we have and the talent and effort of our student athletes."

The Bishops had eight teams compete in state championship events and won two state crowns in girls' and boys' swimming. The Bishops finished as state runners-up in girls' volleyball, boys' tennis, girls' cross country, boys' cross country, girls' soccer, and girls' lacrosse.

The Bishops have won 175 state championships in their illustrious sports history while finishing state runners-up 86 times.

"This past year, our teams went to eight state championships, winning two," Warren



said. "We had 520 students play at least one sport and 169 multi-sport athletes. Twenty seniors signed national letters of intent to play at the next level. We had 89 senior SCHSL Scholar Athletes with a GPA of 3.5 or greater. It was a great year in (Class) 4-A winning nine region championships."

The Bishops were named the top sports program every year in its classifications

from the 1999-2000 school year to the 2021-2022 season.

The Bishops' Carlisle Cup during the 2024-25 academic year ended a three-year stretch when the Bishops didn't find themselves in first place. The Bishops won last year's cup over May River while A.C. Flora finished third.

The Bishops will drop down to Class AAA in time for the 2026-27 academic year and will compete at that level for at least two years. The South Carolina High School's next realignment will be in time for the 2028-29 school year.

"Next year, moving to Class 3-A will help with travel, and we will compete with some of our longtime Charleston County and Berkeley County rivalries," Warren said. "Our students definitely gained some confidence and respect playing at the 4-A level over the last two years and are looking forward to a great 2026-27 athletic year."



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Nothing says Lowcountry summer quite like a bucket full of blue crabs. Elliott, Maddie, and Captain Greg Peralta recently reeled in this catch using drop nets.

## Get nets ready! Peak blue crab season is here



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GREG PERALTA

Peak blue crab season runs from July through October. Now is the time to catch a bunch of these tasty crustaceans. If you have young children, catching crabs with drop nets will keep them entertained for hours. It is a great family activity, and you will harvest a delicious dinner!

When my children were little, drop-net crabbing was one of our favorite activities. Elliott and Maddie are now in their 30s, and drop net crabbing is still one of our regular activities. On hot summer weekends, it is not unusual to find us on the dock. Staying cool in the shade. Listening to music. Playing the Bimini Ring game. Drinking cold beverages. Drop net crabbing. Eating a steamed crab feast. More importantly, spending time together.

Drop net crabbing is a simple process. The nets are inexpensive and readily available. We have at least two nets per person.

I recommend adding a one-ounce weight to the bottom of the net and baiting up with whatever is readily available. Elliott and Maddie prefer fish heads. We usually have a few in our bait freezer. The head of a small mahi is one of our favorites.

Tie it to the bottom of the net and you are good to go. If you don't have ready access to fish heads, Publix sells chicken necks and backs that are cheap and make excellent crab bait.

Moving water and structure are important elements to a successful crabbing adventure. We prefer to crab during peak tidal flow (rising or falling). Docks and oyster bars are great structures. Drop your net into the water. Wait a few minutes. Pull them in. More than likely, there will be a crab in the net.

Important to note: a crab must be at least five inches from point to point in order to keep it. If it is, drop the crab into a dry five-gallon bucket and keep the bucket in the shade.

In short order, you will catch enough crabs for dinner. Give it a try. Family entertainment will be the best catch of all.

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### CRAFTERNOONS WITH EDIE & YVONNE

Friday, July 17 & Friday, 24, 12:30-2 pm, DI Library. Kids are invited for an afternoon of creative crafts and summer fun. Sponsored by the DI Library Society.

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS POP-UP

Monday, July 20, 9-11 am, DI Recreation Center. Stay informed this hurricane season with preparedness tips and resources from the Charleston Fire Department Emergency Management Division. Free and open to the community.

### ST. CLARE OF ASSISI BLOOD DRIVE

July 21, 1-6 pm, St. Clare of Assisi Parish. The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be onsite for community blood donations. Appointments recommended at redcrossblood.org using sponsor code: stclare. Info: christinelark@gmail.com.

### PICKLEBALL FEST

Aug. 1, 11 am-4 pm, LTP Daniel Island. Join Landmarks for Families'

second annual pickleball tournament fundraiser supporting children and families through foster care, family preservation, and reunification programs. Enjoy pickleball, food, activities, and family-friendly fun while making a difference.

### FALL ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES

Thursdays, Aug. 20 to Oct. 22, 5-7 pm. Enjoy live acoustic music at Waterfront Park. Bring a chair or blanket and picnic. Sponsored by the Daniel Island Community Fund. Weekly artist lineup on the DIPOA Facebook page.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Friday, Aug. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm, Point Hope Village Green. Celebrate the new school year with food from the RiverDogs food truck, live music, lawn games, fairy hair, glitter tattoos, pencil pouch decorating, and sweet treats from Mr. Narwhal's Magnificent Snoballs. Free, family-friendly, and leashed dogs welcome.

### DANIEL ISLAND PUTT & CRAWL

Sat., Sept. 12, Point Hope Village Green. Community mini-golf crawl

through Point Hope businesses. Play mini-golf holes at participating locations and enter to win prizes, including a \$1,000 Amazon gift card.

## REGULAR MEETINGS

### AA MEETINGS -

**CLEMENTS FERRY** King's Cross Church: Mon. and Fri.-7:30 pm. Women's only meeting: Tues.-8 pm. 2011 Clements Ferry Rd. 843-723-9633.

### AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND

Providence Church: Mon-Fri, 7:30 am. AL-ANOTThree Legacies Speaker meeting Sat, 7 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit.

### AGILITY EXERCISE CLASSES

Body and Balance Mastering Stability, Agility and Floor-to-Foot Transitions. 5-5:45pm, DI Rec Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$10. Contact: 843-216-6366.

### DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 am-12 pm, Providence Church, Free. Respite

Care Charleston's caregiver support group for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. A confidential space for resources and support, led by Certified Dementia Practitioners. No registration required.

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

**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 Dr. 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 9-5.

**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. Non-profit 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 and or text for venue and RSVP: 714-337-6944.

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By Neil Manausa

## Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

### Most Misspelled

When it comes to spelling, certain words trip us up more than others. Choose the correct spelling of these notorious words.



- 1. The (**judgement** or **judgment**) seemed fair.
- 2. I need to check my (**calendar** or **calender**).
- 3. Wedding flowers surrounded the (**alter** or **altar**).
- 4. Mike bought a (**stationery** or **stationary**) bike.
- 5. This wine (**compliments** or **complements**) the meal.

Answers: 1. judgment 2. calendar 3. altar 4. stationary 5. complements

### ACROSS

- 1 Kind of park
- 6 Preps for a bout
- 11 Siding with
- 14 Enjoy to the max
- 15 Site of the ND State Fair
- 16 Shirt past wearing
- 17 Want ad heading
- 19 Shale yield
- 20 "Michael Collins" player
- 21 Soc. security increase
- 22 Intermix
- 24 Jodie Foster film of 1994
- 25 Break off
- 26 "Seinfeld" character
- 29 Come before
- 32 Boules, Italian-style
- 33 Jimmy \_\_\_\_, of "NYPD Blue"
- 34 Part of every wk.
- 35 No more
- 36 Snowy
- 37 During
- 38 Classic or natal prefix
- 39 Lake Indians

- 40 Commemorative pillar
- 41 Buddy, Phil, Ringo, et al.
- 43 Got 100%
- 44 Cacophony
- 45 Friable soil
- 46 Effective
- 48 Batter
- 49 Guitarist Paul
- 52 Mrs. Perón
- 53 Want ad heading
- 56 Sportscaster Berman
- 57 Chutzpah
- 58 Want ad heading
- 59 Explosive initials
- 60 Get ready
- 61 Irritate

### DOWN

- 1 Sign of sorrow
- 2 Hound's prey
- 3 Blues singer James
- 4 Slinger's supply
- 5 Effeminate
- 6 Odor
- 7 Printer's measurement
- 8 Unwanted carpenter
- 9 Cruise quarters
- 10 Goes for it
- 11 Want ad heading
- 12 Symbol of thinness
- 13 Act coquettish
- 18 Actor's goal
- 23 Australian bushranger Kelly
- 24 Considerate
- 25 Foul moods
- 26 Saver's purchase
- 27 Asocial type
- 28 Want ad heading
- 29 Brest friends
- 30 Linen fabric
- 31 Shut off
- 33 Lincoln or Devon add-on
- 36 Greco-Roman \_\_\_\_
- 37 First split in 1932
- 39 Famous
- 40 Going up
- 42 A Stooge
- 43 Sweet counterpart
- 45 Approach midnight
- 46 Throw stones
- 47 Heating chamber
- 48 CLVIII x VII
- 49 Bologna bread, once
- 50 Right of north
- 51 Snick's partner
- 54 Time to remember
- 55 Junkyard dog, often



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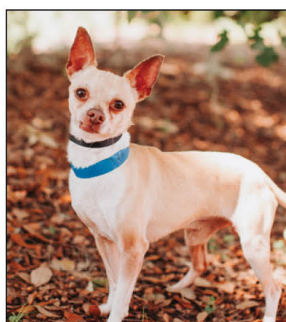
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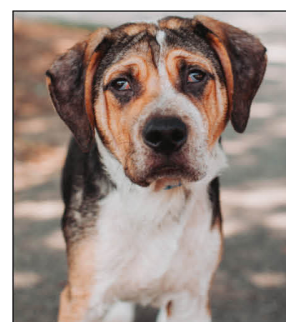
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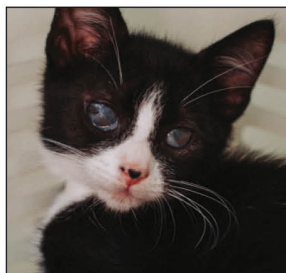
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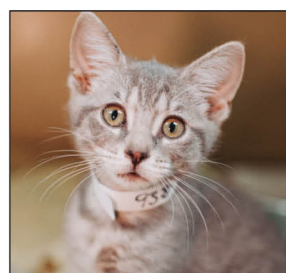
I'm Fred McFly, a 1-year-old medium male terrier mix.



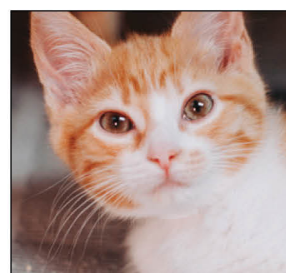
I'm King Julien, a 6-month-old medium male hound mix.



I'm Elton John, a 2-month-old small male domestic shorthair mix.



I'm Pistachio, a 2-month-old small female domestic shorthair mix.



I'm Dolly, a 3-month-old small female domestic shorthair mix.

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