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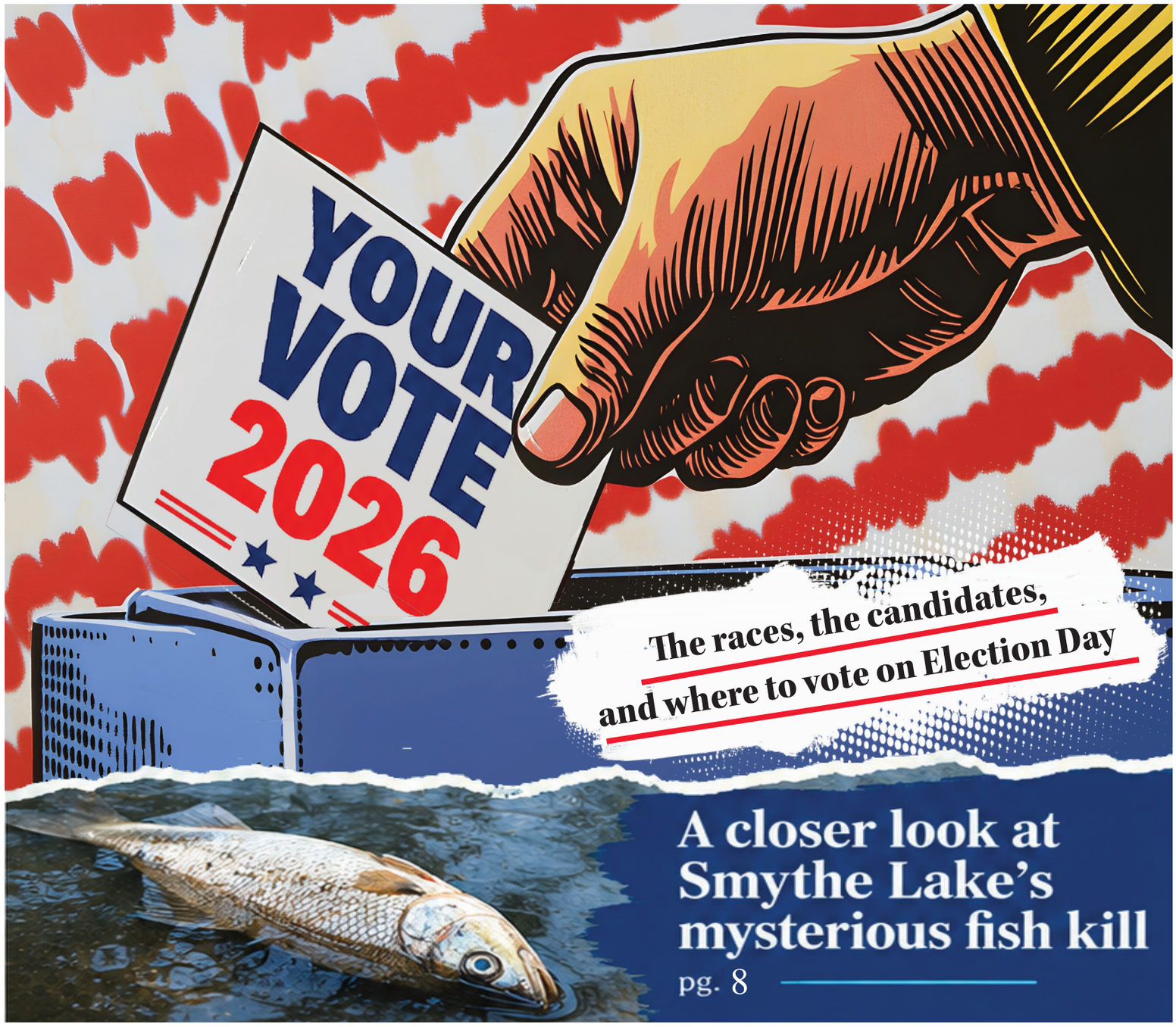
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Art auction to support survivors of trafficking



PROVIDED BY LAURIE MEYER

Dozens of 8-by-8-inch works fill the walls at the 2024 "Small Pieces, BIGGER Picture" exhibition at Meyer Vogl Gallery.



Gallery owner Laurie Meyer greets guests during the 2024 art fundraiser. PROVIDED BY LAURIE MEYER

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Laurie Meyer and Shannon Runquist have known each other since 2003, when they were both artists working out of the former Gibbes School in downtown Charleston.

Twenty years later, the two friends were texting one night when they landed on an idea: ask artists to donate small works and use them to raise money for people rebuilding their lives after human trafficking.

They made a list of artists and started calling.

That idea became "Small Pieces, BIGGER Picture," which returns to the Meyer Vogl Gallery on Daniel Island Thursday, Oct. 29, to benefit The Formation Project, a Charleston nonprofit serving survivors of human trafficking throughout the Tri-County area.

Meyer, owner of Meyer Vogl Gallery, said giving gallery space to community causes has been part of the business since it opened.

"We felt very moved by its mission, and in keeping with our promise to give back to the community, we agreed to host the first version of Small Pieces, Big Picture," she said.

This year, about 50 artists are donating more than 50 original works, all measuring 8-by-8 inches. The artists represent Charleston galleries including Meyer Vogl, Robert Lange Studios, Horton Hayes Fine Art, and Charleston Artist Collective, along with galleries in Santa Fe, New York, Philadelphia, Scottsdale, and elsewhere. Meyer is contributing a piece herself.

The collection ranges from realistic paintings to abstract, figurative, still life, and cityscape works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, and mixed media. Online bidding will begin around $200-$250.

"Each artwork is one piece, each artist contributes another, and together they reveal a larger picture surrounding human trafficking and survivor support," Runquist said.

The Formation Project served 61 survivors in 2024, 121 in 2025, and 154 so far this year. It has also opened two transitional homes and launched Formation Legal in the past two years.

Locally, trafficking doesn't always resemble what people expect. The organization says cases can involve someone the victim knows and occur in hotels, apartments, and workplaces. Labor trafficking in the Charleston area is most commonly seen in the hospitality industry, Runquist said.

When someone leaves a trafficking situation, The Formation Project can provide immediate help with shelter, clothing, food, a cellphone, and medical care. Long-term case management can then help with housing, employment, education, health, and other needs. This year's goal is to raise $100,000, with proceeds from the auction going directly toward those survivor services.

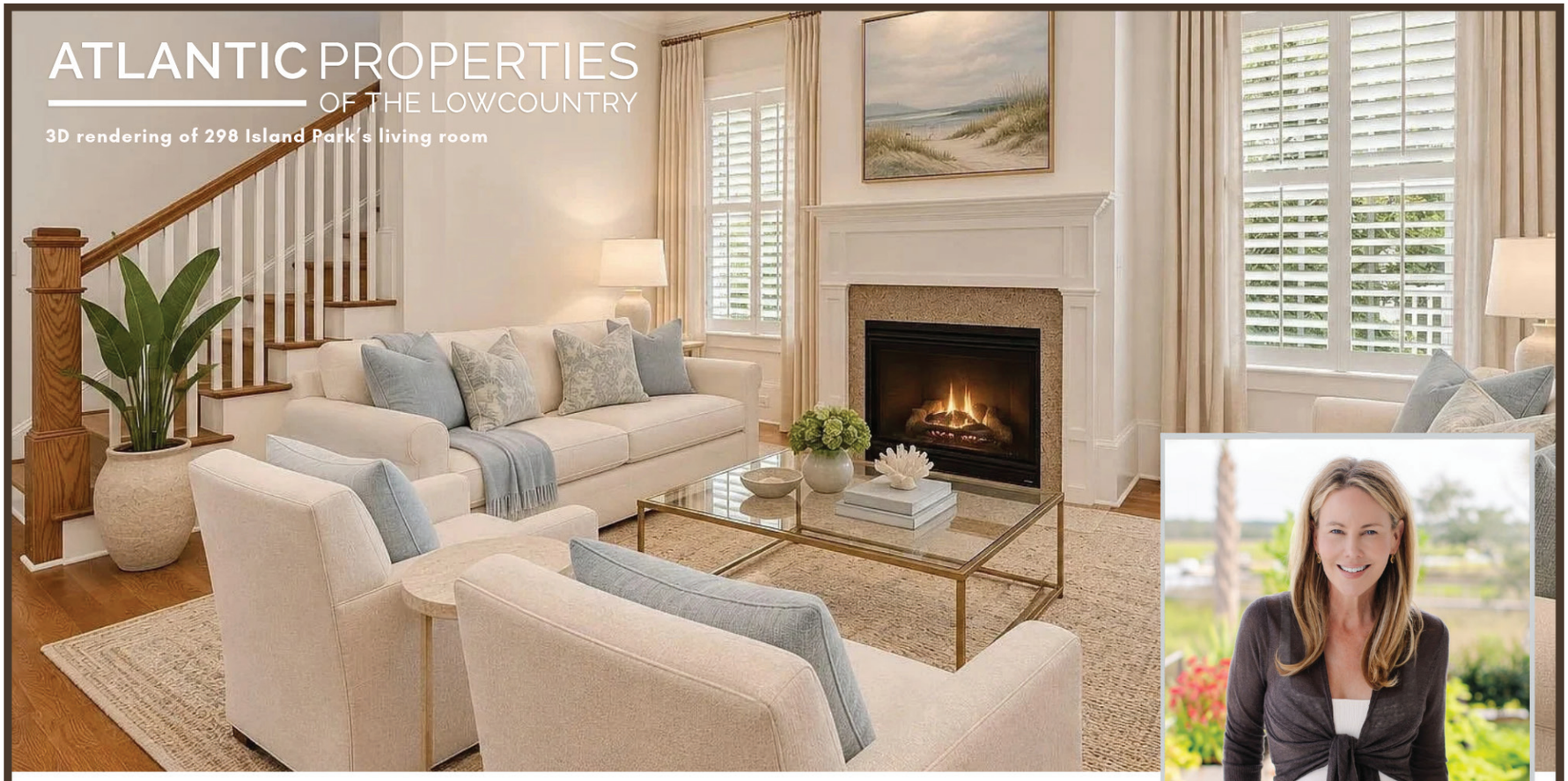
"We hope to bring extraordinary awareness to our community about the services provided to victims of trafficking in the Charleston area," Meyer said.

"Small Pieces, BIGGER Picture" runs from 5-8 p.m., Oct. 29, at Meyer Vogl Gallery, 250 River Landing Drive. Admission is free, but an RSVP is required at theformationproject.org/events.





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DI resident launches unique charitable fund to pay it forward

STAFF REPORT

Longtime Daniel Island resident Pete Sniderman has co-founded a new Lowcountry fund with an unusual approach to charitable giving: invest the money, get it back, and use it again.

The Lowcountry Impact Fund, founded by Sniderman and Charleston resident Alex Opoulos and sponsored by Abundance Capital, launched with a $250,000 investment in The Harbor Entrepreneur Center.

The fund was created to help businesses, nonprofits, and community projects that need capital but might not be a fit for a traditional charitable grant or conventional financing.

"There is tremendous generosity in the Lowcountry, and we believe there is an opportunity to make some of those charitable dollars work in a different way," Sniderman said. "LIF gives us another tool to help strong organizations move important work forward. When those investments are repaid, we can put the resources back to work in our community and extend their impact."

That last part is what separates the fund from a typical grant. Lowcountry Impact Fund investments are structured for potential repayment. If the money comes back, it can then go toward another business, nonprofit, or community project.

The Harbor Entrepreneur Center is the first to receive an investment. Founded in 2012, the nonprofit works with entrepreneurs and growing companies by providing mentorship, programming, connections, and other resources. More than 130 companies are based at its Mount Pleasant facility.

The $250,000 will help The Harbor provide affordable office space, expand programming, and serve more founders.

"This investment comes at a critical time for The Harbor as we experience rapid growth and increasing demand for our programs," Executive Director Grady Johnson said. "The Lowcountry Impact Fund understands that investing in entrepreneurship is an investment in the long-term strength of our region."

"The Harbor felt like a natural place to begin because successful entrepreneurs build businesses, create jobs, and strengthen communities," Opoulos said. "Supporting entrepreneurs has a ripple effect that reaches far beyond any one company."

Sniderman and Opoulos don't plan to limit future investments to entrepreneurs. The fund will consider businesses, nonprofits, and community projects throughout the Lowcountry, where its capital can fill a funding gap and provide a measurable community benefit.

The approach is part of what the fund calls "Growing the Good," with the goal of allowing the same charitable dollars to benefit the community more than once.

The first $250,000 investment was formally presented Sept. 23 at Harbor House Party Vol. II, a fundraiser held at the Music Farm in Charleston.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN GROVES

Lowcountry Impact Fund founders Alex Opoulos and Pete Sniderman, second from left, celebrate the $250,000 investment with Harbor leaders Grady Johnson, Jessica Munday, and Stephen Scates.

The Lowcountry Impact Fund is sponsored by Abundance Capital, a nonprofit donor-advised fund sponsor based in Greenville, South Carolina, that makes impact-focused investments and grants. More information is available at abundancecap.org.





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from the editor

Election season is here: Let's break down the ballot

If your mailbox, TV, social media feeds, or seemingly every other platform haven't already tipped you off, election season is here.

And with races stretching from Congress and the State House to school board and Berkeley County offices, there's a lot on the ballot. So, we've spent the past few weeks doing some of the homework for you.

At the center of this week's edition, you'll find our candidate Q&As for U.S. Congressional District 1 and S.C. House District 99, plus conversations with those running for Berkeley County School Board.

We also break down the candidates for South Carolina governor and U.S. Senate, along with other state and Berkeley County races. Consider this an issue worth keeping nearby until Election Day.



Speaking of voting: early voting runs Monday, Oct. 19 through Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with no voting Sunday, Oct. 25.

Any registered Berkeley County voter can vote at any county early-voting center, including the Daniel Island Library. Bring a valid photo ID.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, with polls open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Daniel Island voters will head to either the Daniel Island Recreation Center or Daniel Island School, depending on your precinct, while nearby polling locations list Philip Simmons Elementary School for the Cainhoy precinct.

Before you head out, use scvotes.gov to double-check your polling place and view your sample ballot. Election season can get noisy. Hopefully, this edition makes figuring out exactly who and what you're voting for a little easier.

Let go of the pain: It's time for forgiveness



unconventional wisdom

STEVE FERBER

Nearly every day, no less every lifetime, we experience moments that trigger negative emotions. On the lighter side, it may be a harsh word or a rude encounter. On the darker side, it's emotional or physical abuse.

No matter the weight, strong bodies of research maintain that learning to forgive will not only ease our pain but actually improve our health. Authors at the Mayo Clinic share: "If you hold on to the pain, you might be the one who pays most dearly."

Forgiveness doesn't mean condoning the act, nor does it mean having to reconcile with the perpetrator. Instead, says Robert Enright (who created the International Forgiveness Institute in 1994), "Forgiveness is about extending mercy to those who've harmed us, even if they don't 'deserve' it. It is not about finding excuses for the offending person's behavior or pretending it didn't happen."

A survey by the nonprofit Fetzer Institute found that 62% of American adults wish to be more forgiving. Yet, for many, the notion is seen as a sign of weakness. How do we reconcile the two?

RECOGNIZING THE VALUE

Above all, in order to forgive, we must first acknowledge its benefits – both to you and the perpetrator. The literature is clear, and the list of physical and emotional benefits are endless: less depression, anxiety, and anger; less nervousness, restlessness, and sadness; higher self-esteem; a stronger immune system; improved heart health; and greater life satisfaction.

Explains neuroscientist Emiliana Simon-Thomas at berkeley.edu: "In brain studies of forgiveness, researchers find that forgiving activates structures and pathways in the brain that improve resilience and social connection more broadly and empower you to step beyond painful experiences in an energized, motivated, and connected way."

Enright, regarded by many as the "father of forgiveness," goes so far as to say, "The more hurt you have incurred, the more important it is to forgive, at least for the purpose of experiencing emotional healing."

DECISIONAL VS. EMOTIONAL

The authors at Harvard Health Publishing explain that "there are two sides to forgiveness: decisional and emotional. Decisional forgiveness involves a conscious choice to replace ill will with good will. Quoting Dr. Tyler VanderWeele: "You no longer wish bad things to happen to that individual. This is often quicker and easier to accomplish. Emotional forgiveness is much harder and takes longer, as it's common for those feelings to return on a regular basis."

LEARNING TO FORGIVE

Embracing the benefits and taking active steps to forgive are two entirely different challenges. A few perspectives:

Amy Westervelt at aeon.co: "Letting go of hurt and anger is a grind, and forgiveness only works if you practice it regularly,and are prepared to fail often without giving up. But the pay-off is so huge it just might be worth it."

Karen Swartz, M.D., as quoted by hopkinsmedicine.org: "It is an active process in which you make a conscious decision to let go of negative feelings, whether the person deserves it or not."

Mitchell Liester, M.D., at psychologytoday.com: "Forgiveness is a multiphase process: uncover anger, decide to forgive, understand the offender, and find meaning . . . [But] forgiveness does not mean remaining in abusive situations or disregarding justice. Forgiveness that bypasses anger can actually impede healing."

WHEN FORGIVENESS IS HARD

Two tips from the experts: 1) build a team; and 2) share the pain.

Enright: "Surround yourself with good and wise people who support you. Practice with someone who is easier to forgive."

Fred Luskin, director of the Stanford University Forgiveness Projects: "There's such good research on resilience showing that people who go through harmful experiences and don't tell anybody have much worse consequences than people who do tell others. The human connection is central to healing."

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Smythe Lake fish kill explained



nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

The large fish kill at Smythe Lake last week was both visually shocking and physically confusing to many readers, including this writer.

This lake is special to our family and many other Daniel Island residents. Jenny and I walk around it almost every night after dinner; we've caught some beautiful fish there, and our daughter Caroline even won a Danziger Cup Kids Fishing Tournament there, earning herself and her delighted dad a free fishing trip with Captain Greg Peralta. I was in disbelief when I saw the photos.

How could so many fish die so fast? Surely this was due to an accident or negligence. It seemed too severe to be natural, and I was convinced some man-made toxin or fertilizer was probably responsible. Well, not so fast.

The late Mark Haines, host of CNBC's "Squawk on the Street," liked to say that "it ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you're sure you know that just ain't so."

Experts trained to understand aquatic events like these say low oxygen killed the fish. I am an engineer by degree, not a biologist, and the idea that excessive rain would lead to oxygen starvation seems counterintuitive. More oxygen dissolves into cold water than warm water, and rain is "cold" water. Like an aerating fountain, rain also introduces oxygen into a body of water. Surely those two positive effects should produce a positive oxygen outcome. But that "just ain't so."



STEVEN GOODWIN

Dead fish line the shores of Smythe Lake following a mass fish kill attributed to low oxygen levels after heavy rainfall.

Researching the fish kill has been humbling. I had no idea how much I didn't know about the lakes and ponds around our island.

Ponds and lakes like Smythe Lake are stratified, or layered, especially during summer. These layers change with the seasons, but we'll focus on the warm-water conditions that present the greatest oxygen challenges for fish and contributed to this latest calamity.

The Daniel Island Property Owners' Association recently released an explanation from Clemson University Cooperative Extension. We'll start there.

Smythe Lake currently has three layers. The top, called the epilimnion, contains warm water where sunlight supports photosynthesis, most of the oxygen is found, and most fish and other life are sustained during summer. Below it, the metalimnion, is where temperatures drop rapidly with depth, creating a boundary that limits mixing. The hypolimnion, the deepest layer, is cold, dark, stagnant, and largely devoid of photosynthesis and oxygen.

But wait – didn't we say cold water can hold more oxygen? Sadly, like a great receiver with no quarterback, being able to receive something that isn't there still results in no oxygen (and no touchdowns).

Now, back to the upper layer.

Summer heat strains life near the surface. Warm water holds less oxygen, while cold-blooded fish become more active and need more oxygen as temperatures rise. Most of us have occasionally seen fish "gulping air" during hotter months. Add cloudy weather, which limits photosynthesis, and fish can be living on the brink.

Under these conditions, heavy rainfall can be catastrophic.

Cold rainwater is denser than the warm surface water. It sinks, displacing oxygen-starved water from the bottom upward and diluting an already oxygen-poor environment. While more oxygen enters the lake, it gets mixed into a much larger volume of water, making it less adequate than before. Fish that were just getting by can no longer survive.

I find all of this fascinating, but what can and should be done going forward?

First, as requested by the DIPOA, let professionals handle the water, dead fish, and cleanup. Given the carnage, I have been impressed with their initial response. And please don't put anything into our lakes to "help" the fish, plants, or oxygen levels. We humans have a long history of unintended consequences when trying to do good things for the environment.

There are plenty of resources explaining how to make future events less likely or less severe. The U.S. Geological Survey Water Science School offers helpful information about dissolved oxygen. Another resource is Aquatic Environmental Services at lakework.com, a company with which this writer has no affiliation. Its blog post, "When it Gets Warmer, Your Pond Layers Up!" illustrates seasonal pond stratification and ways to address dissolved oxygen.

Optimizing oxygen levels is a challenge and a big, expensive business. Lakes need adequate aeration, sometimes man-made, from both the surface and bottom. Aquatic vegetation must also be controlled and properly disposed of when treated, since bacteria consuming dead plant matter deplete oxygen and can make a bad situation worse.

Even bagging grass clippings and leaves after ground maintenance matters. Algae, salinity, and temperature are significant factors, though perhaps less controllable. Fertilizer and other chemical runoff must also be considered.

Managing our lakes and ponds takes time, planning, oversight, and, of course, lots of money. Hopefully we can find the right balance and avoid extreme die-offs like this again.

BE senior cracks the case on her first single, 'Nancy Drew'

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Truitt McGuire has three AP classes, a job, Model UN meetings, Science Olympiad, gigs around town, and, as she'll readily admit, a nap schedule to protect.

Somewhere in all of that, the 17-year-old Bishop England senior is also making time for a dream she's had since elementary school.

McGuire just released "Nancy Drew," the first song she's officially sending out into the world after years of writing music.

The soft-pop, confessional track actually began three years ago, after McGuire's first high school relationship ended and left her wondering how well she had known the person on the other side of it. Then, during class one day, "Nancy Drew" entered the picture.

"I started humming the chorus, and then I had it," McGuire said.

The song imagines McGuire calling on the famous fictional detective to investigate what went wrong and why one person seemed to care more than the other.

"I feel like everyone has been in some sort of relationship, romantic or platonic, where they feel like they put in more effort than the other person – and that truly hurts," she said.

McGuire had already been writing for years by then. She started around fourth grade with her guitar teacher, Stephen Jenkins, who showed her how to turn her poems into songs. By seventh grade, she was writing on her own.

"'Nancy Drew' was one of the first songs I wrote that I was truly proud of, and the first thing I felt was worth sharing," McGuire said. "I always told myself it would one day be my first release."



PROVIDED BY TRUITT MCGUIRE

Truitt McGuire, a senior at Bishop England, released her first original single, "Nancy Drew," Oct. 2.

She recorded the track with Will Evans at Big Ear Sound, performing all vocals and harmonies herself. Evans produced and engineered the single and contributed guitar and bass, while local musicians Ryan Bonner and Drew Lewis also joined the project.

McGuire describes the finished song as melody-driven, with understated harmonies and guitar, pulling from a musical taste that stretches from Taylor Swift, Gracie Abrams, Olivia Rodrigo, and Avril Lavigne to Bob Dylan and Elvis Presley.

"My songs are as personal as my diary," she said. "People might laugh at my words, but they also might relate to them."

That possibility matters more to McGuire now than worrying about what classmates think.

"For a while that bothered me, but now – who cares what they think?"

McGuire isn't giving herself much time to celebrate: the next day, she heads back into the studio to record her second single, "Not Sorry."

"Music has always been my dream," she said. "I know it is a difficult path, but that's never stopped me."

"Nancy Drew" is available on all streaming platforms.



Folds of Honor celebration

Hundreds of drones to light up DI at Freedom Fest finale

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If you spot hundreds of glowing objects moving across the Daniel Island sky on Friday, Oct. 30, don't worry. It's not an alien invasion. It's the grand finale of Palmetto Freedom Fest, and you won't need a ticket to catch a glimpse.

The fifth annual fundraiser returns to Credit One Stadium with a new 15-minute drone show set to patriotic music, expected to begin around 10:15 p.m. following country star Chris Janson's performance.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ERIC TIMKO

The Palmetto Freedom Fest returns on Friday, Oct. 30, where live music and a night of giving will support scholarships for military and first responder families.

"This is a huge addition to the night, and we are really excited that we were able to bring this to our guests attending the Palmetto Freedom Fest and residents of Daniel Island who cannot attend but want to see the drones light up the sky," said Eric Timko, vice president of the Folds of Honor Palmetto State Chapter.

Sponsored by the Daniel Island Charitable Fund and Penn Fishing, the show should be visible within roughly a mile of the stadium, particularly along Seven Farms Drive.

Of course, there's plenty happening before the drones take flight.

The Friday, Oct. 30, celebration begins at 6 p.m. on the Grand Lawn of Credit One, with food, beverages, live and silent auctions, a cigar lounge, and bourbon bar included with admission.

Charleston's Grace Miller Moody opens the entertainment, followed by the national anthem from Bishop England senior Isa Robinson, and a presentation of the colors by The Citadel Color Guard. Summerville native Faith Schueler takes the stage before Janson, returning by popular demand after his 2024 performance.

"Chris Janson is back by popular demand. He put on an amazing show in 2024 and our guests encouraged us to bring him back for another big night," Timko said.

But between the music and festivities are stories that explain why Freedom Fest exists.

The fundraiser benefits Folds of Honor, which provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of fallen or disabled military service members and first responders.

This year's speakers include a mother whose husband died from injuries suffered in an Afghanistan ambush and a military and FBI veteran who worked to bring those responsible for the USS Cole and World Trade Center bombings to justice.

Scholarship families will also greet attendees, joined by local police, fire, and military leaders.

"This is Charleston's biggest party with a purpose," Timko said.

Through Freedom Fest and other statewide events, Folds of Honor raised $1.1 million and funded 246 scholarships last year.

"Our Folds of Honor families need you and thank you!" Timko said.

Festival tickets and donation opportunities are available at palmettofreedomfest.org.



Stars, stripes, and bald eagles will light up the sky during a patriotic drone show.

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Candidate breakdown for SC governor, U.S. senate

STAFF REPORT
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Two statewide races will decide South Carolina's next governor and U.S. Senator in the upcoming Nov. 3 General Election.

Henry McMaster, South Carolina's longest-serving governor, will be replaced come January 2027, and recently appointed Sen. Darline Graham, who filled her brother's seat, the late Sen. Lindsey Graham, will face three other challengers for the U.S. Senate, including two other women.

Here's a snapshot of the candidates' platform planks, along with their candidate websites.

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SC Rep. Jermaine Johnson (D)

johnsonforsc.com

Jermaine Johnson is the current South Carolina House Representative for District 52, which includes portions of Kershaw and Richland Counties. He has served in the Statehouse since 2020.

A former College of Charleston basketball player, Johnson's post-playing career involved community strengthening. He founded the New Economic Beginnings Foundation, which provides education and classroom opportunities for troubled youth and veterans.

The Democrat's platform focuses on affordability, infrastructure, and families.

Johnson is in favor of reducing the state income tax for South Carolina's lowest-earning families but said he is not in favor of eliminating it entirely. Johnson said eliminating the income tax would primarily benefit the wealthiest individuals in South Carolina.

Johnson also favors giving cities and municipalities the ability to fix their own roads and bridges using funds from the Department of Transportation to speed up needed repairs. He also supports raising the salaries of law enforcement officers, investing more in trade and technical colleges, legalizing medicinal marijuana, and a state-wide referendum for recreational use.

The 41-year-old also said he would also conduct an audit of the state's education system to identify inadequacies in funding for students and school districts.

Attorney General Alan Wilson (R)

wilsonforsc.com

Alan Wilson has served as the state's attorney general since 2011 and won a heavily contested Republican primary and runoff this summer to receive his party's nomination for governor.

Backed by President Trump, Wilson's platform includes making South Carolina more affordable for families. He is a proponent of eliminating the state income tax and reforming personal property taxes for seniors and veterans. He also touts his mission to "root out fraud, waste, and abuse" in South Carolina.

Wilson is also focusing on making the state's infrastructure a priority, citing the deteriorating nature of some of the state's roads and bridges. He intends to "modernize" the Department of Transportation and streamline project timelines while ensuring road improvements are given attention for both rural and urban communities. He also intends to audit the department's spending as part of his Families First Audit Initiative.

The 53-year old has served in the state's National Guard for 30 years and, at the time of his election, was the youngest-serving attorney general in the country. He says he will continue to strengthen the state's criminal laws, including penalties for fentanyl and violent offenders.

The Green Party's Walid Hakim is also on the ballot for governor. Hakim, a former U.S. Marine, created a 100-Year Plan for South Carolina to invest in education, infrastructure, conservation, and protecting civil liberties. walidnhakim.com

The United Citizens party's Michael Addison is a medical director who is advocating for improved affordability for South Carolina citizens. He also favors state income tax reform, environmental accountability, and improved access to healthcare. addisonforsc.com

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES

Annie Andrews (D)

drannieandrews.com

Annie Andrews is a Lowcountry pediatrician, who is running for U.S. Senate because families, according to her website, are "getting screwed by a system designed to work for the powerful."

Andrews touts a Taxpayer Promise. She pledges to stop waste, fraud, and abuse, and protect citizens' tax dollars. She opposes any debt ceiling increase until a balanced budget stops debt increases.

Andrews supports limiting congressional raises, health benefits, and lifetime pensions - as well as imposing stronger term limits.

Andrews supports a balanced budget amendment and opposes congressional direct spending. Her platform includes simplifying the tax code, free tax filing, and reducing taxes on families making less than $500,000 a year.

Andrews is also pushing for lower healthcare premiums, reversing Medicaid cuts, and reducing drug costs.

The 45-year-old mother resides in Mount Pleasant and has three children.

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From Daniel Island to D.C.: What District 1 candidates say they'll fight for

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Voters in South Carolina's 1st Congressional District will elect a new representative to Washington this November.

The seat is currently held by Republican Nancy Mace, who is not seeking reelection after launching a campaign for governor. Republican Jenny Costa Honeycutt, a Charleston County Council member, and Democrat Nancy Lacore, a retired Navy vice admiral, are among the candidates seeking to succeed her.

The district includes Daniel Island, Charleston, and portions of the surrounding Lowcountry down to Beaufort and Jasper counties. The winner will serve a two-year term in the U.S. House of Representatives, helping shape federal laws, spending, and policies affecting the district and the nation.

The Daniel Island News asked the Republican and Democratic nominees about their top goals and the issues they care about.



JENNY COSTA HONEYCUTT



NANCY LACORE

Q: What do you see as Daniel Island/Clements Ferry corridor's number one issue you can impact as a U.S. representative?

Jenny Costa Honeycutt (R): Infrastructure. This area has experienced tremendous growth, and our roads and infrastructure must keep pace. In Congress, I will work with state and local leaders to secure our fair share of federal transportation dollars, improve connectivity and reduce congestion, while ensuring growth does not sacrifice the Lowcountry quality of life we love.

Nancy Lacore (D): Infrastructure keeping pace with growth, especially traffic and road safety. In Congress, I would work with state and local leaders to secure federal funding for transportation improvements and flood protection, then actually stay on top of projects to make sure those investments deliver results for our communities.

Q: What is your number one national priority?

Honeycutt: Restoring fiscal responsibility. Washington cannot continue spending money it does not have and passing the consequences to our children. I will work to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse, rein in reckless spending, and help make life more affordable for families.

Lacore: Ending the war in Iran and protecting our national security. After 35 years in the Navy and having led nearly 60,000 sailors as Chief of the Navy Reserve, I know the responsibility of putting Americans in harm's way. We need a clear plan to bring our servicemembers home safely, work with our allies, and prevent another open-ended war.

Q: Gas is nearing $5 a gallon. Groceries have risen to eye-raising prices. What will you do to stabilize the increasing prices of goods and services?

Honeycutt: Families cannot afford Washington making everything more expensive. I will fight reckless federal spending, reduce unnecessary regulations that increase the cost of doing business, and pursue policies that strengthen our supply chains. I also strongly support a temporary suspension of the state and federal gas tax.

Lacore: I would work to repeal tariffs that raise prices on everyday goods, reverse the "Big Beautiful Bill's" cuts to Medicaid, and lower prescription drug costs by taking on drug companies and insurance middlemen. Families need immediate relief, and Washington should stop making it harder for them to get by.

Q: What is your personal temperament?

Honeycutt: Driven, pragmatic, and capable. I listen first, study the facts and then work toward a solution. As a mom, attorney, small business owner and local elected official, I have learned that leadership is not about getting attention. Leadership is about staying focused, treating people with respect and getting results. That is the leadership I offer.

Lacore: I'm calm under pressure, direct, and know how to listen. In the Navy, I led nearly 60,000 sailors and worked alongside people with different perspectives who had to work together to accomplish the mission. I ask questions, take responsibility, and focus on delivering results. We can disagree while treating each other with respect.

Q: Any issue that we didn't mention that you would like to discuss?

Honeycutt: Protecting and preserving the Lowcountry. I was raised here, have raised my family here, started a business here, and understand what makes this place special. Whether protecting our natural resources, supporting law enforcement, improving infrastructure or keeping our economy strong, every decision I make in Congress will begin with one question: What is best for the Lowcountry?

Lacore: We need to clean up the self-interest and corruption in Washington and get money out of politics. I do not own any stocks, and I support banning individual stock trading by members of Congress and senior executive branch officials, and I support term limits for members of Congress. Public service should be about serving people, not using your position to enrich yourself.

South Carolina 2026 Voter's Guide

Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 3
Polls Open: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Before You Vote
Verify your voter registration, view a sample ballot, and bring a valid ID to cast your ballot

Locate your polling place at vrems.scvotes.sc.gov/Voter/Login?PageMode=PollingPlace

Absentee Ballots
Deadline to apply: Friday, Oct. 23

Deadline for absentee ballots to be received: 7 p.m. on Election Day

Early Voting Dates
Monday, Oct. 19 to Saturday, Oct. 31
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Daniel Island Library: 2301 Daniel Island Drive, Daniel Island

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Candidates are listed in the order in which their parties appear on the 2026 general election ballot. Nonpartisan candidates are listed alphabetically by last name. This guide includes races appearing on ballots for voters in the Daniel Island area.

FEDERAL AND STATE RACES

U.S. Senate
Darline Graham (Republican)
Kasie Whitener (Libertarian)
Annie Andrews (Democratic)
Mark Hackett (Constitution)

U.S. House of Representatives, District 1
Jenny Costa Honeycutt (Republican)
Bill Reeside (Libertarian)
Nancy Lacore (Democratic)

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SC District 99 candidates talk infrastructure, spending

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South Carolina House District 99 will have a new face in Columbia next year. Republican Rep. Mark Smith, who has represented the district since 2020, is not seeking reelection, leaving Republican Jarrod Brooks, a Berkeley County Councilmember, and Democrat Samuel Price, a software developer, competing for the seat. The district covers Daniel Island and parts of the Clements Ferry and Cainhoy communities, and its representative helps make decisions on everything from roads and schools to taxes and state spending.



JARROD BROOKS



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Q: What do you see as Daniel Island/Clements Ferry corridor's number one issue you can impact as an SC representative?

Jarod Brooks (R): As your state representative, I'll be the squeaky wheel advocating for traffic and highway safety on 526 and Clements Ferry Road. We need city, county, and state governments collaborating to produce real solutions quickly. I've accomplished that coordination on the county council, so I have a head start.

Samuel Price (D): Infrastructure. Whether it's preventing data centers from taking over or building better infrastructure for affordable housing and transportation, infrastructure is our biggest concern. We've had a Republican supermajority that had their chance to tackle this for 20+ years; it's time that finally gets done.

Q: What is your number one priority/project to secure/direct state funding for?

Brooks: Traffic and highway safety solutions along Clements Ferry Road and 526. If that means moving more container traffic by rail and keeping trucks off the highway, adding lanes to congested roads, or putting in traffic lights to allow drivers to safely turn left, I'll work with anyone and everyone to get that done.

Price: Infrastructure being our leading concern, I will make sure to secure funding to lower energy costs and drive better construction of our state's infrastructure. People deserve roads that don't take years to fix, and they don't deserve to be paying for failed nuclear projects.

Q: What state law is your most important priority to originate, amend, or quash?

Brooks: The state budget is the only bill the legislature must pass, and we must be good stewards of your tax dollars. The budget's grown bigger quickly, but we haven't made fixing our roads and bridges a high enough priority. This is where making South Carolina more affordable meets our traffic and highway safety agenda.

Price: I plan to amend and push laws to regulate and get flock cameras out of our state. We don't need cameras monitoring you every day, and we need better guardrails to prevent corrupt or untrained officials from mocking our justice system by illegally tracking and stalking someone.

Q: As far as your day-to-day activity in the General Assembly, would you consider your legislative personality: more of a Queen Bee or Worker Bee?

Brooks: I prefer workhorse over show pony, and my record on county council shows I put in the effort to learn the issue and bring people together to find solutions.

Price: Worker. I am not here to tell the people what to do, how to think, who to vote for, or to attack half our population with threats. I am for a government for the people, by the people, and I'll work to make sure our state has that.

Q: Any issue that we didn't mention that you would like to discuss?

Brooks: Affordability. The legislature needs to meaningfully cut taxes, income taxes, property taxes, and business taxes to keep South Carolina a competitive, affordable place to raise a family, build and grow a business, and retire comfortably. That starts with responsible budgeting and putting the taxpayer first in everything the legislature does.

Price: We do not do enough to remove corruption and provide transparency; we don't even know who designed the new Charleston gateway sign and who we paid for it. This needs to stop. We need plain answers and simple transparency in our government.

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Darline Graham (R)
darlinegraham.com

Sen. Darline Graham was appointed to Congress after the passing of her brother, the late Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Graham has experience in public service, having leadership roles for both the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the South Carolina Commission for the Blind.

Graham's platform includes supporting the permanency of President Trump's tax cuts, reducing red tape for small businesses, and eliminating federal financial waste and fraud.

She supports fully funding border enforcement and the removal of criminal illegal aliens. Graham opposes efforts to defund police departments, supports concealed carry reciprocity, and is against gun registries.

Graham said she will also stand up for South Carolina farmers, push to keep rural hospitals open, and protect Medicare and Social Security for seniors who have paid into the programs.

Graham lives in Lexington, South Carolina, with her husband. The 62-year-old has two daughters and a grandson.

Kasie Whitener is running as a member of the Libertarian Party. She is an educator at the University of South Carolina. Whitener supports smaller government, a balanced budget amendment, and reducing the national debt. *kasiesouthcarolina.com.*

Mark Hackett is also running for U.S. Senate as a member of the Constitution Party. Hackett favors reducing the national debt and defunding Israel, Ukraine, and the United Nations. *scconstitutionparty.com.*

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(United Citizens)
Walid Hakim / Arnold E. Karr (Green)
Alan Wilson / Mike Reichenbach (Republican)
Jermaine Johnson / Sam Skardon (Democratic)

Secretary of State
Mark Hammond (Republican)
Jason Belton (Democratic)

State Treasurer
Curtis Loftis (Republican)
Vincent Coe (Democratic)

Attorney General
David Stumbo (Republican)
Richard Hricik (Democratic)

Comptroller General
Mike Burkhold (Republican)
Tiffany Boozer (Democratic)

State Superintendent of Education
Baba Amin Ojuok (United Citizens)
Ellen Weaver (Republican)
Sylvia Wright (Democratic)

Commissioner of Agriculture
Chris Nelums (United Citizens)
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Michael Sullens (Libertarian)
DeShawn Blanding (Democratic)

State House of Representatives, District 99
Jarrod Brooks (Republican)
Samuel Price (Democratic)

BERKELEY COUNTY RACES

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S. Duane Lewis (Republican)

Probate Judge
Tiffany N. Provence (Republican)

Clerk of Court
Leah Guerry Dupree (Republican)

Coroner
Darnell D. Hartwell (Republican)

County Supervisor
Johnny Cribb (Republican)

Register of Deeds
Cindy Forte (Republican)

Soil and Water District Commission
Charles E. Glover III (Nonpartisan)
Nicholas W. Yoder (Nonpartisan)

School Board, District 2
Lindsey Draugel (Nonpartisan)
Mac McQuillin (Nonpartisan)

Berk. Co. school board candidates talk classrooms, construction

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School board decisions hit close to home, from classroom resources and teacher support to school construction and how the district keeps up with growth. This November, Berkeley County voters will choose representatives for four-year terms on the Board of Education, which oversees district policies, budgets, and the superintendent.

In District 2, longtime board member Mac McQuillin is seeking reelection against challenger Lindsey Draugel. School board races are non-partisan.

The Daniel Island News asked the candidates about their priorities, the challenges facing local schools, and what they hope to accomplish in office.



MAC MCQUILLIN



LINDSEY DRAUGEL

Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing Berkeley County School District, and what should the school board do to address it?

Mac McQuillin: Growth. Berkeley County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the country, and the challenge is to keep our academic momentum while we grow. If facilities, teachers and budgets don't keep pace, classrooms get crowded and progress stalls. As the incumbent, I have a proven record of academic success, and academics remain my top priority. BCSD serves nearly 40,000 students, has a budget of more than half a billion dollars and employs about 6,000 people, making it one of Berkeley County's largest employers. The board does not run classrooms. It sets the budget, approves policy, approves major construction projects, and hires the superintendent and holds him accountable. Our board already has strong educator voices. I bring something different: I am the only lawyer on the board, and the only lawyer running for a seat. I have chaired the board's Finance and Capital Planning Committee and helped cut the district's legal costs by several million dollars. Going forward, the board should plan school capacity ahead of new rooftops, not after; keep construction projects on time and on budget; and keep dollars in classrooms rather than the central office. We have made real progress, and I want to keep building on it.

Lindsey Draugel: The biggest challenge facing BCSD is keeping qualified teachers in our classrooms, and it can't be separated from a lack of transparency. We had about 100 open teaching positions this spring, and state report card data shows turnover averaging around 20 percent across our schools. The district points to a 96 percent retention rate, but last year positions were cut and staff were moved from school to school, and that was counted as retention. Budget decisions are not explained in plain language, so families and teachers can't see what they mean for their own schools. When decisions are made behind closed doors and staff fear speaking up about what they disagree with, problems go unaddressed until good teachers leave. Then the numbers get spun, and the cycle repeats. The board has to break that cycle before teachers walk out the door. That means explaining budget decisions in plain language, listening to current teachers through safe, regular channels, and acting on what they say. As a former preschool director and educator, I know people stay where they feel supported and heard.

Q: Where do you draw the line between parental concerns about inappropriate material and students' access to books, media resources, and educational websites? What role should the school board play in those decisions?

McQuillin: My focus has always been on student success, strong schools, and academic achievement. I am not interested in banning books or fighting culture wars. That said, parents are the first and most important decision makers in their children's education. Schools should support that role, not replace it. The line is age-appropriateness. Anything in a school library, classroom, or on a district device should be suitable for the age of the students who can reach it. Sexually explicit material does not belong in front of children. Students still deserve strong libraries and good digital resources, and decisions should follow a clear, written process. The board sets that policy and holds the administration accountable for following it. On the board, I have supported transparency about what is in our schools and a way for parents to raise concerns or opt their child out. I have two children in BCSD schools and I want what every parent wants: a common-sense approach to books and a clear picture of what our children can access. My opponent is a member of the Berkeley Education Association, a self-described teachers' union, and is running as part of its coalition. The union's state organization, the SCEA, has called these removals "book bans" and criticized the State's 2024 regulation. I see it differently. The books removed under the state regulation contain explicit descriptions of sex, and they do not belong in front of young children in our schools. Deciding when a child is ready for mature content is a parenting decision. It is not the public school system's job to parent our children.

Draugel: Parents are the primary decision-makers for their own children, and they deserve to know what is in our libraries and on our platforms. The board's role is to set clear, transparent policy: a visible catalog, an easy process for a parent to raise a concern, and a review by trained educators and librarians. Parents should be able to guide their own child's reading, but one family's concern should not decide what every other student can access. I would rather the board build a fair process than make title-by-title decisions from the dais. I also believe that when parents have clear information about what is being taught and why, much of the fear around content fades.

Q: Rapid growth continues to put pressure on our local schools. What is one specific change or investment you would prioritize to better serve students and families in your district?

McQuillin: As your board member, I oversaw the on-time completion of Philip Simmons Elementary, Middle, and High School. My priority now is a new school to serve the growth coming from Point Hope. The district already holds an option to purchase a school site in the area, and I will push to close on that site and move the school forward before that growth arrives. That means working with the county, the City of Charleston, and developers so that the new school is ready when the students are, and adding capacity at our existing schools when enrollment calls for it. It also means safe routes to school, and I will keep using my working relationships with county and city leadership on crosswalks, signal timing, and traffic at our school entrances. During my time on the board, District 2 schools have become some of the best in the state. Daniel Island School and Philip Simmons High have earned Excellent ratings four straight years, and Cainhoy Elementary has climbed from Below Average to Good. If you want to keep building on that success, I ask for your vote on Nov. 3.

Draugel: Our county is growing fast, and growth can't outpace planning. The one change I would prioritize is a public enrollment and capacity report, updated regularly, so that families on Daniel Island, Clements Ferry, and Cainhoy can see how the district projects enrollment, what is being built, and how it is being paid for before schools are overcrowded – not after. The board should use that data to work closely with county council members so infrastructure is ready before new housing is approved. And new buildings only help if we can staff them, so recruitment and retention have to be part of every facility's conversation.

BE boys' runners-up

BE girls' swim team wins 5th straight swim championship

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The Bishop England girls' and boys' swim teams had a stellar day at the South Carolina High School League Class AAA state championships last weekend at the University of South Carolina.

The girls won their fifth straight championship, while the boys finished a close runner-up.

"[The] girls took care of business from the beginning of the meet until the end. Total team effort," said head coach Rose Van Metre.

"The boys' [team] was pretty impressive, as all swimmers had personal bests for the season. Only brought 10 boys, and they swam really well. Lost by two points to [Academic] Magnet, who had 17 swimmers."

Van Metre added, "Very proud of the team."





Boys 400-meter free state champions: Jack Cahill, Jason Chalupsky, Nolan Mahoney, and Richard Miller.







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Girls 200-meter freestyle state champions: Ella Teschke, Lila Mahoney, Anna Dyson, and Carly Foust.

Iron Horses trot out another win, 2-0 in league play

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The Philip Simmons High School football team excelled in all three phases – offense, defense and special teams – in its Region 5-AA clash against Lake Marion High School.

That combination sent the Gators toward the exit ramp in the race for the region championship as the Iron Horses posted a 44-0 victory on Oct. 9 at The Phil.

The Iron Horses won their fourth consecutive game to improve to 4-3, including 2-0 in league play. Lake Marion fell to 4-2, 1-1.

Freshman running back James Shultz, in only his second start, was the workhorse with 150 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries.

Senior linebacker Diavante Irving helped spoil the Gators' trip to Charleston with 14 tackles, including five tackles for a loss and two sacks. He also recovered a fumble and recorded a safety as coach Eric Bendig's crew recorded its first shutout of the season.

Finally, kicker Brady Evin converted both of his field goal attempts (31 and 33 yards) while converting four of five of his PAT attempts. He also had three kickoffs that went for touchbacks.

If defense wins championships, the Iron Horses can win their third straight region title if they continue to display mettle and muscle in their final three region games.

"Our defense was challenged every day in practice to start playing up to their talent levels," Bendig said. "We still haven't played our best game yet, but that effort and execution against Lake Marion was their best game by far. They took away the run and pass. They caused turnovers. They made big plays on big downs. I'm really proud of our players and coaches on defense."

Shultz, the freshman running back, followed up on a 116-yard two-touchdown performance against Woodland with another strong effort against Lake Marion.

"We knew with the success of the B team last year that we had a special ninth-grade group this year," Bendig said. "(Wide receiver) Tyrus Alston proved to be a starter from Day 1 this summer. He is a special talent. We had some injuries, so we called up James Shultz from the junior varsity. He has responded with 266 yards rushing and five touchdowns in two games. We also brought up another player from the junior varsity in (safety/wide receiver) Chip Gay. He is one of the best athletes we have and is playing meaningful downs for us."

Special teams are by commission after C.J. Falotico graduated.

"Special teams are one of the factors that can separate great teams from good teams," Bendig said. "We put a lot of emphasis on our special teams' play. We have a really good rotation at kicker and punter right now with three guys who could start for a lot of teams, regardless of level. Brady Evin and Sutton Schultz are seniors who are performing every week better than the last. We also have junior Noah Thrift, who is one of the best underclassmen kickers we have seen in a long time."

The Iron Horses continue league play with a home game against Academic Magnet Oct. 16. The Raptors are 4-3, including 0-2 in the region.

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Rod Wessinger

The cream rises to the top, and that includes this week's Daniel Island News Pigskin Pick 'Em winner, Rod Wessinger.

Wessinger penciled in correctly 10 out of 12 games to win the week, defeating The Daniel Island News staff, who went -- well, let's just say -- we weren't even close!

"Very surprised," Wessinger tells us via email. "Did not expect to win so many close games."

Wessinger is originally from South Carolina and has been on Daniel Island for 22 years.

"Reminds me of the days with [the late sports columnist] Ken Burger's 'pigskin pick ums' at the Post and Courier."

Wessinger wins a $50 gift certificate to Coastal Skillet courtesy of The DI News.

Want to play? It's easy.

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Note: Some sponsor picks were not available at deadline.





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The Daniel Island News staff

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Mac's Daniel Island

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You may have heard of the 'Swamp Fox' Francis Marion. But Oscar Marion?

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Daniel Island Historical Society members and supporters stepped back in time on the evening of Sept. 15 to hear the story of a man enslaved to legendary 18th-century military commander and Berkeley County native Francis Marion.

Dressed in period attire, author and historian Joseph McGill of the nationally acclaimed Slave Dwelling Project portrayed Oscar Marion as part of a DIHS presentation at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Most South Carolinians know the name Francis Marion, the Revolutionary War brigadier general famously nicknamed the "Swamp Fox" for his daring guerrilla tactics against British forces. Far fewer know the story of Oscar Marion, the man who faithfully served beside him – one of the many unsung heroes of the American Revolution.

During the DIHS program, entitled "In the Shadow of Freedom: Oscar Marion's Revolutionary War Story," audience members learned about Marion's many contributions during the war and beyond in his service to Francis Marion.

Marion, also known as "Buddy," was an enslaved man of African descent who is believed to have grown up alongside Francis Marion. During the Revolutionary War, the two served together with the 2nd South Carolina Continental Regiment. Oscar Marion's contributions extended far beyond preparing meals for the troops. He provided vital support in the field, assisted with military operations, and is believed to have served as a personal spy for Francis Marion, gathering intelligence that aided the Patriot cause.

McGill, who will soon publish a new book with co-author Herb Frazier entitled "Divided Loyalty: Uneven Paths to Freedom in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War," stressed the importance of sharing the stories of individuals like Oscar Marion.

"We know a lot about Oscar," McGill told the audience. "But there are lots of Oscars out there. We want to make sure that their stories are incorporated into the narrative [about the Revolutionary War]. We want the world to know that there are other Oscars out there whose stories need to be told."



BETH BUSH
Former Berkeley 250 Chair Chris Volf, left, Vilarin McGill, Joseph McGill, DIHS President/Co-Founder Beth Bush, and current Berkeley 250 Chair Eleanor Cooper Brown.

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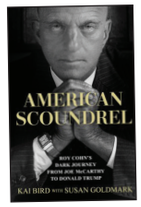


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BECKY BECHHOLD

The nonfiction selections this month are both stunners. They get my strongest recommendation.

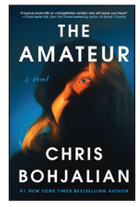
"American Scoundrel: Roy Cohn's Dark Journey from Joe McCarthy to Donald Trump" by Kai Bird. A biography of one of the vilest, but impactful, people of our time. Roy Cohn was a liar and a cheater. He had no moral basement. He bribed judges, Mafia bosses, and refused to pay his taxes. His M.O. was to yell lies louder than anyone and sue everyone. His protégé was DJT. It explains so much.



"Biological War: A Scenario" by Annie Jacobsen. Her scenario of global devastation is supported throughout by actual incidents, which make this a very real possibility. I now travel with up-to-date N95 masks and plenty of alcohol wipes. Probably not enough for a plague, but a tiny bit of preparedness. Readers will remember my suggestion of "The End of October" by Lawrence Wright, published in 2020, which was a spooky predictor of a global viral pandemic. Our enemies have biological agents that can be easily introduced into the general population. This book is frightening.

Now onto fiction.

"The Amateur" by Chris Bohjalian. A tragic accident at the driving range changes a golf prodigy's life path. So well written, it is hard to put down, and there's enough to discuss to make it a great book club selection.



"The Night Hunter" by Natalie Moss. If you have done a safari, the evocative descriptions of the game preserve will provide vivid memories. If you haven't been there yet, you will still feel immersed in the hot, dry, desolate, and dangerous expanse. This is a murder mystery that will make your heart race and keep you turning pages. Promise!



"We Will See You Bleed" by Ron Currie. A violent union battle in a paper mill town in Maine. Strong characters and a story that carries you along.

"The Responsible Party" by Claire Carusillo. The wacky history of the Mounsey women from 1915 to present day. The crux of the story unfolds a murder from 1971 that is now linked to Kath, Claire's mother, and her long-winded story of what actually occurred.



"A Tender Age" by Chang-Rae Lee. A beautifully written coming-of-age story of a Korean boy in New York City and his typical travels that build to a devastating event at camp. Guilt, innocence, naivety, and misguided choices of adolescence all come into play.

"Sunrise" by Tea Obreht. This tri-tale centered on an abandoned Wyoming town provided robust discussion for our book club. Some sections strained credulity, but I personally enjoyed the three timelines that come together at the end.

"Nearshore" by Steve Hawk. A billionaire has a plan to cause global destabilization with his homemade nuclear devices. Don't worry about Iran – with enough money, you can hire the right people to build a nuclear weapon for personal use. Shockingly feasible.



"Crocodilopolis" by John Manuel Arias. Political and familial unrest in Costa Rica. This is a dark, menacing story centered on brothers from a legendary political family looking for power and revenge.

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Point Hope multifamily development to be reviewed

Here are the developments before the various City of Charleston boards and committees this week, as well as results, if any, from the prior week's items specific to Daniel Island and the Cainhoy area. More detailed agendas and results can be found at charleston-sc.gov/agendacenter.

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 15: Point Hope - Capstone Cottages – Proposed construction of new multifamily development with associated infrastructure with 250 units on 20.92 acres at 1730 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Capstone Collegiate Communities. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton. Contact: Contact: Ken Henegar.

Thursday, Oct. 15: Skatell Tract ESP – Cainhoy. Proposed early site package for a future development on 51.32 acres. TMS: B2710002026. Owner: TS DI LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Malcolm Glenn.

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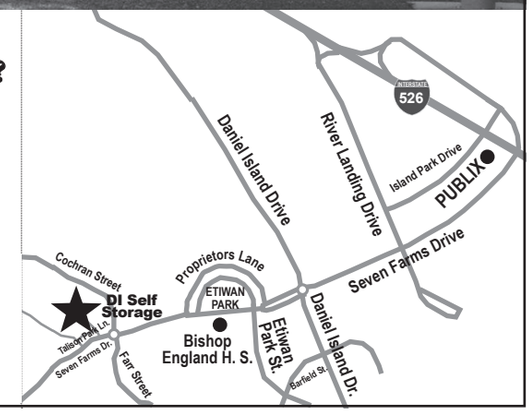





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UPCOMING EVENTS

DI GARDEN CLUB MEETING
Oct. 14, 1 pm. Daniel Pointe auditorium. Local grower Beth Ildereton presents "A Beginner's Guide to Growing Historic Charleston Noisette Roses." Contact: dthielfoldt@msn.com.

LINDY KEANE CARTER AUTHOR TALK
Oct. 15, 6:30 pm, DI Rec Center. The DI Library Society hosts author Lindy Keane Carter to discuss her new book, "The Irish Visitor." Reservations required: tinyurl.com/5x39zy56.

LOWCOUNTRY BUDDY WALK
Oct. 18, 12-4 pm, Etiwan Park. Enjoy live entertainment, family activities, vendors, and food, followed by a one-mile Buddy Walk at 3 pm. Benefits the Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry.

POINT HOPE HARVEST MARKET
Sunday, Oct. 18, 11 am-2 pm, Point Hope Village Green. Shop 40+ local vendors, artisans, eateries, and businesses, plus enjoy live music and special offerings from Point Hope businesses.

DI FISHING CLUB
"How to Locate and Catch Bottom Fish." Tues., Oct. 20, 6:30 pm at Charleston Marine, 2471 Clements Ferry Road. Speakers include Capt. Greg Peralta, Trent Gustagfson, and Chris VerBurg. Email captgregp@gmail.com for seating

DI HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
Oct. 20, 7-8 pm. Tribal leader Joshua Shumak of the Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians explores the history of the Etiwan and Native American communities across the Lowcountry.

STATE OF OUR CITY: MAYOR Q&A
Oct. 20, 5:30-7 pm, DI Rec Center. Hear from Mayor William Cogswell, City Council members, and local leaders.

BARK IN THE PARK
Sat. Oct 24, 10 am-2 pm. The 6th Annual Bark in the Park at the DI Waterfront. Bring your family and furry friends to enjoy a day of music, dog contests, local vendors, and fun. For more info: patrick@thedanielislandnews.com

PROVIDENCE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
Sat. Oct. 24, 5 pm, Providence Church. Invite your friends and get your costumes ready for a Best Costume Contest. Free hot dogs and chips, game booths, and treats.

PUMPKIN WALK & HALLOWEEN BASH
Sun. Oct. 25, 4:30-7:30 pm, Smythe Park. Stroll past hundreds of glowing pumpkins with themed activity stops, games, crafts, and food trucks. Bring a decorated pumpkin to Purcell Lane and Daniel Island Drive from 12–2 pm.

SMALL PIECES, BIGGER PICTURE
Oct. 29, 5-8 pm, Meyer Vogl Gallery. Browse and bid on original 8×8 artwork from artists nationwide, benefiting The Formation Project to support human trafficking survivors. Free, open to all.

FALL ACOUSTIC GUITAR
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.

BEYOND THE PAGES: LESSONS FROM STRANGERS
A fun, relaxed afternoon with lunch, good conversation, and an opportunity to connect with other women. Wed., Oct. 21, 12 pm. Beacon Pointe Advisors. eventbrite.com/e/beyond-the-pages-lessons-from-strangers-tickets-1997056629137?aff=oddtdtcreator.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS -CLEMENTS FERRY
King's Cross Church: Mon.-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. Three Legacies Speaker meeting Sat, 7 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit.

BALANCE AND STRENGTH CLASSES
Learn balance and strength exercises for mobility on Tuesdays and Thursdays at DI Rec Center, 10:15-11 am, $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 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
The DICA board will hold its 4th quarter meeting, Fri., Oct. 23 at 11:30am. The webinar meeting is only available for residents who are current DICA members. Register at dicommunity.org/event/q4-dica-board-meeting.

DI LIBRARY EVENTS
Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Grp: Tues. 1:30-2:30 pm; Needleworkers: 2nd & 4th Tues., 11:15 am; Deepthinkers Discussion Grp: Wed., 10:30 am - noon; Social Bridge Club: Mon. 1-4 pm; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DI WATER AEROBICS CLASS
meets every Tues, Thurs, Sat at 9-10 am at Edgefield Park pool. Open to all DI residents

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.

DI SCOUTS
Troop 519, Wednesdays, 7-8:15 pm, at Church of the Holy Spirit.

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. Nonprofit volunteers focus on improving Lowcountry lives. All welcome. info. rakl2020@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF DI
1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-10 am. Call and or text for venue and RSVP: 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS
DI Rotary: Most Weds. 7:15 am and 2nd Tues. at noon. Cainhoy Rotary: 1st and 3rd Tues. at 6 pm. For more info, contact: ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP
Wednesdays, 10:30 am, DI Rec Center. Weekly social meetup with coffee and refreshments.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS
3rd Sun. of mo. 4-5pm. Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleycountydems.com

TAI CHI CLASSES
DI Library: Tues. 10 am & Fri. 9 am.

THEOLOGY ON TAP
Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, April 21 & May 19, 7-9 pm, New Realm Brewing Co. Have questions about the Christian faith?

WATER AEROBICS
DI Water Aerobics Class meets every Tues., Thurs., Sat., 10 am at Edgefield Park pool. $5. Open to all DI residents, no reservations required.

WILLINGWAY'S CONTINUED CARE GROUP
Supports families struggling with substance abuse. Church of the Holy Spirit, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull: 843-323-7111.

YOGA
DI Rec Center, Tues., Thurs., @ 9 am. $10. Contact Diane at danielislandyoga@yahoo.com



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by Patty Gibbons Saunier



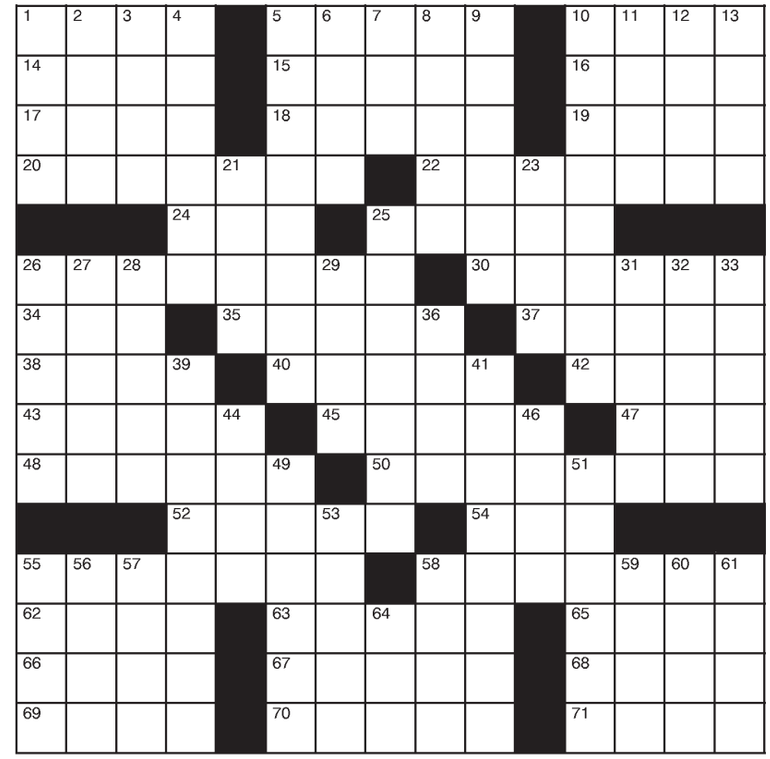
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2. Surely you do not think that you are completely finished yet.
3. Suddenly the juror totally passed out.
4. I will never sign up as a chaperone again.
5. The extremely warm weather was a rather nice surprise.

Answers: 1. up, around, slowly 2. Surely, not, completely, yet 3. Suddenly, totally, out 4. never, up, again 5. extremely, rather

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By Neil Manausa

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20 Drive away
22 Stated as true
24 Small rug
25 Permit
26 Shrewdly devious
30 Relieve
34 Bar drink
35 Chinese or Japanese
37 Skin openings
38 Pork or lamb
40 Inventor Howe
42 Like a wet cellar
43 Uncovered
45 Delegate
47 Hard water
48 Elk's horn
50 Part of a school year
52 Smallest amount
54 Have a bite
55 Air inhaler
58 Unpredictable
62 Operatic showstopper
63 Faces for watches
65 Scarlett's home
66 Official stamp
67 Author Zola
68 High collar
69 It's worth stealing
70 Find new tenants
71 Hollow in a fender

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3 Take ___ from me!
4 Begin again
5 Criticize strongly
6 Nathan the patriot
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8 Colony for cons
9 Detects smoke, in a way
10 Furniture material
11 Awestruck
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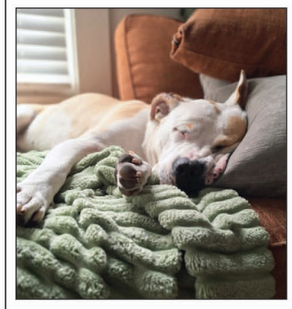
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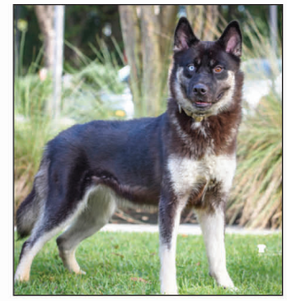
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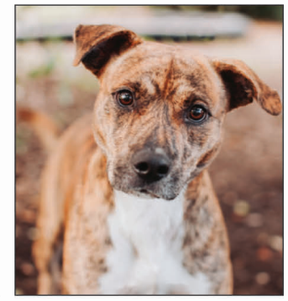
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Annual Veterans Day Dinner & Military Appreciation Gala



Attendees: ***Open to all Lowcountry patriots wishing to celebrate our Military Service Members and Veterans.***

Date: **Friday, November 13, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

Location: **Daniel Island Club, 600 Island Park Dr, Daniel Island, SC**

Price: ***$96/person for Military*** Non-Members of Daniel Island Golf Club
$119/person for General Non-Club Members of Daniel Island Golf Club
* For Daniel Island Golf Club Members please refer to the Club website/calendar for Nov 13th.

Tickets: dixchangeclub.org/veterans-day/

Join us for dinner , music, dancing, and a great cause.



The purpose of our Veterans Dinner includes a veteran-related charity as a beneficiary. Project ZERO is an initiative by the Exchange Club of Daniel Island to drive to ZERO the number of homeless Veterans in the lowcountry. Our awareness of the desperate need of men and women who swore an oath to protect this great nation was seen as immediate, ongoing, and compelling.