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EMS station on Daniel Island relocates to apartment building

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The Berkeley County EMS station on Daniel Island is on the move.

Dispatchers, mobile medics, and two ambulances will temporarily relocate their base operations from Seven Farms Drive to an apartment unit on Robert Daniel Drive, roughly a mile away.

The team will be housed at the Port House apartment community while Berkeley officials search for a permanent location to build a new EMS station.

"We move tomorrow," Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks said on Monday, Jan. 19. "It is a 12-month lease, which we can extend."

The EMS station had been sharing space with the City of Charleston's Fire Station 18 and its police department's Patrol Team 5. However, last summer, the City of Charleston notified the county that it would need the EMS unit to vacate, as it needed the city-owned space to expand its fire services.



The Berkeley County EMS team moved out of its former location on Seven Farms Drive on Jan. 20, and will have a temporary base of operations at the Port House apartment community.

Berkeley officials, aware they'd eventually have to move to a county-owned property, had proposed building a new station on land they already owned – next to the Daniel Island Library and Daniel Island School.

The proposal was quickly met with opposition.

Nearby homeowners worried that constant ambulance sirens would affect home values and cause late-night noise disruptions;



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school parents cautioned that the in-and-out rolling of EMS vehicles could be a danger to the 1,100 student population, many of whom ride their bikes or walk through neighborhood streets to get to class.

The interim solution?

Move the EMS station to an apartment complex with more parking lot space to maneuver the full-size ambulance and quick response vehicle.

"We still need to have Dominion (En-

ergy) come out to drop in a temporary pole for power. That will likely be a few days, I'd imagine," Brooks said. "(But) shore power installed at the apartment location (will) keep electronic equipment charged and medications cold."

Berkeley officials are eyeing two other possible locations for the new station, which will be budgeted at \$1 million.

The county owns land off Clements Ferry Road that could house the new station, or there's a possibility of building it next to the medical helipad on Seven Farms Drive adjacent to Governor's Park.

"We are waiting on the South Carolina Department of Transportation to determine whether the helipad site is available," Brooks said. "It's on hold otherwise."

While county officials search for a feasible location and continue to exchange ideas with the public, EMS services will continue on Daniel Island for at least another year.

Once a spot is finally agreed upon, the new EMS station could take up to a year and a half to be completed.

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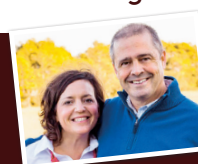
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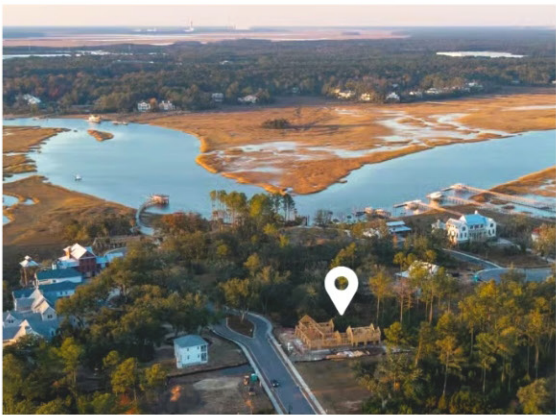
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After Don Holt shutdown, advocates push for jump guards to deter suicides

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For nearly 10 hours on Thursday, Dec. 18, the Don Holt Bridge stood still.

Traffic backed up for miles. Parents scrambled for school pickups and drop-offs. Workers missed shifts. With one of Charleston's main arteries shut down, drivers were forced to reroute across the Ravenel Bridge or wind through Mount Pleasant, a reminder that in a peninsula city, there are only so many ways to get where you're going.

But beyond the gridlock, the incident reopened a deeper conversation in the Lowcountry: what is being done, and what more could be done, to prevent suicide, particularly on Charleston's bridges and overpasses?

At the center of the shutdown wasn't a wreck or roadwork, but a man in crisis, threatening to jump.

For North Charleston Police, the decision to close the bridge was immediate and deliberate.

"In this situation, officers were dealing with a subject experiencing a mental health crisis



CHARLESTON LIVABILITY COURT

A nearly 10-hour closure of the Don Holt Bridge on Thursday, Dec. 18, halted traffic across the region during a police response to a mental health crisis.

who was actively threatening to jump," said assistant chief Scott Perry.

Perry said closing the bridge reduced noise, vibration, and distractions; prevented added danger to motorists and first responders; and allowed trained negotiators to work safely.

"At that point, keeping traffic moving would have introduced unnecessary danger," he said. "The closure was a deliberate and measured step to protect everyone involved."

Crisis negotiations have no fixed timeline.

"These situations can take anywhere from minutes to several hours," Perry said. Trained crisis negotiators, a mobile crisis professional, fire and EMS crews, and command staff were all involved. "Time is often the most important tool in these situations."

The standoff ended without loss of life, something Perry called a success. "Traffic delays are temporary. The loss of a life is permanent."

The incident revealed troubling trends.

Charleston County recorded an all-time high of 76 suicides last year, nearly double the 43 reported in 2013. In 2025, Berkeley County reported 37 suicides, continuing a pattern of 30 to 40 annually. Statewide, the Centers for Disease Control lists 818 suicide deaths in South Carolina in 2023, with suicides increasing about 8% over the last decade.

Mental health advocates say physical barriers can play a critical role in prevention.

"These barricades would be so beneficial even if it were to just stop someone for a few moments to think about what is happening and what their decision is about what they're

about to do," said Laura Moss, deputy director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of South Carolina.

Some protections are already in place on I-26. The recently opened Weber Interchange includes a jump guard, and a similar barrier was installed earlier this year on the Ashley Phosphate Road overpass following two suicides there. The South Carolina Department of Transportation said a \$125,000 grant paid for that barrier.

Still, the majority of Charleston-area overpasses and bridges remain unprotected.

"Our Charleston bridges do not have any physical deterrents in place for suicide prevention," said Elizabeth Childers, SCDOT's communications director.

While SCDOT explored options in 2016 – including raising barriers on portions of the Ravenel Bridge – Childers said funding, ownership, and approval challenges remain.

NAMI is now pushing for 988 signage on bridges and overpasses statewide. "Signage that would alert them to resources, that they are not alone, that 988 is out there to help them as a resource in a moment of crisis," Moss said.

Anyone in crisis can call or text 988 or contact nami.org for support and guidance.

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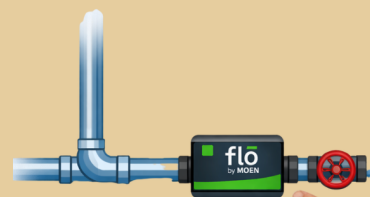
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Winter is a great time for a Debt Snowball



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Debt can often feel like a heavy blanket, stifling your ability to plan for the future or enjoy the present. If you've been looking for a way out, you've likely encountered the Debt Snowball method. Popularized by personal finance expert Dave Ramsey, this strategy isn't just about math – it's about momentum and the psychology of winning.

HOW DEBT SNOWBALL WORKS

The mechanics of the Debt Snowball are refreshingly simple. Unlike complex financial strategies that require spreadsheets and constant interest rate monitoring, the Snowball method focuses on order of operations based on balance size.

Here is the step-by-step process:

- 1. List your debts.** Write down every debt you owe (credit cards, car loans, medical bills, student loans), but exclude your mortgage.
- 2. Organize by size.** Sort them from the smallest total balance to the largest. Ignore the interest

rates for a moment.

3. Pay the minimums. Continue making the minimum payment on every debt except for the smallest one.

4. Attack the smallest. Put every extra dollar you can find – from side hustles, tax refunds, or a tightened grocery budget, yard sale items – toward that smallest debt until it is gone.

5. Roll the payment. Once the smallest debt is paid off, take the entire amount you were paying toward it and add it to the minimum payment of the next debt on the list.

As you move down the list, the amount of money available to pay off the next debt grows larger and larger, just like a snowball rolling down a hill.

DON'T FALL DOWN THE AVALANCHE

The primary rival to the Snowball is the Debt Avalanche. In the Avalanche method, you pay off debts starting with the one that has the highest interest rate. Some say that mathematically, the Avalanche makes more sense; you save more money on interest over time. However, they haven't factored in one key mathematical metric – probability of success.

So, why is the Snowball better?

Because personal finance is 20% head knowl-

edge and 80% behavior. If math were the only factor, most of us wouldn't have fallen into debt in the first place. The problem with the avalanche is that if your highest-interest debt is a \$20,000 student loan, it might take years to see that balance disappear. Without a "win," many people lose hope and abandon their plan.

The Debt Snowball provides immediate psychological reinforcement. When you pay off a \$400 medical bill in the first month, you see a debt vanish forever. You get a hit of dopamine. You realize, "I can actually do this." That shot of confidence is what fuels you to tackle the larger, more daunting balances later on.

START SMALL FOR BIG CHANGES

Success in getting out of debt requires a total lifestyle shift. It requires saying no to temporary wants to say yes to long-term security. The Debt Snowball is the quick-win strategy that keeps you motivated through the long haul. By the time you reach your largest debt, your snowball payment is massive, allowing you to crush that final balance with a force you didn't have at the start.

If you're tired of feeling stuck, stop staring at the interest rates and start looking at the balances. Pick the smallest one, start rolling, and watch your financial life change.

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Martin Luther King Jr. honored by Philip Simmons Middle School students

STAFF REPORT

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Four students from Philip Simmons Middle School have been recognized as winners in the Berkeley County School District's 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Contest, which drew more than 200 entries from across the district.

Stafford McQuillan, Harrison Mallinger, Gracie Taylor, and Emily Grassie were selected for their submissions tied to this year's theme, Integrity and Moral Character. Students were invited to participate in either the written essay or visual arts categories.

District students submitted 205 entries honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., producing works that centered on the civil rights leader's values.

"We are incredibly proud of the hard work and creativity our students demonstrated," Philip Simmons Middle School shared on social media. "Their



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Four students from Philip Simmons Middle School have been recognized as winners in the Berkeley County School District's 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Contest

submissions reflect thoughtful engagement with the values Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. exemplified and provided a meaningful way to honor his legacy. Thank you to 7th grade ELA teacher Ms. Stewart and 6th grade ELA teacher Ms. Arnold. Your guidance and dedication are truly remarkable."



Elvis is in the building

On the 91st anniversary of Elvis Presley's birthday, Elvis tribute artist Jeff Keener shook, rattled, and rolled for the residents at Wellmore of Daniel Island on Jan. 8. Wearing a sequin-red jumpsuit and signature sunglasses, Keener crooned a medley of the King's favorites, from the rock and roll star's early songs to his celebrated church hymns and, of course, his hip-shaking hits.



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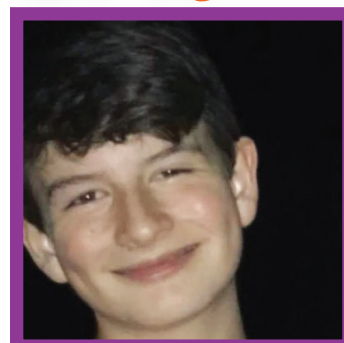


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Frankie, age 12
Greenville



I would do a huge painting of a boat's bow, with an elegant lady facing out toward the sea, and mermaids with sparkly tails waving at her.

Clara, age 11
Charleston



It would be a still life of a bouquet of pretty roses in a creamy white color.

Dargan, age 11
Charleston



A dinosaur bone that I dug out of the desert!

Virgil, age 5
Charleston



My art would be a tulip picture that I drew with colored pencils.

Blaise, age 7
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Volunteer Rescue Alliance saves dogs amid shelter overcrowding crisis

STAFF REPORT

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Journey Home Rescue Alliance is an animal rescue service that often travels hundreds of miles to save animals from an uncertain fate — helping rural, under-resourced South Carolina shelters with transportation, networking, and medical care.

According to founder Danielle Zuck, the volunteer-run organization saves an average of 30 dogs per week and spends every dollar on saving a life. For her, it's been a life-changing career.

"After working 18 years in the sports and entertainment industry, I realized I was happier cleaning puppy poop at my local shelter than running some of the largest events on a global scale," Zuck said.

"One day, it just hit. My husband and I started networking, driving to save dogs, and fostering them to get better photos, to pave what happens next for them."

Zuck said the alliance acts as "boots-on-the-ground problem solvers," bridging the gap for overpopulated shelters by rescuing animals and placing them in short-term foster care for up to two weeks until final transport is arranged.

"No one path is the same, and we save all breeds, ages, sizes, and conditions," Zuck

said. "We pull from the shelters and animal control facilities that strive to be No Kill but are still euthanizing for space. We work with the shelters who don't have volunteers, behavior teams, or frankly, large staff to do the work demanded of them."

Zuck said the alliance has saved more than 1,310 dogs, sending them as far west as Oregon and as far north as Maine, with rescue partners stretching over 20 states in 2025.

"We pay the medical costs, set their path for what's next, and financially cover all supplies they need while at the shelter or in foster care. Most rescues have direct relationships, but what we offer is a matchmaking system for rescues where every Friday, paid transporters leave to move more dogs weekly than the linear paths most operate within."

The nonprofit, volunteer-run organization relies on donations to fund weekly rescue trips, not only to give animals a second chance but to support shelter workers who work on the frontlines.

"Most of our shelters are led by hardworking, dedicated people. These workers endure heartbreak, see animal neglect and abuse firsthand, and are faced with making decisions no one should have to make," Zuck said.

For more information, visit journeyhomerescuealliance.org/.



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She stands in front of a mirror, smoothing the sleeve of a blazer that represents more than just fabric.

It's confidence. It's a paycheck. It's the possibility of a different future.

For more than two decades, Dress for Success Charleston County has helped women across the Lowcountry step into moments like this: moments that often mark the beginning of economic independence, career stability, and long-term change.

Founded as the first Dress for Success affiliate in South Carolina, the nonprofit has grown from a simple but powerful idea – providing professional attire for job interviews – into a comprehensive support system that addresses the real financial and workplace challenges women face today.

Since its inception, Dress for Success Charleston County has served more than 5,000 women across the Tri-County area, all at no cost to its clients.

“When we started, we saw that many women were qualified and motivated but lacked the resources to present themselves professionally,” said Margaret Jefferson, director of Dress for



Dress for Success Charleston County is a women- and Black-owned nonprofit helping women achieve career and financial independence.

Success. “Dress for Success Charleston County was founded in 2003 to address a critical barrier many women faced when re-entering the workforce – access to professional attire and confidence-building support. We saw that many women – particularly those transitioning from public assistance, recovering from job loss, or re-entering the workforce after caregiving – were qualified and motivated, but lacked the resources to present themselves professionally for interviews. The organization was established to ensure that a woman’s economic potential was not limited by her wardrobe or lack of access to career



Beyond the Suit supports women with workshops, coaching, and resources to thrive at work and in life.

At Little Black Dress events, women take the runway to showcase confidence, style, and empowerment.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

builds financial futures, one outfit at a time

guidance.”

While professional attire remains important, Jefferson said the needs of women seeking employment have evolved significantly over the years.

“Today, women face rising costs of living, childcare challenges, wage gaps, career disruptions, and economic instability. The need is no longer just about getting a job. It’s about sustaining employment, advancing careers, continuing education, financial education, access to resources so that they can thrive in life and at work, and achieving long-term economic independence. Our services now address the full journey from job readiness to career growth.”

Those challenges are reflected in outcomes: 100% of clients receive professional attire, 85% maintain employment for at least 90 days, and 35% go on to attend a vocational institution.

“Those numbers represent 5,000 individual stories of resilience, courage, and determination. Each woman comes to us at a pivotal moment in her life. Beyond the statistics, it represents families stabilized, children who see their mothers succeed, and generational cycles of economic hardship interrupted.”

FROM THE INTERVIEW TO THE WORKPLACE AND BEYOND

Dress for Success’ programs support women at every stage of their professional journey. Through its SuitHER program, women who complete an employability program with a referral agency receive professional attire for interviews and the early weeks of employment.

“Once referred, a woman meets with a trained volunteer stylist who listens to her goals and helps select professional attire tailored to her interview or workplace,” Jefferson said. “She also receives encouragement and practical guidance. Many clients then engage in ongoing programming – career development workshops, confidence-building sessions, and networking opportunities – so she leaves not only dressed for success but supported for the journey ahead.”

During interview appointments, trained volunteer image coaches guide clients through a boutique-style experience, helping them select outfits while offering encouragement and presentation tips.

Once a woman secures full-time employment, she returns for an employment appointment, where volunteers help build a capsule wardrobe suited for her new role.

“Our success is rooted in holistic support,” Jefferson said. “Women don’t just receive professional attire;



The mission for Dress for Success is to empower women, one outfit at a time, building confidence, careers, and financial independence.

they receive encouragement, coaching, and a network of support. Programs focused on confidence-building, workplace readiness, and professional development help women feel prepared not only to secure employment but to thrive once they are hired.”

REAL WOMEN, REAL WINS

The women served by Dress for Success pursue careers across health care, education, hospitality, manufacturing, skilled trades, administrative roles, and professional office positions. Increasingly, Jefferson said, women are also pursuing leadership roles, entrepreneurship, and advanced certifications.

“One woman who stands out came to us to secure a suit to pass her class. Through our services, she passed her class, secured employment, returned for continued support, and later advanced into a leadership role. She built an incredible opportunity for sustainability.” That woman is the owner of Fresh Future Farm, providing food resources and a grocery store in a food desert in North Charleston. “Her journey reflects the full-circle impact of Dress for Success.”

STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY

While Dress for Success Charleston County serves women throughout the Tri-County area, support from communities like Daniel Island plays a key role in sustaining its mission.

“We are so grateful for volunteers, donors, and community partners from Daniel Island who help make our work possible.”

Jefferson emphasized that investing in women’s economic independence strengthens the broader local economy.

“When women are economically independent, entire communities benefit. Supporting women strengthens families, stabilizes the workforce, and contributes to a healthier local economy. Community involvement ensures that opportunity is accessible to all women, regardless of circumstance.”

MEETING THE NEED

Dress for Success Charleston County operates entirely through volunteers and offers all services free of charge, made possible through clothing donations, financial contributions, and corporate partnerships. While the organization continues to seek modern professional attire – such as blazers, dresses, slacks, blouses, and professional shoes – Jefferson said one of the greatest needs is space.

“We are in most need of a dedicated space near a bus route so that we can serve more women.”

At the end of the day, Jefferson hopes every client leaves with something lasting.

“We hope every woman leaves believing that she is capable, confident, deserving of success and that her past does not define her future.”

For more information on donating, volunteering, or supporting Dress for Success Charleston County, visit dfscharleston.org.



Dress for Success collects professional attire – blazers, dresses, slacks, blouses, and shoes – to help women step confidently into interviews and careers.

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*M*adison LeCroy moves through her Daniel Island home in loungewear from her own LeCroy collection, coffee in hand, her house mid-renovation but unmistakably calm. Light pours through the windows, and the island feels quiet in that late-morning way that makes you forget cameras are ever around. This is the version of LeCroy you don't usually see on "Southern Charm" – settled, present, and very at home.

For years, the reality star has called Daniel Island home. But last year, she committed to the island in a new way, selling her Viscount Street home for \$1.4 million and purchasing what she now calls her "forever home," a sprawling, modern coastal property designed for the life she's building now.



"Southern Charm's" Madison LeCroy begins her next chapter on Daniel Island, where family life takes center stage beyond the cameras.

"There's a calm to it. It feels tucked away but still connected. Life moves a little slower, people wave, kids ride bikes, and you actually see your neighbors.

"I've lived all over Charleston, and Daniel Island just feels different in a way that's hard to explain unless you've lived here," LeCroy said.



As she renovates and personalizes her Daniel Island home, LeCroy focuses on timeless design and spaces meant for gathering.

At this stage of my life, that sense of ease and community mattered more than anything."

A HOUSE THAT MATCHES THE MOMENT

The new home, purchased for \$3.9 million, spans more than 5,000 square feet with six bedrooms and seven bathrooms. It sits inside one of Daniel Island's most sought-after neighborhoods on the park side, within the island's walkable, family-friendly master-planned community with easy access to the Wando River.

LeCroy and her husband, Brett Randle, received the keys in May 2025 and immediately got to work. Renovations began almost as soon as the doors opened, with LeCroy sharing glimpses of progress – from bathroom upgrades to a steam shower with aromatherapy – across social media.

"It's definitely a blank slate in many ways, which I love, but there were certain things I fell in love with immediately – the light, the layout, and how the house flows," she said. "It already had good bones, which is huge for me."

Her vision for the space is what she calls "soft Southern luxury."

"It's classic, feminine, and warm – nothing trendy

'SOUTHERN CHARM

Madison

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FINDS HER FOREVER HOME

Madison LeCroy rose to fame on Bravo's "Southern Charm" and is now starting her next chapter, on screen and at home.

for the sake of being trendy," LeCroy explained. "Think light, airy spaces with depth, natural textures, a little glamour, and a lot of comfort. I want it to feel beautiful but lived-in."

Wallpaper, layered textures, thoughtful lighting – every choice is intentional. "I'm excited to add personal touches that really make it ours. I love creating spaces that feel collected over time, not rushed."

M' REALITY STAR

LeCroy

BY BRETT RANDLE



HOME ON DANIEL ISLAND

,” appearing here with her castmates as cameras follow

FROM REALITY TV TO REAL LIFE

LeCroy rose to fame on Bravo’s *Southern Charm*, quickly becoming one of the show’s most recognizable personalities, known for her sharp wit, unfiltered honesty, and headline-making moments. But the home purchase, featured during season 11, marked a different kind of milestone.

In a confessional during episode three, she de-

scribed the house as Southern and charming, joking that when she first moved to Charleston, she once thought living in the neighborhood would only be possible if she “married some old rich man.”

Instead, she arrived with a “hunky young man” – and her “own money.”

In the confessional, she reflected on the moment’s weight. “The fact that I’m even approved for something like this after being called, like, white trash for how many years? And now it’s like life is so good that it doesn’t feel real.”

Pointing to her wedding ring and baby bump, she said, “My dreams are coming true!”

A DAY IN THE LIFE ON DANIEL ISLAND

Away from filming schedules and public appearances, LeCroy says Daniel Island offers something she didn’t realize she was missing – an ease and sense of grounding that now shapes daily life for her now 6-month-old daughter Teddi, 13-year-old son Hudson, and husband Brett.

“A typical day on Daniel Island is pretty simple, and that’s what I love,” she said. “Mornings usually start with a walk, coffee, and time with the kids. I’ll fit in workouts, meetings, filming, or appointments and still be home for family time. It feels balanced in a way I haven’t had before.”

That balance, she says, is what makes island life work alongside her demanding career.

“Living on the island actually makes my busy schedule feel more manageable. Everything I need is close, and when I come home, it truly feels like I’m stepping away from work. There’s a real separation between ‘on’ and off.”

Community played a major role in the decision. “I wanted my kids to grow up somewhere where people know each other, look out for one another, and where life feels connected,” she said. “Daniel Island has that in the best way.”

She’s already felt it firsthand: neighbors checking in, kids playing together, conversations that feel easy and unforced. “It feels genuine,” she said.

A SANCTUARY, NOT A SET

Despite her very public career, LeCroy is careful

about what stays private.

“I’m very intentional about separating my real home life from what viewers see,” she said. “My home is my sanctuary. What people see on screen is just a glimpse. The real moments, the quiet ones, stay protected.”

Still, the house is built for gathering. LeCroy loves to host, and the open layout reflects that.

“I want people to feel comfortable and welcome here,” she said. “That was important to me.”

The true center of LeCroy’s home isn’t the décor; it’s family. Motherhood has reshaped everything about how she defines home.

“Becoming a (new) mom again completely changed how I think about home,” she said. “It’s less about perfection and more about warmth, safety, and creating memories. I want my kids to feel rooted here.”

She didn’t hesitate when asked if this is where she plans to stay.

“I absolutely imagine this as a long-term family home. It feels like a place we can grow into, not out of,” LeCroy beamed. “When I picture life here a few years from now, I see kids running around, family dinners, hosting friends, and a life that feels full but peaceful. That’s the dream.”



LeCroy recently purchased this six-bedroom, seven-bath-room Parkside home on Daniel Island. The 5,000-plus-square-foot residence is her second island home and is being thoughtfully renovated.

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Don't wait. The time will never be just right. - Napoleon Hill

After much anticipation and hype, here we are. Welcome to 2026!

The rush of the holidays is in the rearview mirror, and credit card statements will soon arrive like the ghost of Christmas past.

New Year's resolutions will soon be put to the test, and you will quickly question the legitimacy of that new gym membership. The new year begins with much promise and good intentions, but will it last?

Business consultant and author Michael LeBoef says, "Devoting a little of yourself to everything means committing a great deal of yourself to nothing." And this is precisely

the trap that you want to avoid. Your time matters, and so does how you use it. Be it resolutions, professional development goals, family priorities, etc., don't commit chunks of your time to doing nothing of consequence.

I'd like to share a few things I've learned over the years about this topic, in hopes they will add value to your leadership journey.

MYTH: EVERYTHING MATTERS EQUALLY

I learned this principle from Gary Keller's book, "The One Thing." In it, he writes, "When everything feels urgent and important, everything seems equal. We become active and busy, but this doesn't actually move us any closer to success. Activity is often unrelated to productivity, and busyness rarely takes care of business." And this is such a necessary thing to learn in leadership.

Keller argues that a to-do list can easily lead you astray. More often than not, it's simply the things you think you need to do,

which often is nothing more than the first thing you thought of. Keller adds, "If your to-do list contains everything, then it's probably taking you everywhere but where you really need to go."

In short, the most menial thing on your to-do list is not equal to the most important thing. Stop buying into the myth that all things are equal. They're not.

As Keller recommends, replace a "to-do" list with a "success list." It will change your mindset and your focus.

TIME CHOICES SHAPE YOUR LIFE

I learned this fundamental principle from John Maxwell. In his book, "Today Matters," he writes, "If you're over the age of 21, your life is what you're making it. To change your life, you need to change your priorities."

The playing field, over time, is level. We all get the same amount regardless of who we are. The priorities you set determine how you use your time. Changing our approach to our days makes all the difference between

time well spent and time wasted.

Maxwell framed it in three useful questions.

1. What is required of me? When ordering priorities, always start with the requirement question and give it careful thought before moving on to the next question.

2. What gives me the greatest return? As you grow as a leader, you will discover that some things will give you a greater return than others. What are they?

3. What gives me the greatest reward? If you only do what you must and what is effective, you will be highly productive, but you may not be content. It's important to consider what gives you personal satisfaction. But don't get these questions out of order.

As a leader, you have to understand that you can't, and shouldn't, do everything. And this is why establishing your priorities is so important. You have to be your own timekeeper. Your time is too valuable to relinquish to someone else.

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Bishop England High School named to AP Honor Roll

STAFF REPORT

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Bishop England High School has been recognized for student success in the Advanced Placement program.

The College Board announced that Bishop England High School has been named to the 2025 Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll.

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP pro-



grams are delivering results for students while broadening participation.

Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing a college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to take college-level courses and earn credit, potentially saving time, money, and readiness for higher education.

"Bishop England High School is pleased to have been awarded Silver recognition for

the College Board's AP Honor Roll," said Matthew Parry, BE's director of curriculum and instruction.

"This award reflects the hard work of both our teachers and students and reflects our commitment to preparing our students for success at the college level."

In 2024, 5,061 schools were honored with the AP Honor Roll which represents 32% of the eligible U.S. and Canadian schools that participate in the program.

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Bishop England to move to Class AAA, Iron Horses stay in Class AA

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The South Carolina High School League wrapped up its reclassification process last week, and locally, Bishop England will move from Class AAAA to AAA for the next two academic years, beginning with the 2026-27 school year. Philip Simmons, meanwhile, will remain at the Class AA level.

The realignment process occurs in South Carolina every two academic years and is based on 45-day enrollment numbers from grades 9-11 and includes an out-of-zone multiplier for the second time. That multiplier counts each student who lives outside the school's assigned attendance zone as three for total enrollment purposes.

That multiplier moved Bishop England from Class AA to AAAA in the last reclassification. Some observers felt BE's athletic success might suffer, playing in a region against much bigger schools. However, the Bishops won the Class AAAA Carlisle Cup for athletic success in 2025-26.

Bishop England athletic director Bill Warren said the move to Class AAA makes sense because of travel.

"We are pleased with the move to 3-A mainly due to the travel situations," Warren said. "In 4-A, we currently have four region opponents in Beaufort county and one in Colleton County. In 3-A, we will have most opponents in Charles-



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Bishop England High School's haul of championship trophies while competing at the Class AAAA level has been impressive. Next season, the Bishops will move to the Class AAA level.

ton County."

The Bishops are expected to be in a region that will include Hanahan High School, North Charleston, and Oceanside Collegiate. Current Region 6-AAAA foes Hilton Head and Beaufort appealed to join Bishop England in Class AAA but were denied.

"We have had success, however, in 4-A, winning the 4-A

Carlisle Cup last year, and we are doing well thus far in 25-26," Warren said. "Last year, we had three state championship teams and six runners-up finishes. This year, we have two state championships thus far and three runners-up finishes.

"Competing against schools of 1,800 and more has been a challenge. But our teams have adapted. Having 640 students, the move to 3-A helps us compete with schools that are not quite as large as 4-A but we really have 1-A numbers."

Things will remain the same at Philip Simmons, as the school is coming off the Class AA Carlisle Cup championship.

"No, I wasn't surprised at all," PSHS AD Dan Minkin said of his team remaining in Class AA. "During the last realignment, we were the 10th biggest Class AA school. With everything staying the same as far as the multiplier, having 14 out of the attendance zone students, the league making Class A even bigger, there was never a doubt we wouldn't be at Class AA."

The Iron Horses had an impressive haul last year to win its second straight Carlisle Cup, winning four state championships while claiming state runners-up in two other sports. The Iron Horses won 10 Region 6-AA championships.

Another change in this biannual realignment is Class AAAAA will be one division after being broken up into two divisions the past two school years.

Basketball Roundup

Iron Horse girls hold a share of first place in Class 6-AA standings

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What a difference a year makes for the Philip Simmons High School girls basketball team under second-year coach Alan Gethers.

Last winter, the Iron Horses opened the season with only three victories in their first 12 games as the team suffered from growing pains based on a roster that included only two players with varsity experience.

This season, the Iron Horses have the experience, confidence, and a share of the Region 6-AA lead after topping league foe Academic Magnet 62-31 on Friday, Jan. 16. That gave the Iron Horses an 8-4 record, including 3-0 in the region.

The Iron Horses picked up another impressive league victory three days earlier with a 50-42 victory over defending region champ Burke.

That sets up a Jan. 20 clash for first place against Berkeley County foe Timberland

High School, which entered the game with a 12-6 record, including 3-0 in the league.

Gethers knows the Timberland basketball culture. He helped create it. He graduated from Timberland and South Carolina State University and returned home as an assistant for the Wolves. Gethers posted a 77-94 record as head coach of the Wolves, leading the team to back-to-back league championships earlier this decade.

Now, the Iron Horses are serious contend-



ers for the league championship. Since that 3-9 start to last season, the Iron Horses are 15-10 under Gethers.

Harper Cohen leads the Iron Horses with 8.1 points per game. Kenira Homes is averaging 7.9 points and 7.8 rebounds per game, while Germany Moore is averaging 7.2 points and 10.3 rebounds per contest.

PHILIP SIMMONS BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Philip Simmons boys team struggled over the weekend, losing a pair of Region

6-AA encounters by close margins. The Iron Horses dropped a 70-65 decision at Burke on Tuesday, Jan. 13, in a battle of teams that are expected to contend for the region championship.

Gavin Johnson led the effort against Burke, hitting 7 of 11 from the field while finishing with 15 points. Palmer Driggers also hit 7 of 11 from the field and tallied 14 points. Hopper Afman collected 12 points and 11 rebounds. Matthew Cook chipped in with 11 points.

BISHOP ENGLAND GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Bishop England High School girls' basketball team had its 13-game region winning streak halted when Region 6-AAAA foe Beaufort posted a convincing 59-31 victory over the Bishops on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The Eagles were in complete control at Father O'Brien Gymnasium, jumping to a 31-15 halftime lead to take control of first place in the league.

If you think the weather's confusing, so do the fish



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

in these warmer pockets of water. It can be like fishing in the proverbial barrel.

Rule No. 3: After several days of cold weather, it is a good bet that trout will be stacked up in deeper water.

Trout are sensitive to changes in temperature and barometric pressure. When the water temperature drops, trout seek warmth in deeper water. Look for them in creek channels and deep holes in the bottom. When you find them, again, you are literally fishing in a barrel.

Hopefully, these rules of thumb will help you catch more fish. It has been a while since my last community fishing class. So, I am thinking about holding another class in the next month or so.

The class is free.

If you are interested in attending, please send me an email at captgregp@gmail.com. You can help me focus the class on what you want to learn. Let me know if you want content on inshore or offshore fishing. Your questions are welcome. Please include those as well.

If there is sufficient interest, I will circle back with the location, date, and time of the class.

In the Lowcountry, winter weather is highly variable. One day, it is 70 degrees and sunny. Then the next day is cold and rainy. This can be confusing to both anglers and fish. Well, at least it is confusing to me. However, over time, I have developed a few rules of thumb that help me to catch fish consistently in highly variable weather conditions.

Rule No. 1: Fish where the fish are.

It helps to have a fish-finding and stock-trading dog like Brody. In the event that you do not have such a dog, see Rule No. 2.

Rule No. 2: On warm days, look for fish in shallow water.

While the air temperature is warm, the water temperature will still be cold. But the sun warms the shallows pretty quickly. It is not unusual to see the water temperature rise by two to three degrees. Sometimes even more. Bait-fish and predators will seek out and congregate



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The variable weather this winter in the Lowcountry can be a boon for catching more fish. Just follow Capt. Greg Peralta's weather rules and get ready to stock up.



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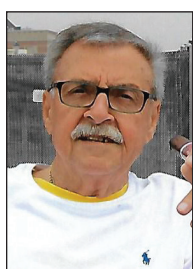
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Ron DiBella wins again, beats Brannon Florie of Coach's Canteen



Ron DiBella

Daniel Island resident Ron DiBella took home his second Pigskin Pick 'Em victory of the year, correctly picking 10 out of 12 games to lead all the online ballots and defeating VIP sponsor Brannon Florie of Coach's Canteen.

"The pigskin challenge has always been fun, while competing against other players," DiBella said via email.

DiBella won Week 4 last fall and has now become

a repeat champion, winning Week 22 to earn a \$50 gift card to Coach's Canteen. DiBella plays weekly and enjoys residing on Daniel Island.

"Living here for the past 22 years has been a pleasure for my wife and I, since first retiring to Florida for three years. The pigskin challenge has always been fun, while competing against other players."

Are you the next person to win? There are only two weeks left to compete! This week's winner

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Most passing yards: **Patriots**
Most rushing yards: **Broncos**
Most tackles: **Broncos**
First touchdown: **Patriots**

**NFC GAME
RAMS AT SEAHAWKS -
SEAHAWKS**

Most receiving yards: **Rams**
Most passing yards: **Rams**
Most rushing yards: **Seahawks**
Most tackles: **Rams**
First touchdown: **Rams**

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Coach's Canteen

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Most passing yards: Rams
Most rushing yards: Seahawks
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First touchdown: Seahawks



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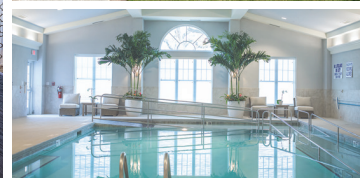
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Proposed 93-lot single-family development in Point Hope under review

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

UPCOMING:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jan. 21: Thomas Island Subdivision—Request Concept Plan approval for a 38-lot conservation development on 14.41 acres, Cainhoy. TMS: 2750000005. Owner: Clouter Creek Reserve LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc.

UPCOMING:

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jan. 22: Point Hope North Residential -Phase 1-Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 93-lot single-family development on 54.8 acres at 1698 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Cainhoy Land and Timber. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at roach.s@tandh.com.

RESULTS:

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jan. 15: Primus Park Subdivision -Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future single-family development with 102 units on 59.7 acres in Cainhoy. TMS: B2680000133. Owner: McAlister Togant Clements LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: David Williams, williams.david@tandh.com. *Results for proposed preliminary plat: No Return/Paperwork Comments. Results for proposed road construction: Revise and Return.*

JAN. 15:

MARSHES AT DI AMENITY CENTER

Proposed amenity center for Marshes at DI subdivision on 3.53 acres at 106 Fairbanks Oak Aly, Daniel Island. TMS: B2710000012. Owner: Stanley Martin Homes LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Zachary Wortman, zwortman@seamonwhiteside.com. *Results: Revise and Return.*

CANCELLED:

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS SITE DESIGN

The Wednesday, Feb. 4, Board of Zoning Appeals Site Design meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of applications submitted for board review.

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MINDFUL MILES WALK CLUB

Walking club created to build community, make new friends, move with intention, and get outside. DI Waterfront Park, Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 am. The walk will be about 1-1.5 miles at a relaxed pace. Come as you are. Free

2026 SPRING RED BALLOON YARD SALE

Sat., March 21, 7 am-1 pm. Daniel Island-wide yard sale. Look for red balloons to find participating homes. Shop for deals, treasures, and unique finds. Rain or shine. Map of participating homes coming soon. Palmetto Goodwill donation truck available 12-2 pm at the Blackbaud parking lot.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

Fri. at Guggenheim Terrace, 10:30 am-3 pm.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other nonperishables at Edward Jones 8:30am-4 pm, 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2, and at the Daniel Island Library, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 9 am-5 pm.

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. Church of the Holy Spirit: Speaker Mtg. Sat., 7 pm; 12 Step Mtg. Wed. 7:30 pm.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thurs., 7 pm at Providence Church on Daniel Island.

STRENGTH AND BALANCE

Tuesdays, 10-11 am. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216- 6366...

CORE STRENGTH & STABILITY

Mon., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. Improve balance,



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CRAFTERNOONS

Crafternoons with Edie every 1st Fri. of the month from 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB

3rd Mon., 8am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free. Contact Mark Smith at 843-442-8371 or Susan Chapman at 203-512-3929 for info.

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

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

DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL

Non-denominational Christian worship services in the Theater of the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Drive. Deacon Ed Dyckman at dyckman.edward@gmail.com and 843-367-5647.

DI COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS Meets in person on the first and fourth Tuesday at the DI Library from 6-7 pm. Enjoy speaking among friends! See how Toastmasters Pathways can help you speak your mind with confidence. Free public demonstrations Jan. 13 and 27. Email claire@eduave.com.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge, ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr. Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required, 843-224-6778/843-209-1471.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND

4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixexchange-club.org.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX

A bi-monthly multimedia discussion group for music lovers. All music genres including: Country/western, baroque and electronia. 2nd & 4th Thurs. at the DI Library from 11 am - noon.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A

Certified Clemson MGs. DI Library, first Mon. of month, 4-6 pm. Soil samples, at least two cups in a sealed plastic bag, are tested at Clemson University for \$6 per sample, payable by check or credit card only.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Daniel Island Club at 5pm. RAKL is a nonprofit organization of volunteers whose focus is improving the lives of people in the Lowcountry. All are welcome! info.rakl2020@gmail.com

RECORDER GROUP

Join Captain Daniell's Pipers at the DI Library every Tue. 1:30-2:30 pm. All welcome regardless of your level of playing. Richard Foreman, eflat3@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF DI

meets 1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-10 am. Call or text for venue info and RSVP, 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS

The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am and on the second Tues. of each month at noon. The Cainhoy Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Ben Laaper, ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Daniel Island Rec Center. A free, relaxed weekly meetup for senior men to socialize and connect. Coffee and refreshments provided.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS Meets at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.

STRONG & MOBILE FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

Sat., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. A class for active lifestyles, especially pickleball players, focused on strength and mobility for sport and real life. \$10. Contact 843-216-6366.

TAI CHI CLASSES

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

WILLINGWAY'S "CONTINUED

CARE GROUP" helps families struggling with alcohol/drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.

YOGA Thursdays, 9-10 am at DI Rec Center. A mindful flow practice focusing on strength, balance, flexibility, and calm. \$8. Contact Teresa at dicommunityyoga@gmail.com.

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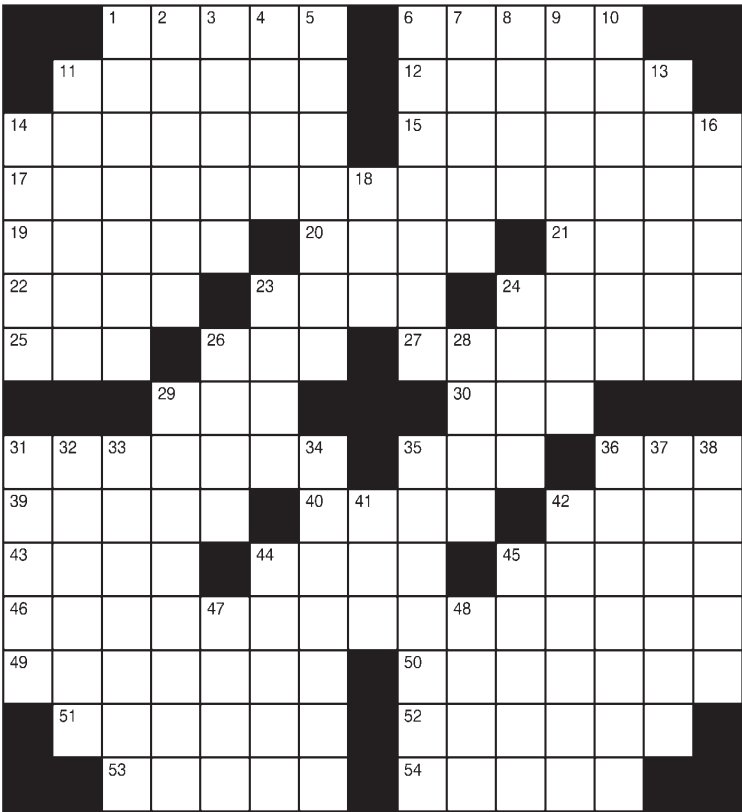
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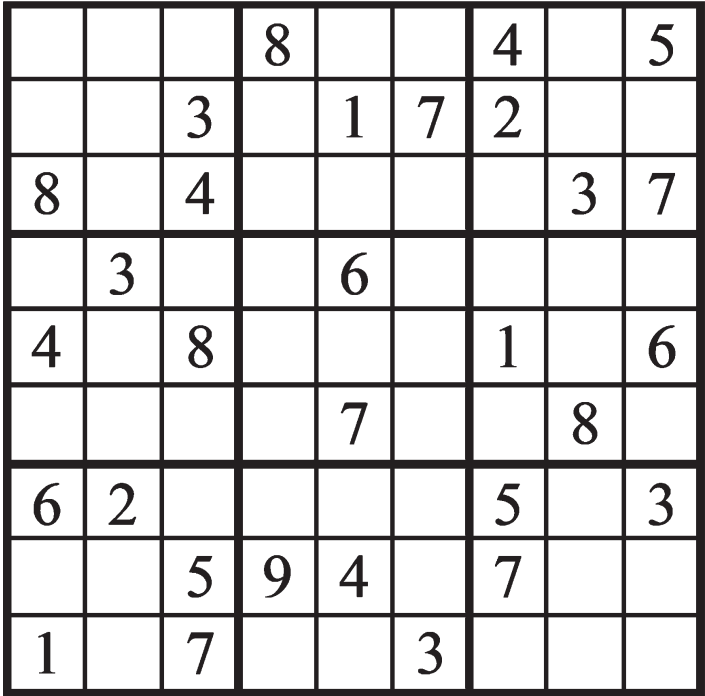
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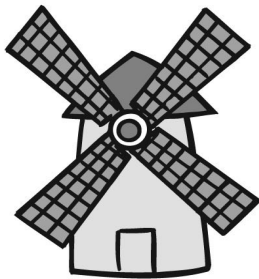
Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

A Lot of Noun Sense

Below are statements about certain nouns that may or may not be true. You decide.

1. Valerie (is, is not) a common noun.
2. Democracy (is, is not) an abstract noun.
3. Family (is, is not) a plural noun.
4. Windmill (is, is not) a compound noun.
5. Elevator (is, is not) a proper noun.



Answers: 1. is not. Valerie is a proper noun because it names a specific person.
2. is. Abstract nouns express ideas or concepts that cannot be experienced with any of our senses.
3. is not. Family is a collective noun.
4. is. A compound noun is made up of two or more nouns (wind + mill).
5. is not. Elevator is a common noun.

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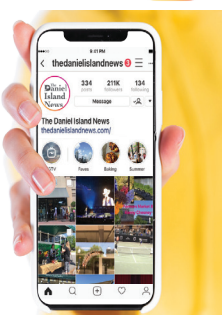
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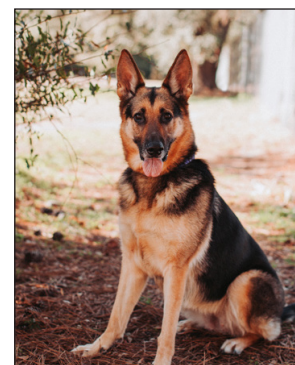


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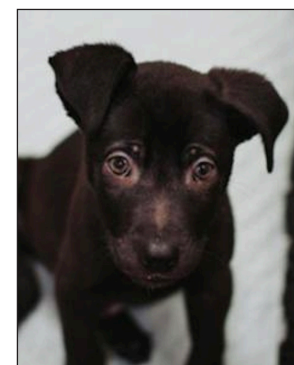
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