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Longtime Daniel Islander and native Canadian to celebrate her first Independence Day as an American citizen

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On May 22, 2025, Daniel Island resident Jennifer Esse – a native Canadian – stood up, raised her right hand, and, in unison with a dozen other people, swore an allegiance to the red, white, and blue, and became an American citizen.

“(At the ceremony), you’re saying you are going to set your motherland aside in order to represent yourself as an American citizen,” Esse said. “And that means a lot to me. It makes me a little emotional.”

Esse was born in Canada and raised about an hour north of Toronto, Ontario. She moved to the United States more than 20 years ago to pursue a master’s degree which led her to a career as an audiologist.

During that time, she married, settled on Daniel Island, and gave birth to two children who have dual citizenship – all while Esse remained an immigrant on extended visas to stay in the country.

Until now, Esse was the only member of her immediate family not American.

“I am really connected to my home country (of Canada), so maybe that’s why it took me so long,” Esse said, noting that her mother, brother, and an aunt still live in The Great White North.

Esse said with recent government policies tightening immigration laws, the uncertainty of being able to go back-and-forth to visit her relatives prompted her to take pause and she decided to fill out Form N-400 and apply for naturalization.

“Honestly, I should have done this years ago,” she admitted.

BECOMING AN AMERICAN

As a lawful permanent resident of the United States and with a medical background that allowed her to renew her employment-based green card every 10 years, the naturalization process for her particular case wasn’t as difficult as she anticipated.

After a deep background check, the immigration office scheduled Esse an appointment for an interview.

“The interview was just biometrics, just proving I am who I say I am,”

Once she was cleared, Esse received a



PROVIDED BY JENNIFER ESSE

Jennifer Esse, an audiologist on Daniel Island, became an American citizen in May after living in the United States on extended visas as a Canadian immigrant for more than 20 years.

big surprise.

“I didn’t realize after that appointment, the immigration officer was actually prepared to have me do my oath ceremony that day. I

came in with jeans and a t-shirt and my hair a mess, and he’s like, ‘Hey, you are going to take the test now.’ And I said, ‘What test?’ He said, ‘Your test so you can become a

citizen.’”

Bewildered, Esse took the naturalization test right then and there, and luckily, was not stumped.

“Questions like, ‘Who is the father of the United States?’ George Washington. Having been here so many years - 26 years - I passed the test. I would have been embarrassed had I not passed,” she laughed.

The immigration office had scheduled Esse to be sworn in that day, but the ceremony had already begun by the time she finished her test. So her swearing-in was rescheduled to May 22 giving her an opportunity to dress up and have her family in attendance.

It also gave her time to bond with other soon-to-be Americans.

“There were 12 or 13 of us and we were all from different places. There was one other Canadian woman, and we were the only two that were from the same country originally. Everyone else was from all over,” she said. “They let you bring your family and you take pictures. It was really, really special. Just awesome.”

THE WEIGHT OF THE OATH

The Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America requires that immigrants renounce their allegiance to their former country, agree to defend the U.S. Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and agree to bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law.

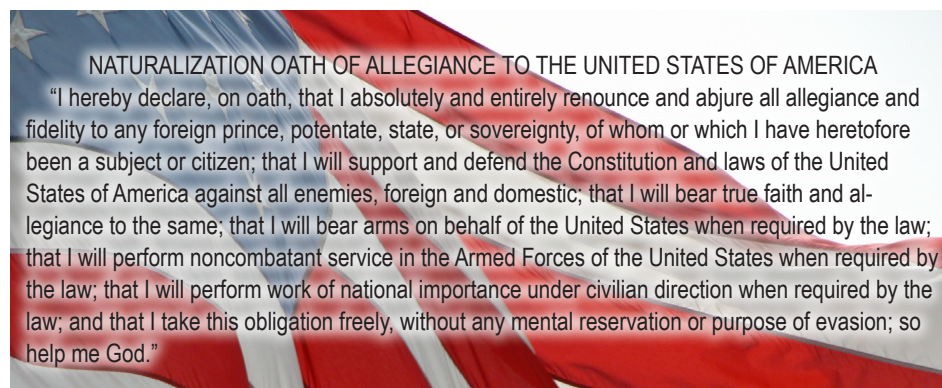
Recalling her naturalization day almost brought Esse to tears.

“When you take the oath, you actually say I am going to set my original citizenship aside because if I am required, I have to bear arms. This country supersedes my home country, so it’s an emotional thing, right?”

This Fourth of July, the fireworks and pageantry celebrating America’s birthday will take on new importance for Esse. It will be her first Independence Day as an American, a proud moment she looks to cherish.

“It is just a very personal journey,” she said. “It’s honestly one of the most memorable experiences I’ve had just from a personal standpoint, in terms of my connection to the United States.

“It was really special and I’m really glad I did it,” she said.



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Developer hopes open house calms opposition ahead of tree removal hearing

Tree-saving battle renewed as Holder Properties asks city to remove trees for townhomes

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It's Round Two for the Nowell Creek Village developer seeking the city's permission to remove 24 mature trees for 24 new townhomes in the new residential community off Daniel Island Drive.

On Wednesday, July 2, Charleston's Board of Zoning Appeals was scheduled to hear a variance request from Holder Properties that would allow the builder to remove the trees to begin the construction of townhomes.

The hearing was originally slated for early June, but Holder Properties temporarily put the request on hold when a Facebook post by the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association generated more than 300 comments asking the zoning panel to deny the request and preserve the trees.

In an effort to smooth communications between the developer and tree backers, Holder Properties deferred the original request and opted to hold an open house on June 25, inviting concerned residents to visit

with representatives.

"When you hear only a snippet - 24 townhomes and 24 trees - you're not understanding the whole story," said Andy Barfield, chief development officer of Holder Properties.

We decided, hey look, let's take a step back and let's have a town meeting. Let's make sure we are doing to the best of our ability to inform people, to make sure everyone understands... and see what we are doing out there."

Since purchasing the 37-acre property in 2019, Holder Properties has been developing the former site of the Charleston Battery soccer stadium, transforming the asphalt lot into apartments, rental townhomes, and condominiums.

However, Barfield said what many residents may not know is that the development's master plan also calls for the addition of hundreds of new trees to the property, along with public access to the community's park, trails, and fishing dock.

"We saved over 575 trees on the property,

and we've planted over 800 trees," Barfield said, "but no one heard that when the Facebook post came out. We also plan to add double the amount of trees in that specific (townhome) location."

During the two-hour open house, about 15 people stopped by to view pictures and sketches of the developer's future plans and to talk to Holder about tree-saving alternatives.

One attendee encouraged Holder to compromise and move the future townhomes to another spot on the property or push them back a few more feet away from the road, which would allow the trees to remain.

"That's what I said to them, 'You're better off going for a variance request on the setback of the townhomes,'" said Daniel Island resident David Wickwire. "It would be one thing if it was downtown Daniel Island, but this is not downtown Daniel Island."

After the meeting, Holder representatives said the event was a good give-and-take session that allowed them to listen to public concerns while sharing more details of their

plan.

They also said it gave them a chance to share facts about the 24 trees in question that they say might not be widely known.

"We want people to understand the historical context of the trees," said marketing director Abby Hawkins. "Those trees were put in place as a screen. They were planted in the early 2000s. It's a man-made berm, which is a built-up mound that was built to screen a parking lot."

Prior to the July 2 hearing, another 300 comments were posted on the zoning board's portal on behalf of saving the Daniel Island trees.

"Replacing mature trees with tree specimens sets nature back decades if not longer," wrote Pat Wood in a comment. "We do not need the trade-off of additional housing sitting on DI drive at the expense of the aesthetics of our community."

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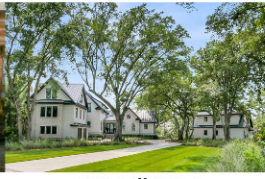
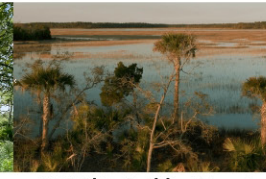
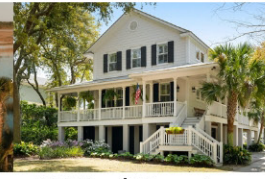


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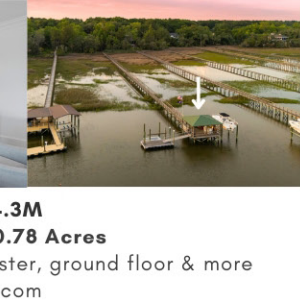
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"Anytime you suffer a setback or disappointment, put your head down and plow ahead." - Les Brown, motivational speaker

In case you missed it, more than a thousand people in Minneapolis recently attended what has become an annual celebration – the sharpening of a giant No. 2 pencil.

Yes, a pencil.

The 20-foot-tall pencil was sculpted out of a giant oak tree that was damaged by a storm a few years ago. Neighbors and friends mourned the damage of the beloved tree. Yet, the owners of the tree had a plan. According to the story, the owners saw it not so much as a loss, but as a chance to give the tree new life.

The sharpening ceremony on the front lawn has evolved into a community-wide event that draws hundreds and is filled with music and pageantry. Some people come dressed as pencils and erasers.

In the wake of the storm, the owners knew they wanted to create a sculpture out of their tree. Given the shape and circumference of the log, they conceived the idea of an oversized pencil.

When asked why they chose a pencil, the owner replied, "Everybody uses a pencil. You see it in school, you see it in people's work or

drawings, everything. So, it's just accessible to everybody." They also stated that they wanted to do something that would bring the community together.

The owners said, "We tell a story about the dull tip, and we're gonna get sharp. There's renewal. We can write a love letter, a thank-you note, we can write a math problem, a to-do list. And that's a chance for renewal – that promise, people really seem to buy into and understand."

Now, each year they sharpen the pencil. It's a community celebration, and its inspiration came out of something that was initially very disappointing.

Life has a way of throwing us curveballs. Things happen in life that we didn't see coming, and we feel the sting of disappointment. And while we can't choose what we go through in life, we can decide how to respond to it.

When John and Amy Higgins lost that tree, they were disappointed. But out of that disappointment came a joyous celebration that now draws people by the hundreds. It all comes down to your choice.

John and Amy chose not to make it about them or their grief, but instead, they saw an opportunity to do something more meaningful.

Here are a few lessons we can learn from John and Amy about turning disappointments into celebrations.

YOUR ATTITUDE IS A GAME CHANGER

John and Amy could have simply mourned the loss of the tree and moved on with their lives.

But instead, they chose to do something positive that would have far-reaching outcomes.

This is emblematic of individuals seeking the greater good and those with a positive attitude. And this is what will set you apart in life when bad things happen to good people. John and Amy chose a positive attitude, and now many come annually to celebrate something good that came out of a loss.

YOUR FOCUS SETS YOUR COURSE

John and Amy didn't make the loss of the tree about them. They decided on a plan to create a giant No. 2 pencil, and it evolved into an annual community celebration.

When disappointments come your way, as they surely will, your focus will determine where and how it will end. As you guard your attitude and chart the course, good things can come from the things that brought you pain.

YOU CAN CHOOSE PITY OR A PARTY

John and Amy could have chosen a pity party. But as it turns out, they chose a party.

From the log of a fallen tree now stands a 20-foot No. 2 pencil that serves as a reminder that good can come from adversity, and sometimes we need a good sharpening to be more productive.

I encourage you today to reflect on your attitude, think carefully about what you choose to focus on, and opt for the party over the pity.

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New SC golf cart law: Children 12 and under must buckle up

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The next time you hop on a golf cart with your kids, make sure they are buckled up – or you could be breaking the law.

A new statewide law requiring children under the age of 12 to wear seat belts when riding in golf carts on public roads and highways went into effect on May 22.

South Carolina lawmakers said it's part of a sweeping reform aimed at making the popular mode of transportation safer while giving local governments more control over how and where they're used.

In addition to the seat belt law, the legislation, passed with near-unanimous support in the General Assembly and signed by Governor Henry McMaster, also reinforces existing rules:

- Golf carts may only be operated during daylight hours
- Operators may only drive on roads with speed limits of 35 mph or less

- Golf carts must be operated within four miles of the vehicle's registration address, unless a city or town passes its own ordinance

- Drivers must be at least 16 years old, have a valid driver's license, and carry both registration and liability insurance

"Golf cart legislation has been a perennial issue for years, often addressed through piecemeal bills, many of which have stalled and failed," said State Rep. Mark Smith, whose district covers Daniel Island and the Wando area. "This recent



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When riding in this year's golf cart parade, a new statewide law requires children under 12 to wear seat belts when riding in golf carts. Photo is from the 2024 4th of July parade.

legislation represents a more comprehensive effort at reform, intended to provide clarity and consistency for the foreseeable future."

Smith added, "The seatbelt requirement is a commonsense safety measure; requiring minors to wear seatbelts reflects a basic commitment to safety."

The Charleston Police Department's public information officer said there haven't been any recently reported golf cart accidents on Daniel Island, but said the agency welcomes the law's focus on prevention.

"I think we've all seen an increase in golf cart usage over the last several years," said Sergeant Chris Stinson. "The new legislation is aimed at creating safer roadways for everyone, specifically children."

Stinson also emphasized that education is just as important as enforcement. "We encourage all golf cart owners and operators to review and follow the state and local laws to help ensure everyone's safety on the road."

Another major change? Local governments now have broader authority to set the rules. Municipalities and counties can establish their own ordinances dictating where and when golf carts can be driven, even allowing nighttime use if the carts have headlights and taillights.

"As for Daniel Island, I see it as a necessary safety step that still allows for local input – input that supports both quality of life and safety," Smith said.

While the law only addresses golf carts for now, Smith hinted that bigger debates inside the Statehouse are ahead.

"Broader issues involving medium-speed vehicles, UTVs, the need for DUI reform, and fully staffing law enforcement will all be addressed separately in future discussions," he said.

For now, golf cart riders would do well to take note and buckle up.

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DI CHIROPRACTOR ENTERS 25TH YEAR CARING FOR CHARLESTON BATTERY PLAYERS

Longtime Daniel Island resident Dr. David Theobald of Theobald Family Chiropractic



Dr. Theobald (right) with Charleston Battery soccer player Aaron Molloy.

returns as the official chiropractor for the Charleston Battery soccer team for the 25th year.

Dr. Theobald will provide chiropractic care to players before all home matches. Players will also be seen in his Mount Pleasant office.

"It is an honor to care for these professional athletes and be part of the team that keeps them on the field," Dr. Theobald said. "I have learned an incredible amount about sports injury and rehabilitation caring for these players for a quarter of a century.

"It has been extremely helpful in my everyday practice; in fact, there are not many

injuries that I have not been exposed to."

Battery player Aaron Molloy said, "The chiropractic adjustments that I receive from Dr. Theobald help me avoid injury, increase my flexibility, and I find I recover faster."

DI BUSINESS OWNER ACCEPTED INTO FORBES BUSINESS COUNCIL

Raj Tulshan, founder and CEO of Daniel Island-based Loan Mantra, an online business



Raj Tulshan

lending platform, will join the Forbes Business Council, a growth and networking organization for successful business owners and leaders worldwide.

A review committee selected Tulshan

based on criteria that included the depth and diversity of experience, a track record of impacting business growth metrics, as well as personal and professional achievements and honors.

As a member of the council, Tulshan has access to a variety of opportunities designed

to help reach peak professional influence.

The council allows him to connect and collaborate with other leaders in a private forum, plus the opportunity to share his insights in original articles and contribute to published expert panels alongside other business leaders on Forbes.com.

"It is such an honor to be part of the Forbes Business Council and collaborate among other professional leaders to share insights, knowledge, and ideas," Tulshan said. "My thoughts have been shared as part of Forbes Business Council panels in recent articles on small business expansion and leveraging LLMs in marketing strategy, and I couldn't be more thrilled."

SC CHAMBER ADVOCACY EFFORTS

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce released its annual Results for Business report that recaps its advocacy efforts during the 2025 state legislative session.

According to the chamber's report, its advocacy efforts resulted in over an \$807 million impact for South Carolina's business community, or about \$4,275 per employer in

the state.

"The chamber has set forth an aggressive agenda to help our businesses and stimulate South Carolina's economy, and we made tremendous progress in the first year of this legislative session," said chamber president and CEO Mike Brennan. "With the help of the forward-thinking leadership in the General Assembly, we were able to deliver relief from a broken civil justice system that cost our businesses and families millions of dollars each year, significant tax cuts, confidence in the future of the state's energy grid, and technical college scholarships for the most critical jobs."

Brennan, in the chamber's press release, added, "These policies will undoubtedly make South Carolina an even better state for business. We appreciate the opportunity to represent the interests of South Carolina's job creators and will work collaboratively with the General Assembly to deliver even more pro-business wins in 2026."

The report can be viewed at sccchamber.net/general/2025-results-for-business.

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Summer in the Lowcountry mimics a tropical vacation, but it doesn't have to come at the cost of your skin.

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How to outsmart skin cancer this summer



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(From left) Sofia, Lucas, and Maya Hill, and Emily Sahn have fun applying their sunscreen before swimming. Dr. Hill loves UPF 50+ rash guards and long-sleeved bathing suits for kids and recommends roll-on sunscreens as an easy, kid-friendly way to get them involved in sun safety.

EMMA SLAVEN

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In any given weekend in the summer, you'll find sunbathers sprawled across local beaches, kids splashing in pools, and dog walkers soaking up the rays on the Daniel Island or Clements Ferry trails.

But behind every golden tan is a reality that too often gets ignored: skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, per the Centers for Disease Control, and it's largely preventable.

In fact, one in five Americans will develop skin can-

cer in their lifetime, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. And as summer heat intensifies and UV indexes rise, dermatologists say now is the about sun protection.

"Regular, unprotected sun exposure is very damaging to the skin," said Dr. Rachel Hill, a dermatologist at Daniel Island Dermatology. "Ultraviolet radiation is a proven carcinogen, and skin cancer is a major public health concern. There are 9,000 deaths from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, every year in the U.S. alone."

Sunscreen: Your Daily Armor

While avoiding the sun entirely may not be realistic, using sunscreen correctly is one of the best ways to protect your skin. But not all sunscreens are created equal.

"We recommend a broad-spectrum sunscreen – which will protect against both (ultraviolet A) and (ultraviolet B) radiation – of at least 30 SPF (Sun Protection Factor) for everyday use," Hill said. "If you will be participating in water activities or sports, look for one that is water resistant. You still need to reapply every two hours or after swimming."

Hill also recommends tinted sunscreens with iron oxides. "They are especially helpful to prevent dark spots because they protect against visible light in addition to ultraviolet radiation, and they don't leave a white residue."

As for what kind of sunscreen is best?

"The best sunscreen for you is the one that you will

apply every day," she said.

Daniel Island mom of two Melanie Hart agrees.

"My kids know the drill: sunscreen before swim goggles," she said. "We use Blue Lizard (sunscreen) for their sensitive skin, and I always keep a stick version in my bag for reapplying on their faces."

Decoding The Ingredients

Sunscreens typically fall into two categories: physical (mineral) and chemical. Each has its place.

"Physical blockers, also known as mineral sunscreens, contain zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, or both," Hill explained. "They form a protective layer on the skin that both deflects and absorbs the sun's rays. These are ideal for young children or those with sensitive skin."

Chemical sunscreens, on the other hand, absorb ultraviolet rays and can offer broad protection with a lightweight feel. While there remains stigma and debate over chemical sunscreen ingredients, Hill is clear on the science.

"There is no scientific evidence that sunscreen causes skin cancer," she said. "We know that ultraviolet radiation from the sun causes skin cancer. Sunscreen, along with other sun-protective measures, helps to prevent skin cancer."

For those wary of American sunscreen formulations, she noted that other countries may offer more modern options.

"In some European and Asian countries, sunscreens contain newer chemical filters, some of which may be more effective than those available in the U.S. One such ingredient is bemotrizinol, which has been used overseas for over 20 years and is currently under FDA

review."

Sun Safety Starts With Daily Habits

Beyond the bottle, sun protection includes lifestyle habits that can dramatically reduce your risk of skin cancer.

"In addition to applying sunscreen on exposed skin, we recommend wearing a hat, sunglasses, and sun-protective clothing, and seeking shade, especially during midday hours," Hill said. "Long-sleeved bathing suits or rash guards are a great way to protect the skin and reduce how much sunscreen you need to apply."

Charleston's subtropical climate makes these precautions even more critical.

"Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the sun is strongest here," Hill said, "so take that into account when planning your outdoor activities."

Clements Ferry resident Terry Wright, an avid boater, said he learned the hard way.

"I had a mole removed from my shoulder last year that turned out to be precancerous," he said. "Now I don't go out without a hat and a long-sleeve shirt, and I'm reapplying sunscreen constantly. It seriously scared me."

Even the most diligent sunscreen users often miss easy-to-miss spots: areas of the body that are just as vulnerable to sun damage but often forgotten in the daily SPF routine.

"In addition to the ears, scalp, and tops of feet, there are a few other commonly overlooked areas," Hill said. "The lips are one. Applying a lip balm with an SPF of 30-plus and reapplying after eating and drinking is

important. Don't forget the back of the neck, backs of hands, and around the eyes – use UV-protective sunglasses or mineral-based sunscreen there."

And if you're swimming or bald-headed?

"Don't forget to apply sunscreen to part lines or exposed scalp," she said.

Skin Checks And What To Detect

Knowing what to look for can be life-saving. Hill recommends remembering the ABCDEs of melanoma:

Asymmetry

Borders that are irregular

Color that is varied or changing

Diameter larger than 6 millimeters

Evolving over time

"Symptoms such as itching, bleeding, or pain also warrant a dermatologist visit," she said.

Annual skin checks are essential, especially for adults.

"Start getting skin checks between age 20 and 25 annually if you have a lot of moles. In general, every one to two years starting in your 30s if you don't have risk factors," Hill said. "If you have a personal or family history of skin cancer, you should get checked more often."

That attention to detail matters for all ages, but protecting children in the sun is especially important, since their skin can be more sensitive and early sun damage can have lifelong effects.

"Apply sunscreen generously and often, 15 minutes before sun exposure," Hill said. "Avoid peak hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., wear wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses, and choose lightweight, long-sleeved clothing. Use broad-spectrum, mineral-based sunscreen

QUICK TIPS FOR SMART SUN SAFETY

- Choose broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen
- Reapply every 2 hours or after swimming
- Wear hats, sunglasses, and sun-protective clothing
- Avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Annual skin checks starting in your 20s
- Teach kids sun safety habits early

with SPF 30 or higher, even during the school year."

She advises parents to involve kids in their sun care routine. "Explain why you're doing it. Say, 'Sunburn hurts your skin now and hurts you later.' Kids understand more than we think."

Your Skin Called. It Wants SPF

Summer in the Lowcountry mimics a tropical vacation, but it doesn't have to come at the cost of your skin.

"Sun protection is something we should be practicing year-round, not just at the beach," Hill reminded. "Taking a few minutes to apply sunscreen, wear the right clothing, and stay in the shade can make all the difference in your future health."

The next time you reach for your sunglasses and head outside, grab your sunscreen too. Your future self will thank you.



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(From left) Physician Assistant Amy J. Murphy, Dr. Rachel E. Hill, and Dr. Eleanor E. Sahn of Daniel Island Dermatology remind patients that protecting your skin from the sun starts with daily habits, like applying a broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen and reapplying often, especially during Charleston's hot summer months.



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Elta MD makes pharmaceutical-grade sunscreens that are non-comedogenic and fragrance-free. Dr. Hill says these are great for those with sensitive skin or certain dermatologic conditions such as acne, rosacea, and eczema.



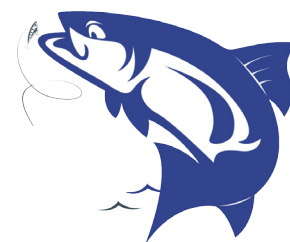
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Flying Fish stress team building as they head into the City Meet

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On June 29, Daniel Island Flying Fish coach Rose Van Metre focused on building esprit de corps by having the team attend a Charleston RiverDogs game.

"It was a lot of fun," said Van Metre, who also coaches the Bishop England High School swim team while being a goodwill ambassador for the sport in the Lowcountry. "We enjoyed it and did a lot of fun things. We were able to parade on the field."

On July 6, Van Metre and the Flying Fish will focus on winning their third consecutive City Meet championship. The swim meet will be held at the North Charleston Aquatic Center and will feature more than 800 area swimmers. The youngest age groups will compete in the morning, and the older swimmers will showcase their talents in the afternoon.

The potential of three city championships in a row might have been hard to comprehend when the Flying Fish debuted in 2004.

"We've always had good teams over the years," Van Metre said. "To be honest, I thought we would always be a top five program. But to have a chance to win it for a third straight year is pretty amazing."

The Flying Fish always had heart; they



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Meet the DI Flying Fish Coaches: Justin Hafner, Rose Van Metre, Quinn DeWitt, Lizzie Kelsch, and Marie Atwood. The team will compete in the City Meet this weekend.

were just short on numbers, and depth was an issue when the Flying Fish competed against the biggest and the best of the Coastal Carolina Aquatic Association.

But that changed in 2023 when the Flying Fish sent shock waves throughout the league when they unseated the Snee Farm Swim Team as the City Meet champ. Snee Farm entered the 2023 championship with eight city swim meet crowns in a row.

Last summer, The Flying Fish repeated with a 3,112-2,725 victory over Northbridge Terrace. Snee Farm was third with 2,526.5 points.

Today, Hafner, who is majoring in engineering at Clemson, is one of Van Metre's assistant coaches.

Van Metre said one of the highlights of every season includes the Mega Meet, which has been around for 15 or 16 years, Van Me-

tre said. It is for the youngest of the Flying Fish, and one of the first swimmers to compete in the Mega Meet was Justin Hafner.

Last summer, Hafner won his first city swim individual championship, claiming gold in the 50-meter freestyle to conclude his 14th year as a Flying Fish.

Today, Hafner is one of Van Metre's assistant coaches.

"We have kids come to us when they are five or six years old," Van Metre said. "By the time they are 11 or 12, they might play another sport. But those who stay will have success. They also are role models. A younger swimmer might see an older swimmer on the island and say, 'I want to be like them.'"

The Flying Fish has a cast of impressive alumni. In addition to Hafner, Zoe Dewitt was a member '24 team.

She attends the Air Force Academy while her brother Quinn graduated from High Point and is in graduate school at CSU.

Quinn Dewitt is also an assistant coach this year along with Lizzie Kelsch and Maria Atwood.

The Flying Fish went 4-2 this season and performed well, Van Metre said. The team lost to Snee Farm and Hobcaw.

"We got better over the season," Van Metre said. "We also learned along the way."

Iron Horses go 7-on-7 in preparation for football season

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The Philip Simmons High School football team checked off another box on its to-do list in preparation for the 2025 season, completing the 7-on-7 passing league portion of its schedule.

The schedule was challenging and demanding, and coach Eric Bendig's crew was up to the task, as the Iron Horses had been putting in the work on the gridiron and in the weight room.

Expectations are high for the Iron Horses, who posted a 10-3 record in the 2024 season, winning the Region 6-AA championship while reaching the third round of the play-offs.

"Football is a year-round sport if you want to compete at the highest level," Bendig said. "It doesn't mean we play football 12 months a year. It means we constantly work

on ourselves and our team 12 months out of the year.

"From off-season workouts to spring ball, summer camps, and then game season, it's about staying sharp and getting better every single day," Bendig added. "Progress and advancement never stops – and neither does our program."

The Iron Horses played 7-on-7 teams from the Lowcountry, including Wando High School, West Ashley, Cane Bay, and Lucy Beckham, among others.

The one trip that mixed business with pleasure was participating in the Shane Beamer 7-on-7 camp at the University of South Carolina.

"The kids got to experience playing in their indoor facility and be around college players and coaches – that was truly special for us," Bendig said.

"I feel like we have done well and grown from the process. We have made some

mistakes here and there, but that's what these reps are for in the summer."

The Iron Horses were scheduled to participate in The Citadel's 7-on-7 in the last 7-on-7 of the summer. The passing league gave Iron Horse players a chance to go up against players who weren't wearing purple, white, and black. It also gave Bendig a chance to see the battle for the starting quarterback job in a more competitive situation.

"These reps in summer 7-on-7 are key, especially with a new quarterback," he said. "Our guys love competing in 7-on-7 because it is a chance to play other teams. They are sick of going against each other every day."

"This process helps build chemistry, confidence, and composure by facing different teams and different adverse situations," Bendig said.

"It also gives our defense reps in pass coverage and sharpens their communication. We value reps that will help us on a Friday night

in these 7-on-7 situations."

Maurico Curry and Hayes Goddard are the leading candidates to replace quarterback Tavien Orellana, who passed for 4,077 yards and 58 TDs in three years as a starter. Will Hollifield, Ashton Kellermann, and Patrick Clarke will be key players in the Iron Horses' receiver and tight end slots.

Next up is August 1, the first day South Carolina High School League teams begin fall practice in preparation for the season. The Iron Horses are scheduled to host Hanahan on August 22 in the season opener.

"This program is about way more than just Friday night wins," Bendig said. "We're building young men who understand commitment, dedication, and leadership. That kind of growth doesn't come from showing up only when it's convenient. It comes from showing up every time, no matter what."

"That's the mindset we want to instill because it's not just about football – it's about preparing these guys for life," Bendig added. "We're here to help them become the best versions of themselves, on and off the field."



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During the dog days of summer, fishing at sunrise is beautiful



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

The dog days of summer arrived early this year. For most of last week, the heat index was in the triple-digit range. It was uncomfortably hot for anglers and fish alike. So hot that Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, refused to leave the house.

With water temperatures in the creeks consistently above 86 degrees, the daytime fish-feeding window is short. The most optimal feeding conditions are early morning with an incoming tide.

On Saturday, low tide was at 5:29 a.m., and the wind was forecast to be calm. Perfect conditions for targeting redfish and trout with topwater lures. So I called my longtime fishing buddy, Jonathan Anderegg, and he agreed to meet me at 5 a.m. on Saturday.

It was still dark when we launched the skiff and made the short run into the Wando River. When we started fishing, it was slack

tide, and the water temperature was 86 degrees. The bite was slow, but we knew the incoming tide would drop the water temperature and trigger the fish to eat. At least we hoped it would!

A few minutes later, the incoming tide lowered the water temperature by half a degree. Like a light switch, the bite turned on.

I spotted a couple of redfish feeding on shrimp and positioned the skiff so Jonathan could make the cast.

His Zara Spook Junior lure landed a couple of feet in front of the fish. One of the redfish followed the lure but did not strike. Jonathan made another cast and just let the lure sit.

The strike was vicious. As Jonathan fought the fish, I noticed the sunrise behind him and thought to myself that would be a good picture. The redfish was not particularly large, but the sunrise was beautiful. So, we took the time for a quick photo before releasing the fish.

In the dog days of summer, it is hard to beat an early morning incoming tide. Especially when you share it with an old friend.

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I am originally from Abilene, Texas. I'm a military brat, so I lived all over the United States.

How long have you been in the business?
I have been in this business for five years now.

What do you love most about this profession?
What I love most about this profession is the art of it seeing my clients' reactions.



If you could choose any other career—what do you think you would do?
If I could choose any other career, I would probably be a preschool teacher.

What is your favorite time of the year?
My favorite time of the year is Halloween. I love dressing up!

If you were stranded on an island what one thing would you take with you?
If I were stranded on an island, I would take a machete.

What is your favorite food?
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A lot to unpack this month: nonfiction, fiction, serious, and comedic books. There are books for all tastes. Don't deprive yourself of the more sobering topics. Some really outstanding writing to enjoy and subject matter to stimulate discussion.

NONFICTION

"When the Going Was Good" by Graydon Carter. The long-time editor of Vanity Fair, with his swoop of white locks, always struck me as self-important, but I truly enjoyed his memoir. If you didn't read the book by his personal assistant, "Dilettante" by Dana Brown, read that too for a complete description of the heyday of publishing at Condé Nast.

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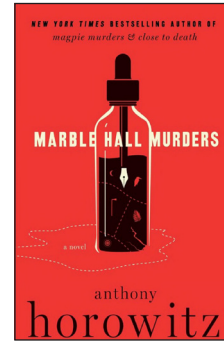
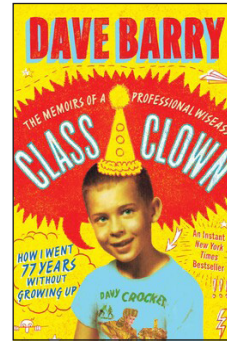
"Class Clown" by Dave Barry. Many readers may be too young to remember Barry's syndicated newspaper column, but it was hilarious. He is now a writer behind movies, TV shows, and awards shows. His book is laugh-out-loud funny and perfect as an audiobook. Enjoy!

"Boat Baby" by Vicky Nguyen. The story of Vietnamese immigrants who brought their baby here to escape the Communist takeover. They had nothing but worked hard, saved, and grew a successful business. Vickie, too, worked hard in school and at her job in journalism to become a national correspondent. The American success story never gets old.

FICTION

"The Bright Years" by Sarah Damoff. Family saga set in Texas. For fans of "Ask Again, Yes" by Mary Beth Keane. Heart-breaking, sweet, frustrating, but ultimately a satisfying story of one family and their travails. Realistic and well-written. An outstanding debut novel.

"The Names" by Florence Knapp. This book is challenging because it deals with domestic abuse, both physical and psycho-



logical, but it was specifically noted by so many authors that I stayed with it. Knapp is a gifted writer as she follows the lives of her characters down three paths, each influenced by the name chosen for the child and the reaction of the abused wife to her situation. Invite a psychologist to your book club when you discuss this one. Lots to mull over here.

"The Doorman" by Chris Pavone. The setting is a thinly disguised Dakota in New York City, home to the ultra-rich. Pavone weaves a terrific story of the clash between cultures, ethnicities, and economic levels. "The Bonfire of the Vanities" for our time.

"The Human Scale" by Lawrence Wright. An unblinking, unbiased look at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by an incred-

ible writer. Goes beyond the headlines to the people involved. Pairs well with "Apeirogon" by Colum McCann, which is also deeply personal.

"Marble Hall Murders" by Anthony Horowitz. Third in a series, but you can read them each alone. Snappy, twisty British mystery with a dollop of class conflict. Great for the beach or pool.

"Twist" by Colum McCann. A journalist is researching how they repair the undersea cables that carry all our internet information. He finds himself rethinking personal connections as well.

"Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping on a Dead Man" by Jesse Q. Sutanto. The second book starring Vera, who owns a tea shop in San Francisco but really thinks of herself as a murder investigator. Silly, funny, and entertaining. Descriptions of her cooking, which she uses to gain access to people and places, will have you drooling.

"Julie Chan is Dead" by Liann Zhang. When a twin takes over her sister's influencer life, she finds that it is not what it looks like on social media.

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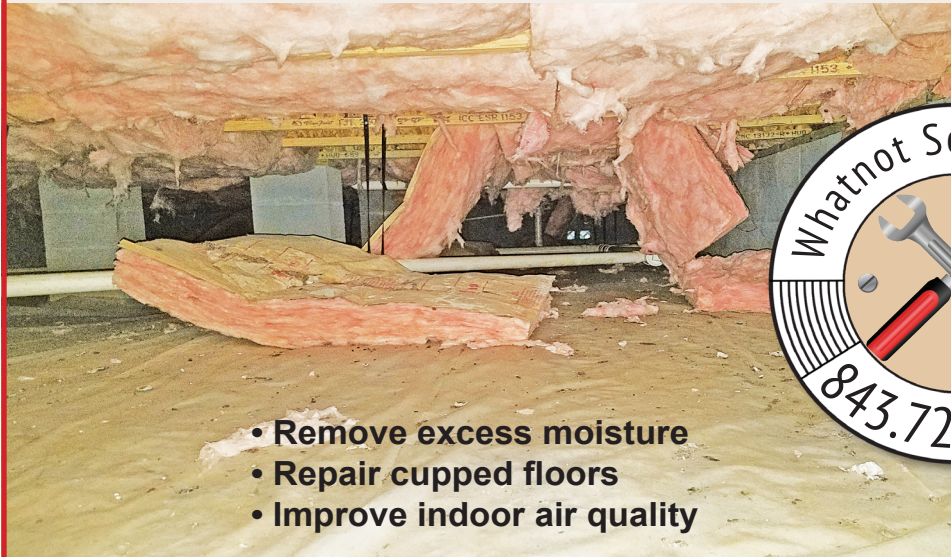
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MAY 9 & 10	No Practice (Happy Mothers' Day!)	JUNE 12	Away Meet - DI at Hobcaw Yacht Club
MAY 12	Practice begins for 5 and 6 year olds	6:30pm	
MAY 20	Ice Cream Social after practice	JUNE 17	Away Meet - DI at Parkshore 6:30pm
MAY 22	Time Trials, Team Picture and Dinner	JUNE 19	DI Intersquad Meet - Pierce Pool
	4:00 - 7:30pm	JUNE 24	Away Meet - DI at Newington 6:30pm
MAY 26	No Practice (Memorial Day)	JUNE 27	Last Entire Team Practice
MAY 29	Home Meet - DI vs Shadowmoss	JUNE 28	6 & under Mega Meet at Daniel Island
	at Pierce Pool 6:30pm	8-12pm	
JUNE 3	Home Meet - DI vs Sneer Farm	JUNE 30 - JULY 5	City Meet Practice
	at Pierce Pool 6:30pm	JULY 4	No practice
JUNE 10	Home Meet - DI vs Northbridge Terrace	JULY 6	City Meet
	at Pierce Pool 6:30pm	JULY 9	Team Banquet

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Nonprofit group works to place foster children in loving homes

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Every day in South Carolina, a list goes out: dozens of children needing a place to sleep, needing someone to care. It's a list of real children, often scared, often alone, and far too often shuffled from one temporary stop to the next. Lutheran Services Carolinas, a faith-based nonprofit, sees that list every day and is working tirelessly to shorten it. "There are currently more than 3,000 children in (Department of Social Services) custody in South Carolina," said Julie Hood, South Carolina Director of Child Services for LSC. "In practice, DSS sends out daily referrals for youth needing placement, averaging a minimum of 15 a day. Due to a shortage of homes, youth are staying in emergency placements and moving from one night to the next until they find a more permanent placement."

More than 1,000 children across the state don't have a foster home available to them. That's where LSC is stepping in to close the gap. "At Lutheran Services Carolinas, we work to find families that are willing to work with youth who have been through trauma and the behaviors that often accompany that trauma," Hood said. Last year, the organization increased its licensed foster parents by more than 40%, a major achievement Hood credits to an expanded recruitment team and renewed marketing efforts. But the need is still urgent. LSC is actively recruiting foster parents across the state, with an especially high demand for those willing



PROVIDED BY LSC

LSC is a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving children, families, and seniors across the Carolinas through foster care, support services, and advocacy.

to care for teens. Founded on the mission, "Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve," LSC supports children, families, and seniors across North and South Carolina. In the foster care system, the organization not only recruits and licenses foster families but also walks hand-in-hand with them through the journey. "Becoming licensed typically takes around three to six months," Hood explained. "We start with a screening call, followed by

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Lutheran Services Carolinas helps foster children find a home, a sense of belonging

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paperwork, background checks, and home visits. Throughout the process, and after, we provide strong, ongoing support, including a 24/7 phone line, paid respite for therapeutic foster parents, and regular in-person and phone check-ins with a dedicated case manager.”

The organization also ensures that foster families are emotionally and financially supported. LSC offers a monthly stipend, ongoing training, peer mentorship, and regular support groups to equip families for the journey.

“Our goal is to provide as many children in need with loving homes,” Hood said. “We’re committed to walking alongside both children and foster families every step of the way.”

For families unsure about fostering, Hood offers reassurance: “We understand it’s a huge decision, but we also know firsthand how incredible the impact our foster parents have on children in their care.

“Foster parents provide nurture and emotional support by advocating for their needs and providing guidance to navigate



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Lutheran Services Carolinas supports foster families by offering guidance, resources, and a sense of community to help children heal and thrive in loving homes.

their trauma. By providing a safe and healthy environment for a child, they help support a sense of normalcy.”

For those not quite ready, other options include providing respite care or volunteering and donating to support children in care.

The impact of LSC’s work is deeply personal to those who’ve lived it.

“Fostering through Lutheran Services was a no-brainer for us,” said the Kates, an LSC foster family in Myrtle Beach. “There are so many rewarding opportunities and so many kids out there who just need a place to call home and need somebody to love them. Even if it’s something as simple as cooking them a meal, wrapping your arms around them, or giving them a toothbrush and a pair of socks..”

Foster parents do more than open their homes: Hood says they help rebuild trust and stability in a child’s world.

“In the long term, foster parents model what a healthy relationship looks like and how to trust others. Additionally, many times, the foster family becomes a source of support even after the child becomes an adult.”

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City boards scheduled to review oil change shop, tree removal request

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.

RESULTS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - ZONING

June 17: 226 Port Tack Drive, Wando Village - Variance from Sec. 4 of the Wando Village PUD to allow a raised pool with a 2'1" rear setback (15' required). Owner: Frank Messina. Applicant: Heritage Pools, LLC. Results: *Approved 7-0.*

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

July 3: Take 5 Oil – Site plan for a Take 5 Oil facility on 1.155 acres at 404 Spring Hollow Drive. TMS: B2670000071. Applicant: Advanced Engineering Consultants. Contact: Russ Folsom, russf@aengineer.com.

RESULTS: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - SITE DESIGN

July 2: 100 Coastal Drive, Daniel Island - Request a variance from Sec. 54-327 to allow the removal of 24 protected trees. TMS# 275-00-00-185. Owner: HP 2000DI LLC. Applicant: Megan Smith. Results: *Not available at press time.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS



DANIEL ISLAND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, July 3. Starts with a golf cart parade from Bishop England to Smythe Park. Cart line-up begins at 3:15 pm; proceeds at 4 pm sharp. Entertainment at Smythe Park from 4-9pm includes patriotic music, dance performance from Peace, Love, Hip Hop, and the East Coast Party Band.

2025 FIELD OF HONOR

The Exchange Club of Daniel Island will host a Field of Honor display on River Landing Dr., featuring 1,000 United States flags from June 14 to July 6. Flags are dedicated to heroes of the community, including veterans, active-duty military, first responders, teachers, and many other individual heroes. Flag dedications support Fisher House Charleston, One80 Place, and the Tri-County Veterans Support Network. To dedicate a flag, go to healingfield.org/product/daniel-island-sc-dedicate.

DANIEL ISLAND TOASTMASTERS

Resume their meetings online in July and August. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit organization that offers a proven education program that helps improve communication and leadership skills. Shape your future among friends who are supportive of you becoming

the speaker and leader you want to be. Meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday, noon to 1 pm. Email Claire@EduAve.com to receive your Zoom login.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Be Brave Vacation Bible School for 4K to rising sixth graders at Providence Church, 294 Seven Farms Drive, July 8-10, 9:30 am-noon. To register: allison@providencecharleston.org, or 843-971-5275, or online at providencecharleston.org/news/vbs-2025. Deadline is June 30.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE

Drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, and other non-perishables at Edward Jones (8:30-4), 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

Fridays at Guggenheim Terrace, 11 am-4 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.

BONE HEALTH TRAINING CLASS

Tues. & Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm. Strength and Balance for Bone Health class. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

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.

DI INSHORE FISHING CLUB Monthly, 3rd Tues. of month. Family friendly. Call/text Bill at 919-418-3220, danielislandfishingclub.com.

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.

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.

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ISLAND 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixexchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A Certified Clemson MGs are available at the DI Library on the first Monday of each month, 4-6 pm, to answer gardening questions and provide information sheets. 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.

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 will not

meet in June or July. Resumes 1st Fri. of mo. Aug. 1, 8:30 am at Kingstide, 32 River Landing Drive. Summer Social at VIVA, Sun., June 22, 4-6 pm. 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 Cainhoj Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Mary Jo Romeo, maryjo.rotary@gmail.com.

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

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

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.

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.

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Irregularities

Irregular verbs do not follow a set pattern in forming their principal parts. Can you fill in the blanks below? The first one is an example.

	Present	Past	Past Participle
	go	went	gone
1.	freeze	_____	_____
2.	put	_____	_____
3.	do	_____	_____
4.	eat	_____	_____

Answers: 1. freeze, froze, frozen 2. put, put, put 3. do, did, done 4. eat, ate, eaten



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By Neil R. Manausa

ACROSS

- 1 Under the covers
5 Cleaner's target
9 Moved away from the shore
14 Yarn
15 Broccoli ____
16 Mild cigar
17 Expert eyesight?
19 City on the Po
20 All over the place
21 Exigency
23 All-male
24 Begin again
26 Fangs
28 Grant's foe
29 Face the target
31 Santa's transport
34 Crime writer Dominick ____
36 Bert's bud
37 Chateau ____, Dantes' prison
40 Porky's pelt?
43 Space between
44 Basis for utility rates
46 Shire, of "Rocky"
48 Highland children
50 Had a bite
51 Arrest

- 54 Exorcise
56 Restaurant VIP
59 Film with biting drama
61 Computer fodder
63 It's near Memphis
64 Town in Jordan
66 Jailbird poetry?
68 Designer's forte
69 "Das Rheingold" role
70 Kitchen end
71 "____ a fine lady upon ..."
72 Track figure
73 Lip
- DOWN
- 1 Broker's term
2 Fun quantity?
3 Plaza lass
4 Allegiant
5 Soon-to-be grads
6 Museum piece
7 Orchestra tuner
8 Creed
9 Halloween mo.
10 Agitate
11 Item in the distance
12 Silkworm
13 Ding's relative
- 18 Call ____ day
22 ____ Plains
25 Sari wearer
27 Nicholas Gage novel
30 Hostess Perle
32 Actress Scala
33 With it, familiarly
35 Invert
37 Name
38 "It ____ far, far better thing ..."
39 Honest judge's attributes?
41 Nepal's capital
42 Lower intestines
45 Cartilage
47 Giant red star
49 Lawn
52 U.S. record label founded in 1974
53 The Green ____
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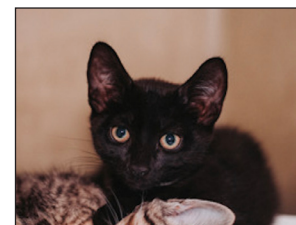
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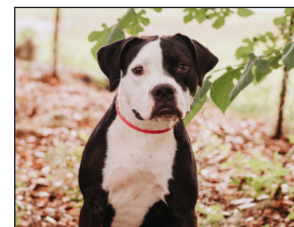
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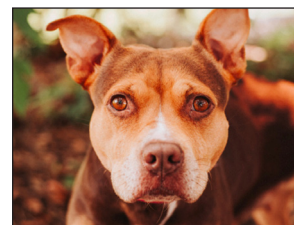
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