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Daniel Island's Eagle Scouts soar to new heights, break records

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In the world of Scouting, reaching Eagle Scout is rare.

It's a milestone achieved by less than 5% of Scouts nationwide, according to Scouting America.

But on Daniel Island, Troop 519 has defied the odds.

Over the last two years, eight Scouts have earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout, joining an elite 8% of Scouts nationwide. Plus two more Scouts from the troop are expected to earn the honor later this year.

Earning Eagle Scout requires dedication, skill, and leadership. Candidates must earn at least 21 merit badges, serve in multiple leadership roles, and complete a service project that benefits the community while giving them experience in planning, management, and mentorship.

It is a test of perseverance and initiative, and Troop 519's Scouts have risen to the challenge.

Julian Churchill joined Scouts in second grade seeking adventure beyond school and Taekwondo. "The camping, activities, and meetings seemed really fun," he recalled. His Eagle project combined compassion and ingenuity: refurbishing dog runs and donating unused medical supplies from MUSC to the Charleston Animal Society.

"All of the service projects, campouts, rank advancements, merit badges, and fun



PROVIDED BY MIKE JERNIGAN

Troop 519 celebrated a large group of new Eagle Scouts at their September Court of Honor.

we had made joining Scouts one of the best decisions of my life," Churchill said.

Other Scouts also made their mark in the community.

Mackey Jernigan distributed 75 backpacks filled with school supplies and clothing to students at Matilda F. Dunston Elementary in North Charleston, while Liam Griffin constructed 50 artificial oyster reefs to improve Charleston waterways.

"Each reef will encourage thousands of oysters to grow, filtering up to 2.5 gallons of water per hour," Griffin said. "Scouting led me to the highest point in New Mexico, caves in Florida and North Carolina, and connections I'll never forget."

Olive Maher, one of the first girls in Troop 519G, pursued Eagle to challenge herself and grow her skills. "Working towards Eagle has taught me leadership, communication, con-

fidence, public speaking, and social skills," Maher said. Her project with Operation Home built a ramp for an elderly woman, allowing her to leave the house independently. "I wanted my project to not only benefit the community, but make an impact on someone's life."

James Ray focused on history and preservation, restoring gravestones at St. Philip's Church cemetery downtown.

"After cleaning the headstones, you could actually read the names again. It was a way of preserving their legacy," he said.

Other recently inducted Scouts like Oakley Halpern renovated a senior garden, while Tommy Coulter built bus shelters at his high school.

With 36 boys and 11 girls actively participating, Troop 519 has seen impressive accomplishments over the past seven months. The Boys Troop recorded 17 rank advancements, 64 merit badges earned, and 10 special awards, while the Girls Troop achieved four rank advancements, 24 merit badges, and two special awards.

"This recent group of Eagle Scouts started together in Cub Scouts many years ago and have supported each other along the way," Scoutmaster Mike Coulter said.

"Achieving Eagle Scout requires commitment, focus, and perseverance," said Troop Committee Chair Ruth Meloeny. "We want the Scouts to enjoy all the activities during the year, but also learn skills for life."



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Mackey Jernigan's Eagle Scout project provided 75 backpacks of school supplies to students in need.



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James Ray restored gravestones at St. Philip's Church cemetery downtown for his Eagle Scout project.



PROVIDED BY DANA HALPERN

Fourth-generation Eagle Scout Oakley Halpern celebrates his achievement with Scoutmaster Mike Coulter and fellow Scout James Ray.



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Julian Churchill earned Eagle Scout by refurbishing dog runs and donating medical supplies to the Charleston Animal Society.

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Fighting for a cure

Residents host October fundraising series

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When Joannah Sampson says she fights for the cure, she's not just speaking for herself.

She's fighting for her husband, her neighbors, and countless others who know the same fear.

That's why, for the second year in a row, the two-time cancer survivor is turning the senior living community, Overture Daniel Island, into a hub of fundraising and awareness all October long.

Sampson knows the battle firsthand.

"It was always my intent when I was sick to give back once I was better," she said. "Together we are stronger. Giving back not only helps others to heal but also helps to heal you."

Not too long ago, she spent her days tethered to IV lines and clinging to hope. This October, the Overture resident will spend her time differently, spearheading her second annual fundraiser to support MUSC Hollings Cancer Center.

Partnering with Overture's lifestyle coordinator Pam Pepper, Sampson said this year's theme of events is all about wellness.

"At Overture, we have several activities that highlight physical wellness, but we wanted to expand that umbrella," Sampson said. "This October, Overture and community residents will be able to join together to engage in social settings to learn, relax, and rejoice with one another as we celebrate wellness in its many forms."

The lineup is packed: cocktail parties, lunch-and-learns on cancer research and financial well-being, a pajama party movie night, musical bingo, a sunset sound bath, and an off-campus fundraiser at Baskin-Robbins.

The North Charleston Fire Department's pink fire truck will also make an appearance, and the festivities close with a "Day of Celebrating Wellness" on Oct. 30, featuring local businesses, food vendors, raffles, and community fun.

Last year, the Overture team raised over \$6,000, with every dollar going directly to



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Joannah Sampson leads October wellness events at Overture Daniel Island, raising funds for cancer research at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center.

cancer research through LOWVELO, the annual cancer fundraising cycling event, and the Hollings Cancer Center.

This year, Sampson has set her sights higher: \$18,000.

"That's more than double what we did last year, but we're hoping that we can partner with some of our bigger corporate businesses here on Daniel Island to reach our goal," she said.

Sampson has seen the fight against cancer up close. She has battled kidney cancer and triple-negative breast cancer. She also volunteers at the Hollings Infusion Center and con-

tributes to survivor programming through the Hollings' Survivorship and Cancer Outcomes Research Initiative, or SCOR.

Now, she also fights for her husband, who has B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma and stage 3 melanoma. "My purpose has now become our purpose," she said.

But she isn't alone in her mission.

Co-organizer Pam Pepper lost her sister to breast cancer last year, and many Overture residents and staff have also been touched by the disease.

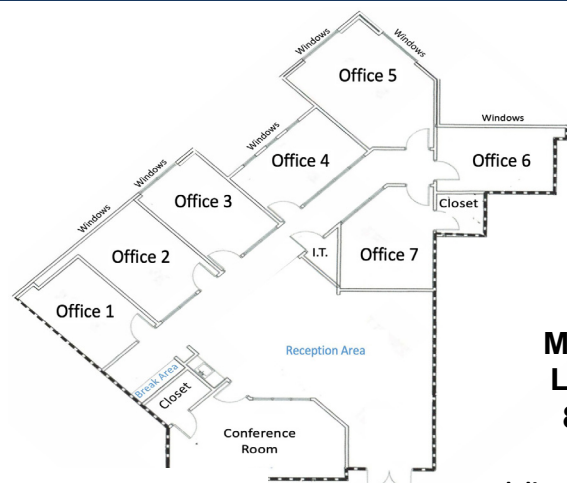
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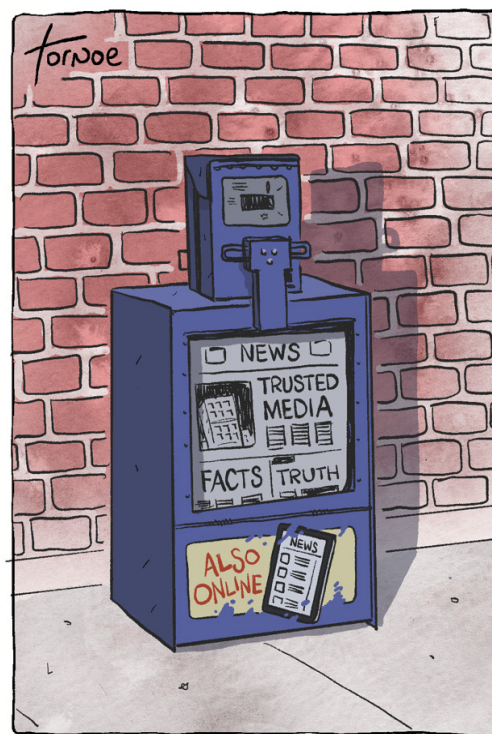
In today's fractured media environment, trust is the rarest commodity. Confidence in "the media" is low. Only 18% of Americans say they trust news on social platforms, and fewer than one in four trust cable networks. But nearly two-thirds say they trust their local newspaper, more than double the confidence placed in most other outlets.

In an era when anyone can post anything online, that clarity makes newspapers stand apart.

Newspapers provide the facts that keep civic life running: city budgets, school board debates, and local elections that rarely make national headlines but matter most to daily life. They also highlight the stories that make a community feel connected: high school sports, neighborhood events, new restaurants, and profiles of people who make a difference.

Your local newspapers have evolved to meet readers where they are: on websites, mobile apps, and email newsletters. What hasn't changed are the standards. Accuracy, ethics, and accountability still guide the work. That combination of modern delivery and traditional integrity is why people continue to turn to their local paper.

The same trust strengthens the local economy. Research shows consumers act on newspaper ads more than on ads delivered by TV, radio, or digital platforms. People see local business advertising as part of the same reliable package as the news. For a small business competing with national chains and online platforms, no other channel delivers the same impact. When residents trust the paper, they trust the businesses that support it.

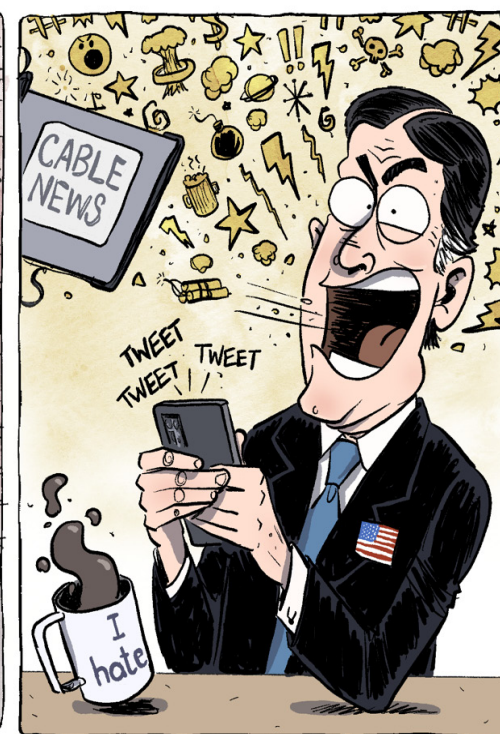


the media

The absence of a local paper leaves a mark. Voter turnout declines. Fewer residents attend public meetings. Government oversight weakens and borrowing costs rise. Small businesses lose their most effective way to reach local customers. And without a trusted source tying things together, misinformation and partisan spin spread faster, fueling confusion and division.

The opposite is true when newspapers are strong. Residents are better informed, more engaged, and more connected to each other. Businesses grow because they can reach customers in a trusted environment. Communities share a common set of facts that helps debate happen on the issues – not on whether the information is real.

But this role depends on support. Sponsorships, advertising, and community engagement make it possible for newspapers to continue earning the



the media people complain about

trust that communities depend on. A strong local newspaper doesn't solve every challenge a community faces, but it makes civic life, local culture, and the local economy all work better.

Healthy communities are stronger when their local newspaper is strong. Supporting the paper is one of the most direct ways residents and businesses can invest in their own future.

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DI Library Society seeks your help via needs survey

The Daniel Island Library Society is looking at ways it can help improve the Berkeley County Library on Daniel Island. If you will give us 10 minutes of your time, we will give you the opportunity to help plan the future of our library.

When the library opened its doors in 2007, there were less than 8,000 people in the Daniel Island/Cainhoy area compared to over 21,000 people today.



The Daniel Island Library Society has commissioned the Riley Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston to conduct a brief survey to help inform future plans for the library.

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other," Sampson said. "It warms my heart and makes me so incredibly proud to say that I live on Daniel Island amongst some of the most lovely people."

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but at Overture, the cause stretches far beyond pink ribbons. For Sampson, it's about fighting for cures, lifting up survivors, and building community.

OCTOBER EVENTS SCHEDULE

All events are open to the public and will be held at Overture Daniel Island, located at 7700 Farr Street on Daniel Island. Funds raised will go directly to LOWVELO, the annual cycling event that raises funds for the Hollings Cancer Center to support lifesaving cancer research. Register for events at Overture's website under the Events tab.

- Lunch and learn with Pinnacle Life. Boost your wellness! Sat., Oct. 9, 12 p.m.
- Sound bath by the pool. Relax to crystal bowls, gongs, and chimes. Bring a mat, blanket, and pillow. Sun., Oct. 10, 4:30 p.m.
- Lowvelo bike ride with Chris Winn. Ride around the island or do gentle workouts

in the gym/Namaste Room. Breakfast served. Monday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.

- Lunch and learn with Dr. Ben Toll. Hear the latest from Hollings Cancer Center. Tues., Oct. 14, Noon.

- Interactive Nutrition with Dr. Janet Carter. Make healthy snacks and appetizers. Thur., Oct. 16, noon

- Blood drive and Pink Firetruck photos. Donate blood, then take photos for a small fee. Fri., Oct. 17, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

- Lunch and learn: Let's Get Moving! Tips to stay active at any age. Tues., Oct. 21, noon.

- Poodle Skirts and Prosecco Music Bingo. Bring \$5 and your best '50s outfit! Fri., Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.

- Baskin-Robbins fundraiser. \$5 for a small cup of your favorite flavor. No sign-up needed. Sat., Oct. 25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Lunch and learn with Daniel Island Wealth Management. Protect yourself from scams. Tues., Oct. 28, noon.

- Day of celebrating wellness! Food trucks, trunk-or-treating, local businesses, and 50/50 raffle winner announced. Thur., Oct. 30, TBD.

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More than pretty in pink, the swingers at the annual Swing for the Lowcountry charity event are taking a swing to help improve the lives of Lowcountry residents battling breast cancer.

This annual event combines pickleball, golf, and tennis and always scores big wins for those battling breast cancer.

When The Swing event began in 2019, 72 women, 10 silent auction items, and 10 raffle baskets raised \$11,000. What started small has exploded into an annual event that keeps growing. Since then, The Swing event has raised an additional \$750,000.

Throughout the Lowcountry, many cancer charities focus on research, development, treatment, and medical expenses. Lori Bayer, The Swing's president and founder, stresses there is also a huge need to help ease the burden of everyday expenses.

"It's critical to our community, as we are serving these patients and their families with everyday expenses, which are vital to their peace of mind and help them focus 100% on recovery," Bayer said. "Our entire focus

and concern is relieving financial stress from women, men, and their families while they are battling this deadly disease."

Bayer explained 95 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to patients and the need is growing.

"As of this summer, our monthly run rate with our partners at MUSC and Hollings Cancer Center, for direct patient support, is currently at \$40,000 per month. There is great need in our community, and this number shows us that we need to continue to raise half a million dollars or more every year to support these patients, and their families."

The Swing remains active year-round to help raise awareness, as well as money. The charity often partners with local businesses. The Kiawah Island Club will be holding their first swing event in October.

Volunteer and DI resident Lee Harper says breast cancer touches everyone in some capacity and appreciates the opportunity to help.

"I know that my volunteering is helping someone get to and from radiation/chemo," she said. "I know that I am helping someone keep food on their table or keep their lights



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The highlight of The Swing event is the fabulous, fun, pink luncheon and auction held at the Daniel Island Club.

on. And it fills my heart that I am helping ease the burden for those in our community."

This year's event will begin at 7 a.m., Monday, Oct. 27, at the Daniel Island Club, ending with an auction and a fabulous luncheon.

Even if you can't swing a club or a racket, organizers say there are many ways to help. In addition to registering to participate, people can make a donation, volunteer, or

sponsor the event at theswing.org.

"We are still looking for individuals and businesses to buy signs for the event," Bayer said. "\$500 goes a long way to buying groceries for a family or filling up their gas tanks!"

Bayer added that breast cancer affects one in eight women. "We know how deeply their families are affected. Breast cancer happens all year long, not only in October."



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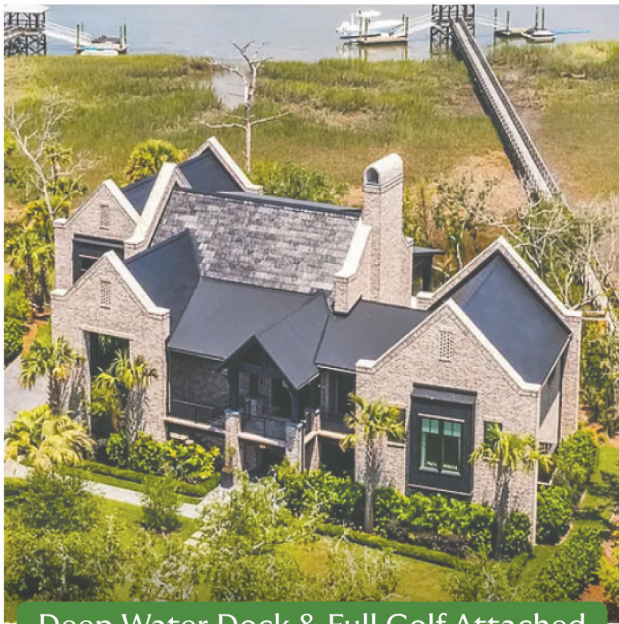
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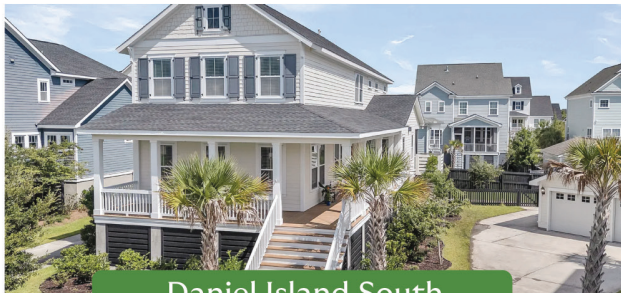
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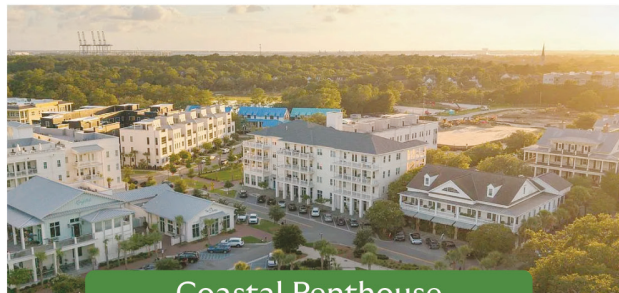
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The story goes that one day, a beggar by the roadside asked Alexander the Great for alms. The man was poor and wretched and had no claim upon the ruler, no right even to lift a solicitous hand.

Yet the emperor threw in several gold

coins. A courtier was astonished at his generosity and commented, "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet the beggar's need. Why give him gold?" Alexander responded in royal fashion, "Copper coins would suit the beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving."

This story is a simple yet powerful lesson in generosity, and it also serves as a valuable reminder for leaders to take to heart.

I read recently that for the first time, we have five generations in the workforce. This means that needs, priorities, and sources of

meaning vary. We must acknowledge that generosity is essential as we work with and empower others.

How different might things look in your organization if generosity became the norm, and the desire to see others succeed was the key source of motivation? Is this even attainable?

Call me naive, but when leaders embrace an attitude of generosity, it can and it will create shifts within the culture. Are you ready to embrace it? What approach should leaders take? Here are a few suggestions.

RAISE EXPECTATIONS

Often, it's not a question of resources that leads to selfishness in the workplace, thus resulting in a lack of generosity; instead, it's a lack of defined expectations. When generosity becomes the expectation, it frees people up to be more generous.

Raised expectations throughout the organization set the standard for your people individually and collectively. With generous expectations, generous results will follow.

CLARIFY THE MISSION

Raising expectations is just the beginning of the shift that is necessary in your organization if you are going to be generous. Righting the ship away from a stingy, silo-driven

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culture toward a generous and compelling one will require clarity of task and mission.

As a leader, the shift begins with you. You must know the direction the team needs to move toward and what it will take to get there.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Leading the way as a generous leader is not just about shallow platitudes. It's more than just a kind word at the start of the day.

Generosity is a cultural mindset that:

- Gives more than what's expected
- Understands that the success of the organization matters more than my individual success
- Will share whatever resources I have freely
- Holds myself to a higher standard
- Will empower others to do what they do best without my interference

Realizes that it's not about me
When these attitudes become the driving force of your generosity, it will be the catalyst for the type of change you desire.

When considering what suits your giving, are you giving to others according to what you think your team needs, or out of a higher standard of giving that is abundantly generous?

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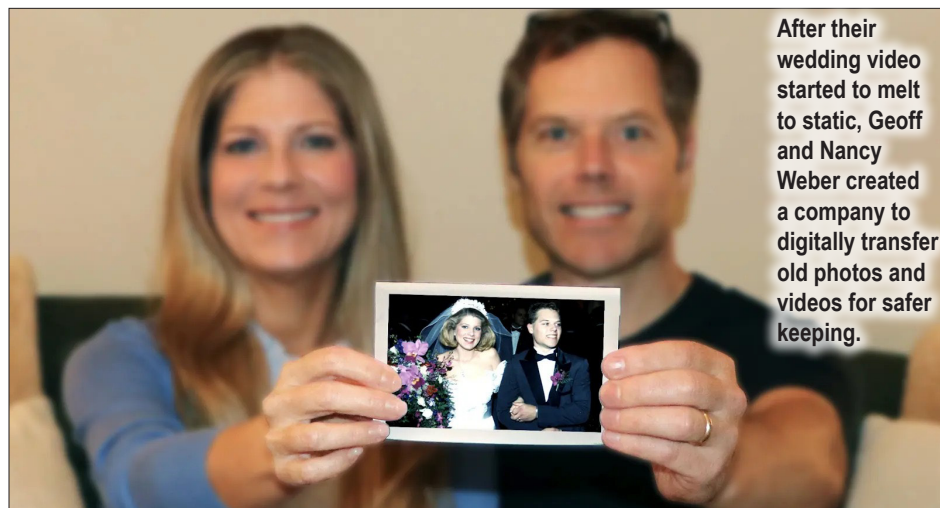
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After their wedding video started to melt to static, Geoff and Nancy Weber created a company to digitally transfer old photos and videos for safer keeping.

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Making old photos/videos new again

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Geoff and Nancy Weber thought their recorded memories were safe, until the day their wedding video started to melt into static.

"It hit us hard," Geoff Weber said. "If we lost these moments, we'd lose part of our story forever."

That gut-punch moment became the spark for Heirloom, a Daniel Island company Weber founded to preserve thousands of family stories before they fade away on older media formats.

"What started as rescuing our own family's story has grown into Heirloom, a company built to make sure every family has a safe, permanent place for their memories. By combining expert digitization with the security of the cloud, we guide families from the anxiety of 'What if it's lost?' to the relief and joy of knowing, 'Our story will live on,'" Weber said.

Heirloom is a media preservation company. Families can pack old tapes, slides, film reels, printed photos, or scrapbooks, and send or take them to Heirloom's Daniel Island or Mount Pleasant locations.

Heirloom then counts and catalogs every item, sends a quote, and once approved, digitizes the memories. Weeks later, families receive the originals back, while digital versions are kept in the cloud.

Customers can then stream, share, and download their photos, videos, and memories without the worry their physical copies will deteriorate.

But Weber said Heirloom is about more than technology; it's about people.

Weber said many of his employees are

on the autism spectrum or have other disabilities, recruited for their extraordinary attention to detail.

"Preserving priceless family memories requires the same precision, care, and focus I valued in national security," he said.

"By employing people with autism and other disabilities, we're not just running a business; we're creating meaningful work, building a culture of dignity, and proving that neurodiverse talent can be a competitive advantage in safeguarding what matters most."

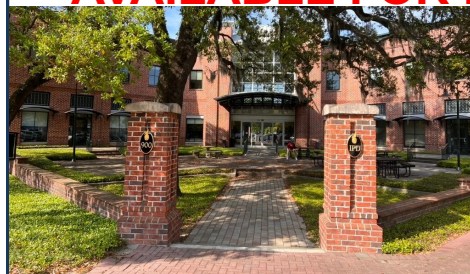
As a retired Naval officer, Weber carries lessons from decades in combat zones into his leadership. "I spent years fighting to protect what was priceless – our people, our freedoms, and our way of life. In war, I saw firsthand the terrible destruction that can erase entire communities and stories in an instant. Those experiences taught me that what truly matters are the people we love and the memories we carry with us."

Since launching in 2022, Heirloom has worked with thousands of families nationwide, preserving millions of photos and videos. Some requests are urgent, like families needing digitized memories for a funeral – a reminder of the emotional weight behind every tape and album.

From its Daniel Island base to its data centers nationwide, Weber said Heirloom continues to grow; hiring locally and planning a 2026 app using artificial intelligence to help families organize their stored media.

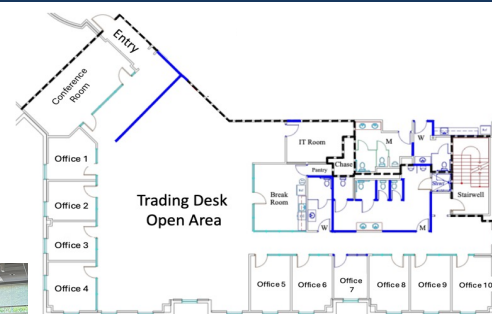
"This mission is bigger than just converting media to digital," Weber said. "It's about giving every family a safe, permanent place to store their history, so everyone can relive dad's wedding toast, mom's joyful laugh, or the first steps of your children."

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GiGiFIT class participant Noah gets some coaching from Daniel Island resident Peggy Senesac, who serves as a volunteer.



A PLACE TO BELONG



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There are plenty of colorful visuals to draw you in at the new GiGi's Playhouse in North Charleston.

Bright circles on the walls, a sparkling disco ball, and a giant sunset decal to name a few. But if you want to experience the full impact this place is having on the Down syndrome community, it's best to close your eyes and listen.

"We're gonna warm up to the electric slide!" shouts volunteer instructor Holly Jameson as she kicks off a GiGiFIT class on a recent Wednesday morning.

As music pumps from speakers, there are claps from exuberant volunteers, a chorus of encouraging words, and high-fives among the participants.

"You got it!" exclaims Jameson. "Keep it up!"

And rising above the cacophony of sounds is laughter – the purest and truest sign this new program is doing exactly what it is intended to do. Nathan, one of several young adults in the class, giggles heartily as he shakes his backside playfully to the music.

For Program and Volunteer Coordinator Lynze Sike, it's all part of the magic that flows at GiGi's Playhouse, a place she helped launch here last May after visiting a GiGi's in North Carolina several years ago.

"Magic – it literally was just like that," Sike recalled. "The 10 seconds that I was in there changed my life and I knew instantly we had to have it here."

Sike's 5-year-old daughter, Carly, has Down syndrome, so she knows how important programs like those offered by GiGi's Playhouse



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Nathan, front, does leg lifts during a GiGiFIT class at GiGi's Playhouse in North Charleston.

are to the communities they serve.

"I knew the sooner we had it (in Charleston), the longer we would have it!"

Sike and a team of other individuals passionate about the cause worked for close to four years to make the site a reality in the Lowcountry. They officially celebrated their grand opening last May at the new 1213 Remount Road location. It is one of more than 60 GiGi's Playhouses worldwide – all dedicated to changing lives and providing hope through the delivery of free educational, therapeutic, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community – using a replicable playhouse model. Anyone with a disability is welcome.

Daniel Island resident Peggy Senesac, who has a nephew with Down syndrome, is all in. She has been volunteering at the new GiGi's Playhouse for several months.



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Volunteers and students are all smiles after completing a recent GiGiFIT class at GiGi's Playhouse.

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(Left to right): Daniel Island residents Peggy Senesac (volunteer), Linda Cassol (parent), Matt Cassol (participant), and Catherine Linden (volunteer) pose at GiGi's Playhouse in North Charleston

"We were strangers," she said of their initial gatherings. "We all walked in here and knew nothing. And it's become a family. It's a beautiful thing."

And Senesac is eager to spread the word.

"I just want everybody to feel like they have a place," she added. "And GiGi's is that place!"

Senesac helped recruit fellow Daniel Island resident Catherine Linden to the volunteer team several weeks ago.

"It's just such a great way to get involved in the community and give back," Linden said. "It's also so rewarding to work with these kids!"

Their work – and enthusiasm – is having an impact. For Fiona Vogel and her adult son, Paul, it's been a game-changing experience. Paul has benefited from the socialization and independence the programs offer.

"This is really meaningful, especially for those kids who age out of school," Vogel noted. "They're sort of like, 'What do I do now that I'm an adult?' Once you leave school, you're left to hang out to dry. It's very limited. So this has been great for Paul. He's seeing what he is capable of doing."

Daniel Island parent Linda Cassol agrees. Her son, Matt, who attended Bishop England High School, has been participating in the programs as well.

"It lets them know there are more people out there that are like them," she said. "And they're not feeling so isolated."

Vogel and Cassol have enjoyed the opportunity to interact with other parents of kids and adults with Down syndrome or other disabilities.

"That's where you find the best resources!"

added Cassol.

The programs and activities at GiGi's are all very intentional, according to site manager Breana Crenshaw, and are created using a research-based curriculum.

"My mission statement is just to have a place where everybody is welcome, that they feel included," Crenshaw said. "I want them to feel like they are leaders of their own path. That they can make things happen for themselves, and that goes for every single participant."

Another benefit is that the entire family can be a part of the fun.

"I look at them as though we're all one family," Crenshaw continued. "We're a community, together. So siblings are included in everything we do. This playhouse isn't just for the person with the disability. It's literally for the whole family."

The schedule currently features fitness programs, kitchen classes, open playtime,



ELIZABETH BUSH

Apples were at the core of a recent craft activity at GiGi's Playhouse.

Playhouse Pals for kids ages 5-8, Kids Club for ages 8-12, Language Music N' Our Peeps for ages prenatal to 36 months, a Teen Tastic program, social events, and more.

In the future, they hope to add music, dance, speech and art sessions, as well as math tutoring.

"This playhouse is completely funded through grants, donations, and in-kind donations," Crenshaw said. "That's the only way we're able to operate. And also we're 99 percent volunteer-led. I'm the only paid position – that's why we're able to offer all of these free services. We don't ask anyone to pay, and we serve all ages, from prenatal diagnosis (and up)."

And once participants get in the door, the GiGi's team promises plenty of purposeful fun.

"Look at me," says a volunteer at the recent fitness class. "Can you do what I'm doing?"

A young man named Noah follows, confidently lifting his leg into the air. Next to him, Nathan holds a large ball in his hands and turns it like the steering wheel of a car. A smile breaks out across his face and soon his giggles are once again echoing across the room.

"I literally still get goosebumps," Sike added after the class. "And I still take that step back just to observe and watch the magic happen. Because the magic is here."

For more information about GiGi's Playhouse or ways to offer support, visit gigisplayhouse.org/charleston.

Walking for Down syndrome awareness

22nd Lowcountry Buddy Walk celebrates ability and inclusion

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Ask Sophia Ross, and she'll tell you the highlight of her year isn't a concert or a party – it's marching with her friends, dancing on stage, and seeing hundreds of people cheer for every individual with Down syndrome at the Buddy Walk.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Daniel Island's Etiwan Park will once again hum with energy.

Picture music bouncing off the trees, the smell of Kona Ice in the air, and kids weaving between jump castles and arts-and-crafts tables.

But this isn't just a festival; it's the 22nd Annual Lowcountry Buddy Walk, a mile-long parade of celebration, inclusion, and community spirit.

Ross, a senior at Bishop England High School in the Options program, has been attending Buddy Walks locally and nationwide for more than a decade, starting back

in 2014 in Michigan.

"What I enjoy most about the Buddy Walk is spending time with friends, dancing on stage, and walking with the sign," she said. "It means that every person with Down syndrome is able to hang out with their friends and be celebrated. Having my friends and teachers come out, especially Mr. Raggio, makes me feel blessed and supported."

Her father, Scott, said the walk resonates well beyond the park.

"When people and students take the time to see beyond a diagnosis and connect with Sophia and her classmates, they often discover that individuals with Down syndrome bring joy, empathy, and a refreshing perspective on life," he said. "Inclusion doesn't just benefit them; it enriches the lives of everyone around them."

At Bishop England High School, the Options program blends academics, social growth, and confidence-building for students

with intellectual disabilities. Kristen Common, Options department chair, describes the Buddy Walk as an extension of that mission.

"Our Options students feel empowered through the love and support of their peers as they spend the day celebrating their friends living with Down syndrome," she said. "True friendships have developed through our activities, and our Options students love this event. Their favorite activities are dancing, singing, and walking with their friends and families as spectators cheer them on."

The Buddy Walk is also the primary fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of the Lowcountry, which supports more than 200 families across Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley counties. Funds provide workshops, camps, scholarships, social events, and resources for new parents.

"This event started as a small gathering of local families and has grown into what it is today," DSAL President Erica Chiovarou said. "But the heart of it hasn't changed; it's still a celebration of our members and everything they contribute to the community."

From 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., attendees can expect a mix of festival fun and purposeful celebration: face painting, jump castles, arts and crafts, live music, and food from local vendors, many donating a portion of sales to the walk. At 3 p.m., everyone lines up for the one-mile march, led by marching bands and cheerleaders, creating a tunnel of support that turns a simple walk into a powerful statement of



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Sophia Ross looks forward to the Buddy Walk each year, where she celebrates with friends and feels the power of community.

inclusion.

Common said she always leaves the Buddy Walk with a smile on her face and love in her heart for the families supported through this cause.

"This event is a testament to the power of a community coming together to celebrate the abilities and potential of children living with Down syndrome. Kudos to DSAL for their advocacy and commitment to this cause!"

Registration is \$12 in advance or \$15 at the event, which includes a t-shirt and eligibility for fundraising prizes. Participants with Down syndrome can register for free.

To register, volunteer, or help raise funds for DSAL, visit dsalowcountry.org/buddy_walk/.

Whether you come to walk, cheer, or just soak in the energy, the Buddy Walk promises a day where ability, friendship, and community are front and center.



For Sophia Ross, nothing tops the joy of dancing on stage at the Buddy Walk.

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Iron Horses retire No. 15

PSHS honors memory of Tripp Williams

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The Philip Simmons High School football team retired the late Tripp Williams' jersey, No. 15, prior to the Oct. 3 game against Woodland.

Williams, a 2022 graduate of PSHS, was an all-state selection in two sports and excelled in school, having been named to the National Honor Society. He walked on for The Citadel football team and was only 21 years old when he passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 19, 2024.

Iron Horse football coach Eric Bendig said Williams was the epitome of a true student-athlete.

"Tripp was more than just a player; he was a cornerstone of our program," said Bendig, whose team went on to defeat the Woodland Wolverines, 39-14, at The Phil.

"He was one of the first guys I ever met here when I took the job. He was in the eighth grade and was already just a special leader and person. His dedication, leadership, and love set the tone every day. He inspired his teammates and coaches not only with his talent but (also) with his work ethic and

character."

Williams was a four-year starter at quarterback for the Iron Horses. He was an all-state selection his senior year after passing for 1,570 yards and 22 touchdowns. He also gained 328 yards and 12 TDs on the ground. He finished his high school career with 2,929 total yards and accounted for 46 touchdowns.

Williams was a two-time all-state selection in baseball and batted .363 with 31 RBI his senior season to help the Iron Horses to a 20-11 record.

He hit the baseball – and he hit the books.

Williams was No. 4 academically in his class and sported a 5.27 GPA.

His parents, Ann and George, sisters Kate, Maggie, and Emily; and brother Cullen, took part in the ceremony.

The Iron Horses also retired his baseball jersey No. 15 in March. His jersey was on display at every home game.

"Honoring Tripp means carrying forward that same spirit of commitment and resilience," Bendig said. "He helped build the foundation of what Philip Simmons football stands for, and his legacy motivates us all to be better on and off the field."



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The family of the late Tripp Williams, including parents Ann and George Williams, along with Philip Simmons head coach Eric Bendig, honored Williams by retiring his No. 15 jersey prior to the Iron Horses' game against Woodland High School on Oct. 3.

Iron Horses win fourth straight, Bishops stumble on the road



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The Philip Simmons High School football team is hitting full stride at just the right time.

The Iron Horses, who went 3-2 in non-region play, were more than ready for their Region 6-AA opener against Woodland High School Oct. 3 at The Phil. Coach Eric Bendig's squad posted a convincing 39-14 conquest of the visitors to gain their fourth consecutive victory.

Meanwhile, Bishop England traveled to

Hilton Head for its first Region 6-AAAA contest of the season in a showdown that featured teams ranked in the top 10 in the state. The Bishops, who opened with five wins in a row, fell to the Seahawks, 41-10.

PSHS 39, WOODLAND 14

Junior quarterback Hayes Goddard shredded the Woodland defense with 302 yards and four TDs passing as the Iron Horses steamrolled the Wolverines thanks to 420 yards in total offense and a stingy defense.

Goddard, who completed 14 of 26 passes, locked on to his top targets, and it paid dividends. Ashton Kellermann caught six passes for 182 yards and two TDs, while Patrick Clarke hauled in three passes for 62 yards and two scores.

Junior Omonte Taylor carried 12 times for 100 yards and a touchdown, while C.J. Falotico kicked two field goals.

Ethan Chisum caused disruption on defense with 12 tackles, including two for a

loss and a sack. Nate Elsey, Alex Tchoryk, and Roman Hood each had two tackles for a loss.

Philip Simmons begins a two-game road swing with a region test at Burke High School on Friday, Oct. 10.

HILTON HEAD 41, BE 10

It was a case of too much Thaddeus Czarnecki, who rushed for 187 yards and three touchdowns for Hilton Head High School. He also logged eight tackles on defense as the Seahawks won convincingly over the Bishops in a game that featured the teams that finished 1-2 in league play last fall.

Defending region champ Bishop England, ranked No. 4 among Class AAAA teams in the latest media poll, lost its first game of the season after five non-conference wins in a row.

The score was tied 7-7 at the end of the first quarter, but the Seahawks took control with a 27-10 halftime lead.

Hilton Head won its ninth straight home game to improve to 6-1, 2-0.

The Seahawks opened region play a week early and topped Bluffton High School on Sept. 27.

The high-octane BE offense was held in check as the Seahawks limited the Bishops to only 196 yards in total offense, including only 23 yards on the ground.

Bishop England quarterback Quinn Mahoney, who scored the Bishops' only touchdown, completed 12 of 32 passes for 157 yards.

Turner had six receptions, while William Donato had one catch for 65 yards. Zach Balog had one reception for 41 yards.

Hunter Alex led the Bishops with 10 tackles, including one for a loss. Chase Tonon was credited with 6.5 tackles and a tackle for a loss, while Matthew Ponkow had six tackles, including two for a loss.

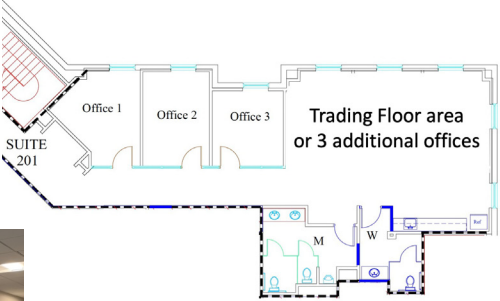
The Bishops travel to May River High School for an Oct. 10 region game.

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Big shrimp can be awfully good, and other oxymorons



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

For years, I thought “oxymoron” was laundry detergent for people with low intelligence. Recently, I have come to understand that an oxymoron is a figure of speech that combines two contradictory ideas to create a thought-provoking expression. So, as it turns out, if it were laundry detergent for people with low intelligence, I would be the spokesperson, and my clothes would be really clean.

According to ChatGPT, “big shrimp” is an

oxymoron when used in the proper context. As an example, I went deep-hole shrimping and caught a limit of big shrimp. Frankly, I am not sure if it is an oxymoron or not. But I did go deep-hole shrimping and caught a limit of big shrimp. To tell the truth, I liked it better when an oxymoron was laundry detergent.

On Friday evening, my son Elliott was fishing in the Wando River. On the depth finder, he marked what he thought was a bunch of shrimp in a hole at the mouth of a creek. So, on Saturday morning, we brought the deep-hole cast net when we went fishing.

It was really windy on Saturday, and the Wando River was rough. Conditions were nasty, but fishing was very good. We cast Z-Man Finesse TRD lures on 1/6-ounce Ned-

LockZ jigs to oyster bars on wind-protected creek banks.

Trout and redfish were schooled up and hungry. However, when the tide went slack, the bite turned off.

On the ride back to the dock, we stopped at the location where Elliott marked shrimp on Friday. I adjusted the depth finder and slowly searched the hole for signs of shrimp on the bottom. It took a little looking, but we eventually located the shrimp in 30 feet of water. Elliott cast the deep-hole net and let it sink to the bottom. When he pulled it up, big shrimp were in the net.

Back at the dock, Elliott and I were de-heading the shrimp, and Elliott’s shirt got a little dirty. I laughed and said, “Don’t worry, Oxymoron will get that right out.”



GREG PERALTA

It took a bit of looking, but Capt. Greg Peralta and his son Elliott eventually pulled up a handful of big shrimp near the mouth of a creek on the Wando River.

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Jeff Caldwell tops Chris Buchholz of Par Paradise to claim \$50 gift card



Jeff Caldwell

Longtime and loyal Pigskin Pick 'Em player Jeff Caldwell of Daniel Island has done it again.

Caldwell is this week's Pick 'Em challenge winner, selecting 11 out of 12 games correctly and beating VIP sponsor Chris Buchholz of Par Paradise, who had a weekly record of 8-4.

"It is wonderful to finally win again in what has become a highly competitive Pigskin Pick 'Em competition," Caldwell said via email. "I'd like to thank

Par Paradise and the other vendor sponsors for their support of The Daniel Island News."

Caldwell had the top record out of all the online submissions and will take home a hearty \$50 gift card to the New York Butcher Shoppe courtesy of Par Paradise.

"We love The Daniel Island news," Caldwell said. "We moved here eight years ago from California (escaped) for the abundance of great golf courses,

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9 books to fall for this October, and one to avoid



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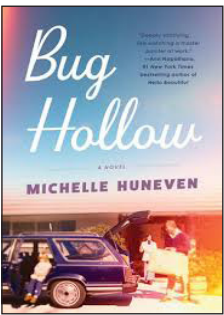
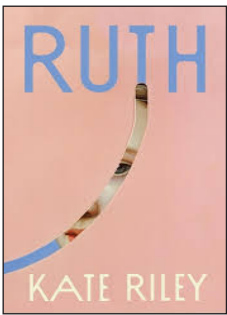
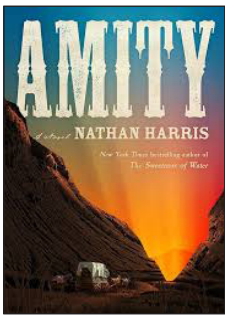
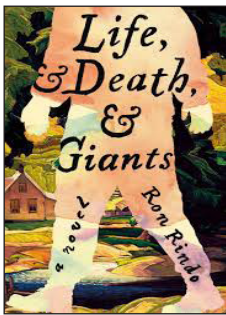
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“Life & Death, & Giants” by Ron Rindo. A story of love, respect, decency, and loss set in a small community in Wisconsin. Relatable for all and a reminder that we need to display more kindness and less hate and intolerance.

“Amity” by Nathan Harris. The tale of an emancipated young man who travels to Mexico to find his sister, who was taken there by their former owner. An enlightening story of post-enslavement America and Mexico as well as a cat-and-mouse chase across the Mexican desert.

“The Good Liar” by Denise Mina. Full disclosure, I am a huge fan of Mina’s books and loved this one as well. Set in London, an innocent man is convicted of a double murder. Why does no one want the truth to come out?

“Ruth” by Kate Riley. The life of Ruth in



an insular Christian community is repetitive and seemingly dull. I kept waiting for her to leave, but she stays – is she happy or ensnared? Good for book club discussion. The author spent a year in a cloistered community.

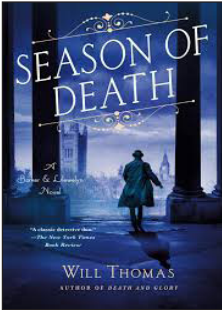
“Bug Hollow” by Michelle Huneven. The trials and foibles of a family in a small California town. A family who could live next door to any of us. How they navigate the highs and lows is the story of every family.

“A Case of Mice and Murder” by Sally Smith. This is the first in Smith’s Gabriel Ward series. Ward was a barrister in 1901 London, living at the Temple Church complex with the elite of the London barristers

and judges. But a murder within sets up discovery of secrets and lies. This is a fun read, and Ward is an endearing, if eccentric, main character.

“The Understudy” by Morgan Richter. Kit is in New York City to be the lead – finally – in a contemporary opera. Yolanda is there as her understudy and wants to kill Kit off to get the role. There is a definite scent of convicted con artist Anna Delvey in Yolanda, and Kit takes charge to reveal the deception and try to keep her starring role.

“Indian Country” by Shobha Rao. A young couple in India is abruptly thrown into an arranged marriage, followed shortly by a move to Montana for his job. Disoriented and lonely, life is unsatisfying for Janavi,



but some unscrupulous bosses and unethical locals give Janavi and her husband, Sagar, common purpose – to gain justice for a drowned colleague.

“Season of Death” by Will Thomas. The latest in the Barker and Llewelyn series. These books are new to me, but I found the descriptions of Victorian London well done and the story twisty but not impossible.

Rebecca does not recommend “Hot Air.”

The men are partners in a private investigation firm. Fun and entertaining.

“Hot Air” by Marcy Dermansky. Ridiculous behavior by unlikeable characters. Cannot recommend.



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A visit to Quebec provides French fun and a bit of culture shock



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After two short flights from Charleston, my husband, Mark, and I felt like we'd arrived in Europe: Quebec.

August here is what frustrated Uber drivers call "orange cone season." It's the only time it's warm enough to do road repairs. For us, it was a month away from the Southern heat and a better time to visit than the frigid Canadian winter that requires crampons to walk out the door and holing up in Montreal's underground city.

There was a bit of culture shock.

Everyone speaks French. Quebec has a larger percentage of native French speakers than Paris, France. Several were from North Africa, who immigrated under Canada's Express Entry System that benefits French speakers. I've been enjoying the Afropop music they shared with my Pandora.

We wondered if we would have problems with the language, but most everyone speaks some English. We used Google Translate occasionally.

Would we have problems with politics? Everyone was friendly in a reserved big-city way. "They don't resent people from the U.S.," our Quebecois friend Dawn told us. "They feel sorry for you."

The cuisine is a main attraction. It ranges from the sublime (French tasting menus, magnificent pastries, soup bowl-sized lattes, fabulous seafood, and Asian cafes) to the ridiculous (a black slice of seal meat atop a quiche). Lots of pâtés and tartares.

A radiant kaleidoscope of fresh produce at Montreal's Jean Talon Market drew us to the strawberries, and we ate them by the handful. We stocked up on cheeses and travelled to the Île d'Orléans just for the goat milk ice cream.

And then there's the ubiquitous poutine. It's a conglomeration of French fries topped with cheese curds and gravy plus your choice of meats and vegetables. About 900 calories. We tried it once. That was enough.

Everyone was outside enjoying the weather. I unknowingly booked a VRBO in Montreal's gay neighborhood, and to add to the excitement, it was Pride Week. Along the pedestrian St. Catherine Street, we strolled



Left: Tourists and locals walk down a streetscape in Quebec, Canada. Right: An excursion to the waterfalls at Montmorency near Old Quebec City.

by ethnic restaurants, patisseries, and sex shops, while outrageously dressed men competed in relay races, sang karaoke, and played carnival games. Free condoms were dispensed from a wheelbarrow. A guy wearing only a Speedo and a dog mask sang to a boom box. But it was far from the only street scene in Montreal and Quebec City.

Most every day offered another cultural festival: French, English, First Nation. There were free concerts and large music festivals.



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We watched fireworks from our rooftop and bought VIP tickets to see them up close with booming music accompaniment.

Montreal is where Cirque du Soleil began as street buskers. We went to their big tent on the riverfront for their astonishing show Luzia. Daredevils juggling chainsaws and fire drew crowds on Quebec City's waterfront every day.

We noticed a few cultural differences.

Canada is larger than the United States

but the U.S. has eight times the population. "There aren't as many people to choose from when you start dating," Dawn told us. So families are very diverse. At the English Language Morrin Center the director told us "There is very little racial purity in Quebec." Because every family has a mixture of ethnicities and lifestyles, it has created a more tolerant culture.

Most bathrooms have private stalls but are coed. One that didn't, had a sign that read, "Use whichever bathroom you're most comfortable with."

Dawn pointed out that abortion is legal but "a non-issue;" marijuana is legal "but nobody cares."

We also noticed that several taxes were added to every bill, but our walking tour guide pointed out some of the advantages. Daycare costs her \$10 a day, and she's never needed a car because the transportation system is so convenient.

We also noticed how the Indigenous First Nation culture is prominently celebrated. We were told that when the original inhabitants of Canada met the French, they thought the French were stupid because they had to write everything down, and the First Nation People had a rich oral tradition. We learned more by going to a festival, museum, multimedia show and nature walk. It impressed us that before any performance the tribal land of that venue is recognized.

Our days were filled with walking. Lots of walking, especially in Quebec, where long staircases lead to the historic district.

Along Montreal's St. Lawrence Street, we strolled through a series of ethnic neighborhoods and past the famous Schwartz's Deli, where a line two blocks long waited for the smoked meat sandwiches.

Montreal's botanical garden was getting ready for a Garden of Light Festival. Its ponds were full of gigantic luminary animals. An excursion to the waterfalls at Montmorency was delightful, and a day at the Nordic Spa was transcendent.

We didn't learn much French, but we did adopt a local custom: every day we sat in a charming café to enjoy a croissant and latte.

Far left: Magnificent pastries and other French cuisine is a main attraction in Quebec, Canada. Left: A radiant kaleidoscope of fresh produce at Montreal's Jean Talon Market in Canada.



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Bike Safety Week teaches DIS students how to ride smart

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Daniel Island School students celebrated Bike Safety Week Sept. 22-27 with hands-on lessons from MUSC, helmet and bike checks with the Charleston Police Department and Cooper River Cycles, and plenty of practice riding safely.

The week featured the colorful Bike to School Together parade, where kids decorated their bikes and rode with police escorts and Oscar the Osprey, and wrapped up with a spirited Bike to Breakfast at Blondies Bagels & Cafe. It was a week full of learning, community, and fun on two wheels!



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Charleston police officers guide students through helmet checks, reminding them that safety starts with the right fit.

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Residential road construction, townhome parking lot project up for city 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: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - ZONING

Oct. 7: 0 Pineneedle Way - Cainhoy - Request variance from Sec. 54-824 to allow lot frontage for the subdivision of the property into two single-family residential lots to be less than required (271' and 291' proposed, 362' per lot required). TMS# 263-00-04-035. Owner/Applicant: DJP Homes, LLC.

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Oct. 9: Cainhoy First Light Phase 3 - Road construction project. Proposed revisions to a previously approved TRC at 1625 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. (76 single-family units on 58.1 acres). TMS: B2620000008. Owner: Cainhoy Land & Timber LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach, roach.s@tandh.com.

Oct. 9: Fenland Expansion - Proposed redevelopment of existing parking lot for

24-unit townhome development at 1990 Daniel Island Drive, Daniel Island. TMS: B2750000185. Owner: HP 20000DI LLC. Applicant: LJA Engineering. Contact: Megan Smith, mesmith@lja.com.

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Oct. 2: Atlantic - St. Thomas Site ESP - Proposed early site package for future development on 7.219 acres at 2815 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2710002169. Owner: MSP SRE LLC. Applicant: Sitecast, LLC. Contact: Jacob Cordray, jcordray@sitecastsc.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Oct. 2: Primus Park Subdivision - Proposed preliminary plat and construction plans for future development with 102 units on 59.7 acres, Cainhoy. TMS: B2680000133. Owner: McAlister Togant Clements LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: David Williams, williams.david@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Oct 2: River Reach Road Improvements - Proposed improvements for an existing road on 4.2 acres at 1220 UT Palm Cove Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2690201041. Owner: D.R. Horton Inc. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: David Williams, williams.david@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

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FALL ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES

Free live acoustic music at Waterfront Park, Thurs. through Oct. 23, 5-7 pm. Bring a chair or blanket and a picnic.

OKTOBERFEST FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Fri., Oct. 10, 5:30-7:30 pm, Point Hope Village Green. Celebrate Oktoberfest with polka music by the Hans Schmidt Band, games, inflatable ax-throwing, and themed eats from Motley Chew. Prost!

POP UP WITH A PURPOSE

Tuesdays in October, 11-12:30 pm, 16 Handles in Point Hope. Join local artist and cancer survivor Becky O'Toole for art sessions for kids and homeschoolers. Proceeds support Swing for the Lowcountry and other breast cancer nonprofits.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Oct. 15 & Nov. 19, 7 pm, New Realm Brewery. Join Church of the Holy Spirit's monthly community discussion blending faith, life, and open conversation in a relaxed pub setting. All are welcome to grab a drink, ask questions, and connect with neighbors.

DI GARDEN CLUB DECORATING CONTEST

Oct. 16-17, 6-10 pm. Daniel Island Garden Club's 13th Annual Decorating Contest. Have lights and decorations on for judging both nights!

POINT HOPE HARVEST MARKET

Sun., Oct. 19, 11 am-2 pm, Village Green. Celebrate fall with live music by Thomas Champagne, local vendors, food, lawn games, and special promotions from Point Hope businesses.

DIHS: CELEBRATING JOHN LAURENS

Tues, Oct. 21, 6:30-8 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Center Theatre. Free event with a meet-and-greet, panel discussion on Revolutionary War hero John Laurens, and reception. Presented by the Daniel Island Historical Society and Berkeley 250.

PUMPKIN WALK

Sun., Oct. 26, 5:30-7:30 pm, Smythe Park. Enjoy



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The Pumpkin Walk returns to Smythe Lake on Sun., Oct. 26.

a glowing Pumpkin Walk (drop off decorated pumpkins 1-3 pm), costumes, music, food, and family fun on the lawn.

BARK IN THE PARK

Sat., Nov. 1, 10 am-2 pm, Waterfront Park. The 5th annual festival features food, music, kids' activities, and vendors. Free. Supports Charleston Animal Society-Berkeley Campus.

PALMETTO FREEDOM FEST

Fri., Nov. 7, 6-10 pm, Credit One Stadium. Country star Lee Brice headlines this intimate, patriotic evening benefiting Folds of Honor. Live music, food, drinks, and auctions. Tickets: palmetto-freedomfest.org.

5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET

Sat., Nov. 8, 10 am-4 pm, Daniel Island Rec Center. Free entry and parking. Boutique-style market with up to 45 vendors offering unique holiday gifts, fine art, jewelry, home décor, clothing, pet products, chocolates, and more. 50/50 raffle benefits Random Acts of Kindness of the Lowcountry.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE

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

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY

Fri. at Guggenheim Terrace, 11 am-4 pm.

REGULAR MEETINGS

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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

Tuesdays at 10:00am. Strength and balance for bone health. All are welcome. 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, posture, and injury prevention with this all-levels class designed to support healthy movement. \$10. 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. 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.

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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.

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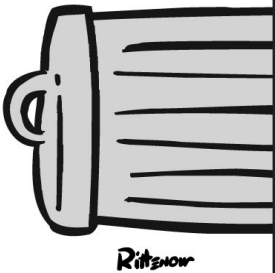
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Earth, Wind and Fire



Choose the correct answer in the parentheses for each sentence below.

- 1. The (wind, winds) picked up and blew over the garbage can.
- 2. (Fires, Fire) destroyed the downtown apartment building.
- 3. The roads were closed because of the heavy (snow, snows).

Answers: Certain nouns such as **chairs, tables and computers** can be counted. **Rain, snow, oxygen and happiness** are all examples of no-count nouns. These nouns are considered singular and should not be made plural.

1. wind 2. Fire 3. snow

ACROSS

- 1 Considers
- 6 Polish
- 10 Amorphous mass
- 14 Madison Avenue guy
- 15 Take ____ leave it!
- 16 "____ from New York"
- 17 Melt
- 18 Peeved
- 19 Show biz honor
- 20 About to go under
- 22 Took off
- 23 Pueblo dweller
- 24 Insulated wires
- 26 Come down the pike
- 30 "The ____ and the Ecstasy"
- 32 Baseball brother
- 33 Braxton of music
- 35 "Ghosts" writer
- 39 Type of pipe
- 41 Hamlet
- 43 Yawl's cousin
- 44 Is in the red
- 46 Double-ess arch
- 47 Bible book of a minor prophet
- 49 Ahead
- 51 Squelch
- 54 Yellow Sea feeder

56 Swan genus

57 Flat broke

63 Machu Picchu land

64 Arm of the Arabian Sea

65 Core unit

66 So be it!

67 Agrippina's son

68 Reflection

69 Alta's neighbor

70 Warhol

71 Havens

DOWN

- 1 Cabinet maker's joint
- 2 Paradise
- 3 Issue
- 4 ____ number, in physics
- 5 Bless you! elicitor
- 6 Plains denizen
- 7 Visionary
- 8 Man or father leader
- 9 Orozco specialty
- 10 Like some accounts
- 11 Publishing no-no
- 12 Sheepish?
- 13 Sugar and Harvard
- 21 Head for hurriedly
- 25 Indigo

26 Handy shortcut

27 Palm balm

28 Any will do, in a storm

29 Muzzy

31 ____ or take

34 Double reed woodwind

36 Historical prose narrative

37 The Rome of Hungary

38 Shopping list item

40 ____ En-lai

42 Capri or Elba

45 Willful

48 Town near Flagstaff

50 Papal agent

51 Señora's soups

52 Group of Muslim scholars

53 Digs a tunnel

55 Bother

58 Handwriting on the wall

59 Lady of Spain

60 Harem rooms

61 Twist one's arm

62 Summer tops

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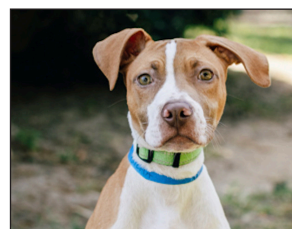
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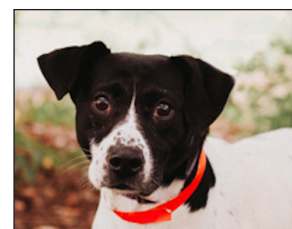


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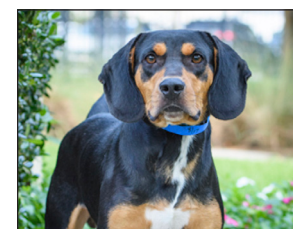
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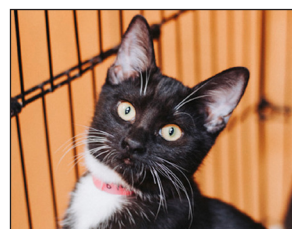
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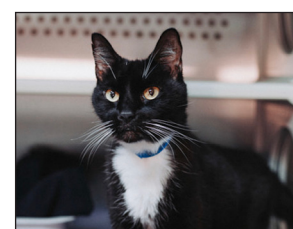
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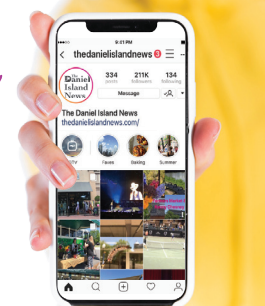
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