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DI breast cancer survivor paints with a purpose

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Dull, dark, and depressing are words often used to describe hospital rooms. While battling cancer in the hospital, Becky O'Toole felt the drab rooms were detrimental to healing and wanted to do something to help herself and others.

In the span of three years, the Daniel Island resident was diagnosed with breast cancer and acute myeloid leukemia. During that time, O'Toole discovered her strength and optimism with the stroke of a brush. While spending more than 100 days in the hospital, she used acrylic paints to find hope and healing while giving back to others.

Her aunt, Trudi Gilliam, a metal sculptor, has been a mentor and inspiration for O'Toole her entire life. Gilliam helped her through the isolation by saying, "When you are a true creative and have art in your life, you are never truly alone."

Terrified she might not make it back home, Gilliam's words gave O'Toole her purpose.

"That was what I needed during the complete isolation in my hospital room," O'Toole said. "When we left for the hospital, I grabbed a small watercolor set and paper and got to work. The very method of painting a brush onto paper and hyperfocusing on creating something took the stress and feelings away so that my body could heal."

She turned her hospital room into a makeshift studio and kept creating, continuing to get better.

"My doctor said that being upright and moving around, to clean brushes, get paints, etc., helped my body accept the chemo and heal faster. My story is not unique to those who have battled and survived, but what I have brought out of the experience has touched art buyers and clients who have struggled with addiction, depression, and experiences beyond cancer," she said.

"I have learned you can consider yourself unlucky, but if you find the lucky in the unlucky – as I like to call it – you can forge a path of peace, calm, and gratitude. It may not change the outcome, but it shifts your per-

spective enough to maybe, just maybe, make the journey much more survivable."

Over 18 years ago, O'Toole started coming to Daniel Island after she met her now husband. "My in-laws were some of the first settlers on the island, and I fell in love with the Lowcountry. We talked about moving to the island when we retired."

COVID-19 and the ability to work remotely allowed them to move earlier. At first, O'Toole was worried about how she would continue her work. But she soon found her tribe within a talented group of local artists.

O'Toole continues to thrive and actively supports local causes, including MUSC Hollings Cancer Center and the breast cancer nonprofit Swing for the Lowcountry.

O'Toole's work will be featured at the Daniel Island Fine Art Show on Saturday, April 26, at the Daniel Island Recreation Center and is also available at the Southern Ruetz boutique at 128 Meeting Street.

To learn more about O'Toole's artwork and her charitable nonprofit organization, visit The Pink Frame at thepinkframe.org.



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Daniel Island artist and breast cancer survivor Becky O'Toole uses her passion for painting to benefit cancer survivors and others in the community.

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Multiuse path for walkers, bikers, golf carts coming to Clements Ferry Road

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After years of planning and delays, the construction and continuation of a multiuse sidewalk along Clements Ferry Road is moving forward.

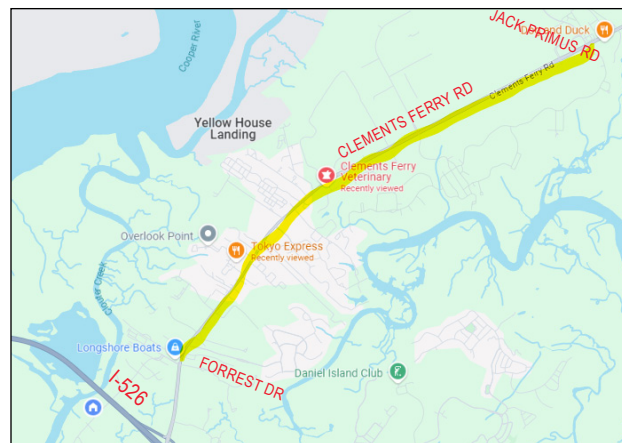
Berkeley County officials said the project is in its final design phase and is expected to break ground in mid-2025.

The 10-foot-wide recreational path will be parallel to Clements Ferry Road and will span 3.8 miles from Jack Primus Road to Forrest Drive just north of the I-526 West-bound interchange. The path will be accessible for walkers, bikers, and golf cart users along the busy corridor. A similar sidewalk from Jack Primus Road to Highway 41 completed construction earlier this year.

The path is part of Berkeley County's One-Cent Sales Tax Program, a voter-approved initiative to fund large-scale infrastructure improvements. The path was originally slated to be included in the Phase 1 road widening project of Clements Ferry Road back in 2020.

According to Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks, "The multiuse path was pulled from the road widening project due to utility conflicts and moved forward as a separate project."

Additional delays followed due to objections raised by neighborhood residents living along the corridor during the design phase. With those hurdles behind them, county officials say construction is back on track.



GOOGLE MAPS

"The project is in the final design phase and expected to go to construction later this year," Brooks said. "At the end of 2024, the county received \$1.25 million towards construction costs from CHATS (the Charleston Area Transportation Study) through the Complete Streets program. To ensure this project remains eligible for these funds, the county is coordinating with the (department of transportation) to get their approvals on the project while obtaining necessary permits and acquiring the right-of-way for the project. Once final approvals, permits, and right-of-way are obtained, the county will be ready to advertise the construction of the project."

Estimated at a cost of \$3.5 million, the path will feature a shared-use trail separated from traffic lanes, ADA-compliant street ramps, and a pedestrian bridge.

Brooks said safety and long-term connectivity are at the heart of the design.

"This roadside path is a continuation of the existing path that begins at Jack Primus and will expand toward 526," he said. "The expansion will safely connect the Clements Ferry neighborhoods with a path wide enough to accommodate walkers, bikers, and golf carts to all the amenities coming to Point Hope."

Residents along Clements Ferry Road say the project is long overdue. Sue Grant, a longtime resident who has watched the corridor grow over the past decade, said, "We've been waiting a long time for something like this to make walking or biking actually feel safe, especially on this side of the 'Ferry.' It felt like the other side got their path first, and now the busier side is finally catching up. This will make a real difference for families like mine."

Isaac Owens, a newer resident, said he's relieved to see safer connections coming for his "very active" family. "For my kids who like to bike between neighborhoods, this gives me real peace of mind."

The county plans on moving the project through permitting and right-of-way acquisition in the coming months, with construction expected to start by mid-2025. Once underway, the project will take about a year to complete.

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financial news

Stephanie Mackara

Financial literacy is often seen as a beginner's skill – budgeting, saving, and avoiding debt. But true financial fluency deepens as wealth grows.

In honor of Financial Literacy Month, consider how your financial knowledge can evolve with your wealth.

Each phase of "The Wealth Lifecycle" offers a framework for this ongoing growth, showing how our financial decisions and the knowledge needed to make them shift through different life stages.

PHASE 1: WEALTH CREATION

In the early accumulation phase, foundational

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PHASE 2: WEALTH GROWTH AND OPTIMIZATION

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PHASE 3: WEALTH PRESERVATION AND DISTRIBUTION

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PHASE 4: LEGACY AND WEALTH TRANSFER

True legacy is about more than money. Without financial education, most wealth is lost by the third generation. Teaching children and grandchildren stewardship, using trusts and governance structures, and aligning wealth with values become key.

THE MORE YOU HAVE, THE MORE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Wealth is dynamic, and so is the knowledge required to manage it. Stagnation invites risk; curiosity builds resilience. Financial literacy isn't a box to check – it's a lifelong discipline. Surround yourself with wise counsel and stay a student of finance, for yourself and those who follow.

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Know the signs: report dogfighting to local authorities immediately

Dear Editor,

South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster and (State) Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel are urging the public to report dogfighting to authorities. It is important to know the signs.

They include pitbull-type dogs chained with padlocks and heavy logging chains attached to car axles, metal barrels, or makeshift dog houses. Dogs may have visible scars; their ears or lips may be torn off; or they may have cropped ears and docked tails – mutilations often done by

dogfighters.

You may see fighting pits made of plywood, chain-link fencing, or hay bales. Look for claw marks, scratch lines, and blood stains. A spring pole is another sign. It consists of rawhide, rope, or a tire hanging from a tree or beam that dogs are forced to bite and pull to build jaw and neck strength. Breaking sticks, used to pry open a dog's mouth, are often made of hard plastic or wood and are a clear indicator of dogfighting.

You might also notice increased foot or vehicle

traffic, especially during fights. Dogfighting fast-tracks weapons and narcotics into communities, so unfamiliar people coming and going may also be a sign.

Dogfighting is a felony in all 50 states. If you see or suspect it, report it immediately. You can remain anonymous. We must all do what we can to put an end to this cruel, bloodthirsty crime.

Sincerely,
Melissa Rae Sanger
The PETA Foundation

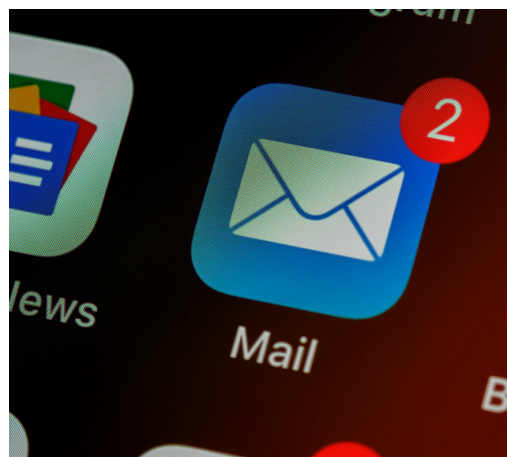


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DANIEL ISLAND YACHT CLUB SPRING SOIREE HIGHLIGHTS SWANKY EVENT VENUE

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The main dining room on the second floor, which seats 70, includes delightful outdoor seating on the porch with views of Waterfront Park and the Wando River. Flowers by Katalina Florals.



Sail into style. Maddie Simes and Emily and Josh Hall turned the dock into a runway at the spring soiree with drinks in hand, sunshine on point, and yacht club vibes in full bloom.



The Daniel Island Yacht Club held a spring soiree and grand opening of their waterfront venue on April 16.

The delightful evening, which began with oysters on the dock and moved to delicious food in the main building, highlighted the capabilities of their event space, focusing on its allure as a waterfront wedding destination complete with picturesque views of the Wando River, beautiful facilities, and boat rides.

The Daniel Island Yacht Club, formerly members only, is now open to the public for use as a wedding and event locale. It's also an ideal setting for rehearsal dinners, welcome parties, bridal bashes, cocktail parties, meetings, corporate receptions, and other private celebrations.

The club will sponsor the April 24 Daniel Island Business Association's Block Party from 5-7 p.m.

Left: All hands on deck! Meet the main crew of the Daniel Island Yacht Club: Creative Director Patrick Emerson, center, is flanked by Business and Events Coordinator Eileen Stribling, left, and Event Sales Associate Grayson Altman. Also pictured, is saxophonist Jamal Hall.



These local partygoers are ready to embark! The Daniel Island Yacht Club also offers boat arrival and departure for a bride and groom.



All aboard! Daniel Island Marina and Daniel Island Yacht Club owner, Ted Boylan, assists guests onto the Blue Goose.

Look Who's Here: 1190 Clements Ferry Road

New restaurant moving to Joey Tomatoes' old site

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As you enter the north side of Clements Ferry, just past Cainhoy Road, one of the first buildings you'll spot is 1190 Clements Ferry Road.

Once known as the longtime home of Joey Tomatoes, the one-story commercial building houses a range of trade companies and a dance studio. Soon, it will welcome a new restaurant.

A new Italian restaurant is heading to the Clements Ferry corridor, and owners Joe and Bethann Spiotta are hoping it becomes a go-to spot for the growing Cainhoy and Point Hope communities.

The restaurant will be called **Salute**. "Like when you clink glasses in Italian," Joe Spiotta said.

In Italian, Salute, pronounced SAH-LOO-teh, literally means health and is commonly used as a toast to good health.

The new eatery will take over the former Joey Tomatoes location, which the owner recently closed to focus on his Mount Pleasant location.

"What we want to offer the people of Cainhoy is a nice res-

taurant that's going to offer Italian cuisine," Joe Spiotta said. "It will have everything from chicken parm to lasagna to pastas, fresh pastas... fried calamari, and appetizers." The restaurant will also have creative nightly specials featuring fish, veal, and more.

The Spiottas said they chose the location for its promise and growth.

"The town of Cainhoy is a booming area," Joe Spiotta said. "We've (run) Bricco Bracco in Mount Pleasant for 15 years, and we've consistently grown with that restaurant as the town grows. I think Point Hope is under the same scenario."

Bethann Spiotta added, "We just hope to provide a great dining experience where families can make memories and kind of make it their place to go."

Salute is expected to open around June 1.

"This is the birth of Salute," Joe Spiotta said.

Creative Edge Dance Center is a dance studio that provides training for youth and pre-professional dancers. The studio provides a creative environment where students can explore various dance styles



CREATIVE EDGE DANCE CENTER VIA FACEBOOK

Creative Edge Dance Center, with locations at 1190 Clements Ferry Road and 116 Renaissance Lane in Point Hope, provides dance training for youth and pre-professional level dancers in a positive, arts-focused studio.

and develop their skills under the guidance of experienced instructors. The company has a second location at Point Hope, just down the road.

Owner Katie Auten said, "Here at CEDC, we train youth and pre-professional-level dancers while promoting confidence, dedication, and teamwork. Our experienced industry creatives provide a positive atmosphere for aspiring dancers to thrive while discovering their own artistic voice."

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Joe and Bethann Spiotta, pictured during a trip to Italy, are bringing their love for Italian food to 1190 Clements Ferry Road with their new restaurant, Salute, set to open on June 1 in the former Joey Tomatoes location.

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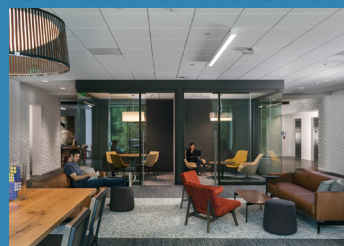
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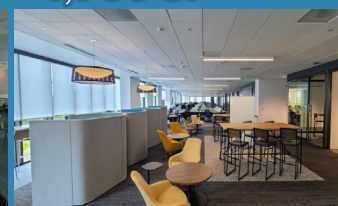
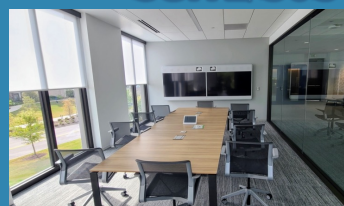
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GATOR'S DEATH SPARKS REFORM

NEW BILL ASKS FOR NUISANCE ALLIGATORS TO BE RELOCATED

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When a state-licensed trapper was called to remove and euthanize a 10-foot alligator from a pond behind the Daniel Island Village apartments on the quiet morning of March 12, eyewitnesses said the process quickly turned grim.

As the reptile retreated into the water, onlookers said the trapper, using a chicken-baited fishing pole, hooked it by the neck, dragged it out of the pond, and slit its throat. The killing of the alligator, known by some residents as Walter, gained national headlines as animal activists questioned whether the state's procedure to remove nuisance alligators was humane, or even necessary.

"Walter was never perceived as a threat to the residents. We all respected his space," Daniel Island resident Susan Chapman said. "There were no human interactions with him. He enjoyed sunning himself on the side of the pond – he never harmed anyone or anyone's pet."

Alligators are a protected species under federal law, but South Carolina law does allow for their removal and euthanization if they pose a threat to human safety.

According to SCDNR, "a nuisance alligator is one that has lost its fear of humans (as a result of feeding), may cause harm to people or property, and/or is trapped in a place it's not supposed to be."

In this case, the department confirmed that the apartment complex that



The residents who gathered at Walter's vigil are now calling for alternative methods of wildlife removal, advocating for non-lethal options.

initiated the call had a permit for alligator removal, which is issued annually for the past two years, and was well within its rights to hire a contractor, stating, "This year, the community chose to use its permit on this animal."

In a message to residents, the apartment complex wrote, "The Department of Natural Resources was contacted to ensure the safety of our residents and their pets. The DNR acted within their protocol, and ultimately

determined that euthanizing the alligator was the best way to minimize risk. Although Walter's euthanasia on the property was done in compliance with state law, we understand this news about his passing can be distressing."

A PUSH FOR CHANGE

The debate over the manner of the reptile's death has sparked wider conversations about the state's policy regarding the removal and identification of nuisance alligators. According to a brochure issued by SCDNR, the state does not allow alligator relocation. Period.

"Alligators have a strong homing instinct, making relocation ineffective. Also, if it is a nuisance in

one location, it will be in another," adding, "Nuisance alligators will be euthanized."

In an effort to establish a "more humane approach" to managing alligators, State Sen. Greg Hembree, who represents North Myrtle Beach, filed Senate Bill S-532 on April 2.

The bill would allow for the non-lethal removal of nuisance alligators, instead of mandatory euthanasia, and would create a system to file nuisance alligator complaints.

It would also require SCDNR to verify those complaints and allow trained hunters with depredation permits to relocate non-aggressive alligators instead of euthanizing them.

"We're really just giving the option to not destroy the alligator, and laying out some criteria for that," Hembree said. "I think Louisiana probably has the best state policies in the Southeast, so maybe we can copy them. The goal is to save these animals whenever possible, especially when they've demonstrated no aggressive behavior."

Hembree said he was taken aback by the SCDNR's zero-tolerance policy.

"If you remove a nuisance alligator, you have to euthanize it. Every one of them gets killed. That's it. That policy doesn't allow for any judgment on the behavior of the alligator," he said.

"You assume they're going to put it somewhere out in the wild where it can be happy, and that's just not what happens. If an alligator is not aggressive, there should be a pathway to relocate it safely."

While Hembree predicts the process to change the legislation won't begin until January 2026, he hopes he can use Walter's case as a momentum for change.

"It's a shame because now we have a real



Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks speaks with residents at the vigil for Walter, advocating for change in wildlife management policies and emphasizing the need for more community involvement in future decisions.

life example that didn't need to go that way," he said. "But, you know, that's how we learn. Maybe this situation will be the one that gives it momentum that we can hopefully push across."

State representative Mark Smith, who represents Daniel Island, expressed openness to reviewing the policy.

"I would certainly be open to reviewing any bill filed or proposed legislation that aims to improve and prevent similar incidents from happening in the future," he said.

Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks, who also represents areas around Daniel Island, voiced his support for reform. Brooks spoke at a vigil for the alligator and has since met with the trapper, DNR officials, and vocal residents.

Brooks said as state lawmakers look into a possible reform on the euthanization policy, he asks that both sides on the issue work together for an amicable decision.

"There were uncharitable words and feelings exchanged between alligator supporters and the trapper," he said. "In my comments during Walter's ceremony, I asked for community healing, prayer and meditation for wisdom for those who made the removal decision. I feel that such comments are unhelpful in healing our community and detracts from raising awareness for conservation and preservation."

ALLIGATOR ETIQUETTE: SAFETY TIPS FOR SHARING THE SHORELINE

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On Daniel Island, picturesque ponds, winding trails, and scenic marshlands are part of the everyday backdrop.

But so too are the quiet inhabitants that have long called this landscape home: alligators.

As development continues to press into natural habitats, learning how to safely co-exist with these powerful reptiles has never been more important.

Recent events, like the euthanization of a well-known alligator named Walter, have brought renewed attention to the realities of sharing space with wildlife.

But this story isn't about Walter. It's about the larger picture: how to live with alligators, not against them.

"Alligators are a part of the Lowcountry environment and help provide a balance in our ecosystems," said Mary Stuart Sutton, chief operations officer of the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association. "Their burrows or dens in the pond banks create diverse habitat for other wildlife such as birds, turtles, and fish."

And for the most part, alligators want nothing to do with us.

"Inherently, alligators fear humans," Sutton said. "But when they are fed or harassed by humans, alligators will lose their fear of humans. They start associating humans with food and may swim towards people instead of away."

The key to safety is awareness and distance.

Alligators are stealthy and often go unseen, lurking just beneath the surface. "Just because you do not see an alligator on the shore, it does not mean that they are not nearby or right below the surface," Sutton warned.

Morgan Hart, alligator project leader for



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on a leash."

Watch where you walk

"Alligators like to regulate their body temperatures by sunbathing on pond banks and shorelines," Sutton said. "If you see an alligator, move to the other side." Don't get close for a photo op – zoom lenses exist for a reason.

Respect the signs

The Daniel Island POA has installed brightly colored warning signs along ponds and popular walking routes. Heed them.

Know they move around

"Alligators can sometimes be seen crossing a street or bank. They are typically relocating to a different pond, but they should never be approached," Sutton said.

Assume they are there

"If you live near any water on the coastal plain, you should assume alligators are present," Hart said. "Alligators are very good at hiding, and they will see you before you see them."

Call the right people

The Daniel Island POA handles alligator reports in common areas like parks and trails. "We will investigate and call our alligator consultants who have over 25 years of experience," Sutton said. Specialists will evaluate whether an alligator is aggressive. If deemed a "nuisance alligator," SCDNR requires that it be euthanized; relocation is not allowed under their policy.

"If an alligator approaches you, move away from it and report it to SCDNR," Hart advised. "Try not to move between an alligator and the water, as that is the direction they will run in if startled."

Ultimately, sharing Daniel Island with alligators is about mutual respect. As Sutton put it, "When it comes to the abundant wildlife on Daniel Island, it is important to respect them from a distance."

For more information on alligator safety or to report a nuisance alligator on Daniel Island, call the DIPOA at 843-971-9200.

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF ALLIGATOR AWARENESS

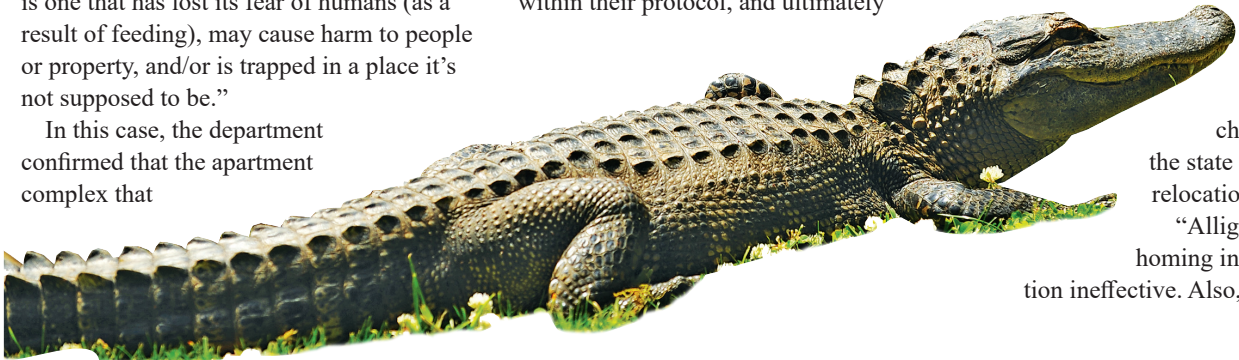
Whether you've just moved to the island or you're a lifelong Lowcountry local, here's what you need to know:

Don't feed them – ever

Feeding alligators, whether intentionally tossing scraps or unintentionally leaving food near water, is prohibited and poses serious risks. "Feeding alligators is irresponsible, illegal, and dangerous for you and others," Hart said. "Alligators can learn to associate people with food and lose their natural fear of people."

Keep pets leashed and away from the water

"Alligators do not know the difference between pets and their natural prey," Hart said. Sutton added, "Always keep your pets



Daniel Island scouts from Troop 519 applauded in Court of Honor

STAFF REPORT

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BSA Troop 519 held its semi-annual Court of Honor at the Church of the Holy Spirit March 13, recognizing scouts who earned rank advancements, merit badges, and other honors since last September.

The public gathering acknowledged the works and accomplishments of both the boys and girls scouts in the Daniel Island-based troop.

Master of Ceremonies co-chair Tommy Coulter opened the program with a welcome to families and friends of scouting, and then the honors got underway.

The boys' troop recognized seven rank advancements, 73 merit badges, and four special awards, which included accolades for hiking 50 miles and completing a conservation project.

The girls' troop also recognized seven rank advancements, 29 merit badges, and four special awards – also for hiking 50 miles.

Scoutmaster Mike Coulter told the crowd, "Our scouts are learning how to become



PROVIDED BY BSA TROOP 519

BSA Troop 519 gathers at the Church of the Holy Spirit on March 13 to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of fellow scouts and supporters over the last six months.

productive citizens through scout leadership training."

In addition to the rank advancements and merit badges, Coulter noted, "Troop 519 won the Honor Troop award at winter camp and had seven nominees tapped in for Order of the Arrow participation."

Troop 519 recognized two new Eagle Scouts: Kaylee Harlan and James Ray. Leaders also added that several more scouts will be finishing their Eagle projects over the next

few months.

During the ceremony, Scout Olive Maher was recognized and spoke about her personal growth as she was tapped as a senior patrol leader last September. She said she plans to stay in that role for an additional six months.

But it wasn't only the boys and girls who were honored.

For her outstanding work with Troop 519, Scout mom and committee member Krysten Coulter received the Etiwan District's

Scouter of the Year award.

Scoutmaster Dan Brown thanked the parents who support the troop and told them he sees significant changes in maturity and confidence as scouts assume leadership roles with Troop 519.

Brown noted that "seven scouts recently attended national leadership training and improved skills that will carry over to the workplace."

Committee Chairman Dr. Dino Massoglia brought the troop up to date regarding the activities of the various committees and encouraged all parents to volunteer to make the group stronger.

Organizers said as a scout-led troop, having fun is important.

Troop 519 participated in a number of exciting activities over the last year including canoeing the Edisto River and visiting Cape Canaveral, Florida. The scouts also hiked, biked, camped, and enjoyed a winter ski outing.

If you are interested in joining Troop 519, both boys and girls scouts meet Wednesdays at the Church of the Holy Spirit at 7 p.m.



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Bishops prepare for pivotal baseball series that could decide region

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The Bishop England High School baseball team is engaged in a waiting game as the Bishops seek their first region title since 2019.

The Bishops pounded West Potomac High School from Alexandria, Virginia, 11-1, in a Hanahan Invitational Tournament game on April 16 for their eighth victory in 10 games.

The Bishops aren't scheduled to play again until Monday, April 28, when they face Bluffton High School for three games in five days, a stretch that should decide the Region 6-AAAA champion.

The Bishops are currently 13-7, including 9-3 in the league, which is good for first place. Bluffton is 12-8, including 7-3 in the league. Each team plays 15 league games. Bluffton is scheduled to play Beaufort High School two more times in region games this week after beating them Monday, April 21.

"Unfortunately, we had a scheduling mix-up and were unable to find a game for (this) week," said Bishop England coach Mike Darnell, whose team is on spring break. "We are going to have intrasquad scrimmages (this) week and make sure our guys are staying active with seeing live pitching and facing live hitters during the time off from games."

The Bishops will play Bluffton twice at Father Kelly Field in the final series of the season. The Bishops are 7-1 at home.

The Bishops' success can be traced to timely hitting – and pitching. And a big dose of Jackson Winer.

The Bishops are hitting .313 as a team, while the hurlers have been impressive with a 3.37 ERA. Then there's Winer, who is having a season to remember.

Winer leads the Bishops in every offensive category and was the Palmetto State leader in home runs (6), on-base percentage (.776), and slugging percentage (1.314), while his .629 batting average is third best in the state.

"As a hitter, it's been incredible," Darnell said of Winer. "I can't remember power numbers like he has since they changed the bats well over 10 years ago. He had a productive outing on the mound during the HIT and that is very encouraging. We need him to be at his best in order to have a deep run in May."

Winer did not pitch last year after undergoing Tommy John surgery. The 6-4, 225-pound left-hander gives the Bishops another arm for the playoffs and is one of three impressive starters.

Finn Corley leads the BE hurlers with a 5-1 record and a 2.42 ERA, while Will Rissmiller is 4-1 with a 2.93 ERA while hitting .333. "Our three starters have been very good this year, and our bullpen guys have been



PROVIDED BY BISHOP ENGLAND

The Bishop England baseball team will use its spring break this week to prepare for a pivotal series against Bluffton High School that could determine the Region 6-AAAA champion.

able to have productive appearances, which is obviously important," Darnell said. "Will Rissmiller has had the best season of his career, and all of the other pitchers feed off of his Monday starts. We have five or six guys who will have the confidence to come out of the bullpen and finish out games."

Wyatt Lynn might qualify as the Bishops' most improved player. He had two hits in 13 at-bats in his first two seasons in the

program. He is batting .409 with 18 hits and 19 RBIs.

"Anything that happens to him is a result of how he goes about his life," Darnell said. "He comes with the same attitude every single day, and it is nice to see a young man like Wyatt have a successful senior year. We have moved him back and forth from third base to first base, and he just shows up and plays baseball."

Former BE star Daniel Brooks not slowing down after Tommy John surgery

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More than 2,500 professional baseball players, those who get paid to play the sport, have had the ulnar collateral ligament in their throwing elbow reconstructed since Dr. Frank Jobe operated on pitcher Tommy John in 1974, according to the American Medical Association.

Heading into the 2025 season, about 35 percent of the pitchers on Major League Baseball rosters had undergone the procedure at least one time. With just over 350 Major League pitchers this season, that means about 100 to 120 players have undergone the reconstructive surgery.

Former Bishop England standout Daniel Brooks, who now pitches for the College of Charleston, knows all about the numbers and statistics concerning Tommy John surgery.

The 6-foot-7, 250-pound righthander had a fastball that was clocked in the mid-90

mph range when he underwent the surgery in March 2023.

Since then, his recovery has been part physical, part mental, with a good dose of spirituality mixed in.

"It's going alright," Brooks said of his recovery process. "The last few weeks have been good, but I've had my ups and downs. Everyone who has undergone Tommy John surgery has their own story to tell. The stories and the recovery processes are different. I'm making progress, trying to get back 100 percent."

Brooks was invited to the MLB draft after graduating from Bishop England in 2021 but opted for the college path. He decided to stay close to home and signed with the College of Charleston.

He was brilliant in his freshman season in 2022 with 55 strikeouts in 44 1/3 innings of work, with a 2-2 record and a 4.87 ERA to earn a spot on the Colonial Athletic League's all-freshman team.



Former Bishop England baseball pitcher Daniel Brooks is back on the mound throwing strikes and finding success for the College of Charleston after undergoing Tommy John surgery in March 2023.

He missed all of 2023 after undergoing Tommy John surgery and pitched in 10 games his redshirt sophomore season.

This spring he pitched in 12 games with nine starts. He owns a 4-2 record with a 4.66 ERA. He has allowed 46 hits in 48.1 innings while striking out 42.

Brooks has relied on his religious faith during his recovery. He became a born-again

Christian shortly after enrolling at C of C.

"I give glory to Christ," Brooks said. "Sometimes, you let pride and ego get in the way. I was seeking attention through baseball. My whole life was about baseball. My story was about baseball. When I was injured and couldn't pitch, I thought, 'What do I actually have?'"

"Undergoing surgery, it basically redefined who I am," Brooks added. "When baseball was taken away from me, I had to figure out what my purpose was. I am here to serve others."

And he still instills fear into hitters. He was 2-0 in a recent four-game stretch through April 12, allowing 21 hits in 24 innings with a 3.00 ERA.

Brooks is ranked the No. 34 prospect for the 2025 MLB Draft in the Coastal Athletic Conference, according to D1 Baseball.

"Playing in the majors is still a goal," Brooks said. "I know nothing is for certain. Right now, I'm just focused on the team."



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fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

Every year as the weather warms up, our waterways become more crowded. Sometimes, the increase in boat traffic can make fishing a challenge. Especially on weekends. However, if you fish early in the morning or later in the afternoon, boat traffic can be a non-issue.

On Tuesday afternoon, I launched the skiff around 6:30 p.m. The tide was low and just beginning to rise. My plan was to target redfish that were cruising the shallows.

Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog, had a prior engagement. So, I had to locate the redfish on my own.

After a short run to the Wando River, I deployed the trolling motor and began my search. It did not take long to find a redfish feeding in very shallow water. I cast a Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 on a 1/10-ounce NedlockZ jig a couple of feet ahead of the fish. Unfortunately, a gust of wind caught the lure, and it landed directly on top of the redfish, and it spooked.

Undeterred, I continued to search the shallow shoreline. Boat traffic was very light. It felt like I had the Wando River all to myself.

A few minutes later, another redfish came into view. It was swimming away from the skiff. I cast the StreakZ 3.75, and this time the lure landed where it was supposed to. The redfish shot forward and ate the lure. Fish on!



GREG PERALTA

Capt. Greg Peralta takes a selfie with a catch-and-release redfish as he reveals what may be the best time to fish now that the waterways are brimming with more boats.

The redfish was not particularly large, but it fought like a big one. It took a few minutes to bring the fish to the boat. I wet my hands, to protect the fish's protective slime coat, and lifted it into the boat to remove the lure and take a quick picture.

After releasing the fish, I sat down and let the skiff drift with the incoming tide. The river was quiet. No boats. No wakes. No loud music. Yes, our waterways can be congested. But, if you fish early in the morning or later in the afternoon, you can avoid the crowd.



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Tennis player reports \$17K Rolex watch missing at Charleston Open

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The following incidents were taken from the City of Charleston Police Department's crime reports within Team 5, which covers Daniel Island, Clements Ferry Road, and parts of Cainhoy, between April 1-15.

THEFT

On April 1, during the Credit One Charleston Open, a tennis player reported that her Rolex watch had been stolen from the stadium located on Seven Farms Drive. An officer met with the player, who stated that on March 29, she was scheduled to practice and left her watch in the players' gym and locker room. When she returned 90 minutes later, she said the watch and a hooded shirt were missing. The watch is described as a silver and gold piece with a diamond bezel and is valued at \$17,000. The victim was issued a case number. Player services will review camera footage captured in the area.

INTIMIDATION

Employees of an apartment complex on Daniel Island notified Team 5 that they had been receiving threatening emails. On April 2, an officer met with an employee who said she had been threatened in an email that came through a portal through the company's website. The victim was provided a case number and the incident is under investigation.

DRUG/NARCOTICS VIOLATION

On April 3, an officer was patrolling on Clements Ferry Road and observed a running vehicle parked on the side of Marina Drive with an occupant inside. The officer approached the vehicle and found a man inside, slumped over the steering wheel. Police said he appeared unconscious and was drenched in sweat.

The officer opened the door and the driver woke up. When asked if he had been using any substances, the suspect admitted to using heroin. Due to his condition, the officer requested Berkeley County EMS. The officer noticed syringe caps in plain view and a methamphetamine pipe in the ashtray. A search of the vehicle yielded .5 grams of a blue powdery substance that the driver claimed was fentanyl. A white cloudy substance, presumed to be methamphetamine, was located, weighing .5 grams.

A driver's license that did not belong to the individual was uncovered from a rear passenger compartment. The suspect claimed he found it at a junkyard and had forgotten to turn it into management. The substances

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Otherwise, please call the non-emergency line and speak with a dispatcher. The non-emergency telephone number is 843-743-7200.



were submitted into evidence for testing. An investigation is ongoing.

THEFT FROM A BUILDING

On April 10, an officer was dispatched to an apartment complex on Farr Street in reference to a reported theft. The complainant stated that on April 5, she left her apartment to go out to lunch. On April 6, she noticed that her jewelry was missing from her bedroom. The missing items are valued at \$250,000 and included jewelry made with gold and diamonds. The case is pending.

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Want to live longer? Pick up some weights

Local trainers say strength training is the key to longevity

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It turns out the fountain of youth might just be found in a squat rack.

Recent research shows that strength training isn't just for bodybuilders: it's one of the most effective ways to extend your lifespan and improve your quality of life.

A large-scale 2022 study published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine found that adults who did 30 to 60 minutes of muscle-strengthening activities per week had a 10% to 17% lower risk of dying from all causes.

When strength training was combined with aerobic exercise, the risk of premature death dropped by 40% – a potent combination that outperformed either activity alone.

Meanwhile, a 2024 study published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology tracked nearly 400,000 people over 20 years. It found that women who regularly performed resistance exercises had a 19% lower risk of death from all causes, including a 30% reduction in cardiovascular-related mortality.

And it doesn't take hours in the gym. Just one to two strength sessions per week is enough to see significant benefits.

"Strength training is profoundly beneficial for men and women of all ages," said Troy DeChenne, owner and fitness coach at Daniel Island Fitness.



PROVIDED BY TROY DECENNE

Troy DeChenne, owner of Daniel Island Fitness, coaches a client through a Turkish Get-Up, which he calls "one of the most challenging functional strength exercises." The movement builds total body strength, mobility, and coordination – all keys to aging well.

"It builds and maintains muscle mass, which naturally declines as we age, helping to sustain strength, functional mobility, and independence."

That independence, he added, can mean the difference between aging actively and aging in a chair.

"It boosts bone density, regulates blood sugar, improves balance, and even benefits brain health," he said. "Studies consistently show improvements in memory, focus, and overall cognitive ability."

Physical therapist Andrew Miller of ATI Physical Therapy on Daniel Island said that grip strength and quadriceps strength are two of the best indicators of overall health. "Most of what we see with strength training improving lifespan is its potential to decrease risks of obe-

sity, coronary artery disease, diabetes, and other metabolic diseases that have been shown to decrease overall life expectancy," he said.

In other words, strong muscles equal stronger chances at a longer, healthier life.

But there's more than just lifespan.

Miller encourages people to think about their healthspan: how well they function as they age. "I find most patients are not as concerned with their overall life expectancy as they are with maintaining the ability to keep their desired quality of life... up into their 70s, 80s, possibly 90s. And that's what strength training can provide."

Strength naturally peaks around age 30 and then gradually declines, a process known as sarcopenia. But



ROBERT BRIGGS

Andrew Miller, physical therapist at ATI Daniel Island, assesses a patient's strength and mobility. He emphasizes that targeted strength training supports function, prevents injury, and boosts quality of life.

Miller said consistent training can "dramatically slow that decline," helping people retain the strength and function they had in their 30s into their later years.

So what's the right amount?

Both Miller and DeChenne recommend strength training two to three days a week, targeting all major muscle groups.

"Keep it moderate. Around 60 to 90 minutes per week, split into a couple of moderate sessions," Miller said. "Not too intense. You don't want to burn out or get injured."

He emphasized that it's never too early or too late to start.

"I'd recommend they start yesterday, if they could," he joked. "But really, as early as possible. The goal is to find a routine they enjoy and can maintain for life."

DeChenne works closely with clients to build strength gradually and safely, even in older adults.

"I have clients in their 80s that make life-changing improvements,

proving age is truly just a number when it comes to fitness," he said.

He often starts beginners with basic bodyweight movements, resistance bands, or light dumbbells, modifying exercises for those with joint pain or limited mobility. "The key is always to start gently, focusing on correct form and gradual progression," he said.

Beyond the science, DeChenne has seen real-life transformations. "Clients who consistently engage in strength training show remarkable improvements in their vitality and overall health," he said. "Greater confidence, improved posture, better balance. They're able to enjoy their favorite activities well into their senior years."

Whether you're in your 30s or your 80s, strength training isn't just about looking toned: it's about building the strength to live longer, live better, and live fully. So grab those dumbbells – your future self will thank you.

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Feeling good and staying healthy begins on your plate

DI dietitian says focus on fruits, fiber; avoid trendy diets

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In a world flooded with TikTok diet hacks and ever-changing food trends, it's no wonder people are feeling a bit, well, hangry and confused.

"People are overwhelmed and confused with all the nutrition information they come across on social media," said Kathryn Adel, registered dietitian nutritionist and founder of FitWave Nutrition on Daniel Island.

Adel said many of her clients are facing the same challenges: "Planning and prepping balanced nutritious meals and snacks, sweet cravings, and mindful eating."

So if you've ever stared into the fridge at 7 p.m., wondering how potato chips became your dinner (again), you're not alone.

GUT HEALTH, LONGEVITY ARE IN

Adel has noticed a shift in what people care about most: "Definitely, gut health and longevity." While high-protein and anti-

inflammatory diets are trending in 2025, she doesn't believe in a one-size-fits-all approach.

"I don't recommend any diets," she said. "Personalizing nutrition is extremely important, and a registered dietitian can help with that."

Translation: Your friend's juice cleanse might not be your ticket to feeling great. Your body deserves a plan tailored to you.

NUTRITION AFFECTS EVERYTHING – SERIOUSLY

Feeling sluggish, foggy, or stressed? Food plays a major role.

"There is countless research about how nutrition affects various factors and health conditions," Adel said.

For example:

- Antioxidant-rich foods reduce inflammation and protect brain cells.
- Omega-3s help with brain health.
- Magnesium can regulate cortisol and support sleep, anxiety, and hormone balance.
- Fermented foods improve immunity by boosting gut health.

But the real magic isn't one superfood – it's your overall eating pattern.

"A diet high in added sugar, refined grains, red meat, and processed foods can raise estrogen levels and promote insulin resistance," she said.

On the flip side, a diet rich in colorful, plant-based whole foods supports hormone balance, gut health, and long-term wellness.

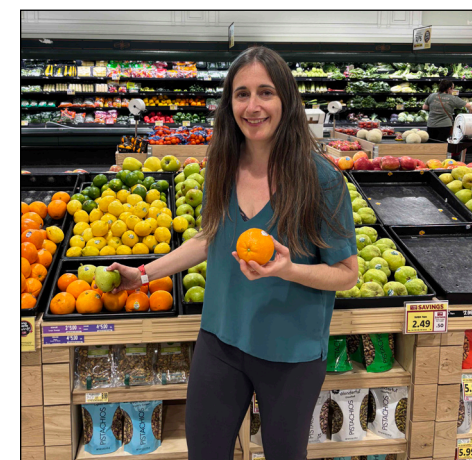
WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

"Some of the most common (nutrients people lack) include fiber – 93% of Americans are fiber-deficient – omega-3, and magnesium," Adel said, adding that fiber intake also helps with inflammation, digestion, and even mood.

Adel's "no stress" advice for anyone looking to eat better is to focus on whole foods and limit ultra-processed ones. That includes eating varieties of fruits and/or vegetables at every meal. "Ideally, more than 30 different types per week," she said.

And contrary to popular belief, Adel said you can improve your nutrition without going full-on strict mode. "Strict diets are not sustainable and are not effective in the long term."

She also cautions those taking medications like Ozempic for weight loss to not



PROVIDED BY KATHRYN ADEL

Dietitian Kathryn Adel holds an orange to remind everyone to keep it simple: more fruits, more colorful varieties, less stress.

skip the basics. "It is important to also work on improving lifestyle habits, like diet and exercise, when taking weight loss drugs to limit muscle mass loss and nutrient deficiencies and to avoid regaining weight in the long term."

The biggest myth, Adel says, is that nutrition needs to be complicated.

"Keep it simple. Try reducing processed foods. Seeking help from a registered dietitian would be a good start."

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Quiet week for area development, few items moving through city boards

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.

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

April 24: No items relating to Daniel Island or Cainhoy.

RESULTS: PLANNING COMMISSION

April 16: The Pointe at Governor's Cay - Requests subdivision concept plan approval for 55 single-family attached residential lots on 14.87 acres in Cainhoy. TMS: 2710002133 and 131. Owner: Trident Medical Center. Applicant: Middle Street Residential, LLC. **Results: Not available prior to print.**

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

April 17: Davis Daniel Island Apartments Extension - Proposed extension for TRC approval for the site plan of a 242-unit

DIGITAL EXTRA

COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS
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apartment complex on 5.05 acres at 610 Parkline Ave. TMS: B2750000181. Owner: DD Parkline LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com. **Results: No return/paperwork comments.**

April 17: River Reach Road Improvements (Priority Status) - Road Construction improvements on 4.2 acres at 1220 UT Palm Cove Drive. 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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I would choose NO other career because I love the career/profession that I'm in now. I just would love to continue advancing in my career and maybe become a shop owner.

What is your favorite time of the year?
My favorite time is the spring when the flowers bloom or back up north it was fall when the trees changed colors.

If you were stranded on an island what one thing would you take with you?
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DIBA BLOCK PARTY

Daniel Island Business Association Block Party on April 24 at Daniel Island Yacht Club, 5-7pm, for an evening with delicious food, drinks, and networking! Register at danielislandbusiness.com.

FINE ARTS SHOW & SALE

Saturday, April 26, 10-4 pm, at DI Recreation Center, 160 Fairbanks Oak Drive, with 18 local artists showcasing their original work. Art will be available for purchase.



PINWHEELS IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S FAIR

Sat., April 26, 11am-2 pm at Daniel Island Waterfront Park. Free and fun for the entire family! April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this event honors the safety of children everywhere. Sponsored by the Daniel Island Exchange Club and The Daniel Island Community Fund. Rain or shine. Jugglers, stilt walkers, balloon art, a tattoo station, a magician, a musician with a guitar to play children's songs, and more. Free popcorn. Family-friendly games. The event aims to raise awareness by advocating for children's safety and envisioning a world where all children grow up safe, nurtured, and free from abuse. Visit dexchangeclub.org.

PAT TILLMAN RUN

The Pat Tillman Honor Run, a 4.2-mile run/walk, April 26, at Credit One Stadium on Daniel Island, honoring American hero Pat Tillman and supporting the Tillman Scholars Program. tillmanrunchs.com.

GATHERING ON THE GREEN

Live music featuring Southbound 17. Sat., April 26, 5-8 pm at Point Hope Village Green. Food and games. Parking and admission are FREE. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs! Leashed dogs are welcome. pointhopecharleston.com.

NEW LINEN DRIVE FOR ONE80 PLACE

Drop off new linens through April 30 at Providence Church, 294 Seven Farms Dr., for One80

Place. A table and large container are conveniently located on the back porch of the church.

WORKFORCE CAREER EXPO

A career expo will be held April 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Berkeley County Administration Building at 1003 Highway 52 in Moncks Corner. Geared to Transition Assistance Program participants, their spouses, and individuals impacted by federal layoffs. Free and open to the public. Employers from Berkeley County's industrial sector and other organizations from various career fields around the Tri-County region will be on hand to meet with potential employees. Bring a resume and be prepared to interview on the spot. Contact corey.mcclary@berkeleycountysc.gov.

TOWN HALL MEETING

State and local elected officials, including Charleston City Council's Boyd Gregg and Mike Seekings, Berkeley County Council's Jarrod Brooks, State Representative Mark Smith, and State Senator Brian Adams, will conduct a Business Listening Town Hall meeting and will take comments and answer questions from the public on Friday, May 2, at 10 a.m. inside New Realm Brewery's concert room.

BLOOD DRIVE

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Fri., May 2, noon - 4 pm at Providence Church, 294 Seven Farms Drive, Sanctuary Building.

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Sat. May 3, 9 am to noon (or when the shredding truck is full) at the Blackbaud North parking lot at 65 Fairchild St. to help you safely shred your documents. Sponsored by the Daniel Island Community Fund.

DANIEL ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

"Celebration of Spring." Last meeting of the year, Wed., May 14, 1-3pm at the Crows' Nest at 1651 Oak Leaf St. Light luncheon buffet. Contact Carolyn Goff at goffcb@earthlink.net.

WATERWISE: CHARLESTON OPEN HOUSES

The City of Charleston's Office of Resilience & Sustainability is open to providing residents with crucial information and resources on how water is affecting their communities, including what the city is doing to mitigate flooding. Staff will be available on May 28, 4:30-7:30 pm, at the DI Recreation Center.

KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

14th Annual Danziger Cup Kids Fishing Tournament, Sat. June 14, Father's Day weekend, 8:30-10:30 am at Smythe Lake. Rain or Shine. Awards ceremony, sponsor raffle, and refreshments to follow. Registration can ONLY be made at danielislandfishingclub.com/events. Only the first 150 kids that sign up are guaranteed goodie bags at check in.

CHARLESTON CHARITY DUCK RACE

The Rotary Club of Daniel Island's annual Charleston Charity Duck Race and festival, Sat., June 14, from 10 am - to 1 pm, at Daniel Island

Waterfront Park. The ducks will launch around 11:10 am tide permitting. Adopt a Duck for \$10 and secure a chance to win \$10,000.

Adopt at: charleston-duckrace.com. Duck adoption donations support local charities.

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 or the DI News (8-6), 225 Seven Farms Dr., Suite 108.

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. at 11 am., Thur. at noon Pilates/Balance/Strength class for Bone Health. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

COMMUNITY YOGA Mindful flow yoga. All levels, mats and blocks provided. Thurs., 9-10 am at DI Recreation Center. Teresa Donohue dicommunityyoga@gmail.com.

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.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dexchangeclub.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 meets 1st Friday of the month. 8:30 am at Daniel Island Village, 455 Seven Farms Drive, in the Community Room. Free. 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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For free community events, send info to sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com.

For-profit events, contact patrick@thedanielislandnews.com.

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By Neil R. Manausa

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Grammar
Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

A Bit of Noun-Sense

Sometimes nouns can be used as verbs, and sometimes they cannot. Which of the following italicized verbs are used correctly?



1. Bill and Joan plan to *summer* at their cottage this year.
2. I *windowed* my soul to my manicurist, and she told the whole town.
3. They are *four-laning* this road, and the traffic is terrible!
4. Louis is going to *gift* his 1965 Cadillac to his grandson.

Answers: 1. Correct 2. Incorrect 3. Incorrect 4. Correct

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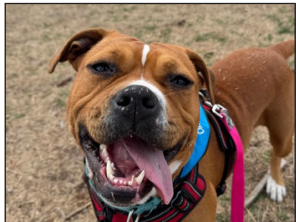
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