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Construction to begin on new DI Drive footbridge over Nowell Creek

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A 1,100-foot-long pathway for walkers and bikers, culminating with a 60-foot aluminum footbridge spanning the waters of Nowell Creek, has gotten the green light to move forward.

Charleston City Council awarded a $1.4 million contract to Blutide Marine Construction to begin work ona dedicated sidewalk and footbridge that will allow people to travel over the creek from Daniel Island Drive to St. Thomas Island Drive.

The completion date is targeted for the end of 2026.

"We are working through the start-up paperwork process now and expect to issue a Notice to Proceed in early August," said city communications director Deja Knight McMillan. "The contractor will begin the initial work within two weeks of this notice."

The new walkway will extend from the recently constructed Beresford Creek bridge that reopened last summer and will continue along Daniel Island Drive past the former Blackbaud headquarters building, now known as Marshside, to a crosswalk at Nowell Creek.

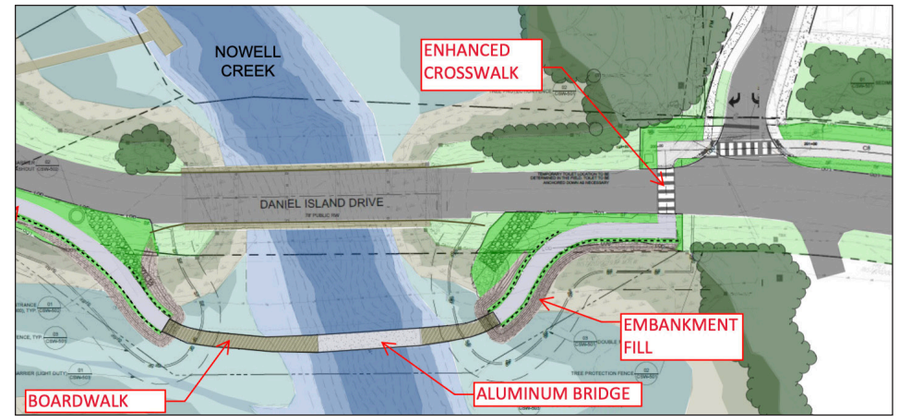
From there, pedestrians will cross Daniel Island Drive to a boardwalk and a 10-foot-wide aluminum footbridge over the creek that will connect to St. Thomas Island Drive. The crosswalk will include protective barrier fencing and flashing beacons to warn drivers.

McMillan said crews within the first two months will place fill in the marsh to expand the causeway.

"The initial work will be the installation of required temporary signs, erosion protection, and tree protection, followed by work in the marsh on the south side of the causeway," McMillan said. "This work will take place on both sides of the existing bridge and will involve placing a limited amount of fill in the marsh to expand the causeway footprint."

McMillan said crews will first spend about two months placing fill in the marsh to expand the causeway. Once completed, a waiting game begins.

"At that point, the contractor will have to stop work around the creek and wait for the soil to consolidate (settle) enough to proceed with the next steps. This consolidation period will be monitored monthly by our geotechnical engineers and is expected to require at least 12 months to reach the minimum threshold," she said.



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This map of Daniel Island Drive shows the route walkers and bikers will use when the construction of a new 1,100-foot-long pathway and 60-foot aluminum bridge is completed over Nowell Creek to St. Thomas Island Drive.

When engineers give the thumbs up that the fill is firm enough, crews will return to the creek to build the path on top.

The city said the traffic impact will be typical: vehicle stops when trucks are rolling in and out and temporary lane closures on Daniel Island Drive causing drivers to take turns using a single lane.

According to the city, the entire project is budgeted at $2.2 million. The South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Study, or CHATS, will cover $1.38 million of the tab; Berkeley County will contribute $60,000; and the city's general fund reserves will source almost $800,000.

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What do you love most about this profession?
I love this profession because it allows the ability to connect with people through community and personable services, sometimes going beyond a simple haircut.

If you could choose any other career—what do you think you would do?
I love being of service to everyone, and I think the greatest calling to serve is being a Catholic priest.

What is your favorite time of the year?
I have always loved the way Christmas time makes me feel; the bright lights everywhere, cozy weather, hot chocolate, and seeing everyone full of joy.

If you were stranded on an island what one thing would you take with you?
If I were stranded on an island, I would take a satellite communicator so I can still call my mom and ask her what I should do.

What is your favorite food?
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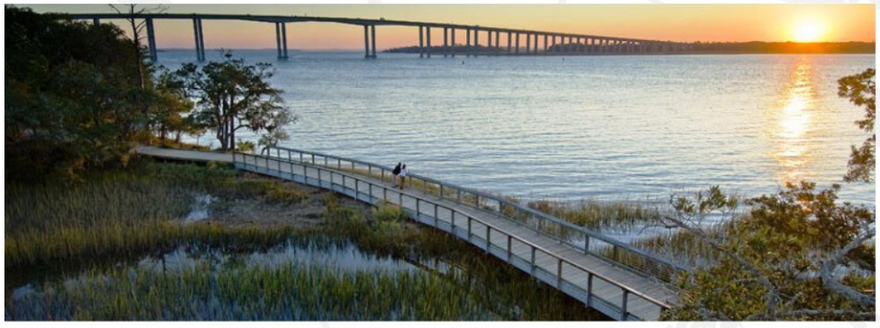


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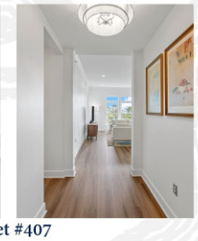
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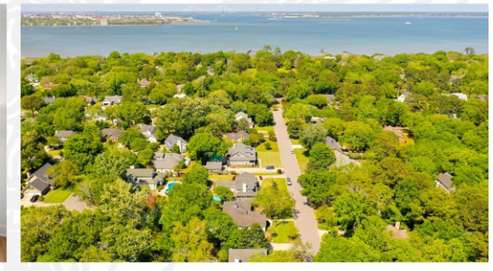
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Summer real estate market slows in May and June over last year

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The total amount of money from home sales on Daniel Island dipped in May and June of 2025 compared to the same time last year.

In May, the total sales volume was just over $59 million, a drop from $70.4 million last May.

"Out of the 35 properties sold in May 2025, 20 of those properties were priced over $1 million," said Renee Reinert of Carolina One Real Estate. "But last year, in May 2024, there were 36 properties that sold, with 32 of those properties priced over $1 million."



Renee Reinert Carolina One Real Estate

The most expensive home sold in May was 214 Fell Point at $5.2 million; the least expensive was 130 River Landing Drive, Unit 7210, at $318,000.

June also saw a decline over the previous year, with 23 homes sold on Daniel Island totaling just under $40 million compared to $61 million last June.

"This was a very slow month for sales, with a total of 23 sold in June," Reinert said. "Typically, the summer months are slower overall, but this June was even slower than last June of 2024 with 30 properties sold."

The most expensive home sold in June was 1410 Smythe Street at $4.485 million; the least expensive was 130 River Landing, Unit 7309, at $325,000.

As of July 22, 89 homes are listed for sale: 57 active listings and 32 under contract.

Month	DI Homes Sold Per Month				Total Value of Homes Sold Per Month			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	32	21	24	15	$31,722,900	$30,478,015	$39,768,900	$31,004,275
February	21	12	18	15	$26,962,940	$12,278,500	$44,064,646	$29,665,000
March	38	19	25	30	$47,581,769	$33,002,153	$37,717,567	$55,306,500
April	34	25	27	25	$45,284,139	$41,784,300	$56,836,000	$51,217,200
May	34	36	36	35	$52,184,737	$54,607,975	$70,444,400	$59,380,250
June	30	30	30	23	$44,261,525	$56,576,160	$60,970,500	$39,987,900
July	14	25	40		$29,707,500	$36,919,032	$64,952,400	
August	22	22	25		$35,597,327	$33,646,299	$45,617,000	
September	30	26	19		$44,069,749	$41,327,400	$29,435,000	
October	16	31	22		$22,021,005	$49,493,910	$40,804,500	

May home sales

1040 Barfield St. - $1,589,000
102 Barnaby St. - $1,175,000
1950 Bellona St. - $2,700,000
167 Beresford Creek St. - $1,450,000
1225 Blakeway St. #406 - $533,000
112 Brailsford St. - $2,150,000
400 Bucksley Lane #103 - $360,750
600 Bucksley Lane #108 - $430,000
200 Bucksley Lane #308 - $439,000
500 Bucksley Lane #308 - $520,000
871 Center Park St. - $765,000
94 Dalton St. - $2,525,000
815 Dunham St. - $3,375,000
112 Etiwan Park St. - $995,000
214 Fell Point - $5,200,000
278 Furman Farm Place - $2,795,000
8041 Gibbon St. - $1,555,000
301 Hidden Bottom Lane - $3,000,000
111 Ithecaw Creek St. - $3,600,000
204 King George St. - $3,000,000
320 Longshore St. #1044 - $925,000
2433 Louisville St. - $1,639,000
135 Pier View St. #203 - $433,000
145 Pier View St. #403 - $768,000
2038 Pierce St. - $970,000
353 Ralston Creek St. - $3,875,000
185 River Green Place - $3,900,000
130 River Landing Drive #7123 - $350,000
130 River Landing Drive #7210 - $318,500
184 Scott St. - $1,605,000
280 Seven Farms Drive #203 - $450,000
245 Seven Farms Drive #330 - $1,495,000
1904 Village Crossing Drive - $1,440,000
3019 Viscount St. - $1,700,000
1555 Willtown St. - $1,355,000

June home sales

1021 Barfield St. - $1,550,000
1115 Barfield St. - $1,610,000
124 Beresford Creek St. - $1,600,000
1225 Blakeway St. #1401 - $464,400
171 Cartright St. - $1,515,000
314 Chimney Back St. - $2,700,000
710 Cunningham St. - $2,530,000
2233 Daniel Island Drive - $889,000
2522 Daniel Island Drive - $1,900,000
205 Delahow St. - $1,750,000
2506 Gatewood St. - $1,462,500
187 Ithecaw Creek St. - $3,575,000
2447 Louisville St. - $1,500,000
122 Lucia St. - $1,500,000
135 Pier View #305 - $630,000
1852 Pierce St. - $725,000
130 River Landing Drive #4209 - $546,000
130 River Landing Drive #7309 - $325,000
200 River Landing Drive #D310 - $720,000
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Memorial garden to pay tribute to trailblazer Martha Daniell Logan

ELIZABETH BUSH

An idea is blooming on Daniel Island that would bring well-deserved recognition to an 18th-century gardener who has been described as a horticultural heroine for her accomplishments.

Martha Daniell Logan's groundbreaking work challenged the traditional concepts of gender and genre in her day. According to Susan Brandt, author of "Women Healers," she is also among several individuals who served as "important links in chains of botanical and medical information sharing" in Colonial America.

But, sadly, it's very likely that you've never heard of Logan or her trailblazing efforts.

The Daniel Island Historical Society is hoping to change that.

The organization is planting the seeds for a new memorial garden that would pay tribute to Logan, the daughter of Daniel Island namesake Governor Robert Daniell. Plans also call for a serenity path and labyrinth to be part of the design.

Although her birth in December of 1704 is recorded in the annals of St. Thomas and St. Denis on the Cainhoy peninsula, it is possible that Logan was actually born in North Carolina, where her father was serving as deputy governor at the time. She likely spent her formative years on Daniel Island, surrounded by the region's rich Lowcountry landscape. This early immersion may have ignited her passion for botany.

Logan embarked on her professional gardening career in the 1750s, a remarkable feat for a woman of her era. Operating from her downtown Charleston home, she sold plants, seeds, and roots, demonstrating an entrepreneurial spirit that was rare for the time, akin to Eliza Lucas Pinckney's indigo enterprise.

In 1752, Logan anonymously published the first gardening calendar in Colonial America within the South Carolina Almanack. Credited as "Done by a Lady" due to restrictions on women authors, her month-by-month guide on planting and care quickly became the gold standard for gardening advice. Though her name wouldn't appear on it until after her death in 1779, Charlestonians widely recognized her as its author.

Her stature in horticultural circles grew significantly through her friendship with John Bartram, royal botanist to the King of England. Their impactful meeting in her garden in 1760, though brief, sparked a long correspondence. Bartram, impressed by her dedication, wrote to a friend, "(She) spares no pains or cost to oblige me, her garden is her delight and she has a fine one."

Logan and Bartram exchanged seeds, roots, and clippings for years, contributing to the crucial efforts of early colonists like Logan to ensure the sustainability of their new land for sustenance and medicinal purposes. Her contributions, though perhaps not fully recognized in her lifetime, were immensely important.

Martha Daniell Logan passed away on June 28, 1779, during the American Revolution. Despite no public death notice due to wartime conditions, her legacy endures. As historians Christina Butler and Suzannah Smith Miles attest, Logan remains celebrated nearly 250 years later as a gifted horticulturalist, writer, and pivotal professional woman in early South Carolina.

A committee has been hard at work creating plans for the Martha Daniell Logan Memorial Garden: Serenity Path + Labyrinth on Daniel Island.

The project has received endorsements from the Rotary Club of Daniel Island, Charleston Parks Conservancy, the Daniel Island Garden Club, the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association, the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association, and the Southern Garden History Society.

The proposed space would feature some of the same Colonial-era plants that Logan grew in her own garden, as well as signage showcasing her history and the wellness benefits associated with labyrinths.

Currently, the committee is working with the City of Charleston and the Daniel Island Town Association on some potential sites. The committee's collective vision is to create a "beautiful and inviting outdoor space that honors the life and legacy of Martha Daniell Logan… while promoting health, wellness, and peace."



THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK

This image depicts an 18th-century gardener during the time period Martha Daniell Logan lived. Artwork by Francois Boucher and John Ingram.

To the best of our knowledge, in the hundreds of years since Logan lived, there has never been any physical structure, historic marker, or place created to pay tribute to her many accomplishments.

A garden in her beloved Charleston, on the island of her youth, seems like the perfect way to honor her. What an extraordinary opportunity we have here on Daniel Island to cultivate a beautiful, natural sanctuary to showcase Logan's bountiful legacy.

It's "sow" simple – let's dig in!

Elizabeth Bush serves as president of the Daniel Island Historical Society. For additional information on the Logan garden, email dihistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

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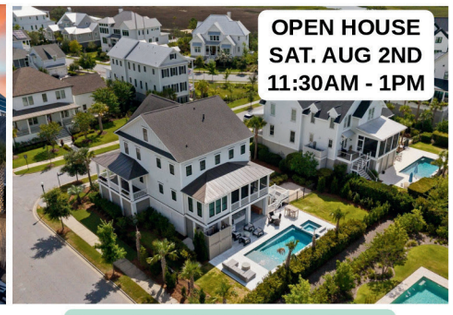
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If you could make a movie, what would it be about?

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I would make a movie about "Spider-man."
Ava, age 8
Charleston



I would make a movie about "Lilo and Stitch" because they're funny.
Sophia, age 9
Charleston



I would make a movie about sharks!
Gemma, age 4
Charleston



I would make a movie about the ocean because we only have explored 5% of it. Are they the only animals in the ocean or not?
George, age 8
Daniel Island



I would make a movie about "Minions" or "Inside Out."
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Berkeley County aims to protect and preserve Cainhoy's Old Ruins Cemetery

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It has been MaeRe Chandler Skinner's dream for decades to see her beloved Cainhoy Meeting House and Old Ruins Cemetery protected and preserved in perpetuity.

Now it is one step closer to becoming a reality.

The historic Cainhoy Peninsula burial ground, also known as McDowell Cemetery, has been approved as a new project of the Berkeley County Preservation and Greenbelt Commission. The group voted unanimously at its July 15 meeting to accept the parcel as a donation. It now will move to an operations subcommittee of Berkeley County Council before heading to the full council for consideration in late August.

If approval is granted, Berkeley County would take over maintenance and care of the property moving forward.

A native of Cainhoy, Skinner serves as chair of the nonprofit corporation that currently owns and oversees the cemetery, which dates back to the late 1600s. She has been helping to care for this sacred place for as long as she can remember, first with her father during his lifetime and later taking over the reins herself upon his death in 2006.

Several generations of Skinner's family members are buried there, including her fifth great-grandfather, Lt. Thomas Wagner Chandler, adjutant and member of General Francis Marion's Brigade in the Revolutionary War.

"I am so grateful to the Berkeley County Preservation and Greenbelt Commission for considering this site and for recognizing the value in protecting it for generations to come," Skinner said.

Noted during the BCPG Commission meeting earlier this month was the site's use as a field hospital during the Revolutionary War, which is documented in the papers of General William Moultrie. There are also a number of Revolutionary-era graves in the cemetery. The oldest visible tombstone dates back to the 1760s.

When asked about the project, Tory Sullivan, a BCPG commissioner who also serves on the Daniel Island Historical Society board, called the site "an absolute gem" with layers of history hidden behind a development along Clements Ferry Road.

"Some of the most important religious figures in early America preached from one of the oldest religious sites in the region, incredibly important Revolutionary War patriots fought all around it, and were undoubtedly buried there after care at the field hospital," Sullivan said.

"Throughout the Civil War and Reconstruction, this site played a role. It's also in one of the most intensely developing areas in Berkeley County, so finding any space that's this important and beautiful for preservation and recreation was critical for our commission."

The Daniel Island Historical Society commissioned historian and author Christina Butler to document the significance of the cemetery, which includes the foundational remains of the original Cainhoy Meeting House, built at the location in 1699 by dissenters from Massachusetts fleeing religious intolerance.

"The parcel has an important legacy for its use during the Revolution as a temporary field hospital, for its religious history, and its longstanding use as a burial ground for Cainhoy residents of white and African American descent, speaking to the area's historic use as a plantation landscape with a majority enslaved population before emancipation," noted Butler in her finished report.

"I am thrilled to finally have a historically-referenced, thoroughly-documented report on this hallowed ground," Skinner added. "It opens amazing details on Cainhoy, the Wando River, Daniel Island, and Berkeley County's importance from the time the Cainhoy Meeting House was established throughout our great American Revolution and beyond. My eternal gratitude to Christina Butler and all involved in this project for all their support and hard work over the years in its preservation."

Katherine Pemberton, chief of education and outreach for the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission, or SC250, said the importance of the cemetery and ruins cannot be understated.

"The McDowell cemetery with the ruin of the old Presbyterian Meeting House is a place where an important aspect of our local Revolutionary War story can be preserved and shared," she said.

"Historically, Cainhoy Village on the Wando and this area along Clements Ferry Road were occupied by both British and American forces. These were the sites of skirmishes, and for the American forces, Cainhoy was the site of an important supply depot and a field hospital within the meeting house."

Skinner and Pemberton, along with the Daniel Island Historical Society and Berkeley 250, are hoping there will be opportunities to provide educational displays at the cemetery to illuminate its history.

In the meantime, those involved with the project believe more study is needed, such as a full archaeological excavation of the Meeting House ruins and other exploratory measures.

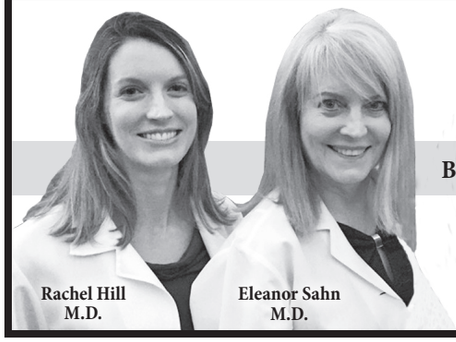
"While there are numerous sites of the Revolutionary era near Moncks Corner and around the Cooper River, this seems to be one of the most important sites in the southern portion of Berkeley County," Pemberton said. "It is even more important to preserve and highlight this history as the area is undergoing rapid development. Staff with SC250 are very excited to learn more about this site through ground-penetrating radar and possibly future archaeological investigations. We hope the site can be fully investigated, preserved, and made available to the public."



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Cainhoy native MaeRe Skinner poses at the brick remains of the old Cainhoy Presbyterian Meeting House in the Old Ruins/McDowell Cemetery off Clements Ferry Road. The Berkeley County Preservation and Greenbelt Commission voted unanimously at their July 15 meeting to approve the historic cemetery as a new project. It now will move to an operations subcommittee of Berkeley County Council before heading to the full council for consideration in late August.

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Whew! Thank goodness for pool chillers and water parks

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With temperatures approaching the century mark this week, we are in a heat wave. Keeping your cool in the sizzling summer sun isn't always easy, but even during the hot, humid days, you can still chill out.

Whether you're craving a splash of water by taking a dip in a pool or enjoying the breeze off the Wando River, Daniel Island offers a variety of ways to escape the swelter.

CHILL OUT AT THE POOL

One of the best ways to beat the heat is at your community association pools.

The three Daniel Island Community Association pools - Scott Park, Pierce Park, and Edgefield Park pools - are open to DICA property owners daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., accommodating early risers and night owls.

According to Tony Elder, operations director for the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association, pools are temperature-comfort controlled. This means they are cooled!

"Each pool is equipped with heater and cooler systems to help maintain comfortable water temperatures for our property owners and their guests. While conditions can vary with outdoor weather, we do our best to provide a refreshing and enjoyable swimming experience," he said.

Swimmers and sunbathers can cool off even more at the Pierce and Scott Park Snack Shacks, as they serve up frozen treats from Haagen-Dazs bars to freeze pops. Edgefield Park Pool has an ice cream cart open seven days a week.

Of course, when having fun in the sun at the pools, remember to mind your manners.

"We ask everyone to avoid roughhousing, loud music, and saving lounge chairs. Children must be supervised at all times," Elder said, adding, "Please be courteous when sharing lanes. Splitting with two swimmers or using circle swimming with three or more ensures everyone can get in a good workout."

Daniel Island resident Allison Pack said this summer for her two boys on DI is all about being outside and staying cool.

"We're big fans of anything that keeps us moving with a little water or breeze," Pack said. "Bike rides through the neighborhood, pool days with the boys, and popsicle breaks along the way. It's all about finding ways to soak up the season without melting in it!"

WATERFRONT PARK

The air is usually a little cooler at Waterfront Park, located at 1 River Landing Drive on Daniel Island than even just a few hundred yards inland. The breeze comes across the Wando River and cools the paths along Waterfront and Governors parks. It also helps that many of the trails are shaded by a canopy of live oak and other vegetation.

During the summer, you can find sports teams and residents running, walking, or biking the trials, often early in the morning before the beautiful sunrises usher in the hotter the temperatures. The views alone almost make the heat bearable.

One of the best ways to cool down at Waterfront Park is to enjoy the water fountain play pad, which streams cold water from multiple ground level sprinklers.

Join the children! Skip through the water streams and experience a little summer joy as the water leaves a refreshing, cool embrace.



SUZANNE DETAR

Ace Rivera cools down at the splash fountain at the Waterfront on Daniel Island on the morning of July 29.





What lies beneath: Finding leaders who are diamonds in the rough



management moment

DOUG DICKERSON

Leaders develop daily, not in a day. - John C. Maxwell, leadership expert

In a rare turn of events, a dinosaur museum has made a fascinating discovery under its parking lot.

The museum is popular with dinosaur enthusiasts of all ages, with an array of dinosaur displays and skeletons. But what was unearthed in the museum's own parking lot has left many captivated by the discovery.

It originated from a hole drilled more than 750 feet deep to investigate the geothermal heating potential for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

The result?

A fossil bone discovery.

With a bore of only a couple of inches wide, museum officials struggled to describe just how unlikely it was to hit a dinosaur, even in a region with a fair number of such fossils.

"Finding a dinosaur bone is like hitting a hole in one from the moon. It's like winning the Willy Wonka factory. It's incredible, it's super rare," said James Hagadorn, the museum's curator of geology.

Only two other similar finds have been noted in borehole samples anywhere in the world, not to mention the grounds of a dinosaur museum, according to museum officials.

The discovery of this rare dinosaur bone serves as a poignant reminder of what lies beneath the surface around you daily. As a leader, you have untapped potential all around you, leaders waiting to be developed. You have diamonds in the rough waiting for their chance to shine.

Identifying and raising up leaders is an important process. Let's take a look at a few steps for your consideration.

SEE THE POTENTIAL, NOT JUST THE PRESENT

When mentoring and raising up leaders, it's essential not to evaluate a person solely based on what you see today, but also on where you envision them in a year or five years. While there may be some noticeable areas of improvement you can identify, see that as your starting point to build upon; don't prejudge too quickly.

Potential can be measured in various ways, including current work ethic, dependability, curiosity, instincts, and the individual's teachability. When you have these basics as starting points to work with, the possibilities for growth are there; they just need to be steered in the right direction.

GIVE THEM THE REINS, NOT JUST THE MANUAL

Empowerment is a crucial component of developing emerging leaders. What these leaders need is not a memorization of the manual or rulebook, but rather a playbook to guide their leadership.

A leader will shine, produce, and grow in their potential not because they memorized the policy manual, but because they were empowered to create, take risks, fail, and re-emerge wiser and stronger on the other side.

The goal here is not to create leaders in your image but to help them discover their leadership identity and find their voice.

This can only happen when they are empowered to take the reins.

BE AN OPEN BOOK, NOT A CLOSED DOOR

When it comes to leading down and developing the emerging leaders around you, you must be an open book to them, not a closed door. You want to facilitate their growth and development, not impede it. You want to be a positive influence through your engagement, vulnerability, and example.

You can't expect to develop and lead those around you without demonstrating that you, too, are coachable, that you are committed to a growth plan and not just coasting, and that you are a leader worth emulating.

I encourage you to look beneath the surface of those around you. Where are the hidden gems in your organization that are just waiting for their opportunity to shine?

It's time to raise them up.

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SUMMER CAMP 2025

Art, dance, cheer, science, innovative building, Christian education, cooking, and plenty of sports keep kids busy



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Big swings, big smiles. LTP campers dive into the basics of tennis with games that keep them moving and having fun.



PROVIDED BY PSHS

Digging it! Over 130 youths participated in the Philip Simmons High School volleyball camp.



PROVIDED BY BEHS

Campers stretch out before shooting, rebounding, and passing the ball at Bishop England's boys basketball camp.



PROVIDED BY BCSD

Building for the future! Philip Simmons Middle School held a Future Innovators Camp in June.



PROVIDED BY BCSD

The magic of camp! Philip Simmons Elementary School's Once Upon A Summer camp included about 100 students throughout June and July. The camp featured indoor and outdoor activities, including bowling at Royal Lanes in Goose Creek.



PROVIDED BY ELEVATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Children explored color and creativity at Elevate Community School's All About Art camp. The Daniel Island-based school held multiple camps this summer, including culinary, science, and art camps.



PROVIDED BY PEACE LOVE HIP HOP

Peace Love Hip Hop camp includes fashion design, arts and crafts, plenty of dancing, and Kona Ice to beat the heat.



PHOTO BY ERIC BENDIG

Philip Simmons High School coaches and players work on agility at football camp.



PROVIDED BY OSUPURĒ KARATE

Summer camp at Osupurē Karate includes a water park visit. Meet the next generation of camp staff: junior counselors William W., Noah W., Benjamin R., Finn B., and Liam B.



PROVIDED BY BEHS

The Battling Bishops held two football camps this summer, working with over 200 first- through eighth-grade students. Current players teach football fundamentals.



PHOTO BY LEAH JUDWAY

Campers participate in a fun-filled game at ONE Fellowship's Magnified Kids Camp at Daniel Island School as they wait for the opening rally to begin.



PROVIDED BY BEHS

This soccer crew participated in the Bishop England High School soccer camp.

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SUMMER CAMP 2025

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PROVIDED BY BEHS

Could BEHS girl basketball camp be training future WNBA players?



PROVIDED BY BEHS

Give me an F-U-N! Young campers show off their moves at Bishop England's Little Bishop Camp. Also pictured are BE cheerleaders Anna Kate, Madison, Mason, and Addy at Annual Little Bishops Camp 2025.



PROVIDED BY BACK PORCH ART

Back Porch Art provided several camps, including Hogwarts Camp, Harry Potter Camp, and, pictured here, Ocean Art Camp, featuring giant squids and seahorse commotion.



PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Providence Be Brave camp, which starts with campers thinking about how they can be brave with the things they do and say, includes plenty of fun activities, including art, balloon games, Bible stories, and bookmaking.



PROVIDED BY PSHS

The Philip Simmons Boys basketball annual camp had its largest turnout ever, with current players and coaches helping campers develop skills to become future Iron Horse players.

Iron Horses stress player focus as gridiron practice gets underway

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SAVANNAH HATCHER

Philip Simmons High School players drive the blocking sled during a summer workout as the team prepares for its first official day of practice for the 2025 season.

Eric Bendig built the Philip Simmons High School football team into a fine-tuned machine in just seven seasons.

The coach led the Iron Horses to a 47-27 record, two region championships, and six playoff appearances. Not only that, Bendig has used a no-nonsense approach to build the program, and the student-athletes' response has been impressive.

Bendig expects 120 players to play football in 2025. That includes B-team, junior varsity, and varsity. The coach welcomes back 32 varsity lettermen and 11 starters on the first day of practice, which is slated for Aug. 1.

The team will attempt to better last season's record of 10-3.

But all that success comes with a price.

Bendig admits he doesn't sleep well the night before fall camp begins adding, "I don't sleep well during the football season in general. I am constantly thinking about the process we have and (whether) we are holding the standard of our success each day. The night before preseason I will nod off eventually. But it is not a lot of hours."

But you can rest assured, the attention to detail has paid off. The Iron Horses should begin the season ranked in the top 10 of numerous prep football polls in the Palmetto State.

Bendig's focus in the first week of practice will be the team's focus.

"I want to see our players' confidence in themselves and the work they have put in for the offseason," Bendig said. "Maturity is not just getting older, but how well our players feel about themselves knowing they put the work in and are supported by so many.

"This program has a high standard. Those standards don't graduate. Those standards don't transfer. We hold this program in high esteem. To do that, our players need to be confident in themselves and their teammates."

Last fall, the Iron Horse offense averaged 33 points a game while the defense surrendered 19. At this stage, the defense is ahead of the offense.

"I think our defense is ahead at this point," Bendig said. "Not because they are the 'better' group or more talented; it simply comes from a perspective that we have so many guys who got great reps in spring and summer there, and they seem to be meshing well and playing with confidence."

Hayes Goddard replaces Tavien Orellana at the quarterback position. He's 5 feet 10 inches and 150 pounds. He played in six games last fall and completed six of 12 passes for 46 yards and a touchdown.

"His leadership and grasp of our offense is what stands out," Bendig said.

Veterans Yosi Mallett and Jaydon Camp are projected to anchor the offensive line. Will Hollifield, Ashton Kellermann, and Patrick Clarke headline the Iron Horses' receiver-tight end group.

The Iron Horses' first practice is set for this week, and the team will practice in pads for the first time on Aug. 4.

The first day of high school football practice in the South is a tradition. Back in the day, it would not be unusual for two-a-day and three-a-day practices. Today, it's different.

"Safety is the priority," Bendig said. "Heat illness prevention, but also safety of our players.

"It is a tough sport. It is not just rolling the balls out and running around for two hours. A lot goes into what we call, planning, and executing the perfect practice."

BE tugs hard this summer to keep momentum

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PROVIDED BY BISHOP ENGLAND

The Bishop England High School football team hit the sand at Sullivan's Island for a summer workout and some friendly competition that included tug-of-war, one-on-one races, and a spikeball battle.

July 18 was, literally, a day at the beach for the Bishop England High School football team.

The Bishops headed out to Sullivan's Island for a light workout that included spikeball, sprint and agility drills, one-on-one races, tug-of-war and, most importantly - camaraderie - as second-year coach Logan Hall prepped his team one more time for the opening of fall camp.

It will be a little more intense when the Bishops hold their first fall practice this week because expectations are great for the team, which went 9-3 and won the Region 6-AAAA with a perfect record last season.

That might have been the surprise prep football story in the Palmetto State in 2024 considering the program entered last season with only seven victories in 32 games. This fall, the spotlight might feel like a klieg light for the Battling Bishops.

Hall said one of the keys to 2025 is that the team must match the intensity and mindset from last fall.

"We also have new faces in positions. How will they perform when it counts with the lights on?" Hall said. "That's our job as a staff to get them ready for that test."

The Bishops' football program includes approximately 100 players, including varsity, junior varsity, and middle school.

"We lost some pieces, but we have a lot returning this year that played a ton of football for us last year," Hall said. "It's going to be exciting to watch."

One of the returners is quarterback Quinn Mahoney. The 6-foot-3-inch, 210-pounder is coming off a big season where he passed for 2,461 yards and 23 touchdowns and just missed topping 3,000 yards in total offense.

"Quinn Mahoney has been impressive over the summer, shining on the field in passing leagues while working hard in the weight room."

The Bishops also return their top receiver, Zach Balog. He caught 65 passes for 1,027 yards and seven touchdowns.

Bishop England will hold their first practice of the fall season this week. The Bishops will follow High School League protocol, transitioning to practicing with pads, and will compete in their first scrimmage on Aug. 7 against Lucy Beckham High School.

Hall said the concept of fall practices is different from his high school playing days.

"Times have changed because we get so much time with them in the summer," Hall said. "We can get a lot done where we don't cram in fall camp. I am of the belief that we practice smart and try to stay as healthy as possible. Beating guys up in practices hurts the team on Friday nights. The goal is to get to Fridays as mentally sharp and bodies fresh so they can fly around and make plays."

In addition to Mahoney and Balog, Hunter Alex, Matthew Ponkow, Luke Russell are expected to be dominant players in camp who also provide leadership. The Tonon brothers, Brody, Chase, and Trevor, transfered to BE and are expected to make an impact.

"I'm more anxious for the kids because I want them to reach their goals and have the best season possible. They have put so much work into not being a one-hit wonder team that I want it for them," Hall said.

‘She’s our dynamo’

Marielle Salas packs a punch, earns spot at Junior Pan American Games

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Twelve-year-old Marielle Salas has lived on Daniel Island all her life, but she is kicking and punching her way to international recognition.

Marielle competed at the USA Karate National Championships and Junior Team Trials in Fort Worth, Texas, July 12-13, where she won a silver medal and earned a spot on the junior national team.

She travels to Denver, Colorado, for training camp at the beginning of August before flying to Paraguay to compete in the Junior Pan American Games Aug. 25-30.

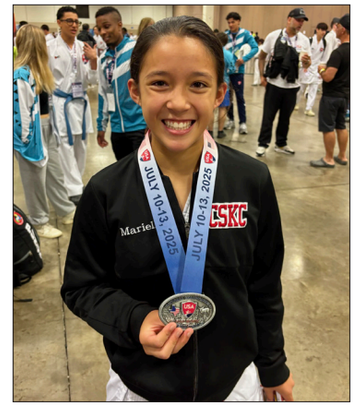
“I’m excited and nervous,” Marielle said. “It means a lot, and it’s a really good experience and opportunity.”

Marielle has trained at the Charleston Shotokan Karate Club for four years. Her coach, Taylor Wood, described Marielle as an outstanding student.

“She’s had exponential growth compared to typical students, and she skipped a couple divisions to be able to try out for the team this year,” Wood said. “The highest caliber karate athletes are at this event. This is the cream of the crop.”

Two of Marielle’s younger siblings, Mikayla, 11, and Joshua, 9, also train at Charleston Shotokan Karate Club and competed at the event, each earning two bronze medals in their age divisions. Her youngest sibling, Mia, is 3 and will soon be building her skills in the dojo.

Their parents, Jason and Aurora Salas, said they started Joshua in karate to reap its many benefits, and the girls soon followed. Karate is known to enhance physical and mental fitness, build confidence, and foster discipline and respect.





PROVIDED BY JASON SALAS

Marielle Salas, left, won a silver medal and earned a spot on the USA Karate Junior National Team on July 13 in Fort Worth, Texas. Marielle will compete in the Junior Pan American Games Aug. 25-30 in Asunción, Paragua. Above: The Salas family: Jason, Mia, Mikayla, Joshua, Marielle, and Aurora.

“We gravitated as a family toward it,” Jason Salas said. “They love not only the competition, but the other kids. It’s a family atmosphere; everyone is very friendly, and we have a good camaraderie.”

Coach Wood, a state, national, and world karate champion, said the benefits of the martial art extend far beyond the sport. “It teaches you a lot about yourself,” she said. “You have to learn to control your emotions and nerves, especially during those big tournaments like the one Marielle competed in.”

Marielle also plays competitive basketball, is an accomplished pianist, and is active in Scouts BSA. She and her siblings are homeschooled, which allows the family the flexibility for travel, sports competitions, music lessons, church visits, and community service.

“Karate teaches me a lot of self-discipline,” Marielle said. “So when I’m doing schoolwork and my other activities, I can stay on track.”

Her parents said they are proud of Marielle’s poise and determination, and they are looking forward to her international debut.

“She’s able to stand up to the challenge and not be intimidated by it,” Jason Salas said. “She’s our dynamo; very quick and powerful. She packs a punch in her little body.”

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fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

I get confused easily. Is my niece's son my grandnephew? If so, my grandnephew is Matthew.

He recently received his first fishing rod and reel. Both of us were super anxious to try it out. So, my niece, Amee, and I planned a dock fishing day. Our plan was to fish a little in the morning and then grill hot dogs for lunch.

Before everyone arrived, I caught a couple of dozen shrimp with my cast net and put them in a minnow bucket. This time of year, if you want fast fishing action, use shrimp for bait.

With a few minutes to spare, I sat down in the shade and tried to cool off. We were going to have hot fishing. Figuratively and literally.

Amee, Andrew, my nephew-in-law, Matthew, and his sister Emily arrived right on time. Matthew proudly showed me his new fishing rod and reel.

I asked Matthew to get a shrimp out of the minnow bucket. While he was grabbing a shrimp (this took a few minutes), I rigged his rod with a split shot weight and small light wire hook. We carefully hooked the small shrimp and dropped it into the water.

Almost immediately, Matthew excitedly said he had a fish and began to reel it in. Soon, a pigfish landed on the dock. Matthew's first fish on his first fishing rod! I am not sure who was more excited, Matthew or me.

Of course, we had to take dozens of photos to commemorate the occasion. Matthew released the fish and continued fishing while I fired up the grill. In the few minutes before lunch, Matthew caught and released several pigfish and four small redfish.



GREG PERALTA

Capt. Greg Peralta stands on a dock with his grandnephew Matthew Moss who just caught his first-ever fish.

Watching him, I reflected on Elliott, my son, catching his first fish. After thousands and thousands of fish that Elliott and I have caught together, the memory of that first fish is still crystal clear for both of us.

Years from now, I hope Matthew remembers that little pigfish the same way.

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Summer blackberries are wild, local and berry, berry good



daniel island nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

There is something deeply satisfying about gathering food from the world around us, rather than from the local grocery store. I have nothing at all against grocery stores, but there is a sense of belonging that comes from taking part in the natural order of things.

Fortunately for us, the Lowcountry abounds with healthy wild food sources, and Daniel Island, in particular, offers some very tasty summer treats to those willing to spend a little time and effort in the great outdoors.

Rubus fructosis is the scientific name for one of my favorite outdoor snacks. From late spring through the month of June, it can be found in field edges, along trails and pathways, and beside many of our island lakes and ponds.

If it isn't obvious yet, I am talking about wild blackberries.

I sent some photos and directions to a group of neighbors with young children a few weeks ago. Right along the leisure trails, the edges of several ponds near our home were loaded with ripe and ripening blackberries.

I have fond memories of gathering blackberries as a boy, and our family enjoyed picking and eating them here on D.I. when our daughters were young.

Rubus is a genus within the rose family that includes blackberries, dewberries, raspberries, boysenberries, and others. Nearly all are tasty and edible, and none are poisonous.

According to the Clemson Cooperative Extension, blackberries are native to the Southeastern United States and common throughout much of South Carolina. They grow wild, but they have also been cultivated to make them less thorny, bigger, and sweeter.

Whether wild or farm-grown, the flavor of sun-ripened blackberries is delicious. There are some folks who dislike the tiny seeds, but this writer finds them a small price to pay for the enjoyment the berries bring.

As with anything one does in the outdoors, a little awareness goes a long way in berry picking.

Don't pick the berries before they are dark and plump, or they will not taste good.



FRANK CONWAY

Wild blackberries line the edge of a Daniel Island pond, perfect for picking and eating. Just don't forget to wear gloves!

There can also be thorns on the vines, so one should check for those and for any nearby poison ivy before turning young children loose. And give them a good rinsing before eating.

Long sleeves and gloves offer protection, but they are not required. Thick gloves can make it hard to gather the berries. It is also prudent to be on the lookout for snakes when reaching into thick vegetation and for alligators if the berries are close to the water.

For their efforts, blackberry pickers have a wide range of enjoyment options. These include cobblers, crumbles, pies, smoothies, plain berries (which are rich with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants), and the creme de la creme: blackberries with vanilla ice cream.

A word of warning: this diet buster is highly addictive, and if you are missing a child after having some, either he has gone back out to pick more berries or she has headed up to Publix for another box of ice cream. Adults have been observed to behave this way as well!




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CHARLESTON'S FIRST DAY FESTIVAL/ SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
Festival is Sun., Aug. 10, 1-4 pm at Charleston Gaillard Center and Liberty Square. Free family friendly event featuring community resources, activities, and free admission to the South Carolina Aquarium during festival hours. Donate school supplies at Daniel Island Recreation Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr.

YOGA AT WATERFRONT PARK
Yoga with Bella, Aug. 9 & Sept. 13, Waterfront Park, 9:30-10:15 am. Free. Bring a yoga mat, water bottle.

RED BALLOON YARD SALE
Daniel Island Annual Fall Red Balloon Yard Sale, Sat., Sept. 20, 7 am-1 pm at homes throughout Daniel Island.

CONCERT IN THE PARK UPDATE
The annual Concert in the Park, postponed earlier this year due to weather, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6, from 5-9 pm. Music will feature Grammy Award-winning artist Charlton Singleton & Friends in A Tribute to Earth, Wind & Fire and Stevie Wonder. Also performing, the Honeybees and Dylan Carter.

DANIEL ISLAND TOASTMASTERS
Toastmasters meetings are free, open to the public. Next virtual meetings scheduled for Aug. 9, & Aug. 23. Contact Bud 843-284-6291 or clare@eduave.com.

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AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND
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AL-ANON Al-Anon, a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thurs., 7 pm at Providence Church on Daniel Island.

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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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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Guilty or Not?

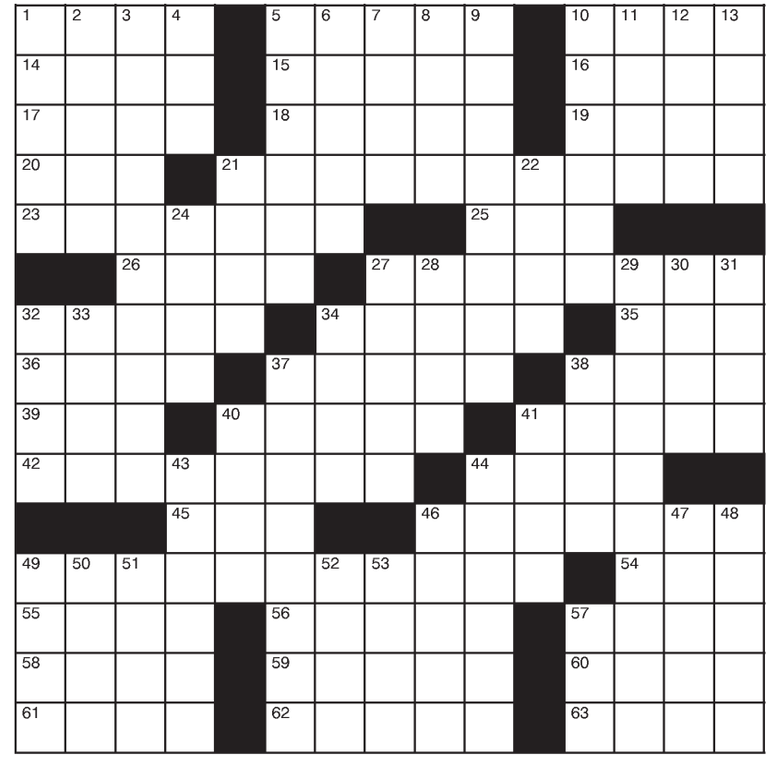


Read the following sentences, and decide if they are guilty or not guilty of following proper grammar laws.

1. Will you try and sit still for a minute?
2. The Franks were suppose to join us for dinner, but their sitter canceled.
3. Our company administrated a new sick-day policy.

Answers:
Do the sentences sound OK to you? Sometimes grammar becomes a little blurred when we speak, but it should always be clear when we write. All the sentences are guilty!
*1. Will you try **to** sit still for a minute?*
*2. The Franks were **supposed** to join us for dinner, but their sitter canceled.*
*3. Our company **administered** a new sick-day policy.*

WORK IT



CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil R. Manausa

ACROSS

1 Phone
5 Nab
10 Get a ___!
14 Up, up and ___!
15 City near SAC headquarters
16 After the bell
17 After-bath wear
18 Piercing light
19 Rubberneck
20 Ring decision, for short
21 It couldn't hurt!
23 Part of IRS
25 "Isn't ___ Lovely"; song
26 Bus driver's collection
27 Charmed
32 Type of call or shave
34 Spread asphalt
35 Dos Passos tyrilogy
36 Playwright Moss
37 Imploded
38 Italian wine town
39 Business abbreviation
40 Designer Perry
41 "Star Wars" producer
42 Unnecessary
44 Autumn
45 ___ carte
46 Small burgers
49 Sixties slogan
54 Author Fleming
55 Spring ___
56 Pigeon homes
57 Against
58 One of the Brontës
59 Bathsheba's first husband
60 Chicago area, with The
61 Duo
62 Touchy
63 Tourist stopovers

DOWN

1 Transports
2 Heeded the alarm
3 Union's power
4 Soap ingredient
5 Part of RCMP
6 Picture
7 Ogden of verse
8 Memorable newsman
9 Picked on
10 Glare at
11 All the ___
12 ___ be fine!
13 Role for Rigg
21 Swamp
22 ___ roe
24 Immense
27 Geena or Bette
28 Burl or Charles
29 Use extortion
30 Como ___ usted?
31 Speaker's platform
32 Whiskers site
33 Lois of the "Daily Planet"
34 Coterie components
37 Distinct
38 "___ lang syne"
40 Model MacPherson
41 Hideout
43 Pam, of "Mork and Mindy"
44 Rubenesque
46 Shirt lead-in
47 Boca ___
48 Cuts
49 To-do
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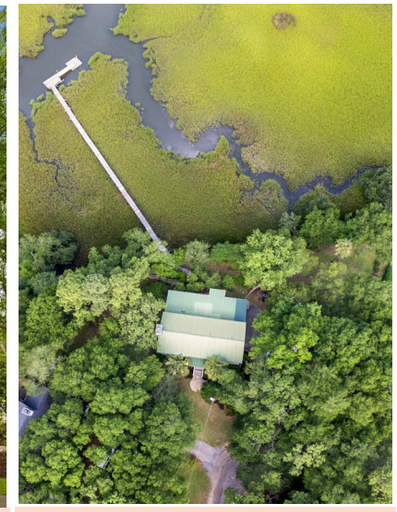
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