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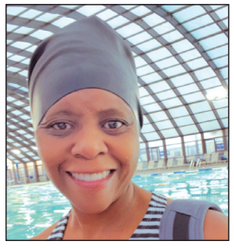
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More than gold

Olympic swimmer Jenny Thompson pushes boundaries

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For most people, winning one Olympic gold medal would be the pinnacle of achievement.

But for Daniel Island's Jenny Thompson, who moved to South Carolina in 2018, eight golds, three silvers, and a bronze were just the beginning.

The legendary swimmer and one of the most decorated American females in Olympic history has spent her life chasing excellence: first in the pool, then in medicine, and now speaking out to inspire the next generation.

On Feb. 11, Thompson took the stage at the Daniel Island Speaker Series, captivating the packed audience with stories from her record-breaking swimming career, her transition into medicine, and the lessons she's learned along the way.



MARY WESSNER

Jenny Thompson speaks at the Daniel Island Speaker Series during a sit-down Q&A, sharing stories from her Olympic career, journey into medicine, and lessons on resilience and success.

A DRIVE TO SUCCEED

Sporting an Olympic gold medal around her neck, Thompson said her success was fueled by a love for the game rather than a need to win.

"A lot of it for me was enjoying the process. I loved the challenges that the work brought," she said. "I looked forward to practice, not so much running out of a cold locker room, but I was always a fish. I'm a Pisces. I just loved the water."

Growing up, Thompson was just that: a fish who belonged in the water.

As a youth, Thompson worked out at the YMCA, where she took swim lessons and learned all four competitive strokes. She also had fun raising money at bake sales and matching bathing suits with her swim mates. "I thought that was the bomb," she laughed.

A defining moment in her young life came when she watched the 1984 Olympics and saw two Americans tie for gold in the women's 100 freestyle.

"I was like 11 watching that, and I just thought that was the coolest thing ever," she said.

And although she admired the Olympians, she never envisioned herself as an Olympic champion.

"As a kid, that wasn't my dream," she admitted. "I wanted to be a swimmer, and I looked up to some Olympians, but I didn't see myself in that position until I started making junior nationals, then senior nationals, and then my first international competition."

And then, at the age of 15, and still a sophomore high school, it almost happened.

Thompson competed in the 1988 U.S.

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Local doctor Jenny Thompson redefines success after Olympic glory

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Olympic Trials, where she finished fourth, just one spot away from making the American swim team that would go on to compete in Seoul, South Korea.

The narrow miss was a crushing blow.

"That was a wake-up call," she remembered. "Like, that is not happening again."

Determined to push harder and refine her technique, she vowed never to come up short again. "When I face adversity and disappointment, I use that as fuel for the fire," she said.

COLLEGE SUCCESS AND BEYOND

Thompson credits much of her resilience to her mother, a German-American who survived World War II and later immigrated to the United States.

"She was always extremely patriotic," Thompson said. "By the time I came along, she was a single mom raising four kids and worked her butt off to support us."

Her mother also played a pivotal role in her college decision.

With offers from top programs like Texas and Stanford, the choice was difficult, until her mother sweetened the deal.

"She knew I wanted a motor scooter," Thompson laughed. "So she said, 'Okay, I'll get you a scooter if you go to Stanford.'"

The bribe worked, and it set Thompson on a path to both athletic and academic excellence.

As a Stanford swimmer, Thompson said the daily routine was more demanding than most people might think: up before dawn for a 6 a.m. swim practice, two hours in the pool as the sun rose, then a quick, hearty breakfast before a full day of classes.

Afternoons were filled with strength training or cardio, followed by another two-hour swim session. Evenings were spent studying before collapsing into bed, only to do it all over again the next day.

She thrived in the close-knit team environment. "It was like having 20 sisters who I got to see twice a day," she said.

During her tenure at Stanford from 1991 to 1995, Thompson and her team dominated, winning four consecutive NCAA championships, fulfilling a goal she and her teammates had set as freshmen.

Thompson recalled one of the most memorable moments of her collegiate career: winning her first Olympic medals at the 1992 games in Barcelona, Spain, just before her sophomore year. Not only did she win two relay gold medals, plus a silver in the 100-meter freestyle, but she listened to the U.S. national anthem ring out around the grand stage with three of her Stanford sisters, who had also made the 1992 team.



MARY WESSNER

Rotary Club members Greg Brainerd, left, Steve Slifer, and Chip Law host Olympic gold medalist and Daniel Island resident Jenny Thompson at the Feb. 11 Daniel Island Speaker Series.

WHAT IT'S LIKE BEING IN THE OLYMPICS

Instead of stressing when it came to competing in the big meets and Olympics, Thompson said she always found training to be relaxing.

"During those longer swims, I would just kind of meditate," she said. "I think I was sort of bred to be resilient and to know things are not always going to be easy. In fact, they rarely are. And that's okay. We do sports because it's fun, so I always try to remember that's why I started it, even in the really hard, mentally tough times."

Despite what it took to get there, Thompson said she didn't need gold to win.

"You're not going to expect me to say this, but the Olympic gold medals weren't the epitome of my time swimming. That's not the most important thing to me. It was the pride in my country, my team, and all the people who helped me get there."

When she wasn't in the water or on national TV screens, she was exploring the wonders of Olympic Village.

"My first time being there, I was blown away. There was free McDonald's, free bowling, free 'Intranet' – yeah, that's how old I am," she laughed.

"The coolest part was going to the cafeteria, not for the free food, but because there's every walk of human form in one space. You have 7-foot-tall African basketball players and these tiny little gymnasts, huge weightlifters – all the extremes of the human form in one place. That was my favorite part, just to sit and watch and guess their sport."

A NEW CHALLENGE: MEDICINE

After winning 12 medals over the course of four Olympic Games and becoming the most decorated American female in Olympic history at the time, Thompson retired from swimming and took on an entirely new challenge – one that required as much dedication as Olympic training.

She decided to become an anesthesiologist.

"I like hard work," she said. "The training for medicine is four years of medical school, four years of residency. It's a four-year cycle, kind of like training for the Olympics."

In 2004, she was honored with a white coat ceremony in Indianapolis, marking her transition into the medical profession. "That was a really special day. I didn't know they were going to be doing that, but it helped me to kind of smooth over the transition."

Leaving swimming behind wasn't easy. "When I left swimming, I was at the top of the world. I was on TV shows. I was famous. And when I got to medical school, it was like bottom of the barrel. It was rough."

She recalled long days spent studying in the library, struggling to adjust to a new identity.

"What got me through that was the great friends I made in medical school, who kind of talked me off the ledge sometimes," she said.

Now an anesthesiologist at the Charleston VA Medical Center, Thompson finds deep fulfillment in her medical career.

"It's different from swimming, but in a way, it's similar. You're part of a team, and there's a sense of discipline and purpose. I really love taking care of the veterans. It's a really meaningful experience, and I feel like I can help make their day of surgery a little better."

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Thompson remains passionate about goal-setting and hard work, encouraging young athletes to set both realistic and ambitious goals.

"I think it's important to have realistic goals and shooting-for-the-stars goals," she said. "You can't just start out saying, 'I'm going to be an Olympic gold medalist.' You need concrete, realistic goals. But at the same time, you have to know how to change the world and have a plan. That's what they're looking for these days. It's not easy. But the most important thing is to show passion for something and keep moving the target so that you get better and better."

As a parent, too, she admits she doesn't have all the answers. Both her sons swim, but she strives to let them find their own path.

"When my older son was little, he'd say, 'I don't want to go to swim practice. My stomach hurts,'" she said. "I'd remind him, 'You always feel good when you're done.' At the end of the day, they have to own it, or they'll burn out."

Beyond medals and accolades, Thompson hopes her legacy is one of integrity. "When the media asked me how I felt after winning a silver medal, I told them I was proud because I did the best I could," she said. "And maybe they didn't ask me, but I told them anyway."

Now raising her two sons and stepdaughter on Daniel Island, Thompson can still be found in the water, refining her strokes with the Palmetto Masters Swim Club in Mount Pleasant.

Whether in the pool or in the operating room, she continues to inspire those who dream big – both in sports and beyond.



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The sun had not yet risen. My Aunt Toogie and my lovely wife, Grace, were in the kitchen chatting softly in the darkness. When I reached to turn on a wall switch, Toogie whispered, "Ix-nay on the overhead lights. This is high-level secret stuff." Grace turned on a small flashlight, illuminating three pieces of paper on the counter.

"Dalton, I need you to focus on this," she stated, adding, "Understand?"

When I mumbled something like "okay," she spoke a tad louder. "Please give me an affirmative response. What we're about to undertake is vitally important, and we need you to fully understand every step – the what, the when, the where. Now, again, are you ready to give this your sole attention?"

Sensing this was bigger than fetching the morning newspaper, I answered with a hearty, "Yes, dear."

"Good," Grace declared, touching one of the pieces of paper with the handle of a wooden spoon. "Toogie will give you the mission overview." Taking the wooden spoon, Toogie identified the locations of Daniel Island, Mount Pleasant, and the Wando River Bridge on the map.

"Now," Toogie continued, "the first objective of this mission is to proceed eastward and traverse the Wando Bridge well before oh-niner-thirty, when the truck traffic becomes unbearable."

When I didn't reply, she gave me a stare. Taking the hint, I snapped, "Got it. Over the bridge by – what time was that?"

"Oh-niner-thirty," Toogie answered slowly. "You can swing by the DIME for a quick fortification and a final review of plans. Then wheels up, before zero-nine-hundred."

"Who's driving?" I asked.

"TWO cars!" Grace shot back. "It's critical we have two assault vehicles in order to hit our targets and be back over that bridge before the midday traffic jam when the full trucks leave the port."

Taking the spoon handle from Toogie, Grace tapped another piece of paper. "These are your orders," she said solemnly. "Follow these red lines in Alpha Sector, the southern corridor of Mount Pleasant. Your primary target is Queensborough Publix." With a wave of the spoon toward the other piece of paper, she added, "I will be in Bravo Sector, the northern corridor. Costco is my primary target. Toogie will stay here in command central for guidance in case we need to abort. Roger that?"

Sensing the need to respond, I answered, "Roger. Over the Wando Bridge as quickly and safely as I can and then head down Highway 17."

"Not so fast, Cowboy," Grace retorted. "You do take the third exit off five-two-six after you clear the bridge, but stay in the right lane after that turn and take the first exit off onto Bowman."

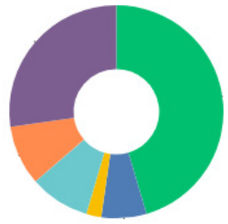
"By Arby's," I interjected, to show I was paying attention.

"Affirmative," she answered, "and then

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Readers offer support for shops impacted by Publix construction

It has been over six weeks since the Daniel Island Publix closed for demolition and renovation. The absence of a grocery store anchor for the shopping center is impacting the other small local businesses at the center. In general, losing an anchor grocery store can cause a ripple effect of reduced foot traffic, vacancy, and financial challenges for the neighboring retailers. As a local shopper, what would help attract you to the shopping center more often without the draw of a grocery store?



- **Farmer's Market in the parking lot. 46%**
- **POA-sponsored music or other events in the parking lot. 7%**
- **Sidewalk sales. 2%**
- **Outdoor restaurant events like "A Taste of Daniel Island." 9%**
- **Large pop-up flea market or community rummage sale. 9%**
- **Other 27%**

Comments:

• One or two times a month, have an event featuring these retailers. Advertising these events should not have to be covered by the retailers. Make the events fun, creative, "out of the box," social and probably have to add some type of promotional aspect. Ask existing customers of these stores for their input. Offer existing DI social groups, special incentives/events for a day, weekend, evening.

• All of the above except for sidewalk sales. Outdoor restaurant events and farmers market being the top choices, POA-sponsored events could also include local nonprofits, which could help bring even more foot traffic

• Antique auto show in parking lot.

• Tailgate Party in the Parking Lot with local garage bands, sidewalk sales for businesses (including gift cards for future purchases). Let's Buy Local theme.

• Classic Car Night, Easter Bunny, Outdoor Bingo, Dunk Tank, 4th of July Concert, small carnival, Halloween Party, if Publix is still under construction, put this year's Christmas Tree in the shopping center parking lot.

• Several of these would attract me – combine them. I am trying my best to go into these places more often but it is hard.

• Honestly, a farmers market. BUT all of these ideas are beyond amazing.

• A farmers market would be great!

To read all the comments for this and past surveys go online to bit.ly/45vehL9.

Next week's poll:
Your most influential teacher

Each year the Berkeley County School District names its Teachers of the Year, and a big factor in these educators' success is the impact they have on their students. (Watch for the story in the Feb. 27 issue of the paper.) Whether it was in kindergarten or high school, most of us remember that special teacher who influenced our lives. So which teacher had the biggest impact on you? Share your thoughts at surveymonkey.com/r/Favorite_Teacher25 or use the QR code by Sunday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m. And be sure to tell us a little about how your favorite teacher made a difference in your life.

Dalton's grocery mission

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take a left at the first light onto the one-seven outer road. Your first target is the stationary store, Party Paper and More! Your recon mark is Jiffy Lube. The store is just beyond it."

Pointing the spoon handle at a section of the Alpha Sector orders, she continued. "I've written down the three items that you need to secure at this target." Grace then carefully described each target:

• Three padded mailing envelopes, 11 by 14.

• A package of cocktail plates – 7 inch diameter – clear plastic. Ecru is okay if they are out of clear.

• Two gift bags – pale pink or green, no neon.

My nod was apparently not enough of an affirmation, so she made me recite the three items – sizes, colors, and all – twice.

"You can take your orders with you," Grace stated, holding up the Alpha Sector paper. "But the more you know it here," she explained, tapping her forehead, "the better the odds are you will clear the bridge and be home before the trucks leave port."

After a pause, she proclaimed, "On to Publix, the most important target of your mission. When you leave Party Paper, turn right on the outer road and then take a quick right on Lake Hunter Circle. This is the back road to Publix and avoids the long stoplight at Anna Knapp."

"Pay attention closely," Grace instructed, pointing again to my orders. "This will save you a lot of time. I've arranged the list of targets at Publix so you can proceed through the store, from the bakery and deli on your right when you enter to produce on the left. No backtracking!"

She began, slowly and methodically, to recite the full list of targets – starting in the deli with a precut package of uncured ham. No stopping to ask the deli counter; it takes too much time. Then I was to proceed up and down the numbered aisles, securing items as I passed, until I reached produce and hit the final target – three slightly green bananas.

Grace was clearly in charge of this operation, but I could sense the strain she must be feeling. It showed, a tad, in her voice and determined countenance. My thoughts faded to General Dwight Eisenhower's words to his troops at the start of a more monumental invasion: "You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you…" Suddenly, Ike reached out and touched my arm and asked if I was paying attention.

Startled, I realized it was Grace with her hand on my arm.

"What was the last item I covered?" she asked sharply.

"Ah, uncured ham?" I offered.

"Negatory!" she shot back, rubbing her hand over her mouth, perhaps to stifle what else she might say. After a pause, she proceeded, speaking slowly and softly, "We'll go over it again from the top." Tapping the paper again with the soup spoon handle, she began, "The first target is uncured ham…"

When I failed several times to recite the list in proper order, she bowed her head and, after a long silence, announced, "Change of battle plans. Toogie, you ride with Dalton to ensure we don't snafu this thing."

"Copy that," Toogie barked.

"Now," Grace announced, "this next step is critical. It is our redundancy plan. If you don't find something at Publix, don't waste time asking a clerk. Just keep moving. But when you get to the car, call me immediately on my cell. Tell me every item you missed. I will be enroute from Costco in the northern sector and can stop at Harris Teeter on Long Point and get them."

When I just nodded, she snapped, "Show me your phone!"

I handed her the device. Inspecting it carefully, Grace declared, "Voice on. Sound up. Waze app working." She handed me back the phone, stating sternly, "Keep this with you at all times. Don't mess with any settings."

Feeling a need to mirror her seriousness, I answered, "Roger on the phone, sir."

"Forget Roger and sir," she muttered. "Just keep this sucker with you and keep it ON!" Nodding her head for a few seconds, she then declared, "Belay that order. Give your phone to Toogie. That will eliminate a weak link in our plan."

"Last step is RTB," Grace continued, "our return to base." If Waze intelligence shows five-two-six is red over the Wando, your flanking maneuver, Dalton, is Ravenel Bridge, to two-six, to five-two-six, to base. I will traverse north on one-seven, to four-one, to Clements Ferry, to base. Copy that?

"Aye-aye," I answered cheerfully, feeling the nautical lingo might liven up the seriousness of Grace's tone.

Finally, she put her hand on my shoulder and looked me straight in the eye. I closed my eyes to take in the words, "Your task will not be an easy one. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory! Good luck!"

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DI mom conquers fear of swimming at 50

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DI resident Hope Gethers conquered her lifelong fear of swimming, turning her initial anxiety into a newfound passion in the pool.

For most of her life, Hope Gethers avoided the water.

A childhood swim lesson gone wrong left her terrified of drowning, and despite living in Charleston, where pools and beaches can be a way of life, she stayed on the sidelines, watching rather than diving in.

But in 2023, at the age of 50, Gethers decided it was time to face her biggest fear head-on.

"I'd been afraid of swimming – drowning, really – my entire life," the Daniel Island mom said.

"I didn't want my children to have my fear of water, so I made sure they learned how to swim. My youngest son was deathly afraid like me, but he had wonderful instructors at Kids First Swim, and now he's a fish, just like his older sister."

It wasn't just her children who inspired her. Local television news anchor Ann McGill from Live 5 News, WCSC-TV, also played a role.

"She (McGill) posted on social media that she learned to swim, and we're around the same age. It was so inspiring to see someone like me learning to swim," Gethers said. "When I turned 50, I decided I was going to beat my biggest fear, or at least get comfortable sticking my head underwater."

Determined, she signed up for swim lessons at Gullah Swim Academy. With her instructor, she began in a swim spa before transitioning to the Martin Luther King Jr. Pool in downtown Charleston, where she's been swimming ever since.

Beyond the personal challenge, Gethers said learning to swim was about overcoming a deeply entrenched cultural fear.

"Many African Americans don't know how to swim or have access to lessons, and most of our parents don't know how to swim, so that fear of water is culturally ingrained," she said.

Despite the initial anxiety, Gethers pushed through. Her biggest challenge? The flip turn.

"'You want me to do a flip underwater? Are you crazy?' was my response to my instructor when she first introduced the skill," she laughed. "After weeks of practice, I mastered it! I have friends who have swum their entire lives, and they have told me they can't do flip turns."

To Gethers' surprise, her greatest fear became something she loved.

"What has surprised me the most is how much I enjoy swimming and the overwhelming support I've received from other experienced swimmers at the pool," she said. "Many have been willing to share a lane with me, knowing I'm a beginner, and giving me encouragement and suggestions on my form and technique."

Gethers hopes to join the Masters Swim Team and even try open water swimming, and for the first time in her life, she is looking forward to pool parties and beach outings this summer – not just as an observer, but as a participant.

Gethers' journey proves it's never too late to make waves. Her advice for hesitant adults? Just start.

"If I can learn, anyone can," she said. "For me, it was finding the right instructor who understood my paralyzing fear of water. Trust was also key. I was truly afraid to try everything my instructor wanted me to do, but she was patient, acknowledged my fears, and made me feel at ease."

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Am I smarter than a frog?

How I became a cold-blooded swimmer

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As I swam my last laps before a snowstorm shut down access to Daniel Island's Pierce Park Pool, it occurred to me that one doesn't just become a winter swimmer. It happens gradually. With each day just a little cooler than the last, a 70-degree October morning somehow transitioned to a 40-degree January morning, and there I found myself doing what I never thought possible: being the nutjob who swims laps as steam rises in the cold winter air.

Amateur behavioral scientists, such as myself, refer to this phenomenon as the "Reverse Frog in a Pot of Boiling Water Effect."

It was during the worst part of winter swimming (getting out of the pool) that I reflected on that amphibian-cooking experiment and wondered, "Am I smarter than a frog?"

Apparently, that answer depends on which species of frog we are benchmarking. The dyeing poison dart frog of South America has been cited in a free teaser paragraph on nationalgeographic.com (full article available with subscription) as one of the most intelligent frog species, most notably being capable of creating mental maps.

Mental maps are what once allowed us to go to work and return home in time for dinner, all without firing up Waze. We've been losing our ability to create mental maps ever since William Rand met Andrew McNally. Not only does this tiny tree frog have superior navigational skills to humans, but its ability to manufacture and distribute poison darts on an industrial scale, without the benefit of opposable thumbs, makes for a humbling intelligence comparison.

Conversely, we have the common American Bullfrog whose intellect one Redditor compared to "that of a middle school boy on his first e-bike ride." Facts aside, the American bullfrog, a prodigious swimmer and the subject of at least one Top 40 hit record, knows enough to dig a hole in the mud and wait the winter months out.

Growing up, even my summer swimming was cold-weather swimming. Lessons for the Copake, New York Recreation Department started at 7 a.m. With July air near 60-degrees and the water temperature that must've been near 40, I was a shivering, chattering, blubbering, zero body-fat 7-year-old who resisted putting my foot in the water, let alone my face. As a result, I never really learned to swim.



TOM WERNER

Although Pierce Park Pool is heated during the winter, Daniel Island swimmer Tom Werner still wonders if he is smarter than a frog when it comes to swimming in chilly weather.

Ever since high school, running has been my main exercise. These past few years, a string of calf strains has sidelined me for months at a time. It was during one of these idle periods that my wife, Sue, side eyeing my step-granddad bod, asked me to swim laps with her.

My second attempt at swimming has shown improvement over the first. I still can't float or even breathe during freestyle without inhaling water. What I can do is go to Dick's Sporting Goods to buy swimming gloves, a snorkel, and some fins.

These accoutrements increased my swimming distances from barely a lap to a mile or more. And for those days, when the pool heater can't keep up with the steam wisping into the frigid winter air, I bought a thermal swim shirt from Amazon.

Still, I am not a true nutjob winter swimmer who hits the pool regardless of the weather. Some mornings I listen to Alexa's forecast and hole up in bed like Jeremiah in his mudhole.

As to whether I am smarter than a dyeing poison dart frog, a bullfrog, or even a preteen on an e-bike, I may never know. That information comes with a year's subscription to nationalgeographic.com, and I refuse to pay good money on what may well be disappointing results.



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Katie's Krops: HOW ONE CABBAGE GREW into a nationwide effort to fight hunger



Volunteers prepare the produce grown in Katie's Krops Flagship Garden and serve it to those in need in the Summerville area.



Squash goals! This young gardener shows off an epic gourd at Katie's Krops — proof that big things grow from little seeds!

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY KATIE STAGLIANO



Young gardeners with Katie's Krops nurture the nonprofit's Flagship Garden, growing fresh produce to prepare and serve nutritious meals to those in need in Summerville.



Katie Stagliano grows fresh produce in gardens across the country and donates the vegetables to soup kitchens, food banks, and families in need as part of her homegrown nonprofit initiative.



This photo of Katie Stagliano, when she was 9 years old, shows the homegrown 40-pound cabbage that sparked her interest in feeding those in need. Now at the age of 26, Stagliano leads Katie's Krops, a nationwide movement to fight hunger – one garden at a time.

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A 9-year-old, a 40-pound cabbage, and a dream.

That's what sparked the creation of Katie's Krops, a nonprofit dedicated to fighting hunger one garden at a time.

What started as a school project for then third-grader Katie Stagliano has since grown into a national movement, empowering young gardeners to feed their communities.

"This is an experience that truly changed my life forever," Stagliano said.

Now, at the age of 26, Stagliano spoke to the Daniel Island Garden Club at a recent meeting and told the members that it all started when she planted a cabbage for a school project.

Enamored by its size, she donated the massive 40-pound vegetable to a soup kitchen, where it helped feed more than 275 people. Seeing the direct impact of one homegrown vegetable, she knew she had to do more.

"At such a young age, I was introduced to the issues of food and hunger insecurity firsthand," the Summerville native said. "My dad would always tell us how fortunate we were to have a healthy meal, while some families go to bed hungry or rely on soup kitchens. When I donated my cabbage, I met the individuals it helped and saw that families just like mine had fallen on hard times. I realized I needed to do more."

Stagliano had a simple but powerful thought: "If one cabbage can feed this many people, imagine how many an entire garden could feed."

Determined to make a difference, Stagliano started a garden in her backyard and donated everything she grew. When her school recognized her efforts, they granted her a plot of land the size of a football field to expand her work.

Word of her mission spread, and by 2010, children from across the country were reaching out, eager to start their own gardens. That year, Katie's Krops officially launched its first grower search, offering grants to kids aged 7 to 16 to start gardens in their own communities.

"When I started Katie's Krops, I was very young, so I wanted to give other kids the same opportunity to make a difference in their community and grow alongside their gardens."

More than 200 children applied, and the movement took off. Today, Katie's Krops has over 100 youth-run gardens in 33 states and has donated more than 800,000 pounds of fresh produce to those in need.

"These kids are proving that age is just a number," Stagliano said. "It doesn't matter how young or old you are; you can make a tremendous impact in your community."

Beyond its youth-run gardens, Katie's Krops has expanded its reach in other initiatives:

- Katie's Krops Dinners serves over 700 meals monthly, totaling over 100,000 meals since 2010, using fresh produce from the Flagship Garden.
- Katie's Krops Outdoor Classroom offers hands-on education in gardening, nutrition, and sustainability to children and adults.
- Stagliano's Flagship Garden at Crossroads Community Church, located at 505 Gahagan Road in Summerville, produces thousands of pounds of fresh food annually.
- A program called Monarch Meadows supports endangered pollinators, helping over 350 monarch butterflies safely emerge and migrate.

Now entering its 15th year, Stagliano continues to lead the organization with the same passion she had as a child, looking to inspire the next generation to take action against food insecurity.

"You never truly know what someone is going through until you step into their shoes, so it's important to always offer a helping hand. I've learned the incredible power of youth and the difference they can make. It doesn't matter how young or old you are; you can change the world."

To make a donation or learn more about volunteering, visit katieskrops.com.

KATIE'S KROPS SPRINGFEST

The third annual Springfest will feature family-friendly, hands-on activities including gardening, educational workshops, walking tours, music, food, and fun.

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PSHS junior earns $25k flight academy scholarship

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Cadet Brian Stambaugh, a junior at Philip Simmons High School, braced himself for the worst as he entered his classroom to attend a mandatory meeting called by Chief Master Sgt. Michelle Siau, an aerospace instructor who leads the school's U.S. Air Force Junior ROTC program.

On Dec. 4, Stambaugh and the rest of the cadets quietly filed in, noticing that all the school's administrators were also in attendance.



Chief Master Sgt. Michelle Siau PSHS Junior ROTC

"I was expecting to hear something tragic, my heart raced at a million miles per hour before my instructor even announced what this 'meeting' was all about," Stambaugh reminisced.

The cadets' downcast uncertainty quickly transformed into elation, as Siau announced to everyone in the room that Stambaugh had won a highly competitive $25,000 scholarship to attend the United States Air Force's Flight Academy, an eight-week, all-expenses paid summer program held at a certified aviation university, which gives cadets the opportunity to earn their private pilot license. With Stambaugh's father listening in by telephone, the classroom erupted in celebration.

According to the USAF, more than 1,200 cadets from units around the world applied for one of the 194 Junior ROTC Flight Academy scholarships. The scholarship covers transportation, room and board, academics and the flight hours required to earn a PPL (Private Pilot License). The certificate allows pilots to carry passengers in and out of all civil airports, fly at night, in controlled airspaces, and in the category of aircraft for which they are certified, typically small, single-engine aircraft.

"Compared with civilian pilot training options, the Junior ROTC Flight Academy boasts an impressive success rate. Nationally, less than 20% of flight students who complete a solo flight go on to earn their pilot certification. However, more than 80% of Junior ROTC Flight Academy cadets have successfully earned their private pilot certificates," according to the USAF.

Siau shared, "He excels in the classroom, had great recommendations, did well on the AQT exam (Aviation Qualifying Test), and is our vice corps commander. His scores were off the charts! He is extremely interested in becoming a pilot, and when he graduates, he will have his private pilot license."

Stambaugh has participated in the school's Junior ROTC for three years. He said that he originally joined because he had an interest in the Air Force but was not prepared for how much more the corps provided.

"I was able to develop leadership skills, grow outside my comfort zone, and set up other cadets for success as the cadet vice corps commander. I am also part of our unit's color guard and drill team," he noted.

Stambaugh, along with approximately 50 other cadets at PSHS, have sharpened their skills while forming unique high school experiences by participating in Junior ROTC.

"One of my most memorable experiences was participating as a guidon bearer in the graduation parade at The Citadel, as part of the Junior ROTC Cadet Leadership Course," Stambaugh commented.

"It is a week-long, boot camp-style course in which cadres (like myself) are taught cadet basics on how to excel as a leader, all while maintaining a proper uniform, clean barracks, and mastering orienteering, marksmanship, drill, and so much more. While it was a physically and mentally taxing experience, I enjoyed every second of the course."

Philip Simmons' award winning Junior ROTC program is distinctive in that it teaches life skills, leadership, and aerospace science material simultaneously.

"I enjoy teaching the cadets about finance, check books, banks, credit unions, financing cars, etc; real life lessons that these students need to learn," Siau said. "Most importantly, I am a mentor, coach, and my program offers a family environment here at the school."

To learn more about the PSHS Junior ROTC program, contact Siau at siaum@bcsdschools.net.

Iron Horses, Bishops send combo of 12 grapplers to state finals

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It's been somewhat of a roller-coaster season for the Philip Simmons High School wrestling team because of injuries and players opting to quit the team for one reason or another.

But as the season culminates this weekend with the Class AA Individual State Championships, coach Anthony Sardelli and his crew have reason to smile. The Iron Horses had 10 wrestlers compete in the Class AA Lower State championships and eight advanced to the state finals which will be held Feb. 21-22 at the Florence Civic Center.

"They went out and competed at such a high level," Sardelli said. "All the wrestlers we have left bought in, and that's a good sign. We probably had our best week of practice, and it showed on the mats."

The Iron Horses had three athletes finish in first place: Jimmy Chambers at 126 pounds, Matt Spignardo at 138, and Sullivan Silbiger at 113.

"Chambers has been grinding for a long time," Sardelli said. "It was good to see him on top of the podium his senior year. The hard work paid off.

"I knew Spignardo and Silbiger would run through the tournament, and they did," Sardelli added. "But at the state, it will be a whole different story. If you want to be on the top of the podium, you will have to put in the work."

Brody Tonon finished in second place in the 190-pound class. Sardelli said Tonon can contend for a state title if he fine-tunes a few technical issues.

Israel Alfaro finished fifth in the heavyweight division while Breckin Smith was fifth at 106 pounds. Matthew Altenbach at 120 and Noah Bernal at 144 both finished in eighth place to qualify.

BISHOP ENGLAND SENDS FOUR

Bishop England High School wrestling coach Paul Spence has been connected to the sport for more than four decades, first as a student and then as a coach.

He knew making the jump from Class AA to AAAA would be difficult not just because of the enrollment numbers but because of the level of competition as well.

The Bishops, in their first year as a Class AAAA entry, sent 10 wrestlers to the Individual Lower State Championships, which were held at Hartsville High School, and four advanced to the state finals.



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BE wrestlers Thomas Curl, Vicente Robayo, Gray Murphy, and Finn Randall will compete for individual state titles this week. An additional eight Philip Simmons wrestlers will also compete.

The championships will be held Feb. 21-22 at the Florence Civic Center.

"We were decent," Spence said. "I was expecting more, but I think we put too much pressure on ourselves, and we didn't do quite as well. I expected some higher places, but the competition was stiff, and a lot of the teams I hadn't seen in years."

Vicente Robayo had the best finish by a BE grappler, finishing second in the 150-pound classification.

Thomas Curl was third at 175, while Gray Murphy was fourth at 165. Finn Randall was the other state qualifier at 144. He claimed sixth place.

"Vicente came in at No. 8 in the Lower State but made it to the finals," Spence said. "I thought Thomas Curl did very well. He lost to the No. 1 wrestler in the Lower State (Joshua Echeverria), who is undefeated and from May River. He lost to him in the semifinals but came back strong in his next match.

Doubling down: Iron Horse track coaches seek boys', girls' state titles

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Talent and optimism abounded when the Philip Simmons High School track and field program held its Purple and Black scrimmage on Valentine's Day.

Girls' coach Emma Santor and boys' coach Ryan McCauley welcomed back stars and greeted newcomers to a program that has shone in the 2020s.

The boys' team won the Class AAA state title last May with a victory over Seneca High School, while the girls finished fourth.

This season, the Iron Horses just might be double trouble for their opponents. Both coaches feel there is enough talent on board to win girls' and boys' championships when the state meet is contested at Spring Valley High School on May 16.

It's not unthinkable. The teams won the girls' and boys' state titles in 2021. History could repeat itself this spring as both teams return key performers.

"Our goal is two state championships, one for the boys and one for the girls," said Santor, who guided the team to back-to-back state titles in 2021 and 2022 and second place in 2023. "The word for the year is unity. We want to double down and win two."

Success breeds success, and that's one reason the program has 30 middle schoolers and about 30 freshmen. That paints a bright future.

And the future is now for the Iron Horses, who will compete in Class AA this spring.

The Iron Horse boys dominated in sprints, distance runs, and field events during last year's state meet, setting five school records while tying one.

Corey Steed returns for his senior year and could be the top sprinter in the state when the final race of the season is held. He tied the school record in the 100-meter dash with a 10.8 seconds clocking to finish with a silver medal. He also claimed a silver in the 200-meter dash and in the 4x100-meter relay. He will matriculate to Coker College.

"We're hoping he runs in the mid-10s," McCauley said. "Somewhere around 10.5, 10.6. He's already off to a good start."

Pierce Walker, Joey Wright, Wes Patterson, and Grady Castiglia will provide depth in the distance events.

Walker had a big day at the state meet, earning a silver medal in the 3,200 while finishing fourth in the 1,600.

Matthew Yaun, who will compete at the next level at Davidson University, is elite in the javelin, while Darriel Porcher adds depth in the sprints and jumps.

The girls' team has been strong in the dashes, distance runs, and field events, and 2025 will be more of the same.

Ashley Roush won the pole vault, clearing 3.2 meters at state last year. Avah Mallek won silver in the 1,600 and finished third in the 3,200. Laura Perry was second in the 3,200.

Freshman Ashlynn Johnson showed potential, collecting a medal in the 4x100 relay at state. She will compete in the sprints.

Middle-school sisters Hannah and Hope Hopson will join Roush in the pole vault.

The teams will compete in their first meet of the year on March 1 when the Iron Horses compete in the Wildcat Classic, hosted by West Ashley High School.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bluffton eliminates Bishop boys in first round of hoops playoffs

Marc Brahim commits to Wingate University

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The curtain fell on the first season of the Daniel Eykyn era at Bishop England High School on Feb. 17 as Bluffton High School posted a hard-fought 62-54 home court victory over the Bishop boys in the first round of the Class AAAA basketball playoffs.

Bluffton led 17-15 after one period and pushed the lead to 37-30 at halftime en route to its 23rd victory in 25 games.

The Bishops finished with a 12-15 record under Eykyn, who began his first season as the head coach of the boys' squad, 17 years after graduating from the school.

Eykyn scored more than 1,000 points in his career and earned all-state honors before matriculating to The Citadel.

He graduated from the military college and returned to BE, where he served as an assistant and head coach of the junior varsity team.

Bluffton won the Region 6-AAAA title with a 9-1 record, and the latest triumph gave the Bobcats a 3-0 record against the Bishops this winter. Carnell Warren led the Bobcats with 17 points, and Harry Skinner tallied 16.

Sophomore forward Sam Pelsnik led the Bishops with 11 points in one of his best offensive performances of the year. Lang Tarrant and junior Ben Turner both chipped in with 10.

Tarrant, senior forward, led the Bishops with 17.7 points and 6.6 rebounds per contest.

Bluffton, the No. 3 seed in the Lower State, will host the winner of the Lakewood-Wilson game on Feb. 20.

Meanwhile, the **Bishop girls' basketball** team was scheduled to host Hilton Head in a first-round game set for Feb. 18.

The **Philip Simmons boys' and girls' basketball** teams were scheduled to begin Class AA postseason play on Feb. 18.The Iron Horse boys hosted Lake City, while the girls hit the road and traveled to Hampton County.

The state championships are scheduled for March 6-8 at the Florence Civic Center.



FILE

Senior runner Marc Brahim, right, is a standout cross country and track athlete at Bishop England. He recently announced his commitment to compete and study at Wingate University.

BE RUNNER BRAHIM COMMITS TO WINGATE

Bishop England runner Marc Brahim has committed to Wingate University, which won the NCAA Division II cross country national championship in 2023.

The senior, who competes in track and field and cross country for the Bishops, announced his decision on Instagram.

"After a lot of prayer and consideration, I am beyond excited to announce my verbal commitment to Wingate University, where I will be continuing my academic and athletic career," he posted. "I would like to thank God, my family, friends, coaches, and teammates for being there for me every step of the way, and Coach Pol Domenech for giving me this opportunity. Go Bulldogs!"

Brahim was all-state in track and field as a junior in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

He also earned all-state honors in cross country as a senior with a seventh-place finish at the Class AAAA state meet.

His mother, Carmen, is a teacher at BE and is an assistant for the track and field program.

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fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

When fishing conditions are tough and normal people choose not to fish, there are a few people that I depend on to always go. Jonathan Anderegg is one of those people. In freezing cold or gale force winds, he is always ready to fish.

Saturday was one of those days. A strong cold front was approaching, and gale force winds were forecast to arrive before lunch. I called Jonathan and without hesitation, he agreed to go. Jonathan arrived at my house a little before 8:30 a.m. As we loaded the skiff, the wind was blowing a steady 15 knots with gusts much higher. Jonathan laughed and said, "These are good conditions for us."

On the ride to our first fishing location, Jonathan showed me the lure tied on his spinning outfit. The lure was a Z-Man Finesse TRD on a 1/6-ounce NedLockZ jig. He said he had caught 48 fish with it and wondered aloud how many fish he could catch before he broke it off or it became unusable. I replied, "There is only one way to find out."

With that being said, we began fishing in earnest. After a few casts, we located a school of trout holding along a depth transition from five to 10 feet. The wind made it difficult to hold the skiff in position and feel the strike. But Jonathan steadily added fish to his tally. As we fished, dark clouds rolled in, and the wind intensified. I told Jonathan he had better hurry up and catch fish because we were running out of time.



GREG PERALTA

Jonathan Anderegg holds trout No. 79 in his quest to catch 100 fish with the same lure before it finally gives out.

Shortly after Jonathan released fish number 79 on the lure, it began to rain. He laughed and said we only fish in the best conditions. I checked the radar loop, and the cold front was just a few miles away. It was time to go.

On the ride back to the dock, I told Jonathan that we should try to break 100 fish on his lure. We agreed to give it a try this week. Hopefully, in better weather.

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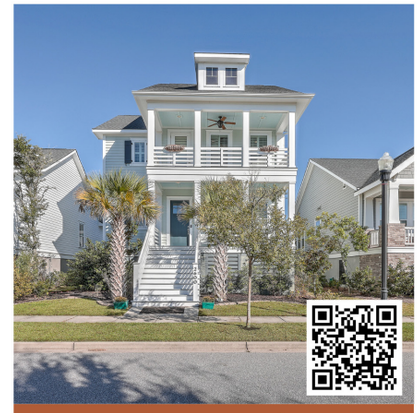
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Agents anticipate a busier spring real estate market



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In January, 15 homes sold on Daniel Island and the total sales for the month were $31,004,275.

As of Feb. 10, the island's real estate market showed 84 homes listed for sale: 50 active listings and 34 listings under contract. The most expensive home sold in January was on Old Compass Road in the park side, selling for $5.5 million. The least expensive home sold was a one-bedroom condo in Daniels Landing for $315,000.

Tricia Peterson with Island House Real Estate said average sales prices and price per square foot on Daniel Island are up from last year, which indicates a busier spring market is approaching.

"We have noticed a steady increase in new homes coming on the market, giving some more options for buyers," she said, "but we still have limited available inventory in most price points."

Peterson also noted that interest rates are hovering around the mid- to upper-6s for adjustable-rate mortgages and conventional loans.

HOMES SOLD IN JANUARY

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193 Corn Planters St. - $1,290,000
2386 Daniel Island Drive - $1,175,000
221 Delahow St. - $1,825,000
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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		$26,962,940	$12,278,500	$44,064,646	
March	38	19	25		$47,581,769	$33,002,153	$37,717,567	
April	34	25	27		$45,284,139	$41,784,300	$56,836,000	
May	34	36	36		$52,184,737	$54,607,975	$70,444,400	
June	30	30	30		$44,261,525	$56,576,160	$60,970,500	
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	
November	12	10	23		$14,639,805	$14,627,000	$38,841,400	
December	10	19	17		$7,903,422	$27,809,500	$30,153,400	
YEAR TOTALS	**293**	**277**	**306**	**15**	**$401,936,818**	**$432,550,244**	**$559,605,713**	**$31,004,275**

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Point Hope residential projects move through city approval process

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

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UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Feb. 20: Restore At Point Hope Ph. 1 - Site plan for proposed 158 mixed-residential units on 91.82 acres at 1472 Clements Ferry Road. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: The Berry Company. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Domonic Jones, jones.d@tandh.com.

UPCOMING: PLANNING COMMISSION

Feb. 19: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Affordable Housing ATAX - Request to amend the City Comprehensive Plan to include the City of Charleston's housing impact analysis for Senate Bill S284, now known as Act 57, which allows for Accommodations Tax (ATAX) to support local workforce housing.

Feb. 19: Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Urban Waterfront District - Request to amend the City Comprehensive Plan to rename the "Future Planning Area" district and replace it with "Urban Waterfront" district.

RESULTS: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – ZONING

Feb. 18: 1808 Clements Crest Lane, Beresford Hall - Request variance from Sec. 54-404(c) to allow three off-site directional signs. TMS: 267-00-00-129. Owner: SensusOne Clements Ferry LLC Applicant: Reveer Group – Bob Almirall. *Results: Not available prior to print.*

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Feb. 13: Cainhoy First Light Phase 3 - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for 76 single-family units on 58.1 acres at 1625 Clements Ferry Road. TMS: B2620000008. Owner: Cainhoy Land & Timber LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach, roach.s@tandh.com. *Results: No return/paperwork comments.*

Feb. 13: Point Hope AW (Ashton Woods) Phase 1A and 1B - Development plan: preliminary plat and road construction plans for 262 single-family units on 95 acres at 1730 Clements Ferry Road. Owner: Ashton Charleston Residential LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: James Thomas, Thomas.j@tandh.com. *Results Preliminary Plat: Open pending delivery of Stormwater comments. Results Road Construction plans: Revise and return.*

Feb: 13: Woodfield Point Hope 4 - Site plan for a 300-unit multifamily development with affordable housing units on 21.9 acres at 1260 Clements Ferry Road. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Woodfield Acquisitions LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: mglenn@seamonwhiteside.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DICA BOARD MEETING
Daniel Island Community Association meeting, Friday, Feb. 21, at 11am via Zoom. All attendees must register at dicommunity.org. Only available for property owners in Codner's Ferry Park, Cochran Park, Center Park, Edgefield Park, Pierce Park, Barfield Park, Smythe Park, and Etiwan Park neighborhoods.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Saint Clare of Assisi, Tues,, March 4, 1-6 pm. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code 'stclare'. For more information, christinelark@ymail.com.

DI HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDRAISER
The Daniel Island Historical Society is hosting a Colonial Cocktails fundraiser featuring guest speaker/presenter Carin Bloom, a history and museums professional with education and experience in historical archaeology of the American Revolution. Sunday, March 2, at 3pm at Beresford Hall's The Ruins Community Clubhouse, 454 Royal Assembly Drive, Charleston. Bloom will spotlight the history of three cocktails that date back to the 18th-century Colonial era in America. In addition to the presentation, samplings of the libations and appetizers will be served. Each participant will also receive a printed cocktail book with the recipes and a spot for notes. Tickets are $55 each or two for $100. Space is limited. Reserve your spot at zeffy.com/ticketing/colonial-cocktails.

DI NEWS AUTHOR SERIES
Dawn Tripp will discuss her historical novel "Jackie" on Friday, March 7, 1 p.m., at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Center on Robert Daniel Drive. Free. Donation requested. To reserve a spot, visit bit.ly/DINEWS_Jackie.

2025 SPRING RED BALLOON SALE
Saturday, March 22, 7am-1pm at homes throughout Daniel Island. The sale provides an opportunity for shoppers to wander the neighborhoods of Daniel Island in search of unique finds and special deals. Rain-or-shine event. To be added to the yard sale map, email info@dicommunity.org with the subject line "2025 Spring Red Balloon Yard Sale Map" and in the body of the email provide your Daniel Island address and phone number.

DRAGON BOAT CHARLESTON PADDLING CLASSES
Dragon Boat Charleston's FREE paddling classes, also known as PATH (Paddle, Achieve, Thrive & Heal), begin April 1. Three-week program with two classes each week on Tues. and Thurs., 5:30-7 p.m. Classes are designed to teach you everything you need to know for paddling in a dragon boat. Instructions, life vests, boats, paddles, and an accompanying safety boat are provided. This DBC program is for cancer survivors, fighters, supporters, and friends. Classes held at Brittlebank Park, 185 Lockwood Drive, downtown Charleston. RSVP or for more info, Andi Ganz Seiderman, at path@dragonboatcharleston.org.

ECCO FOOD DRIVE
Drop off can 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, Charleston. For more info, call 843-723-9633.

AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND
Providence Church: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am. Church of the Holy Spirit: Speaker Mtg. Sat., 8 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
Every Tues. at 11 am., 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: 2nd Fri. & 4th Mon., 1-4 pm; Writers Grp: 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., dixchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A First Mon. of the month at the DI Library from 4-6 pm, trained and certified Clemson Extension Tri-County Master Gardener volunteers will answer questions about lawns, trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, and all aspects of gardening in the Lowcountry. Soil samples, at a cost of $6 per sample, will be tested by Clemson University to provide the homeowner with info to improve growing options.

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 WOMEN 4th Mon., 11:30 am, Hilton Garden Inn, 300 Wingo Way, Mt. Pleasant. East Cooper Republican Women on Facebook or ecrwlowcountry@gmail.com.

ROTARY CLUBS Daniel Island is home to an active Rotary Club that gathers most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am. Their sister club, the Cainhoy Rotary Club, meets 1st and 3rd Tues. at 6 pm. A new lunchtime Rotary meeting will launch in March 2025. Details to come. 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.

For free community events, send info to sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com. For-profit events, contact patrick@thedanielislandnews.com. A listing of ongoing meetings will return in next week's paper.

DANIEL ISLAND BARBER SHOP
BARBER SPOTLIGHT
KAY COX



Where are you from, originally?
I am from Delaware.

How long have you been in the business?
I have been cutting for 11 years.

What do you love most about this profession?
My favorite thing about my profession is the ability to connect with people and help my community look and feel better.

If you could choose any other career—what do you think you would do?
I would like to be involved in the fashion or photography industry if I wasn't a barber.

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?
If I was stranded on an island I would bring a large drum of medical grade isopropyl alcohol.

What is your favorite food?
My favorite food is gyoza.

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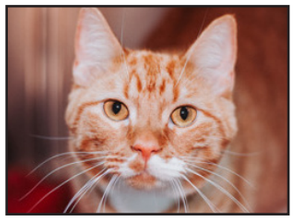
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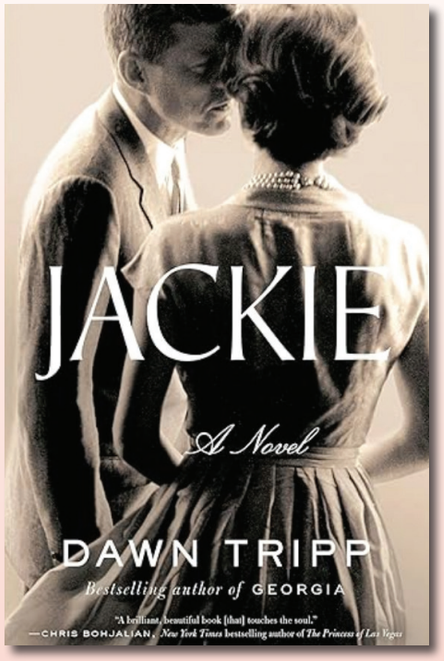


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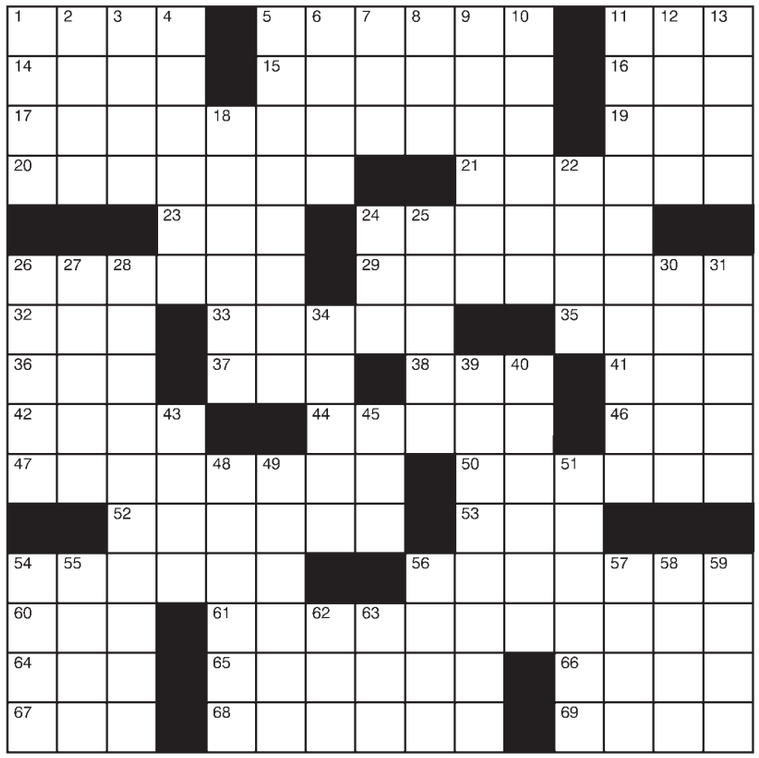
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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Is Everything All Right?

Read the sentences below. Some are written correctly, but others contain mistakes. Determine which sentences need corrections.

1. I guess we are having ice cream for dessert.
2. Your not the only one who wants to quit.
3. This test will not effect your grade to much.
4. Have you decided weather you are staying overnight?
5. The car's tires need to be rotated.



Answers: 1. OK
2. ***You're*** *not the only one who wants to quit.*
3. *This test will not* ***affect*** *your grade* ***too*** *much.*
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5. OK

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