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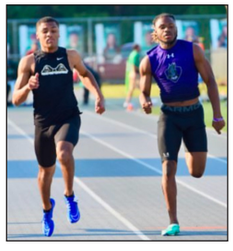
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A crown with a cause

Bishop England student Kallyn Long wins SC pageant, advocates for disabilities awareness

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The moment Kallyn Long heard her name announced as the new Miss South Carolina High School America, time seemed to stop.

"I was speechless – a rare moment for those who know me well!" she joked. "It was a dream come true, a God moment I will cherish forever."

A sophomore at Bishop England High School, Long recently competed in the pageant in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where she not only claimed the state title but also earned the Overall Interview Award out of 188 participants across the junior, high, and collegiate levels.

The competition tested contestants on poise, leadership, and impact, with nearly half of the score coming from a face-to-face interview.

"I've been competing in pageants for almost five years, but this time, I had a real conversation with the judges," she said. "I shared my story, my platform, and my vision for the future. Maybe they just liked my fun, spunky personality!"

During the interview portion, Long discussed her platform, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Her advocacy centers on celebrating abilities in disabilities and promoting kindness, a message she also conveys in her recently published children's book, "Cordelia and Me."

"My goal is to inspire individuals with differing abilities," she said. "Through storytelling and empathy, I want to teach others to embrace their authenticity, stand up against bullying, and find strength in their uniqueness."

Long's book, which tells the story of children overcoming both visible and invisible disabilities, is deeply personal to her. Nearly three years ago, she lost hearing in her left ear due to an accident, a life-changing moment that forced her to adapt in ways she never imagined.



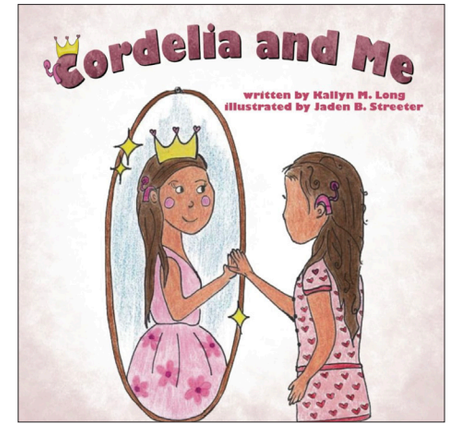


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Bishop England sophomore Kallyn Long is crowned Miss South Carolina High School America. Kallyn Long wrote a children's book, "Cordelia and Me," to inspire kids to embrace differences with kindness.

With the help of a cochlear implant, she learned to navigate sound differently, balancing the contrast between acoustic and electronic hearing.

"Losing my hearing was one of the biggest challenges I've ever faced. As someone who sings, acts, dances, and models, hearing is everything – it's how I stay in rhythm and connect with others," she said. "But instead of letting it discourage me, I chose a positive mindset. I learned that just because some-

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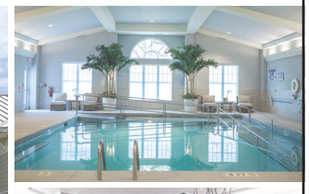


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Environmental groups denied

Attempt to halt Point Hope construction stalls

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A panel of federal judges has denied an appeal from environmental groups to temporarily halt development in the new Point Hope community off Clements Ferry Road while their primary lawsuit is pending.

The environmental groups – the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Charleston Waterkeeper, and the South Carolina Wildlife Federation – were appealing a ruling issued by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Gergel in September 2024.

The plaintiffs asked the district court to temporarily stop construction in Point Hope while their primary lawsuit contesting a wetlands permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers played out, arguing that not stopping land disturbance activities would result in "irreparable" environmental harm.

The groups also contended that the USACE and other defendants acted in an "arbitrary and capricious manner" by failing to publish an Environmental Impact Statement on the project and failing to comply with the Endangered Species Act, relating to two endangered species with suitable habitats on the property.

Judge Gergel denied the motion, noting in part that the plaintiffs did not "carry their burden to demonstrate an imminent threat" and that stopping development "would not serve the public interest."

Oral arguments on the appeal were heard in December 2024 at the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, by Judges G. Steven Agee, Stephanie D. Thacker, and Nicole Berner.

The panel issued its decision on January 31, siding with the lower court's ruling.

"Because we conclude that appellants do not have a sufficient likelihood of success on the merits of their claims, we affirm the district court," wrote Judge Thacker in the ruling.

Court documents stated that "though Cainhoy totals over 9,000 acres, including over 2,500 acres of wetlands, the proposed Cainhoy development will develop only 3,906 acres, including 181.5 acres of wetlands. The remaining acres are to be placed in conservation easements and/or restrictive covenants to permanently protect the property."

A final decision on the main legal case, filed by the environmental groups in 2022 against the USACE, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is expected later this year.

Long will represent SC in national HS pageant

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thing is hard doesn't mean it's impossible."

Initially hesitant to wear the electronic ear device, Long now embraces it, realizing her success depends on her determination. "It took patience and perseverance. Now, I fully embrace my cochlear implant and feel incredibly grateful for the technology that allows me to hear."

Through "Cordelia and Me," the sophomore spreads a message that "there is ability in every disability" and encourages young readers to embrace differences with kindness. "I want kids to know that being different just means you're special in your own way. Embrace who you are and be authentically you."

With nationals in Little Rock, Arkansas, on the horizon, Long is ready to take her message to a larger stage.

"My mission is to inspire others to embrace their uniqueness and always choose kindness," she said. "I want to expand my impact beyond state lines and show that everyone has the power to make a difference. And who knows? Maybe I'll bring home the national title and represent not just my state, but the whole country."

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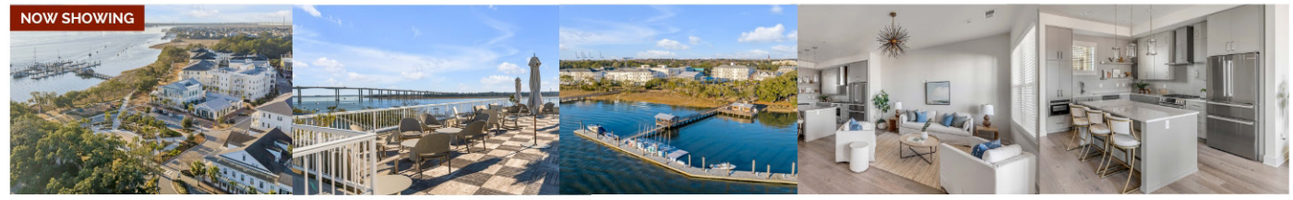
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"Into the garden I go, to lose my mind and find my soul."
– attributed to John Muir, environmentalist

I love this quote.

It captures the essence of what being outside in the garden means to me.

A garden provides a place to escape the stress and worries of everyday life to the stillness of nature's quiet and peace. The repetitive, meditative nature of gardening promotes mindfulness and calm. What satisfaction can be achieved by digging, planting, pruning, watering, and even pulling weeds! We all need solace and simplicity in a world that often feels overwhelming.

Spending time in nature heals.

Sunlight boosts vitamin D production. Fresh air and physical activity enhance cardiovascular health. Stimulating colors, scents, textures, sounds, and sometimes tastes of a garden provide a wonderful sensory experience.


Linda McWey Price

Most of us have some kind of space, no matter how limited, to create a garden. For some, planting containers for a porch or balcony; for others, a raised bed or areas adjacent to a home.

Tending a garden can also be a social activity, providing opportunities to share knowledge, build relationships, and foster a sense of belonging. It is gratifying to plant bulbs in the fall, seeds in the spring, or bedding plants year-round and be rewarded with beautiful flowers and foliage.

Daniel Island has many beautiful gardens, parks, and trails to visit and awaken the inner gardener in all of us. Take time to explore the landscaping designs and plant combinations that inspire. Spending time visiting a beautiful garden can be as restorative as transforming your own space.

Whether you're taking care of a garden, potted plants, or visiting a park, the act of engaging with nature has transformative power. It reminds us of our connection to something larger than ourselves. When we tend the earth, we ultimately tend to ourselves.

Linda McWey Price is a master gardener and retired physician who manages the Osprey Trail, a three-acre garden in front of Daniel Island School, with a team of Daniel Island Garden Club volunteers.

Jimmy Foti of Foti Law wins 2024-25 Pigskin Pick'em championship

Selects Berkeley Animal Center as winning charity for $500 DI News donation

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Going into Super Bowl Sunday, the 2024-25 Daniel Island News Pigskin Pick'em championship title was still up for grabs among VIP sponsors, with attorney Jimy Foti of Foti Law Firm clinging to a 180-72 record over Daniel Island Real Estate's Edie Coupe and Carolina One's Nancy Crick, both at 173-79.

When the final seconds ticked off, securing a Philadelphia Eagles win over the Kansas City Chiefs, it was Foti who managed to keep his competition at bay, fending off his challengers to win this year's Pigskin Pick'em crown.

With the title in hand, Foti not only has bragging rights over his weekly competitors for next year, but now The Daniel Island News will donate $500 to a charity of his choice. Foti has decided to honor the Berkeley Animal Shelter, which cares for and places animals into loving, lifelong homes.

"They do great work helping animals in need," Foti said via email.

Foti is a longtime real estate attorney who has overseen property closings for more than 20 years in the Charleston area. He attended The Citadel and earned his law degree from the University of South Carolina, opening his firm in 2003. He now has two locations: one on Daniel Island and another in Summerville.

This is Foti's first year selecting college and football games in the pick'em challenge, and the rookie made all the right moves.

"It was a lot of fun making the picks and tracking the games," Foti writes. "There is nothing better than winning!"

Here are the final standings for the 2024-25 Pigskin Pick'em season: 1. Jimmy Foti of Foti Law Firm. 2. Edie Coupe of Daniel Island Real Estate. 2. Nancy Crick of Carolina One Real Estate. 4. Garret McNally of Mac's Daniel Island. 5. Chris Mingledorff and Michael Patterson of Mingledorff and Patterson Attorneys at Law. 6. James Pryor and Russ Dearie of i9 Sports. 7. Gabe Jolly of Carolina One Real Estate. 8. Phil Bowman of The Daniel Island News.

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Join us later this fall when we kick off the 2025-26 Pigskin Pick'em season.

It's easy to play and free to join.

To register for weekly updates and the Pick'em ballots, email katherine@thedanielislandnews.com with your name, phone number, and email address. Winning reader entries will win a gift certificate to local shops and restaurants each week and will be profiled in The Daniel Island News.

If you'd like to join the Pick'em as a VIP sponsor and compete for charity and bragging rights, email ronda@thedanielislandnews.com.

To donate to the Berkeley Animal Center, adopt a furry friend, or volunteer, visit animalcenter.berkeleycountysc.gov.

DI News Weekly poll: What do you want from your local newspaper?

The Daniel Island News is getting ready for National Sunshine Week on March 16-22 and is looking at the types of services readers expect from us and what they'd want to see in their paper. Launched in 2005, Sunshine Week is a nonpartisan collaboration among groups in the journalism, civic, education, government and private sectors that shines a light on the importance of public records and open government. Share your thoughts about your favorite things to read in the paper, things you think need to change, and what type of coverage you think should be added. Tell us your ideas at surveymonkey.com/r/DINEWS_coverage. The deadline is Sunday, March 16, at 5 p.m. Your input will help us deliver the best news coverage possible.

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Daniel Island School student



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Emmett, age 5
Charleston



In my room, I have dolls and a rainbow canopy bed! My walls are pink.

Scarlett, age 7
Daniel Island



I have stuffed animals and a desk. My bedroom has yellow walls, and my favorite part is a stuffed animal because it's really soft.

George, age 8
Charleston



My room has pink walls and a daybed. I also have a dresser that is pink with a lot of storage, and I like to display things on it.

Dargan, age 10
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I have a spaceship that I really like in my room.

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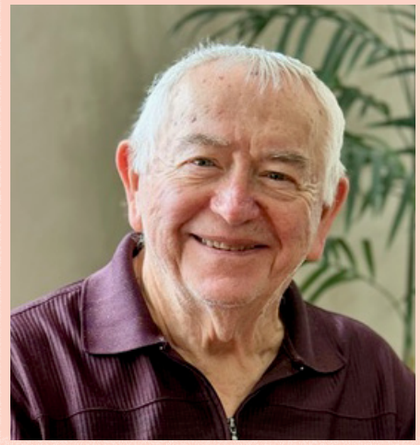
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‘We were the fortunate ones’

DI resident Harry Schneider, 87, shares his story of escaping Nazi terror

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Daniel Island resident Harry Schneider survived the Holocaust by hiding with his family in the woods and forests between Poland and Russia. The photo on the right was taken in 1947, when he was 10 years old.

Harry Schneider turns 88 in April and lives with his wife in the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community on Daniel Island.

But for two years of his young life, more than eight decades ago, Schneider lived with his family deep in the forest between Poland and Russia, sleeping on the ground, foraging for food, dodging gunfire, and running from the Nazis.

It’s a life story he doesn’t want anyone to forget.

“I was 2-and-a-half years old when the war started in 1939, and my father was in the Polish army,” said Schneider. “He saw so many atrocities committed by the Germans and said we had to flee.”

Schneider’s mother had a brother who lived in Russia, so Schneider and his parents, along with an aunt, uncle, and cousin, left their small town in Poland in search of refuge in Russia.

“The Germans were chasing us in the forest, and the Russians would not let us into their territory because they had a treaty with Germany,” Schneider said. “Airplanes were bombing us, and my aunt was killed in one of the raids, so we just kept moving further and further into the woods.”

In 1941, the treaty broke up when Germany invaded Russia, and Poland’s Jews were able to cross into the Soviet Union. Schneider’s father and uncle were soon drafted into the Soviets’ Red Army, and Harry, his mother, and baby sister, who was born in Russia, were put on a train to the mountains outside Siberia.

Schneider said the journey took three weeks because they had to keep jumping on and off the trains when the Germans bombed the tracks. “It was bitter cold,” Schneider said of Siberia. “Food was rationed, and I remember standing in long lines for food and milk.”

When World War II ended in 1945, Schneider, his mother, and sister were allowed to return to Poland, where they discovered their house was destroyed, and their entire family who remained in the country had been murdered. Ninety percent of Poland’s three million Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

“We were the fortunate ones,” he said. “My grandparents, uncles, aunts, and their children were all executed there. They thought everything was going to be okay, and they were executed by the Gestapo.”

Schneider’s father survived the war and was reunited with his wife and children, who were living in a displaced persons camp, or DP camp, in Poland. “We were very lucky he found us.” Schneider was only 4 years old when he was separated from his father, and he credits him with saving their lives. “I didn’t recognize him; I didn’t even know who he was when he came to see me.”



PROVIDED BY HARRY SCHNEIDER

Harry Schneider, bottom row left, is pictured with his parents and sister during their stay in a displaced persons camp in Austria at the end of World War II.

The Schneiders soon left Poland and went to live in a DP camp run by the U.S. Army in Austria, where they stayed for five years before moving to the United States in 1950 when Schneider was 13.

Because they had no relatives in America, the family was sponsored and housed by the Jewish Federation in Washington, Pennsylvania, a small town outside Pittsburgh.

Schneider learned to speak English with the help of a dedicated teacher, graduated from high school, served in the Army National Guard, went to college, and became an accountant for a beef exporting company. He eventually began his own successful export business, which he ran for decades before retiring.

Schneider now resides with his wife, Patty, in his retirement community on Daniel Island. They have been married 62 years and have a daughter who lives nearby on Isle of Palms, a son in Pittsburgh, and four grandchildren.

Their grandson, Josh Rogers, is a former news reporter with WCIV-TV, ABC News 4, in Charleston, and produced a documentary about Schneider titled “On the Run: One Man’s Struggle for Survival,” that can be viewed on YouTube.

Because there are so few living Holocaust survivors – most are in their late 80s and 90s – Schneider thinks it’s important to keep the story alive. He travels around the state talking to schoolchildren and other organizations about the horrors of the Holocaust. He tries to educate people about the perils of hatred and prejudice that led to the killing of six million Jews.

“I know a lot of atrocities are still being committed all over the world,” he said. “We must remember what happened so it never happens again.”

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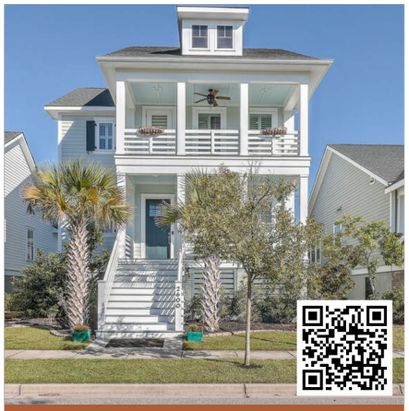
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"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love."

- St. Francis of Assisi

What is the price and value of peace to you? To what extremes do you go to keep the peace at work or home? Are you, by nature, the peacemaker during a conflict? What do you give up in the process? How far are you willing to go to maintain and protect it? These are all challenging questions – especially for leaders.

Research by human resources company SHRM late last year revealed that among 1,000 employees, two-thirds (66%) say they have experienced or witnessed incivility in their workplace. The most common forms of incivility witnessed or experienced included addressing others disrespectfully, interrupting or silencing others while speaking (34%) and excessive micromanaging or monitoring.

The Oxford Dictionary defines peace as "freedom from disturbance; tranquility." However, what constitutes peace for one person in the workplace may look quite different from the person in the cubicle beside you. One person's disturbance may be another person's means of achieving the same goal as you, just in a different way. If offending you is the price of achieving the same goal, they are not bothered by that.

Business management author Patrick Lencioni once observed, "When team members trust each other and know that everyone is capable of admitting when they are wrong, then conflict becomes nothing more than the pursuit of truth or the best possible answer."

So, how do you reconcile this as a leader who desires results while maintaining a healthy balance of peace and disturbance? I believe some honest conversations are necessary to achieve this. Let's explore a few organizational questions for consideration.

ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES

Healthy boundaries in your workplace begin with healthy relationships. Healthy boundaries in the workplace don't happen by chance. When relationships are prioritized and developed, suspicions over motives are diminished. How have you intentionally made space for healthy and necessary dialogue that, with a few, may look like the absence of peace?

When trust is established, healthy relationships can thrive. Trust is established not by keeping your people isolated and separated but by bringing them together. As a leader, you can't just hope this happens; you must facilitate and prioritize it.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

Healthy workplaces exist because accountability is front and center. When your team members have high levels of buy-in, they will have high standards they will fight to preserve. This means holding each other accountable for the culture and workflow.

When this exists in your organization, the responsibility of accountability is shared – in other words, it isn't all solely upon your shoulders. It's shared and mutual, as it should be. Leadership coach D.A. Abrams observed, "Accountability is the difference between good leaders and great leaders." Which do you want to be?

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEACE AND CONFLICT

For many, it makes them uncomfortable when things are unsettled or out of alignment. This may lead to feelings that the workplace is toxic or less desirable. Clearly, toxic workplaces are not healthy, nor is this what I am speaking of here.

A healthy workplace culture can thrive with the right balance of tension and civility. It's not an either/or situation. It can be healthy when team members come together in trust and with an open mind, indicating that we are a team of people committed to each other and our goals and objectives.

Conflict will occur as long as the "peacekeepers" see the "disrupters" as the enemy. However, seeing them as partners in the cause for the same goal can drastically improve things.

Walking this tightrope as a leader is about building bridges while prioritizing relationships and communication.

How are you keeping the peace today?

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Lizzie Petralia of Organized Comfort suggests sorting pantry items by category and maximizing vertical space with stackable bins, over-the-door organizers, or shelf risers.

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Declutter, deep clean, and Reclaim Your Space

Spring cleaning tricks and tips to tidy up your home

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Ah, spring. It's the season of renewal, fresh blooms, and realizing just how much stuff you've crammed into your closet over the past year.

Whether you're a neat freak or someone who considers a "floor-drobe" a valid storage option, there's no better time than now to refresh your home.

TIPS FOR A TIDY HOME

Professional organizer Lizzie Petralia with Organized Comfort swears by one golden rule: tackle one space at a time.

"I always encourage approaching spring cleaning with a positive and clear mindset," Petralia said. "Start by identifying the areas that feel the most overwhelming or cluttered, then make a plan to tackle one space at a time. This helps you stay focused and prevents the process from feeling too daunting."

She also suggestss the "maybe pile" strategy. "If you struggle with letting go of certain items, try creating a 'maybe pile.' Revisit it after you've gone through everything else, giving yourself time to reflect before making a final decision. Decluttering doesn't have to be all or nothing – it's about making intentional choices that help create a more functional and stress-free home."

And don't forget about those sneaky spaces.

"Some of the most commonly forgotten spots include under the kitchen sink, inside linen closets, and desk drawers," Petralia said. "Larger spaces like basements, attics, and garages can feel daunting, leading people to put off cleaning them altogether." She also advises setting a timer for 15-30 minutes to make progress without feeling overwhelmed.

DEEP CLEANING MUST-DOS

Over on Clements Ferry Road, MaidPro owner John Byrum reminds homeowners not to expect miracles overnight. "Don't set your expectations for it to be completed in a single day. Plan everything out and set dates for completion."

While you're at it, check your fridge.

"Pull everything out once in a while and wipe everything down," Byrum said. "Things tend to hide under the drawers."

Petralia also highlights some overlooked deep-cleaning tasks: "Washing windows, flipping and deep-cleaning mattresses, clearing out gutters, and cleaning behind large appliances are tasks that should be done at least once or twice a year. They make a big difference in how fresh and functional your home feels."

Dusting ceiling fan blades, scrubbing baseboards, and vacuuming under furniture can also significantly improve air quality and reduce allergens.

THE MESSY AND THE METICULOUS

For some, spring cleaning is a time of renewal.

For others, like Clements Ferry resident Isaac Owens, it's a mild form of torture.

"I'm the guy who keeps every concert T-shirt I've ever owned," Owens laughed.

"My wife insists we spring clean, but I just end up rediscovering things I forgot about and making a bigger mess."

On the other end of the spectrum, Caroline Reid takes spring cleaning seriously.

"There's something satisfying about seeing a clutter-free space," Reid said.

"I donate anything I haven't used in the last year, and I deep-clean every surface. It's like a reset for my home and my brain."



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Looking to part ways with old clothing or furniture? Consider donating to local thrift stores like God's Goods Thrift Store, a nonprofit that channels its proceeds into supporting local ministries.

KEEP IT CLEAN ALL YEAR

Spring cleaning shouldn't be a once-a-year struggle.

Petralia recommends simple daily habits to maintain an organized home. "Adopt the 'one in, one out' rule. Anytime you bring in something new, remove an old or unused item to prevent clutter from creeping back in."

She also encourages setting up a clutter catch-all bin to corral miscellaneous items, and conduct a quick 10-minute tidy-up session each night to keep messes from piling up.

Most of all, Petralia emphasizes the importance of finding a realistic balance – one that allows for progress without feeling overwhelming.

"Spring cleaning doesn't have to mean tackling everything at once," she said. "Even a small decluttering session can have unexpected benefits," such as boosting mental clarity, improving indoor air quality by removing dust and built-up grime, and eliminating the stress of searching for misplaced items.

"We only get one life, so why not make our living spaces as refreshing and stress-free as possible?"

WHERE TO TAKE YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS

Once you've decluttered, what do you do with all that stuff? Fortunately, donation sites around Daniel Island and the Cainhoy peninsula offer plenty of options.

God's Goods Thrift Store. Located in Mount Pleasant, this faith-based nonprofit supports mission work and accepts gently used clothing, furniture, and household items. "We'd love to help clear out old or unused items for our community! We take your donations and sell them to generate funds to give to a variety of ministries," God's Goods volunteer Lori Bellacicco said.

The Daniel Island Spring Red Balloon Sale. This semi-annual event takes place on Saturday, March 22, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., giving residents a chance to explore neighborhoods for unique finds while clearing out unwanted items. More details can be found at bit.ly/DI_sale.

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Less is More

when it comes to living minimal

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Minimalism isn't just a trend – for some, it's a lifestyle shift that's transforming homes into serene, intentional spaces.

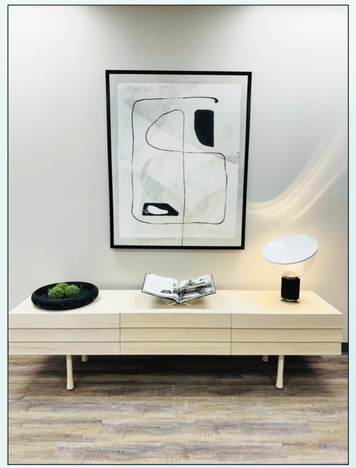
Gone are the days of overstuffed bookshelves and impulse decor buys. Today, it's about creating a home that breathes, one that feels curated rather than chaotic. Local designer Andrea Dussault, owner of Striped Lemon Design, is seeing this approach firsthand.

"We're definitely seeing a shift toward a more decluttered design, which we often adopt on our projects," Dussault said. "People's lives are so busy and chaotic, so creating a calm and welcoming living environment with very intentional and mindful decor is a must."

More than just an aesthetic, Dussault said minimalism can promote functionality and a clear mind.

"A minimalist home enhances our experience at home," she said. "A clean, less cluttered, less chaotic space reduces overload and helps keep focus on the things that matter."

For Daniel Island resident Sara Whitmore, minimalism offers her a sense of control. "When my home is clutter-free, I feel more at ease," she said. "It's easier to clean; plus I'm not constantly trying to organize stuff I don't even use."



JUSTIN TUCKER

Minimalist spaces, shown here from Striped Lemon Design, include clean lines, neutral tones, functional furniture, and intentional décor that can help create a peaceful and inviting home.

THE PURGE

While minimalism might seem as simple as tossing everything out, Dussault warns against extreme purging.

"People often get rid of too much, including sentimental or functional items," she said. "What works for one home may not work for another, so find what works for you. Always remember to factor in quality."

Some hesitate to embrace minimalism for fear that it will make their home feel cold or sterile. But according to Dussault, minimalism can be warm and inviting if done right.

"It can look different for everyone. Some prefer a lot of empty space, while others choose a warm, personalized space with a few mindfully chosen items," she said.

"You can balance this by using a warm neutral color palette with muted, earthy accent colors, incorporating different natural elements, and using warm lighting. Your home should still tell a story with personal items incorporated."

SAVING MONEY

Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to spend a fortune to achieve a chic minimalist aesthetic. Clements Ferry resident Sue Grant, who has spent the last year simplifying her home, suggests avoiding big-box retailers and instead opting for local shops or vintage finds.

"A minimalist home doesn't mean soulless," she said. "Shopping local or secondhand not only saves money but also helps create a home with character. I've found high-quality pieces that feel unique, rather than mass-produced."

So, what are the essentials of a well-designed minimalist home?

Dussault said every space should have:

- A statement piece to set the tone
- Quality seating for comfort
- Practical storage solutions
- Sleek lighting for ambiance
- Functional tables that blend form and purpose

EMBRACING THE SIMPLE

For those ready to embrace minimalism, Dussault shares her three top tips: "Declutter and think about eliminating items that you don't need or use and are just taking up space; create a cohesive feel by limiting the amount of colors you use; stay organized and have a place for everything to be properly and realistically stored."

Minimalism isn't about deprivation – it's about intentionality.

By clearing clutter and prioritizing quality, Dussault says you can transform a house into a home.








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Iron Horse wrestler Spignardo makes valiant effort at state

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There were other paths that Philip Simmons High School wrestler Matthew Spignardo could have taken to be a state champion.

But the talented junior wanted to be more than just a state champion. He wanted to be the best.

That's why Spignardo opted to compete in the 138-pound class during the Class AA Individual Championships, which were held Feb. 21-22 in Florence, South Carolina.

He could have moved up or down a weight class to enhance his chances at the state championship, but he decided to remain at 138 pounds, which meant he had to go up against the defending state champ, junior Thad Gerstenacker of Chesnee High School.

Spignardo put up a valiant effort in one of the top matches of the tournament. But Gerstenacker sealed the victory and his second state title with a takedown of Spignardo with less than a half minute remaining in the match.

"He wrestled very well," Philip Simmons coach Anthony Sardelli said of Spignardo. "That takedown was costly.



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PSHS grapplers support each other at the Class AA individual state meet.

"He could have gone up or down (a weight class). He's wrestled a couple of times at 132 pounds and a couple of times at 144. He wanted to win a state championship, but he wanted to prove he was the best. Sometimes, winning a state title doesn't prove that you are the best."

Spignardo made his third trip to the state. He won a bronze medal in Class AAA as a freshman and finished second last year, also in AAA.

He was one of eight Iron Horse wrestlers who competed at the state championships and one of three who won titles at Lower State: Spignardo, Jimmy Chambers, and Sullivan Silbiger.

Chambers, who competed at 126 pounds, was injured in the first round, halting his bid.

"It was hard, a tough way to end." Sardelli said. "To see him prepare all year for this and to have this happen. I'm proud of the way he represented the program."

Other wrestlers who competed include Brody Tonon at 190 pounds, Israel Alfaro in the heavyweight division, Breckin Smith at 106, Matthew Altenbach at 120, and Noah Bernal at 144.

BISHOPS' CURL WINS BRONZE MEDAL

Meanwhile, Bishop England had four wrestlers compete in the Class AAAA individual championships: Thomas Curl at 175, Vicente Robayo at 150, Gray Murphy at 165, and Finn Randall at 144.

"Everyone won at least one match, which was good," said BE veteran coach Paul Spence, who will be inducted into the South Carolina Wrestling Hall of Fame in April. "The competition was intense, and we gave it our best effort."

Curl was the only Bishop wrestler to earn a medal, finishing third in the 175-pound division.

"He won his first match but lost his second," Spence said.

He was really down. To his credit, he won four straight matches after that and pinned his opponent. He was resilient and mentally tough – down but not out."



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Thomas Curl plans his next move at the Class AAAA individual state championships.

Murphy made his first appearance at state after finishing fourth in the Lower State. He went 1-2 at State.

Robayo is a senior who was seeded No. 2 in the Lower State. He went 2-2 at state, while the junior Randall was 1-2.

Iron Horses track teams battle against Lowcountry's best

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The Philip Simmons High School track and field teams might not have been among the biggest schools competing in the March 1 Wildcat Classic, hosted by West Ashley High School. But the Iron Horses were among the best.

Philip Simmons, which competes at the Class AA level, more than held its own against some of the best teams in the Lowcountry that compete at the Class AAAAA level: Wando, Summerville, James Island, Cane Bay, and Ashley Ridge high schools.

The Iron Horse boys, who won state titles last spring and in 2021, finished the Wildcat Classic in fifth place.

Summerville was first with 101 points, and Cane Bay was second with 84. Wando and Ashley Ridge tied for third with 77, and the Iron Horses were fifth with 66.

In the girls' meet, the Iron Horses finished fourth with 73 points. Wando claimed first with a 101-89 victory over Summerville. James Island was third with 88.

Corey Steed, who won silver medals in the 100- and 200-meter dashes at last spring's state championships, was impressive in the first meet of the season despite failing to reach the finals in the 100. The senior claimed first in the 200-meter dash, clocking in at 21.69 seconds. He also was on the 4x100 relay team that captured a bronze medal.

The Iron Horse boys had one other gold medal moment, winning the 4x800 relay.

Matthew Yaun placed third in the javelin, and Darriel Porcher was third in the triple jump.

The girls' team brought home three silver medals and two bronze.

The 400- and 3200-meter relay teams finished second, while Avah Mallek was second in the 1,600. Flynn Taylor was third in the 800-meter run. The 4x1600 relay team also finished third.

FIRST MEET FOR BE

The Bishop England High School girls' and boys' track and field teams have combined for 18 state championships over the years, and one of the program's trademarks is a history of great distance runners.

That trend should continue this spring if the first meet of the season is any indication.

The Bishops traveled to Dorchester, South Carolina, on March 1 to compete in the Wood Lowcountry Invitational, hosted by Woodland High School.

The Bishops were one of two dozen schools that entered and they faced many big-school state powers, including programs such as Spartanburg and Spring Valley high schools, and held their own.

The Bishop girls finished sixth with 38 points as Spring Valley won the girls title, topping Spartanburg 142.83-120.

The Bishop girls, who are seeking their 15th state championship, won three medals – all in distance events.

Nora Brahim placed second in the 800-meter run, while Katie Cheverie took bronze in the 3,200-meter run. The Bishops' third silver medal of the meet came in the 4x800-meter relay.

The Bishop boys also finished sixth in their meet with 42 points, as Spartanburg again topped Spring Valley 142.5-98 to win the boys' championship.

In the boys' meet, Marc Brahim was second in the 1,600-meter run.

The Bishops scored 18 of their 42 points in the discus. Austin Dao brought home a gold medal with a throw of 138-0, and Patrick Asher finished second in the event.

Iron Horse, Bishop stars named to All-Region teams

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The Philip Simmons boys' basketball team and the Bishop England girls won their respective region championships, and both squads were well represented on the respective region all-star teams.

The Iron Horse boys were undefeated in Region 6-AA play and finished with a 19-6 record.

Hudson Hatch, the 6-foot, 9-inch super sophomore, was named the player of the year. Also an accomplished golfer, Hatch led the Iron Horses, averaging 10.8 points and 1 block per game. He was second on the team with 6.6 rebounds.

Senior Blake Darby, another 6-9 athlete, joined Hatch on the first team. Hopper Afman was named to the second team, and Corbin Driggers was an honorable mention.

The Bishop England girls, who went undefeated in Region 6-AAAA play and finished with a 23-4 record, featured the player of the year Hannah Rosato. She was joined on the team by Lisse van de Erve, Hadley Irvine, and Olivia Allen.

Rosato led the Bishops in scoring and steals, averaging 13.1 points and 3.6 steals per contest. She was second in rebounding with 6.6 boards a contest.

The Bishop England boys and the Iron Horse girls both feature first-year coaches, Daniel Eykin and Allen Gethers, respectively.

The Bishop boys were represented in the region by Lang Tarrent and Drew Gallagher. The team posted a 12-15 record.

The Philip Simmons girls showed improvement as the season progressed and finished with a 10-15 record.

Their selections included first-teamer Germany Moore and second-team picks Kenira Homes and Harper Cohen.

BE GIRLS PLAYOFF RUN ENDS

The Bishop England High School girls' basketball team went ice, ice cold in the second period of its Class AAAA Lower State semifinal at Lower Richland High School on Feb. 26, and that was the beginning of the end of the Bishops' season.

Lower Richland outscored the Bishops 19-15 in the opening period, and then went on a 13-0 run in the second period to push the lead to 32-15 at halftime. The Bishops never recovered as the Diamond Hornets posted a 53-37 victory.

The Bishops connected on only nine of their 31 field goal attempts, for a field goal percentage of 29%.

Still, it was a successful season for the Bishops, who won the Region 6-AAAA championship, recorded a 15-game winning streak, and finished with a 23-4 record.

The Bishops recorded their 22nd season of at least 20 victories under coach Paul Runey. They have reached 20 wins six times in the past 10 seasons, and 14 times in the last 20.

Since 2012, when the Bishops won their first of six state titles, they own a 53-7 postseason record.

Olivia Allen led the Bishops with 10 points, while Lisse van de Erve chipped in with nine, and Hannah Rosato tallied seven.

Runey will begin the 2025-26 season with an 829-227 record. He is second all-time in career victories among girls' coaches in the Palmetto State. Only Anne Long has more victories. She coached from 1974-2015 in the Midlands and has 861 victories.

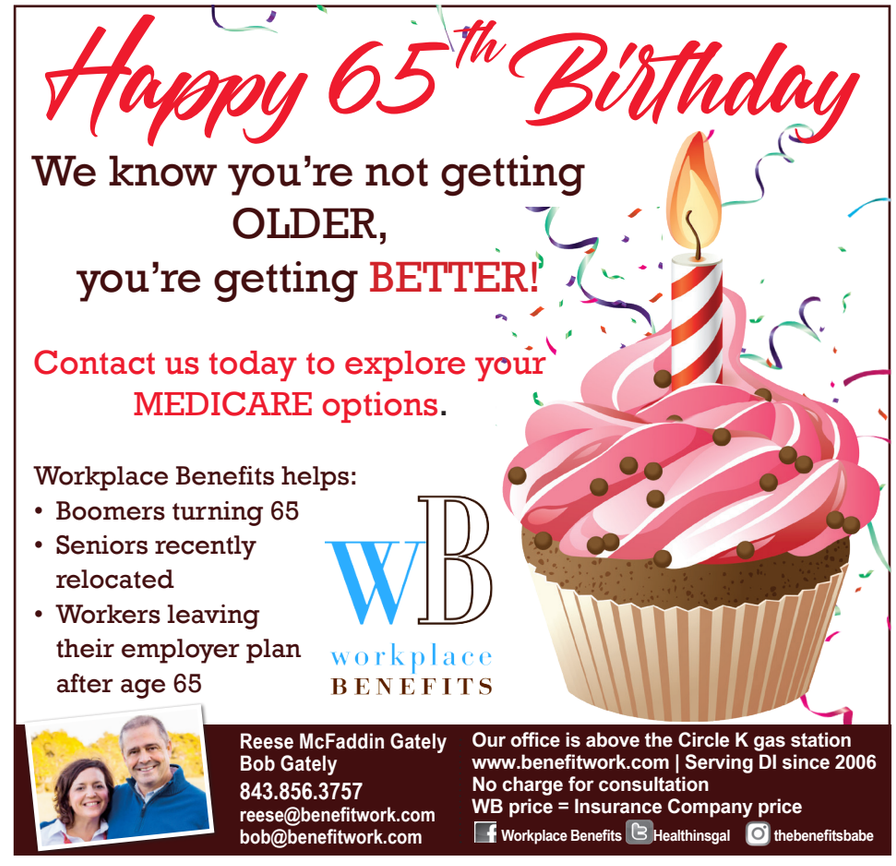


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Philip Simmons sophomore Hudson Hatch, who averaged almost 11 points and 1 block per game, was named player of the year for Region 6-AA.

Lower Richland, 25-1, advanced to the Lower State Championship on March 3. They lost to North Augusta at the Florence Civic Center, 34-42.





March mayhem ensues when fishing-finding dog dives in the drink



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

March is without a doubt the toughest month to fish.

The temperature is highly variable, and it is always windy. Longer and warmer days have inshore species transitioning from winter to spring patterns. The large wintertime schools of trout and redfish are beginning to break up and spread out. So, consistently locating fish can be a challenge.

Thankfully, I fish with Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog. He helps me to locate fish.

On Sunday morning, Brody and I did a little yard work. I picked up sticks and placed them into a pile for trash day. Then Brody would promptly scatter them about. After an hour of working in the yard, it looked worse than when we started. Regardless, we checked yard work off our to-do list and decided to go fishing.

The tide was falling when we launched the skiff. As we idled away from the dock, Brody noticed several pelicans diving just down the creek. So, we drifted towards the diving birds to see what they were feeding on. A school of small mullet was on a shallow flat. In the clear water we could easily see the mullet. The pelicans could as well. For them, it was an all-you-can-eat buffet. Brody watched the pelicans for several minutes. For him, it was a wonderment although he has seen pelicans diving countless times.

When we finally got around to fishing, the trout bite was hot. The fish were not particularly large, but they were plentiful and hungry. They found the Z-Man StreakZ 3.75 on a Trout Eye 1/8-ounce Finesse Jig to be irresistible. When catching lots of smaller fish, I try to release the fish without taking them out of the water. This is better for the fish.

As I prepared to release another, I took a picture of Brody looking at the fish. Then to my surprise, Brody, like the pelicans, dove into the water to catch the fish. He got the fish into his mouth. He also got tangled up in my fishing line. Mayhem ensued.

It took several minutes to get things sorted out. Brody was soaking wet in the back of the boat still tangled up in fishing line. He gave me a sheepish look. I took it to mean that diving like a pelican is truly for the birds.

Contact Captain Greg Peralta at captgregp@gmail.com or call (843) 224-0099.



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Capt. Greg Peralta's dog, Brody, edges to the side of the boat moments before jumping in the water and causing a fishing fiasco.



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Is Izzie the night heron nocturnal or not?



daniel island nature notes

FRANK CONWAY

My dad, some friends, and I had just returned to the dock from a recent fishing trip when something unusual caught my eye.

"Isn't that a night heron?" I asked our friend, who owns the marina.

"Yes," he said, "that's Izzie."

I apologize, but I couldn't help but wonder, "Izzie nocturnal or not?"

Generally speaking, night herons are active – shocker alert – at night. It was odd to see one hanging out on a dock railing, near people, and in broad daylight. Izzie, however, has apparently decided that being fed fish trimmings in the daytime is easier than catching his own food in the dark.

Ornithologists use some esoteric terms to describe when birds are active and when they rest. Most of us know the words diurnal (active during the day) and nocturnal (active at night). But have you ever heard of a crepuscular bird? How about one that is matutinal or vespertine?

Crepuscular, from the Latin word meaning twilight, refers to being most active just before sunrise or just after sunset, with matutinal being the morning variety and vespertine being the evening one. Birds don't read ornithology books, though, and will deviate from the script if circumstances allow.

Now, back to Izzie.

Black-crowned night herons, Nycticorax nycticorax, are common in the Lowcountry. In fact, this is the widest-ranging heron on the planet. According to the Audubon Society, these birds nest on every continent except Australia and Antarctica. They are just not as familiar as the better-known species because they are most active at night.

If you have ever seen a stocky, yet heron-shaped, silhouette take flight just before dark, and especially if that flight was accompanied by a loud quawk, sounding like a mallard's quack mixed with a crow's caw, you have probably seen a night heron.

These birds frequent almost anywhere that's wet, including saltwater marshes, freshwater ponds, swamps, and even flooded fields. Here, they eat whatever they can catch, including fish, crabs, snakes, insects, smaller birds, bird eggs, worms, and even leeches.

Night herons are colonial roosters and nesters, and are generally social birds. Males begin nest construction alone, gathering sticks to build a nest that is typically over water in a tree, in cattails or brush on an island, or in some other protected area.

The males then advertise for a partner by making bowing motions and raising the plumes on their heads. Once a mate is found, the male will continue to bring materials, and the female will integrate them into the nest. The female typically lays three to five greenish blue-eggs, which both parents incubate, that will hatch in three to four weeks.

While captive specimens can live up to 30 years, the average night heron's lifespan is less than 20 years. The oldest known wild night heron, which was tracked and banded in California, was at least 21 years old.

It's not certain just how old Izzie is, but it seems likely that he has nixed his naturally nocturnal ways for good.



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Izzie, a black-crowned night heron, watches fishermen cleaning their catch at the Steinhatchee Marina in Steinhatchee, Florida.





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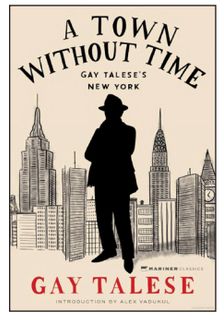
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Nonfiction is a frequent request from readers, so this month, again, we have several selections. It really just depends on what is published each month, but hope you find something appealing.

"A Town Without Time" by Gay Talese is a collection of six decades of his essays about the city of New York. A good book to thumb through and read what looks interesting. If you have any acquaintance with NYC, you will find something to love in this book, and if that doesn't pique your interest, read it for the exposure to one of the finest writers of our time. For high schoolers, the more you read great writing, the better your writing will become.

"Do Something" by Guy Trebay. Another NYC-based book; this a memoir of the author's coming of age in New York in the gritty '70s. His family saga of a fortune, gained and lost, is cautionary as well. Trebay is a widely published writer and a style writer and critic for the New York Times.

"The Waiting Game" by Nicola Clark is a thoroughly researched and detailed history of the ladies-in-waiting – or female attendants – to the queens of the Tudor court. Clark provides a new perspective on the political activities of that time and shows the influence and power of the women on and adjacent to the throne.

"Caring Ethics: The Other Side of the Bed" by Robert Morris is a book describing various medical situations and the ethical decision-making involved for patients and loved ones. Morris is a local resident and a hospital chaplain for many years. He has served on ethics committees at hospitals and knows his subject well. An excellent book to prompt important conversations. I chaired an ethics committee for over 20 years at my hospital, and there are situations you cannot imagine that require thoughtful consideration, and often guidance from committee members for traumatized families. This book is brief and very worthy of your time.

Now for the fiction portion of "What to Read" in March:

"Homeseeking" by Karissa Chen. A tender and bittersweet saga of a man and woman, from childhood in China, to old age in California. An expansive tale of family, love, fate, and regret. Excellent historical context of the Chinese cultural revolution as well as the roles of Shanghai and Taiwan in the diaspora of the Chinese people. Highly recommend.

"The Last Word" by Elly Griffiths. I do love my British murder mysteries and this one has an unlikely detective duo hired to investigate a woman's murder. Well-paced and plotted, you are sure to enjoy.

"Dead Money" by Jakob Kerr is a terrifically twisted and twist story of murder in Silicon Valley. Had me guessing until close to the end. Tech bros get no mercy in this wholly satisfying tale of retribution.

"Going Home" by Tom Lamont poses the question of what constitutes a family. A trio of men is suddenly presented with a four-year-old boy to care for when they can barely care for themselves. Though this was not the "sparkling and funny" book it was described as in the reviews, it did make for interesting discussion at book club.

"Shell Games" by Bonnie Kistler is a murder mystery set in South Florida. Dirty deeds usually accompany big money and even more in Florida real estate development. Perfect pool reading on spring break.

"Good Dirt" by Charmaine Wilkerson. A contemporary saga of an affluent Black family and the historic pottery urn that is the centerpiece of a family tragedy. The story of the South Carolina potters is absorbing. The contemporary parts are a tad repetitive and unconvincing – they have money, I get it; He leaves her at the altar with nary a word on the day of the wedding and years following? But, you will enjoy the story and the resolution.

Hit the beach this spring break and enjoy great reads!

Discover more reads from Becky Bechhold at beckysbookclub.com.



Development booms along Clements Ferry, approval requests mount

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

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

March 6: The Pointe At Governors Cay - Proposed concept plan for future fee simple development, 55 units on 4.25 acres in Cainhoy. TMS: B2710002133. Owner: Trident Medical Center LLC. Applicant: Sitecast, LLC Zoning. Contact: Jacob Cordray, jcordray@sitecastsc.com

March 6: Cainhoy Hopewell Residential - Phase 2 – Fifth review of proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 125 lots for single-family homes on 74.8 acres at 800 Hopewell Drive. TMS: B2620000008. Owner: Cainhoy Land & Timber LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach, roach.s@tandh.com.

March 6: Extra Room Clements Ferry - Second review for proposed 4-story climate-controlled storage facility on 2.44 acres at 2274 Clements Ferry Road. TMS: B2670000148. Owner: Extra Room Clements Ferry LLC. Applicant: Earthsource Engineering Zoning. Contact: Noah Nelson, nelsonn@earthsourceeng.com.

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Feb. 27: Point Hope Pod 4 - Phase 2 – Second review of preliminary plat and road construction plans for proposed 91-unit future single-family development on 45.4 acres at 1472 Clements Ferry Road. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Pulte Home Co. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com. *Results: Preliminary plat - no return/paperwork comments. Road plans – revise and return.*

Feb. 27: Alliance Apartments - Ph. 1 – Fifth review of site plan for 336-unit multifamily development on 23.9 acres at 1111 Kentucky Derby Lane. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Seven Sticks LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Ass. Contact: Hannah Wilken, hwilken@seamonwhiteside.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Feb. 27: Sportsman Island Boat & RV Storage Facility – Site plan for boat and RV storage on 1.978 acres at Sportsman Island. TMS: B2710002066. Owner: 1.7SI, LLC. Applicant: Kellum Engineering. Contact: Thomas Kellum, thomas@kellum-engineering.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

RESULTS: 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. *Results: Approved 6-0.*

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: Approved 6-0.*

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: Approved 4-0.*

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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?
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DI GARDEN CLUB MEETING
Steve and Kirsten Parsley from Lowcountry Plantmasters will discuss "Tips for Successful Spring and Summer Gardening" on Wednesday, March 12, at 1 pm in the Daniel Pointe Retirement Center auditorium. For more info, contact Carolyn Goff at goffcb@earthlink.net.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES WOMEN
The Daniel Island Historical Society will celebrate Women's History Month in March by spotlighting some of the Holy City's most impactful female residents. Serving as guest speaker will be Leigh Jones Handal, an author and historian who heads up the local tour company Charleston Raconteurs. Tuesday, March 18, 7-8 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit, 299 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. All welcome. Free. dihistoricalsociety.com.

FINE ARTS SHOW & SALE
Saturday, April 26, 10-4 pm, at DI Recreation Center, 160 Fairbanks Oak Drive, with18 local artists showcasing their original work. Art will be available for purchase.

2025 SPRING RED BALLOON SALE

Saturday, March 22, 7 am-1 pm 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.

SPRING ARTISAN MARKET
At Waterfront Park on Sat., March 29, 1-4 pm. Local artisans and crafters, live music, local food vendors, interactive art displays, and children's activities. Free. Children and furry friends are welcome. A portion of proceeds from all vendor sales and raffle tickets will be donated to Charleston Waterkeeper, a Charleston-based nonprofit that works to protect and restore the waterways.

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 pm. 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 canned goods, pasta, rice, and other non-perishables at Edward Jones (8:30-4), 895 Island Park Dr Suite A2 or the DI News (8-6), 225 Seven Farms Dr., Suite 108.

LOWCOUNTRY STREET GROCERY
Fridays at Guggenheim Terrace, 11 am-4 pm.

REGULAR MEETINGS

AA MEETINGS - CLEMENTS FERRY
King's Cross Church: Mon. and Fri. - 7:30 pm. Women's only meeting: Tues. - 8 pm. 2011 Clements Ferry Rd. 843-723-9633.

AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND
Providence Church: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am. Church of the Holy Spirit: Speaker Mtg. Sat., 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
Tues. at 11 am., Thur. at noon Pilates/Balance/Strength class for Bone Health. All ages and levels. The class is $10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

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

CRAFTERNOONS Crafternoons with Edie every 1st Fri. of the month from 1-3 pm at the Daniel Island Library. Tim Boyle at 843-471-2952 or timothy.boyle@berkeleycountysc.gov.

DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB 3rd Mon., 8am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free.

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

DANIEL ISLAND LIBRARY EVENTS
Capt. Daniell's Pipers Recorder Grp: Tues. 1:30-2:30 pm; Needleworkers: 2nd & 4th Tues., 11:15 am; Deepthinkers Discussion Grp: Wed., 10:30 am - noon; Social Bridge Club: 2nd Fri. & 4th Mon., 1-4 pm; Writers Group: 1st Wed., 4:30-6 pm.

DANIEL POINTE CHAPEL Non-denominational Christian worship services in the Theater of the Daniel Pointe Retirement Community at 1:15 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 514 Robert Daniel Drive. Deacon Ed Dyckman at dyckman.edward@gmail.com and 843-367-5647.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE Duplicate Bridge, ACBL sanctioned. DI Rec Center, 160 Fairbanks Dr. Weds, noon-3 pm. Space limited, reservations required, 843-224-6778/843-209-1471.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Community Center, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., 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 LADIES OF DI meets 1st Friday of the month. 8:30 am at Daniel Island Village, 455 Seven Farms Drive, in the Community Room. Free. 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS 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, email sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com. For-profit events, contact patrick@thedanielislandnews.com

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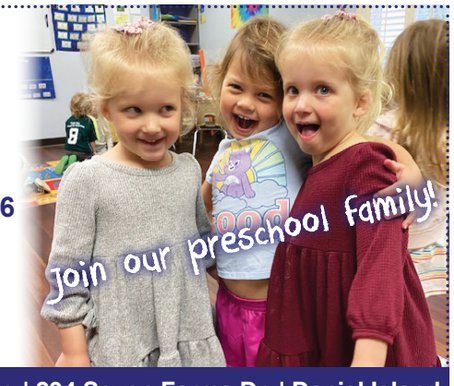
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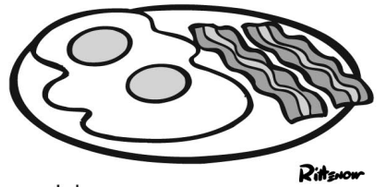
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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

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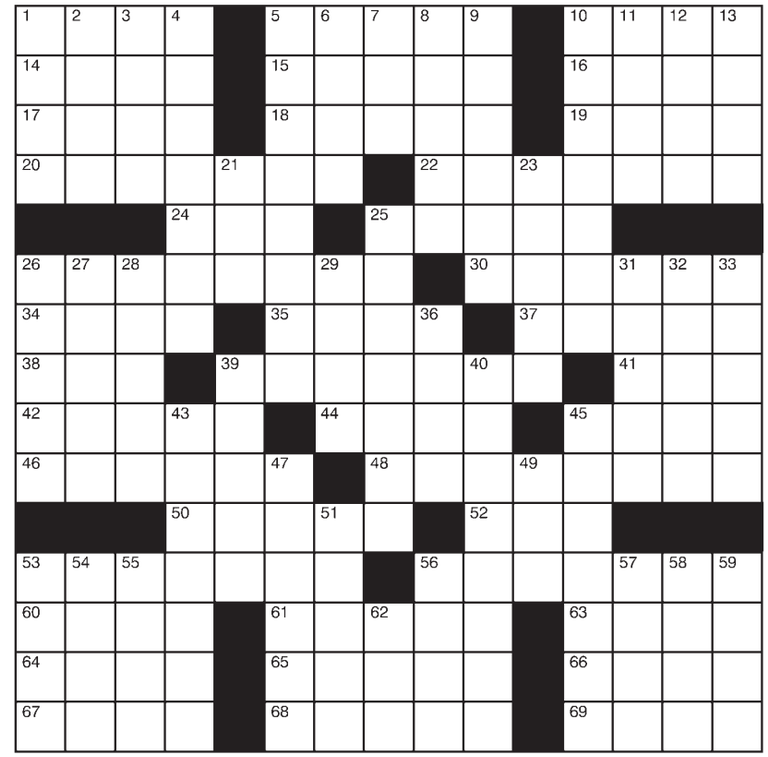


Choose the correct verb in the following sentences.

1. Bacon and eggs (is/are) today's special.
2. The macaroni and cheese (is/are) burning.
3. Leonard still thinks peanut butter and jelly (make/makes) the best sandwich.

Answers: Usually a compound subject takes a plural verb, but there is an exception. If the compound subject acts as a single unit, it is treated as one and takes a singular verb. Bacon and eggs, macaroni and cheese and peanut butter and jelly have been around for so long that the combinations are considered one. Therefore, all the sentences above take singular verbs. 1. is 2. is 3. makes

IN A WORD



CREATORS NEWS SERVICE By Neil R. Manausa

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59 Camera eye
62 Spelling match

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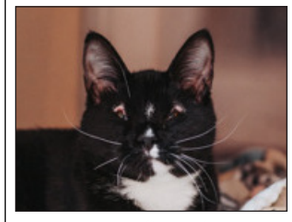
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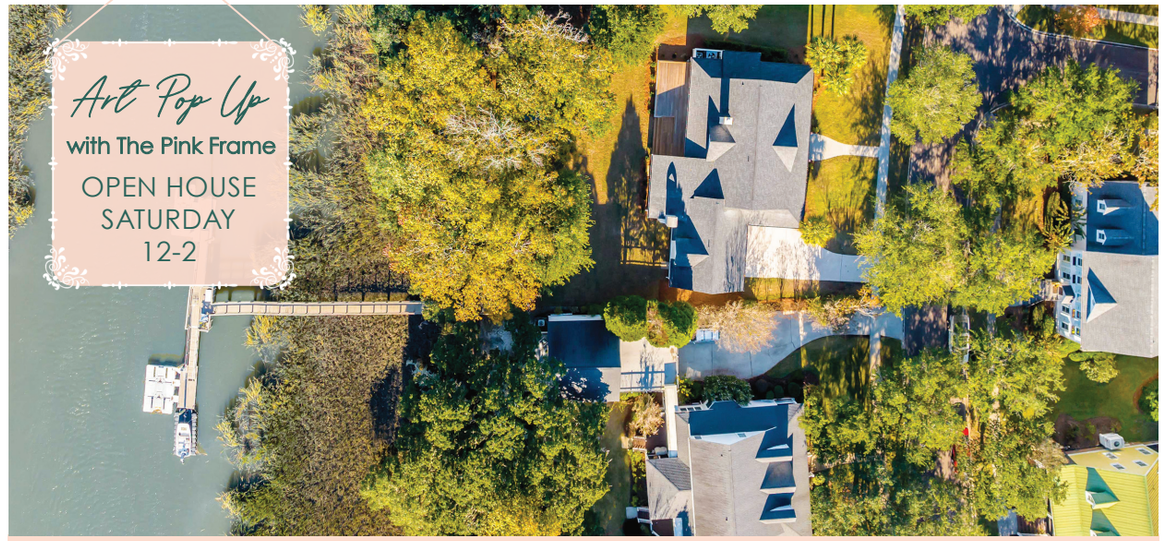
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