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Election watch: Who's in the race for 2025, plus a sneak peek at 2026

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Political season is already stirring in the Lowcountry, and not just for this year.

While Charleston voters will see a familiar name on the 2025 ballot for city council, announcements are also coming in for high-profile races in 2026, including South Carolina's governorship and a key congressional seat.


Mike Seekings

The most immediate local race for Daniel Island voters this year is Charleston City Council's District 8, which covers part of Daniel Island. Four-term incumbent Mike Seekings is seeking a fifth term.

"As we navigate rapid change – from flooding threats to transportation challenges and continued economic growth – I'm running again to serve District 8 with a focus on results in key areas such as infrastructure improvements, neighborhood safety, tourism management, and livability for residents," Seekings said.

Seekings, first elected in 2009, holds leadership roles on multiple city committees and regional boards. He cites projects such as the Low Battery Extension, Calhoun-West drainage project, and Lockwood flood protection as priorities. Filing for District 8 closed on Aug. 18 with no challengers for Seekings.

Election Day 2026 for municipal races is Tuesday, Nov. 4.

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

While the 2025 ballot may be light, 2026 is shaping up to be a political heavyweight year.

District 1 U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace announced Aug. 4 that she will not seek re-election to Congress and will instead run for governor.

"I'm running to put South Carolina first," Mace said in a press release, laying out a conservative agenda to eliminate the state income tax, crack down on crime, protect women and children, and reform the judicial system.

Mace faces several Republicans in next June's primary. Those who have announced they will run include Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette, Attorney General Alan Wilson, U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman of Rock Hill, and State Sen. Josh Kimbrell of Spartanburg County.

"I didn't come to join the club. I came to shut it down," Mace said. "I'm not running to make friends. I'm running to make a difference and deliver real results for the great people of South Carolina."

Charleston Attorney William "Mullins" McLeod announced he will run on the Democratic ticket for governor, despite recent calls for him to drop out of the race due to a recent arrest for disorderly conduct.

With Mace's First Congressional District seat open, Republican State Rep. Mark Smith, who represents the Daniel Island and Hanahan area, announced on Aug. 14 he will run.

"The Lowcountry deserves a representative who puts our people first – not the swamp," Smith said. He pledged to secure the border, defend conservative values, and push critical infrastructure. "President Trump can count on me to fight the deep state, secure our border, and put America first."


Mark Smith

Also vying for the seat is Democrat Mac Deford, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, former law enforcement officer, and attorney.

"I served our nation in uniform. I served the Lowcountry in local government, and I'm raising a family here. I'm running for Congress to do what I've always done: solve problems, stand up for people, and put service above self," Deford said.

Deford says his campaign will focus on infrastructure, protecting Social Security and Medicare, housing affordability, veterans' issues, and environmental stewardship.

Other announced candidates include Republicans Jack Ellison and Justin Myers and Democrats Mayra River-Vazquez and Robert Beers.

The 2026 primary elections are scheduled for June 9, 2026, with runoffs set for June 23. The 2026 general election will be Nov. 3, 2026.

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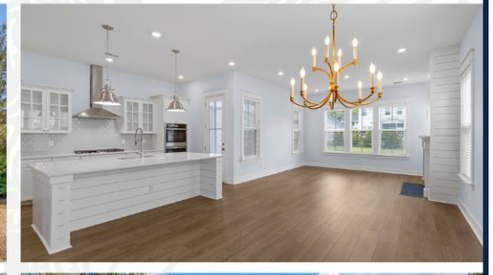
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Publix on track for year-end reopening

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Construction on the Daniel Island Publix grocery store, demolished late last year and rebuilt from the ground up, is entering its final stretch.

Public records from the City of Charleston show ongoing permit activity and inspections for safety systems, landscaping work, irrigation, utility installations, and signage approval – indicating that the 50,472 square-foot building is moving closer to completion.

Despite discussions on local social media speculating a November opening, according to Publix officials, a specific date has not been announced. Publix media relations manager Jared Glover said the project remains on schedule.

"We do not have an opening date set for the store; however, we are working to get the store open as soon as possible," Glover said. "Things are moving along as planned, and we still are tentatively planning to reopen at the end of the year. Of course, a number of things can happen between now and then that could delay the opening, especially with hurricane season in full swing. Hopefully it is quiet."

Developer: Tree removal in DI's 'best interest'

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Despite a legal challenge by the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association, the developer approved by the City of Charleston to remove two dozen mature trees for townhome construction said the city's decision is ultimately in the best interest of Daniel Island.

Holder Properties, the Georgia-based developer building the large-scale Nowell Creek Village community off Daniel Island Drive, won an appeal to the city's zoning board in July to move forward with its plan to clear the trees for 24 townhomes.

"We followed the City of Charleston's established process for requesting a variance, providing clear and comprehensive information from professional experts to satisfy the required criteria," Holder Properties told The Daniel Island News. "After careful review, the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals approved the request. We are confident their decision was sound and in the best interest of Daniel Island, and we hope they will stand by it."

Earlier this month, the volunteer-based neighborhood association filed a petition with the Ninth Circuit Court of Common Pleas asking the court to overturn the decision if "pre-litigation mediation" is not successful.

"DINA continues its action against the Holder development at Nowell Creek based on the community's overwhelming opposition to the removal of the visual buffer of 24 protected trees to build rental townhomes," said DINA president Jarrod Brooks, who is also a Berkeley County Councilmember. "The DINA board believes the City of Charleston's BZA-SD erred in its decision that Holder met the hardship test to allow the variance."

Holder purchased the 36-acre property situated between Nowell Creek and Beresford Creek at the former home of the Charleston Battery stadium and Blackbaud headquarters, for $35.5 million in 2019. Blackbaud had relocated its headquarters in 2018 to another Daniel Island site, and shortly after, the stadium was sold outright to Holder.

"At Nowell Creek Village, we have transformed an asphalt lot, an aging office building, and an abandoned soccer field into a vibrant, welcoming community with public greenspace, water access, and a mix of residential and commercial offerings," Holder representatives said. "With more than 800 new trees planted, we are proud of our record as good stewards of the land and remain committed to bringing our vision for Nowell Creek Village to life."

The city's legal team said the "city is not taking any legal position on this appeal."

DINA's attorney, Andy Gowder of Austen & Gowder, said, "The next step in this process is a hearing before a circuit court judge on the merits of the appeal based on the record."

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The advancements in technology that have taken place in the past 40 years are nothing short of astounding. What once required the space of an entire building has been reduced to fit inside a phone stuffed into your pants pocket. Although this is extraordinary, our expectation of what's accessible has changed along with it. We're no longer thankful for what we have, we're constantly looking forward to what's next; creating a societal planned obsolescence of all things.

In the mid-1980s, my uncle bought a Nissan Maxima for my aunt. I remember sitting in the backseat, marveling at the digital display on the dashboard and center console. Unlike the American cars I was used to, with their clunky buttons and subpar stereos, this car was loaded with high end technology of the day. It looked like a fighter jet or something out of a science fiction movie. My younger self could hardly absorb the sensory experience that took place every time I stepped foot inside the car.

Overloading our senses can be compared to a drug. Rather than delaying our gratification we can be instantly entertained, providing the hit of dopamine we're craving but may not even realize. Waiting for our favorite song to play on the radio or fast forwarding through a cassette to hear the song we want has been replaced by YouTube and Pandora. Our tolerance for a scratched record or skipping compact disc is no longer required. An entire generation has no idea what I mean by even mentioning music that isn't perfectly clear each time it's played.

On a recent trip, my daughter and I were watching TV in the hotel room. She wanted to watch Disney but had no idea how to access the channel without using the Disney App. Her experience is vastly different from mine. Her ability to watch what she wants, when she wants, is essentially instantaneous. There are no commercials with very little delay between her desire to watch and the show downloaded before her eyes. Watching Disney Channel on YouTube TV was comparable to torture. What's normal for me is very abnormal for her.

Don't get me wrong, advancements in technology are certainly not a bad thing. The fact I don't have to spend hundreds of dollars on cassettes or compact discs to access my favorite music is definitely a plus. You also won't hear me complaining about TVs costing hundreds rather than thousands of dollars. Our ability to access what we want, when we want it, has never been faster or easier. So, what's the problem?

Similar to the 0-60-second time for a car, we're always wanting more. It's human nature to view the world from a lens of "what's next" rather than enjoying "what's now." If the iPhone has taught us anything, a few upgrades each year can drive a wave of demand for the newest model. The phone you have may work perfectly fine, but it's not the latest version and is therefore on the fast track to being made obsolete. While you're at it, you may want to purchase the latest Apple Watch as well. Before you know it, you're spending thousands of dollars on upgraded models of the items you already own.

The answer is not to hole yourself in the basement with a Goonies t-shirt on while you pop an Indiana Jones tape into the VCR. Nostalgia aside, burying your head in the sand to technology will only make it harder to function in society.

The key is to survey the landscape in order to determine whether it makes sense to buy the latest and greatest of anything. Will what you have work for the long term, or will it no longer function due to outdated software or updates? Do you need a TV built into your refrigerator or will the one you have kept your food cold for the time being without it?

Don't fall behind but stop falling forward for things that aren't necessary if what you have works just fine.

You may want to consider a new Goonies t-shirt though. That size small is looking a bit snug.

Byrne lives in Tega Cay with his wife and two daughters. After 25 years working for a Big Four bank where he held multiple marketing/communication roles, he retired from the corporate world to pursue his passion for writing. An opportunity to develop a local paper proved too enticing to turn down.

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Quinlyn, age 11
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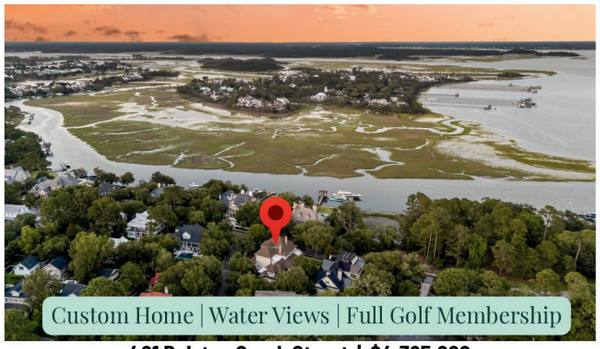
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Sermet's Courtyard, a Daniel Island mainstay, closes

Sermet Aslan hangs up his apron, picks up the paint brush full time

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For 15 years, diners at Sermet's Courtyard on Daniel Island were greeted by the aromas of Mediterranean cuisine and dozens of abstract paintings – some dreamlike, some fragmented, all bursting with color.

Simply signed "Sermet," the artworks weren't created by a hired artist but by the chef himself, Sermet Aslan.

Now, with the restaurant's Aug. 20 closure, an era ends on Daniel Island's dining scene, and a new chapter begins for Aslan, who is leaving the restaurant industry to focus fully on his art.

"I have had the urge to create for as long as I can remember," Aslan said. "My work has become more refined and focused as I grow older. They both have colorful expressions – one on the plate and the other on canvas."

In the kitchen, Aslan plated dishes like works of art. Along his restaurant's walls, his bold, abstract paintings brought that same creative energy to the dining room.

The self-taught painter's style is hard to pin down: Picasso-like faces, nature scenes both real and imagined, and visionary images flung across canvas in a meditative rush. His work has been featured in group exhibitions at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, Maryland, including Healing and the Art of Compassion and The Big Hope Show, and also in Raw Vision, an international magazine dedicated to outsider art.

Locally, his paintings rotated on the walls of his restaurant – for purchase, not just for show – and are also on display at Salon UnHwa, his daughter Ceylan Aslan's hair salon on the island.

"I think rotating artworks on the wall gives customers a sense of freshness, almost like coming to a new restaurant every few weeks," Aslan said. "A restaurant provides time to view and have a dialogue with the painting."

Aslan's journey to becoming a chef and artist began in Amasya, Türkiye – the country's and Aslan's preferred spelling of Turkey – a mountain town rich with gardens and rivers that inspire his paintings. A linguist in Turkey, he arrived in the United States in 1986 and started washing dishes at his brother-in-law's restaurant.

"I liked the social atmosphere in the dining room right away," he said. "People unpack their problems and enjoy themselves. This evolved into my own restaurant, which became my own gallery."

Over decades, Aslan became a Charleston dining fixture, opening beloved spots like Sermet's Grill, Sermet's Corner, and finally Sermet's Courtyard. His Mediterranean-inspired menus blend Turkish heritage with global flavors, earning loyal patrons who became art collectors.

"Painting and cooking both have visual aspects," he said. "You eat with your eyes first. My second-grade teacher told me once, 'When you draw a chimney, make sure you smell the smoke.' Sights and smells go hand in hand."



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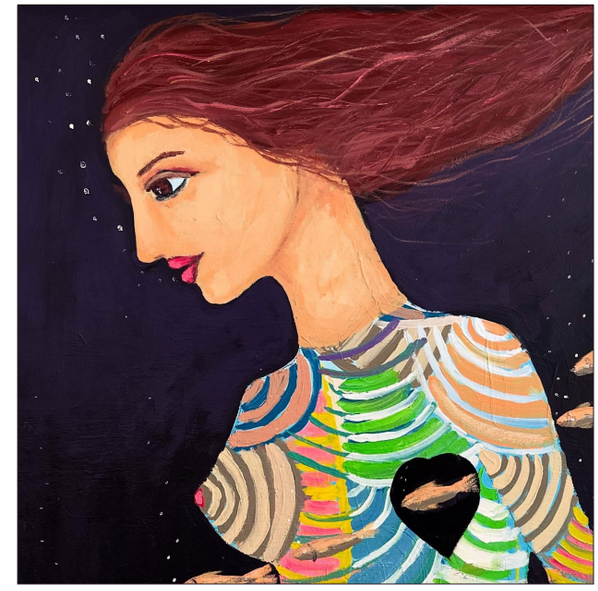
Restaurant owner Sermet Aslan stands alongside one of his vibrant paintings that helped define Sermet's Courtyard's unique ambiance.

Now, feeling the time is right, Aslan is stepping away. "I decided to retire from the restaurant industry and focus on my art full time," he said. "Daniel Island has been a big part of my life. Many of my customers have become friends, and many of their children started their first job with me."

He's passing the River Landing Drive location to Nick and Kelly Ruhotina, who will open Vinea Courtyard Kitchen in September, a Mediterranean-inspired concept that will continue displaying Aslan's artwork.

As for what comes next, Aslan plans to "take a few months off, socially unplug," and work on a book combining his recipes and art, and perhaps, start a meditation group, drawing from his 35 years of studying Tibetan Buddhism and Sufism.





Top: Sermet Aslan is closing Sermet's Courtyard after 15 years. The space will reopen in September as Vinea Courtyard Kitchen under new owners Nick and Kelly Ruhotina, pictured front right. Below: Chef and artist Sermet Aslan infused Sermet's Courtyard with bold, abstract paintings, like the one above, that shaped the restaurant's soul for 15 years.

"When a mountain climber reaches the summit, he or she sees for the rest of humanity," Aslan reflected. "When I paint, I like to show my point of view to the audience. My works are subjective and deeply meditative. I hope to ignite a different way of looking at life."

And for anyone missing Aslan's presence on Daniel Island? He won't be far. "I'm sure they will see me around when I come to visit my daughter at the salon," he said with a smile.







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The Roundup: MarineMax grand opening, historical society hosts Swamp Fox event

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MarineMax Charleston is set to celebrate the grand opening of its all-new, state-of-the-art showroom on Friday, Aug. 22, located in Sportsman Island. The community is invited to join the celebration from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for an evening of upscale hospitality, live music, premium vendors, and an exclusive look at the latest models from world-class boat brands.

"As we open the doors to our brand-new showroom, MarineMax is proud to deepen our roots within the Daniel Island and Charleston community," TJ Rose, MarineMax regional president, said in a press release. "This milestone is more than just a grand opening; it's the start of an exciting chapter where we grow together with the Lowcountry boating community."

"Through our expanding partnership with Scout and our premium lineup of brands like Sea Ray, Boston Whaler, Saxdor, and Cruisers Yachts, we are committed to providing an elevated, full-service experience that supports every aspect of our customers' boating needs.

"Our new showroom offers a welcoming and sophisticated space for our customers to explore the latest models, attend educational events, and connect with our dedicated team. We are honored to call Daniel Island home and look forward to building lasting relationships with boaters throughout Charleston for years to come."

The new location reflects MarineMax's continued investment in the Charleston area and its commitment to providing best-in-class service, sales, and support. Guests at the grand opening event will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, live entertainment, and one-on-one opportunities to connect with MarineMax team members and vendor partners.

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FRANCIS MARION: SWAMP FOX

"Swamp Fox, Swamp Fox, tail in his hat. Nobody knows where the Swamp Fox's at. Swamp Fox, Swamp Fox, hiding in the glen. He runs away to fight again!"

Many may remember these words, sung by Francis Marion's men in a 1959 miniseries produced by Walt Disney about the famous 18th century military officer, planter and politician. But that is only one of dozens of books, films and television productions devoted to the life of Marion since 1805.

Join the Daniel Island Historical Society at its Sept. 16 meeting as it welcomes guest speaker Tom Elmore, who will examine what these representations got right and what they got wrong, and how Disney merchandised Marion, a Brigadier General who served the Patriot cause during the American Revolution. Plus – how did he get the nickname "Swamp Fox?" Francis Marion also has a storied history right here in his native Berkeley County – and is of course the namesake of the nearly 259,000-acre national forest that begins on the northern end of the Cainhoy peninsula. Tues. Sept. 16, 7 pm, Church of the Holy Spirit, 299 Seven Farms Drive.

ARTIFACT SHOW & TELL + KIDS'/TEENS' ARCHAEOLOGY WORKSHOPS

The Daniel Island Historical Society and The Charleston Museum are teaming up to dig into local history! Join them on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Daniel Island Recreation Center for "Artifact Show & Tell" from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The event features local archaeologists John Fisher of Charleston Museum, Jeff Sherard of Brockington & Associates, and Dr. Luke Pecoraro of Drayton Hall.

Bring any artifacts you have found in your exploration of the island or other parts of the Lowcountry and the expert team will help you identify them and the time period they represent. No treasures to bring? No problem! They will also have artifacts on display for you to view. This event is free.

Plus, kids and teens will have the chance to become an archaeologist for a day as the group presents "Kids' Archaeologist Workshop" for ages 6-12, from 11 a.m. to noon and "Teen' Archaeologist Workshop" for ages 13-17 from 12:30 p.m to 1:30 p.m. Both workshops will be led by Cara Bradford, an educator at The Charleston Museum. Examine potsherds, glassware, bone, and metal to unlock the secrets of Charleston's past. Solve the puzzle of a broken object, conduct artifact analysis, and learn all about the field of archaeology. reservations are required. Cost is $5. Register at charlestonmuseum.org.



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Iron Horse program matures, readies to climb mountaintop



Since the 2021 season, there's been nothing but success, as the Iron Horses won 30 of 41 games, reaching double digits in victories three times.

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Philip Simmons High School football coach Eric Bendig remembers the first football practice in 2017.

The Iron Horses fielded only a junior varsity team that season as Bendig and crew poured a foundation for the future.

"That first practice in 2017 was something that doesn't really compare to where we are now," said Bendig. "We weren't allowed spring ball in 2017. We didn't have a weight room. We had no idea how many kids would show up on Day One. We just hoped our social media and interest meetings would get the word out.

"It was like Christmas Day as a kid," the coach continued. "They just kept pouring out of the cars, and we coached them up. We were at Cainhoy Elementary since our fields were not done. So, it was like nothing I think I'll ever experience again."

The rest is history.

Bendig melded a team of student-athletes who attended feeder schools and posted a 9-18 record in the first three seasons of varsity football.

Since the 2021 season, there's been nothing but success, as the Iron Horses won 30 of 41 games, reaching double digits, in victories three times.

It should be more of the same in 2025.

The Iron Horses have 30 lettermen, including 12 starters, back from a team that went 10-3 and captured the Region 6-AA championship with a perfect record. The Iron Horses begin the 2025 campaign tied for No. 7 in Class AA with Manning High School in the South Carolina Prep Football Media Preseason Poll.

"No matter the record, I always feel like we are making progress in the lives of young people, and that is what we are here for," Bendig said. "This year, we are more inexperienced in some spots than we have been in the past. The expectations still hold. We want to be the best version of ourselves and create an experience that stands out to each and every person in our program."

The team lost 16 seniors to graduation, including always-steady quarterback Tavien Orellana, a three-year starter who passed for more than 4,000 yards and led an offense that averaged 32.7 points a game last fall.

Hayes Goddard won a spirited competition for the starting quarterback.

Yosi Mallett and Jaydon Camp are the leaders of the offensive line that also includes Christian Cromedy and Sullivan Tollison.

Will Hollifield, Ashton Kellermann, and Patrick Clarke are the marquee players in the Iron Horses' receiver/tight end room.

Defensive starters returning: Roman Hood, Alex Tchoryk, Ethan Chisum, Montrell Mungin, Ryder Patterson, and Jacques Gandy.

Bendig's goal is to improve his team in every facet and reach the top of the playoff mountaintop.

"No one wants a state title more than I do," Bendig said. "I love the high expectations. I love the community wanting to win titles. I want them to be talking about the Horses. I want them to push us to be the best. No one is going to push it more than I will. State titles come to teams and programs that have so many factors, and we just have to keep pushing to have all of those aligned. It is a part of our tangible goals, and I love striving for it."





PHILIP SIMMONS 2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

HOME AWAY

- Hanahan 8/22
- Lucy Beckham 8/29
- Beaufort 9/5
- Military Magnet 9/12- YOUTH FOOTBALL NIGHT
- Whale Branch 9/19- HOMECOMING
- Woodland 10/3- REGION 6AA GAME
- Burke 10/10- REGION 6AA GAME
- Academic Magnet 10/17- REGION 6AA GAME
- Timberland 10/24- REGION 6AA GAME
- Andrews 10/30- REGION 6AA GAME- SENIOR NIGHT

2025 PHILIP SIMMONS IRON HORSE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

#	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	GRADE	POS	#	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	GRADE	POS
1	ASHTON	KELLERMANN	11	WR	26	SUTTON	SCHULTZ	11	WR
2	RYDER	PATTERSON	12	DB	27	NATE	ELSEY	10	LB
3	MONTRELL	MUNGIN	12	DB	28	TERRANCE	SALLEY	9	LB
4	ETHAN	CHISUM	12	LB	30	GRANT	NOVY	9	DL
5	NICK	HAAS	12	LB	31	JASE	HANNA	10	DL
6	CAM	STEED	12	DB	33	WILLIAM	HOLLIFIELD	12	TE
7	JEREMIAH	RICHARDSON	11	RB	50	ELIJAH	MORRIS	12	DL
8	CRUZ	TURNER	12	WR	51	YOSI	MALLETT	12	OL
9	HAYES	GODDARD	11	QB	52	ROMAN	HOOD	11	DL
10	DIAVANTE	IRVING	11	LB	53	COLE	CARMEL	10	OL
11	LUKE	ROBINSON	12	LB	54	MICAH	DUTTON	11	DL
12	BLAKE	JOHNSON	11	WR	55	DURHAM	CHEEK	9	LB
13	PATRICK	CLARKE	11	WR	56	LIAM	DOHERTY	11	OL
14	BEN	BROWN	12	LB	57	GRAYSON	SALVO	10	OL
16	TAYLOR	CHISUM	12	DB	58	JAYDEN	FORD	10	OL
17	LAYSON	STOCKTON	11	LB	59	CHRISTIAN	CROMEDY	11	DL
18	BRADY	EVIN	11	DB	60	BERNARD	JENKINS	11	DL
19	RYLAND	DONLEY	11	DB	62	JORDAN	SINGLETON	9	DL
20	RICO	CURRY	10	QB	64	JA'HARI	JENKINS	9	OL
21	OMONTE	TAYLOR	11	RB	71	SULLIVAN	TOLLISON	11	OL
22	JOE	YOUNG	12	RB	74	JORDAN	JOHNSON	11	OL
23	CJ	FALOTICO	12	K/P	77	NASH	KING	12	OL
24	ALEX	TCHORYK	11	DL	79	MAQUAHI	WASHINGTON	12	OL
25	CAMERON	MARCELO	9	DB					

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Offensive Line Coach- Rick Taylor
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Wide Receivers Coach- Kyle Reilly
Asst. Wide Receivers Coach- Jazavier Smith
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Safeties Coach- Theo Hoponick
Linebackers Coach- Will Owens
Special Teams Coord./Defensive Line Coach- Ryan McCauley
Defensive Backs Coach- Dan Bennett
Asst. Defensive Line Coach- Todd Oligino
Team Manager- Caleb Blease
Team Manager- Christian Bussinelli
Team Chaplain- Matt Statham
Athletic Trainer- Keri Carmack

‘STRIKE THE STONE’

Bishops hammer away at cracking another winning season



The Bishops are ready for the challenge. They are the No. 9 team in Class AAAA in the South Carolina Prep Football Media Preseason Poll.

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#StrikeTheStone is a hashtag the Bishop England High School football team uses on its social media platforms.

Bishops’ coach Logan Hall said the term originated with Jamey Chadwell, a former coach at Charleston Southern University who has been the head coach at Liberty University for the past two seasons.

“I always loved the message and took it from the credo by Jacob Riis,” Hall said. “‘When nothing seems to help, I go and look at a stonecutter hammering away at his rock perhaps 100 times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the 100th, and first blow, it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before.’”

Riis was an immigrant from Denmark who became a journalist in New York City in the late 19th century. He was best known for documenting the working class and the very poor.

The Bishops struck often and with a furious intensity last fall in Hall’s first year at BE. The team went 5-27 the past two seasons before his arrival.

But Hall changed the script in his first year as a head coach, posting a 9-3 record and claiming the Region 6-AAAA championship.

The team excelled on both sides of the ball and reached the second round of the playoffs.

As soon as the season ended, Hall stressed to his team that it lost its element of surprise. The Bishops were the hunters last fall. This fall, they will be the hunted.

The Bishops are ready for the challenge. They are the No. 9 team in Class AAAA, in the South Carolina Prep Football Media Preseason Poll.

“I think we are building a program,” Hall said. “We are creating a culture of expectations – that is a privilege to have the pressure of expectations year in and year out. The goal is to build a powerhouse where people are moving to the area to attend Bishop England for high academics and athletics through the leadership of the Catholic faith.”

The Bishops upgrade in offense was noticeable as the Bishops went from averaging 14.1 points a game to 28.1. The defense’s improvement was just as impressive, as the Bishops went from allowing 30.2 to 17.8 last season.





"Offense sells tickets and gets you noticed," Hall said "Defense wins championships. Coach (Karson) Mingo and his staff have done a great job creating a defense that gets 11 hats to the ball every snap and executes at a high level. They won and kept us in every game last year. Very proud of where we are on defense."

Many times a team will have a banner year and then find the cupboard bare the next. That's not the case with the Battling Bishops.

The Bishops return seven starters on offense including quarterback Quinn Mahoney and his favorite target Zach Balog. Mahoney should have excellent protection as Reilly Ford, Shep Hulen, and Patrick Verner return upfront. Mitchell Plaisance will handle the kicking duties and play running back. William Donato is a talented receiver who compliments Balog's style.

The defense returns four starters, including linebackers Hunter Alex and Luke Russell, as well as defensive back Jacob Mahoney and defensive end Matthew Ponkow.

But the Bishops got a big boost when Philip Simmons High School standouts and brothers Brody, Trevor, and Chase Tonon transferred to Bishop England.

Brody is a bruising running back and linebacker. Trevor also is a linebacker, while Chase will see action in the secondary.

Two players were impressive in fall camp and should see quality snaps. Ben Turner, in his first season of football, has athleticism, while Sammy Garton is another talented receiver.

The Bishops begin the season with three home games to kick off the season. They host the St. John's Islanders on Aug. 29.

FOOTBALL BATTLING BISHOPS VARSITY ROSTER

Bishops

JERSEY NUMBER	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POS	GRADE	HT	WT
0	MAHONEY	KNOX	TE/LB	10	5'10	200
1	MAHONEY	QUINN	QB	12	6'3	210
2	BALOG	ZACH	WR/SAF	12	6'0	175
3	ALEX	HUNTER	OLB	12	6'0	195
4	PLAISANCE	MITCHELL	RB/K	12	5'7	170
5	MAHONEY	JACOB	DB	12	6'4	195
6	CORLEY	FINN	DB	11	6'4	170
7	MCGOVERN	CONNOR	RB	11	5'10	185
8	RADCLIFFE	JACKSON	DB	11	6'1	155
9	GRIZZLE	TRIPP	OLB	12	5'10	170
10	SOCCI	COLE	WR/TE	10	6'2	175
11	HOOVER	BEN	LB	11	5'10	185
12	HART	THOMAS	K/DB	12	5'9	165
13	DONATO	WILLIAM	ATH	11	6'1	185
14	TURNER	BEN	TE/WR	12	6'4	195
15	NELMS	MAX	ATH	12	5'11	155
17	PONKOW	MATTHEW	DL	11	6'1	215
18	GARTON	SAMMY	WR	12	5'9	145
19	TONON	CHASE	DB/WR	10	6'0	190
20	TONON	BRODY	RB/LB	12	5'11	200
21	TONON	TREVOR	LB	10	6'0	200
22	RENTAS	JOED	K	12	6'0	170
24	VERNER	HENRY	DB	10	6'2	175
26	GERKEN	CHARLIE	DB	12	6'2	150
30	SAKRE	CHARLIE	DL	10	6'4	205
33	MURRAY	TATE	LB/DB	11	6'0	165
35	NELMS	AIDEN	LB/DE	11	6'0	165
44	RUSSELL	LUKE	LB	11	6'2	210
45	BALOG	LUKE	DL/OL	11	6'3	185
50	HULEN	SHEP	OL	12	6'0	190
51	DILEGRIO	JOHN	OL/LS	11	5'11	185
52	FORD	REILLY	OL	12	5'11	220
54	BAILEY	GAVIN	OL	11	6'0	245
55	KUNZ	JACKSON	DL	11	5'11	195
56	DUNLAP	WYATT	OL/DL	10	5'10	235
60	VERNER	PATRICK	OL	12	6'0	281
62	RUNEY	COLEMAN	OL	11	5'11	200
72	OLSEN	JAKE	OL	11	6'5	281
84	REARDON	CHARLIE	WR	12	5'11	170

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RUNNING BACKS	LEO ALBAND	ASSISTANT COACH	AUSTIN SMITH
TIGHT ENDS	NEIL PAULSON	DEFENSIVE LINE	JACOB EDWARDS
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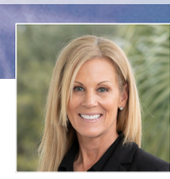
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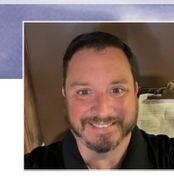
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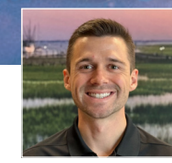
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GREG PERALTA

For most of the summer, extreme heat and rough sea conditions have limited my offshore fishing. With Brody (the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog) being 10 years old, I try to shelter him for tough fishing conditions. On Saturday, the offshore forecast was calm. So, my son Elliott, Brody, and I decided to fish for sailfish.

We left the dock at 5:30 in the morning and ran 60-plus miles to a current break in 300 feet of water. The ocean was calm, and we made the run at 40 mph. We could have gone faster but the fuel burn would have been excessive; 40 mph was a good balance of speed and fuel economy.

Upon arrival at the current break, the ocean was alive. Flying fish were everywhere.

While I set up the boat to troll along the current break, Elliott deployed a strip dredge and four small ballyhoo rigged with 7/0 circle hooks.

Brody looked around and then went back to sleep.

A few minutes later, a sailfish swatted at a ballyhoo in the short outrigger position. Elliott immediately dropped back for a few seconds and then advanced the drag of the Shimano TAC 25 reel. The circle hook set, and we were hooked up to a sailfish.

Brody woke up and followed Elliott to the bow of the boat. I quickly cleared the dredge and lines. Then returned to the helm to chase the fish.

It only took a few minutes to bring the fish to the leader.

I reduced speed and turned on the auto pilot then grabbed the sailfish by the bill. As I removed the circle hook and revived the sailfish for release, Elliott took a few pictures.

Back at the dock, we looked at the pictures. Elliott commented that after so many years of fishing together, it was great to see Brody and I still excited.

Funny, I did not think we were excited, but the picture tells a different story.



ELLIOTT PERALTA

Captain Greg and Brody revive a sailfish for release.





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Forever young? The Gen Z obsession with stopping time

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If you've wandered into a Sephora cosmetics store lately, you may have spotted them: tweens with shopping baskets full of $80 serums, retinol creams, and luxury face masks, chattering about "anti-aging routines" like seasoned beauty editors.

Some are barely old enough to stay home alone, yet they're already strategizing how to keep wrinkles at bay.

It's not just makeup play anymore – it's an arms race against time. On TikTok, the #age filter distorts young faces into sagging, wrinkled versions of themselves, racking up millions of views.

The message? Aging is a threat to be fought early and aggressively. That fear has crossed from screen to skin, with people as young as 18, and sometimes younger, getting "baby botox."

According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Botox among 20- to 29-year-olds has jumped 28% since 2010. Dr. Rachel Hill of Daniel Island Dermatology said she's seeing the shift up close.

"We continue to see young adults in their 20s interested in Botox and other anti-aging treatments," Hill said. "More surprisingly, we are seeing increasing numbers of teens and even preteens as young as 10 who already follow elaborate beauty regimens consisting of multiple creams and serums marketed as anti-aging."

Hill points to social media and the way parents and society normalize the trend as a major driver. But she warns that much of it is wasteful, if not harmful.

"Use of cosmetic products in the teens and 20s does not in any way prevent skin aging, other than those blocking sun damage," she said. "Many costly products do little more than feel and smell pleasant."

And while "preventative" Botox can help in certain cases, Hill recommends extreme caution for anyone under 30.

"A little bit can go a long way," she said. "I prefer a natural, refreshed appearance and avoid the overdone look."

The obsession comes at a cost – not only financially but medically. Hill says she's treated young patients for allergic rashes and acne triggered by the very creams and serums marketed to "save" their skin.

Her advice for a healthy, youthful complexion? Keep it simple: mild cleanser, sunscreen, and sun-safe habits.

Despite this, the anti-aging market is booming. Globally, it's expected to grow from $52 billion in 2024 to more than $80 billion by 2030, according to marketer Grand View Research, which believes the demand is fueled by consumer awareness, celebrity influence, and a never-ending feed of air-brushed perfection.

Some locals say the cultural fixation misses the point entirely. Daniel Island resident Marisa Gomez, who worked in the beauty industry for a decade, believes the narrative needs a rewrite.

"We've been taught to fear age, but aging means we've lived," Gomez said. "Laugh lines mean you laughed. Silver hair means you've seen things and survived. I think that's beautiful and worth celebrating."

Psychologists suggest the pandemic amplified death and aging anxiety, leading to a stronger urge to control the process. But ironically, one of the most effective anti-aging tools – exercise – costs nothing and comes without a warning label.

Still, the cultural pull toward youth is strong. In much of the Western world, older faces remain underrepresented in media, while younger ones dominate the spotlight. Experts like Hill hope that changes, starting with a more balanced message.

"Regular use of sunscreen and excellent sun-protective behaviors are by far the most effective way to maintain youthful, healthy skin," she said. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Until then, the fight against fine lines will likely start younger and younger, though maybe the real rebellion is letting them come at all.



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Philip Simmons school bus vandalized with swastika, deemed not a hate crime

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An act of vandalism at Philip Simmons High School, including a swastika and other racially offensive symbols spray-painted on a school bus, has raised concerns among parents, although authorities said the act does not legally qualify as a hate crime.

In the early hours of July 26, Charleston Police said three suspects broke into the school's maintenance building near the athletic fields, stole orange spray paint, and defaced several areas on campus. Graffiti was found on a basketball rebounder, sidewalks, and multiple school buses. One bus seat was marked with a swastika alongside other racially offensive images and phallic symbols.

Police said the suspects painted over surveillance cameras inside the buses to avoid identification. Other footage captured their exit from the property around 3 a.m., and investigators continue reviewing the video.

Sgt. Chris Stinson, the police department's public information officer, said there have been no arrests, and it's unknown whether the suspects are students. He also noted that no similar incidents have been reported at nearby schools.

Stinson went on to address the question of whether the incident constitutes a hate crime, explaining the legal nuances.

"There's technically no such thing as hate crime legislation in South Carolina," he said. "There is a city hate bias statute, but that can only be applied to a person, not an organization, or in this case, a building. We understand that this could have been motivated by hate and bias, and we'll know more once we identify the suspects. But just from a legal, technical standpoint, we cannot say that it is a hate crime."

Katie Tanner, chief communications officer for Berkeley County School District, said the district is cooperating with investigators.

"Cleanup of the vandalism has been completed, and there has been no disruption to school operations, as students had not yet returned and the incident occurred outside school hours," Tanner said.

Melanie Hart, whose daughter attends the high school, said the incident has made her concerned.

"It's scary to know that something so hateful happened right where our kids learn and play. It makes me wonder where such young minds learn to be so full of hate and disrespect," she said.

Another Daniel Island parent, Greg Miller, said, "It's concerning that someone would target the school like this, especially with classes starting back up. We want to feel safe sending our kids back. I just want to know who's responsible and what steps are being taken to keep the campus safe."

The investigation remains active, and authorities are asking anyone with information to contact Charleston Police at 843-720-2422 or submit anonymous tips at charleston-sc.

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Cainhoy projects dominate city board agendas

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:
PLANNING COMMISSION

Sept. 17: 473 Nelliefield Trail Cainhoy - Request zoning of Single Family Residential (SR-6). Zoned Residential (R-2) in Charleston County. TMS: 2690105104. Owner: Anthony and Whitney Dennis.

UPCOMING: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Aug. 21: Cainhoy Del Webb Phase 4 – Proposed preliminary plat for future 87-lot single-family development and road construction plans on 93.2 acres at 1236 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Pulte Home Company LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach, roach.s@tandh.com

Aug 21: Point Hope Pod 4 Phase 3 - Proposed road construction plans for future 151-lot single-family development on 106.7 acres at 5000 Kitty Hawk Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Pulte Home Company LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com.

Aug. 21: Governors Cay - Proposed residential 13-unit development on .7 acres at 755 Forrest Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2710002114. Owner: Beazer Homes. Applicant: Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Contact: Taylor Reeves, taylor.reeves@stantect.com.

Aug. 21: Sportsman Island Boat & RV Storage Facility - Site plan for boat and RV storage on 1.978 acres at Sportsman Island, Cainhoy. TMS: B2710002066. Owner: 1.7SI, LLC. Applicant: Kellum Engineering. Contact: Thomas Kellum, thomas@kellum-engineering.com.

Aug,. 21: Towne at Cooper River R/W Extension - Proposed renovations to previously approved preliminary plat and road construction plans for three lots on 29.915 acres at 2620 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2710001035. Owner: Cato Holdings LLC Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Spencer Plowden, splowden@seamonwhiteside.com.

Aug. 21: Woodfield Point Hope 4 - Proposed new 317-unit multifamily development with associated infrastructure on 19.69 acres at 111 Altimeter Lane, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Woodfield Acquisitions LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Malcolm Glenn, mglenn@seamonwhiteside.com.

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Aug. 14: Point Hope - Site 10A - Site plan for proposed commercial development on 5.6 acres. 1260 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: LPA Hope Landing LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Aug. 14: Point Hope Ashton Woods Phase 1A and 1B - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 262-unit single-family development on 84.1 acres. 1730 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000009. Owner: Ashton Charleston Residential LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: James Thomas, Thomas.j@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Aug. 14: Point Hope Parkway North - Phase 1 - Road construction revisions to previously approved TRC plans on 26.5 acres. 1698 Clements Ferry Road. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Cainhoy Land and Timber. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach, roach.s@tandh.com. *Results: No return/Paperwork comments.*

Aug 14: Point Hope Pod 4 - Phase 2 - Proposed road construction plans for future 91-lot single-family development on 45.4 acres. 1472 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Pulte Home Company LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Brian Riley, riley.b@tandh.com. *Results: No return/comments.*

Aug. 14: Point Hope Tract 7 - Phase 2 - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future 122-lot single-family development on 52.6 acres. 5000 Kitty Hawk Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000009. Owner: Ashton Charleston Residential LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: James Thomas, thomas.j@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Aug. 14: Atlantic - St. Thomas Site Plan – Proposed 71-lot townhome development on 7.28 acres. 2815 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2710002169. Owner: MSP SRE LLC. Applicant: Sitecast, LLC. Contact: Jacob Cordray, jcordray@sitecastsc.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING EVENTS

DI NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Next meeting, Wed., Aug. 20, 6-8 pm at Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater, 514 Robert Daniel Drive.

FALL ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES
Free live acoustic music at Waterfront Park, Thurs., Aug. 21, 5-7 pm. Bring a chair or blanket and a picnic. Runs Thursdays through Oct. 23.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY: POINT HOPE
Back to School Food Truck Friday, Aug. 22, 5:30-7:30 pm at The Hub, 1049 Point Hope Parkway, featuring City Sliders food truck, live music, arts & crafts, lawn games.

PAPER ROCKET LAUNCH
Join the Cub Scouts for their annual Paper Rocket Launch Challenge on Aug. 23, at 9 a.m., at the pavilion at Governors Park on Daniel Island. Kids will build and launch paper rockets with compressed air. No experience, preparation, or Cub Scout membership required. All supplies will be provided on site.

CONCERT IN THE PARK
Smythe Park, Under the Oaks. Free live music by The Honeybees, Dylan Carter, and headliner Charlton Singleton & Friends on Sat., Sept. 6, 5-9 pm.

SQUARE DANCING FUN NIGHT
Fri., Sept. 12, 7:30-9 pm, Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3075 Bees Ferry Road, West Ashley. Free and open to all. Call 843-556-3578 or 843-801-0998.

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

GATHERING ON THE GREEN
Free family-friendly community celebration at Point Hope Village Green, Sat., Sept. 13, 5-8 pm, featuring live music, magical entertainment, lawn games, balloons, face painting, and food for purchase. Leashed dogs are welcome.

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

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

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.

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

REGULAR MEETINGS

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

AA MEETINGS - DANIEL ISLAND
Providence Church: Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am. Church of the Holy Spirit: Speaker Mtg. Sat., 7 pm; 12 Step Mtg. Wed. 7:30 pm.

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

BONE HEALTH TRAINING CLASS
Tues. & Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm. Strength and Balance for Bone Health class. All ages and levels. The class is $10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXCHANGE CLUB OF DANIEL ISLAND 4th Tues., 5:30 pm, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community theater, 514 Robert Daniel Dr., dixchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A Certified Clemson MGs are available at the DI Library on the first Mon. of month, 4-6 pm, to answer gardening questions and provide information sheets. Soil samples, at least two cups in a sealed plastic bag, are tested at Clemson University for $6 per sample, payable by check or credit card only.

RECORDER GROUP Join Captain Daniell's Pipers at the DI Library every Tue. 1:30-2:30 pm. All welcome regardless of your level of playing. Richard Foreman, eflat3@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN LADIES OF DI meets 1st Fri. of mo., 8:30-10 am. Call or text for venue info and RSVP, 714-337-6944.

ROTARY CLUBS The Daniel Island Rotary Club meets most Weds. mornings at 7:15 am and on the second Tues. of each month at noon. The Cainhoy Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Ben Laaper, ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SOUTH BERKELEY DEMOCRATS Meets at 4 pm on 3rd Sun., Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. berkeleydems.com.

TAI CHI CLASSES DI Library Tues., 10 am & Fri., 9 am.

THE INFINITE JUKEBOX A bi-monthly multimedia discussion group for music lovers. All music genres including: Country/western, baroque and electronia. 2nd & 4th Thurs. at the DI Library from 11 am - noon.

WILLINGWAY'S "CONTINUED CARE GROUP" helps families struggling with alcohol/drug abuse. Meetings are at Holy Cross Church, Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm. Rhett Crull, 843-323-7111.

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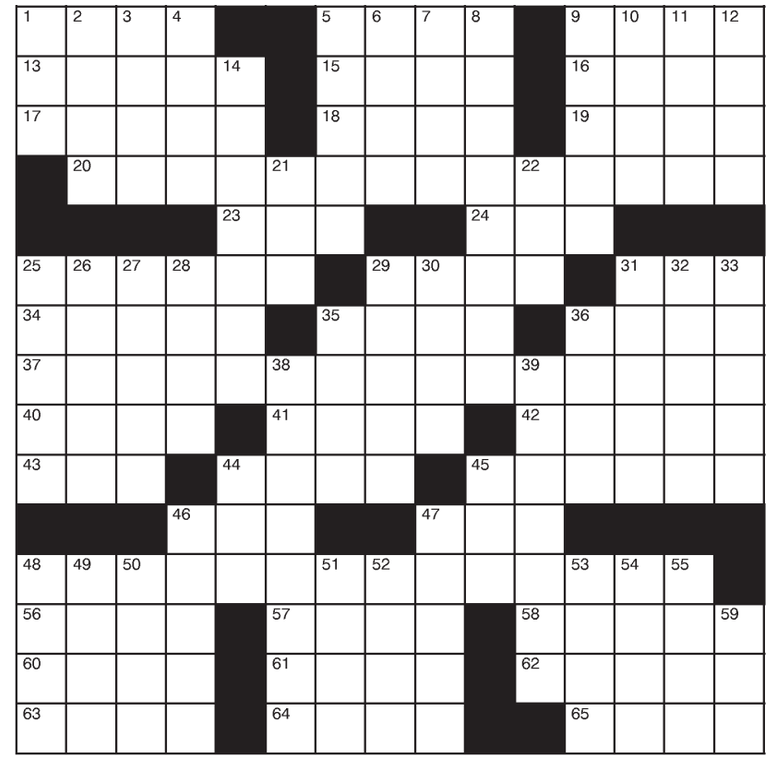
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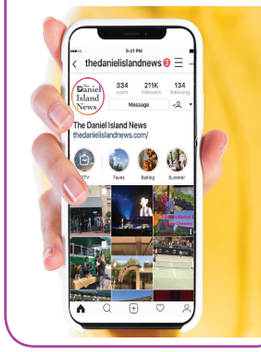
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