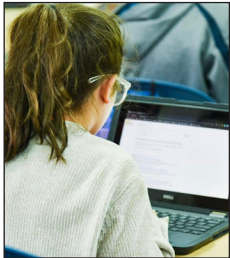


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After hiatus, Berkeley County returns access to virtual library for high school students

DISCUS still not approved for middle, elementary schools

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When students and teachers in the Berkeley County School District turned on their devices to log into the DISCUS website last February, some thought they were facing an IT glitch.

DISCUS, the state-provided, free online library of encyclopedias, journals, and research tools, had vanished.

Teachers filed help desk tickets, only to learn it wasn't a mistake: the school district had turned off access.

No email, no warning, and, at the time, no explanation.

It wasn't until six months later, a day before classes resumed in August, that limited access to DISCUS was restored, but only to

high schoolers.

What some teachers say is the lack of transparency has them frustrated.

"At first, the teachers thought that it was an IT issue, like it was a broken link," said Kathleen Low, president of the Berkeley County Education Association. "IT was like, no, it's just not available anymore. A lot of these folks were in the middle of units, packaging lesson plans, so wherever they were in planning was pretty much dead in the water."

Low said teachers were left scrambling for alternatives. Worse, she said, "We have not received any emails from the district saying that DISCUS was taken down... or communicated that it was back."

WHAT IS DISCUS?

Short for Digital Information for South Carolina Users, DISCUS, funded by state tax

dollars, has been an online research backbone for more than 25 years.

Operated by the South Carolina State Library, the database is free to school districts and provides students with reference materials; from newspapers and magazines to e-books to academic journals.

"It's essentially a virtual encyclopedia that has research-level capacity," Low said. "This is really stripping away the confidence of teachers. To take something away that is free, vetted, and statewide makes no sense."

Teachers say the digital library can also help struggling readers by offering adaptive and immersive reading tools. Low stressed that it's the younger students, those struggling most with literacy, who need DISCUS the most.



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DISCUS DISTRICT DECISION

When asked why access to DISCUS was halted, leaders from the Berkeley County School District said the move was temporary, as they were addressing content concerns within its database.

"In response to concerns raised by district parents regarding the age-appropriateness of content available to students through the DISCUS platform, the district has temporarily restricted access to teachers only," said Katie Tanner, Berkeley County School District's chief strategy and engagement officer, back in February.

She added last month that the move was made in compliance with South Carolina's Regulation 43-170, which standardizes the process for how school districts review

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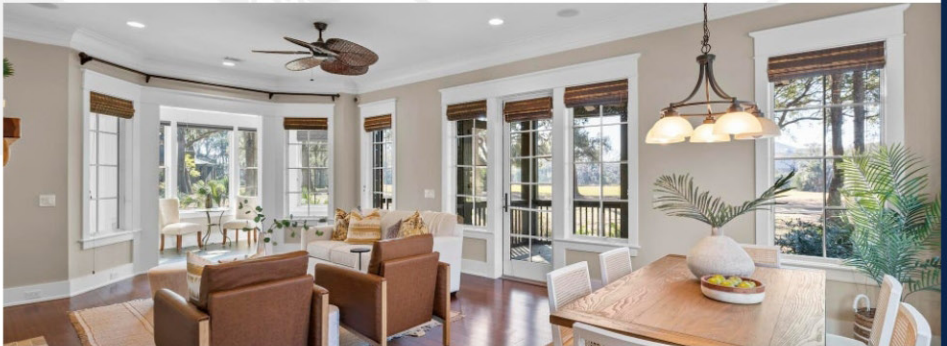
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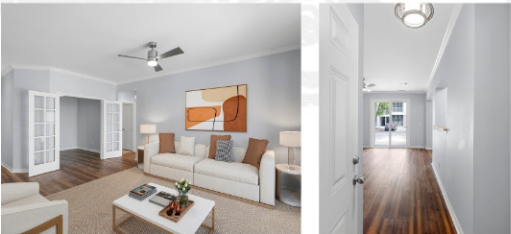
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‘The island seeps into my work’ Island inspires, shapes the sculptures of artist Susanna Kopchains

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Susanna Kopchains’ hands are never still. Whether at home or in her studio, they roll, pinch, and mold clay into mugs, bowls, and sculptures that feel as alive as the marshes she can see from her Daniel Island window.

“Living by the water, marshes and sand have influenced my color palette, incorporating more blues, greens, and shades of tan,” she said. “It’s like the island seeps into my work without me even thinking about it.”

Kopchains didn’t start out making sculptures. Her first pieces were functional pottery: cups and bowls meant to be held, to warm hands on a chilly morning.

“Quite a few hours go into the making of a handmade mug,” she explained. “From forming the body on the wheel, shaping and attach-

ing the handle, letting it dry slowly so cracks don’t appear, to bisque firing, glazing, and a final firing. Each mug is unique; a part of me is in it. I’d like to think that when people use my mugs, they associate them with me.”

Over time, her work began to shift. Functional ware still has a place in her studio, but sculpture offers something a cup cannot: freedom.

“Creating sculptural work has allowed me to be freer as well as allowing me to express feelings and emotions in ways that I wasn’t able to do with a mug or bowl,” she said. Some pieces emerge from life-changing events, others from fleeting moods – each one a subtle invitation for the viewer to pause, ponder, and interpret.

Nature remains her compass. She’s drawn to textures, asymmetry, and the aged beauty of

worn surfaces. Finger marks linger in a mug’s glaze; edges of a sculpture appear ragged and delicate. Her pieces are tactile stories, speaking to the imperfection and transience of life itself.

Kopchains also experiments with how her art is seen. Some sculptures hang from walls; others float from ceilings. “It allows the viewer to take it in from a different perspective,” she said. Her background in graphic design informs each choice, from symmetry and balance to how glazes highlight a piece’s form.

Collecting ceramics remains a personal passion, and seeing others collect hers is equally meaningful.

“I feel that people who collect my mugs get to have a piece of me in their home, just as my collection feels like I have parts of these



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Inspired by the waterways and textures of Daniel Island, Susanna Kopchains brings nature to life in clay sculptures.

artists in my home.”

From her Daniel Island abode, Kopchains is now exploring monoprinting, brushwork, and new underglaze techniques, all while continuing to create functional pottery.

“I hope that my art brings a sense of joy, peace, and maybe a little enlightenment,” she said. “Each person will take away something different. I don’t necessarily like to spell out what I am trying to convey; I want the viewer to make up their own mind.”



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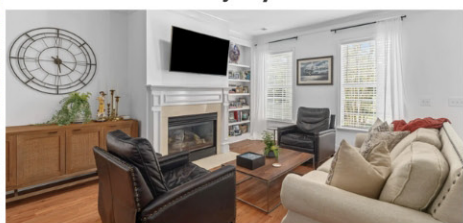


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It's become clear that for the first half of my life, I carried around the wrong mindset.

"Wrong" may be a touch harsh, but my strong (unflinching) desire for a world of stability, certainty, and consistency didn't particularly match the world that exists.

My therapist needed just five words: "Life is dynamic, not static," and the point was crystalline: if I continued to crave security where there is none, life will continue to be quite challenging.

"WE LIVE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES"

You're familiar with the popular phrase: "We live in uncertain times," and while that may seem true, historians will take issue.

From a Stanford University report: "(Donnovan Somera) Yisrael advises looking at narratives from similar historical or global events, such as the 1918 flu epidemic. He reminds us that pandemics, civil unrest, and mismanaged power have been common and regular throughout history and that by tapping into the narratives of people who dealt with similar challenges, either from the past or current day, we can find strength and courage in their experiences."

UNCERTAINTY: ENEMY OR MOTIVATOR?

For many, it seems, uncertainty is linked to fear, trepidation, anxiety. But voices in the marketplace urge us to embrace it; to examine its benefits.

From livestrong.org: "Uncertainty may motivate you to include healthier behaviors...Feeling like you are doing something

to take charge may make you feel less uncertain about your future." They go on: "Some (cancer) survivors find motivation to strengthen relationships with loved ones and friends. Some have described how fighting and overcoming cancer gave them the self-confidence and emotional strength to create positive changes in their lives. If you live with uncertainty about the future, it can motivate you to make the most of every day."

THREAT OR CHALLENGE?

"People who are intolerant of uncertainty see uncertainty as a threat," notes Jill Suttie of berkeley.edu. "While those who are more tolerant of uncertainty see it as a challenge."

Certainly, we'd all benefit from improving our ability to tolerate uncertainty. But there's more here. Suttie again: "Targeting tolerance for uncertainty is one of the more promising new treatments for many mental disorders, because the fear of the unknown is beginning to be seen as a root vulnerability factor for mental disorders."

GOOD STRESS

Maggie Jackson, author of "Uncertain: The Wisdom and Wonder of Being Unsure," views uncertainty in a favorable light.

In a Q & A with Suttie, Jackson explains, "We have a very negative view of uncertainty. We largely see it as paralyzing. But actually, uncertainty is, first of all, a kind of 'good stress.' When we meet something new, ambiguous, or unexpected, we have a stress response, both physiological and neural, that allows the brain to be more receptive to new data. Our attention broadens and our working memory improves. It's a kind of wakefulness that's really important, giving us the opportunity to learn."

Ah, opportunities to learn. Plenty available.

Quick tips on navigating uncertainty

Our health. Our finances. Our relationships. Plenty of uncertainty to go around.

Here's a few tips:

FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL

"By focusing on the aspects of a problem that you can control..., you'll switch from ineffective worrying and ruminating into active problem-solving. Of course, all circumstances are different, and you may find that in some situations all you can control is your attitude and emotional response." – Lawrence Robinson and Melinda Smith, helpguide.org

EMBRACE THE BENEFITS

"Learning to live with uncertainty is one of the great challenges of life...Uncertainty can be a great teacher; allow it to be yours!" – Stacey Fuller, good-therapy.org

DON'T RUN FROM IT

"We need to sit with uncertainty, not run from it. Acknowledging with confidence and courage that lack of knowledge is what drives our curiosity, uncovering new understanding." – Margaret Heffernan, [The Guardian](http://TheGuardian)

CHALLENGE YOUR NEED FOR UNCERTAINTY

"When you're faced with uncertainty, it's easy to overestimate the likelihood of something bad happening – and underestimate your ability to cope if it does." – Robinson and Smith.

LIVE YOUR LIFE

"I tell my patients that while it's good to develop strong analytical skills, it's also best to not only prepare for worst-case scenarios but to live life... Persistence, confidence, and community are the keys." – Leon Garber, [Psychology Today](http://PsychologyToday)



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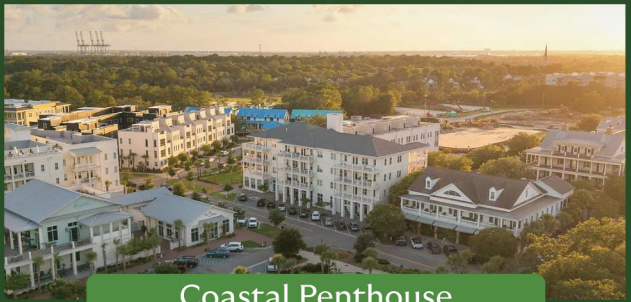
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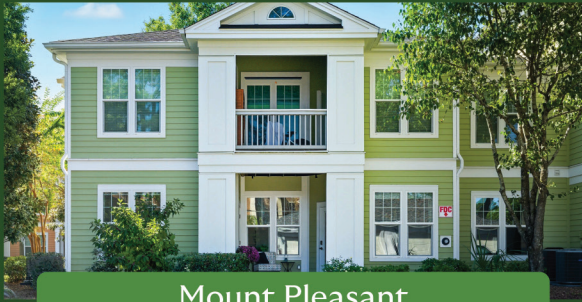
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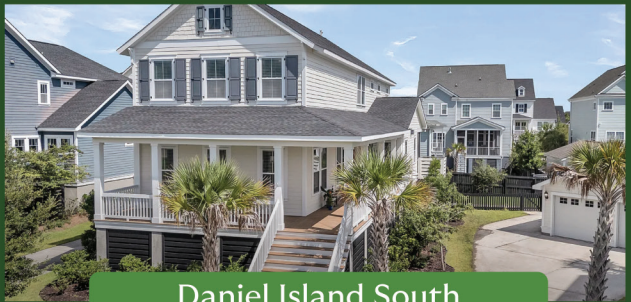
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Why Berkeley County EMS is searching for a new home

Dear neighbors,

There is quite a bit of misinformation floating around the community regarding the City of Charleston's Fire Department and the Berkeley County EMS, and I would like to provide some clarity as your Charleston City Council representative.

As Daniel Island has grown, so has the need for expanded fire service. To maintain the city's ISO 1 fire rating and Accredited Agency Status – which helps to lower homeowners' insurance costs – the Daniel Island fire station must add an additional fire engine and crew. Here, I'd like to brag on our fire department a little bit. Of the



BOYD GREGG
CHARLESTON CITY
COUNCILMAN

more than 17,000 fire departments in the United States, only 492 are rated ISO 1, and there are only 338 fire departments in the world with Accredited Agency Status. To make room for this expansion of our fire department, the station will no longer be able to house Berkeley County EMS, as it has generously for many years.

In addition, this facility is our police station for Team 5. This facility, which has been open for nearly 20 years, was also home to our recreation department until the recreation center was built at Governors Park, and is in need of some renovations to improve the conditions for our police and firefighters.

The City of Charleston is working with Berkeley County to identify an appropriate location for EMS that ensures quick response times and continued high-quality service for Daniel Island residents.

We understand the importance of clear communication and will work with community partners to share updates as plans develop. Our priority is keeping Daniel Island families safe by ensuring both fire and EMS services are equipped to respond effectively.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Boyd Gregg

Charleston City Council, District 1

Proposed location of EMS station sparks feedback from readers

The proposed location of a new EMS station on Daniel Island is raising questions among the community.

The proposal is a "conversation starter" put out by Berkeley County, and if approved, could be located near the Daniel Island Library parking lot at the corner of Barfield and Pierce streets, which is across from Freedom Park and The Daniel Island School.

Another suggestion is building it at another location on the same parcel of property, which is owned by Berkeley County.

Readers were surveyed, asking where they thought the station should be located, and their opinions varied fairly equally across the board.

SIRENS, TRAFFIC, CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Concerns ranged from the siren noise to traffic congestion to safety for children.

"There is already too much traffic on that section of Daniel Island Drive. I also don't think it's a good idea to be so close to all of the pedestrians or biking students," one reader wrote.

"With Smythe Park, the pool traffic, and the school, it is more than enough for the neighborhood already," the reader continued. "While maintaining EMS service on DI is imperative, the proposed locations are wholly inappropriate. We live on Daniel Island Drive right next to the proposed location. We see literally hundreds of schoolchildren and adults traversing one of the areas being proposed

every weekday, and the safety risks would be significant. Automobile, bike, and e-bike traffic is also hectic in this area. Lastly, the proposed renderings are inconsistent with the neighborhood's characteristics."

Another reader wrote, "...The noise and light pollution for people who live within proximity of the homes is very much of a concern, especially for the homes on Pierce Street, who would literally have the EMS station in their backyards."

KEEP AT CURRENT LOCATION

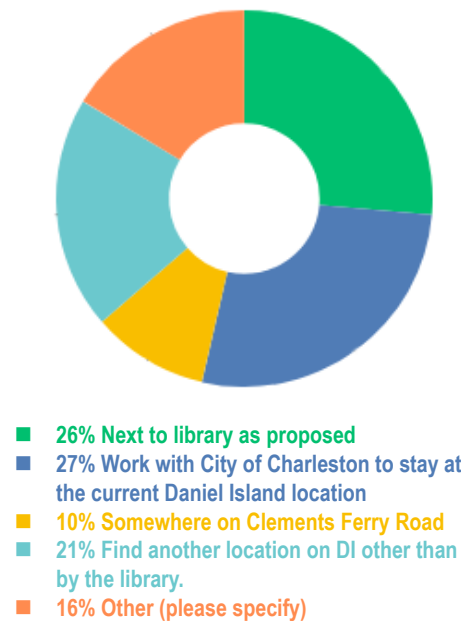
Finding a way to keep the EMS at its current location in the Daniel Island fire station was supported by 27% of respondents.

But with the City of Charleston planning to expand the fire department's presence on Daniel Island, the space is no longer available. (*Read City Councilman Boyd Gregg's column on the issue on Page 6.*)

"The city needs the space back," Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks said in a recent DI News story. "We found this out over the last couple of months or so. So, Berkeley County has been looking for space to relocate. We've looked all over the island; sites with excess space at Governors Park; anything that's on the market that's for sale that might be a suitable size and price."

MOVE STATION TO DI LIBRARY

Keeping the location next to the Daniel Island Library as proposed is fine with 26% of respondents.



Wrote one reader, "I believe the proposed location is fine. It will blend in to other county facilities, will be staged away during peak school times, and will not be any more noise or light polluting than the port (which I hear all night), concerts, or other treasured events on this island. If anything, I view having EMS services housed next to the school and park as a great asset. These are, on most days, the single largest population centers on the island. Having an ultra-rapid response would be fantastic if necessary."

BUILD SOMEWHERE ELSE ON DI

Other readers, 21%, want the EMS station

on Daniel Island but prefer a different location than near the Daniel Island School and library.

One reader asked, "Wonder if the land by the storage facility off Seven Farms Drive close to Daniel Island Village would be an appropriate location?"

Another shared, "The site is very small and (borders) a pond, which limits the size of the facility and any future expansion. It's very bad planning. I suggest the large property near the Home 2 Suites between Daniel Island Drive and River Landing Drive."

"What about under the bridge where the proposed boat ramp is supposed to go? That's Berkeley County!" responded another reader.

RELOCATE TO CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD

Only 10% would like the station to be somewhere on Clements Ferry Road.

"If it gets moved to the Clements Ferry area, it will take a long time to reach the many seniors on the island, mostly residing in condos near the center of the island," shared a reader.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS?

And 16% had other suggestions for its location.

"Under 526 between Governors Park and the stadium."

"On Fairchild Street or Benefitfocus Way," said another.

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Where fiction gets real: Inside the Daniel Island Writers Group

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“Here’s the thing about sociopaths,” thriller writer Steve Hadden said, sending a ripple of laughter around the roundtable in the Daniel Island Library’s back room.

It’s not the kind of line you expect to hear on a quiet Wednesday evening, but in this group, anything can spark a story.

This is the Daniel Island Writers Group, a twice-monthly gathering of storytellers who range from first-time novelists to published authors. They meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and for 90 minutes, the room hums like a workshop: pages shuffling, pens tapping, ideas tossed across the table as easily as jokes.

“We’re dedicated and passionate about the power of the written word to enrich our lives,” said group administrator Ann Moravick, who is drafting a debut novel inspired by a suitcase mix-up in Rome, Italy.

Moravick keeps the class structure simple but purposeful: members submit work by Monday, everyone reads in advance, and two or three pieces are discussed in depth.

“We share our work and provide feedback so we can improve our craft. Writing is solitary, so it’s essential to have a community.”

Critiques start with what works – an evocative line, a sharp bit of dialogue – before turning to pacing, structure, or clarity. Conversations often detour into research tips, publishing strategies, or books that might inspire characters. It feels, as one member puts it, “like stepping into a college creative writing seminar.”

At its most recent meeting, the conversation kicks off with the psychology book “The Sociopath Next Door.” The statistic that one in 25 people may be sociopaths sparks wide-eyed reactions and quick notetaking. More than one writer admits to mining the book for character traits.

From there, the table moves to Appalachian folklore, shared by Carol Heilman, who discovered writing in her 50s after raising a family.

“I was busy writing grocery lists; that’s all the writing I did,” she smiles. “Then I started going to conferences, wrote three cozy mysteries, and now I’m back to Appalachia. It’s always been on my heart.” Around the table, members highlight favorite sentences, ask about structure, and suggest new angles.

Next is Hadden, whose chapter from his next book sits in front of each member. With eight books already



EMMA SLAVEN

Twice a month at the Daniel Island Library, the writers group gathers to read, critique, and refine each other’s stories, poems, and novels.

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complaints and concerns about instructional materials. The law also gives districts guidance on evaluating what may be suitable for students and what may not.

With the new school year underway, the district has since restored access to DISCUS, but it's limited access, only available for older students.

"DISCUS will be enabled on high school student devices," Tanner wrote to school leaders. "The district is continuing to vet alternative options for K-8 students to ensure age-appropriate access."

CENSORSHIP OR COMPLIANCE?

To civil liberties advocates, the explanations fall short.

"Students have a right to access information," said Paul Bowers, communications director for the ACLU of South Carolina. "More than six months after shutting off DISCUS access, Berkeley County School District officials have not given a clear rationale for this instance of censorship."

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published, he still thrives on the give-and-take.

"I love the craft of writing, no matter what form it comes in."

The group pushes him on pacing and dialogue, while he shares his own meticulous editing process: cutting fluff, filling plot holes, and charting arcs on giant sheets of paper.

The final submission comes from poet Phoenicia Miracle. Her piece, "For American Women," written in Dickinson-like meter, sparks conversation about feminist voices and historical perspective.

"What I love about this group is the feedback. It disciplines me to get something done," she said, scribbling notes as members toss out suggestions.

Not everyone writes long-form fiction or poetry.

Writer and editor Jo Ana Finger cracks jokes about only being able to handle short stories – "I can't comprehend writing anything longer than that" – while IT veteran David Thorn is experimenting with an audio drama inspired by office culture. That variety is part of the magic.

Vague hand-waving about 'age-appropriateness' is not a sufficient reason to block tens of thousands of students' access to an important and long-standing educational resource."

Bowers compared the removal to "taking the encyclopedias off the shelf." He also noted that Berkeley is the only district in the state to block DISCUS in its 25-year history.

For teachers like Low, the deeper issue is trust.

"It's just unfortunate that it seems to be too difficult of a task to engage in communication with the people who are just trying to get up in the morning and teach," she said.

With high school access restored, but availability for elementary and middle students still uncertain, parents, teachers, and advocates continue pressing for clarity.

As Low put it, "We keep hearing that a kid's potential shouldn't be defined by their zip code. But isn't that exactly what this is?"

"We gain new members, we lose old members, people kind of pass through," Finger said. "Some stay longer than others; others come for a week, and that's it. It must have been something I said."

"For me personally," Moravick said, "the writer's group has been an opportunity to gain confidence in my writing and benefit from the generous feedback of the gifted writers and editors in the group. It's essential to have a community of people with a common love for books, poetry, short stories, movies, podcasts – all forms of storytelling that stretch us to use words well."

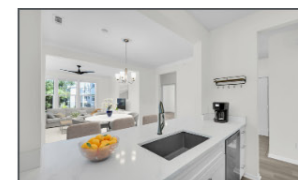
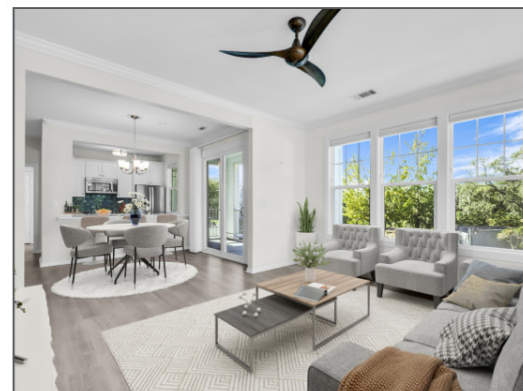
By the time the library staff begins tidying up, the writers are still buzzing. Pages are tucked away, but ideas linger, alive and restless. It's the kind of encouragement that helps writers grow, building confidence as much as craft.

As Miracle teases Hadden, "Someday he'll be a bestseller and can't join us anymore." Finger grins and fires back, "That'll be thanks to me!"

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Stories that stick

Readers share their favorite books that linger long after the last page

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Books have a way of sticking with us. Whether it's a line that lingers, a character who feels like an old friend, or a story that shifts how we see the world. We asked local residents to share the

books that have captured their attention lately and the lessons, escapes, or sparks of inspiration they've taken from them.

Here's what they've been reading, and why they believe these stories matter.

"The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" by Joe Siple

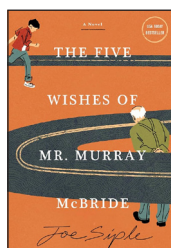
Submitted by Carol Heilman



I read "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" a few months ago, but this summer I met the author at a writers' conference. Mr. Siple is a pleasant, humble man who is enjoying his book's success, as well as negotiations for an upcoming movie.

Murray McBride, a 100-year-old former baseball player, is lonely. He believes he has no further purpose in life and contemplates ending it all. His world changes when he meets a 10-year-old boy, Jason, with a serious heart condition, at a local hospital. Jason has made a list of five wishes he wants to fulfill before he dies. Murray decides to help him. Their journey together is heartwarming, at times hilarious, and sometimes surprising.

My takeaway? Even an older person like myself can make a difference in someone's life. I believe that as long as we have been given the gift of life on this earth, we have a purpose for being here.



"The Brain's Way of Healing: Remarkable Discoveries and Recoveries from the Frontiers of Neuroplasticity" by Norman Doidge, M.D.

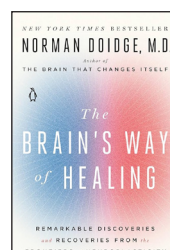
Submitted by Vijaya Bodach



When doctors say there isn't anything else they can do – after a diagnosis of Parkinson's, autism, chronic pain, depression, traumatic brain injuries, ADHD, etc. – don't give up hope. Doidge gives many interesting and detailed case histories to show the many different ways

the brain can rewire and regain function long since lost.

Seriously, read this book for yourself or for your loved ones to discover alternative therapies and modalities of healing, from conscious movement to light therapy to the power of music to entrain your brain. I am truly in awe of how beautifully we are designed and how science is continually playing catch-up with scripture. As St. Paul said 2,000 years ago: "...be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).



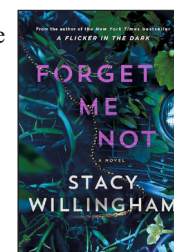
"Forget Me Not" by Stacy Willingham

Submitted by Kristen Ness Ayers



In Stacy Willingham's fourth thriller, Claire Campbell ends up on a muscadine vineyard in coastal South Carolina, where she uncovers clues that might relate to her sister's disappearance 22 years earlier.

I enjoyed the authentic characters and mounting suspense, both of which are hallmarks of Stacy's writing. I learned a lot about native Low-country plants, which play a role in aspects of the plot (including the title flower). Once again, as with Stacy's other novels, I couldn't guess the ending. She is a master of the unexpected twist! A must-read for fans of psychological suspense!



"Good Energy" by Casey Means, M.D.

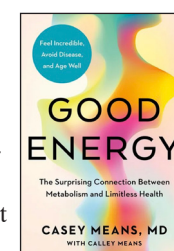
Submitted by Hoco Kalkas



"Good Energy" really opened my eyes to how we accept the status quo of our health care system, often overlooking prevention and self-empowerment in favor of just managing chronic illnesses.

It's astonishing to see how industries influence our health choices, and this book inspires you to take control with practical advice.

I appreciated how Casey Means explains metabolic health in a way anyone can grasp, offering grounded steps to boost energy and prevent disease. Reading it left me excited to keep up my healthy habits but motivated to do even better.



"Carrie Soto is Back"

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

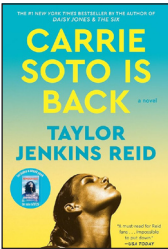
Submitted by Michelle Lindsey



Taylor Jenkins Reid never fails to captivate readers with her character-driven novels, and "Carrie Soto Is Back" just might be my favorite. While it is not a new novel, it is definitely a fun read for the beach or porch, as it follows tennis icon Carrie on her winding and tumultuous

path from stardom to retirement and then back once again to the tennis tour in an attempt to regain her former glory.

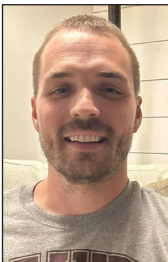
An infinitely human tale of ambition, love, loss, and personal growth, it is as moving as it is entertaining. As with Reid's other books, it is compelling, memorable, and packs an emotional punch. Perfect for tennis fans and those who enjoy character-driven fiction and a strong female protagonist.



"Demon Copperhead"

by Barbara Kingsolver

Submitted by Sam O'Neill



Demon's resilience and determination should be inspiring to anyone dealing with difficult situations with seemingly impossible odds. After being cast aside by society as so many foster children are, Demon fought his way through generational poverty and

opioid addiction to beat the odds and become a productive member of society.

So if you're struggling with demons of your own, just know that with enough effort, you really can make it through to the other side.



"Wild Game"

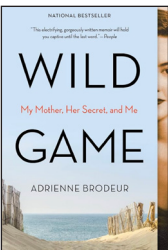
by Adrienne Brodeur

Submitted by Emma Slaven



This is how you write a memoir. Reading "Wild Game" felt like holding the hand of a little girl burdened with her mother's secrets, then watching her grow strong enough to break generational curses. It's a

book for anyone who has been a daughter of divorce, of complicated parents you love deeply and learn from anyway.



"Time of the Child"

by Niall Williams

Submitted by Kim Gronsman Lee



I picked up "Time of the Child" because its premise – an abandoned newborn brought to the local doctor in an Irish country parish at Christmastime – caught my attention.

As a physician of similar age to the main character, I was deeply touched by Niall Wil-

liams' sensitive exploration of difficult emotions and relationships as the baby brings new life to the village in unexpected ways.

If you're looking for a medical thriller, this is not it. But if you delight in melodic language, vivid characters, and an exquisite sense of place, you will also delight in "Time of the Child."



"On Her Game: Caitlin Clark and the Revolution in Women's Sports"

by Christine Brennan

Submitted by Rebecca Bechhold

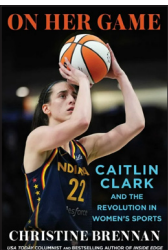


Several things drew me to this book. Christine Brennan is a superb writer who focuses on sports, so I knew it would be a joy to read.

Caitlin Clark's story is one that appeals to my Midwestern values of hard work, focus, dedication, honesty, and integrity.

Her spectacular talent is the vehicle that projects all of those virtues. Family and faith are pillars of her strength. She has not been treated well by organizations and some members of the sports community, yet her attitude, maturity, and ability to remain calm in spite of the drama are remarkable. Like anyone who demonstrates her level of mastery, she has spent thousands of hours honing her skills.

The moral of this story is that success comes from hard work. This is a book every student should read.



"The Screwtape Letters"

by C.S. Lewis

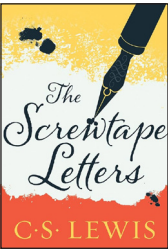
Submitted by Stacy Palmieri



Two lessons from reading:

1. Faith is not a label but a daily discipline, and the spiritual life must be chosen and renewed constantly. Every choice, even in seemingly trivial matters, either orients us toward our faith or away from it.

2. True love seeks the good of the other, not power over them. Spiritual maturity requires honest self-awareness and the quiet strength to be humble. True intelligence seeks truth, even when it challenges pride or comfort. Even in doubt, dryness, and struggle, God is present.



"11/22/63" by Stephen King

Submitted by Elaine Gribben Cechak



Unlike many of Stephen King's works, this novel blends historical fiction with science fiction. The protagonist is given the chance to travel back to 1962 in an attempt to prevent the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. However, he soon discovers that altering the past

always comes with unexpected consequences.

This story made me reflect on the nature of choices and their outcomes. I often question decisions I have made and wonder how things might have turned out differently. The novel suggests that every choice carries weight, and whether the effects are good or bad, they inevitably shape the future.



"Blitzed: Drugs in Nazi Germany" by Norman Ohler

Submitted by Suzanne Detar

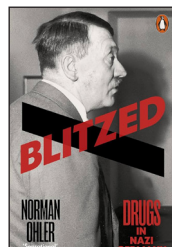


This nonfiction selection puts Hitler and World War II in a new perspective for me. I read in the past about German troops using methamphetamine (speed) during the invasion of France, but this book presents evidence that drug use was widespread throughout the German army

and society and was used extensively by troops and commanders on both fronts of the war.

The book delves into the medical notes of Hitler's personal physician, who was injecting Hitler daily with uppers, downers, and his own "vitamin" concoctions for much of the war.

This book is not without controversy. Some historians are skeptical of Ohler's methods and research. It was definitely worth the read, and I look forward to reading more information that proves or discredits this account.



"Distant Shores" by Kristin Hannah

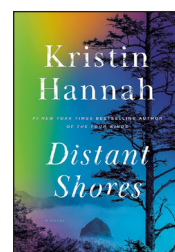
Submitted by Sharon Greco



I just recently finished another excellent book by Kristin Hannah entitled "Distant Shores." It tells the story of Jack and Elizabeth Shores and the struggles and trials and their journeys to find themselves again and to rediscover their love for

each other.

The book helped me realize the importance of encouraging and affirming my spouse on a daily basis and to not take each other for granted. Some great lessons to be learned through the story!



"The Paris Novel" by Ruth Reichl

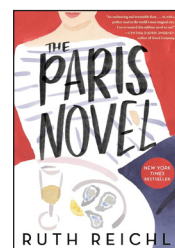
Submitted by Lisa Brainerd



This book inspired me because it shows how to dare to say yes. Saying yes can change everything; even a small act can unravel a new life.

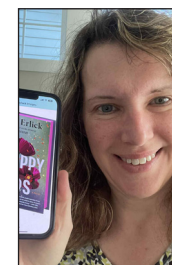
The main character allowed herself to feel and taste different foods, which awakened parts of her that were dormant. She allowed herself to become part of a community that offered support and guidance, and this was transformative.

This is a heartfelt reminder that stepping out of your comfort zone, even by wearing a special dress, can lead to joy, purpose, and belonging. It gently nudges us to take chances, where we may find out where we truly belong.



"The Poppy Fields" by Nikki Erlick

Submitted by Cathy Canoles



This book made me think about grief and how I handle it. Is it better to go through the pain or to disappear for a while and then come back to reality with no more pain but also no endearing memories?

After I finished it, I decided it's

important to feel all the feelings, positive and negative, and then grow stronger because of that experience.



"The Queens of Crime" by Marie Benedict

Submitted by Louise Pool



A historical fiction based on a true group of five female mystery writers who lived in London, England, when it was mostly a male-dominated profession. (Mystery writer) Agatha Christie was part of this group.

These women banded together to solve a crime

that everyone else had given up on. They had to do it secretly because they were not officially part of the investigation but thought this young girl's murder needed to be solved.



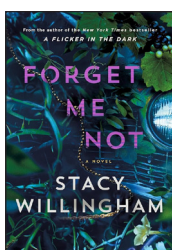
"Forget Me Not" by Stacy Willingham

Submitted by Sara Reed-Leib



"Forget Me Not" is a suspenseful, thought-provoking read that explores how memory

shapes our understanding of ourselves and others. It reminded me of the importance of holding onto what matters most while having the courage to face life's uncertainties.



Undefeated Bishops travel to Porter-Gaud in annual 'Holy War'

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Why is Bishop England High School football coach Logan Hall smiling?

Is it because his offense is averaging 49 points per game three games into the season? Or is it because his defense is allowing only two points per game?

"I'll take the two points (a game) every day," Hall said. "If you give up less than a field goal, you are going to win a lot of games. If you keep it up, you are going to win a lot of games."

The Bishops have won a lot of games since Hall's arrival on campus last football season. The Bishops posted a 9-3 mark in 2024 and have steamrolled opponents 147-6 to start 3-0.

While there are plenty of rivalry games on the Bishops' schedule, only one game is known as the "Holy War," and that's BE vs. Porter-Gaud School. The two schools square off at the PG campus on Friday, Sept. 19.

The Bishops began the 2024 season with a 3-0 record and entered the showdown against P-G allowing only 9.3 points per game. But the Cyclones handed the men of Kelly green a 34-14 setback, as four turnovers doomed the Bishops.

In that game, Bishop quarterback Quinn Mahoney collected 279 total yards to lead the team, completing 22 of 39 passes for 247 yards and a touchdown to go along with 32 yards on the ground.

He completed passes to eight different receivers, including Sammy Garton, who scored on a 7-yard reception, and Zachary Balog, who had six catches for 80 yards.

The Bishops this week are coming off a 49-0 victory over Dreher High School, as the offense was balanced with 242 yards rushing and 202 passing, with Mahoney leading a balanced attack.

Mahoney completed 13 of 21 passes against Dreher for 202 yards and a pair of touchdowns while adding 29 yards on the ground. The 6-3, 205-pound senior now has 3,065 yards and 28 touchdowns passing since transferring from Oceanside Collegiate Academy in time for the 2024-25 academic year. He will play for the Campbell University Camels.

Brody Tonon, along with two other brothers, is one of the three "Killer T's" who transferred from Philip Simmons High School this year. Tonon had his best game of the season for the Bishops with 17 carries for 145 yards and three touchdowns.



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Quinn Mahoney is the Bishop's 6-3, 205-pound senior quarterback. He completed 13 of 21 passes against Dreher last week for 202 yards and a pair of touchdowns.



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Iron Horses set school records in 71-0 win over Military Magnet

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Philip Simmons led Military Magnet, 43-0, after one quarter of a high school football game Sept. 12.

It was one of those games in which the Iron Horses scored every which way to post a 71-0 victory at The Phil.

Philip Simmons coach Eric Bendig said the South Carolina High School League does not allow a running clock until the second half.

"We sort of pulled back after that first quarter," Bendig said. "Once it starts, what can you do?"

The Iron Horses blocked a Military Magnet punt on the first possession to set up the first score.

The Iron Horses never looked back from their seven-TD explosion, expanding the lead to 57-0 against the Eagles at halftime. Both sides agreed to a running clock as the Iron Horses finished with 230 yards in total offense while forcing five turnovers on defense.

As expected, Bendig cleared the bench early and often in a game that was decided the first time the Iron Horses touched the ball. The 43 points in a quarter and 71 points in a game were both school records.

"This was a last-minute fill-in game for Bishop England," Bendig said. "You want to play 10 games a year, and we didn't have many options."



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The Iron Horses defense continues to show improvement, surrendering only six points the past two games. Pictured are Cameron Marcelo (No. 25) and Ryland Donley (No. 19).

Quarterback Hayes Goddard completed two of four attempts for 40 yards, with both passes going to Ashton Kellermann.

Omonte Taylor led PSHS with 62 rushing yards and a pair of touchdowns on eight carries. Cam Steed carried two times for 40 yards and found the end zone on both carries. Jeremiah Richardson collected 52 yards and a TD on five carries.

The defense continues to show improvement, surrendering only six points the past two games. They surrendered 79 in the first two games.

"We are starting to gel at the right time," Bendig said.

"The first two games were tough on our defense. We challenged them to right the ship, to play with passion."

Micah Dutton led the defense with nine tackles, including five for a loss.

Diavante Irving had a big game on defense with seven tackles, two pass breakups, a recovery, and an interception.

The Iron Horses, now 2-2, play their final non-region game of the season with a home game against West Branch High School on Sept 12. They kick off league play with a home game against Woodland High on Sept. 19.

"We have a lot of 10th and ninth graders getting valuable (playing) time. We are in good shape healthwise."



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New PSHS girls' tennis coach prioritizes positivity, confidence

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When Heather Crist heard the Philip Simmons High School girls' tennis coaching job was open, she thought it might be a natural fit.

"I was just looking to work with young girls," said Crist, who has been involved with "Girls on the Run," a nonprofit program designed to enhance girls' social, emotional, and physical skills while building confidence, meaningful relationships, and navigating social pressures.

"It helps young girls empower themselves. I also have a background in tennis. I played on three state championship teams when I was a student at South Aiken High School."

Now, Crist is in her first year at the helm of a program that already has two state championships to its credit.

The Iron Horses won their first state title in 2021 under Richard Schulz. The second came two years later under the direction of



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Steve Cohen. Cohen's squad reached the Class AA Lower State championship last fall but fell to eventual state champ Academic Magnet.

Now, it's Crist's turn to build the program.

"It's been an exciting experience," said Crist, who teaches at Philip Simmons Middle School. "It's been a learning experi-

ence for me and the girls. We are learning and growing together.

"We've had a lot of success and have proved we can compete with the best schools," she added. "It takes work and dedication."

Merritt Payne begins the season as the Iron Horses' No. 1 singles player, who has

worked her way up the ladder, joining the Iron Horses when she was in the seventh grade.

Julie Hensley is the No. 2 singles player. Hensley also has four years of experience in the program.

Sydney Haire, Tea Rantanen, and Isabella Trambo round out Nos. 3-5 in singles.

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Glenn Churchill goes 11-1, beats VIP sponsor Garret McNally of Mac's



GLENN CHURCHILL

DI News reader Glenn Churchill picked 11 of 12 football games correctly and had the best record of the entire Daniel Island News field, including VIP sponsor Garret McNally of Mac's, who went 6-6.

"It feels good to win this week," Churchill said. "I had a gut feeling about a couple of upsets. Some of the teams I was rooting for lost, but their losses helped me win the Pick 'Em."

Churchill practices law on Daniel Island, and he and his wife, Lisa, and their spaniels live in Mount Pleasant.

"Lisa and I were high school friends and reconnected and got married after not seeing each other for more than 40 years!" he said.

This week, the VIP sponsor to beat is Gabe Jolly of Carolina One Real Estate to win a \$50 gift card

to Mac's sports bar and grill.

You have to play to win.

It's free to enter! Scan the QR code on the next page, or visit bit.ly/DIN_football5, or email patrick@thedanielislandnews.com to get a weekly entry sent to you.

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**33-9
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WEEK'S
BALLOT:**

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Chris Buchholz
Par Paradise



**32-10
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Gabe Jolly
Carolina One



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Garret McNally
Mac's Daniel Island



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Cast your net: It's shrimpin' season!



fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

On Friday afternoon, Elliott, my son; Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog; and I went for a quick fishing trip before dinner. We fished adjacent to a shallow mudflat. There was a school of redfish chasing shrimp.

Fishing was easy.

Cast your lure to jumping shrimp and hook a redfish. Elliott observed that many of the shrimp were good eating sizes.

Over dinner, Elliott, Maddie, my daughter; Brody, and I decided to go deep-hole shrimping early Saturday morning. Our plan was to leave the dock at 5:30 in the morning and catch enough shrimp for a shrimp boil that afternoon. With low tide just before sunrise, we felt pretty good about our chances.

Since my heart attack last year, Elliott insists on casting and pulling up our deep-hole cast net. I am relegated to driving the boat and using our

electronics to locate shrimp on the bottom. Maddie and Brody calculate the sink rate and drift of the net. When everything goes according to plan, the net lands on the shrimp.

On Saturday morning, there was a strong northeasterly wind. This made positioning the boat and calculating the sink and drift of the net a bit of a problem. We caught a few shrimp with each cast but could not land the cast net in the right spot.

Thankfully, Brody had a slide ruler and was able to calculate the complex geometry. On the next cast, the net landed on the biomass 35 feet below the boat. When Elliott pulled up the net, it was loaded with large shrimp. We were having a family shrimp boil!

On the ride back to the dock, Maddie and Brody made a grocery list. They went to Publix while Elliott and I cleaned the boat and headed the shrimp. That afternoon, we enjoyed a shrimp feast on the dock.

For the next few weeks, fishing and shrimping will be really good. Don't miss it. Gather your family and go. Brody will even lend you his slide ruler.



PROVIDED BY GREG PERALTA

The Peralta family, with their dog Brody leading the way, hit the weekend waters to cast their net and go deep-hole shrimping.

DANIEL ISLAND BARBER SHOP

BARBER SPOTLIGHT

FABIAN OCHOA-PAX

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

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

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

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

What is your favorite food?
I like all kinds of seafood, but my all time favorite has to be all varieties of sushi; especially tempura.

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DI honors 9/11 heroes, carries their names across the finish line



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Scott Canady and Dennis Large carry the stars and stripes to the finish line, a powerful tribute to the heroes of 9/11.



Aly Nour Eldin takes a well-earned rest after crossing the finish line.



Another successful Heroes Run on Daniel Island, remembering 9/11 and celebrating service.



Young runners take their marks, ready to dash in tribute to emergency workers and all heroes.

EMMA SLAVEN
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Twenty-four years after the morning that changed America forever, the Low-country once again stood in remembrance.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, the community gathered for the 14th Annual Charleston 9/11 Heroes Run, filling Seven Farms Drive with nearly 1,000 runners, walkers, and ruckers. Held by The Travis Manion Foundation, the race was more than miles covered; it was a living tribute to the courage of first responders, the resilience of military heroes, and the memory of every life lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

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City to review Cainhoy developments

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

Sept. 18: Thomas Island Subdivision - Review for 42 units on 17.99 acres at 100 Sands Preserve Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2750000004. Owner: Clouter Creek Reserve LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Zak Wortman, zwortman@seamonwhiteside.com.

Sept. 18: Tuxbury Farm Subdivision - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future mixed-use development for 83 units on 15.1 acres at 2682 SC Hwy. 41, Cainhoy. TMS: B2630004042. Owner: Toll Brothers. Applicant: Hussey

Gay Bell. Contact: Les Phillips, lphillips@husseygaybell.com.

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Sept 11: Cainhoy Del Webb Phase 3 - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction for future 272-lot single-family development and road construction plans on 119.4 acres at 1472 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Pulte Home Company LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at roach.s@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Sept 11: Point Hope North Residential - Phase 1 - Proposed preliminary plat and road plans for future 93-lot single-family development on 54.8 acres at 1698 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Cainhoy Land and Timber. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at roach.s@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

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FALL ACOUSTIC GUITAR SERIES

Free live acoustic music at Waterfront Park, Thurs. through Oct. 23, 5-7 pm. Bring a chair or blanket and a picnic.

DANIEL ISLAND SPEAKER'S SERIES

Wed., Sept. 17, 7 pm, Daniel Island Club. Marc Fetten, CEO of GreenGasUSA, shares how waste is transformed into renewable energy. Free. Registration required.

BERKELEY REMEMBERS

Thurs., Sept. 18, 7 pm (doors OPEN 6 pm), Pointe North Church, Moncks Corner. Hosted by the Berkeley County Coroner's Office, this annual event honors families impacted by homicide or suicide. Keynote speaker: Chris Singleton.

RED BALLOON YARD SALE

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

DIBA NETWORKING EVENT

The monthly Daniel Island Business Association networking event will be held at The Retreat amenity center, on Thurs., Sept. 25, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Food, drinks, networking sponsored by DI Real Estate. Register at danielislandbusiness.com.

CLEMENTS FERRY NETWORKING

Thurs., Sept. 25, 5-7 pm, Paxton at Point Hope Clubhouse. Monthly networking for local business owners with refreshments, prizes, and connections. Register at clementserryconnection@gmail.com.

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDOR FAIR

Sat., Sept. 27, 11 am-3 pm, Overture Daniel Island. Open house festival featuring resident artists and crafters. Family friendly, kids welcome. Vendors are encouraged to join.

KIDS ARTIFACT SHOW & TELL

Artifact Show & Tell, Sept. 27, 10:30 am 1:30 pm, DI Rec. Center. Bring local artifacts. t FREE. Also, Kids' Archaeology Workshop for ages 6-12, from 11 am to 12 pm. Teens' Kids' Archaeology Workshop for ages 13-17 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/45Zp1ST>.

TOASTMASTERS OF DI

Open House (in person) Sat., Sept 27, at the DI Library. Starts at 2 pm. Toastmasters Area Speech Contest on Oct 4; same location. Free and open to anyone interested in watching a Toastmasters meeting and speech contest.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Fri., Oct. 3, 7-9 pm, Waterfront Park. Enjoy "Hotel Transylvania" under the stars. Bring blankets and chairs. Food vendors on site. Free, open to the public.

36TH ANNUAL BEACH/RIVER SWEEP

Sat., Oct. 4, 1-4 pm, DI Waterfront Park. Family-friendly cleanup to keep Daniel Island clean. Students earn service hours. Register on site by 12:40 pm. Free. All ages welcome.

POINT HOPE HARVEST MARKET

Sun., Oct. 19, 11 am-2 pm, Village Green. Celebrate fall with live music by Thomas Champagne, local vendors, food, lawn games, and special promotions from Point Hope businesses.

PUMPKIN WALK

Sun., Oct. 26, 5:30-7:30 pm, Smythe Park. Enjoy a glowing Pumpkin Walk (drop off decorated pumpkins 1-3 pm), costumes, music, food, and family fun on the lawn.

BARK IN THE PARK

Sat., Nov. 1, 10 am-2 pm, Waterfront Park. The 5th annual festival features food, music, kids' activities, and vendors. Free. Supports Charleston Animal Society-Berkeley Campus.

5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET

Sat., Nov. 8, 10 am-4 pm, Daniel Island Rec Center. Free entry and parking. Boutique-style market with up to 45 vendors offering unique holiday gifts, fine art, jewelry, home décor, clothing, pet products, chocolates, and more. 50/50 raffle benefits Random Acts of Kindness of the Lowcountry.

DANIEL ISLAND TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters meetings are free, open to the public. 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 begins Sept. 16. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

CORE STRENGTH & STABILITY

Mon., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. Improve balance, posture, and injury prevention with this all-levels class designed to support healthy movement. \$10. 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. Contact Mark Smith at 843-442-8371 or Susan Chapman at 203-512-3929 for info.

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., dixexchangeclub.org.

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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.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Daniel Island Rec Center. A free, relaxed weekly meetup for senior men to socialize and connect. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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

STRONG & MOBILE FUNCTIONAL FITNESS Sat., 9-10 am, DI Rec Center. A class for active lifestyles, especially pickleball players, focused on strength and mobility for sport and real life. \$10. Contact 843-216-6366.

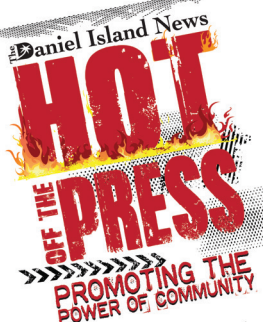
TAI CHI CLASSES DI Library Tues., 10 am & Fri., 9 am.

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.

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil R. Manausa

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Writing an Article

Articles are little adjectives (*the, a* and *an*) that identify nouns in sentences. Choose the correct article to be used in each sentence below.

1. Monica is (a, an) honest neighbor.
2. Where can I catch (a, an) northbound bus?
3. Let's take (a, an) hour for lunch today.
4. Why did you wear such (a, an) ugly tie?



Answers:
Use **an** and **the** (pronounced **thee**) before nouns that begin with vowels
or have initial vowel sounds. Use **a** and **the** before other nouns.
1. an 2. a 3. an 4. an

ACROSS

- 1 Metric units
- 6 Seductress
- 10 Beehive State
- 14 Morocco's capital
- 15 Jacob's brother
- 16 Defense org.
- 17 Sports palace
- 18 Leg part
- 19 Ready the south 40
- 20 Entrusted to another
- 22 Twin, and then some
- 23 Tournament levels
- 24 Title for Macbeth and others
- 25 45 inches in Devon, once
- 28 Confer knighthood
- 29 Islands off Galway
- 30 Refrigerator incursion
- 32 Watch, with interest
- 37 Green Bay great
- 39 Bud's partner
- 40 Musk or Crenshaw
- 41 "The ____ Opera": Brecht-Weill
- 44 Miami's county
- 45 They number seven
- 46 Society bud
- 48 Order's companion
- 49 Elegant

- 52 First, second or third
- 54 Corporal type
- 55 Kitchen containers
- 59 Therefore
- 60 Comedian Sahl
- 61 Ark item
- 62 Ripened
- 63 Transportation type
- 64 Madonna portrayal
- 65 Auditioner's goal
- 66 Remain
- 67 Rot

DOWN

- 1 June honoree, for short
- 2 First off the grill
- 3 Early victim
- 4 Neck displays
- 5 Produced
- 6 Foyers
- 7 Residues, of a sort
- 8 Domestic
- 9 Humor that produces a groan
- 10 Like some meetings
- 11 Hawk's weapon
- 12 Make amends
- 13 Inventor Elias' family
- 21 Asian boundary river, in part
- 22 Amulet
- 24 Uno plus due
- 25 While lead-in
- 26 Slat
- 27 Teller of tall tales
- 29 Amply
- 31 Student standard
- 33 Half a French candy
- 34 Tel Aviv transport
- 35 Concluding part
- 36 Understood
- 38 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Pee Wee
- 42 It's gross
- 43 Bigfoot's Asian counterpart
- 47 Brought to one's knees
- 49 Net
- 50 Music direction
- 51 Michael, Gabriel or Raphael
- 52 "West Side Story" song
- 53 Might be potbellied
- 55 Cover with paint
- 56 ____ the Red
- 57 Pro ____
- 58 Two-wheeled carriage
- 60 Frau in the USA

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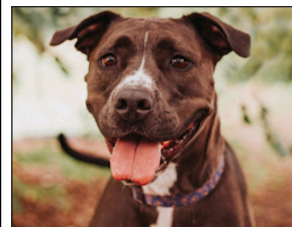
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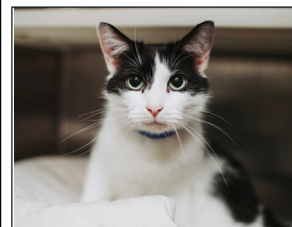
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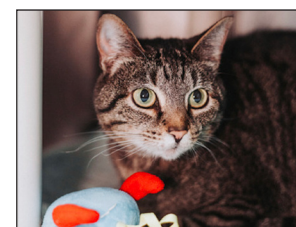
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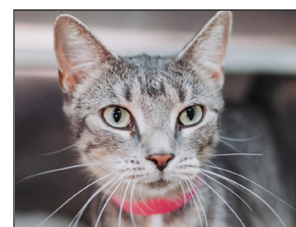
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After hiatus, Berkeley County returns access to virtual library for high school students

DISCUS still not approved for middle, elementary schools

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When students and teachers in the Berkeley County School District turned on their devices to log into the DISCUS website last February, some thought they were facing an IT glitch.

DISCUS, the state-provided, free online library of encyclopedias, journals, and research tools, had vanished.

Teachers filed help desk tickets, only to learn it wasn't a mistake: the school district had turned off access.

No email, no warning, and, at the time, no explanation.

It wasn't until six months later, a day before classes resumed in August, that limited access to DISCUS was restored, but only to

high schoolers.

What some teachers say is the lack of transparency has them frustrated.

"At first, the teachers thought that it was an IT issue, like it was a broken link," said Kathleen Low, president of the Berkeley County Education Association. "IT was like, no, it's just not available anymore. A lot of these folks were in the middle of units, packaging lesson plans, so wherever they were in planning was pretty much dead in the water."

Low said teachers were left scrambling for alternatives. Worse, she said, "We have not received any emails from the district saying that DISCUS was taken down... or communicated that it was back."

WHAT IS DISCUS?

Short for Digital Information for South Carolina Users, DISCUS, funded by state tax

dollars, has been an online research backbone for more than 25 years.

Operated by the South Carolina State Library, the database is free to school districts and provides students with reference materials; from newspapers and magazines to e-books to academic journals.

"It's essentially a virtual encyclopedia that has research-level capacity," Low said. "This is really stripping away the confidence of teachers. To take something away that is free, vetted, and statewide makes no sense."

Teachers say the digital library can also help struggling readers by offering adaptive and immersive reading tools. Low stressed that it's the younger students, those struggling most with literacy, who need DISCUS the most.



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DISCUS DISTRICT DECISION

When asked why access to DISCUS was halted, leaders from the Berkeley County School District said the move was temporary, as they were addressing content concerns within its database.

"In response to concerns raised by district parents regarding the age-appropriateness of content available to students through the DISCUS platform, the district has temporarily restricted access to teachers only," said Katie Tanner, Berkeley County School District's chief strategy and engagement officer, back in February.

She added last month that the move was made in compliance with South Carolina's Regulation 43-170, which standardizes the process for how school districts review

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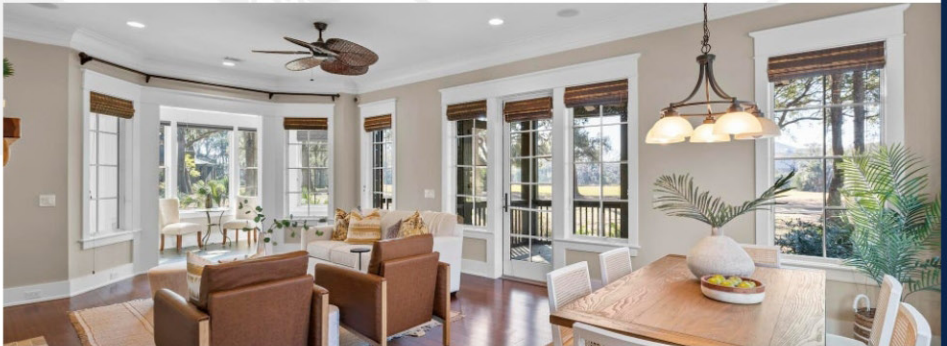
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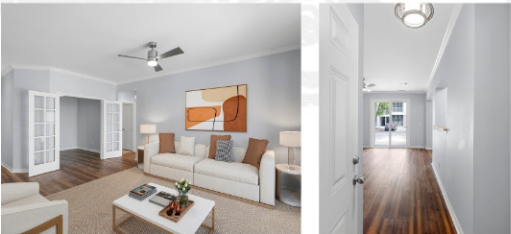
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‘The island seeps into my work’ Island inspires, shapes the sculptures of artist Susanna Kopchains

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Susanna Kopchains’ hands are never still. Whether at home or in her studio, they roll, pinch, and mold clay into mugs, bowls, and sculptures that feel as alive as the marshes she can see from her Daniel Island window.

“Living by the water, marshes and sand have influenced my color palette, incorporating more blues, greens, and shades of tan,” she said. “It’s like the island seeps into my work without me even thinking about it.”

Kopchains didn’t start out making sculptures. Her first pieces were functional pottery: cups and bowls meant to be held, to warm hands on a chilly morning.

“Quite a few hours go into the making of a handmade mug,” she explained. “From forming the body on the wheel, shaping and attach-

ing the handle, letting it dry slowly so cracks don’t appear, to bisque firing, glazing, and a final firing. Each mug is unique; a part of me is in it. I’d like to think that when people use my mugs, they associate them with me.”

Over time, her work began to shift. Functional ware still has a place in her studio, but sculpture offers something a cup cannot: freedom.

“Creating sculptural work has allowed me to be freer as well as allowing me to express feelings and emotions in ways that I wasn’t able to do with a mug or bowl,” she said. Some pieces emerge from life-changing events, others from fleeting moods – each one a subtle invitation for the viewer to pause, ponder, and interpret.

Nature remains her compass. She’s drawn to textures, asymmetry, and the aged beauty of

worn surfaces. Finger marks linger in a mug’s glaze; edges of a sculpture appear ragged and delicate. Her pieces are tactile stories, speaking to the imperfection and transience of life itself.

Kopchains also experiments with how her art is seen. Some sculptures hang from walls; others float from ceilings. “It allows the viewer to take it in from a different perspective,” she said. Her background in graphic design informs each choice, from symmetry and balance to how glazes highlight a piece’s form.

Collecting ceramics remains a personal passion, and seeing others collect hers is equally meaningful.

“I feel that people who collect my mugs get to have a piece of me in their home, just as my collection feels like I have parts of these



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Inspired by the waterways and textures of Daniel Island, Susanna Kopchains brings nature to life in clay sculptures.

artists in my home.”

From her Daniel Island abode, Kopchains is now exploring monoprinting, brushwork, and new underglaze techniques, all while continuing to create functional pottery.

“I hope that my art brings a sense of joy, peace, and maybe a little enlightenment,” she said. “Each person will take away something different. I don’t necessarily like to spell out what I am trying to convey; I want the viewer to make up their own mind.”



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"WE LIVE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES"

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From a Stanford University report: "(Donnovan Somera) Yisrael advises looking at narratives from similar historical or global events, such as the 1918 flu epidemic. He reminds us that pandemics, civil unrest, and mismanaged power have been common and regular throughout history and that by tapping into the narratives of people who dealt with similar challenges, either from the past or current day, we can find strength and courage in their experiences."

UNCERTAINTY: ENEMY OR MOTIVATOR?

For many, it seems, uncertainty is linked to fear, trepidation, anxiety. But voices in the marketplace urge us to embrace it; to examine its benefits.

From livestrong.org: "Uncertainty may motivate you to include healthier behaviors...Feeling like you are doing something

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THREAT OR CHALLENGE?

"People who are intolerant of uncertainty see uncertainty as a threat," notes Jill Suttie of berkeley.edu. "While those who are more tolerant of uncertainty see it as a challenge."

Certainly, we'd all benefit from improving our ability to tolerate uncertainty. But there's more here. Suttie again: "Targeting tolerance for uncertainty is one of the more promising new treatments for many mental disorders, because the fear of the unknown is beginning to be seen as a root vulnerability factor for mental disorders."

GOOD STRESS

Maggie Jackson, author of "Uncertain: The Wisdom and Wonder of Being Unsure," views uncertainty in a favorable light.

In a Q & A with Suttie, Jackson explains, "We have a very negative view of uncertainty. We largely see it as paralyzing. But actually, uncertainty is, first of all, a kind of 'good stress.' When we meet something new, ambiguous, or unexpected, we have a stress response, both physiological and neural, that allows the brain to be more receptive to new data. Our attention broadens and our working memory improves. It's a kind of wakefulness that's really important, giving us the opportunity to learn."

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Quick tips on navigating uncertainty

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Here's a few tips:

FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL

"By focusing on the aspects of a problem that you can control..., you'll switch from ineffective worrying and ruminating into active problem-solving. Of course, all circumstances are different, and you may find that in some situations all you can control is your attitude and emotional response." – Lawrence Robinson and Melinda Smith, helpguide.org

EMBRACE THE BENEFITS

"Learning to live with uncertainty is one of the great challenges of life...Uncertainty can be a great teacher; allow it to be yours!" – Stacey Fuller, goodtherapy.org

DON'T RUN FROM IT

"We need to sit with uncertainty, not run from it. Acknowledging with confidence and courage that lack of knowledge is what drives our curiosity, uncovering new understanding." – Margaret Heffernan, [The Guardian](http://TheGuardian)

CHALLENGE YOUR NEED FOR UNCERTAINTY

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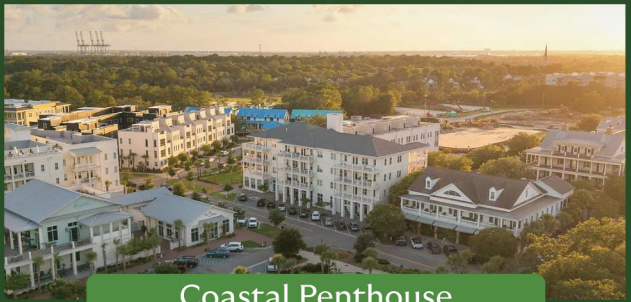
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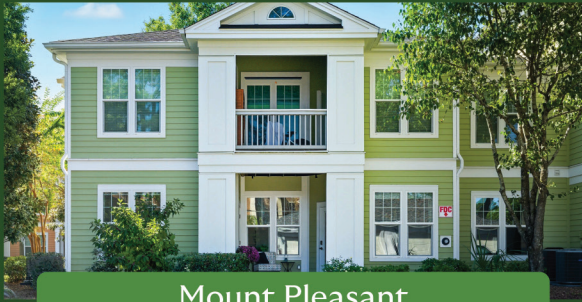
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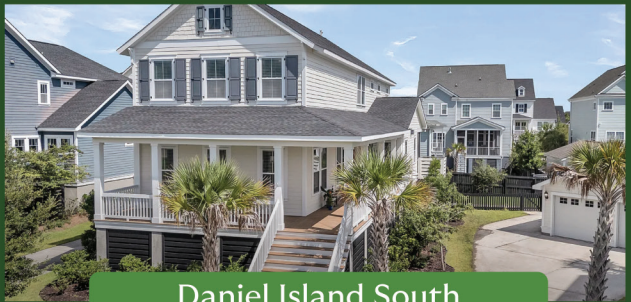
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Why Berkeley County EMS is searching for a new home

Dear neighbors,

There is quite a bit of misinformation floating around the community regarding the City of Charleston's Fire Department and the Berkeley County EMS, and I would like to provide some clarity as your Charleston City Council representative.

As Daniel Island has grown, so has the need for expanded fire service. To maintain the city's ISO 1 fire rating and Accredited Agency Status – which helps to lower homeowners' insurance costs – the Daniel Island fire station must add an additional fire engine and crew. Here, I'd like to brag on our fire department a little bit. Of the



BOYD GREGG
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more than 17,000 fire departments in the United States, only 492 are rated ISO 1, and there are only 338 fire departments in the world with Accredited Agency Status. To make room for this expansion of our fire department, the station will no longer be able to house Berkeley County EMS, as it has generously for many years.

In addition, this facility is our police station for Team 5. This facility, which has been open for nearly 20 years, was also home to our recreation department until the recreation center was built at Governors Park, and is in need of some renovations to improve the conditions for our police and firefighters.

The City of Charleston is working with Berkeley County to identify an appropriate location for EMS that ensures quick response times and continued high-quality service for Daniel Island residents.

We understand the importance of clear communication and will work with community partners to share updates as plans develop. Our priority is keeping Daniel Island families safe by ensuring both fire and EMS services are equipped to respond effectively.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Boyd Gregg

Charleston City Council, District 1

Proposed location of EMS station sparks feedback from readers

The proposed location of a new EMS station on Daniel Island is raising questions among the community.

The proposal is a "conversation starter" put out by Berkeley County, and if approved, could be located near the Daniel Island Library parking lot at the corner of Barfield and Pierce streets, which is across from Freedom Park and The Daniel Island School.

Another suggestion is building it at another location on the same parcel of property, which is owned by Berkeley County.

Readers were surveyed, asking where they thought the station should be located, and their opinions varied fairly equally across the board.

SIRENS, TRAFFIC, CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Concerns ranged from the siren noise to traffic congestion to safety for children.

"There is already too much traffic on that section of Daniel Island Drive. I also don't think it's a good idea to be so close to all of the pedestrians or biking students," one reader wrote.

"With Smythe Park, the pool traffic, and the school, it is more than enough for the neighborhood already," the reader continued. "While maintaining EMS service on DI is imperative, the proposed locations are wholly inappropriate. We live on Daniel Island Drive right next to the proposed location. We see literally hundreds of schoolchildren and adults traversing one of the areas being proposed

every weekday, and the safety risks would be significant. Automobile, bike, and e-bike traffic is also hectic in this area. Lastly, the proposed renderings are inconsistent with the neighborhood's characteristics."

Another reader wrote, "...The noise and light pollution for people who live within proximity of the homes is very much of a concern, especially for the homes on Pierce Street, who would literally have the EMS station in their backyards."

KEEP AT CURRENT LOCATION

Finding a way to keep the EMS at its current location in the Daniel Island fire station was supported by 27% of respondents.

But with the City of Charleston planning to expand the fire department's presence on Daniel Island, the space is no longer available. (Read City Councilman Boyd Gregg's column on the issue on Page 6).

"The city needs the space back," Berkeley County Councilman Jarrod Brooks said in a recent DI News story. "We found this out over the last couple of months or so. So, Berkeley County has been looking for space to relocate. We've looked all over the island; sites with excess space at Governors Park; anything that's on the market that's for sale that might be a suitable size and price."

MOVE STATION TO DI LIBRARY

Keeping the location next to the Daniel Island Library as proposed is fine with 26% of respondents.



- 26% Next to library as proposed
- 27% Work with City of Charleston to stay at the current Daniel Island location
- 10% Somewhere on Clements Ferry Road
- 21% Find another location on DI other than by the library.
- 16% Other (please specify)

Wrote one reader, "I believe the proposed location is fine. It will blend in to other county facilities, will be staged away during peak school times, and will not be any more noise or light polluting than the port (which I hear all night), concerts, or other treasured events on this island. If anything, I view having EMS services housed next to the school and park as a great asset. These are, on most days, the single largest population centers on the island. Having an ultra-rapid response would be fantastic if necessary."

BUILD SOMEWHERE ELSE ON DI

Other readers, 21%, want the EMS station

on Daniel Island but prefer a different location than near the Daniel Island School and library.

One reader asked, "Wonder if the land by the storage facility off Seven Farms Drive close to Daniel Island Village would be an appropriate location?"

Another shared, "The site is very small and (borders) a pond, which limits the size of the facility and any future expansion. It's very bad planning. I suggest the large property near the Home 2 Suites between Daniel Island Drive and River Landing Drive."

"What about under the bridge where the proposed boat ramp is supposed to go? That's Berkeley County!" responded another reader.

RELOCATE TO CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD

Only 10% would like the station to be somewhere on Clements Ferry Road.

"If it gets moved to the Clements Ferry area, it will take a long time to reach the many seniors on the island, mostly residing in condos near the center of the island," shared a reader.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS?

And 16% had other suggestions for its location.

"Under 526 between Governors Park and the stadium."

"On Fairchild Street or Benefitfocus Way," said another.

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Where fiction gets real: Inside the Daniel Island Writers Group

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“Here’s the thing about sociopaths,” thriller writer Steve Hadden said, sending a ripple of laughter around the roundtable in the Daniel Island Library’s back room.

It’s not the kind of line you expect to hear on a quiet Wednesday evening, but in this group, anything can spark a story.

This is the Daniel Island Writers Group, a twice-monthly gathering of storytellers who range from first-time novelists to published authors. They meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and for 90 minutes, the room hums like a workshop: pages shuffling, pens tapping, ideas tossed across the table as easily as jokes.

“We’re dedicated and passionate about the power of the written word to enrich our lives,” said group administrator Ann Moravick, who is drafting a debut novel inspired by a suitcase mix-up in Rome, Italy.

Moravick keeps the class structure simple but purposeful: members submit work by Monday, everyone reads in advance, and two or three pieces are discussed in depth.

“We share our work and provide feedback so we can improve our craft. Writing is solitary, so it’s essential to have a community.”

Critiques start with what works – an evocative line, a sharp bit of dialogue – before turning to pacing, structure, or clarity. Conversations often detour into research tips, publishing strategies, or books that might inspire characters. It feels, as one member puts it, “like stepping into a college creative writing seminar.”

At its most recent meeting, the conversation kicks off with the psychology book “The Sociopath Next Door.” The statistic that one in 25 people may be sociopaths sparks wide-eyed reactions and quick notetaking. More than one writer admits to mining the book for character traits.

From there, the table moves to Appalachian folklore, shared by Carol Heilman, who discovered writing in her 50s after raising a family.

“I was busy writing grocery lists; that’s all the writing I did,” she smiles. “Then I started going to conferences, wrote three cozy mysteries, and now I’m back to Appalachia. It’s always been on my heart.” Around the table, members highlight favorite sentences, ask about structure, and suggest new angles.

Next is Hadden, whose chapter from his next book sits in front of each member. With eight books already



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Twice a month at the Daniel Island Library, the writers group gathers to read, critique, and refine each other’s stories, poems, and novels.

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complaints and concerns about instructional materials. The law also gives districts guidance on evaluating what may be suitable for students and what may not.

With the new school year underway, the district has since restored access to DISCUS, but it's limited access, only available for older students.

"DISCUS will be enabled on high school student devices," Tanner wrote to school leaders. "The district is continuing to vet alternative options for K-8 students to ensure age-appropriate access."

CENSORSHIP OR COMPLIANCE?

To civil liberties advocates, the explanations fall short.

"Students have a right to access information," said Paul Bowers, communications director for the ACLU of South Carolina. "More than six months after shutting off DISCUS access, Berkeley County School District officials have not given a clear rationale for this instance of censorship."

From WRITERS on PAGE 12

published, he still thrives on the give-and-take.

"I love the craft of writing, no matter what form it comes in."

The group pushes him on pacing and dialogue, while he shares his own meticulous editing process: cutting fluff, filling plot holes, and charting arcs on giant sheets of paper.

The final submission comes from poet Phoenicia Miracle. Her piece, "For American Women," written in Dickinson-like meter, sparks conversation about feminist voices and historical perspective.

"What I love about this group is the feedback. It disciplines me to get something done," she said, scribbling notes as members toss out suggestions.

Not everyone writes long-form fiction or poetry.

Writer and editor Jo Ana Finger cracks jokes about only being able to handle short stories – "I can't comprehend writing anything longer than that" – while IT veteran David Thorn is experimenting with an audio drama inspired by office culture. That variety is part of the magic.

Vague hand-waving about 'age-appropriateness' is not a sufficient reason to block tens of thousands of students' access to an important and long-standing educational resource."

Bowers compared the removal to "taking the encyclopedias off the shelf." He also noted that Berkeley is the only district in the state to block DISCUS in its 25-year history.

For teachers like Low, the deeper issue is trust.

"It's just unfortunate that it seems to be too difficult of a task to engage in communication with the people who are just trying to get up in the morning and teach," she said.

With high school access restored, but availability for elementary and middle students still uncertain, parents, teachers, and advocates continue pressing for clarity.

As Low put it, "We keep hearing that a kid's potential shouldn't be defined by their zip code. But isn't that exactly what this is?"

"We gain new members, we lose old members, people kind of pass through," Finger said. "Some stay longer than others; others come for a week, and that's it. It must have been something I said."

"For me personally," Moravick said, "the writer's group has been an opportunity to gain confidence in my writing and benefit from the generous feedback of the gifted writers and editors in the group. It's essential to have a community of people with a common love for books, poetry, short stories, movies, podcasts – all forms of storytelling that stretch us to use words well."

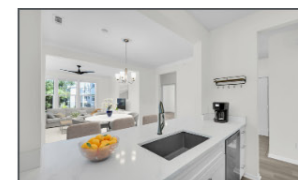
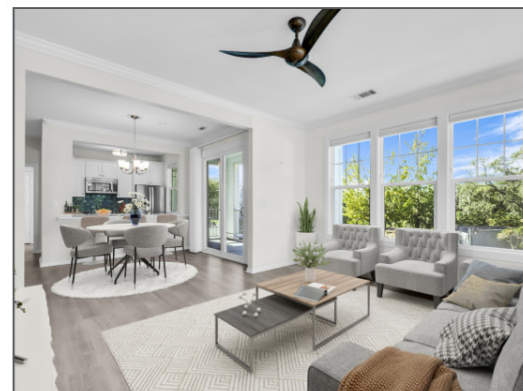
By the time the library staff begins tidying up, the writers are still buzzing. Pages are tucked away, but ideas linger, alive and restless. It's the kind of encouragement that helps writers grow, building confidence as much as craft.

As Miracle teases Hadden, "Someday he'll be a bestseller and can't join us anymore." Finger grins and fires back, "That'll be thanks to me!"

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Stories that stick

Readers share their favorite books that linger long after the last page

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Books have a way of sticking with us. Whether it's a line that lingers, a character who feels like an old friend, or a story that shifts how we see the world. We asked local residents to share the

books that have captured their attention lately and the lessons, escapes, or sparks of inspiration they've taken from them. Here's what they've been reading, and why they believe these stories matter.

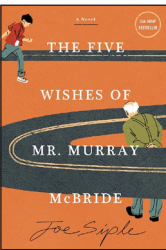
"The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" by Joe Siple

Submitted by Carol Heilman

I read "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" a few months ago, but this summer I met the author at a writers' conference. Mr. Siple is a pleasant, humble man who is enjoying his book's success, as well as negotiations for an upcoming movie.

Murray McBride, a 100-year-old former baseball player, is lonely. He believes he has no further purpose in life and contemplates ending it all. His world changes when he meets a 10-year-old boy, Jason, with a serious heart condition, at a local hospital. Jason has made a list of five wishes he wants to fulfill before he dies. Murray decides to help him. Their journey together is heartwarming, at times hilarious, and sometimes surprising.

My takeaway? Even an older person like myself can make a difference in someone's life. I believe that as long as we have been given the gift of life on this earth, we have a purpose for being here.



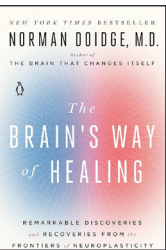
"The Brain's Way of Healing: Remarkable Discoveries and Recoveries from the Frontiers of Neuroplasticity" by Norman Doidge, M.D.

Submitted by Vijaya Bodach

When doctors say there isn't anything else they can do – after a diagnosis of Parkinson's, autism, chronic pain, depression, traumatic brain injuries, ADHD, etc. – don't give up hope. Doidge gives many interesting and detailed case histories to show the many different ways

the brain can rewire and regain function long since lost.

Seriously, read this book for yourself or for your loved ones to discover alternative therapies and modalities of healing, from conscious movement to light therapy to the power of music to entrain your brain. I am truly in awe of how beautifully we are designed and how science is continually playing catch-up with scripture. As St. Paul said 2,000 years ago: "...be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).



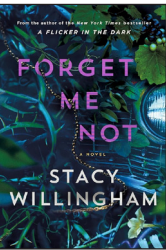
"Forget Me Not" by Stacy Willingham

Submitted by Kristen Ness Ayers



In Stacy Willingham's fourth thriller, Claire Campbell ends up on a muscadine vineyard in coastal South Carolina, where she uncovers clues that might relate to her sister's disappearance 22 years earlier.

I enjoyed the authentic characters and mounting suspense, both of which are hallmarks of Stacy's writing. I learned a lot about native Low-country plants, which play a role in aspects of the plot (including the title flower). Once again, as with Stacy's other novels, I couldn't guess the ending. She is a master of the unexpected twist! A must-read for fans of psychological suspense!



"Good Energy" by Casey Means, M.D

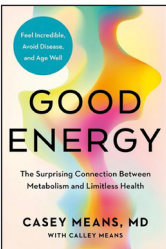
Submitted by Hoce Kalkas



"Good Energy" really opened my eyes to how we accept the status quo of our health care system, often overlooking prevention and self-empowerment in favor of just managing chronic illnesses.

It's astonishing to see how industries influence our health choices, and this book inspires you to take control with practical advice.

I appreciated how Casey Means explains metabolic health in a way anyone can grasp, offering grounded steps to boost energy and prevent disease. Reading it left me excited to keep up my healthy habits but motivated to do even better.



"Carrie Soto is Back" by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Submitted by Michelle Lindsey



Taylor Jenkins Reid never fails to captivate readers with her character-driven novels, and "Carrie Soto Is Back" just might be my favorite. While it is not a new novel, it is definitely a fun read for the beach or porch, as it follows tennis icon Carrie on her winding and tumultuous

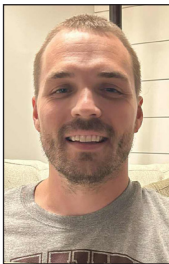
path from stardom to retirement and then back once again to the tennis tour in an attempt to regain her former glory.

An infinitely human tale of ambition, love, loss, and personal growth, it is as moving as it is entertaining. As with Reid's other books, it is compelling, memorable, and packs an emotional punch. Perfect for tennis fans and those who enjoy character-driven fiction and a strong female protagonist.



"Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver

Submitted by Sam O'Neill



Demon's resilience and determination should be inspiring to anyone dealing with difficult situations with seemingly impossible odds. After being cast aside by society as so many foster children are, Demon fought his way through generational poverty and

opioid addiction to beat the odds and become a productive member of society.

So if you're struggling with demons of your own, just know that with enough effort, you really can make it through to the other side.



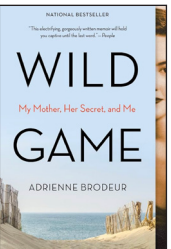
"Wild Game" by Adrienne Brodeur

Submitted by Emma Slaven



This is how you write a memoir. Reading "Wild Game" felt like holding the hand of a little girl burdened with her mother's secrets, then watching her grow strong enough to break generational curses. It's a

book for anyone who has been a daughter of divorce, of complicated parents you love deeply and learn from anyway.



"Time of the Child" by Niall Williams

Submitted by Kim Gronsman Lee



I picked up "Time of the Child" because its premise – an abandoned newborn brought to the local doctor in an Irish country parish at Christmastime – caught my attention.

As a physician of similar age to the main character, I was deeply touched by Niall Williams' sensitive exploration of difficult emotions and relationships as the baby brings new life to the village in unexpected ways.

If you're looking for a medical thriller, this is not it. But if you delight in melodic language, vivid characters, and an exquisite sense of place, you will also delight in "Time of the Child."



"On Her Game: Caitlin Clark and the Revolution in Women's Sports" by Christine Brennan

Submitted by Rebecca Bechhold

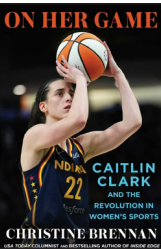


Several things drew me to this book. Christine Brennan is a superb writer who focuses on sports, so I knew it would be a joy to read.

Caitlin Clark's story is one that appeals to my Midwestern values of hard work, focus, dedication, honesty, and integrity.

Her spectacular talent is the vehicle that projects all of those virtues. Family and faith are pillars of her strength. She has not been treated well by organizations and some members of the sports community, yet her attitude, maturity, and ability to remain calm in spite of the drama are remarkable. Like anyone who demonstrates her level of mastery, she has spent thousands of hours honing her skills.

The moral of this story is that success comes from hard work. This is a book every student should read.



"The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis

Submitted by Stacy Palmieri



Two lessons from reading:

1. Faith is not a label but a daily discipline, and the spiritual life must be chosen and renewed constantly. Every choice, even in seemingly trivial matters, either orients us toward our faith or away from it.
2. True love seeks the good of the other, not power over them. Spiritual maturity requires honest self-awareness and the quiet strength to be humble. True intelligence seeks truth, even when it challenges pride or comfort. Even in doubt, dryness, and struggle, God is present.



"11/22/63" by Stephen King

Submitted by Elaine Gribben Cechak



Unlike many of Stephen King's works, this novel blends historical fiction with science fiction. The protagonist is given the chance to travel back to 1962 in an attempt to prevent the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. However, he soon discovers that altering the past

always comes with unexpected consequences.

This story made me reflect on the nature of choices and their outcomes. I often question decisions I have made and wonder how things might have turned out differently. The novel suggests that every choice carries weight, and whether the effects are good or bad, they inevitably shape the future.



"Blitzed: Drugs in Nazi Germany" by Norman Ohler

Submitted by Suzanne Detar

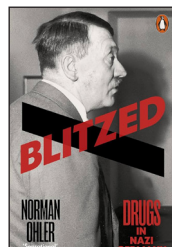


This nonfiction selection puts Hitler and World War II in a new perspective for me. I read in the past about German troops using methamphetamine (speed) during the invasion of France, but this book presents evidence that drug use was widespread throughout the German army

and society and was used extensively by troops and commanders on both fronts of the war.

The book delves into the medical notes of Hitler's personal physician, who was injecting Hitler daily with uppers, downers, and his own "vitamin" concoctions for much of the war.

This book is not without controversy. Some historians are skeptical of Ohler's methods and research. It was definitely worth the read, and I look forward to reading more information that proves or discredits this account.



"Distant Shores" by Kristin Hannah

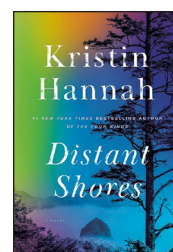
Submitted by Sharon Greco



I just recently finished another excellent book by Kristin Hannah entitled "Distant Shores." It tells the story of Jack and Elizabeth Shores and the struggles and trials and their journeys to find themselves again and to rediscover their love for

each other.

The book helped me realize the importance of encouraging and affirming my spouse on a daily basis and to not take each other for granted. Some great lessons to be learned through the story!



"The Paris Novel" by Ruth Reichl

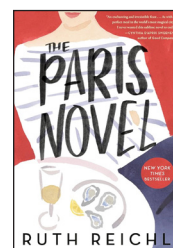
Submitted by Lisa Brainerd



This book inspired me because it shows how to dare to say yes. Saying yes can change everything; even a small act can unravel a new life.

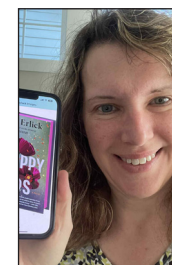
The main character allowed herself to feel and taste different foods, which awakened parts of her that were dormant. She allowed herself to become part of a community that offered support and guidance, and this was transformative.

This is a heartfelt reminder that stepping out of your comfort zone, even by wearing a special dress, can lead to joy, purpose, and belonging. It gently nudges us to take chances, where we may find out where we truly belong.



"The Poppy Fields" by Nikki Erlick

Submitted by Cathy Canoles



This book made me think about grief and how I handle it. Is it better to go through the pain or to disappear for a while and then come back to reality with no more pain but also no endearing memories?

After I finished it, I decided it's

important to feel all the feelings, positive and negative, and then grow stronger because of that experience.



"The Queens of Crime" by Marie Benedict

Submitted by Louise Pool



A historical fiction based on a true group of five female mystery writers who lived in London, England, when it was mostly a male-dominated profession. (Mystery writer) Agatha Christie was part of this group.

These women banded together to solve a crime

that everyone else had given up on. They had to do it secretly because they were not officially part of the investigation but thought this young girl's murder needed to be solved.



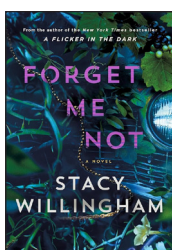
"Forget Me Not" by Stacy Willingham

Submitted by Sara Reed-Leib



"Forget Me Not" is a suspenseful, thought-provoking read that explores how memory

shapes our understanding of ourselves and others. It reminded me of the importance of holding onto what matters most while having the courage to face life's uncertainties.



Undefeated Bishops travel to Porter-Gaud in annual 'Holy War'

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Why is Bishop England High School football coach Logan Hall smiling?

Is it because his offense is averaging 49 points per game three games into the season? Or is it because his defense is allowing only two points per game?

"I'll take the two points (a game) every day," Hall said. "If you give up less than a field goal, you are going to win a lot of games. If you keep it up, you are going to win a lot of games."

The Bishops have won a lot of games since Hall's arrival on campus last football season. The Bishops posted a 9-3 mark in 2024 and have steamrolled opponents 147-6 to start 3-0.

While there are plenty of rivalry games on the Bishops' schedule, only one game is known as the "Holy War," and that's BE vs. Porter-Gaud School. The two schools square off at the PG campus on Friday, Sept. 19.

The Bishops began the 2024 season with a 3-0 record and entered the showdown against P-G allowing only 9.3 points per game. But the Cyclones handed the men of Kelly green a 34-14 setback, as four turnovers doomed the Bishops.

In that game, Bishop quarterback Quinn Mahoney collected 279 total yards to lead the team, completing 22 of 39 passes for 247 yards and a touchdown to go along with 32 yards on the ground.

He completed passes to eight different receivers, including Sammy Garton, who scored on a 7-yard reception, and Zachary Balog, who had six catches for 80 yards.

The Bishops this week are coming off a 49-0 victory over Dreher High School, as the offense was balanced with 242 yards rushing and 202 passing, with Mahoney leading a balanced attack.

Mahoney completed 13 of 21 passes against Dreher for 202 yards and a pair of touchdowns while adding 29 yards on the ground. The 6-3, 205-pound senior now has 3,065 yards and 28 touchdowns passing since transferring from Oceanside Collegiate Academy in time for the 2024-25 academic year. He will play for the Campbell University Camels.

Brody Tonon, along with two other brothers, is one of the three "Killer T's" who transferred from Philip Simmons High School this year. Tonon had his best game of the season for the Bishops with 17 carries for 145 yards and three touchdowns.



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Quinn Mahoney is the Bishop's 6-3, 205-pound senior quarterback. He completed 13 of 21 passes against Dreher last week for 202 yards and a pair of touchdowns.



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Iron Horses set school records in 71-0 win over Military Magnet

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Philip Simmons led Military Magnet, 43-0, after one quarter of a high school football game Sept. 12.

It was one of those games in which the Iron Horses scored every which way to post a 71-0 victory at The Phil.

Philip Simmons coach Eric Bendig said the South Carolina High School League does not allow a running clock until the second half.

"We sort of pulled back after that first quarter," Bendig said. "Once it starts, what can you do?"

The Iron Horses blocked a Military Magnet punt on the first possession to set up the first score.

The Iron Horses never looked back from their seven-TD explosion, expanding the lead to 57-0 against the Eagles at halftime. Both sides agreed to a running clock as the Iron Horses finished with 230 yards in total offense while forcing five turnovers on defense.

As expected, Bendig cleared the bench early and often in a game that was decided the first time the Iron Horses touched the ball. The 43 points in a quarter and 71 points in a game were both school records.

"This was a last-minute fill-in game for Bishop England," Bendig said. "You want to play 10 games a year, and we didn't have many options."



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The Iron Horses defense continues to show improvement, surrendering only six points the past two games. Pictured are Cameron Marcelo (No. 25) and Ryland Donley (No. 19).

Quarterback Hayes Goddard completed two of four attempts for 40 yards, with both passes going to Ashton Kellermann.

Omonte Taylor led PSHS with 62 rushing yards and a pair of touchdowns on eight carries. Cam Steed carried two times for 40 yards and found the end zone on both carries. Jeremiah Richardson collected 52 yards and a TD on five carries.

The defense continues to show improvement, surrendering only six points the past two games. They surrendered 79 in the first two games.

"We are starting to gel at the right time," Bendig said.

"The first two games were tough on our defense. We challenged them to right the ship, to play with passion."

Micah Dutton led the defense with nine tackles, including five for a loss.

Diavante Irving had a big game on defense with seven tackles, two pass breakups, a recovery, and an interception.

The Iron Horses, now 2-2, play their final non-region game of the season with a home game against West Branch High School on Sept 12. They kick off league play with a home game against Woodland High on Sept. 19.

"We have a lot of 10th and ninth graders getting valuable (playing) time. We are in good shape healthwise."



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New PSHS girls' tennis coach prioritizes positivity, confidence

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When Heather Crist heard the Philip Simmons High School girls' tennis coaching job was open, she thought it might be a natural fit.

"I was just looking to work with young girls," said Crist, who has been involved with "Girls on the Run," a nonprofit program designed to enhance girls' social, emotional, and physical skills while building confidence, meaningful relationships, and navigating social pressures.

"It helps young girls empower themselves. I also have a background in tennis. I played on three state championship teams when I was a student at South Aiken High School."

Now, Crist is in her first year at the helm of a program that already has two state championships to its credit.

The Iron Horses won their first state title in 2021 under Richard Schulz. The second came two years later under the direction of



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Steve Cohen. Cohen's squad reached the Class AA Lower State championship last fall but fell to eventual state champ Academic Magnet.

Now, it's Crist's turn to build the program. "It's been an exciting experience," said Crist, who teaches at Philip Simmons Middle School. "It's been a learning experi-

ence for me and the girls. We are learning and growing together.

"We've had a lot of success and have proved we can compete with the best schools," she added. "It takes work and dedication."

Merritt Payne begins the season as the Iron Horses' No. 1 singles player, who has

worked her way up the ladder, joining the Iron Horses when she was in the seventh grade.

Julie Hensley is the No. 2 singles player. Hensley also has four years of experience in the program.

Sydney Haire, Tea Rantanen, and Isabella Trambo round out Nos. 3-5 in singles.

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Glenn Churchill goes 11-1, beats VIP sponsor Garret McNally of Mac's



GLENN CHURCHILL

DI News reader Glenn Churchill picked 11 of 12 football games correctly and had the best record of the entire Daniel Island News field, including VIP sponsor Garret McNally of Mac's, who went 6-6.

"It feels good to win this week," Churchill said. "I had a gut feeling about a couple of upsets. Some of the teams I was rooting for lost, but their losses helped me win the Pick 'Em."

Churchill practices law on Daniel Island, and he and his wife, Lisa, and their spaniels live in Mount Pleasant.

"Lisa and I were high school friends and reconnected and got married after not seeing each other for more than 40 years!" he said.

This week, the VIP sponsor to beat is Gabe Jolly of Carolina One Real Estate to win a \$50 gift card

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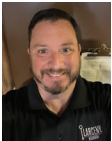
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fishing trends

GREG PERALTA

On Friday afternoon, Elliott, my son; Brody, the amazing fish-finding and stock-trading dog; and I went for a quick fishing trip before dinner. We fished adjacent to a shallow mudflat. There was a school of redfish chasing shrimp.

Fishing was easy.

Cast your lure to jumping shrimp and hook a redfish. Elliott observed that many of the shrimp were good eating sizes.

Over dinner, Elliott, Maddie, my daughter; Brody, and I decided to go deep-hole shrimping early Saturday morning. Our plan was to leave the dock at 5:30 in the morning and catch enough shrimp for a shrimp boil that afternoon. With low tide just before sunrise, we felt pretty good about our chances.

Since my heart attack last year, Elliott insists on casting and pulling up our deep-hole cast net. I am relegated to driving the boat and using our

electronics to locate shrimp on the bottom. Maddie and Brody calculate the sink rate and drift of the net. When everything goes according to plan, the net lands on the shrimp.

On Saturday morning, there was a strong northeasterly wind. This made positioning the boat and calculating the sink and drift of the net a bit of a problem. We caught a few shrimp with each cast but could not land the cast net in the right spot.

Thankfully, Brody had a slide ruler and was able to calculate the complex geometry. On the next cast, the net landed on the biomass 35 feet below the boat. When Elliott pulled up the net, it was loaded with large shrimp. We were having a family shrimp boil!

On the ride back to the dock, Maddie and Brody made a grocery list. They went to Publix while Elliott and I cleaned the boat and headed the shrimp. That afternoon, we enjoyed a shrimp feast on the dock.

For the next few weeks, fishing and shrimping will be really good. Don't miss it. Gather your family and go. Brody will even lend you his slide ruler.



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The Peralta family, with their dog Brody leading the way, hit the weekend waters to cast their net and go deep-hole shrimping.

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

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City to review Cainhoy developments

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

Sept. 18: Thomas Island Subdivision - Review for 42 units on 17.99 acres at 100 Sands Preserve Drive, Cainhoy. TMS: B2750000004. Owner: Clouter Creek Reserve LLC. Applicant: Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, Inc. Contact: Zak Wortman, zwortman@seamonwhiteside.com.

Sept. 18: Tuxbury Farm Subdivision - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction plans for future mixed-use development for 83 units on 15.1 acres at 2682 SC Hwy. 41, Cainhoy. TMS: B2630004042. Owner: Toll Brothers. Applicant: Hussey

Gay Bell. Contact: Les Phillips, lphillips@husseygaybell.com.

RESULTS: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Sept 11: Cainhoy Del Webb Phase 3 - Proposed preliminary plat and road construction for future 272-lot single-family development and road construction plans on 119.4 acres at 1472 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Pulte Home Company LLC. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at roach.s@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

Sept 11: Point Hope North Residential - Phase 1 - Proposed preliminary plat and road plans for future 93-lot single-family development on 54.8 acres at 1698 Clements Ferry Road, Cainhoy. TMS: B2620000028. Owner: Cainhoy Land and Timber. Applicant: Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Contact: Steven Roach at roach.s@tandh.com. *Results: Revise and return.*

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Wed., Sept. 17, 7 pm, Daniel Island Club. Marc Fetten, CEO of GreenGasUSA, shares how waste is transformed into renewable energy. Free. Registration required.

BERKELEY REMEMBERS

Thurs., Sept. 18, 7 pm (doors OPEN 6 pm), Pointe North Church, Moncks Corner. Hosted by the Berkeley County Coroner's Office, this annual event honors families impacted by homicide or suicide. Keynote speaker: Chris Singleton.

RED BALLOON YARD SALE

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

DIBA NETWORKING EVENT

The monthly Daniel Island Business Association networking event will be held at The Retreat amenity center, on Thurs., Sept. 25, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Food, drinks, networking sponsored by DI Real Estate. Register at danielislandbusiness.com.

CLEMENTS FERRY NETWORKING

Thurs., Sept. 25, 5-7 pm, Paxton at Point Hope Clubhouse. Monthly networking for local business owners with refreshments, prizes, and connections. Register at clementserryconnection@gmail.com.

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDOR FAIR

Sat., Sept. 27, 11 am-3 pm, Overture Daniel Island. Open house festival featuring resident artists and crafters. Family friendly, kids welcome. Vendors are encouraged to join.

KIDS ARTIFACT SHOW & TELL

Artifact Show & Tell, Sept. 27, 10:30 am 1:30 pm, DI Rec. Center. Bring local artifacts. t FREE. Also, Kids' Archaeology Workshop for ages 6-12, from 11 am to 12 pm. Teens' Kids' Archaeology Workshop for ages 13-17 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/45Zp1ST>.

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Open House (in person) Sat., Sept 27, at the DI Library. Starts at 2 pm. Toastmasters Area Speech Contest on Oct 4; same location. Free and open to anyone interested in watching a Toastmasters meeting and speech contest.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Fri., Oct. 3, 7-9 pm, Waterfront Park. Enjoy "Hotel Transylvania" under the stars. Bring blankets and chairs. Food vendors on site. Free, open to the public.

36TH ANNUAL BEACH/RIVER SWEEP

Sat., Oct. 4, 1-4 pm, DI Waterfront Park. Family-friendly cleanup to keep Daniel Island clean. Students earn service hours. Register on site by 12:40 pm. Free. All ages welcome.

POINT HOPE HARVEST MARKET

Sun., Oct. 19, 11 am-2 pm, Village Green. Celebrate fall with live music by Thomas Champagne, local vendors, food, lawn games, and special promotions from Point Hope businesses.

PUMPKIN WALK

Sun., Oct. 26, 5:30-7:30 pm, Smythe Park. Enjoy a glowing Pumpkin Walk (drop off decorated pumpkins 1-3 pm), costumes, music, food, and family fun on the lawn.

BARK IN THE PARK

Sat., Nov. 1, 10 am-2 pm, Waterfront Park. The 5th annual festival features food, music, kids' activities, and vendors. Free. Supports Charleston Animal Society-Berkeley Campus.

5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET

Sat., Nov. 8, 10 am-4 pm, Daniel Island Rec Center. Free entry and parking. Boutique-style market with up to 45 vendors offering unique holiday gifts, fine art, jewelry, home décor, clothing, pet products, chocolates, and more. 50/50 raffle benefits Random Acts of Kindness of the Lowcountry.

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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 begins Sept. 16. All ages and levels. The class is \$10 and is being held at the DI Rec Center. Contact: 843-216-6366.

CORE STRENGTH & STABILITY

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DANIEL ISLAND GOP CLUB 3rd Mon., 8am, Daniel Pointe Retirement Community. Free. Contact Mark Smith at 843-442-8371 or Susan Chapman at 203-512-3929 for info.

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., dixexchangeclub.org.

MASTER GARDENER Q&A Certified Clemson MGs. DI Library, first Mon. of month, 4-6 pm. 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 Cainhoj Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of the month at 6 pm. Contact: Ben Laaper, ben.laaper@gmail.com.

SENIOR MEN'S GROUP Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Daniel Island Rec Center. A free, relaxed weekly meetup for senior men to socialize and connect. Coffee and refreshments provided.

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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.

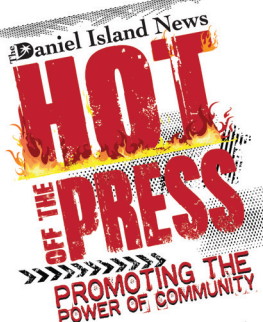


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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Neil R. Manausa

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Writing an Article

Articles are little adjectives (*the, a* and *an*) that identify nouns in sentences. Choose the correct article to be used in each sentence below.

- 1. Monica is (a, an) honest neighbor.
- 2. Where can I catch (a, an) northbound bus?
- 3. Let's take (a, an) hour for lunch today.
- 4. Why did you wear such (a, an) ugly tie?



Answers:
Use *an* and *the* (pronounced *thee*) before nouns that begin with vowels
or have initial vowel sounds. Use *a* and *the* before other nouns.
1. an 2. a 3. an 4. an

ACROSS

- 1 Metric units
- 6 Seductress
- 10 Beehive State
- 14 Morocco's capital
- 15 Jacob's brother
- 16 Defense org.
- 17 Sports palace
- 18 Leg part
- 19 Ready the south 40
- 20 Entrusted to another
- 22 Twin, and then some
- 23 Tournament levels
- 24 Title for Macbeth and others
- 25 45 inches in Devon, once
- 28 Confer knighthood
- 29 Islands off Galway
- 30 Refrigerator incursion
- 32 Watch, with interest
- 37 Green Bay great
- 39 Bud's partner
- 40 Musk or Crenshaw
- 41 "The ____ Opera": Brecht-Weill
- 44 Miami's county
- 45 They number seven
- 46 Society bud
- 48 Order's companion
- 49 Elegant

- 52 First, second or third
- 54 Corporal type
- 55 Kitchen containers
- 59 Therefore
- 60 Comedian Sahl
- 61 Ark item
- 62 Ripened
- 63 Transportation type
- 64 Madonna portrayal
- 65 Auditioner's goal
- 66 Remain
- 67 Rot

DOWN

- 1 June honoree, for short
- 2 First off the grill
- 3 Early victim
- 4 Neck displays
- 5 Produced
- 6 Foyers
- 7 Residues, of a sort
- 8 Domestic
- 9 Humor that produces a groan
- 10 Like some meetings
- 11 Hawk's weapon
- 12 Make amends
- 13 Inventor Elias' family
- 21 Asian boundary river, in part
- 22 Amulet
- 24 Uno plus due
- 25 While lead-in
- 26 Slat
- 27 Teller of tall tales
- 29 Amply
- 31 Student standard
- 33 Half a French candy
- 34 Tel Aviv transport
- 35 Concluding part
- 36 Understood
- 38 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Pee Wee
- 42 It's gross
- 43 Bigfoot's Asian counterpart
- 47 Brought to one's knees
- 49 Net
- 50 Music direction
- 51 Michael, Gabriel or Raphael
- 52 "West Side Story" song
- 53 Might be potbellied
- 55 Cover with paint
- 56 ____ the Red
- 57 Pro ____
- 58 Two-wheeled carriage
- 60 Frau in the USA

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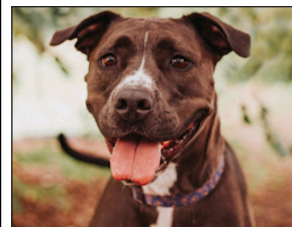
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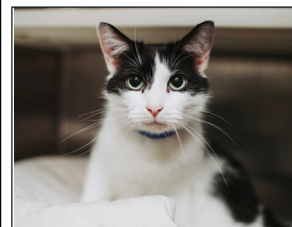
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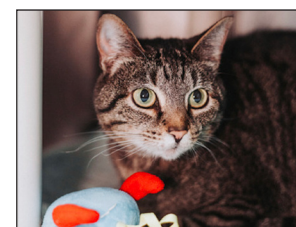
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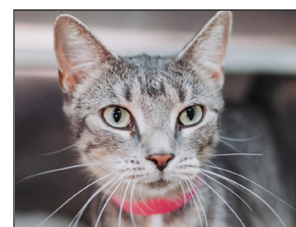
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