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# RTA offering all rides free, resuming 2 Columbia routes

Leader: Agency wants to help residents and build ridership this time of year

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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In an effort to build ridership and also assist residents with travel needs, the area regional transportation authority has made all routes free through the end of the year and also resumed two Columbia routes.

Lottie Jones, executive director of Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority, spoke earlier



Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority will have free rides available Monday through Friday, likely through December, according to its executive director.

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this week on the changes that took effect Thursday and will likely run through December.

The RTA has made all routes fare free for its five operating days each week (Monday-Friday) in an

effort to help residents and also increase ridership at a time of year when it generally drops due to colder temperatures, she said.

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## McMaster: Restaurants can return to full capacity soon

BY JEFFREY COLLINS  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Henry McMaster said Thursday that he will soon lift restrictions that allowed South Carolina restaurants to only fill half their tables because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

McMaster didn't say exactly when he would issue an order allowing full capacity at restaurants. The governor said other restrictions such as requiring masks when not eating and cutting off alcohol sales at 11 p.m. would remain.

"South Carolina is open for business. We never closed," McMaster said to reporters after a Thursday meeting with military leaders.

McMaster announced the restaurant restrictions two months ago as a summer spike in COVID-19 cases reached its peak.

The rate of new cases has declined significantly from that mid-July peak, but the steady decline stopped in late August. Newly diagnosed cases have been fluctuating with schools restarting.

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## MUSC COVID-19 diagnostic testing will be held in Sumter on Tuesday FROM STAFF REPORTS

MUSC Health, in partnership with the state Legislature, is rotating mobile screening and collection sites in rural and underserved areas throughout the state. Tents will be set up outside Sumter Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St., on Tuesday, Oct. 6, to collect COVID-19 respiratory specimens from both walk-up and drive-through patients. Prescreening is not required, and the cost is free to patients. Patients will be contacted within 7 to 10 days with the results of their test, if not sooner. Patients are asked to bring photo identification and an insurance card if they have one. Insurance is not required to be seen, but the CARES Act does require MUSC to bill insurance providers if patients do have insurance. Patients may email [drivethruresults@musc.edu](mailto:drivethruresults@musc.edu) if they have questions regarding their results. If they do not have an email address, they may call (843) 985-8888.

# Millwood Elementary holds Harvest Health fundraiser for Wellness Week



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Millwood Elementary School PTA held a Harvest Health fundraiser sponsored by Dorr Farms as part of their Wellness Week and sold healthy produce to members of the community on Wednesday. Money from sales went to the farm and school.

## Events benefit local farm, school and health of families

BY SHELBBIE GOULDING  
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The Millwood Elementary School Parent Teacher Association teamed up with Dorr Farms to promote healthy eating as part of their Wellness Week fundraiser on Wednesday.

Jasmine Ballier, president of the Millwood Elementary School PTA, said this was the first time hosting a Wellness Week fundraiser.

"Since we've been social distancing, I felt like



Millwood Elementary PTA President Jasmine Ballier carries a Dorr Farms box of vegetables to a vehicle.

the families were home and in need of a little extra support, and kids have been at home," Ballier said. "Showing the kids a sense of normalcy

and that the PTA and school are still here to support them. That's basically what we do as a PTA."

Wellness Week was full

of many fundraising opportunities, as well as teaming up with local businesses in the community.

"We are partnering with some local businesses to promote wellness, fitness and eating right with our families," Ballier said. "It's also another way we can connect with our school community as well as our businesses."

To celebrate Wellness Week, the PTA partnered with Eric Johnson's Bootcamp for fitness health and Johnny's Garden and Juice Bar for healthy eating for other fundraisers. Ballier continued the

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# In big states, tiny counties, Trump attacking voting rules

BY NICHOLAS RICCARDI, JONATHAN DREW and SCOTT BAUER

Associated Press Writers

RALEIGH, N.C. — When Donald Trump's campaign took issue with a new rule on processing some votes in North Carolina, it didn't just complain to the Board of Elec-

tions and file a lawsuit. It wrote to some of the state's 100 local election offices with extraordinary guidance: Ignore that rule.

"The NC Republican Party advises you to not follow the procedures," Heather Ford wrote in an email to county officials last week.

The email urging defiance

was a small glimpse at the unusually aggressive, hyperlocal legal strategy the Trump campaign is activating as voting begins. Through threatening letters, lawsuits, viral videos and presidential misinformation, the campaign and its GOP allies are going to new lengths to contest election procedures

county by county across battleground states.

That means piling new pressure on the often low-profile election officials on the front line of the vote count, escalating micro-disputes over voting rules and seeking out trouble in their backyards.

The local approach already

is producing a blizzard of voting-related complaints.

Trump and his allies have then seized on the disputes, distorted them and used them to sow broad doubts of fairness and accuracy.

"It's clearly based on an overall strategy to disrupt the

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## 3rd-party candidate backs Graham in tightening race

BY MEG KINNARD  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina is getting campaign support from a third-party candidate, potentially bringing with him a narrow margin of conservative backers who could propel Graham over his Democratic challenger in a tightening race.

Bill Bledsoe, who had been running as the Constitution Party candidate seeking to block Graham from a fourth term, dropped out to endorse Graham, the Republican's campaign told The Associated Press on Thursday.

"I appreciate Dr. Bledsoe's support," Graham said in a statement. "We agree on numerous issues like increasing the number of conservative judges on the bench, reducing the national debt, up-

holding the sanctity of life and having a strong military."

According to its platform, The Constitution Party's purpose is "to restore American jurisprudence to its Biblical foundations and to limit the federal government to its Constitutional boundaries."

Bledsoe, a veterinarian from Spartanburg, ran against U.S. Sen. Tim Scott in 2016 as a fusion candidate of both the Constitution and Libertarian parties, hosting a series of "long-gun carrying rallies" at courthouses across the state, carrying a Revolutionary War-era rifle to draw attention to gun restrictions.

In that contest, Bledsoe got 2% of votes cast.

Bledsoe said he appreciated Gra-

ham's work on the judicial system the past four years.

"President Trump has asked that conservatives stand together and re-elect Lindsey Graham in order to help make America great again, and I agree," Bledsoe said.

Even a slim margin of support from ultra-conservatives could be just what Graham needs to win over Democrat Jaime Harrison, with whom he's been shown as virtually tied in two recent Quinnipiac University surveys. Bledsoe's name has not been included in that polling, so his current supporter base is unknown.

During his three terms in the Senate, Graham has at times drawn criticism as not being conservative enough for the state, citing his willingness to work with Democrats to advance legislative goals. A close relationship with Presi-

dent Donald Trump, though, has helped to improve Graham's standing in South Carolina, where Trump's support remains strong.

"I know my race pretty well," Graham said Thursday on Capitol Hill. "I think I will win decisively when it's all said and done."

Harrison has previously hinted that third-party candidates in the race could help him by siphoning support from Graham. A Libertarian candidate is also seeking write-in support in the general election.

In addition to tightening up, the race between Graham and Harrison has also shattered fundraising records, with both bringing in more than \$30 million apiece throughout the race. They are set to meet in their first debate Saturday in Columbia.



GRAHAM



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The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome a new Colonial Healthcare site, which has a goal to provide the best family medicine care while also giving back to the community. At the former Save-A-Lot discount supermarket, 674 W. Liberty St., Dr. Clay Lowder, founder of Colonial Healthcare, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony, saying the renovation of the old building improved the dilapidated area and he hopes to bring more accessible health care to the residents of the area. Lowder said this wouldn't have been possible without the facility's seven doctors, contractor Chris Hawkins, architect Whitney Newman, the staff and their patients.

## Colonial Healthcare opens new site in Sumter



## Governor McMaster promises to keep Parris Island open

BY JEFFREY COLLINS  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's governor promised on Thursday to do whatever the Marines need to keep open the training base at Parris Island after a top military official floated the idea of closing the base and building a new one elsewhere that would allow it to easily begin training men and women together. Marine Commandant Gen. David Berger stunned the military-boosting state last week when he mentioned the possibility during an interview published on the *Military.com* website.

Berger also mentioned closing another base in San Diego, saying it might be easier to start from scratch than trying to make adjustments at each of the bases. The Marines face a five-year deadline for gender-integrated training at Parris Island and an eight-year deadline in San Diego.

"Nothing, the way we're or-



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Female Marines go through one of the obstacles in the so-called confidence course at Parris Island Recruit Depot on May 27 that is designed to make them face their fears and gain confidence.

ganized right now, lends itself to integrated recruit training," the website quoted Berger as saying. "If that's our start point — and it is — we have to get to a place on both coasts, or at a third location."

A spokesman for Berger ex-

panded on his comments to the website, saying while nothing had been decided, the Marines had to consider what would be the best way to spend its money.

"If you have to update a lot anyway, do you save manpower,

resources and personnel by just combining the two into one?" Marine Maj. Eric Flanagan remarked.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster brought commanders from every military installation in the state to the capital of Columbia on Thursday — and he had a leader from Parris Island talk first.

McMaster said the base "adds greatly to the character and strength, economic and otherwise, of this state."

"Anything we can do to support your mission, we'll do it," the governor said.

Parris Island has been training Marines for 120 years on the island, located off the state's southern coast. The base has problems aside from the challenge of making the necessary accommodations to train women alongside men, including rising sea levels and old buildings that need improvements. Marine Col. Ricardo Player told the governor that the military is spending

\$30 million to upgrade rifle ranges at the base.

Player stressed during the meeting that the Marines are looking at all options as it embarks on gender-integrated training, but he also acknowledged the state's support, saying the Marines have always felt that South Carolina was willing to help them in any way possible.

"I think we're all firing on the same target," he said.

South Carolina leaders also indicated their willingness to go head to head with San Diego to be the base that survives. They noted that Marine recruits at Parris Island get all their training in one place, while San Diego requires two different facilities because of a lack of space.

"It's clear to me Parris Island has all the advantages and none of the disadvantages," McMaster said. "We're looking forward to the presence and expansion on Parris Island."

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# White House ups bid in last-ditch COVID talks with Congress

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is backing a \$400 per week pandemic jobless benefit and is dangling the possibility of a COVID-19 relief bill of \$1.6 trillion as last-ditch, pre-election negotiations hit a critical phase Thursday. But pessimism is again seeping into the talks, and the two sides switched back to attacking each other in public.

The offer by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on unemployment is higher than many Republicans would like in any potential COVID deal with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Significant, possibly unbridgeable hurdles remain.

After Pelosi said the new offer still fell short, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany said the speaker was “not being serious” in the negotiations.

“We raised our offer to \$1.6 trillion,” McEnany told reporters Thursday. “It’s one that she is not interested in.”

The ramped-up negotiations come as challenging economic news continues to confront policymakers. The airlines are furloughing about 30,000 workers with the expiration of aid passed earlier this year and a report Thursday showed 787,000 people claiming jobless benefits for the first time last week.

Mnuchin and Pelosi spoke by phone early Thursday afternoon, but the speaker was publicly dismissive of the latest White House plan.

“This isn’t half a loaf, this is the heel of the loaf,” Pelosi said in a Thursday interview on Bloomberg TV.

The speaker and treasury secretary were expected to speak by phone again later Thursday.

The Trump administration, meanwhile, appears more eager than Capi-



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**Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin makes a brief comment as he leaves the Capitol on Wednesday in Washington.**

itol Hill Republicans to reach an agreement.

The White House plan, offered Wednesday, gave ground with a \$250 billion proposal on funding for state and local governments and backed \$20 billion in help for the struggling airline industry. Both areas are of great interest to Democrats’ union backers.

Details on the White House offer were confirmed by congressional aides, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss closed-door discussions.

Pelosi postponed debate Wednesday on a Democratic alternative measure in hopes of getting an agreement. A vote is likely on Thursday, spokesman Drew Hammill said, depending on how the Mnuchin-Pelosi exchanges go.

White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows cautioned late Wednesday that Trump won’t approach a \$2 trillion threshold. But there’s plenty of wiggle room in numbers so large, and the revenue picture for many states is not as alarming as feared when more than \$900 billion for state and local governments swelled a \$3.4 trillion Democratic aid bill that passed in May.

In a Wednesday evening appearance on Fox Business, Mnuchin described the talks as the first serious discussions with Pelosi in several weeks and said he is raising his offer into “the neighborhood” of \$1.5 trillion. That’s well above what many Senate Republicans want but would probably be acceptable to GOP pragmatists and senators in difficult races.

Pelosi responded Thursday, saying the administration is still far short on aid to state and local governments. And she said she won’t agree to take half a loaf now.

“Some of you have asked, ‘Isn’t something better than nothing?’ No,” Pelosi told reporters, citing the “opportunity cost” for provisions sought by Democrats but potentially lost in any rush to agreement.

At issue is a long-delayed package that would extend another round of \$1,200 direct stimulus payments, restore bonus pandemic jobless benefits, speed aid to schools and extend assistance to airlines, restaurants and other struggling businesses. A landmark \$2 trillion relief bill in March passed with sweeping support and is credited with helping the economy through the spring and summer, but worries are mounting that the recovery may sputter without additional relief.

The “top line” limit upon which Pelosi, the Trump administration and Senate Republicans might be able to agree has been a subject of considerable speculation. Pelosi had drawn a hard line until recently, and talks had foundered, but failure now could mean there wouldn’t be any COVID relief until next year, especially if Trump loses his reelection bid.

Pelosi has never had a reputation for leaving large sums of money on the table and her tactical position — facing a White House and Senate controlled by Republicans — is not as

strong as her hardline tactics might indicate.

The White House also seems far more eager for a deal than does McConnell. Any compromise that could pass both the House and Senate is sure to alienate a large chunk of the Senate GOP.

McConnell said the two sides remain “very, very far apart.”

Even if Pelosi and Mnuchin were able to reach a tentative agreement on “top line” spending levels, dozens of details would need to be worked out. A particularly difficult issue, Pelosi told her colleagues earlier in the day, remains McConnell’s insistence on a liability shield for businesses fearing COVID-related lawsuits after they reopen their doors.

Pelosi has sold her latest bill as an attempt to establish a negotiating position that might boost the negotiations. A more skeptical take is that the speaker is trying to placate party moderates who protested that she has been too inflexible in negotiations and played a role in the collapse of aid talks this summer and earlier this month.

The Democratic bill would revive a \$600-per-week pandemic jobless benefit and send a second round of direct payments to most individuals. It would scale back an aid package to state and local governments to a still-huge \$436 billion, send a whopping \$225 billion to colleges and universities and deliver another round of subsidies to businesses under the Paycheck Protection Program. Airlines would get another \$25 billion in aid to prevent a wave of layoffs that are expected this week.

The partisan Democratic plan represents a cutback from a \$3.4 trillion bill that passed the House in May but remains well above what Senate Republicans are willing to accept. Republicans have endorsed staying in the \$650 billion to \$1 trillion range.

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# High demand for flu shots? Experts hope to avoid 'twindemic'

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD  
AP Medical Writer

October is prime time for flu vaccinations, and the U.S. and Europe are gearing up for what experts hope is high demand as countries seek to avoid a "twindemic" with COVID-19.

"There's considerable concern as we enter the fall and winter months and into the flu season that we'll have that dreaded overlap" of flu and the coronavirus, Dr. Anthony Fauci of the U.S. National Institutes of Health said Thursday. He got his own flu shot earlier this week.

A record number of flu vaccine doses are on the way, between 194 million and 198 million for the U.S. alone — seemingly plenty considering last year just under half of adults got vaccinated and there usually are leftovers.

Still, there's no way to know how many will seek shots this year, and some people occasionally are finding drugstores or clinics temporarily out of stock.

Be patient: Flu vaccine ships gradually. Less than half has been distributed so far, and the CDC and manufacturers say more is in transit.

"This year I think everyone is wanting to get their vaccine and maybe wanting it earlier than usual," Dr. Daniel Jernigan of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told The Associated Press. "If you're not able to get your



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A flu vaccine is administered to a National Foundation for Infectious Diseases staff member in Bethesda, Maryland, on Wednesday.

vaccination now, don't get frustrated" but keep trying.

Pharmaceutical giant Sanofi Pasteur, which is supplying nearly 250 million doses worldwide, including 80 million for the U.S., says it has shipments staggered into November.

Vaccine maker Seqirus is exploring if it could squeeze out "a limited number of additional doses" to meet high demand, said spokeswoman Polina Miklush.

Brewing flu vaccine is time-consuming. Once production ends for the year, countries can't simply order more — making for a stressful balancing act as they guess how many people will roll up their sleeves.

Germany usually buys 18 million to 19 million doses and this year ordered more.

As German Health Minister Jens Spahn put it: "If we manage, together, to get the flu vaccination rate so high that all 26 million doses are actually used, then I'd be a very happy health minister."

Spain purchased extra doses in hopes of vaccinating far more older adults and pregnant women than usual, along with key workers in health facilities and nursing homes.

In contrast, Poland, which last year had 100,000 doses go unused, didn't anticipate this fall's high demand and is seeking more.

The good news: The same precautions that help stop spread of the coronavirus — wearing masks, avoiding crowds, washing your hands and keeping your distance — can help block influenza, too.

Winter just ended in the Southern Hemisphere, and countries like South Africa, Australia, Argentina and Chile diagnosed hardly any flu thanks to COVID-19 restrictions combined with a big push for influenza vaccinations.

With the coronavirus still circulating and cold weather coming just as more schools and businesses reopen, there's no guarantee that countries in the Northern Hemisphere will be as lucky with flu.

"How much flu, we don't know — but there will be flu," predicted Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

A flu vaccine only protects against influenza, not the coronavirus. And while its effectiveness varies from year to year, people vaccinated against flu don't get as sick, avoiding pneumonia, hospitalization and death, Schaffner said.

The CDC estimated that last year the flu hospitalized 400,000 Americans and killed 22,000.

Adding flu to the toll of COVID-19 — which has killed more than 1 million people worldwide, including more than 206,000 Americans — would further strain hospitals. Both flu and the coronavirus have similar symptoms, and even if they're mild, Schaffner warned of confusion as people seek testing to learn which illness they have and if anyone they've been

around needs to quarantine.

"Take flu out of the equation this fall," Jernigan advised.

Who needs flu vaccine? The U.S. recommends it for everyone starting at 6 months of age. But flu is most dangerous for people over age 65, young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions such as heart disease, asthma, even diabetes.

Most Americans with insurance can get it without a copay, and there are different kinds to choose from: regular shots, two types of shots that aim to give older adults a little extra protection and a nasal spray.

The CDC doesn't recommend one over another. If you can't find your preferred type, "we ask people not to shop around and wait forever," Jernigan said. "The best vaccine to get is the vaccine that's available to you."

The CDC this year wants states to increase flu vaccinations among Blacks and Hispanics, who are less likely to get a shot than whites and also are at extra risk from COVID-19. Some states also are holding drive-through flu vaccinations and outdoor clinics to avoid crowds.

And at the same time they get immunized against flu, older adults and people with chronic illnesses also should ask about getting a vaccine against a type of pneumonia that is a frequent complication, U.S. officials urged.

## Boeing plans to combine its production of 787 jet in S.C.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boeing said Thursday that it will consolidate production of its two-aisle 787 jetliner in South Carolina and shut down the original assembly line for the plane near Seattle.

The company said the move will start in mid-2021. Boeing said it was acting to preserve cash while demand for new planes is suffering because of the coronavirus pandemic, which has torpedoed air travel.

The company did not immediately say whether jobs would be eliminated by the move.

The 787 is used mostly for international routes. Employees at Boeing's plant in Everett, Washington, began building the plane in 2007, turning out a jetliner with a largely carbon-composite fuselage for better fuel efficiency.

But, said Stan Deal, the CEO of Boeing's commercial aircraft business, "As our customers manage through the unprecedented global pandemic, to ensure the long-term success of the 787 program, we are consolidating 787 production in South Carolina."

Boeing opened a plant in North Charleston, South Carolina, in 2010 to begin producing a newer, larger version of the plane, the 787-10. Boeing said workers in Everett will continue making the smaller 787-8 and 787-9 models until the company cuts production to six 787s a month next year.

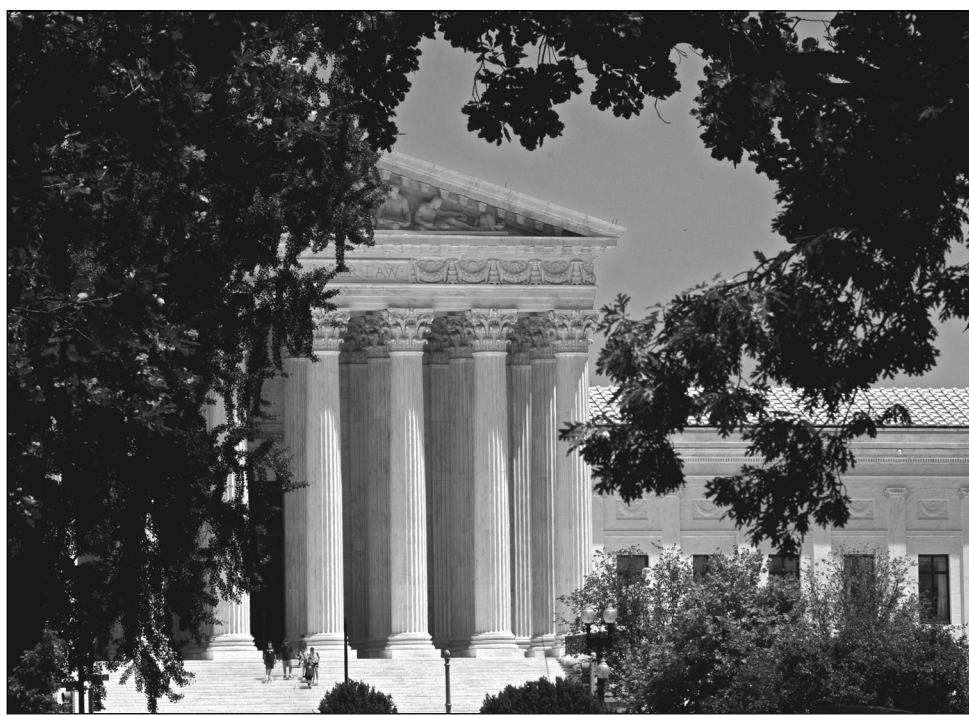
Boeing workers in the Seattle area will continue to assemble the company's other jetliners, the 737, 747, 767 and 777.

## USC will freeze tuition for next academic year

COLUMBIA (AP) — University of South Carolina will freeze tuition for students during the next academic year, the school's president said Wednesday.

President Bob Caslen made the announcement in a speech, saying in his remarks that the school "must make higher education affordable and accessible, or our current students won't stay and prospective students will not give us a chance," *The State* reported.

The university put a freeze on tuition costs for the current academic year in June. When that freeze was announced, the school was projected to lose \$127 million and 10% of its enrollment due to the coronavirus pandemic.



People walk down the stairs of the Supreme Court in Washington in July 2018.

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## Trump thrusts court pick into election turmoil

BY LISA MASCARO

AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's stark expectation that the Supreme Court will intervene to "look at the ballots" in what he calls a rigged election casts new questions Wednesday on the Senate's rush to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett for the vacant seat before Nov. 3.

Barrett was on Capitol Hill for a second day meeting with senators ahead of confirmation hearings as lawmakers of both parties brace for the potential of delayed election night results or a disputed presidential election that lands before the high court.

Rather than lead Americans to uphold voting traditions, Trump is sowing seeds of doubt by insisting throughout the first presidential debate with Joe Biden that the election will be fraudulent if he is not re-elected, even though voter fraud is rare in the United States. One analysis found Americans were more likely to be struck by lightning.

"I'm counting on them to look at the ballots, definitely," Trump said about the Supreme Court.

The rush by Trump to fill the Su-

preme Court seat is already drawing fierce objections from Democrats, the first time in U.S. history a nominee will be voted on so close to a presidential election, with early voting already underway in half the states.

At a campaign stop Wednesday in Ohio, Biden said it was "interesting" that the Senate found time for a hearing on the Supreme Court nomination but "no time" to work on additional legislation to help Americans during the COVID-19 crisis.

Biden says the winner of the presidency should choose the nominee to fill the vacancy for the seat held by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died at 87 and was buried this week at Arlington National Cemetery.

But without the votes to stop her confirmation, Democrats want Barrett to recuse herself from election cases. Veteran GOP election lawyer Ben Ginsberg said the president's comment linking his nominee "to his own personal election puts Republican senators in an uncomfortable position."

A conservative judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, Barrett is giving no indication she would sit out election cases that come before the court, as some Dem-

ocrats want.

Instead, she said she would recuse herself in cases in which her husband and sister, both practicing attorneys, had participated, as well as cases involving her alma mater Notre Dame University, according to filings to the Senate Judiciary Committee ahead of her confirmation hearings.

Barrett also indicated no one at the White House or the campaign had any discussions with her seeking assurances of her views on any legal issues, according to the nearly 70-page filing.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Wednesday it's "ridiculous" to suggest Barrett should recuse herself from election cases. Democrats "are grasping at straws," he said.

"She has given nobody at the White House any hints or any assurances about any kinds of cases, real of hypothetical," McConnell said in the Senate.

The Senate is racing to confirm Barrett to fill the nine-justice court at an unusually quick pace. Hearings are set to begin Oct. 12 at the Judiciary Committee, and a full vote in the Senate is planned for the end of October.

## U.S. traffic deaths fell 2% in 2019; 3rd straight yearly drop

DETROIT (AP) — Traffic deaths in the U.S. fell for the third consecutive year in 2019, the government's road safety agency reported.

The downward trend is continuing into this year with people driving fewer miles due to the pandemic, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Thursday.

The agency says deaths fell 2% last year, to 36,096.

That's 739 fewer than the 36,835 fatalities reported to the agency in 2019.

The decrease came even though vehicle miles traveled increased by nearly 1%, reducing the fatality rate to 1.1 per 100 million miles traveled. That was the lowest since 2014.

The agency says pedestrian deaths fell 2.7%, bicyclist fatalities dropped 2.9%, and motorcycle deaths dropped 0.5%. Deaths in passenger

vehicles fell 2.8%.

But deaths in crashes involving heavy trucks fell by just one, from 5,006 in 2018 to 5,005 last year.

Estimates by the agency show that traffic deaths in the first half of this year fell 2% from the same period in 2019, to 16,550. But traffic volumes fell more than the number of fatal crashes, increasing the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled to

1.25. That's up from 1.06 for the first half of 2019.

James Owens, NHTSA's deputy administrator, said the agency is encouraged by the overall declines but concerned because of a trend since April of increased fatality rates. "Now more than ever we should be watching ourselves for safe driving practices and encouraging others to do the same," Owens said in a statement.

# Finest hour...

It was May 1940. All was quiet on the battle line between Germany and France. Standing toe to toe were the army divisions of Hitler's Third Reich against the combined armies of Britain and France. The French felt secure behind the Maginot Line, a line of defensive fortifications built after World War I. They correctly anticipated another war with Germany would come. They erred in thinking it would be a repeat of the battles of World War I — long sieges of trench warfare.



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On May 10, Hitler broke the stalemate and invaded The Netherlands and Belgium, neutral countries. The French had not extended the Maginot Line up across those borders. The German Army flanked the French and the British and drove toward Paris. Neville Chamberlain, the British prime minister, stepped down, and a new prime minister, Winston Churchill, took his place.

The British Expeditionary Force, some 338,000 men, were trapped against the sea near a town called Dunkirk. While the French Army fought a rear-

guard action, the British Army evacuated across the English Channel, carried by a makeshift fleet of naval vessels, commercial ships and private boats. But their tanks, artillery, guns and thousands of other items that equip an army to fight lay in fields around Dunkirk.

Paris fell on June 14. By June 18, the French began to negotiate terms of surrender with the Germans. Britain now stood alone against the Nazis.

It appeared the situation was hopeless. The British had an army but no weapons. Their air force was numerically inferior to the Luftwaffe. Their greatest asset, their fleet, was ill-equipped to fight in the narrow waters of the Channel. It seemed a matter of time before Hitler crossed the channel and invaded England. Hitler believed, having driven the British Army from the European continent, it would never return.

On the same day France began to negotiate surrender, June 18, Winston Churchill made a speech, first to Parliament, then on the BBC to the British people. He did not paint

a rosy picture. He confessed the hour was dark, the times were challenging. He acknowledged he did not know exactly how victory would be achieved. In spite of the uncertainty, he called on the British people to stand courageously against the evil represented by Nazi Germany.

He concluded one of the greatest speeches of our time with these stirring words: "Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was our Finest Hour.'"

This year, 2020, has been filled with crisis. First, COVID-19. Then the troubles of the economy. Politics this year seems to bring out the worst in people, not their best. People are stressed; emotions are running high.

I'm not sure why, but it seems many people I know have suffered a tragedy this year: a friend's house burns; siblings with cancer; a niece dies tragically; a brain tumor is found. These things always happen, but it seems this year they are heavier, occupying more space in our souls.

Our temptation is to retreat, to be self-occupied. We crave a sense of safety. We check out so we will not feel our fears and anxieties.

I find myself longing for a

voice to call to us all, urging us to be courageous. What if God did not mean 2020 to be a year of discouragement and defeat but a year when we are courageous? Could it be that we should brace ourselves to our duties, loving our neighbor as ourselves, loving our enemies, serving and caring for the least of these? Could it be that 2020 is to be a year we bear up, asking God for strength to carry on, asking God for wisdom to know what to do, asking God for a deep peace that calms our anxieties?

What if God was calling to each of us, saying, "I want you to make 2020 your finest hour." Would it change what you post on social media? Would you seek to understand before you speak? Would you be less concerned about your rights and more concerned with what is just and fair for all?

Maybe the voice I long for does not belong to Winston Churchill. Maybe it belongs to God. Maybe it is his voice crying to our souls to live above defeat and discouragement. Could it be God is challenging you to make this year your finest hour?

In a thousand years (if, as preachers say, the Lord tarries), what will our descendants say about 2020? Will they say, "This was their finest hour."

*The Rev. Dr. Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter.*

## CHURCH NEWS

**Knitting Hearts Ministry, which meets at Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad St., announces:**

\* Saturday, Oct. 10 — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Speaker Chuck Smith will speak on "Unlocking the Prophetic." Find us on Facebook or visit [knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com](http://knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com).

**Providence Baptist Church, 2445 Old Manning Road, announces:**

\* Sunday — The Lord's Supper will be observed during 10:30 a.m. worship in the sanctuary. Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry is now collecting items. Call the church for a list of items needed. Social distancing will be observed at all meetings. For details, call (803) 481-9688.

**Walker's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, 99 Walter Ave., announces:**

\* Saturday, Oct. 10 — The Master's 3 will minister in singing and testimony at 6 p.m.

\* Sunday, Oct. 25 — Pastor appreciation. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. followed by 11 a.m. worship.

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Jason Banar, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
Sunday Groups 6pm

### Baptist - Missionary

**Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church**  
803 S Harvin St. • 775-4032  
Marion H Newton, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:15 am  
Sunday Youth Service: 10:45 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

### Salem Missionary Baptist Church

320 West Fulton Street  
803-775-8054  
Reverend Dr. Cartrell Woods, Jr.  
Pastor  
Sun. School 9:00 am  
Praise Worship 9:55 am  
Worship 10:00 am

### First Baptist Missionary Church

219 S. Washington St. Sumter  
(803) 775-1462 • fbmcsumter.org  
Rev. George P. Windley, Jr.  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Sunday Worship 10:45am  
Wednesday Bible Study 11:30am - 6:30pm  
Youth Bible Study 6:30pm

### Baptist - Southern

**Grace Baptist Church**  
219 W Calhoun St • 778-6417  
Dr. Stephen Williams  
drsteve@ftc-i.net  
S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:00 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

### Hickory Road Baptist Church

1245 Cherryvale Dr  
803-494-8281  
Dr. Ron Taylor Pastor  
Sunday School 9:15am  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

### Shaw Heights Baptist Church

2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997  
Rev. Robert White, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship 10:50 am  
Sunday Eve. Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Awana 6:30-8:00 pm  
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6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Catholic - Roman

**Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church**  
611 W. Oakland Ave • 803-773-9244  
www.sasjrcc.org  
Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM,  
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Mon- Wed: 7:00 am  
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5:00 pm (in English)  
Confession: Sat. 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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www.sasjrcc.org  
Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM, Vicar  
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Daily Masses  
Thur-Sat. 8:15 am  
Weekend Masses  
Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00, 12:00 pm  
Confession: Sat. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### Church of Christ

**Plaza Church of Christ**  
1402 Camden Hwy. • 905-3163  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm

### Interdenominational

**Spiritual Life Christian Center**  
4710 Broad Street • 968-5771  
Randolph & Minerva Paige, Pastors  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

### Victory Full Gospel

Interdenominational Church  
601 Pitts Rd • 481-7003  
Joann P. Murrill, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am  
Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm

### Lutheran - ELCA

**St James Lutheran Church**  
1137 Alice Dr, Sumter  
773-2260 / www.stjamessumter.org  
Pastor Keith Getz  
Sunday Worship: 9:00am & 11:00 am

### Methodist - United

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
226 W Liberty St • 773-9393  
Rev. Joseph James, Jr.  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Traditional Service 11:00 am  
trinityumcsunter.org  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

### Non-Denominational

**Calvary Bible Church**  
770 N. Wise Dr., Sumter  
803-774-2341  
Pastor Richard Harris  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 PM

### Christ Community Church (CCC)

320 Loring Mill Rd., Sumter  
www.cccsumter.com  
803-905-7850  
Sunday Worship 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

### First Church of God

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

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Sunday School - 10:30 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am  
Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

### The Rock Church of Sumter

365 N. Saint Paul Church Rd  
803-494-7625 (ROCK)  
Pastor Gwendolyn Credle  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship 11:00 am  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### Sumter Bible Church

420 South Pike West, Sumter  
803-773-8339 • Pastor Ron Davis  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship 11:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

### Pentecostal

**First United Pentecostal Church**  
14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493  
Pastor Theron Smith  
Sunday Service: 10:00 am  
& 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

### Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church

2609 McCrays Mill Rd • 481-8887  
S. Paul Howell, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am & 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study/  
Youth Group: 7:00 pm

### Presbyterian - ARP

**Lemira Presbyterian Church**  
514 Boulevard Rd. Sumter  
Pastor Dan Rowton  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship 11:00 am

### Mayesville Presbyterian Church

109 W. Sumter St, Mayesville  
803-453-5759 / www.mayesvillearp.org  
Rev. Brian C. Peake  
Worship Service 11:00 am

### Presbyterian PCA

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
230 Alice Dr., Sumter • 803-773-7235  
Pastor Stuart Mizelle  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am

### Presbyterian USA

**First Presbyterian Church of Sumter**  
9 W Calhoun St (at Main St.)  
(803) 773-3814 • info@fpcsumter.org  
Rev. Nick Cheek  
"Classes for all ages" 9:30 am  
Hospitality & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:10 a.m.  
Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m.



SATURDAY EVENING OCTOBER 3

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>												
WIS	10	3	10	South Carolina Senate Debate: Lindsey Graham debates Jaime Harrison.	Weakest Link "Weakest Link Premiere" Contestants play trivia for \$1 million.	Ellen's Game of Games "Do You Believe in Life After Suds" Contestants play for a chance to win.	Saturday Night Live (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Chris Rock; Megan Thee Stallion" Chris Rock; Megan Thee Stallion. (Live)			
WLTX	49	9	9	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	Paid Program Paid programming.	NCIS: Los Angeles "Human Resources" A Navy lieutenant disappears. (DVS)	NCIS: New Orleans "Waiting for Monroe" The team tracks a female assassin. (DVS)	48 Hours (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Mind Games" Gregorio calls on a former professor. (DVS)		
WOLO	25	5	12	College Football Scoreboard (N) (Live)	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)							
WRJA	27	11	14	Frankie Drake Mysteries "Ghosts" Frankie investigates a soldier's murder. (DVS)	Father Brown "The Wisdom of the Fool" Father Brown visits jesters convention.	Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private Investigators "Exit, Pursued by a Bear" Frank and Lu investigate death threats.	Death in Paradise "Rue Morgue" Apparent suicide of an elderly person.	Austin City Limits "The Very Best of John Prine" (Season Premiere) Highlights of John Prine's performances. (N)	Bluegrass Underground "Lauren Morrow"			
WACH	57	6	6	Ring of Honor Wrestling	The Masked Singer "The Group B Premiere -- Six More Masks" Meeting the contestants in group B. (DVS)	(:01) I Can See Your Voice Guest panelists Niecy Nash and Jay Pharoah; Jordyn Sparks. (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Panthers Huddle	Labor of Love "You've Got Babies" The men receive baby simulators. (DVS)	America This Week (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Good Cop, Bad Cop"	Last Man Standing Mike establishes strict house rules.	To Be Announced	The Listener "Blast From the Past" High-tech thefts in Vancouver. (DVS)	Intervention "Sonia & Julia" Identical twins suffer from anorexia.	Dateline "Mystery at Ascot Estates" A bookie is implicated in murder.	Dateline "Broken Bonds" Intruders terrorize a couple.		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>												
A&E	46	130	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 10.03.20" (N)	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam		
AMC	48	180	(6:43) The Walking Dead "What We Become" Michonne takes Virgil home.	(7:55) The Walking Dead "Look at the Flowers" Hilltop reels from the fire.	The Walking Dead Rick and the group face imminent danger.	(:01) The Walking Dead The true motives of the Terminans.	(:03) The Walking Dead "No Way Out" Walkers have shown up in Alexandria.	(12:04) The Walking Dead				
ANPL	41	100	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (N)	Mega Zoo "Episode 1"	The Secret Life of the Zoo (N)	Dr. Jeff: RMV				
BET	61	162	(5:00) ** "Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection" (2012) Tyler Perry.	** "Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself" (2009, Comedy-Drama) Tyler Perry, Tyler Perry finds a way to change her life.	** "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.	** "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.	** "The Family That Preys" (2008) Kathy Bates. Greed and scandal test the mettle of two family matriarchs.					
BRAVO	47	181	(5:30) ** "How to Be Single" (2016) Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson.	** "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.	** "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore. Men and women navigate through complex relationships.	** "The Family That Preys" (2008) Kathy Bates. Greed and scandal test the mettle of two family matriarchs.	** "The Family That Preys" (2008) Kathy Bates. Greed and scandal test the mettle of two family matriarchs.					
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "Stella & Dot"	Undercover Boss "Gerber Group"	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss "Family Dollar"	Undercover Boss "Retro Fitness"	Undercover Boss				
CNN	3	80	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	"John Lewis: Good Trouble" (2020, Documentary) John Lewis.	The Sixties					
COM	57	136	* "Little Fockers" (2010, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. The whole clan arrives for the Focker twins' birthday.	** "Hotel Transylvania" (2012) Voices of Adam Sandler.	** "The Longest Yard" (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds. Prisoners train for a football game against the guards.	(:25) South Park Animated. The kids face danger from COVID-19.						
DISN	18	200	(6:20) ** "Hotel Transylvania" (2012) Voices of Adam Sandler.	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Amphibia	The Owl House	** "Wizards of Waverly Place: The Movie" (2009, Children's) Selena Gomez, David Henrie, Jake T. Austin.		
DSC	42	103	Dirty Jobs "Sheep Castrator"	Dirty Jobs "Leech Trapper"	Dirty Jobs "Mannequin Factory"	Dirty Jobs Mike visits a chicken farm.	I Quit "Winner Takes All" (N)	Dirty Jobs				
ESPN	26	35	Scoreboard	College Football Auburn at Georgia. From Sanford Stadium in Athens, Ga. (N) (Live)	College Football Tulsa at UCF. From Spectrum Stadium in Orlando, Fla. (N) (Live)	UFC Fight Night: Holm vs. Aldana (N) (Live)						
ESPN2	27	39	Scoreboard	College Football Auburn at Georgia. From Sanford Stadium in Athens, Ga. (N) (Live)	College Football Tulsa at UCF. From Spectrum Stadium in Orlando, Fla. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)						
FOOD	40	109	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars "Clowns vs. Zombies"	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars	Halloween Wars "Outbreak!"	Halloween Wars				
FOXN	37	90	Life, Liberty & Levin	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)	The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)	Watters' World	Justice Judge				
FREE	20	131	(5:10) ** "Hocus Pocus"	(:20) ** "The Addams Family" (1991, Comedy) Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia, Christopher Lloyd, Gomez's long-lost brother, Uncle Fester, returns.	(:25) ** "Addams Family Values" (1993, Comedy) Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia, A greedy nanny plots to marry and murder Uncle Fester.	** "The Craft" (1996, Horror) Robin Tunney, Fairuza Balk.						
FSS	21	47	MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at D.C. United. From Audi Field in Washington, D.C. (N) (Live)	College Football Southern Mississippi at North Texas. (N)	Pro Football Week	MLS Soccer						
HALL	52	183	"A Country Wedding" (2015, Romance) Jesse Metcalfe, Autumn Reeser, Laura Mennell. Sparks fly between an engaged singer and a childhood friend.	"Country at Heart" (2020, Romance) Jessy Schram, Niall Matter. Premiere. A country singer meets a songwriter in need of inspiration.	(:01) "Harvest Love" (2017) Jen Lilley, Ryan Paevy. A widowed surgeon visits her family's pear orchard.							
HGTV	39	112	Home Town "A Southern Dream"	Help! I Wrecked My House (N)	(:01) Hidden Potential (N)	(:01) Love It or List It	(:01) Love It or List It	Hidden Potential				
HIST	45	110	(5:00) *** "Unforgiven" (1992)	** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016) Denzel Washington. Mercenaries battle a ruthless industrialist in the Old West.	(:05) Pawn Stars (DVS)	Magnificent Seven						
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A murdered teenage prostitute with HIV.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ghost" South American drug dealers.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Rage" Murder of a teenage girl.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A mother reports statutory rape.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Night" Serial rapist.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Special Victims Unit			
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Undercover Cheerleader" (2019) Kayla Wallace, Maddie Phillips.	"Dying to Be a Cheerleader" (2020) Ashlynn Yennie, Dominique Booth, Kalen Bull. Premiere. A teen becomes a prime suspect in a cheerleader's murder.	(:03) "The Secret Lives of Cheerleaders" (2019, Drama) Denise Richards, Savannah May. A transfer student tries out for the cheerleading team.	(12:01) "Dying to Be a Cheerleader"						
MSNBC	36	92	Voices-Alicia Menendez	The Week With Joshua Johnson (N)	The Week With Joshua Johnson (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	All In With				
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Young Dylan	Unfiltered	Group Chat (N)	SpongeBob	Friends The six friends say goodbye.	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	64	153	** "Man on Fire" (2004, Crime Drama)	Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning.	(:45) * "Gone in 60 Seconds" (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie.	Halloween II (2009)						
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) *** "Monster House" (2006) Voices of Steve Buscemi. Premiere.	*** "The Mask" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz, Peter Riegert. Premiere. An ancient mask animates a drab bank clerk.	*** "Zombieland" (2009, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone. Survivors of an apocalypse join forces against zombies.	Magical Girl Friendship Squad						
TBS	24	156	(6:30) * "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock.	(:45) ** "Horrible Bosses 2" (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Nick, Dale and Kurt plot revenge on a thieving investor. (DVS)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	** "Due Date" (2010, Comedy) Robert Downey Jr. (DVS)						
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "The Thomas Crown Affair" (1968) Steve McQueen.	*** "Lawrence of Arabia: Director's Cut" (1962, Biography) Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn. A controversial British officer unites Arab tribes against the Turks.	"Where the Sidewalk Ends" (1950)							
TLC	43	157	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R. "Plastered!"	Untold Stories of the E.R. "Rattled"	Stories of the ER				
TNT	23	158	(5:30) *** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007, Action) Matt Damon. (DVS)	** "The Accountant" (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An agent tracks an accountant who works for criminals. (DVS)	** "The Commuter" (2018, Suspense) Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson. A businessman gets caught up in a criminal conspiracy. (DVS)							
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers
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USA	25	132	(6:00) ** "Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween" (2016) Tyler Perry.	* "Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween" (2017) Tyler Perry. Madea and the gang encounter ghouls, goblins and boogeymen. (DVS)	Madea's Big Happy Family: A dying woman gathers her family. (DVS)	Chicago P.D. (DVS)						
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# Impressively produced 'Good Lord Bird' premieres

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

A week after "60 Minutes" kicked off its 53rd season, "Saturday Night Live" (11:30 p.m. Saturday, NBC, TV-14) will begin season No. 46.

The season opener will take place in the Rockefeller Center studio with an audience limited by COVID concerns. Chris Rock, now appearing in the stellar fourth season of "Fargo," will host.

Besides that, we know that three new cast members have been added. Only time will tell if Lauren Holt, Punkie Johnson and Andrew Dismukes become comedy household names or settle into obscurity like so many "SNL" participants.

We also know that comedian Jim Carrey will appear on the series as Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden. That seems like a questionable casting call. Carrey's reputation was made by being "on" in every scene and frequently over-the-top. Biden has spent much of the campaign being fairly buttoned-down and under the radar, so as to distinguish himself from a president who must dominate every news cycle.

That contrast was borne out in Tuesday night's debate, an event that will no doubt be subject to imitation and impersonation tonight. The question remains whether audiences can find it "funny."

Ethan Hawke stars as legendary figure John Brown in the miniseries adaptation of James McBride's novel "The Good Lord Bird" (9 p.m. Sunday, Showtime, TV-MA).

The book and the series rely on an invented character named Onion (Joshua Caleb Johnson). A slave boy Brown liberates from a violent racist, Onion is mistaken for a young girl and given Brown's daughter's dress to wear. This curious case of gender confusion is just one of the peculiar elements of this series that tug it away from historical tragedy to understated comedy and even farce.

Historians have long de-



WILLIAM GRAY / SHOWTIME

Ethan Hawke, left, stars as John Brown and Joshua Caleb Johnson as Onion in the "Meet the Lord" premiere episode of "The Good Lord Bird," airing at 9 p.m. Sunday on Showtime.

bated whether Brown, an antislavery zealot executed on the eve of the Civil War for his doomed raid on Harper's Ferry, was a visionary or a fool, a religious prophet or a crazy man. Hawke, who had a notable role as a tortured minister in the 2017 drama "First Reformed," seems at ease with Brown's scripture-spouting demeanor. But his character quickly emerges as both a wild-eyed blowhard and a madman. At times it almost seems as if Hawke is doing an impression of Tom Waits playing John Brown.

Impressively produced, yet wildly uneven in tone, "Bird" stars Daveed Diggs as Frederick Douglass and features a breathtaking title sequence.

"The Lost Lincoln" (9 p.m. Sunday, Discovery, TV-PG) asks viewers to spend two hours wondering if there might be an as-yet-unseen photo of the 16th president, and more to the point, one taken in the hours after his assassination.

Professor, researcher and professional "authenticator" Dr. Whitney Braun talks to Lincoln historians and photography experts to assess the credibility of this

image. In many ways, "Lincoln" resembles a prolonged, frequently repetitive episode of PBS' "History Detectives." It also sports a musical score laden with all of the tropes and tricks of reality television production.

There's nothing more tawdry and tabloid in nature than a prolonged and lugubrious meditation on an image of a revered person's corpse. I'm reminded of how the Enquirer and the New York Post went to great lengths to publish pictures of dead Elvis Presley and John Lennon, respectively.

"Masterpiece" (9 p.m., Sunday, PBS, TV-14, check local listings) debuts "Flesh and Blood," a U.K. family melodrama wrapped up in a murder mystery. Imelda Staunton, scheduled to be the next queen on Netflix's "The Crown," stars as a neighbor and witness after tragedy engulfs her widowed friend (Francesca Annis) and her squabbling adult children in the wake of a relationship with a new man (Steven Rea). Beginning Sunday, Netflix will stream "David Attenborough: A Life on Our Plan-

et," a profile of the filmmaker and naturalist, who looks back at his career and mourns the loss of wildlife and natural habitats.

**SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

- Murder on the sidelines in the 2020 shocker "Dying To Be a Cheerleader" (8 p.m., Lifetime, TV-14).
- A singer finds inspiration in Nashville (of all places) in the 2020 romance "Country at Heart" (9 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).

**SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7:30 p.m., CBS): Devastating fires on the West Coast; interviews with leaders of the Lincoln Project, a group of Republicans bent on defeating President Trump; a profile of Jerry Seinfeld.
- The Heat and Lakers meet in Game 3 of the NBA Finals (7:30 p.m., ABC).
- Bonus material on "The Walking Dead" (8 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- The San Francisco 49ers host the Philadelphia Eagles in NFL action (8:20 p.m., NBC).
- Middle-aged guys (Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn) try to relive cam-

pus shenanigans in the 2003 comedy "Old School" (9:30 p.m., CBS, TV-14). CBS will air movies from the Paramount vault every Sunday night in October.

- Characters appear in cartoon form on an election-themed episode of "black-ish" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG). Subject to delay due to NBA coverage.
- Sisters face a grim choice on "The Walking Dead: World Beyond" (10 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- Oraetta talks herself into a new job on "Fargo" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).
- CNN premieres "First Ladies" (10 p.m.), weekly profiles beginning with Michelle Obama.

**CULT CHOICE**

A failed writer (Jack Nicholson) isolates himself and his family in a haunted hotel in director Stanley Kubrick's 1980 adaptation of Stephen King's gothic novel "The Shining" (8:15 p.m. Saturday, IFC, TV-MA).

**SATURDAY SERIES**

A missing laptop on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* "The Wall" (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) \* "The Masked Singer" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) \* A femme fatale on "NCIS: New Orleans" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* "Ellen's Game of Games" (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) \* "I Can See Your Voice" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) \* "48 Hours" (10 p.m., CBS) \* A vintage helping of "Saturday Night Live" (10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

**SUNDAY SERIES**

"Football Night in America" (7 p.m., NBC, TV-14) \* Ancient Rome on "The Simpsons" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* The universe faces destruction on "Pandora" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) \* Competition on "Bless the Harts" (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* Contagion and concerts on "Bob's Burgers" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) \* The search for an advantage on "Supernatural" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) \* Rupert's past emerges on "Family Guy" (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

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Carolina Grove is one of several restaurants in Sumter with the Palmetto Priority certification from the state. Gov. Henry McMaster said Thursday restaurants across the state will soon be able to have 100% capacity, although he urged them to still take precautions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

## RESTAURANTS

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South Carolina never dipped below the national average.

More than 143,500 people have contracted COVID-19 and 3,200 have died in the state since the pandemic began, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control reported.

Officials reported just 229 new cases Thursday and 197 new cases Wednesday — some of the lowest totals since May. But health officials said the low numbers were the result of work on a new electronic database to report lab results, and the only cases they counted were reported by email or fax. The cases typically reported in the database will be added to South Carolina's totals when the work is done.

The rate of positive tests remained above 10% both days, signs that COVID-19 is still being spread.

Even as he plans to lift restaurant restrictions, the governor Thursday asked the businesses to use common sense and keep as many of their seats outside or in large rooms as possible.

The ban on congregating at bars remains in place, too, and McMaster said he has no plans now to increase the allowed attendance at football games and concerts.

McMaster said he continues to weigh a number of factors as he decides what restrictions to keep and which ones to lift.

"There is all kinds of health. There's mental health. There's physical health. There's economic health," the governor said. "Each is as important as the other."

## ROUTES

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"We want to encourage people to take the bus, especially if people need assistance to get to doctors' appointments," Jones said. "Or, if they are unemployed and having a hard time now, we want to assist them to get to their doctors' appointments and buy food and other things at no fee."

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the RTA offered fare-free rides for about two months, she added.

RTA has up to seven city routes in Sumter.

Also, on Thursday, RTA resumed its Sumter to Columbia daily Smartride route for work commuters to the capital city and also its Sumter to Columbia Mid-Day Express, which runs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Both of those routes are free of charge as well, Jones said.

The Monday-through-Friday Smartride makes various stops in Columbia, dropping off riders in the morning and picking them up to come back to Sumter in the late after-

noon. Normally, a round-trip ride via RTA to Columbia is \$5 total.

Mainly military veterans utilize the Mid-Day Express since stops include the Veterans Affairs hospital, Jones said, but it's open to the general public as well.

"Anyone who wants to ride it can ride it," she said. "If they set their appointments in Columbia on Tuesday and Wednesday, then they won't have to stay all day. We will pick them back up and bring them back. They will probably get back into Sumter by 2 or 2:30 p.m."

Those Columbia routes were suspended in the spring due to low ridership, amid the initial spread of the coronavirus.

Some RTA city routes are still suspended, she said, and also a U.S. 521 "connector" to Camden.

"We're just excited, and we pray and trust that everyone will be more aware of our services and would get on the bus and get a feel for how our service operates," Jones said. "We welcome them aboard."

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## HEALTH

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healthy eating category by teaming up with Dorr Farms, which provided about 90 farm boxes full of either vegetables or fruits.

Marie Dorr, owner of Dorr Farms, said one of the PTA members brought the fundraiser idea to her about the time they first started selling farm boxes during the coronavirus pandemic.

"They're pushing the healthy eating," Dorr said. "They asked us to do a farm box fundraiser. It ties in with promoting healthy eating."

Dorr said it was good to see parents purchase the farm boxes and take them home to their families. It really showed how much the parents care about their child's health.

The fundraiser was not only beneficial to a student or the family's health, but it was also beneficial to local farmers.

Dorr Farms received a portion of the money from the fundraiser, while the PTA put the rest of the money toward the elementary school.

Ballier said the PTA is trying to collect enough money to sponsor a drive-in movie night for the students and their families in

the near future.

"We're trying to get that sponsored and off the ground," Ballier said. "It's just another event to connect the kids in the community so they'll still have somewhere to go and things to do other than being home."

She said the students of Millwood Elementary School deserve a fun-filled event to attend amid the pandemic while also spending time with their families and schoolmates.

"Not only is nutrition important during COVID," Ballier said, "but it's also important that we keep the families connected to the school community."

## VOTING

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election as much as possible," said Barry Richard, who represented President George W. Bush's campaign in the 2000 Florida recount. "You're really seeing a broad-based, generalized strategy to suppress the vote by the Republican Party."

Trump's campaign says it's simply trying to ensure a fair election. It says the explosion of disputes is a result of Democrats' efforts to change the way America votes during the coronavirus pandemic, largely by expanding access to mail-in voting. More than 200 lawsuits have been filed over voting procedures in the election.

"Since when is fairness a bad thing?" campaign spokeswoman Thea McDonald said in a statement.

But election experts and lawyers say the GOP efforts demonstrate a new willingness to fight and amplify relatively minor, even legally dubious issues.

The strategy was on display last week when Trump tweeted about nine "discarded" ballots in Luzerne Coun-

ty, Pennsylvania. Then this week the hotspot was a Philadelphia fight over whether Trump campaign poll monitors could be allowed into newly opened satellite election offices.

Trump poll monitors requested entry, but city election offices said neither party's observers had a legal right to access the buildings. Under state law, poll monitors can only observe live, in-person voting and not places where people can register, fill out early ballots and drop them off to be counted weeks later. The campaign sent observers to the sites, and in one case they were turned away by a Republican on the city election commission. The campaign threatened to sue but has not done so.

Richard described this fight as largely "for public consumption." Trump brought up the episode in Tuesday night's debate, mentioning none of the legal subtleties. Instead, he held it up as a broad-brushed indictment of the reliability of the vote count.

"Today there was a big problem in Philadelphia," Trump said at the debate. "You know why? Because bad things happen in Philadelphia, bad things."

The next day, Trump's son, Eric Trump, and other supporters tweeted a video apparently recorded by a member of the campaign as a Philadelphia election official expelled him from a city building.

"Now they are throwing poll watchers out of City Hall in

Philly!" Eric Trump wrote.

President Trump for months has cast doubt on the integrity of the U.S. voting system. His primary target has been mail ballots, which may be used by as many as half of all voters as people look to avoid crowded polling places. Trump has baselessly claimed they will lead to massive fraud.

Trump's campaign is now pushing to ensure intense scrutiny on those mail-in ballots as they are returned. In North Carolina, where Black voters were sending in a disproportionate number of ballots with errors, the Board of Elections settled a lawsuit with a voting rights group making it easier for voters to fix errors.

The board's two Republicans quit in protest, and the

GOP sued to block the settlement. North Carolina's Democratic attorney general in court papers included a Trump campaign email to some local board of election members as an example of how he said the party was improperly undermining an official state directive.

Says Trump campaign spokeswoman McDonald: "County board members need guidance on how to proceed in the wake of these unelected Democrats' attempt to radically rewrite the law 40 days out from Election Day."

On Thursday, the state board of elections, which has a Democratic majority, told counties to halt using the new cure method pending the outcome of court hearings this week and next.

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## COMMENTARY

# Presidential 'debates' reveal the nation's decay

**W**ASHINGTON — The putrescence of America's public life was pitilessly displayed Tuesday when for 96 minutes whatever remains of the nation's domestic confidence and international stature shriveled like a brittle autumn leaf. The national interest — actually, national security — demands that the other two scheduled mortifications, fraudulently advertised as debates, should be canceled: When a nation makes itself pathetic, the response of enemy nations is not sympathy. And another 180 or so minutes of ignorant assertions mitigated only by the inarticulateness of the purveyors of them will swell the electorate's already abundant crop of cynics, well defined as people prematurely disappointed about the future.

Some viewers, their minds already closed concerning their presidential choice, watched the debate the way some people watch stock-car races, in hopeful expectation of carnage. They were

not disappointed. Others watched in order to decide whether Joe Biden has the acuity and grit to remain composed while standing next to someone whose indifference to facts dictates his preferred mode of expression: a tantrum. Among the relatively few voters still undecided about their choice, many probably watched hoping for reassurance about Biden, somewhat as voters did about Ronald



**George Will**

Reagan in 1980.

Before Reagan's 1980 debate with Jimmy Carter, seven days before the election, the polls were much closer than the election would be. Millions of voters who did not want to vote for Carter — the Iranian hostage crisis, a "misery index" of 22 (the sum of the inflation and unemployment rates in June 1980), etc. — but they would unless they

were convinced that Reagan was not the reckless and nasty person portrayed by Carter's shrill and nasty campaigning. When Carter attacked him concerning health care, Reagan responded with amiable bemusement and triggered a 44-state landslide with four reassuring words: "There you go again."

Biden was at most minimally reassuring. Allowing himself to be sucked into the vortex of Trump's cyclonic destruction of the event's negotiated rules, Biden called Trump a clown, a fool and a liar. Truth was, however, an insufficient justification for Biden's ignoring of this fact about Trump's behavior: Following him down is an endless journey.

Presidential debates test next to nothing that is germane to the performance of presidential duties. Biden's ungraceful scrum with someone unhinged and uninformed was an event with no analogue in a well-managed presidency.

Biden's aging is a decisive

consideration in his competition with Trump, whose reelection depends substantially on maintaining his support among the elderly. For the first time in Earth's history there are, globally, more people over 65 than under 5. In 2016, more than a million more U.S. votes were cast by people over 65 than by those 18 to 34. However, the elderly, the whitest age cohort and the most receptive to Trump, are a crumbling Republican foundation: In 1993, Florida became the first state in which deaths outnumbered births among whites; in 2018, that was the case in 26 states.

This is one reason for the GOP's downward spiral. In the six elections between 1968-1988, of which they won five, Republicans won the popular vote by an average of 8.2 million and 9.58 percentage points and averaged 417 electoral votes. In the election they lost, Gerald Ford in 1976 came closer to defeating Jimmy Carter than Mitt Romney came to defeating Barack Obama. But in the next six elections

(1992-2012), Republicans lost the popular vote by an average of 4.3 million and averaged just 211 electoral votes.

Hillary Clinton's 2.1% margin of victory in the popular vote while losing in 2016 was larger than John Kennedy's popular vote margin (0.17%) while winning in 1960 and larger than Carter's (2.07%) while winning in 1976. Since 2016, Trump, with malice toward all who were not components of his popular-vote minority, has shown an indifference to arithmetic that his supporters probably consider evidence of his manliness, as they consider his rancorousness.

"Rancor," wrote José Ortega y Gasset, "is an outpouring of a feeling of inferiority." A plurality of Americans have concluded that Trump has much to feel inferior about, and Tuesday probably changed neither this nor the nation's feeling of dread about its accelerating decay.

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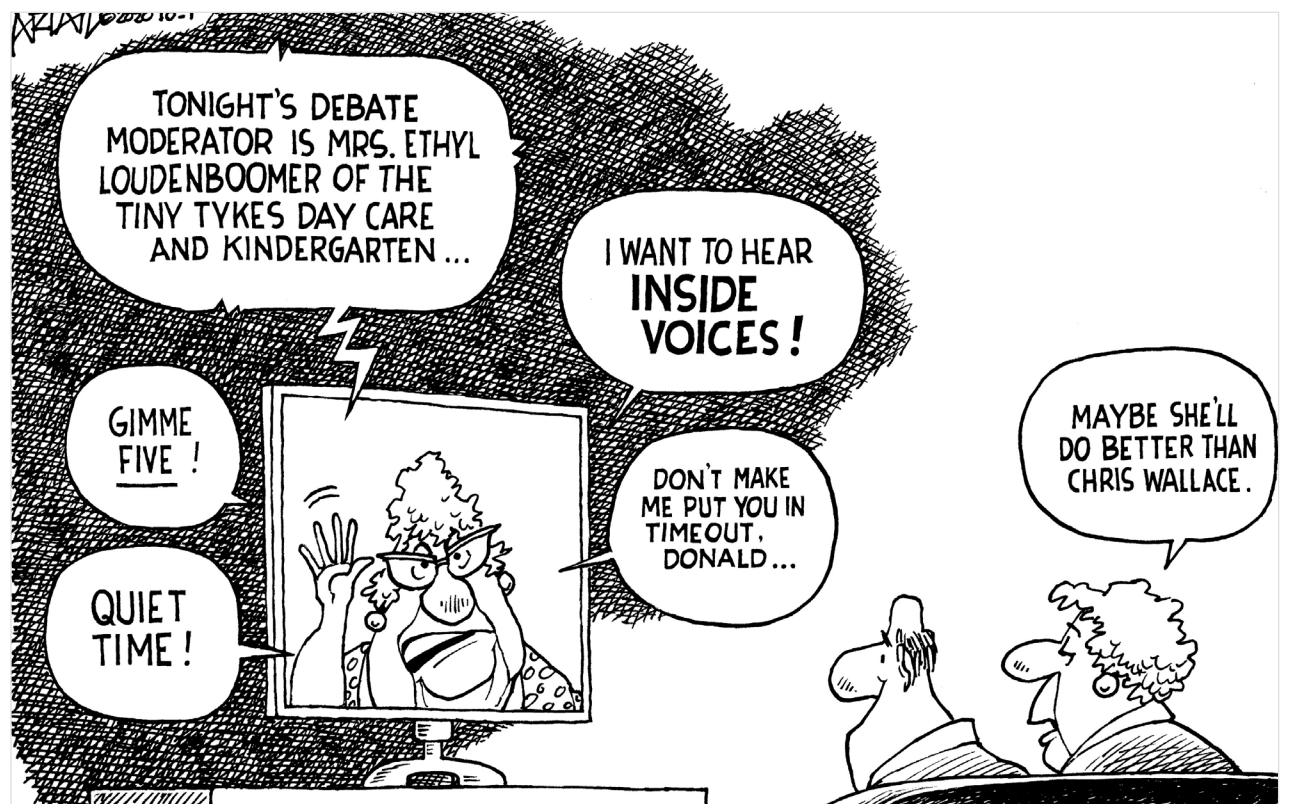
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## COMMENTARY

# Southern Voices, Southern Stories: Sir Dad, the Dragon Slayer

**D**epartment of Natural Resources: Be on the lookout for the Tegu, a large, dragon-like lizard from South America that has been spotted in Georgia and South Carolina. If you see this invasive species, do not approach and contact DNR immediately!

Me, the avid outdoorsman: Do I go after that sucker with heavy-duty fishing tackle or my trusty 12-gauge shotgun? And is there a limit?

Me, as a Southern Baptist: I wonder what it would taste like in a 9-inch casserole dish for Sunday's dinner-on-the-grounds?

Seriously, though, I do have some experience when it comes to dispatching dragons and other sorts of monsters. Being a Dad, monsters are nothing new. Monsters under the bed, Things That Go Bump In The Night and Boogeymen that live in closets — that's just a typical Tuesday night bedtime battle for me.

But dragons? Well, that's my specialty.

Flashback: Hunting Island Lighthouse Beach, Beaufort County, 10 years ago. For \$2, the brave and the foolish can climb the lighthouse, circle the obser-

vation tower and enjoy "a lofty view of the barrier island and surrounding seascape," according to the state park guide book.

Kid: "Daddy, can we climb it? Please?"

Lighthouse: (Soars 136 menacing feet off the ground.)



**Michael M. DeWitt Jr.**

Me: "(gulp)!"

If you know anything about me, you know that I am afraid of only three things: angry wives, spiders

(both real and imaginary) and heights — which might explain why my career as a construction worker never really got off the ground.

Something weird happens to me when I get more than a few feet off the ground. My legs turn to Jello, my hands lock down on anything nearby in a death grip, and my head starts spinning.

I looked down at the tourist's guide in my shaking hands. Built c.1889, this thing is 131 years old. It's so old that the state park only lets six people climb it at any given time. That can't

be safe.

"Please, Daddy? It's a magical tower, and there might be a dragon up there that has to be slayed, or maybe a princess that needs rescuing! If you go first, I'll go with you!"

"Visitors may find the lighthouse closed during inclement weather due to safety concerns," the guide continued. What safety concerns? Is it going to blow over?

Then I looked in my kid's eyes. Pure hero worship. He just knew that Old Dad — no, Sir Dad, The Dragon Slayer — was going to mount those steps and dispatch all comers before rescuing the fair maiden.

Mount them, I did, with my young squire close at hand. All 167 steps, because I counted them. And we aren't talking about solid steps, either — you could see through those rusty suckers all the way to the ground!

To say that I climbed that magical tower slowly would be an understatement. I was there so long they charged me double admission. Little old ladies from Jersey were passing me on the stairs with annoyed looks and lapping me on the way back down. Small children were

asking if I needed assistance. I would have taken a prayer break, but it's kind of tricky reaching hands for the heavens when your fingers are locked in a death grip on the guard rail.

Headlines of the ensuing tragedy flashed before my eyes: "Dad dies trying to show off for stupid kids" or "Man who should have known better dies in lighthouse collapse." I wondered if my peers at the newspaper would think enough of me to run my obit on the front page.

I could not tell you much about the view from up there because this conquering hero didn't hang around long enough to sign any autographs. I kissed the sweet, salty earth when I returned to terra firma.

"Daddy wasn't scared," the kid informed his mom, the excitement radiating from his face like a beam from that very lighthouse long ago. "He climbed the castle, and he kicked the dragon's butt, and he told the monster to watch his mouth, and then he kicked him in the leg!"

Did we just climb the same lighthouse, kid? Maybe it's time to cut back on the candy and the car-

toons.

I was reminded of an important lesson that day. Our young children don't just look up to us when we climb lighthouses hundreds of feet in the air. They look up to us every day, in whatever we are doing, and more often than not they think that our actions are "cool" and "awesome" and they want to be just like us when they grow up.

Conquering hero, are you using your powers for good?

Beware, all you masters of the castle and slayers of monsters. Beware, all you keepers of the night light and vanquishers of the boogeyman. Beware, all you teachers, role models and mentors. There really are dragons out there, and you really are someone's hero.

Say, Mom, now that the dragon is gone, are you a Princess that needs rescuing?

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## AROUND TOWN

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Please note that due to the threat of COVID-19, some events may be cancelled or rescheduled unexpectedly.

**The Sumter Life Chain** will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, and on Sunday, Nov. 1, on Broad Street. Call Hugh Wilson at (803) 468-6509 or Brandi Hall at (803) 464-1918.

**A Sumter Friends of the NRA banquet** will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the American Legion, 31 Artillery Drive. Dinner tickets

are \$45. There are special table and couple packages available. Call Jim Strong at (843) 319-4438 or email jim@strongarmssumter.com.

**The VFW Car & Truck Show** will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Sumter VFW Post 3034, 1925 Gion St. Registration ends at noon and judging begins at noon. This annual car show benefits the local VFW and Sumter area veterans. Trophies, food, drinks, giveaways and 50/50. Call John Shirah at (803) 236-2401 or David Dury at (803) 316-1052.

## PUBLIC AGENDA

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Monday, Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m., via

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING**  
Monday, Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Sheriff's Office conference room

**SUMTER CITY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

**BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building

**TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m., town hall

## The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't get upset; get moving.

Channel energy into something constructive. Control situations, and avoid letting anyone goad you into a spat that will waste time and cause stress. Concentrate on personal growth, not changing others.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Look at every situation thoroughly before you make a move. Underhandedness will prevail if you're lax and let others take control. Personal improvements will bring the highest reward. Romance is in the stars and will enhance your life.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Get to the bottom of any situation that has left you feeling uncertain. Ask questions, be direct and don't settle for secondhand information. How you approach people will make a difference to the outcome. Benevolence will pay off.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): An unexpected change will occur if you let anger or stubbornness turn into a battle with someone you love. Take a step back, and do your best to nurture and understand what others are going through before you take action.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Follow your heart. If you give someone an inch, they will take a mile and leave you in an awkward position. Put more merit on what's important to you and how to go about getting your way. Romance is favored.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): How you handle your money will determine how much cash you have for entertainment and luxury purchases. Practical spending and investments will be necessary if you want to make improvements to your lifestyle. Prioritize what's important to you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Remain calm, and you'll avoid getting into a battle with someone you love. Put energy into something that will bring concrete results. Focus on love, partnerships and doing what's best for you and everyone important to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take care of business. Leave nothing unfinished or open to criticism. Consider making a change at home that will give you greater freedom to do as you please. Touch base with friends and relatives, and you'll acquire valuable information.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may want to party, but before you do, consider the consequences. You can have fun without jeopardizing your health or reputation. Plan to spend quiet time with someone you love, and avoid a crowded situation. Personal growth and romance are favored.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let little things annoy you. Keep emotions tucked away, listen carefully and go about your business. A change you make at home will turn out to be a good move. Be practical, and use your intelligence to get ahead.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A partnership will interest you. Put together a must-have list before you negotiate. You may not get everything you want, but you'll get the essentials if you're ready to barter. Celebrate new beginnings with someone you love.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): A change to how you handle money, investments and binding relationships will make a difference to the way others respond. Use charm and offer incentives to gain the support you require to reach your goal.

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny and pleasant	Clear	Sunny and beautiful	Pleasant with sunny intervals	Mostly sunny and nice	Partly sunny and nice
74°	48°	72° / 52°	71° / 54°	74° / 53°	75° / 57°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%
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## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

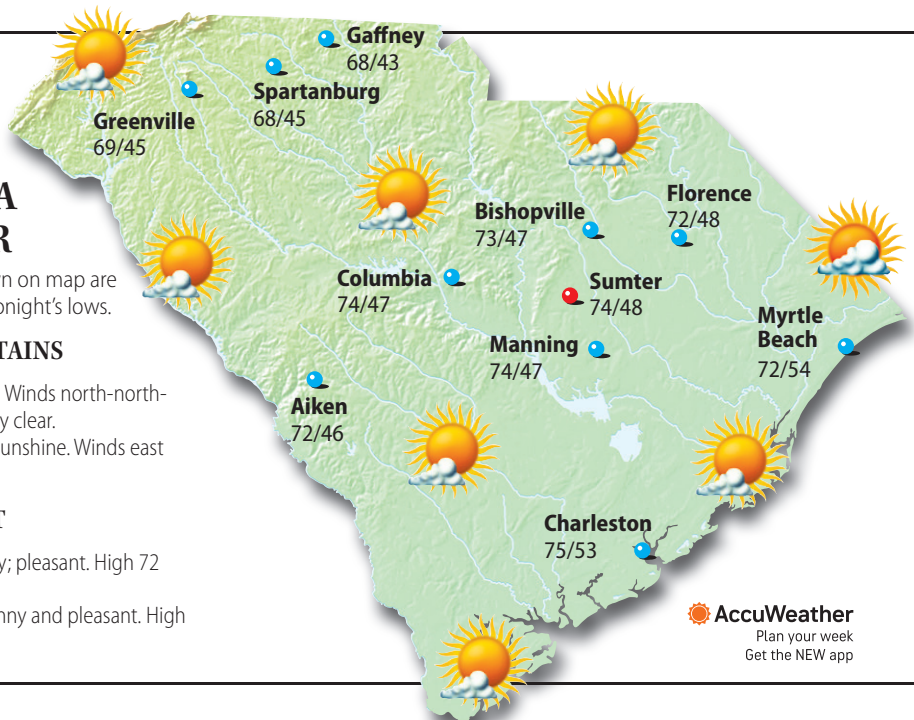
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Partly sunny. Winds north-north-west 4-8 mph. Mostly clear.  
**Saturday:** Brilliant sunshine. Winds east 4-8 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** Mostly sunny; pleasant. High 72 to 77.  
**Saturday:** Partly sunny and pleasant. High 71 to 75.



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature
High 80°
Low 55°
Normal high 79°
Normal low 56°
Record high 92° in 1986
Record low 39° in 1967

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"	
Normal month to date	0.13"	
Year to date	48.88"	
Last year to date	27.34"	
Normal year to date	37.50"	

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.13	-0.02
Marion	76.8	75.28	-0.04
Moultrie	75.5	74.68	+0.01
Wateree	100	96.47	-0.21

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	11.04	+0.77
Congaree River	19	4.41	-0.88
Lynchies River	14	10.35	+0.34
Saluda River	14	3.53	-0.02
Up. Santee River	80	79.30	-0.09
Wateree River	24	15.68	+0.64

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:17 a.m.	Sunset	7:04 p.m.
Moonrise	7:50 p.m.	Moonset	7:48 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 31

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:02 a.m.	3.3	4:35 a.m.	0.4
	10:27 p.m.	3.2	4:58 p.m.	0.6
Sat.	10:38 a.m.	3.3	5:10 a.m.	0.4
	11:02 p.m.	3.1	5:35 p.m.	0.7

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	69/48/s	71/51/s
Chicago	54/40/pc	55/47/c
Dallas	76/57/s	82/63/c
Detroit	55/37/pc	56/43/pc
Houston	83/56/s	82/60/s
Los Angeles	96/67/s	90/64/s
New Orleans	77/60/s	75/61/s
New York	64/52/r	65/51/s
Orlando	84/67/pc	81/71/sh
Philadelphia	66/49/r	65/48/s
Phoenix	106/73/s	104/71/s
San Francisco	84/60/pc	76/57/pc
Wash., DC	67/49/pc	66/49/s

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	63/40/s	63/43/s	Florence	72/48/pc	72/52/s
Athens	71/47/s	72/49/s	Gainesville	80/58/s	79/64/c
Augusta	76/46/s	75/50/s	Gastonia	70/45/s	70/47/s
Beaufort	77/55/s	75/59/s	Goldsboro	70/47/pc	69/53/s
Cape Hatteras	72/62/pc	71/64/pc	Goose Creek	74/53/s	73/57/s
Charleston	75/53/s	73/57/s	Greensboro	67/44/pc	66/45/s
Charlotte	71/45/s	70/48/s	Greenville	69/45/s	68/47/s
Clemson	69/46/s	68/48/s	Hickory	68/42/s	66/45/s
Columbia	74/47/s	73/50/s	Hilton Head	75/57/s	73/60/pc
Darlington	73/47/pc	72/51/s	Jacksonville, FL	79/59/s	77/66/pc
Elizabeth City	72/52/c	73/55/s	La Grange	71/45/s	73/49/s
Elizabethtown	71/47/pc	71/53/s	Macon	75/44/s	75/49/s
Fayetteville	71/48/pc	71/52/s	Marietta	68/45/s	70/50/s
			Marion	66/40/s	65/42/s
			Mt. Pleasant	75/56/s	73/60/pc
			Myrtle Beach	72/54/s	71/58/s
			Orangeburg	73/49/s	72/52/s
			Port Royal	76/57/s	74/59/pc
			Raleigh	70/46/pc	68/49/s
			Rock Hill	70/45/s	70/47/s
			Rockingham	72/45/pc	71/49/s
			Savannah	78/54/s	76/59/s
			Spartanburg	68/45/s	68/45/s
			Summerville	74/52/s	72/58/s
			Wilmington	73/53/pc	73/57/s
			Winston-Salem	68/43/pc	66/45/s

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## ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

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### JUMBLE

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## SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



**FAR LEFT:** Bella is a 3-year-old Labrador mix. She is a very sweet, gentle and affectionate girl who is great with other dogs. Bella is also active, playful and enjoys any kind of attention. She would make a wonderful new family buddy.

**LEFT:** Cujo is a housebroken and neutered 7-year-old orange tabby male American shorthair. He is super with other cats. Cujo is an active and affectionate boy who is friendly, playful and sometimes lazy.

The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit at [www.sumterspcpa.com](http://www.sumterspcpa.com).

**The SPCA relies heavily on community support and donations. Currently, the biggest needs are for dry puppy and kitten food, wet cat food, cat litter and cleaning supplies. The following are also appreciated:** Newspapers, stuffed animals, heavy duty trash bags (30 gallon or larger), dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, bleach, paper towels, sheets and comforters, baby blankets, canned dog and cat food, dry dog food, treats, leashes and collars, disinfectant spray, all-purpose cleaner, air freshener, no scratch scrubbers, two-sided sponges for dishes, litter freshener and, of course, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

## Manning hosts Camden as Bulldogs make season debut after COVID scare



BY TIM LEIBLE  
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The coronavirus pandemic has led to athletic teams having to make plenty of adjustments this fall. This continues to be the case this week as the Manning High School football team plays host to Camden for a Region VI-3A game on Friday at Ramsey Stadium.

For Manning, this is mostly business as usual, though it will be without top running back Ernie Calloway. For Camden, the second week of the season will provide it with its first chance to hit the field. The Bulldogs had their season-opening game against

Lakewood scheduled for last week postponed after some of their players tested positive for COVID-19.

Facing Camden is tough any week, as it is a favorite to win the region after going 12-2 and losing in the state semifinals to eventual champion Chapman last season. The Monarchs have to prepare for the game with limited film to watch. Head coach Reggie Kennedy said he does have some film to watch from a scrimmage, but he definitely would prefer to have seen Camden in action this season.

"We've got a young ball club this year and we're just trying to stay in our regular routine," Kennedy said of

how his team is preparing for Camden. "We're treating it like a normal week. We haven't said too much to the kids about their COVID situation and all that stuff. We just know we're going against a really good football team. They're ranked No. 2 in the state in 3A. COVID or no COVID, we know that's a good football team coming to play us on Friday.

"I got an opportunity to see one of the scrimmages they had and a little bit of tape from last year. They've got a lot of kids back, so they do a lot of the same stuff they did in the past."

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## Gamecocks look to improve in non-region game against Rock Hill

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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Sumter High School was far from perfect in its season-opening football game against Socastee last week. When all was said and done though, the Gamecocks had a 24-7 victory and a 1-0 record in Region VI-5A.

Playing region games at the start of the season has been brought about by the coronavirus pandemic this year in order to get the games in. Since SHS has a 5-team region though, there will be one week where teams play a non-region contest. For Sumter, this is the week for that as it travels to face Rock Hill on Friday at District Three Stadium in Rock Hill.

Gamecock head coach Mark Barnes admits he isn't crying over having a non-region game early in the schedule.

"Every game is important, but with it being a non-region game it doesn't have a negative impact seeding for region play (which determines who makes the state playoffs)," Barnes said. "It's an opportunity to get better for both teams. For us, it helps us get better with our biggest region game probably next week against Carolina Forest since they were in the state semifinals last year.

"This is good for both teams (Sumter and Rock Hill), to get to play quality opponents. We are excited about the opportunity to go get tested."

The Bearcats, who won a region title

last season like Sumter, lost to Spring Valley 17-12 last week in their Region IV-5A opener. They jumped out to a 9-0 lead before the Vikings rallied. Rock Hill was turned away inside the SV 10-yard line in the final minutes of the game.

"It looked like an old-timey game with good defense," Barnes said of the RH-Spring Valley contest. "It was a very low-scoring game. Rock Hill is very athletic on defense, very well-coached offensively. They are a pass-and-run team. They have a quarterback who is a great athlete, and he is good at running and throwing the football."

The Rock Hill quarterback is freshman Matthew Wilson. He completed five of 13 passes for 99 yards against Spring Valley and rushed for 58 yards on 15 carries.

One of Wilson's completions was a 25-yarder that went to tight end Robbie Ouzts, a 6-foot-4-inch, 244-pounder who has committed to Alabama. That helped set up a scoring run by running back Anthony Arnette, who rushed for 79 yards on 22 carries.

SHS had a tremendous defensive game against Socastee. The Braves had just 26 yards of total offense because Sumter held them to minus 67 rushing yards. Sumter had 15 tackles for loss, five QB sacks and limited Socastee to just five first downs.

"It's just a testament to our defense,

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Sumter running back Nathan Harris-Waynick (26), who rushed for 97 yards and three touchdowns in the Gamecocks' 24-7 win over Socastee last week, will look to lead the Sumter offense against Rock Hill on Friday.

## Scott's Branch, Carvers Bay meet in important region showdown

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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Rodney Barr's attention this week is fully on Carvers Bay and rightfully so. That's who his Scott's Branch High School football team is playing host on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Spann Stadium in Summerton.

"I'm real big on one game at a time," the first-year Eagles head coach said. "I try my best not to look too far ahead. I want our focus to be on Carvers Bay. That kind of stuff we'll talk about after the game -- win, lose or draw.

"That kind of stuff" is Scott's Branch setting itself up for a possible run at the Region IV-1A title. It sounds a bit absurd since everyone has played just one game. However, since region games are being played at the beginning of the schedule this year because of the coronavirus pandemic, and Region IV teams have just four region contests, a win over the Bears will have the Eagles sitting pretty.

In fact, if Carvers Bay



TIM LEIBLE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Scott's Branch quarterback Tariq Coard (9) and the Eagles will face Carvers Bay in a key region contest on Friday.

comes away victorious it too will be in the driver's seat for the region title. The fact this game is a showdown is a bit of surprise.

Scott's Branch, 3-9 last year and in its first year with Barr as head coach, opened with a 16-14 triumph over East Clarendon, which was 7-5 playing at the 2A level last year. The Bears, who were 2-7 last year playing at 2A, had a 14-8 win over C.E. Murray, which was 8-3 last year and won

the Region V-1A title.

Scott's Branch picked up its win by scoring a touchdown and the 2-point conversion in the final two minutes of the game. Quarterback Tariq Coard tossed a 6-yard touchdown pass to Desane Washington to tie the game at 14-14. Ike Washington then punched in the 2-point conversion to give the Eagles the 16-14 win.

Coard completed five of

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## LMA looks to get back to .500 against Florence Christian

BY TIM LEIBLE  
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The Laurence Manning Academy football team is coming off its toughest game of the season, falling 28-7 in a hard-fought battle against SCISA powerhouse Hammond.

LMA is now looking in a different direction this week, as it faces off against winless Florence Christian School. Swampcats head coach Austin Floyd isn't chalking this up as an easy win just because the Eagles are win-less.

"They've got some good players, and they play tough in every game they've been in," said Floyd, whose team brings a 2-3 record into the contest while FCS is 0-4. "They've dealt with some injuries this year. Their quarter-

back, Robbie Jordan, has been out and, from what I understand, he's back this week. He hasn't played since Week 1 against Pee Dee. He's one of their better players.

"They've got a lot of young guys out there kind of like us, but they do really good things on offense, and they play hard defensively. It's not like they've just been getting boatraced in these games. Kinda like us, they've lost some close ones, so it's going to be a challenge."

Bringing Jordan into the Florence Christian offense should breathe some life into a team that's been held under 20 points each of the last three weeks, including getting shut out by Williamsburg Academy.

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### LOCAL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sumter at Rock Hill, 7:30 p.m.  
Crestwood at Marlboro County, 7:30 p.m.  
Lakewood at Lake City, 7:30 p.m.  
Camden at Manning, 7:30 p.m.  
East Clarendon at Lake View, 7:30 p.m.  
Carvers Bay at Scott's Branch, 7:30 p.m.

Augusta Christian at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Laurence Manning at Florence Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Christian Academy at Thomas Sumter, 7:30 p.m.  
Lee at Dillon Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

# Swinney says top-ranked Tigers healthy, virus free after off week

BY PETE IACOBELLI

The Associated Press

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney acknowledges how edgy he gets waiting for COVID-19 test results to come back for the top-ranked Tigers.

And maybe, he said Tuesday, he was even more anxious this week after giving players Friday and Saturday off for Clemson's bye week.

"Yeah, when you see that text message from (trainer) Danny Poole come across, you take a deep breath," Swinney said.

Exhale, coach, at least for this week.

Swinney received the good news for Clemson before Monday's practice after the players' latest round of tests and said the Tigers are as healthy as they've been in a while.

"I'm proud of our guys," Swinney said. "They're really locked in and doing a great job doing what they've got to do, (to) stay as healthy as they possibly can."

The Tigers (2-0, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) return to action Saturday night against Virginia (1-0, 1-0), which finally played its season opener last week and defeated Duke 38-20.

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence said he's confident in his teammates' efforts to stay safe. He can't vouch for those outside the program, however.

"I think, having a bye weekend, on campus, all the students are here, you do kind of worry a little bit of some situations you can't



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney, center, said his team is healthy and was able to avoid any coronavirus scares during their bye week. The Tigers play host to Virginia on Saturday.

avoid and just being careful," Lawrence said. "But we handled it great."

Much like Lawrence and the Tigers have handled things on the field in their first two games.

Clemson has outscored its opponents 86-13 and the defense posted its first shutout in four years with in a 49-0 victory over The Citadel.

Lawrence, who has said he plans for this to be his final college season, has been impressive. He's completed more than 81% of his passes for 519 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions. Lawrence has also rushed for three of Clemson's six TDs on the ground.

Lawrence credits his strong start to the work he put in since his only college loss, a 42-25 defeat to LSU in the national title game last January.

"I've just learned that this

game's a lot more mental than physical," he said.

Lawrence has used the extended fall camp caused by the coronavirus pandemic to work on footwork and technique to improve his accuracy. So far, that work is paying off.

Lawrence should get a difficult test from the Cavaliers' secondary, which had five interceptions last week in beating Duke. The Blue Devils' starting quarterback is ex-Tigers backup — and Lawrence's good friend Chase Brice.

Lawrence said he and Brice exchange text some about the game already and could chat more. But Lawrence also has his own history with Virginia to draw on, passing for 302 yards and four touchdowns in Clemson's 62-17 ACC title game win over the Cavaliers last December.

# Heat are ailing, but insist NBA Finals against Lakers aren't over

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Jimmy Butler had a bandage on his right knee and a wrap on his left ankle. His team's starting point guard and center are both doubtful to play in Game 2 of the NBA Finals. And his Miami Heat are coming off a one-sided loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Given all that, Butler believes a perception exists that this series is already over.

"I beg to differ," Butler

said Thursday.

Say this for the Heat: They're down but refuse to believe they're anywhere near out. Game 2 of the finals is Friday night, with Miami bracing to be without point guard Goran Dragic because of a torn left plantar fascia and All-Star Bam Adebayo due to a newly diagnosed neck injury on top of his ongoing shoulder issues.

"When it rains, it pours," said Butler, who'll play through a sore ankle in Game 2. "All in all, though, we're still expected to win. We got here for a reason.

We realize we belong. ... Obviously, we definitely need those two guys, don't get me wrong. But I've always said, next man up when a man goes down."

The Lakers won Game 1 116-98, a score that didn't exactly show how lopsided things were for much of the game. Miami started on a 25-12 run; the Lakers scored 75 of the game's next 105 points — a staggering burst. A 13-point deficit midway through the first quarter became a 32-point lead midway through the third for the Lakers.

ty. He's out with a concussion after a hit late in the game, so Manning needs some other running backs to step up and fill in for some of his production. Kennedy said those running backs will need some help from their offensive line.

"We'll probably be without (Calloway) for at least the next couple of weeks," Kennedy said. "(Improving the offense without Calloway) starts up front. We had a better week of preparation; that's an area we focused on this week was our offensive line. We feel like if we can do a better job up front, we've got some depth at running back that, by committee, we can fill the shoes of Ernie not being there."

The Monarch offense will try to get into gear against a stout defensive unit. Kennedy knows he has his hands full this week.

"They're real sound. They're a 4-3 team and they're real sound, where they're supposed to be. They play good technique," Kennedy said. "They're probably one of the better teams I've seen in a while. They're well coached all the way around, especially on the defensive side of the ball. We're going to have to win some battles up front."

Losing Calloway also takes away some depth at

linebacker for the Monarchs. Kennedy has a few players he's going to play at the position this week, but he's also toying with the idea of adding another down lineman and playing with more of a 4-3 defensive front.

"It'll be by committee at the linebacker position for him. We've got a couple guys we've worked in this week in practice," Kennedy said. "We also looked at maybe putting another hand on the ground and taking a linebacker out. We've got a few things we can do to kind of help fill his vacancy, but it'll be more by committee."

While Camden is going to be a tough draw, Kennedy knows how important it is for his team not to drop to 0-2 in the region right out of the gate. This game will be crucial for Manning if it wants to contend for a region title.

"We're trying to win a region championship, but it's tough to bounce back if you have two losses in the region. You're going to be playing more for second from here on out, not first," said Kennedy. "I told our guys all week, if they want to stay in the running for a region championship, this is a must win for us in that aspect. If not, we'll be playing catchup all year."

## AREA ROUNDUP

# Lee Academy volleyball sweeps Orangeburg Prep

BISHOPVILLE — The Lee Academy varsity volleyball team defeated Orangeburg Prep 3-0 on Tuesday at the REL gymnasium.

The Lady Cavaliers won by the scores of 25-15, 25-23, 25-23.

Charley Grace Norris had 26 digs and three kills, while Julee Saverance had 36 assists and four digs to pace Lee. Caleigh Barrett had 16 digs, 11 kills and three aces, MJ Logan had 10 digs and 11 kills, Lacie McElveen had seven digs, four kills and two assists, Madi Motley had four kills and Malory Christmas had two kills.

## NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 3 THOMAS SUMTER 0

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy fell to 1-3 in region play with a 3-0 loss to Northside Christian on Tuesday at Edens Gymnasium.

Northside won by the scores of 25-16, 25-16, 25-13.

## JV FOOTBALL

### WILSON HALL 18 BEN LIPPEN 0

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall improved to 3-1 with an 18-0

victory over Ben Lippen on Monday at the BL field.

Ben Reynolds returned a punt 30 yards for a touchdown to lead the Barons. Dylan Jones had a TD run, and Shawn Michael Matthews caught a pass for a score.

Grayson Alexander and Owen Meyers led the WH defense with 10 tackles apiece. Miles Van Patten had nine tackles and Slade Custer recovered a fumble. Carson Wilsey and Landon Gilley both had an interception.

On Thursday in Sumter, Wilson Hall defeated Cardinal Newman 50-0.

Meyers had two rushing touchdowns, while Van Patten ran for a score and caught a TD pass.

Connor Hanson, Hayden Mims and Andrew Segars each scored a touchdown.

Hayden Mims and Parker McLeod led the defense with five tackles. Thomas Creech had an interception and a fumble recovery. Connor Claus and Will Knight also had interceptions.

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and the type of job that they do," Barnes said. "If we can do that this week, then we'll win. We're going to be going against a better opponent, a more quality opponent."

"With a quarterback who can run, that means we're going to have to defend all 11 people. They are huge on the offensive line, averaging 6-2, 290. That's as big a group as we've played since I've been here."

The Gamecocks didn't have a stellar offensive game, totaling just 215 yards of offense while turning the ball over twice. Running back Nathan Harris-Waynick did rush for 97

yards and all three of Sumter's touchdowns on 19 carries.

The Gamecocks did get flagged for 17 penalties. Barnes said his team definitely needs to clean up that area.

"No. 1, you have to get out of your own way," Barnes said. "You don't want to create long-yardage situations for yourselves. We have to be cleaner on offense and defense."

"We have to get better at the basic things we do. We have to be more efficient when we throw it and when we run the football."

"We just need to continue to get better. I've always said a team makes its biggest improvement from Week 1 to Week 2. I'm hoping that's the case for us."

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"They can open it up a little bit. He's got a real strong arm, that was something we noticed last year on film," Floyd said of Jordan. "He can throw it downfield vertically, help them out screen-wise and really just managing the offense. When you've got an older guy out there, who has been there and done it, won a state championship two years ago and he's just a good player. He changes what they're capable of doing offensively for sure."

The other major skill player for Florence Christian will be Ethan Kelly. The junior running back leads the team in both rushing and receiving with 447 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns to go with 106 receiving yards and another score through the air.

"(Kelly) plays running back for them, plays defensive back. He's kind of their guy that can pop and go score from anywhere," Floyd said. "He's quick, breaks tackles and we've got to make sure we get to him."

Florence Christian will try to run the football, which could lead to a low-scoring affair. LMA also loves to pound the rock, which means a shorter game with fewer opportunities to score unless you force some turnovers.

"That's kind of what's scary. When you have two teams that want to pound the rock, the game is going to be

short and there might not be a lot of scoring going on, but that means it's going to be a close ball game," Floyd said.

"We just have to build off of what we did positively last week, and we've done that, we put some things in. We added some things this week that's building off of what our guys have shown us that they can do. It's just executing."

Despite the Swampcats' sub-.500 record, Floyd thinks his team has continued to get better each week. He wants to see that continue against Florence Christian.

"I feel like we've gotten better offensively every week. I feel like we've gotten better defensively each week," Floyd said. "We tackled well Friday night and I was super proud, especially some of our DBs (defensive backs) coming up and making tackles when they needed to. You love to see that."

The Swampcats have a chance to get back to .500 with a win on Friday, which Floyd sees as an important landmark to hit at this point in the season.

"The weather is starting to cool off and when it starts to cool off, you know games are starting to mean a little bit more," Floyd said. "We haven't had a winning record. We started 0-2, got back to .500 and now we're one game under .500. We definitely want to be pacing ourselves to be playing our best at the end of the year and that starts Friday night."

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Manning is going to have to keep an eye on Jaffari Pearson as they gameplan for the Bulldogs. Pearson is Camden's senior quarterback who passed for 1,830 yards and 20 touchdowns last season, while rushing for another 634 yards and 13 scores. Containing the quarterback is only Step 1 though.

The Bulldogs run the ball with the best of them and return top rusher Willis Lane, who carried the ball 241 times for a school record 2,389 yards and 25 touchdowns. They lost Mikah Davis, who rushed for 1,397 yard and 13 scores, to graduation. Bottling up that rushing attack is no simple task.

"Their quarterback, he makes them go. I think he's a 3-year starter and they've got a good running back," Kennedy said. "They stand out and get our attention early. They do a whole lot offensively, so we have to keep them off the field. In other words, we need our offense to play well."

The Monarchs will have to get their offense going without Calloway, who rushed for 113 yards and a touchdown in the team's 21-14 loss to Marlboro Coun-

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eight passes 90 yards while rushing for 89 yards on eight carries.

Barr said there is plenty of room for improvement for his squad.

"We didn't play a very clean game," Barr said. "I felt like we played very well on de-

fense. I expected us to play a lot better on offense. I was pleased with how well we handled adversity, kept fighting back, believing in each other.

"We have to make sure we don't turn over the ball. We had a total of four turnovers. We have to play a much cleaner game and limit our penalties. We had over 200 yards in penalties, and we can't keep on doing that."

# Anderson shines as Braves shut out Reds again to sweep series

BY CHARLES ODUM

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — It had been so long since the Atlanta Braves won a postseason series, Marcell Ozuna wanted to make sure he captured the moment.

Then Adam Duvall joined the selfie bandwagon.

Ian Anderson dazzled in another shutout performance for Atlanta, and the Braves won a playoff series for the first time in almost two decades by sweeping the light-hitting Cincinnati Reds with a 5-0 victory Thursday.

Ronald Acuña Jr. had three



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hits for the NL East champions, including a run-scoring double in the fifth. After winning Wednesday's series opener 1-0 in 13 innings, Atlanta

broke open Game 2 on two-run homers by Ozuna and Duvall off Raisel Iglesias in the eighth.

Following his drive to left-center, Ozuna paused on his jog down the first-base line to hold up his hand and pretend he was taking a selfie photo.

When Duvall added another shot, Ozuna called him to the

end of the dugout for another selfie.

Duvall said Ozuna "kind of put me in the spotlight right there. I was having fun with it. That's not really my forte. I'm not, I guess, super flashy or anything but we were having fun with it."

It was definitely a fun day for Ozuna and Co. Not so much for Joey Votto and the Reds.

Anderson struck out nine in six innings as the Braves snapped their record-tying string of losses in 10 consecutive postseason rounds since their last playoff series win in 2001. Atlanta will face Miami

or the Chicago Cubs in the NL Division Series in Houston.

Manager Brian Snitker described the postgame celebration, somewhat limited by the coronavirus pandemic, as "a controlled chaos."

"I told them we're just checking a box off in what we want to get done," Snitker said.

Just like in 2001, when Hall of Famers Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz helped lead the way, Atlanta's pitching staff delivered.

The 22-year-old Anderson allowed two hits and walked two in his playoff debut after six

regular-season starts. Will Smith, Chris Martin and Mark Melancon each threw one perfect inning.

Anderson said it was special to be part of two consecutive shutouts in the series. Max Fried started in the Game 1 win.

"All the credit to Max for going out there yesterday pitch for pitch with (Trevor) Bauer and setting the tone for us," Anderson said.

Cincinnati wasted a solid performance by Luis Castillo, who struck out seven in 5 1/3 innings in his first postseason start.

## OBITUARIES

### RHONDA BRAYBOY KEELS

MANNING — Pastor Rhonda Brayboy Keels, 63, wife of Wallace Keels, died on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020, at Providence Health Hospital, Columbia.

She was born on May 18, 1957, in Turbeville, a daughter of Phyllis Witherspoon

Brayboy and the late Melvin Brayboy.

Public viewing for Pastor Keels will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Graveside services for Pastor Keels will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Turbeville, with Bishop Kenneth Gibson officiating and Elder Dr. Willie Witherspoon, Evangelist Helen Hilton and Pastor Winnie Walker assisting.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Gracie and Emanuel Mack, 1548 Herod Drive, Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

### EMILY CAROLYN DIXON JAMES

Graveside services for Emily Carolyn Dixon James will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hillside Memorial Park, Sumter, with the Rev. Laddie N. Howard officiating.

The public may view from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at Palmer Memorial Chapel, Sumter.

Mrs. James transitioned on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, in Sumter.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Richard and Janie Singleton Dixon. Mrs. Emily was raised in Wayman Chapel AME Church and later joined Mt. Pisgah AME Church, where she served on the usher board and the church breakfast program. She was educated in the Sumter County public schools, graduating from Lincoln High School. Mrs. Emily completed beauty school at "Clyburn Salon," Sumter, and afterwards moved to Brooklyn, New York. She met Carl James Sr. and they married in Colorado Springs, Colorado. To this loving union three children were born, Arnold, Sheila and Carl Jr.

After traveling with her husband, a career soldier, the family returned to Sumter. She was employed by the Shaw Air Force Base Officers Club, until her retirement.

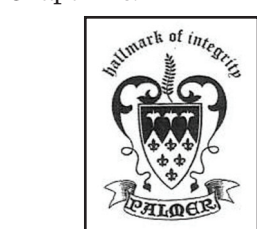
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl James Sr.; daughter Sheila James; and son, Carl James Jr.

Survivors include a son, Arnold B. (Aida) James of Fredrick, Maryland; two granddaughters, Ani Boghossian-James and Ave Boghossian-James of Fredrick; five sisters-in-law, Edith Wells of Waterford, Connecticut, Shirley A. James of Sumter, Ella "Tish" Wells of Rock Hill, Sarah Chiles of Columbia and Ella Gooden (John) of Monks Corner; a brother-in-law, Charles James of East Orange, New Jersey; a nephew, Randolph (Christonia) Wells; a devoted great-nephew, Jeffrey Wells; Keith and Tonya Ivey and their daughters, Megan and Morgan; and

many other family members.

Condolences may be made on her tribute page found at [www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com](http://www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com).

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.



### MARY ANN CLAVON GREEN

Mary Ann "Candy" Clavon Green, 95, was born on March 26, 1925, in Lee County, a

daughter of the late Doctor "Dock" Clavon and Sarah Williams Clavon. She departed this life on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at her home.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Green will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150 with Pastor Eugene Myers Sr., eulogist, and the Rev. Dr. Tiawanna Mayo officiating. Interment will follow at Mayesville Community Cemetery.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, the family requests no visitation at the residence.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

### LEANDER MCFADDEN

Leander McFadden, 63, husband of Ruth Ann Jones McFadden, was born on Aug. 22, 1957, in Sumter County, a son of Mary Kennedy McFadden and the late Horace McFadden. He departed this life on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at Prisma

Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. McFadden will be placed in the church at noon on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150 with Bishop Matthew Singleton officiating. Interment will follow at Melina Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 22 Sims St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

### TED STEPHEN STILL JR.

SUMMERTON — Ted Stephen Still Jr., 51, husband of Margaret Roxanne Odom Still, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, at his home surrounded by his loving family.



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where he was a faithful servant to the Lord in many roles, including praise team, deacon board and impact program.

He is survived by his wife of Summerton; his parents of Barnwell; two sons, Ted Stephen Still III and Garret Odom Still; a brother, Lawrence Still (Jamie) of Williston; two sisters, Kathy Rutland (Billy Wallom) of Travelers Rest and Stephanie Owens (Gregg Bates) of Williston; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. today at Summerton Baptist Church with the Rev. Billy Carlisle officiating.

Memorials may be made to La Roca Mission, c/o Summerton Baptist Church, P.O. Box 100, Summerton, SC 29148.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179, [www.stephensfuneralhome.org](http://www.stephensfuneralhome.org).

### HUNSTEN BAXTER RAGIN

SUMMERTON — Hunsten Baxter Ragin, 65, widow of James Ragin, died on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

She was born on July 14, 1955, in Summerton, a daughter of the late Willie Mc-Bride and Helen Baxter.

Memorial services for Mrs. Ragin will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., Manning.

The family is receiving friends from 5 to 8 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Syreeta Baxter, 1107 Meadowfield Drive, Apartment 2-C, Summerton. Due to COVID-19, masks are required.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

### DONALD CHARLES HABRIAL

SUMMERTON — Donald Charles Habrial, 68, husband of Debra Lee Young Habrial, died on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, at the Dorn VA Medical Center.

Born on July 20, 1952, in Wilson Borough, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late

Richard George Burnett and Janet Charlotte Bennett Burnett. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of American Legion Post 9 in Palmer Township, Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife of Summerton; two sons, Richard Charles Habrial (Rhonda) of Summerton and Ryan Michael Habrial of Charleston; a brother, Stephen Habrial (Fran) of Bath, Pennsylvania; three sisters, Rebecca Jones (Robert) of Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, Kimberly Blake (Corky) of Easton, Pennsylvania, and Michele Geiger (Brian) of Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania; two grandchildren, Christopher Habrial and Ethan Funk; special family, Reggie, Joan and Bunky Joyce, Sarah Sabol and Troy Sabol; and his buddy, Chance. In addition to his parents,

he was preceded in death by a grandson, Matthew Habrial; and a granddaughter, Miranda Funk.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Reginald Thackston officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. at Stephens Funeral Home.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179, [www.stephensfuneralhome.org](http://www.stephensfuneralhome.org).

### ROSA MARIE MCFADDEN

GABLE — Rosa Marie McFadden, 58, wife of Stanley McFadden, died on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2020, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1962, in Manning, a daughter of the late George Harrison and Letha Mae Graham McFadden.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 6105 Skinner Road, Gable.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

### JOSEPH EDWARD BAILEY

Joseph Edward "Joey" Bailey, 59, husband of Janice "Jan" Christmas Bailey, died on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born on Dec. 23, 1960, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Marion Elkin Bailey and Bertha "Bea" Holland Bailey. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church at Oswego and was employed as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years; stepchildren, Robert E. "Robbie" Smith III of Camden and Stephanie Kristin Clough of New Orleans, Louisiana; a granddaughter, Savannah Noel Smith; a great-grandson, Trey Booker; a brother, Marion Elkin Bailey Jr. (Kathy) of Lexington, Kentucky; a sister, Crystal Hope Bailey of Louisville, Kentucky; step-brothers, Michael Dalton, Billy Dalton and Bryan Dalton and their families; fur babies, Bailey, Tara and Phoenix; and numerous beloved family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Renae Bailey.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Wells Cemetery with the Rev. Tim Whited and the Rev. Ron Bower officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service at the graveside.

Those attending are asked to follow COVID-19 guidelines. Memorials may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church, 5575 Lodebar Road, Sumter, SC 29153 or the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. North, Suite 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

### ANNIE BELL WILDER HOLIDAY

SUMMERTON — Annie Bell Wilder Holiday, 76, widow of James Holiday, died on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, at Lake Marion Nursing Home, Summerton.

She was born on March 22, 1944, in Alcolu, a daughter of the late Eddie Wilder and Margaret Durant.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her

daughter, Ann H. Murray, 113 Cedar St., Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

### CHARLENE L. MOODY

Charlene L. Moody, 55, widow of Bruno G. Moody, departed this life on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on June 15, 1965, in Columbia, a daughter of the late Charlie Jr. and Willie Mae Slate Scott.

The family will receive friends at the home of her sister, 220 Mallard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

### LUVENIA CENTURY HICKMAN

BISHOPVILLE — Luvenia Century Hickman entered eternal rest on Monday, Sept. 28, 2020, at her residence, 117 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to noon on Sunday at the funeral home.

Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday at St. John Cemetery on Pinchum Sly Road, Bishopville.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of the arrangements.

### MALENE BRUNSON

Malene Brunson, 92, died on Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, at her place of residence in Summerton.

Born on Sept. 26, 1927, in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of the late Rufus and Rena Mack.

A public viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at Clark House Cemetery, located at 1256 L.H. Pearson Road, Davis Station. Masks are required.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC.

### VERTELL L. WILLIAMS

Vertell L. Williams, 83, was born on Feb. 6, 1939, in Bishopville, to the late Galathin Rembert Hull. She departed this life on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020.

After graduating from Lincoln High School, she married Eugene Williams and relocated to Montgomery, Alabama.

Vertell leaves to cherish her memories: two sisters and two brothers, Libby (Chester) Owens and Louette (Willie) Cabbagestalk of Sumter, Frederick (Naomi) Hull of Pennsylvania and Albert Hull of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, the family is requesting face masks and social distancing be observed by relatives and friends at all home visitation at 38 Plowden Mill Road, Sumter.

Public viewing will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Cemetery, Airport Road, Sumter, with Apostle Michael Richburg officiating.

The procession will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the home.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](http://williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com). Visit us on the web at [www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com](http://www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com).



# THE CLARENDON SUN

## Bassmaster Elite heads to Santee Cooper lakes



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Jason Williamson of Wagener will be among the anglers competing in the Bassmaster Elite Series beginning Oct. 8.

**BY SHARRON HALEY**  
Clarendon contributor

CLARENDON COUNTY — Eighty-five of the world's best bass anglers will take to the waters of lakes Marion and Moultrie when the Bassmaster Elite Series begins Oct. 8 at John C. Land III Sport Fishing Facility, 4404 Greenall Road, Summerton.

The tournament was originally scheduled for April; however, the COVID-19 pandemic forced tournament officials to move the spring event to the fall.

"This year, we unveiled the mantra 'Big Bass. Big Stage. Big Dreams,'" said B.A.S.S. CEO Bruce Akin. "Fans will have an opportunity to see our anglers compete on some of the best big-bass lakes in America."

The best-of-the-best bass anglers will go head to head in the four-day tournament on the lakes that Bassmaster Magazine ranked as No. 25 in the "Best Bass Lakes of the Decade."

Four South Carolina professional anglers will be competing.

Brandon Cobb of Greenwood, who reeled in the rare feat of winning two Bassmaster Elite Series in 2019, will be in a field of 85 pro anglers fishing in the tournament. Todd Autin of Lake Wylie, who finished in second place in the 2020 Academy Sports & Outdoors Bassmaster Classic, will also be in the field. Patrick Walters of Summerville, who is currently in 16th place in the running for Bassmaster Angler of the Year points race, will be in the event. Walters, who was on the University of South Carolina bass fishing team, qualified

for the Bassmaster College National Championship all four years he attended USC. Jason Williamson of Wagener, who has won more than \$1.1 million on the BASS circuit, will also be in the field.

"The Bassmaster Elite at Santee Cooper Lakes will pit 85 of the top bass anglers in the world against one another for the \$100,000 first-place prize," said Emily Harley, BASS communications manager. "The total purse for the event is more than \$700,000."

On Oct. 8 and 9, all 85 anglers will be competing for a chance to become just one of 40 anglers who will move on to Day 3 of the competition. On Day 4, just 10 anglers will take to the massive lakes of Marion and Moultrie for a

chance to take home the top honor. The anglers will also be competing for points that could move them up the ranks in the race to winning the Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year award and a chance to qualify for the Bassmaster Classic.

On all four days of competition, the anglers will launch from John C. Land III Sport Fishing Facility at 7:05 a.m. with the official weigh-in beginning at 3:20 p.m. at the facility.

Live coverage of the event will be carried on *Bassmaster.com* and ESPN3. Weigh-ins will be aired on *Bassmaster.com* ([www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com)).

The John C. Land III Sport Fishing Facility has hosted 13 major BASS events since holding the Southern Open tournament in 2009.

The facility which is located on the shores of Potato Creek is made for

### Bassmaster Magazine ranks lakes Marion and Moultrie at No. 23

Santee Cooper Lakes is one of the Top 25 Best Bass Lakes of the Decade

**BY SHARRON HALEY**  
Clarendon contributor

CLARENDON COUNTY — Bassmaster Magazine ranked the Top 25 Best Bass Lakes of the Decade, and the Santee Cooper lakes made the list at No. 23.

Bassmaster Magazine used historical data dating back to 2012 to make the list.

According to the magazine, "Some fisheries have quietly held top positions in the rankings, resulting in a place on this legacy lake list. Some fisheries have made a big splash in the past, only to fizzle over the years."

No. 1 on the Top 25 Best Bass Lakes of the Decade rests on the west coast, Clear Lake in California, the state's largest natural lake. Bassmaster Magazine called Clear

Lake a "powerhouse" that has never held the top ranking. Its highest ranking in the past only reached 10th back in 2014.

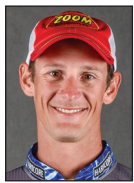
At No. 23 rests the Santee Cooper Lakes of Marion and Moultrie. Bassmaster Magazine said that although the sister lakes were created in the early 1940s, readers shouldn't "let their age fool you."

"The production of these fisheries rivals any new lake on this list. Just last year, Santee Cooper ranked ninth in the nation on the heels of multiple limits over 30 pounds hitting the scales."

"In 2018, lakes Marion and Moultrie ranked sixth in the nation on the heels of an eighth place in 2017."

"So, these sisters have been producing for a hot minute. Had it not been for a tragic showing in 2014 of 94th place, there is little doubt (the Santee Cooper Lakes) would have been much higher on this list."

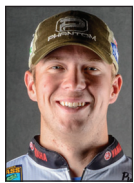
The magazine said that according to the 2020 trend, the lakes Marion and Moultrie were on top for a "stellar" year.



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Brandon Cobb of Greenwood, who reeled in the rare feat of winning two Bassmaster Elite Series in 2019, will be in the field of 85 pro anglers fishing in the tournament.



Todd Autin of Lake Wylie, who finished in second place in the 2020 Academy Sports & Outdoors Bassmaster Classic, will also be in the field.

professional angler tournaments. Its six-lane boat ramp with four courtesy docks is perfect for launching the powerful competition boats. The facil-

ity's paved parking lot can accommodate more than 170 vehicles with trailers with additional parking for 200 vehicles.

### Pets of the week

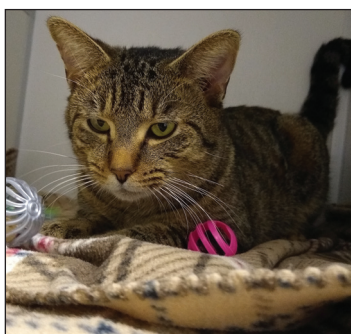
Jovie is an 18-week-old, tan-and-black female hound/Labrador mix. She has had her age-appropriate vaccinations. Jovie is part of a litter that is friendly and affectionate and currently awaiting their forever homes. Due to our Spay and Neuter clinic still being closed, these babies will only be available through our Promissory Adoption Process. The adoption fee for these puppies is \$80, and then you are required to get them spayed/neutered with your vet. A veterinarian reference/history and having all other dogs in the home altered are a requirement to be approved. We are not currently open to the public but are doing adoptions by appointment only, with an approved application. If you are interested in adopting Jovie or her two female siblings that are left, you can get preapproved to adopt by submitting your adoption application online at [www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com](http://www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com).



Lacrosse is a 4-year-old, brown tabby, male domestic short-hair cat. Lacrosse is very sweet and loves attention. Lacrosse gets along with other cats. He is current on all of his age-appropriate shots, has been neutered and tested negative for Feline Leukemia and AIDS.



Minnie is a 1.5-year-old, gray tabby, female domestic medium-hair cat. Minnie is up to date on all of her vaccinations, spayed and tested negative for Feline Leukemia and AIDS. Since coming to the shelter, she stays more to herself, but she enjoys being petted. Once she warms up, then she is a very friendly cat who likes to play. Minnie is intimidated by other cats. Our adoption fee for adult cats is \$25, and kittens are \$100. We are not currently open to the public but are doing adoptions by appointment only, with an approved application. If you are interested in adopting a pet, you can get preapproved to adopt by submitting your adoption application online at [www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com](http://www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com).



Tango is a 1.5-year-old, orange-and-white, male domestic shorthair cat. Tango is a playful and energetic cat. He is very sweet and loves attention. Tango gets along with other cats. He is current on all of his age-appropriate shots, has been neutered and tested negative for Feline Leukemia and AIDS.

### Briefs

#### 2020 THINK PINK EVENT FROM 4-6 P.M. TODAY

MANNING — The annual Think Pink Celebration will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office. Because of COVID-19, the annual banquet has been changed to a drive-through event. Gift bags will be handed out to all OverComers. OverComers must wear masks and remain in their vehicles.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Annett Smith at (803) 460-6679 or (803) 435-4414.

#### HARVIN CLARENDON COUNTY LIBRARY HOSTS STORYTIME

MANNING — The Harvin Clarendon County Library, 215 N. Brooks St., will host Storytime at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday on Facebook live.

For more information, please call the library at (803) 435-8633.

The library is also open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. WiFi is also available in the library's parking lot between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

#### CLARENDON COUNTY E-WASTE RECYCLING OCT. 17

MANNING — Clarendon County will host a Recycle Your E-Waste event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Clarendon County Administration Building, 411 Sunset Drive. This event is for Clar-

endon County residents only. No business waste will be accepted.

Accepted items include televisions with screens intact, monitors, video display devices, intact computers, CPUs, keyboards, mice, printers, CD/DVD players, game consoles, small handheld electronics, cellphones, stereo tuners, radios, microwaves and vacuum cleaners.

Items not accepted include refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers, mercury-containing devices (thermometers, fire alarms), hazardous waste chemicals, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes and biowaste.

Shred-with-Us is onsite to shred documents free of charge; however, please do not bring plastic or newspapers for shredding.

#### FRANCIS MARION SYMPOSIUM OCT. 23-24

MANNING — The 18th-annual Francis Marion Symposium will be held Oct. 23-24 at the F.E. DuBose Campus of Central Carolina Technical College, 3351 Sumter Highway.

The symposium explores the Revolutionary War in the South and the life, campaigns and battles fought by Gen. Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox.

For more information on the event, please call (803) 478-2645 or log onto [www.francis-marionsymposium.com](http://www.francis-marionsymposium.com).

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**DEADLINE TUESDAY 11AM**

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Summons & Notice

#### SUMMONS Deficiency Judgment Waived IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DOCKET NO. 2020CP1400315

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON

**AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC,**  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
**Holden M. Tolson;**  
Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S), Holden M. Tolson:

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 1361 Hobbs Drive, Summerton, SC 29148, being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 161-07-02-006-00, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 100 Executive Center Drive, Ste 201, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

**YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein.

#### NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: **YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, South Carolina on August 25, 2020.

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Rogers Townsend, LLC.

Rogers Townsend, LLC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm does not represent you. Under

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our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice.

You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date you are served with this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, THE FORECLOSURE ACTION MAY PROCEED.

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#### Notice of Sale

#### NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **BHUKHUBHAI N. PATEL and SAVITABEN B. PATEL vs. PARESH and JINESH LLC a/k/a PARESH & JINESH LLC; DILIPKUMAR D. PATEL; DALUBHAI D. PATEL; JIGNESH D. PATEL; SHATUBHAI N. PATEL; KANTABEN S. PATEL, C/A No. 2019CP1400591**, The following property will be sold on **October 5, 2020, at 11:00 AM** at the Clarendon County Court House 3 West Keitt Street, Manning, SC 29102, to the highest bidder:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land containing 5.69 Acres, as shown on a plat of 6.32 acres, together with buildings and structures located thereon, lying and being and situate in School District #10 of Clarendon County, South Carolina, as more particularly shown on "Map of a Tract of Land and Improvements Revised and Updated September 7, 1993, for Chestnut Properties, Inc., Chrysler Financial Corp. & Chicago Title Insurance Company" made by DuValle W. Elliott, RLS, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Plat Book 45 at Page 138, which plat is incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina

**LESS AND EXCEPTING, HOWEVER**, 63 acres as reflected on a plat by DuValle W. Elliott, RLS, dated 13 August 1997, recorded in the Office for the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Plat Book 49 at Page 1, which lot was previously conveyed to Moore Oil Company by deed of Joseph H. Moore, by deed dated August 21, 1997, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Deed Book A-324 at Page 217.

**ALSO:** An easement over and on property of Clarendon Holding Company, Inc. For the construction and maintenance of an off-site sign on property of Clarendon Holding Company, Inc. alongside the right of way of I-95 Southeast of the property above described, said easement to be located so as not to interfere with or block the view of the existing signs

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in the area, Said easement shall be over and on an area measuring approximately 40 feet along the right of way easement over property of Clarendon Holding Company, Inc., for vehicular ingress and egress for the construction and maintenance of said sign.

**ALSO:** An easement for a sewer line on and through the property of Clarendon Holding Company, inc., said easement being 10 feet in width and being on the property of Clarendon Holding Company, Inc. (a/k/a R.R. DuRant, Jr., et al.), as reflected on that plat by Ferrell J. Prosser, RLS, dated June 21, 1973, entitled "Map of proposed location of a 10 foot easement for sewer discharge from the C.B. Day property" which plat is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Plat Book 25, at Page 103, surveyed June 21, 1973, for Cecil B. Day.

**ALSO:** An easement for a sewer line on and through the property of Thomasine G. Mason and E. Fleming Mason, said easement being 10 feet in width and being located on the property of Thomasine G. Mason and E. Fleming Mason as reflected on that plat by Ferrell J. Prosser, RLS, dated June 21, 1973, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Plat Book 25 at Page 103.

Derivation: Book A-668, at Page 270

**Property Address: 6137 Alex Harvin Hwy, Manning, S.C. 29102**

**TMS#: 122-00-03-022-00**

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, CLARENDON COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit on the day of sale or fails or refuses to comply with the bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at the bidder's risk. Personal or deficiency judgment having been demanded or reserved, the sale will remain open for thirty (30) days pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §15-39-720 (1976). The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a personal or deficiency

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judgment, at any time prior to the foreclosure sale. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid after the deposit is applied from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Clarendon County Clerk of Court at C/A #2019CP1400591.

**NOTICE:** The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

**William Geddings, Jr.**  
Special Referee for Clarendon County

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023600-0001  
Website: www.rogerstownsends.com (see link to Resources/ Foreclosure Sales)

**NOTICE OF SALE 2020-CP-14-00128 BY VIRTUE** of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. against Angela Heyward and SC Housing Corp., I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Clarendon County**, will sell on **October 5, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.** at the County Courthouse in Manning, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying, and being located in School District 2, in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, containing 0.74 acre, or less, and being more particularly shown and delineated on a plat prepared for Ethel Blanding by Robert G. Mathis, P.L.L.S., dated April 6, 2010 and recorded June 15, 2010 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Plat Book 53 at Page 314; said lot having such metes and bounds as reference to said plat will show, all measurements being a little more or less. Also included is a mobile/manufactured home, a 2010 Clayton Mobile Home Vin # WHC018441GA This being the same property conveyed to Angela

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Heyward by deed of Martha Burke Lackey, Paul J. Burke, Jr. and Robert T. Burke dated July 16, 2010 and recorded July 26, 2010 in Deed Book 770 at Page 161, in the ROD Office for Clarendon County, SC. TMS No. Portion of 128-00-00-045 (per mortgage) 128-00-00-093-00 (per assessor) and 128-00-00-093-01 (mobile home) Property Address: 2846 Bradham Road, Manning, SC 29102 **TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 11.9800%. **THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS,**

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COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. **NOTICE:** The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. **ATTENDEES MUST ABIDE BY SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK OR OTHER FACIAL COVERING.** Any person who violates said protocols is subject to dismissal at the discretion of the selling officer or other court officials. Honorable Joseph K. Coffey Master in Equity Clarendon County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff



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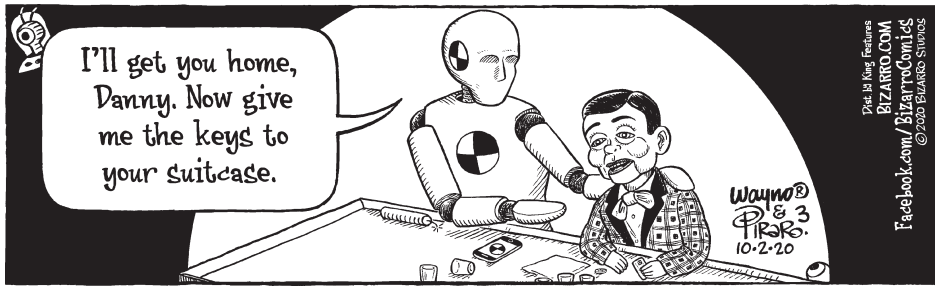
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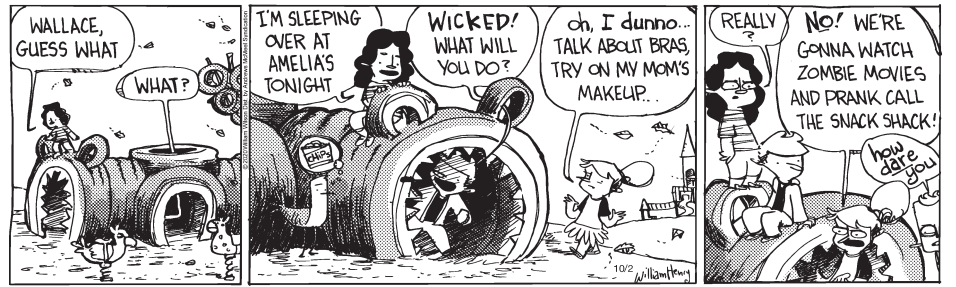
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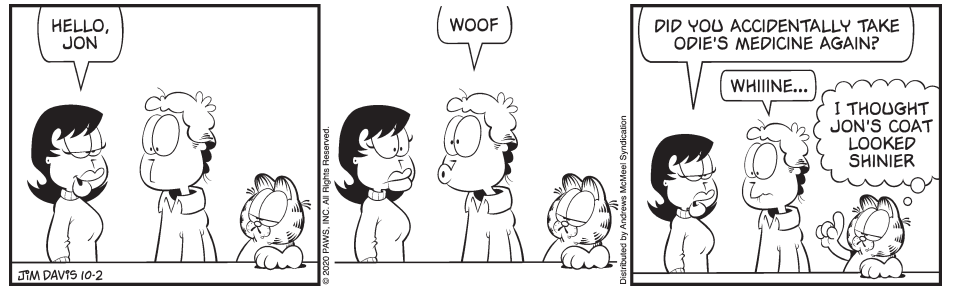
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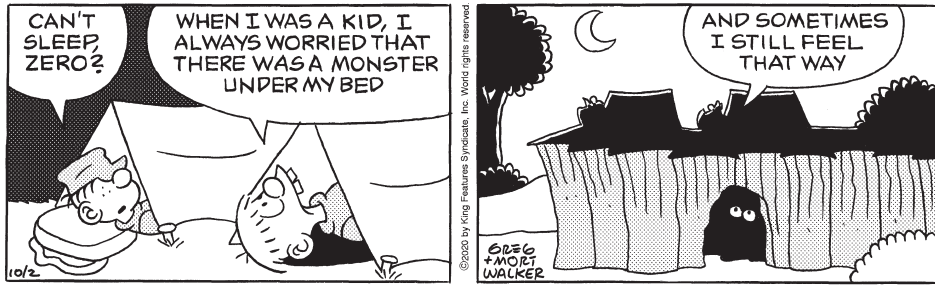
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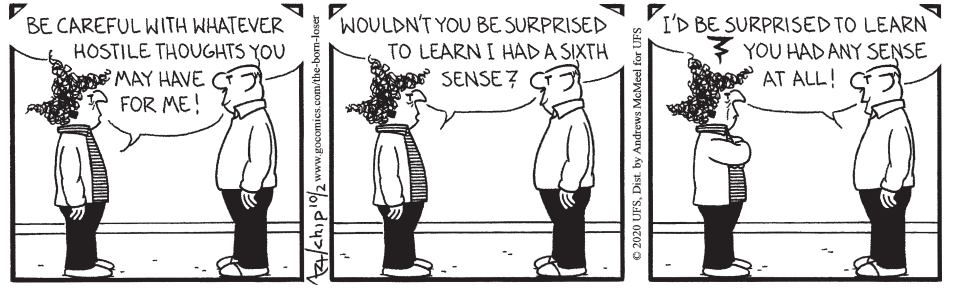
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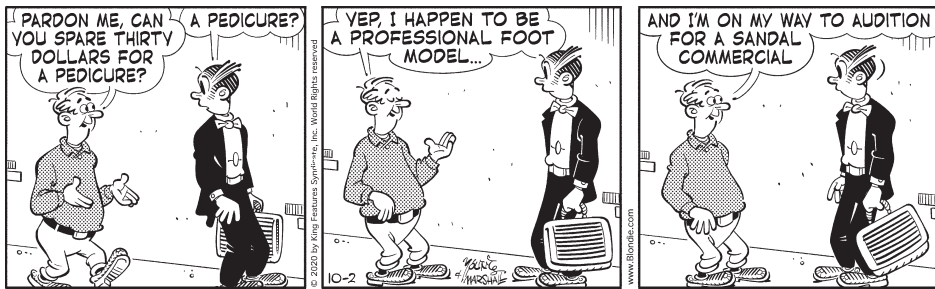
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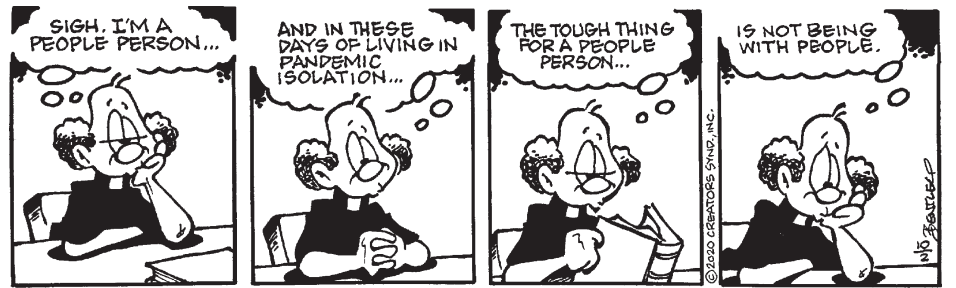
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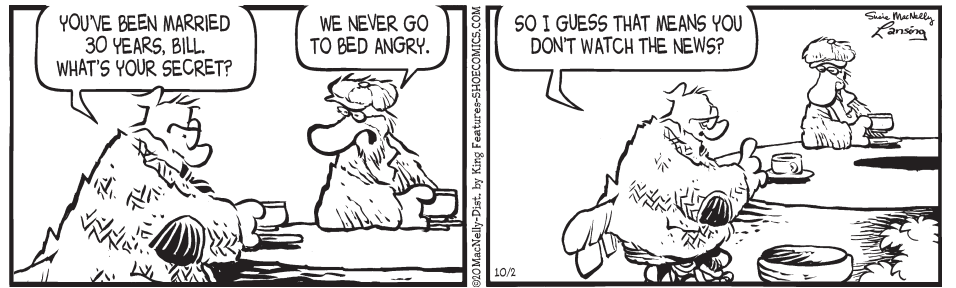
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**JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE**



*Friend wants to break up with longtime golf partner*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — Years ago, I met a man through golf, and we developed a casual friendship. I lost track of him for a few years, but when I heard his wife was being treated with chemo for cancer, I took them food and offered my support. As our friendship grew stronger, we began playing more golf and became “re-friended.” He’s a good golfer, but very serious, and he whines constantly on the course. I’ve kidded him about it, and he acknowledges it to a small degree.

when I invited him to our cabin for a guys’ weekend, he asked if his wife and dog could come along. I nixed the dog and reluctantly agreed to the wife. A year later, I invited him again, but without his wife because two other friends were coming and it was guys only. He came, but he didn’t really fit in. Fast-forward to now. Our friendship continues, but his whining has grown much worse, and he can’t go anywhere without his wife (although she’s very nice). She has mentioned to friends that I’m one of only a few remaining friends, and she appreciates it very much. Now I know why! How do I “break up,” Abby? I don’t want to be around him anymore.

your friend doesn’t fit in with the other guy friends, no rule of etiquette says you must continue to invite him. I wish you had mentioned what he whines about when you golf with him. If it’s his wife’s precarious health, it may be that he needs to vent in a cancer support group rather than with you. If it’s the golf game, then you will have to decide whether he’s such a valuable golf partner that you need him. If other members of your golf group no longer want him there, it would be a kindness to socialize with him and his wife less often rather than abandon them. If the shoe was on the other foot, isn’t that what you would want?

He’s also joined at the hip with his wife, so much so that

**DEAR ANONYMOUS** — Because

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**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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RAHDO

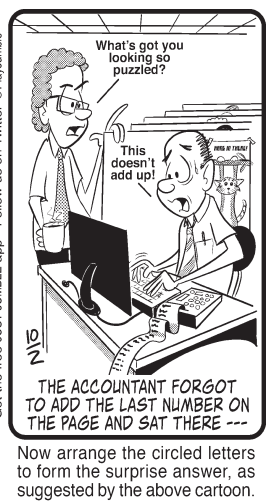
CLIPES

GIKSIN

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OMEGA IRONY JOGGER IDIOCY  
Answer: James wrote novels such as “Dubliners” and “Ulysses,” and his readers — “RE-JOYCED”



**SUDOKU**

**HOW TO PLAY:** Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	6	9	7	2	5	3	8	1
1	3	8	9	4	6	7	2	5
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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**Gary Larson**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Twinings product
- 6 Spare tire
- 10 Market aggressively
- 14 Immortal Detroit sportscaster Harwell
- 15 Yarn
- 16 Wild about
- 17 One of 26 in the Maldives
- 18 \*Maximum number of jousts allowed in a Ren faire tournament?
- 20 Not touch
- 21 Entomologist's tool
- 22 Old enough
- 23 Honker in old comedy films
- 25 Unsubstantial
- 26 "Silent All These Years" singer
- 28 Radiate
- 31 Minus
- 32 Put down
- 34 Step on it
- 36 United
- 37 \*One who really, really knows how to spin a yarn?
- 39 Chic retreat
- 42 "Uh-oh. Better get ... " collision repair company

- 43 Showed surprise
- 45 Rum-soaked cake
- 48 High-scoring club?
- 50 Suds
- 51 Urgent order
- 53 Fiber— cable
- 55 Sportscast embellishment
- 56 Trifle
- 58 Poppy product
- 61 \*Excelled at filling in historical timelines?
- 63 Wolfgang Puck chain
- 64 Trillion: Pref.
- 65 It's often steamed
- 66 What Ma knows well
- 67 Baking soda target
- 68 Word of woe
- 69 "The Kominsky Method" co-star

- 10 Hidden danger
- 11 Set free
- 12 Puts on
- 13 Ones who never lose faith
- 19 Manual weed whacker
- 24 George Eliot, e.g.
- 25 Supplemental health insurance
- 26 Brouhaha
- 27 "Of Mice and Men"
- 29 Kate on the cover of Vanity Fair's 100th anniversary issue
- 30 Wet blanket
- 33 Dossier letters
- 35 \_ discount
- 38 Bar staple
- 39 Total alternative ... and a

- feature of the answers to starred clues?
- 40 Wasabi-coated snack
- 41 Recipe verb
- 42 Thoroughbred grandfather of Seabiscuit
- 44 Amazon, for one
- 45 \_ basics
- 46 Made up (for)
- 47 Short jacket
- 49 Drunks
- 52 Shout
- 54 Teatro
- Costanzi premiere of 1900
- 56 Yacht outing
- 57 Whale also called a blackfish
- 59 Not-cute fruit
- 60 Night light
- 62 Stretch often named for a music genre

**Previous Puzzle Solved**

BARD	FACE	DROSS
AVID	IMAM	YOUTH
BOSTON	ORCHESTRA	
WE	WESLEY	SLOP
HARNESS	NEUTER	
ICECREAM	BAR	
MEMO	PAL	EDAM
	DADS	NICKNAME
STEELY	PREEMPT	
TIS	PLUM	EAT
ORCA	AMULET	ODE
CARBONATED	SODAS	
KNOLL	MEGA	POMP
YAWED	TIDOL	TREY

**DOWN**

- 1 Toll
- 2 Deco master
- 3 \*Tree trunk?
- 4 Primer type
- 5 Sushi bar supplier
- 6 Ky. army post
- 7 Country
- 8 Touched down
- 9 Ask to be excused, with "off"



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Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

406 N Magnolia St Sat. 7-1. Furniture, shoes and clothing, microwave, dorm fridge, vacuum cleaners.

955 Ridgehill Dr. Sat 7-12. Furniture, household items, lots of clothes. A little bit of everything!

16 Tanager Nash & Mattison Neighborhood Yard Sale. Sat. 7-? Women's and kid's clothes, home decor, furniture, and too much to list.

926 Clay St. Sat. 7 am - until. Furniture, household items, electronics, plants, clothes & accessories - all sizes, much more!

Sugarplums Antiques 3304 Hwy 15 S, Sat. Oct. 3rd 8-? Different sellers, misc. household, some small furniture, jewelry, clothing, pictures, and lots of items.

Huge 2 Family Yard Sale, Sat. 7-12 at 1077 Pinewood Rd. Tools, x-large women's clothes & other. Absolutely no early birds!

30 Tucson Dr. Beautiful mums & marigolds, cabbage & kale and good selection of shrubbery. Open 7 days a week 8-7 & Sun 12-7.

3135 Cox Rd. Fri & Sat. 7 am - until. Too much to list! From tools to household goods! All must go!

852 Gordonia, Sat. 7 am - 2 pm. Kids toys & books, yard trailer, paintings, baby items, furn., etc.

3173 Mayflower Ln. Sat. 7-12. Men, women, and children clothing, household decor, and dog items.

20 Sunhurst Ct. Sat. 7 am - 12 noon. Camping equip., baby, hse-hold, clothes, furn., pet, linens, fabric, kitchen, music CD's, books, cookbooks, misc.

Yard Sale. 795 Lang Jennings Sat 7:30-11:30. Multiple household items, misc.

Beech Creek Golf Course Community Yard Sale. 261& Racoon Rd. / Hidden Haven / Sam Gillespie. Sat. 7 am -1 pm. Multi-family sales throughout!! Great Deals!!

Moving/Decluttering Sale 40 Lucky Ct. Sat., Oct 3rd, 8 am -1 pm. Please wear masks. No early sales

4920 John Franklin Rd. Off of Eagle Rd. Fri. 8-2 & Sat. 7-12. Furn., bikes, lawn mower, etc.

2465 Florence Hwy 8-1. Fri. & Sat. Women's clothes, jewelry, furn., kitchenware, & huge selection of Christmas decor.

2045 LLOYD Dr. Fri 3-6, Sat 7-12. Multi-family. Plus-size ladies clothes, kitchen items and much more.

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878 Twin Lakes Dr. fund-raiser yard sale & 872 Twin Lakes Dr. Fri. 12-4, Christmas gifts and more. Pandemic supplies.

3065 Hermitage Dr. Sat. 7-? Tea cups, women's & men's clothing, household goods, & lots more!

ESTATE TAG SALE 130 Kemper Church Rd., Lake View SC 29563. Fri and Sat Oct. 2-3. Visit estatesales.net.

106 Lindley Ave. Fri & Sat. 7-1. Recliner, chest, microwave, sealer, clothes, shoes, toys & household.

Community Sale! 3280, 3300 & 3311 Butterworth Circle & 537 & 676 Pittman. Sat. 7 am - 12 noon.

3 Family, 3860 Pinewood Rd. Fri 8-5 & Sat. 8-1. Truck, 2 cars, boat, crafts, baby items, & misc. items.

1705 Hialeah Parkway. Garage Sale 7-11. Furniture, ladies clothing, XL-2X, Qn-Kg bed in bags, misc.

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TRESPASS NOTICE No hunting, fishing, boating or trespassing of any kind on the property known as Capers Drive, Sumter, SC 29154. Located at 4260 Nazarene Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS, NOTICE OF PUBLICATION, AND NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE FAMILY COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2020-DR-14-251

Summons & Notice

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON

South Carolina Department of Social Services, PLAINTIFF,

Coral Feagin vs. Lloyd Feagin (Deceased) Charles Mitchell DEFENDANTS

In the interests of: E.F.M DOB 1/27/2020 Minor child under the age of 18.

TO: Defendant: Charles Mitchell

SUMMONS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for Termination of Parental Rights for Defendant minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Family Court for Clarendon County, on the 4th day of September, 2020, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, Lisa N. Beharry, 236 Commerce Street, Suite 2, Manning, South Carolina 29102, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF FILING:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the action entitled above has been commenced by the Plaintiff against you in the Family Court of Clarendon County in the Third Judicial Circuit, Manning, South Carolina, by the filing of a Summons and Complaint for Termination of Parental Rights on the 4th day of September, 2020, and is available for inspection in the Office of the Family Court for Clarendon County, South Carolina.

NOTICE OF HEARING:

A Pretrial Termination of Parental Rights Hearing will be held at the Family Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, Clarendon County Judicial Center, 102 South Mill Street, Manning, South Carolina, on October 12, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

A Full Termination of Parental Rights Hearing will be held at The Family Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, Clarendon County Judicial Center, 102 South Mill Street, Manning, South Carolina, on December 7, 2020 at 3:00PM.

South Carolina Department of Social Services Lisa N. Beharry, Esquire 236 Commerce Street, Suite 2 Manning, SC 29102 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

NOTICE OF FILING FOREIGN JUDGMENT IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Case No. 2019-CP-43-01818

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, J & L Enterprises Systems Inc. and Ed Stevenson Defendant(s).

Pursuant to the provisions of Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 (as amended), § 15-35-920, et seq., notice is hereby given that the attached foreign judgment on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., has been filed in the Sumter County, South Carolina Clerk of Court's office by its undersigned attorney.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED THAT YOU HAVE THIRTY (30) DAYS from the receipt of this notice to seek relief from the enforcement of the judgment and if the judgment is not satisfied and no relief is sought within that thirty (30) days, the judgment will be enforced in this state in the same manner as a judgment of this state.

CRAWFORD and VON KELLER B. Lindsay Crawford, IV SC Bar No. #101707 Post Office Box 4216 Columbia, South Carolina 29240 Telephone: (803) 790-2626 Columbia, South Carolina ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

Notice of Sale

Notice of Sale C/A No: 2020-CP-43-00614

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-4, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee vs. Arlinda Marshall; Thomas Marshall; The United States of America, by and through its Agency, the Internal Revenue Service; South Carolina Department of Revenue, I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on October 5, 2020 at 12:00 noon, at the Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND, WITH ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE PRIVATEER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING DESIGNATED AS LOT 6 ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK Z-47 AT PAGE 591. PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-5-250 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, (1976, AS AMENDED) REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT IS HEREBY MADE FOR THE METES, BOUNDS, OURSES AND/OR DISTANCES OF THE PROPERTY DELINEATED THEREON.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, COVENANTS, AND CONDITIONS OF RECORD, INCLUDING MATTER SHOWN ON RECORDED PLAT.

THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto Arlinda Marshall and

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Thomas Marshall by virtue of a Quit Claim Deed from Donald H. Nettles as Trustee and Personal Representative of the Estate of James P. Nettles, Sr. dated May 4, 2004 and recorded May 5, 2004 in Book 936 at Page 1433 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto Arlinda Marshall and Thomas Marshall by virtue of a Quit Claim Deed from Southwest Holdings, Inc., by Donald H. Nettles, Secretary dated May 4, 2004 and recorded May 5, 2004 in Book 936 at Page 1435 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

2122 Cains Mill Road Sumter, SC 29154 TMS# 210-06-02-003

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Three and 00/100 (3.00%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Pursuant to Section 2410(c), Title 28, United States Code, the Defendant United States of America has a right to redeem the subject property within 120 days after the date of the foreclosure sale.

NOTICE: This sale will occur outdoors, on the front steps of the historical courthouse, facing N. Main St. All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone who is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants.

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Notice of Sale C/A No: 2019-CP-43-02278

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Citibank, N.A., as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust vs. Patrick L. Richburg, Jr.; South Carolina Department of Revenue I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on October 5, 2020 at 12:00 noon, at the Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land together with improvements thereon, if any, situate lying being located in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot 138, Section No. 1 on plat of Bay Springs Subdivision by Louis W. Tisdale, R.L.S. dated April 25, 1997 and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat Book 97 at Page 534 aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses, and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is in lieu of metes and bounds as permitted by law under Section No. 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina as amended. Be all measurements a little more or less and according to said plat.

This being the same property conveyed to Patrick L. Richburg, Jr. by Deed of Harold A. Weathersbee, Jr. dated May 14, 1997 and recorded May 14, 1997 in Volume 674 at Page 1414, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

800 Pitts Road Sumter, SC 29154 TMS# 182-04-03-008

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Six and 00/100 (6.00%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a

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personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

NOTICE: This sale will occur outdoors, on the front steps of the historical courthouse, facing N. Main St. All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone who is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants.

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NOTICE OF SALE 2019-CP-43-01528 BY VIRTUE OF a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. against Shanaree Petreeia Walker a/k/a Shanaree Walker, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on October 5, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. at the County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being known and designated as Lot 491, containing 0.63 acre, more or less, and being more particularly shown and delineated on a plat entitled, "Eagle Nest Phase I" dated July 9, 1998 and recorded August 26, 1998 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book PB98 at Page 1002; said lot having such metes and bounds as reference to said plat will show, all measurements being a little more or less. Also included is a mobile/manufactured home, a 2014 SOUTH Mobile Home VIN# DSD063752ALAB This being the same property conveyed unto Shanaree Petreeia Walker and Michael Duane Walker by deed of Beau S. King dated August 4, 2014 and recorded August 13, 2014 in Book 1203 at Page 5687 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County. Thereafter, Michael Walker a/k/a Michael Duane Walker died intestate on November 6, 2017, leaving his interest in the subject mobile home and the subject property to his heirs at law or devisees, namely, Shanaree Petreeia Walker a/k/a Shanaree Walker, by Deed of Distribution dated April 11, 2018, and recorded April 12, 2018 in Deed Book 1243 at Page 1732, see also Probate Records for Sumter County, in Case No.: 2017-ES-43-699 TMS No. 134-05-01-027 (land) 400-00-36-868 (mobile home) Property Address: 20 Executive Circle, Dalzell, SC 29040 The sale will occur outdoors, on the front steps of the Sumter County historical courthouse, facing N. Main St., located at 141 N. Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina. All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 9.3100%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will

not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Honorable Michael M. Jordan Master in Equity Sumter County Riley Pope & Lane, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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