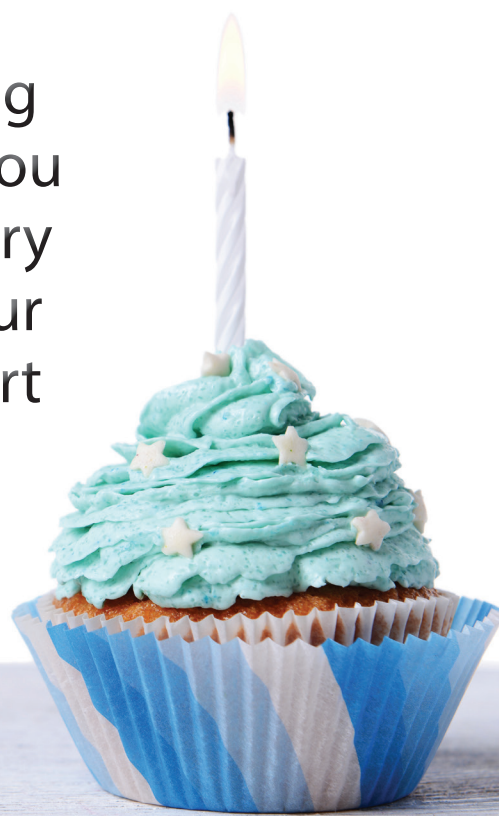


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## Rolling into the workforce



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Jon Holder teaches eighth-grader Ziquan Kinnel how to use one of several realistic simulators. Be Pro Be Proud, a mobile trades job simulator, visited Chestnut Oaks Middle School on Wednesday to teach eighth-graders about "blue collar" work in the United States. See more photos on A9.

### Be Pro Be Proud truck visits Chestnut Oaks Middle School to promote blue-collar jobs

BY CAL CARY  
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When a massive truck with the slogan "Be Pro Be Proud" came rolling in to Chestnut Oaks Middle School, it would be an understatement to say the kids were running to get a look.

Be Pro Be Proud is a workforce development project created to fix the nation's skill gap. It brings in-

formation about trade jobs across the country via a large truck. This specific truck ventures around South Carolina and visits up to five middle schools and high schools a week.

The program is helping students understand what it means to be a tradesperson and how it can be a competitive occupation, even for those not seeking a college degree. "To get them experience, some-

thing they will never forget," said Ty Hoang, an instructor with Be Pro Be Proud, on why they visit a younger audience.

On Wednesday, the inside of the large container strapped to the back of the truck included realistic simulators that can be operated, including a welder, CAT backhoe, commercial truck driving (CDL), electrician's bucket truck and others.

## BizTalk: TheLINK wins top honor

Regional team earns 1st place at international economic developers' conference

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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To be great at economic development and growing jobs these days, an area must have a strong team of developers working behind the scenes, and the greater Sumter team recently won an international award.

The International Economic Development Council presented TheLINK Economic Alliance, serving Lee and Sumter counties, with a Gold Rank "Excellence in Economic Development" award for its industrial portfolio in the General Brochure category at its annual conference on Oct. 5.

The council's "Excellence in Economic Development" awards recognize the world's best economic development programs in 25 categories, and Gold Rank awards were the first-place winners in each category.

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## The Sumter Item adds 2 to newsroom

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter Item welcomed two multimedia reporters to its newsroom team this month.

Alaysha Maple joins The Item as a reporter, and Cal Cary joins as a photojournalist and reporter.

Maple was born and raised in Sumter and returns now after graduating from the College of Charleston with a degree in communication. She will cover public safety in Sumter and Lee counties, and she will help the newsroom expand its coverage in Lee County to provide more access to information and pre-



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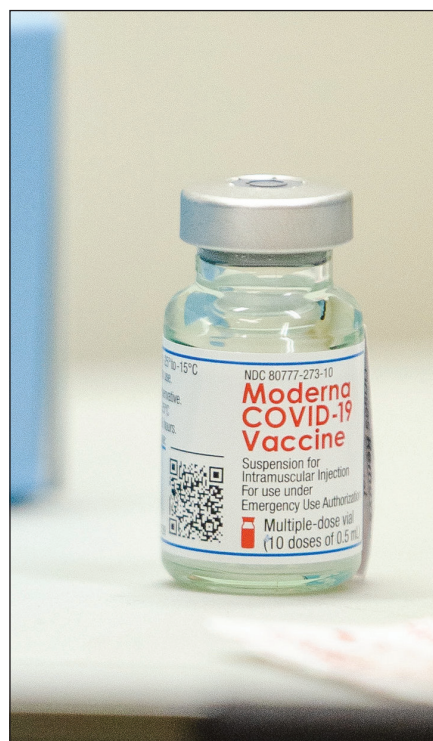
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vent rural and underserved communities from ceasing to see their stories told in local news.

After college, Maple applied her creative skills and love for writing to create the H.E.R. Blog. While in college, her self-taught experience in editing and social media coordinating was useful

in promoting The Apiphany Podcast.

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The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is seen at Covenant Place in December 2020.

## FDA panel endorses half-dose Moderna COVID-19 shot for booster this fall

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD and MATTHEW PERRONE  
The Associated Press

U.S. health advisers said Thursday that some Americans who received Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months ago should get a half-dose booster to rev up protection against the coronavirus.

The panel of outside advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted unanimously to recommend a booster shot for seniors, as well as younger adults with other health problems, jobs or living situations that put them at increased risk from COVID-19.

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## WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING: CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL

# Clarendon County approves Clarendon 4 improvement projects, amends ARPA list for premium-pay employees

BY KAREEM WILSON  
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Improvements in Clarendon School District 4 schools and proposed higher wages for county employees may be coming soon.

Clarendon County Council reviewed three requests on Monday that dealt with proposed changes within schools in the consolidated school district and county departments.

For the first request, David Loadholt, consultant official for Clarendon 4's school board, presented the district's fiscal year 2022 Local Option Sales Tax, or LOST, Capital Improvements list.

The district has plans to complete more than a dozen improvements and renovations in the Turbeville and Summertown school clusters and districtwide. They hope to complete most of these projects before countywide consolidation with Manning-based Clarendon School District 2 on July 1, 2022. This list includes:

- In the Summertown cluster: lockers in gyms at Scott's Branch Middle/High, several roof repairs and smart boards/television for classrooms;

- In the Turbeville cluster: sewer system repair at Walker Gamble Elementary, portable classrooms at East Clarendon Middle-High and WGE, replacement of gym floor and bleachers, painting of WGE's gym, metal storage building for storage and athletics, renovations of Shad Hall Complex bathrooms, renovations of student bathrooms, replacement of playground equipment and surfacing and replacement of gym scoreboard and basketball goals; and

- Districtwide: Technology infrastructure, HVAC repair, student activity mid- or full-size bus, roof repairs and desktops for school office staff districtwide.

The projected budget is about \$1.2 million, Loadholt said.

Council also reviewed a sec-

ond request for an amendment in the county's American Rescue Plan Act project list to allow more money to be paid to county employees from these federal funds.

Back in July, the county received more than \$6 million from the federal government to aid the county in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Much like with the ARPA community grant program, through which the county helped distribute emergency funding to groups and nonprofits throughout the community, the premium-pay program will come from the same ARPA funds.

According to County Administrator David Epperson, the county's employee premium-pay program will provide a one-time payment to essential county employees who worked a hybrid schedule throughout the pandemic. A total of \$695,000 will cover 351 employees, Epperson said. He said they intend to distribute payments be-

fore the end of October.

In the last request, there was a consideration for council to approve a lease agreement at the Health and Human Services Department, 3 S.Church St. in Manning.

Council unanimously approved all three requests.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES

A company that remains anonymous until approval, going by the alias Project Power, proposed to invest \$10 million and is slated to bring \$12 million to \$15 million over the next five years and provide more job opportunities.

Council unanimously approved the public hearing and second reading. A third and final reading is scheduled for next month.

The first reading of an ordinance for another economic development project, known now as Project Crossroads, was unanimously approved.

According to Epperson, the company will invest \$2.5 million and create 20 to 25 new

full-time jobs.

A second reading and public hearing are scheduled for November's meeting.

### RESIDENT OPENING DAYCARE ON HER PROPERTY

Applicant Faye Ragin requested at the last council meeting in September to rezone part of her land to build a commercial daycare.

After passing the first reading, council held the second reading of an ordinance to amend the county's zoning map to rezone 2.4 acres of a single-family residential property to agriculture.

Council unanimously approved the second reading. A third and final reading is scheduled for next month.

### OTHER

Council presented a proclamation declaring October as Clarendon County Archives Month and praised Meesha Witherspoon, director of the county's Archives and History Center, for preserving the county's history.

## Renowned horticulturist visits Manning

### Gardeners welcome to free program with Bryce Lane at Weldon Auditorium Oct. 20

BY SHARRON HALEY  
Clarendon contributor

MANNING — “Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?”

The beloved Mother Goose rhyme comes to life on Oct. 20 when renowned horticulturist Bryce Lane takes the stage at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., for a program titled “Color Magic In The Garden.”

The Manning Council of Garden Clubs welcomes Lane to Manning at 3 p.m. Gardeners, plant enthusiasts and anyone who loves beautiful plants are invited to attend the free program.

“Choosing plants with the right color combinations in the garden

can be very challenging,” Lane said. “What works and what doesn’t? I am excited to be talking about managing color in the garden.”

Lane’s enthusiasm and understanding of horticulture captivates seasoned gardeners as well as those who simply love to be surrounded by beautiful plants.

“I’ll be talking about choosing plant combinations that complement each other and about using color echoes to enhance the beauty of our garden beds,” Lane added.

Lane discovered his passion for plants while working in a small garden center during his high school and college years. His passion led to a career working with and talking about plants. After earning both a Bachelor’s degree

and a Master’s degree in Horticulture, Lane became an instructor and an undergraduate teaching coordinator in North Carolina State University’s Department of Horticultural Science, where he spent 34 years teaching and advising more than 20,000 students

Although Lane retired from full-time teaching in 2014, he still works part-time at N.C. State and the J.C. Raulston Arboretum. He also keeps busy giving horticulture talks as well as leadership and communication training.

For 11 seasons, Lane hosted and produced a three-time, Emmy-winning University of North Carolina public television show, “In the Garden with Bryce Lane.”

Lane, who is an avid gardener in his spare time, has spent almost four decades creatively cultivating the same one-quarter-acre plot.

After the program, Lane will be available for a few brief questions.

## Sumter mobile home fire is under investigation; witnesses saw 2 flee scene

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE  
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The Sumter Fire Department responded to a blaze at a Bethel Church Road residence on Wednesday morning.

According to an incident report, a call was made just after midnight for a mobile home fire in the 2100 block of Bethel Church Road. When firefighters arrived, the home was engulfed in heavy flames, according to the report. Crew members were able to contain the fire and extinguish hotspots inside the residence. No injuries were reported.

The fire appeared to have started outside and worked its way into the home, according to the report. Homeowners told firefighters on scene they saw two people running away from the home shortly after the fire started.

An investigation is ongoing.

## Prisma Health technology executive recognized with award for leadership

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Prisma Health senior vice president and chief information officer Rich Rogers has been recognized as Chief Information Officer of the Year by CharlotteCIO with an ORBIE award in the enterprise category.

The ORBIE awards honor CIOs who have demonstrated excellence in technology leadership with a focus on management effectiveness, business value created by



ROGERS

technology innovation and engagement in industry and community endeavors, according to a news release.

“We are fortunate to have Rich lead our information and technology teams at Prisma Health, as these aspects of health care have grown tremendously over the past several years. This award is a testament to the impact he’s

had on our organization over the course of his career,” said Clarence Sevillian, executive vice president and chief operating officer for Prisma Health. “Rich plays an instrumental role in helping us build the Prisma Health of the future, and we’re grateful for his leadership.”

Rogers has been CIO at Prisma Health since 2012. In this role, he is responsible for managing the information technology department,

assessing current and future IT needs of the organization, overseeing strategic direction regarding operations and security issues, optimizing IT systems and improving information flow.

“It’s our job to support our physicians, nurses and staff every day, and it takes a dedicated team to continually identify ways to enhance patient care through technology,” Rogers said. “I’m honored to receive this award and am proud to be a part of

such a dynamic team at Prisma Health.”

Every year, CharlotteCIO recognizes chief information officers in seven key categories — leadership, super global, global, large enterprise, enterprise, large corporate and corporate. CharlotteCIO membership is comprised exclusively of CIOs (or equivalent executive roles) from public and private companies, government, education, health care and nonprofit organizations.

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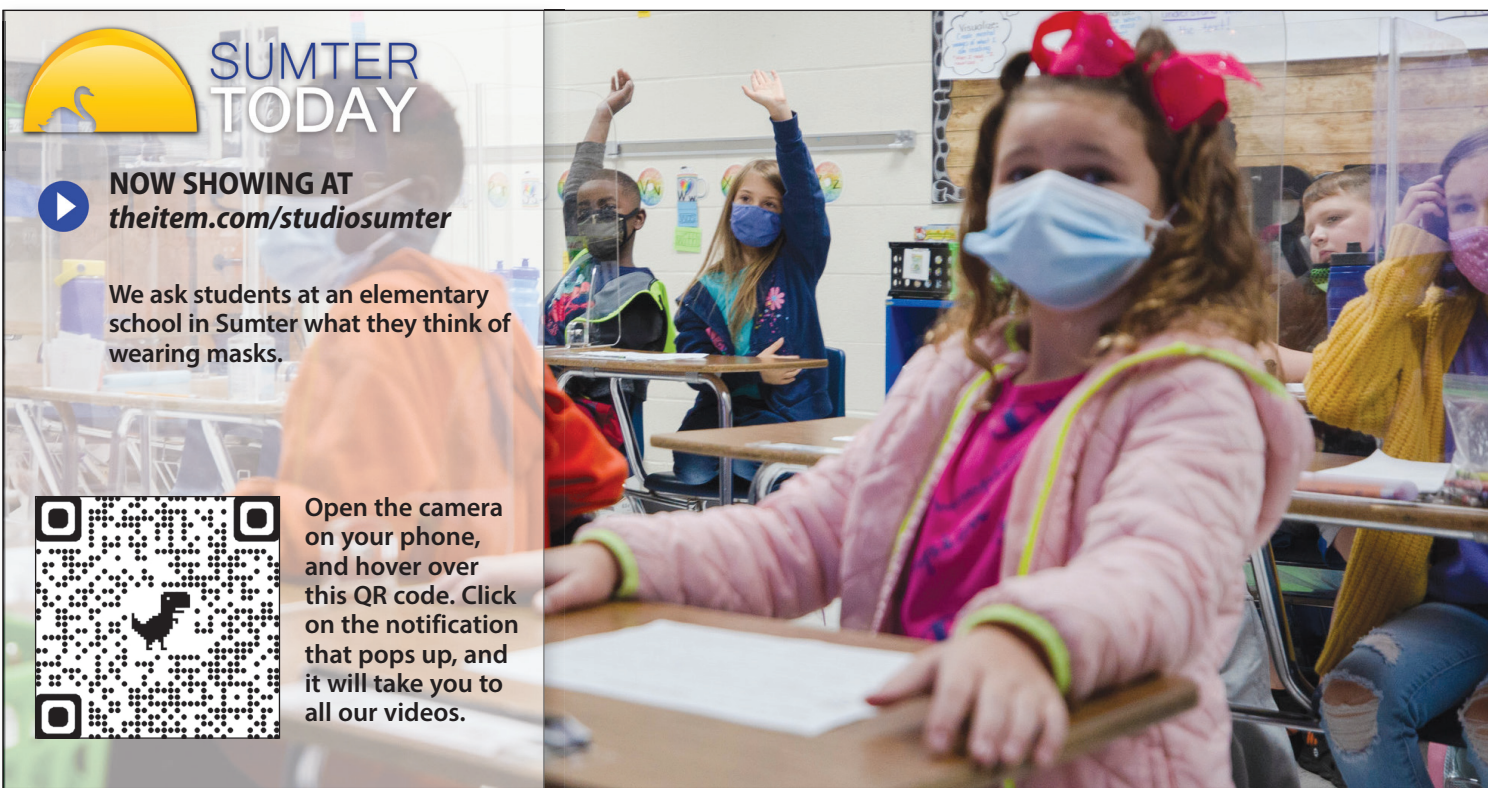
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## Deere & Co. workers go on strike after rejecting contract

MOLINE, Ill. (AP) — More than 10,000 Deere & Co. workers went on strike Thursday, the first major walkout at the agricultural machinery giant in more than three decades.

The union had said its members would walk off the job if no deal has been reached Wednesday. The vast majority of the union rejected a contract offer earlier this week that would have delivered 5% raises to some workers and 6% raises to others at the Illinois company known for its green tractors.

"The almost one million UAW retirees and active members stand in solidarity with the striking UAW members at John Deere," UAW President Ray Curry said.

Brad Morris, vice president of labor relations for Deere, said the company is "committed to a favorable outcome for our employees, our communities and everyone involved." He said Deere wants an agreement that would improve the economic position of all employees.

"We will keep working day and night to understand our employees' priorities and resolve this strike, while also keeping our operations running for the benefit of all those we serve," Morris said.

Thirty-five years have passed since the last major Deere strike, but workers were emboldened to demand more this year after working long hours throughout the pandemic and because companies are facing worker shortages.

"Our members at John Deere strike for the ability to earn a decent living, retire with dignity and establish fair work rules," said Chuck Browning, vice president and director of the UAW's Agricultural Implement Department.

"We stay committed to bargaining until our members' goals are achieved." A handful of workers began forming a picket line outside the company's plant in Milan, a town in western Illinois near the Iowa border, about 15 minutes after strike deadline.

The union dropped off a metal barrel and firewood to keep workers warm in preparation for a demonstration that is expected to continue for 24 hours a day, the *Quad-City Times* reported. Workers began picketing at several other Deere plants — including at its large operation in Waterloo, Iowa — Thursday morning around when the first shift would normally arrive.

Chris Laursen, who works as a painter at Deere, told the *Des Moines Register* before the strike that it could make a significant difference. "The whole nation's going to be watching us," Laursen said to the newspaper. "If we take a stand here for ourselves, our families, for basic human prosperity, it's going to make a difference for the whole manufacturing industry. Let's do it. Let's not be intimidated."

Under the agreement that the workers rejected, a top-scale Deere production worker would make just over \$30 per hour, rising to \$31.84 after five years, according to summary of the proposal. Creighton University economist Ernie Goss said workers have a lot of leverage to bargain with right now because of the ongoing worker shortages.

"Right now across the U.S., labor is in a very good strong position to bargain, so now is a good time to strike," Goss said.

Earlier this year, another group of UAW-represented workers went on strike at a Volvo Trucks plant in Virginia and wound up with better pay and lower-cost health benefits after rejecting three tentative contract offers.

The contracts under negotiation cover 14 Deere plants, including seven in Iowa, four in Illinois and one each in Kansas, Colorado and Georgia.

## Republicans report \$105M raised for House campaigns

NEW YORK (AP) — The Republican fundraising committee dedicated to flipping the House in next year's mid-term elections said Thursday it raised more than \$105 million this year through September.

The record haul for the nine-month period marks a 74% increase over last cycle and includes \$25.8 million raised in the third quarter of the year. The group said it now has \$65 million cash on hand, nearly triple what it had at this time two years ago.

"House Democrats are sprinting toward the exits because they know their days in the majority are numbered, and we look forward to keeping up the pressure," National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Tom Emmer said in a statement.

The numbers are the latest sign that Republicans are energized heading into the mid-terms, as President Joe Biden's popularity wanes and

with history on their side. The president's party almost always loses seats in mid-term elections, and Democrats currently hold only a narrow majority.

The Democrats' congressional fundraising arm has not yet released its total through September. But last month, the group announced it had raised \$10 million in August — besting the Republican House campaign committee's \$6.5 million.

The NRCC outtraised the Democratic House committee \$45.4 million to \$36.5 million through the year's second quarter, which ended June 30.

The NRCC's total includes \$19.4 million transferred from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, \$10.3 million from House Minority Whip Steve Scalise and \$1.2 million from Elise Stefanik, who earlier this year replaced Rep. Liz Cheney, a vocal critic of former President Donald Trump, as the House Republican Conference chair.

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# Murdaugh charged with taking insurance money in maid's death

COLUMBIA (AP) — A prominent South Carolina lawyer has been charged with stealing insurance settlements meant for the sons of his late housekeeper that a lawsuit said total more than \$4 million, state police said Thursday.

Alex Murdaugh was arrested at a drug rehab facility in Orlando, Florida, where his attorneys said he has spent the past six weeks since claiming he was shot in the head on the side of a lonely road near his home, authorities said.

The arrest is the latest development in six state police investigations into Murdaugh, including the deaths of his wife and son, millions of dollars missing from the huge law firm founded a century ago by his great-grandfather and trying to arrange his own death so his surviving son could collect on a \$10 million life insurance policy.

Thursday's arrest on two felony counts of obtaining property by false pretenses involves Murdaugh's housekeeper for decades, Gloria Satterfield, the State Law Enforcement Division said in a statement.

Murdaugh told Satterfield's sons at her February 2018 funeral that he would get insurance settlements for her death and take care of them, according to a lawsuit filed by the sons. Murdaugh managed to secure more

than \$4 million from his insurers, but he only told the sons about a \$500,000 settlement and then never sent them a dime, the lawsuit said.

Murdaugh took the settlement money by creating a fraudulent bank account with a name similar to a legal consulting firm that handles settlements, the lawsuit said.

Satterfield's family called it a bitter-sweet day in a statement released by their attorneys.

"Avarice and betrayal of trust are at the heart of this matter," lawyers Eric Bland and Ronald Richter said in their statement.

The Murdaugh family told the sons their mother tripped over the family dog and died weeks later from her lingering injuries. The death was never reported to the Hampton County coroner, who asked state police to investigate why she was not called to review what she would consider an accidental death.

The sons also took Murdaugh's advice to hire attorney Cory Fleming to be executor of their mother's estate without telling them Fleming was a longtime friend, old college roommate and godfather to at least one of Murdaugh's sons.

The law licenses of both Fleming and Murdaugh have been suspended as the investigations continue.

Murdaugh is being held at the Orange County jail in Florida to await extradition, investigators said. His lawyers promised at a bond hearing on different charges last month that Murdaugh would return to South Carolina without a fight if charged with additional crimes.

Murdaugh's lawyers said in a statement that he "intends to fully cooperate with this investigation, as he has with the investigation into the murder of his wife and son. He deeply regrets that his actions have distracted from the efforts to solve their murders."

The deaths of Murdaugh's son and wife at their Colleton County home in June remain unsolved. Murdaugh said he found Maggie Murdaugh, 52, and their son Paul, 22, shot to death after he returned home from visiting his father in the hospital, according to authorities.

In September, Murdaugh was charged with insurance fraud and other counts after reporting that his head was grazed by a bullet when someone attempted to shoot him.

Curtis "Eddie" Smith is charged with firing at Murdaugh. He told The Associated Press last month that Murdaugh asked for his help on Sept. 4 but didn't tell him he wanted Smith to shoot him until he was on the side of the road.

Smith said the gun went off as he tried to prevent Murdaugh from shooting himself. He bristled at suggestions from Murdaugh's lawyers that he was a drug dealer, saying he was good friends with Murdaugh after the attorney helped him in a worker's compensation case.

"With a friend like that, who needs enemies?" Smith told an AP reporter as he limped around his property.

Smith said last month that he wasn't sure if the bullet hit Murdaugh or not, saying he grabbed the gun, immediately drove away and ditched the weapon.

In an interview with The Today Show aired Thursday, Smith said he was 1,000% certain Murdaugh was not shot.

"There was no blood on me; there was no blood on him," Smith said.

Murdaugh's lawyers have said they saw medical records showing Murdaugh was covered in blood when taken by helicopter to a hospital but have not shown them to the public.

The Thursday arrest is just another step in the long process for justice in all of the investigations, State Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel said in a statement.

"As I have said previously, we are committed to following the facts wherever they may lead us, and we will not stop until justice is served," Keel said.

## Dylann Roof's request to reconsider recusal is denied

BY MEG KINNARD  
The Associated Press

Dylann Roof's chances for a new appellate hearing continue to dwindle, with a court refusing to reconsider recusing itself from his appeal over his death sentence and conviction in the 2015 racist slayings of nine members of a Black South Carolina congregation.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued the decision on Tuesday.

All of the judges from the 4th Circuit, which covers South Carolina, have recused themselves from hearing Roof's case. No explicit reason was given in a May notice, although one of the judges, Jay Richardson, prosecuted Roof's case as an assistant U.S. attorney in 2017, when Roof became the first person in the U.S. sentenced to death for a federal hate crime.

Authorities have said Roof opened fire during the closing prayer of a Bible study at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, raining down dozens of bullets on those assembled. He was 21 at the time.

Roof's attorneys wanted the judges who opted to sit out his case to reinstate themselves to consider his petition for a new hearing. Without that move, or changing a court rule prohibiting judges visiting from other circuits from considering such requests, Roof's lawyers wrote, "no judges exist to consider" his rehearing petition, depriving him of "a critical level of appellate review."

The court, citing its recusal,

had denied Roof's request for a new hearing and also ruled against allowing a full court of substitute judges from other circuits to consider his case.

In May, a panel composed of judges from other appellate circuits heard Roof's appeal, subsequently unanimously upholding his conviction and death sentence and issuing a scathing rebuke of Roof's crimes, which the judges wrote "qualify him for the harshest penalty that a just society can impose."

Roof's lawyers have argued he was wrongly allowed to represent himself during sentencing. Roof, his attorneys have said, successfully prevented jurors from hearing evidence about his mental health, "under the delusion" that "he would be rescued from prison by white-nationalists — but only, bizarrely, if he kept his mental impairments out of the public record."

According to court documents filed in another federal case, the FBI heard two neo-Nazi group members talk about trying to free Roof from the maximum-security prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he is an inmate, including details on the number of guards present and how a shootout would happen.

If unsuccessful in his direct appeal, Roof could file what's known as a 2255 appeal, a request that the trial court review the constitutionality of his conviction and sentence. He could also petition the U.S. Supreme Court or seek a presidential pardon.

## Bond denied in S.C. heart attack murder case

YORK (AP) — A judge refused to allow a man charged with murder after his aunt died of a heart attack after a Christmas home invasion to get out of jail while awaiting his trial.

Jackie Ray Childers Jr. was in court in York County on Wednesday asking for bond in the Dec. 25 attack

on his aunt and uncle in their Hickory Grove home, *The Herald* of Rock Hill reported. Childers and two other people beat up his aunt and uncle, made his aunt take off her clothes and tied them both up, prosecutors said.

Sarah Childers, 72, died a few days later of a heart at-

tack caused by the stress and injuries from the home invasion prosecutor Matthew Shelton said.

The group stole money, guns, jewelry, a car and other items. They were arrested several weeks after the attack when one of them tried to sell a gun stolen from the home, Shelton said.

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# To boldly go...

Growing up in Florida in the 1960s, you could not escape the space race. We could see rockets launched from a hundred miles away, flames ascending into the sky. I remember touring the Kennedy Space Center right after Apollo 11 first landed on the moon. We saw Apollo 12 spacecraft on the launch pad, ready to return.

All things space were cool. I am old enough that I remember watching "Star Trek" each week. We were amazed at the idea of space travel across the galaxy, the power of the "Enterprise," the logic of Mr. Spock, and of course, the swaggering captain, James T. Kirk. Each week he managed to escape death or outwit the Klingons. Sometimes I think my own desire to be a leader stems from the show. After all, the captain got to sit in that cool chair that swiveled and had all the buttons. Everyone wanted to sit in that chair. And who would not want from time to time to scream out, "I need more

power, Scotty."

Lesser souls decided the show should not be renewed after three seasons. An independent station in our area made a fortune showing Star Trek reruns we watched in the afternoons after school. Then came the Star Trek movies and "Star Trek: The Next Generation." I saw all the movies and most of The Next Generation episodes. By then, I was married with children, and I could not keep up. I never got around to watching "Deep Space Nine" or "Voyager" or "Enterprise." There was too much life and not enough time.

Still, when the night sky is clear, the stars twinkle an invitation: "Come, explore, find out all the beauty and majesty of space." A verse in Psalms says, "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" If the pictures from the Hubble Telescope are clues, to be out in space would be a jour-

ney never to be forgotten. Scientists keep searching for evidence of life on other planets, in other worlds. We even listen to radio signals from space. So far, nothing. Granted, we have not been searching for that long. But what if we are alone in the galaxies? What if there is no Klingon home world, no Vulcan, no new life or new civilizations? What if it is just us?

If it is just us in the universe, it would mean God made all of this — all the stars, gas giants, dark matter and galaxies, just for us to admire, an expression of his extravagant love. Maybe that is why God made space, to remind us how vast he is and how much we depend on him to keep the universe in order. Maybe the vastness of space is not to make us feel small, but instead to help us feel amazed that such a great God would love us, send his Son to save us from our sins, and promise one day to return and reclaim this world we have messed up.

William Shatner played Captain James T. Kirk in the original "Star Trek" and in the movies. He boldly went where no man has gone before each week, except he didn't. Instead, he was on a sound stage in Hollywood, acting a part. The rest was special effects and set design.

Shatner is now 90 years old. This week, he actually went into space. Not very far, mind you. He was on Blue Origin, Elon Musk's spacecraft. It was a short, 10-minute, sub-orbital flight, up to 350,000 feet. But Shatner saw the sky turn from blue to black; he saw the stars. He was not the first to go, but he is now the oldest person ever to fly to space.

Upon landing, Shatner said, "I am overwhelmed. I had no idea. I'm so filled with emotion about what just happened. It's extraordinary, extraordinary. I hope I can maintain what I feel now. I don't want to lose it. It's so much larger than me and life."

Maybe what it really means to "consider your heavens, the work of your fingers" is to know there is God, a creator of heaven and earth, and you are not him. Then remember that same God knows your name, knows the number of hairs on your head.

When you know that, really know that it is extraordinary. You are reminded why you go outside, stand under the stars, and worship our amazing God.

*The Rev. Dr. Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter. Email him at claysmith@adbc.org.*



Clay Smith

## CHURCH NEWS

**Aldersgate United Methodist Church**, 211 Alice Drive, announces:

\* Friday, Oct. 29 — Trunk-or-treat event from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Following the trunk-or-treat, enjoy the showing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."

**Dalzell United Methodist Church**, 3330 Black River Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Sunday, Oct. 31 — Trunk-or-treat from 5 to 7 p.m. featuring free candy, hot dogs and all the fixings in the fellowship hall and outside. There will be decorated cars, trucks and vans.

**Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**, 325 Fulton St., announces:

\* Sunday — Deacon / deaconess anniversary worship celebration at 11 a.m. via Facebook and YouTube. Dr. Nate Brock will speak.

**Pisgah Baptist Church**, 8295 Black River Road, Rembert, announces:

\* Saturday, Oct. 23 — Fall festival from 2 to 3:30 p.m. featuring trunk-or-treat, food, fun prizes, games and more. Masks are recommended. Please follow all current CDC COVID-19 guidelines.

**St. James UM Church**, 720 Broad St., announces:

\* Saturday, Oct. 30 — A fall festival featuring trunk-or-treat drive-through, treats and refreshments will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Attendees are asked to wear masks.

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### Assembly of God

**First Assembly of God**  
1151 Alice Drive • 773-3817  
www.sumterfirstag.org  
Jason Banar, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
Sunday Groups 6pm

### Baptist - Missionary

**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

### Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church

803 S Harvin St. • 775-4032  
Marion H Newton, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: YouTube  
and Facebook 9:00 am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study:  
YouTube 7:00 pm  
Small Group Studies: Monday  
- Saturday. Call the church  
office for more information:  
803.775.4032, Ext. 100

### St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Calvin K. Hastie, Sr.  
Saturday Bible Study 10:00 am  
via conference call  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
via conference call  
Sunday Worship Service via  
conference call and Facebook Live  
Conference Call Phone Number:  
470-480-9006  
fb.com/StMatthewMissionaryBaptist

### 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

### Baptist - Southern

**Grace Baptist Church**  
219 W Calhoun St • 778-6417  
Dr. Stephen Williams  
drsteve@ftc-i.net  
Sunday School 9:30 am;  
Worship 10:30 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 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  
Oct 21-24 Revival  
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,  
Vicar Rev. Rufino Madridejos Jr. CRM  
Daily Masses  
Mon- Wed: 7:00 am  
Weekend Masses  
Sat Vigil 6:00 pm  
Sun 9:15 am, 12:00 pm (in Spanish)  
5:00 pm (in English)  
Confession: Sat. 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

### Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church

216 East Liberty St • 803-773-3524  
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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  
www.spiritualifechristiancenter.com

### Lutheran - ELCA

**St James Lutheran Church**  
1137 Alice Dr, Sumter  
773-2260 / www.stjamesumter.org  
Pastor Keith Getz  
Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 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  
trinityumcsumter.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

1835 Camden Rd • 905-5234  
www.sumterfcg.org  
Ron Bower, Pastor  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

### Greater St. Paul Church

200 Watkins Street • 803-778-1355  
Founder Bishop W.T. English  
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 USA

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



FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 15

	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	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Selma Blair (Being Selma Blair)	Home Sweet Home "Not as Important as I Thought I Was" (Series Premiere) (N)	Dateline NBC (N)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Actor Oscar Isaac; comic Jo Firestone. (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	S.W.A.T. "27 David" (N)	Magnum P.I. "Texas Wedge" A caddie is fired for stealing. (N)	Blue Bloods "Protective Instincts" A restaurant delivery man is murdered. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Drew Carey; Phoebe Robinson" Drew Carey; Phoebe Robinson.			
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Shark Tank Guest shark Peter Jones. (N) (DVS)	(:01) 20/20 (N)			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		
WRJA	27	11	14	The Chavis Chronicles Historian Roger Persaud.	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week (N)	Firing Line With Margaret Hoover (N)	La Frontera With Pati Jinich "Miles From Nowhere" (Series Premiere) From El Paso to Big Bend National Park. (N) (Live)	VOCES on PBS "Letters to Eloisa" (Season Premiere) Cuban writer José Lezama Lima. (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)		Washington Week	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Cushion Saturation"	MLB on FOX Pre-game (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball AL Championship Series, Game 1: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						WACH FOX News at 10P (N) (Live)	Nick Cannon (N)
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve wants to quit soccer.	Last Man Standing Vanessa wants a quiet Christmas.	Chicago P.D. "A Night Owl" Halstead takes an off-duty security job.	Chicago P.D. "The Cases That Need to Be Solved" A candlelight vigil for a murdered boy.	Chicago Fire (DVS)	The Carbonaro Effect A woman rises from the ashes.	Impractical Jokers The guys pose as receptionists.	Pawn Stars Old playing cards with a hidden message.		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>													
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "Family First" A young man goes missing in Tulsa, Okla.	The First 48 "Halloween II" (1981, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis.	The First 48 "Stolen Innocence" Murder of a young mother and her friend.	The First 48 A parking lot drug deal turns deadly.	(:01) The First 48 "Tracked" A father of three is executed.	(:04) The First 48 A groom-to-be is gunned down.	(12:03) The First 48				
AMC	48	180	(6:30) *** "Halloween II" (1981, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis.	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters: Ultimate Builds A wedding in the trees. (N)	Treehouse Masters	Eli Roth's History of Horror "Psychics" A blessing can turn into a curse. (N)	The Walking Dead "For Blood" A storm hits Alexandria.	The Walking Dead: World Beyond				
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	(6:30) *** "Boyz n the Hood" (1991, Drama) Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr. Three boys become men in a tough L.A. neighborhood.	Treehouse Masters: Ultimate Builds A wedding in the trees. (N)	Tyler Perry's The Oval "An Eye for an Eye" Hunter vows for revenge.	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse		
BET	61	162	(6:30) *** "Boyz n the Hood" (1991, Drama) Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr. Three boys become men in a tough L.A. neighborhood.	Below Deck Mediterranean David struggles with his role on deck.	Below Deck Mediterranean Yachties watch the latest episode. (N)	*** "Sister Act" (1992, Musical Comedy) Najmy. A Reno lounge singer poses as a nun to elude mob assassins.	Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith, Kathy Najmy. A Reno lounge singer poses as a nun to elude mob assassins.	*** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. Deloris and friends rally to save a school from closing.	Martin "Things I Do for Love"				
BRAVO	47	181	Below Deck Mediterranean David struggles with his role on deck.	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss 360 (N) (Live)	Undercover Boss "YESCO"	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Shepard Smith		
CNBC	35	84	The News With Shepard Smith (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	CNN Special Report (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N) (Live)	Don Lemon Tonight (N) (Live)	Don Lemon Tonight (N) (Live)	Don Lemon Tonight (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper		
CNN	3	80	The Office "Hot Girl" The Office "The Dundies"	Chappelle's Show Erykah Badu.	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	South Park "Cartman Finds Love"	The God's Honest Truth with	South Park "Chickenlover"
COM	57	136	The Office "Hot Girl" The Office "The Dundies"	Disney's Magic Bake-Off Pastry chefs design cityscape cakes. (N)	Sydney to the Max (N)	Gabby Duran & the Unsittables (N)	Amphibia	The Ghost and Molly McGee	Disney's Magic Bake-Off Pastry chefs design cityscape cakes.	Sydney to the Max	Gabby Duran & the Unsittables	Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug	
DISN	18	200	Disney's Magic Bake-Off Pastry chefs design cityscape cakes. (N)	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt "Crash and Burn"	Gold Rush (N)	Scoreboard			College Football California at Oregon. (N) (Live)	(:09) Gold Rush "The Dakota Boys"	Gold Rush		
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt "Crash and Burn"	College Football Clemson at Syracuse. (N) (Live)	College Football Clemson at Syracuse. (N) (Live)	2021 WNBA Finals Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	2021 WNBA Finals Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	2021 WNBA Finals Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	2021 WNBA Finals Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	2021 WNBA Finals Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	2021 WNBA Finals Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	2021 WNBA Finals Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky. (N) (Live)	
ESPN	26	35	College Football Clemson at Syracuse. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	27	39	(6:30) NBA Preseason Basketball Boston Celtics at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	FOX News Primetime (N) (Live)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) (Live)	Hannity (N) (Live)	The Ingraham Angle (N) (Live)	Gutfeld! (N)	Fox News at Night				
FOXN	37	90	FOX News Primetime (N) (Live)	Family Guy	Family Guy "Baby Got Black"	Family Guy "Meg Stinks!"	Family Guy "He's Bla-ack!"	Family Guy	Family Guy "Viewer Mail 2"	Family Guy "Quagmire's Quagmire"	Family Guy "Peter-normal Activity"	The 700 Club	"Diary of a Wimpy Kid"
FREE	20	131	Family Guy	Breaking Par	Golf America	Swing Clinic	3 Wide Life	Boat Racing	P1 AquaX USA 2021	P1 Superstock	Boxing 30	Boxing	
FSS	21	47	Breaking Par	(6:00) "Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016) Rachael Leigh Cook. (DVS)	"A Christmas Miracle" (2019) Tamera Mowry-Housley, Brooks Darnell, Kendall Cross. Emma searches for a Christmas miracle to write about. (DVS)	Dream Home	Dream Home	Selling the Big	Selling the Big	Dream Home	Dream Home	Selling the Big	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Autumn in the Vineyard" (2016) Rachael Leigh Cook. (DVS)	Hawai Five-0 "Ua Lave Wale" Gov. Denning adds an officer to Five-0.	Hawai Five-0 "Kame'e" Investigating the death of a Navy SEAL.	Hawai Five-0 "Mea Makamae" An infamous deep-sea diver is murdered.	Hawai Five-0 "Ma'ema'e" The team investigates a coach's murder.	Hawai Five-0 "Ma'ema'e" The team investigates a coach's murder.	Hawai Five-0 "Ma'ema'e" The team investigates a coach's murder.	Hawai Five-0 "Ka Hakaka Maika'i" Investigating a restaurateur's murder.	Hawai Five-0 "Ka Hakaka Maika'i" Investigating a restaurateur's murder.	Hawai Five-0 "Ka Iwi Kapu"	
HGTV	39	112	Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa	Proof Is Out There	Proof Is Out There	Proof Is Out There	Proof Is Out There	Proof Is Out There	Proof Is Out There	Proof Is Out There	Proof Is Out There	Proof Is Out There	
HIST	45	110	Proof Is Out There	(6:00) "Jingle Belle" (2018, Romance) Tatyana Ali, Obba Babatundé.	*** "This Christmas" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Delroy Lindo, Idris Elba, Loretta Devine. Premiere. A reunion	(:33) "Wrapped Up in Christmas" (2017) Tatyana Ali. Molly asks the mall Santa to find a boyfriend for her aunt.	(:12:01) *** "This Christmas"	Rachel Maddow					
ION	13	18	Hawai Five-0 "Ua Lave Wale" Gov. Denning adds an officer to Five-0.	The Reid Out (N) (Live)	All In With Chris Hayes (N) (Live)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow				
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Jingle Belle" (2018, Romance) Tatyana Ali, Obba Babatundé.	SpongeBob	The Smurfs (N)	The Casagrandes	Tooned In (N)	To Be Announced	The Loud House	Friends	Friends	Friends	
MSNBC	36	92	The Reid Out (N) (Live)	PARMT	64	153	*** "Man of Steel" (2013) Henry Cavill. Young Clark Kent must protect those he loves from a dire threat.	*** "Man of Steel" (2013, Action) Henry Cavill. Amy Adams, Michael Shannon.					
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	SYFY	58	152	(6:10) *** "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (2003, Horror) Jessica Biel.	(:15) *** "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning" (2006) Jordana Brewster. Four friends meet up with young Leatherface and his deadly clan.	Day of the Dead "The Thing in the Hole" The dead begin to rise.	(10:55) Chucky "Death by Misadventure" Jake Wheeler buys a vintage doll.	(11:55) *** "It Follows" (2014)		
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	TBS	24	156	Bob's Burgers "The Unnatural" (:33) *** "Suicide Squad" (2016, Action) Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie. Armed supervillains unite to battle a powerful entity. (DVS)	*** "My Dear Miss Aldrich" (1937, Comedy) Maureen O'Sullivan, Walter Pidgeon, Edna May Oliver.	**** "Citizen Kane" (1941, Drama) Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten, Ruth Warrick. Orson Welles' classic about a publisher's rise to power. (DVS)	(:45) **** "All About Eve" (1950, Drama) Bette Davis, Anne Baxter.			
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	TCM	49	186	(6:15) *** "Carnival of Souls" (1962, Horror) Candace Hilligoss.	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way With bonus scenes. (N)	90 Day: Other	The Family Chantel (N)	90 Day: Other	90 Day: Other	
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	TLC	43	157	The Family Chantel	TNT	23	158	(5:30) *** "Fast & Furious" (2009)	*** "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster. Premiere. Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil. (DVS)	
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	TV LAND	55	161	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	USA	25	132	Last Man Standing (DVS)	WE	68	166	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	
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# 'Velvet Underground' documentary begins streaming on Apple TV+

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Directed by Todd Haynes, the documentary "The Velvet Underground" captures much more than the history of a band. Streaming today on Apple TV+, the film interviews surviving founding members John Cale and Maureen Tucker, and includes a wealth of interviews and footage from a creatively fertile period when art, music, poetry and a countercultural approach to life collided in low-rent apartments and artistic collectives.

Haynes evokes the period of the early 1960s with a persistent use of a split screen, juxtaposing contemporary reflection with footage of underground movies and artist's "happenings."

The film begins with a look at John Cale's musical meanderings through the avant-garde scene of John Cage and other experimental composers. He's seen on an episode of the vintage series "I've Got a Secret," after his performance of an 18-hour piano recital of an obscure and inscrutable work. There, he's united with the only audience member to have sat through his entire performance!

If Cale brought experimental sounds to the Velvets, Lou Reed blended a beat poet's taste for the transgressive imagery with a 1950s kid's love of Top 40 doo-wop. Reed wanted to be an artist and he also wanted to be a star, and saw no contradictions there. This attitude meshed perfectly with Pop Art sensation Andy Warhol, who would step in as a producer and sponsor of the Velvet Underground. He would also introduce Nico, the European model and movie star ("La Dolce Vita"), who would bring an ethereal voice to the proceedings.

Actress Mary Woronov ("Eating Raoul") would become part of the Velvets' elaborate stage and multimedia shows, a mid-1960s innovation long predating the light shows at the Fillmore West, something the Velvets' drummer, Tucker, dismisses as a meager imitation.

As both Woronov and Tucker make clear, the Velvet Underground were of the 1960s, but they collectively despised what they saw as an insipid hippie philosophy.

The Velvets would eventually become Lou Reed's band, but not before rather acrimonious breaks with both Warhol and Cale. Never commercially big in their time, their importance is more as a cultural influence and an attitude that would grow as the glam and punk scenes had their moments in the 1970s.

Director Haynes is no stranger to very specific musical niches; he directed "Velvet Goldmine" in 1998 and burst



JOHN P. FLEENOR / NETFLIX

Victoria Pedretti, left, stars as Love Quinn and Penn Badgley as Joe Goldberg in season three of the thriller series "You," now streaming on Netflix.

on the scene with the audaciously unauthorized "Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story," a 1987 cult classic using Barbie dolls in place of actors.

- Amazon Prime launches the eight-part adaptation of the 1997 shocker "I Know What You Did Last Summer," updated for the era of smartphones and social media.
- Netflix streams the third season of the disturbing stalker/killer series "You."

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Families from diverse backgrounds move in together to discover both differences and similarities on the new series "Home Sweet Home" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG). Not to be confused with "Wife Swap."
- The Boston Red Sox meet a team to be determined in the **American League Championship Series** (8 p.m., Fox).
- A drifter (Shea Whigham) kills a minister and assumes his life in the 2020 drama "The Quarry" (7:15 p.m., HBO Signature).
- "Passion Play: Russell Westbrook" (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA) profiles the nine-time NBA All-Star.
- Frank considers a career move on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- A "VOCES on PBS" presentation, "Letters To Eloisa" (10 p.m., TV-14, check local listings) profiles Cuban writer Jose Lezama Lima.

### CULT CHOICE

After walking away from a car crash

that killed three of her friends, a church organist (Candace Hilligoss) receives otherworldly visitors in the 1962 shocker "Carnival of Souls" (6:15 p.m. TCM, TV-PG). Directed and produced by industrial filmmaker Herk Harvey for a budget of \$33,000, this chilling movie remains a classic of independent filmmaking.

### SERIES NOTES

Under new management on "S.W.A.T." (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) \* Meat and greets on "Shark Tank" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* Illusionists audition on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" (8 p.m. CW, TV-PG) \* Undercover at a country club on "Magnum P.I." (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) \* "Dateline" (9 p.m., NBC) \* "20/20" (9 p.m., ABC) \* Frozen hearts never thaw on "Nancy Drew" (9 p.m. CW, TV-PG).

### LATE NIGHT

Drew Carey and Phoebe Robinson are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Oscar Isaac, Jo Firestone and Alec Benjamin on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Blake Shelton, Brett Goldstein, Cuco and Barrett Martin visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) \* Dr. Phil McGraw and Teddy Swims appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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# Katie Couric to be joined by celebrity guests on book tour

NEW YORK (AP) — Katie Couric's book tour, which begins in two weeks, will have some well known guests.

Live Nation announced Thursday that Jennifer Garner, "Saturday Night Live" performers Chloe Fineman and Melissa Villaseñor and Brad and Kimberly Paisley will be among those joining Couric for appearances around the country in support of her upcoming memoir "Going There."

Tan France will be on hand for the opening event, Oct. 28, at Boston's Orpheum Theatre. The Paisleys will be with her in Nashville, Tennessee, Fineman and Villaseñor are scheduled for the Beacon Theatre in New York City and Garner for the Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles.

Other guests are Food Network host and best-selling author Ina Garten at Atlanta Symphony Hall, Chance the Rapper at the Chicago Theatre and a couple of fellow journalists: Savannah Guthrie, co-host of the "Today" show, Couric's former job, will be with her at the Met Philadelphia; and, at the Anthem in Washington, D.C., Couric will be joined by Kara Swisher, an opinion writer for "The New York Times" and longtime technology reporter.

#MeToo activist Tarana Burke and singer Allison Russell also are expected to make appearances during the tour, which runs from Oct. 28-Nov. 15 and is in partnership with Live Nation and P&G.

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HBO's 'Succession' returns, sick as ever

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

'Succession' (9 p.m. Sunday, HBO, TV-MA) enters its third season, with the dysfunctional family plunged into civil war.

'Succession' has always had a whiff of 'King Lear' about it, and now it sees Logan in a kind of exile, unsure of the loyalties of his callow children.

While I have often found Logan's tirades to be Fake-Spearman grandstanding, the show can be enjoyed for the psycho-bickering between Siobhan (Sarah Snook) and Roman (Kieran Culkin) alone.



Brian Cox, left, stars as Logan Roy and Sarah Snook as Siobhan in the season three premiere episode of 'Succession,' airing at 9 p.m. Sunday on HBO.

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tale of a secret drug that turns moderately talented writers, musicians and other artists into world-class talents. There's just one catch: You also become a vampire! Worse, if you take the drug but have no talent, you are reduced to a bald ghoul right out of 'Nosferatu.'

On Saturday afternoon, TCM commemorates mid-century musical star Jane Powell, who died on Sept. 16 at age 92.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

College football action includes Alabama at Mississippi State (7 p.m., ESPN), TCU at Oklahoma (7:30 p.m., ABC), Iowa State at Kansas State (7:30 p.m., ESPN2), Stanford at Washington State (7:30 p.m., ESPNU) and UCLA at Washington (8:30 Fox).

Teams to be determined meet in the first game of the MLB National League Championship (8 p.m., TBS). A recent widow navigates the single life and the need to be the face of her 'brand' in the 2021 drama 'Don't Sweat the Small Stuff: The Kristine Carlson Story' (8 p.m., Lifetime).

Famous for playing the inscrutable coder rebel on 'Mr. Robot' and for his Oscar-winning turn as Freddie Mercury in the 2018 musical biopic 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' Rami Malek hosts 'Saturday Night Live' (11:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Scheduled on '60 Minutes' (7:30 p.m., CBS): an interview with former Defense Secretary Robert Gates; a 21st-century Wild West cattle drive; a new twist on the British pub.

p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).

A missing person's connections may prove dangerous on 'The Rookie' (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14). Harris revisits his old beat on 'American Rust' (10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

Teens (Thora Birch, Scarlett Johansson), self-defined by hipster cynicism, have a vision of a possible future when they befriend a sad sack 78-record collector (Steve Buscemi) in the 2001 adaptation of Daniel Clowes' graphic novel 'Ghost World' (8 p.m. Saturday, TMCX).

SATURDAY SERIES

A bed and breakfast with something extra on 'Ghosts' (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) \* Looking for food in the misty meadows on 'La Brea' (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) \* Brass becomes a target on 'CSI: Vegas' (9 p.m., CBS, 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

The wrong kind of attention on 'The Equalizer' (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-14) \* Moe fights traffic on 'The Simpsons' (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune' (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* A live-action video game on 'Legends of the Hidden Temple' (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) \* A blow to the head on 'The Great North' (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* A hate crime hits close to home on 'NCIS: Los Angeles' (9:30 p.m., CBS, TV-14) \* A road trip with Teddy on 'Bob's Burgers' (9 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) \* 'Supermarket Sweep' (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* Murder dampens the mood on 'Killer Camp' (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) \* Peter reenacts his favorite movie scenes on 'Family Guy' (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* Blown cover makes for a hasty exit on 'SEAL Team' (10:30 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

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# THE CLARENDON SUN

## Clarendon group awards Quilts of Valor to 13 Vietnam veterans

BY SHARRON HALEY  
Clarendon contributor

MANNING — American soldiers returning home from World Wars I and II, the Korean War and other conflicts were greeted as heroes with thousands of cities and towns across the nation hosting parades to honor their return.

That wasn't the case with the men and women returning home from the Vietnam War. These American soldiers were not greeted with parades, celebrations or Welcome Home rallies.

"As you know, the majority of the men and women returning home from Vietnam never received the recognition that they deserved," said Melana Maxie with the Clarendon County Quilts of Valor Group 73186. "You were never honored."

Maxie told the veterans gathered for the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 960 Manning's October meeting that she and the members of the Clarendon County QOV were there to honor 13 veterans of the Vietnam War with Quilts of Valor for their courageous service.

"We know that freedom is not free, and we appreciate our service men and women that go out there and put their lives on the line to protect our freedom," Maxie told the roomful of veterans and their family and friends. "We know that you left everything at home. You left everything to go and serve your country."

Vietnam veterans awarded quilts included retired U.S. Air Force Capt. Alice Hyman and her husband, retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Leon Hyman, retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Dennis Kropf, retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Reynolds, retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Donald Price, retired U.S. Army Sgt. Douglas Bryant, retired U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jim Tindal, retired U.S. Army Sgt. Joe Hilton, retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Louis Mays, retired U.S. Army Cpl. Robert Bowman, retired U.S. Army Cpl. Robert Levy, retired U.S. Mary Lance Cpl. Ronald Cunningham and re-



Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Joe Hilton receives his Quilt of Valor and a hug during a quilt presentation recognizing him and 12 other veterans from the Clarendon County Quilts of Valor Group 73186.

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tired U.S. Army Sgt. William Shotwell.

Maxie said that a Quilt of Valor is a recognized military award.

"It isn't a ribbon, but it is the only military award that can be awarded to you by a civilian."

Following each quilt presentation, Carole Summers, a member of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, awarded each veteran with a pin honoring his or her service in the Vietnam War.

After awarding the handmade quilts, Maxie shared a poem written by a QOV volunteer.

"A few pieces of cloth from people who care to honor your service. It only sees fair..." Maxie read. "Carefully chosen materials of red, white and blue sewn together for those patriotic and true... Every stitch and seam sewn from the very start with appreciate and gratitude straight from our heart."

Maxie also asked, "What is a veteran?"

"A veteran is someone that at one point wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their lives," Maxie added. "We cannot thank you enough, gentleman and ladies."

Maxie said she's proud of the local QOV chapter and its commitment to honoring veterans.

"This is a grassroots effort," Maxie said. "A lot of our volunteers buy their own fabrics. We are a national foundation, and donations are welcome."

As of Oct. 2, 2021, 18,503 Quilts of Valor have been presented nationwide in 2021. Since the beginning of the foundation, 283,763 quilts have been awarded.

Maxie said that South Carolina leads all other states in the number of quilts made and awarded each year. Maxie said that as many as 7,000 quilts are presented to veterans annually, which is approximately 6,000 more than the second-place state.



The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 960 Manning never forgets fellow veterans who never returned home or were held captive during conflicts. At each meeting, an empty chair draped with a POW MIA jacket is positioned at the front of the room honoring those held as prisoners of war and those who were listed as missing in action.

### Travel with PAT TOURS 2021/2022 Tours

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- \*November 29-Dec 2 NASHVILLE CHRISTMAS Deposit \$85 pp \$725 pp Grand Ole Opry, Ryman, City Tour, Delta Boat Ride at Opryland Hotel. Waiting List Started
- \*December 11-12, 2021 CHRISTMAS AT BILTMORE Deposit: \$75 pp \$370 pp Day tour of the Estate & Lunch, Doubletree Hotel near Estate Entrance. Dinner at Estate
- February 14-19, 2022 VALENTINES BAHAMAS CRUISE 5 night Deposit: \$200 pp Sails out of Charleston SC Balcony \$715 pp Oceanview \$655 pp Interior \$620 pp. Call for single rates
- April 11-13, 2022 NOAH'S ARK - KENTUCKY Deposit \$80 pp 4 meals \$298 pp
- May 15-21, 2022 BRANSON, MISSOURI Deposit \$100 pp PRICE TBD Several shows while in Branson. Several Dinners/breakfasts
- May 30-June 12, 2022 ICELAND, SCOTLAND, IRELAND & ENGLAND CRUISE \$600 pp deposit. Balcony: \$5200 pp, Oceanview: \$4510 pp, Interior: \$4134 pp. Passports/Vaccination Cards Airfare to/from Charleston SC included. Pre-night stay in Iceland prior to cruise. some cabins available now
- June 29-July 1, 2022 NOAH'S ARK-Kentucky \$80 deposit pp \$298 pp Sponsored by Kemper Baptist Church, Lake View SC. Pickup at church
- July 18-25, 2022 CANADIAN ROCKIES (Banff, Lake Louise & Columbia Icefields) \$3850 pp Call for single rates. DEPOSIT: \$600 PP PASSPORTS. Fly In & Bus travel
- August 6-14, 2022 ALASKA CRUISE Deposit: \$400 pp \$3600 pp All Balconies - Princess Discovery - launched in March 2021. PASSPORTS & VACCINATIONS. Last day to book January 31, 2022. Pre-night in Seattle.
- Late August Pigeon Forge, TN 3 day trip Deposit: \$75 pp Price TBD Several Shows and meals included.
- \*Sept 6-14, 2022 SAN ANTONIO Deposit: \$200 pp \$1710 pp Stays at several Drury Inn Hotels (one on Riverwalk near Alamo), Rio Cibolo Ranch, King Williams Historical District, Cruise the RiverWalk area, LBJ Ranch, National Museum of Pacific War.
- \*Sept. 19-24, 2022 VERMONT \$150 each deposit. 10 meals \$989 pp Trapp Family Lodge Lunch, Morse Sugar Farm, Cider Mill, Cabot Cheese, Woodstock & more.
- \*Sept. 30-Oct. 12, 2022 NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND \$2688 pp Deposit: \$200 pp Includes several stops in Maine. All bus travel. 13 days PASSPORTS
- \*November 11-12, 2022 Southern Christmas Show-Charlotte NC Deposit:\$75 Price TBD Also - Billy Graham Library. Dinner 1st night and Lunch at Graham Library on Day 2

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### Briefs

#### SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING EVENT ON OCT. 16

MANNING — Clarendon County will host a Solid Waste and Shredding Event from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Oct. 16 at 411 Sunset Drive. SHRED-WITH-US will also be on site.

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

Items that will not be accepted include refrigerators, washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers, mercury-containing devices (thermometers, fire

alarms), hazardous waste chemicals, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, biowaste and more.

This event is for Clarendon County residents only. No business e-waste or business shredding. For more information, call (803) 435-9384.

#### TRICK-OR-TREATING TO BE HELD OCT. 30 IN CLARENDON

CLARENDON COUNTY — Trick-or-treaters will get their sugar rush a day earlier this year, as Clarendon County's four municipalities will celebrate Halloween on Oct. 30.

Trick-or-treaters are asked to: be home by 8 p.m.; do not accept unwrapped treats; all children should be accompanied by an adult; and please maintain social distancing.

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## MODERNA FROM PAGE A1

The recommendation is non-binding, but it's a key step toward expanding the U.S. booster campaign to millions more Americans. Many people who got their initial Pfizer shots at least six months ago are already getting a booster after the FDA authorized their use last month — and those are the same high-risk groups that FDA's advisers said should get a Moderna booster.

But there's no evidence that it's time to open booster doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine to everybody, the panel stressed — despite initial Biden administration plans to eventually do that.

The coronavirus still is mostly a threat to unvaccinated people — while the vaccinated have strong protection against severe illness or death from COVID-19.

"I don't really see a need for a 'let it rip' campaign for everyone," said Dr. Michael Kurilla of the National Institutes of Health.

As for the dose, initial Moderna vaccination consists of two 100-microgram shots. But Moderna says a single 50-microgram shot should be enough for a booster.

The agency convened its experts to weigh in on who should get boosters and when for those who received the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson shots earlier this year. The panel will discuss J&J today.

The FDA will use its advisers' recommendations in making final decisions for boosters from both companies. Assuming a positive decision, there's still another hurdle: Next week, a panel convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will offer more specifics on who should get one.

Many U.S. scientists remain divided about exactly who needs boosters and their purpose — whether they're needed mostly for people at risk of severe disease or whether they should be used to try to reduce milder infections, too.

The FDA panel wrestled with whether Moderna presented enough evidence backing its low-dose booster.

As the delta variant surged in July and August, a Moderna study found people who were more recently vaccinated had a 36% lower rate of "breakthrough" infections compared with those vaccinated longer ago.

Another study of 344 people found a six-month booster shot restored virus-fighting antibodies to levels thought to be protective — and that included large jumps in antibodies able to target the delta variant. But that was a small study, and only about half of those people got the exact series of doses that would be offered under a Moderna booster campaign.

"The data itself is not strong, but it is certainly going in the direction that is supportive of this vote," said Dr. Patrick Moore of the University of Pittsburgh.

And several advisers worried that boosting with a lower dose might cost people some of the potential benefit of a full-strength third shot.

"That may actually have a tremendous impact on the durability," Kurilla said.

Moderna said it chose the lower-dose booster because it triggered fewer uncomfortable shot reactions such as fever and achiness but also leaves more vaccine available for the global supply.

One very rare side effect of both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines is heart inflammation, particularly among young men soon after the second dose — and one lingering question is whether another dose could spark more cases.

## THELINK FROM PAGE A1

This year, the international council received more than 500 submissions from four countries for awards, according to a news release.

"Bringing home the gold and competing among more than 500 entries puts us in an elite category representing the top 5% receiving this international award," said Jay Schwedler, president and CEO of TheLINK. "It validates what we've long known — this region has all of the makings to be globally competitive and to win."

Yanet Lopez, multimedia and research manager for TheLINK, designed the portfolio that showcases industrial parks and speculative buildings in the two counties.

She also attended the conference and received the award on behalf of the staff.

"Our goal is to consistently create a dynamic marketing program that showcases our best assets and put TheLINK region out front where we belong," she said.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Yanet Lopez, multimedia and research manager for TheLINK Economic Alliance, receives an Excellence in Economic Development award at the International Economic Development Council's annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee, earlier this month.



## Be Pro Be Proud visits students

Be Pro Be Proud, a mobile trades job simulator, visits Chestnut Oaks Middle School on Wednesday to teach eighth-graders about "blue collar" work in the United States.

PHOTOS BY CAL CARY / THE SUMTER ITEM



Ty Hoang informs students about the occupation of a tradesman.



Ty Hoang fits eighth-grader Brooklyn McCray into an electrician's bucket simulator.

## NEWSROOM FROM PAGE A1

Her passion for storytelling, love for connecting with others and endless need to create drives Maple to continue to find new, unique ways to share the extraordinary experiences of those around her.

"Being a reporter for the same newspaper I grew up reading is surreal," Maple said. "My passion for writing, admiration for the art of journalism and love for the people of my hometown has made me into who I am today. Giving back

to my community by showcasing the beauty I know it has is a dream of mine, and writing for *The Sumter Item* is only the start."

Cary was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in northern Virginia. He started studying journalism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2014 and slowly transitioned into studying photography. In 2016, he transferred to Rochester Institute of Technology and earned a bachelor's degree in photojournalism in 2018.

After graduating, he began freelancing for *The Washington Post* and worked as a freelance photojournalist for three years. His work has been picked up by the

*Virginia Pilot* and Associated Press.

"I love photography because of the way it can tell a story through images and how it can act by itself as a way to convey emotions and describe a scene," Cary said. "Working for *The Item* gives me the opportunity to tell a story with more than just my writing, but also with my camera."

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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Notice of Sale

##### MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2021-CP-14-00061

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **MEB Loan Trust II, U.S. Bank National Association**, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee vs. **Deborah Davis**, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the **Estate of Ruth D. Stukes a/k/a Ruth Davis Stukes a/k/a Ruth Stukes**, Deceased; and any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Ruth D. Stukes a/k/a Ruth Davis Stukes a/k/a Ruth Stukes, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, I, the undersigned **Joseph K. Coffey**, Master in Equity for Clarendon County, will sell on **Monday, November 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM, at the County Courthouse, 3 West Kett Street, Manning, SC 29102**. The property to be sold to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Township of Clarendon, being known as all that piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, if any, situate in the Town of Manning, School District No. 2, County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, being bounded and measuring thereon, as follows: On the North by lands now or formerly of Estate of

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Frances Dingle and measuring thereon 100 feet; On the South by land now or formerly of W.B. Harvin and measuring thereon 100 feet; On the East by lands now or formerly of Estate of Frances Dingle and measuring thereon 50 feet; On the West by Richburg Street and measuring thereon 50 feet. All of which will appear by reference to a plat by Oliver and Gamble in Plat Book 24, Page 130, records of Clarendon County.

This being the same property conveyed to Johnnie Stukes and Ruth D. Stukes as joint tenants with the right of survivorship by Deed of the United States of America, dated May 25, 1977 and recorded May 31, 1977 in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Book A-79 at Page 484. Subsequently, Johnnie Stukes a/k/a Johnny Stukes died on May 18, 2000 (see Death Certificate recorded August 15, 2001, in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Book A-446 at Page 337), thereby vesting his interest in the property to Ruth D. Stukes. Subsequently, Ruth D. Stukes a/k/a Ruth Davis Stukes a/k/a Ruth Stukes died intestate on or about 05/12/2019, leaving the subject property to his/her heirs, namely Deborah Davis, as shown in Probate Estate Matter Number na.

TMS No. 169-11-02-003-00

Property address: 106 Richburg Drive, 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 percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in certified funds or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price

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in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

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.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.490% per annum.

The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.

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wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

**Joseph K. Coffey**  
Master in Equity  
for Clarendon County

**Scott and Corley, P.A.**  
Attorney for Plaintiff



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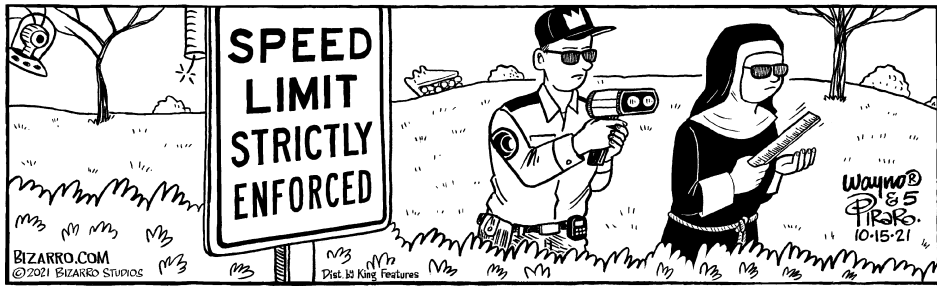
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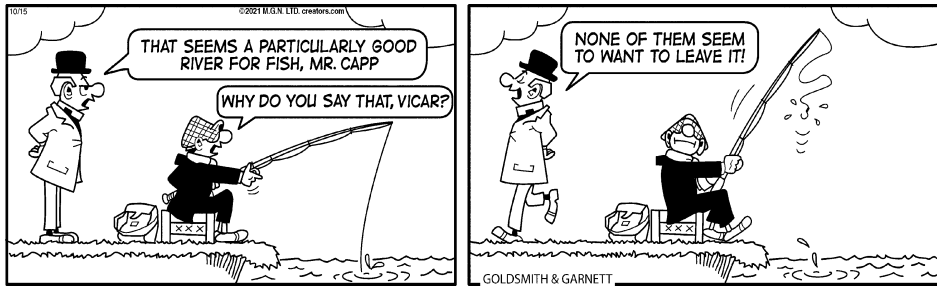
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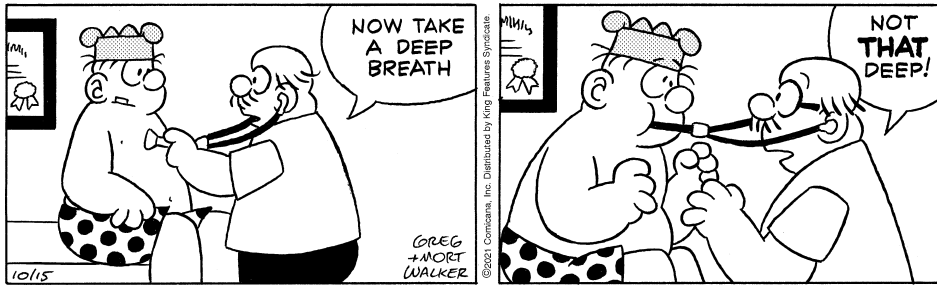
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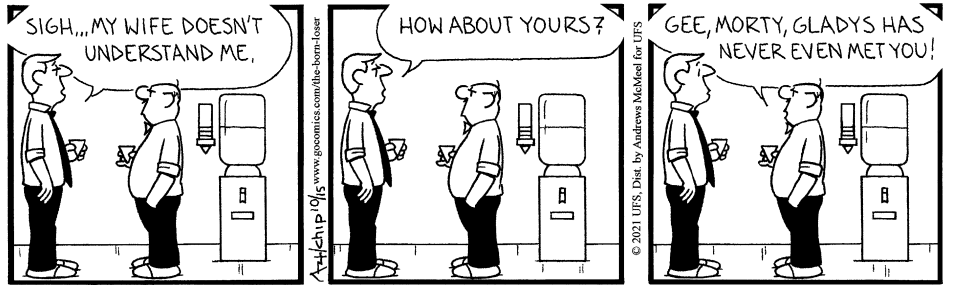
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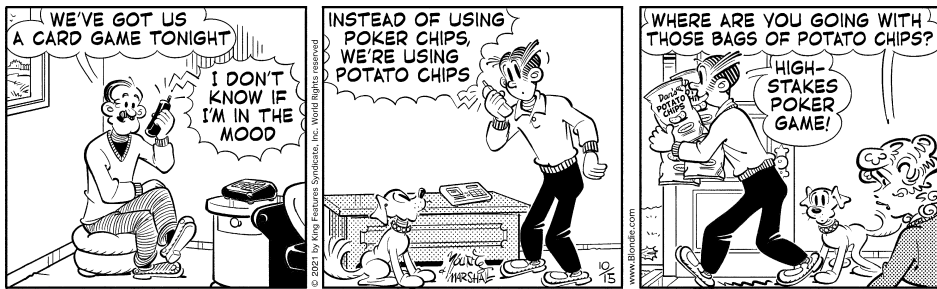
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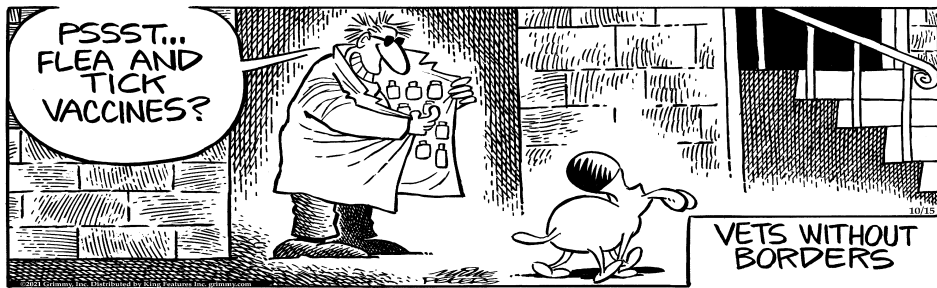
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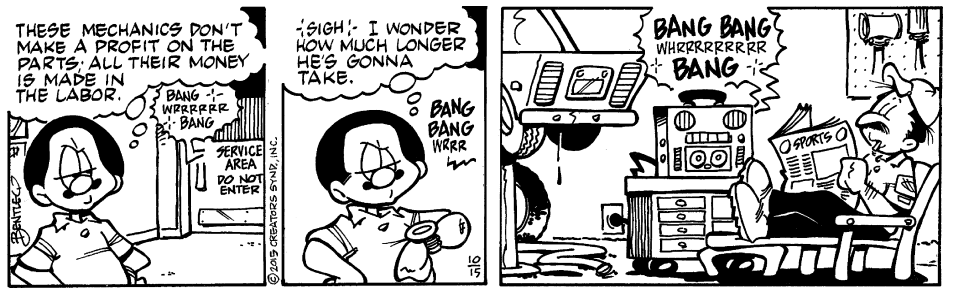
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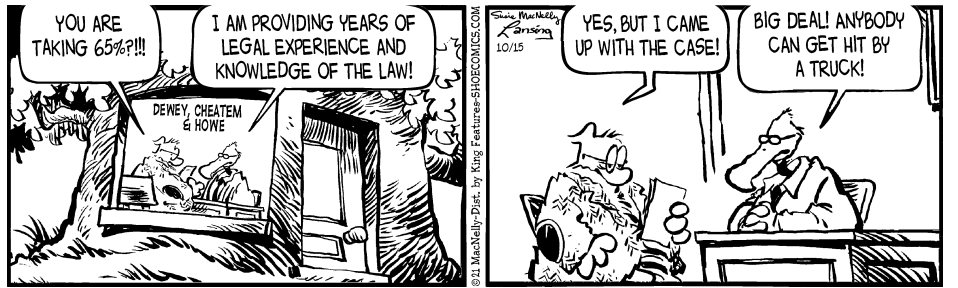
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**JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE**



*Bridesmaid given a hard time for missing shower*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — My daughter "Melanie" is very close with a cousin she grew up with. This cousin is getting married in five months, and Melanie will be a bridesmaid.

her husband, who is in his friend's wedding party. Melanie will attend the bachelorette party in Vegas and all the other events for her cousin.

The bride's sister is giving my daughter a hard time, saying she "can't believe" Melanie would miss the shower. Melanie is now afraid she's jeopardizing her relationship with her cousins, as they have told her how upset they are. I support her decision to attend the wedding and skip the shower. There are four other bridesmaids, and another one is also unable to attend. What would you do, and how can I be helpful to my daughter without causing a bigger rift in the family?

The shower date was announced. Then my son-in-law's best friend from childhood announced his wedding date. The wedding is on the same date as my niece's shower.

The events are about four hours apart, so it isn't possible for Melanie to go to both. She told her cousin she was sorry but she felt she needed to attend the wedding with

from her cousins is inappropriate. She isn't obligated to attend any event she doesn't wish to, and her reason for skipping the shower is a valid one. She should choose a gift for her cousin, have it delivered and apologize ONCE for being unable to be there in person. Continuing to provide emotional support to your daughter is the best way you can be helpful to her.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

**DEAR W.D.D.D.** — The pressure your daughter is receiving

**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

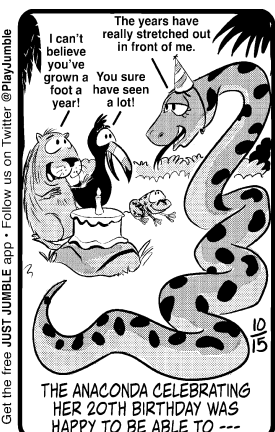
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LIVAL

GAMIE

GTBLEO

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THE ANACONDA CELEBRATING HER 20TH BIRTHDAY WAS HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GULCH KITTY FALLEN BRANCH  
Answer: After stuffing himself with junk food, his wife had to listen to his — BELYACHING

**SUDOKU**

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

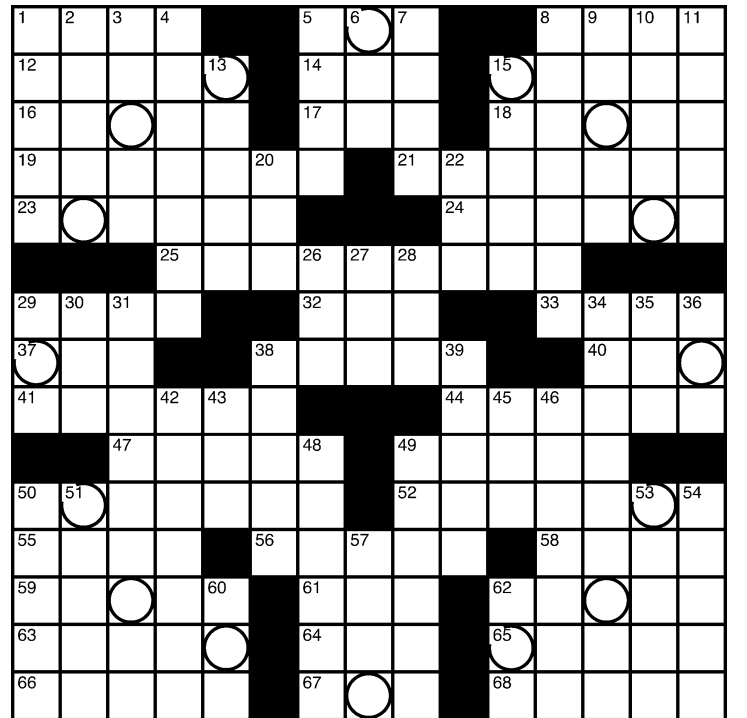
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



Jeffrey Wechsler 10/15/21

**ACROSS**

- 1 "More matter, with \_\_\_ art": "Hamlet"
- 5 Early music label
- 8 Indulgent places
- 12 Playwright Chekhov
- 14 See 15-Across
- 15 With 14-Across, deal-breaking words
- 16 Combined
- 17 Play area
- 18 Partially, informally
- 19 Take off
- 21 Gets an A+, say
- 23 Cut back, in a way
- 24 Spite
- 25 With 38-Across, what the highlighted squares suggest
- 29 Added things
- 32 Brief alarm
- 33 Parents can relax during them
- 37 "Enough!"
- 38 See 25-Across
- 40 Joanne of film 41 Daytona Beach-based sports org.
- 44 Bacon serving
- 47 With 49-Across, author of the novel suggested by
- 49 See 47-Across
- 50 Bullish?
- 52 Validates
- 55 Quaint store sign word
- 56 Tapir feature
- 58 Campus figure
- 59 Try to expose
- 61 Sick
- 62 Prefix with meter
- 63 Dagger-shaped symbols
- 64 Bran type
- 65 Vary
- 66 Sneak, maybe
- 67 Natl. park
- 68 Disinfectant brand
- 11 City—
- 13 More of a surprise
- 15 NBA legend Thomas
- 20 Disturbance
- 22 Receipt fig.
- 26 It offered soldiers Hope: Abbr.
- 27 Fish-fowl link
- 28 Web transmission technology: Abbr.
- 29 An express might skip yours: Abbr.
- 30 Thurman on screen
- 31 Didn't read right
- 34 Followers
- 35 Face front?
- 36 Face front?
- 38 Small songbirds
- 39 P&G detergent brand
- 42 Snake oil, purportedly
- 43 Ewoldt, first Asian-American to play Christine in Broadway's "Phantom"
- 45 Boxer's speech?
- 46 Dudley's toon foe
- 48 \_\_\_ moment
- 49 Events for Biles
- 50 Chore list items
- 51 Criminal defense
- 53 San \_\_\_ Northern California city
- 54 Cur's warning
- 57 Name of five Norwegian kings
- 60 Secure (to)
- 62 Sidekick

Previous Puzzle Solved

A	R	E	A	S	C	A	R	P	S	A	N	D
S	O	P	O	T	E	R	I	W	A	R		
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**N.G. Osteen** 1843-1936  
THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON

**H.G. Osteen** 1870-1955  
FOUNDER, THE ITEM

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## COMMENTARY

# A letter to our community from McLeod Health

**W**e are entering the season of reflection and gratitude, and I am extremely fortunate to have many things to be thankful for this year.

Working in health care is a special calling and requires a servant's heart to answer that call in times of need. Our staff has been steadfast in their commitment to ensuring medical excellence and compassionate service to those who entrust us with their care. We care for patients in the happiest of moments when a new life comes into the world, and we care for patients when they are their most vulnerable. I am thankful for the opportunity to lead an amazing organization that is bound by a mission to serve and filter our efforts through our four core values of "Caring, The Person, Quality and Integrity."

As the area's health care leader, McLeod Health Clarendon continues to fulfill its mission to improve the health and well-being of the residents in Clarendon, Sumter and surrounding communities.

Community hospitals play a vital role in the economic growth and development of that community. This year marked 70 years the hospital has served this community and five years being part of the McLeod Health System. At McLeod Health Clarendon, we strive to create meaningful, positive

patient experiences for our patients. Although improvement efforts are continually in motion, the hospital has made significant progress in increasing access to specialty care through the McLeod Health network and making sure every patient receives the quality care he or she deserves faster.



**Rachel Gainey**

Over the next few months, we will continue projects to renovate and modernize areas within our facilities in Clarendon and Sumter counties. We recently finished an expansion of the Intensive Care Unit, which has been crucial in the care of COVID-19 patients. At the same time, we completed the installation of new state-of-the-art radiology equipment. Patients now have access to more advanced imaging services through a newly installed CT scanner and 3D mammography unit, which includes a breast biopsy attachment. Installation of a new MRI is underway with expected completion in late fall 2021.

In addition to advanced technology and renovation, McLeod Health Clarendon welcomed several new providers, to include general surgeon Dr. Danielle Saldana with McLeod Surgery Clarendon; hospitalist and

Board-certified cardiologist Dr. John Rozich; hospitalist Dr. James Johnson; Board-certified orthopedic surgeon Dr. Rodney Alan with McLeod Orthopaedics Clarendon and McLeod Orthopaedics Sumter; Dr. Michael Ouzts with Palmetto Adult Medicine; certified nurse midwife Allison Saran with McLeod Women's Care Clarendon; and Chase Godwin, NP with McLeod Orthopaedics Clarendon, and Chaz McDonald with McLeod Orthopaedics Sumter. Additionally, McLeod Primary Care Turbeville was established in the late summer of 2020 with physician assistants Amanda McConnell and Abbie Kirby providing primary care for adults and children.

To increase access to primary care, the McLeod Family Medicine Rural Residency Program launched its first class of residents in June 2020. Expanding the McLeod Family Medicine training program into the Manning community provides much-needed access to physicians, enhances recruitment efforts and affords physicians the opportunity to practice medicine in small community settings.

Additionally, recruitment is underway for physicians throughout the region, as well as plans for clinical rotations and increased presence of specialists. As COVID-19 has brought many challenges, we are continuing to work on improvements in our emer-

gency department to ensure positive patient experience in flow and time in being seen.

McLeod Health Clarendon also achieved many noteworthy accomplishments for ensuring high quality health care for the patients we serve. These recognitions include consecutive Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade A's, Blue Cross Blue Shield Rewarding Excellence Distinction, Healthgrades 2020 Outstanding Patient Experience Award and Zero Harm Awards. The pursuit of quality improvement at McLeod Health Clarendon is unending. These accomplishments are a positive step in our patient experience and quality journey, yet we recognize that we can never stop improving care for patients. Health care is constantly becoming more complex and challenging, and our team is committed to providing the best care possible to our patients both now and in the future.

With exciting possibilities on the horizon, we envision a continued commitment of investment in the communities we serve from the Midlands to the coast. We are deeply grateful for our patients' continued support and utilization of McLeod Health services in our region. McLeod Health is "Here for Life."

*Rachel Gainey is the CEO of McLeod Health Clarendon.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### WEARING MASKS WILL HELP BRING AN END TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Dear Jackie Hughes, I am writing this email in regards to your article published on the Sumter Item, "5 reasons why I don't want to wear a mask." As someone who has lived in California during the pandemic, a state with a high-volume population and just as high COVID-19 cases, I have been wearing a mask so much it has become a normal thing to me, but reading your article has made me think about the dangers of inhaling carbon dioxide. I have noticed the negative toll wearing a mask while exercising at the gym has had on my energy levels and even my breathing. But I still wear it not only for my own safety, but for others around me as well.

I understand your concerns about the ventilation under masks, so I would suggest getting a mask with an air vent to avoid this happening. Although these masks aren't as effective as N95 masks, for example, wearing this type of

mask would be safer than not wearing one at all. In California where I live, there is a high density of people, so social distance can be difficult to impossible at times. In your article you also mentioned staying home when sick, which I, too, would do if I were showing symptoms, but there are many people who are asymptomatic and can still spread the pathogen to others. There are also situations where people have no other support, so must go out themselves to purchase necessities and groceries since online services can be quite expensive.

Personally, I hate wearing masks because my skin is extremely acne prone and it makes me feel extremely hot, but I do wear it because of my own and others' protection. I wear it because I want this pandemic to be over, and the most efficient way for that to happen is if we all (everyone affected by the pandemic) gain the same mindset to avoid spreading the virus. Thank you so much for your time.

JERRY WONG  
California



## COMMENTARY

# Carving out your niche with the talents and gifts God gave you

**E**veryone finds comfort in knowing that what they do in ministry, occupationally or volunteer services is what they have been gifted to do. In order to perform our duties with the best possible outcome, we must love what we do. Have you ever been served by a person in a customer service position who made you feel like your business was not appreciated? The attitude of the employee was just plain terrible. It was probably clear that the person really did not enjoy performing the duties associated with the position held. Contrary to the previous, a person who totally enjoys what he or she does can show up to work in the midst of personal tragedies, and you would never know.

I was watching a documentary on Steph Curry not long ago. I was amazed at the many obstacles he had to conquer before he reached the NBA. Here was a kid whose dad was one of the best shooting guards during his era in the NBA. Steph took forever to grow and accumulate some pounds on his frame. He had to learn how to shoot from up high as opposed to shooting from his hip. Even though he had become a prolific scorer in high school, col-

leges thought he was too small, too weak, etc. Even his dad's college alma mater passed on him. Deep down inside, Curry knew he could perform at the college level and one day play pro basketball. A small school in North Carolina, Davidson College, gave him a chance, and the rest is history that is still being written.



**Sam Livingston**

Curry never gave up on carving out his niche, even though so many around him did. Realize what was just said, Steph carved out his own niche. All he needed was a tool to do the carving. That tool was a basketball on a basketball court!

We start out by identifying the niche or calling. Then we must begin to assemble the tools needed for success. If you feel that real estate is your niche, then identify the tools needed to carve out your territory. If selling is your core thing, then study to pass the exam to become a real estate agent. Then find an agency to carve out your niche. If you want to be a broker, then perform at a bro-

ker's level while working as an agent. Start visualizing yourself in your own building with other agents working for you. You can't carve out anything complaining about the lack of opportunities, your financial dilemmas, your race, where you grew up, etc. Carving out your niche begins in the mind. "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Romans 14:5. What other people think of you and what you are capable of accomplishing in life are irrelevant. A newspaper editor told Walt Disney that he "lacked imagination"; can you imagine that? Billions of dollars later, I wonder what the editor said then.

Let those around you talk about you, with you, against you, or whatever they feel they need to say to belittle you. Your job is to acquire the tools needed to carve out your niche and don't look back. Keep carving and carving until you reach your full potential. God gave your talents and gifts to you, not your so-called friend, neighbor or sibling. What God has for you is for you! The result of the gift utilized in its intended purpose requires carving through situations, challenges, fail-

ure and sometimes people.

Final note, when you carve a roast, you cut off the fat and preserve the meat. The meat offers sustainability.

*Sam Livingston is pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Manning.*

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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.

Terror Trail at Second Mill Pond is back this year at 1065 Old W. Liberty St. on Oct. 15, 16, 22, 23, and 29-31 starting at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person, and all proceeds benefit the local Boy Scouts and Sumter Elks Lodge charities.

The General George L. Mabry Jr. chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will accept monetary donations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Shaw Air Force Base Commissary. Funds received will be used to support the needs of local veterans and active duty military personnel and their families.

MOPH Chapter 817 and send to P.O. Box 3381, Sumter, SC 29151. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible. Our website is purple-heart817sumtersc.com.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will hold a teleconference meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17. Call Rose Colclough at (803) 773-5314 or Ronetta Moses at (803) 775-2703 for the telephone number and access code.

Sumter School District wants to celebrate Halloween with you. A free drive-through Sumter School District Title 1 Trunk or Treat will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at the Sumter School District parking lot, 1345 Wilson Hall Road. Treats, books and prizes will be given out. For additional information, call (803) 469-6900, extension 508.

PUBLIC AGENDA

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Monday, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 Monday, 6:30 p.m., district office, 12 S. Church St., Summerton

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., district office, 15 Major Drive, Manning

MANNING CITY COUNCIL Monday, 6:30 p.m., second floor of Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Tuesday, 6 p.m., planning commission office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last word in astrology

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are heading down the right path.

to you to initiate your plans and to follow through. Don't wait for someone to jump in and take over. Be demonstrative, set the pace and cross the finish line first. 5 stars

Don't worry about a couple of hiccups along the way. Take a moment to adjust, then carry on with your plans. Your enthusiasm and competence will win favors and lead to an exciting proposal. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep a low profile and finish what you start, but don't present anything until you are satisfied with the results and details. Too much information will lead to confusion or interference. Exude confidence to eliminate competition. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a moment to go through each step before you agree to something that can take up time and interfere with your plans. It's better to be safe than sorry when dealing with money, contracts or your reputation. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Call the shots, and you'll outperform any competition you encounter. Make plans to kick back and spend time with someone who puts a smile on your face. Romance will lead to a commitment that will improve your life. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've got all the right moves. Trust and believe in yourself, and good things will unfold. An opportunity to take on a project that excites you will lead to research and preparation that stimulates your mind and encourages self-improvement and personal growth. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Concentrate on gathering information, clarifying what your options are and making financial decisions that will buy you the freedom to enjoy the comforts and conveniences you desire. Setting up a budget and a plan will ease stress and uncertainty. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are on the right track, but if you are presumptuous or act in haste, you will make a mistake. Nurture what you are trying to achieve, and take nothing for granted. Pay attention to detail, and make every move count. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let go of regrets and mistakes, and channel your energy into what matters to you. Dedicating your time and effort to something you feel passionate about will give you a sense of pride and hope for a better future. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll get your way if you are persistent, generous and entertaining. Use your charm to dazzle everyone, and you will come out on top. A meaningful relationship will flourish if you are attentive. Plan something unique, and say what's on your mind. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put more effort into the way you look and feel. Spending time updating your image or getting in tiptop shape will make you feel good and bolster confidence to pursue your goals. Trust your instincts, and avoid being taken for granted. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. If you offer too much information, you'll put yourself in a vulnerable position. Put pressure where it's needed, and outmaneuver any competition you encounter. When in doubt, follow your intuition. 3 stars

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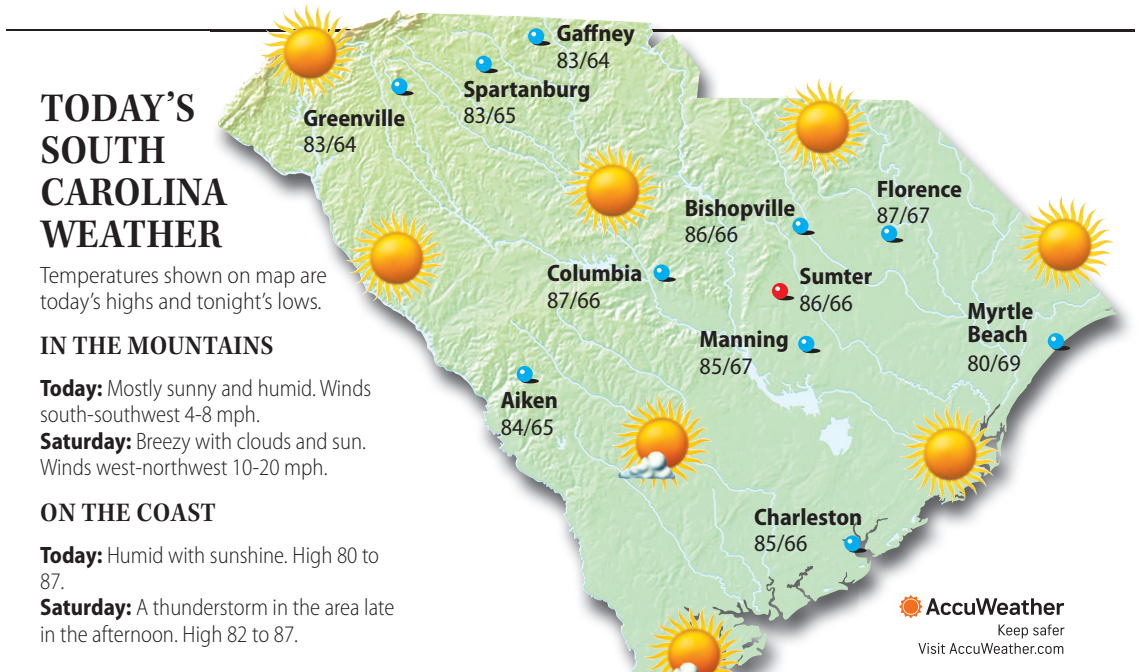
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FAR LEFT: Willy is a neutered, housebroken 4-year-old Jack Russell terrier. He is active, friendly and very playful. Willy absolutely adores toys of all kinds and lives for hugs and cuddles.

LEFT: Mary Higgins is a housebroken 7-month-old light brown tabby American shorthair. She is great with other cats and children. Mary Higgins is super sweet, friendly and playful.

The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday.

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.



# “It might be the fastest high school game you’ve ever been to.”

## East Clarendon hosts Scott’s Branch in a battle of run-heavy offenses

BY TIM LEIBLE  
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When East Clarendon and Scott’s Branch face off in their annual rivalry game on Friday one thing is known for certain. Fans need to be ready to see a whole lot of running as the Wolverines host the Eagles for Homecoming.

“It might be the fastest high school game you’ve ever been to,” East Clarendon head coach Scott Cook said. “I’m not talking speed-wise, I’m talking time-wise. If it wasn’t Homecoming, we might be out of there by 8:30.”

Scott’s Branch head coach Leonard Johnson echoed the sentiment. With East Clarendon running the wish-bone and the Eagles running Johnson’s patented Hammer offense, don’t expect to see the ball in the air very often unless EC gets behind.

“That means Scotty and I will be home by 9:45. The pressure is getting home early and figuring out what you want to do,” Johnson said with a hearty laugh. “If we allow each other to run the ball, it’s going to be real quick. It’s Homecoming for them, so it might be a little longer.”

Both teams have had plenty of time to prepare for this

ballgame. Scott’s Branch hasn’t played in October yet, as C.E. Murray ran into COVID-19 issues before the Eagles had a scheduled bye last week. Their last game was back on Sept. 24 against Hemingway. Ironically enough, East Clarendon’s last game was also against Hemingway, but on Oct. 1. The Wolverines had last week off because they were slated to play C.E. Murray, but the War Eagles were still in quarantine.

With all of that time off, both teams worked on improving in the trenches. Physicality was a key for both squads. In a game with two teams that love to run, it makes sense why it was.

“Physical. We have to be physical,” Cook said. “The offensive line, the defensive line, especially on the defensive side of the ball. I’ve challenged them to be physical and we’ve really worked on it since we didn’t have a game last week.”

“If you can’t block and tackle, it’s going to be a long night. So we spent the first three days last week working on blocking and tackling.”

Johnson said the Eagles were particularly focused on tackling, as Scott’s Branch struggled bringing down run-



East Clarendon running back Jyre Singletary (1) and the Wolverines will host Scott’s Branch for Homecoming on Friday.

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ners in their matchup with Hemingway.

“Defensively, we’re just looking at the mistakes we made in the last game. Our biggest problem was tackling, so we’re working a lot on tackling,” Johnson said. “There’s nothing more you can do at this point in the season. We won’t change philosophies. We just go out there and try to do what we do best.”

Both teams had their best offensive performances of the season against Hemingway. The key this week, according to Johnson, is finding out if the offenses really turned the corner or if those games were outliers.

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Scott’s Branch’s Tyler Kind (4) and the Eagles will travel to East Clarendon on Friday.

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Thomas Sumter’s Ayden Allen and the Generals will host Wilson Hall on Friday.

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## Thomas Sumter looks to defend The Hill against Wilson Hall

BY TIM LEIBLE  
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If you just look at the records, Wilson Hall and Thomas Sumter come into Friday’s annual rivalry game coming from two very different directions. Thomas Sumter is in the midst of one of their best seasons in years with a 5-2 record, while the Barons sit at 1-6.

A closer look tells a slightly different story. While Thomas Sumter’s record is no aberration, Wilson Hall has played better than their record would indicate. The Barons have won only once, but have been in just about every game until the very end. One of their losses was a one-point loss to Pinewood Prep, while the Barons lost late to Cardinal Newman 27-21. Wilson Hall finally broke through their late game slump last week with a 47-34 win over Ben Lippen and look to start a winning streak against TSA.

“We could be 5-2 right now very easily with just a break here or a break there. As it stands, we haven’t finished and things haven’t gone our way and we’re in a little bit of a different situation,” WH head coach Adam Jarecki



Wilson Hall’s Tate Sistare and the Barons look to start a winning streak when they travel to Thomas Sumter on Friday.

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said. “We know what it feels like to come out in one of those games now. We’ve had a few games that were close late and we just didn’t finish and we finally finished.”

“We just want to try to continue. We don’t want to have a letdown. We played well last week and did some good things, and we don’t want to step back from there. We want to continue to improve.”

Thomas Sumter head coach Brannon Tidwell has noticed that Wilson Hall has been in games late, so his Generals don’t plan to sleep on the Barons.

“They’ve been in the lead in every game except two after the half and going into the fourth quarter. They play a couple of classes above us and just got a big win against Ben Lippen. They’ve got some good players and good skill kids,” Tidwell said. “The thing that they’ll have over us is depth, because we’re playing 16 kids. They’re definitely going to come in here expecting to win, we expect to win and hopefully we can make this thing more competitive than it’s been in the

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## SHS prepares for rematch with Carolina Forest

BY TIM LEIBLE  
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For the first time this season, Sumter is running into a repeat opponent.

After an early COVID-19 scare kept the Gamecocks from facing Socastee twice, Sumter will have their first dip back into the Region VI-5A pool with a rematch against Carolina Forest.

SHS comes into the game fresh off a bye week. Head coach Mark Barnes said the week off provided Sumter a great opportunity to really key in on some mistakes. Sumter also has a lot of two-way players in their offensive backfield and secondary, including Keion Brown, Zyeir Gamble and Jabari Tiller. The Gamecocks, therefore, took advantage of the extra time to lock in on details on both sides of the ball.

“When you’re in an off week, you try to fix the problems that you have. Anything that’s been an issue, whether that be offense, defense or special teams, we spent a lot of time on those things. Then it gives you an opportunity to get a few more packages in offensively,” Barnes said. “The blessing with the week off is that we weren’t preparing for an opponent. Throughout the

year, we were getting those (running backs) for 25 minutes in a day. During the off week, we split the time evenly, so they spent half the time on offense and half of it on defense, so we got some things in with them and we feel more comfortable doing more things.”

The fact that Sumter has already played Carolina Forest once gave the Gamecocks a chance to review film from that game. SHS ended up running away with a 36-7 victory, but the game was close at the half. Barnes doesn’t expect to just walk into the matchup and get another blowout this week.

“It’s hard to play a team twice. They’ve already played Conway twice and got beaten by them 33-14 and came back the next time and beat them 27-7. They did a good job flipping the script. Hopefully they won’t be able to do that this week,” Barnes said. “The biggest thing you try to take away (from the first game) is how they tried to defend our option. They didn’t do a good job of it. Knowing coach (Marc) Morris for a while, I know he’s probably not going to do that and not make those mistakes again.”

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Sumter running back Jabari Tiller (4) and the Gamecocks will make face Carolina Forest for the second time this season on Friday.

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# Another Friday night thriller? Syracuse hosts Clemson

BY JOHN KEKIS  
The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Having tripled last season's win total halfway through 2021, the Syracuse Orange have helped their fans largely forget the noncompetitive squad that lost 10 games in the pandemic-plagued 2020 campaign.

And that's good for the psyche. "You can tell we're taking big strides from last year," defensive back Garrett Williams said. "We're not the same team. We're just playing a lot better as a unit, playing complementary football offensively and defensively."

Syracuse (3-3, 0-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) has played three straight games decided on the final play, including an overtime setback last week to then-No. 19 Wake Forest. Now they host Clemson (3-2, 2-1) on Friday night. The game offers a chance for a signature victory for the Orange, even though the Tigers have struggled and dropped out of the AP Top 25. Syracuse is a 13.5-point underdog, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

"We know Clemson is still one of the most talented teams in the conference regardless of their record, and they've lost to two really good teams," Williams said. "We don't really try to emphasize any game over another, but we also have to have the realization that it's there and just seeing the opportunity that we have ahead."

Clemson was ranked in the top three for seven of its eight previous matchups with the Orange. Four years ago, Syracuse pulled off one of the program's biggest upsets when it beat the No. 2 Tigers 27-24 in the Carrier Dome.

The Tigers, fresh from a bye week, are aiming to revert to the form they're accustomed to on offense.



Clemson quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei (5) and the Tigers travel to New York to face Syracuse on Friday.

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Clemson has scored just 57 points combined against four Power Five opponents after averaging more than 44 points a game the past three seasons.

"We're right there," Clemson quarterback DJ Uiagalelei said. "Just little stuff (we're not doing) that could take us to the next level. We just shoot ourselves in the foot."

## DISRESPECTED CLEMSON

Clemson plays its first game as an unranked team since November 2014. Tigers linebacker James Skalski can't fully wrap his head around that, frustrated the team hasn't gotten more respect for how strongly it has played despite its record. Clemson hadn't lost two games in September in seven seasons and must jump No. 16 Wake For-

est and No. 22 North Carolina State, both undefeated in ACC play, if it hopes to try for a seventh straight league championship. "Our two losses are against the No. 1 team in the country (Georgia) at a neutral site, 10-3, and in double overtime at a Top 25 team (North Carolina State)," Skalski said. "That's kind of frustrating on my part. Almost feel a little disrespected. I get it."

## 1-2 PUNCH

In the Orange's two conference losses, quarterback Garrett Shrader and tailback Sean Tucker have rushed for all but 23 yards of an impressive team total of 593. The two averaged 6 yards on 95 carries and accounted for nine TDs against Florida State and Wake

Forest. Tucker has 791 yards rushing on 133 carries, behind only Joe Morris in Orange annals at this point of the season. Shrader is just the third Syracuse quarterback since 1979 to run for over 100 yards in consecutive games. The duo will have a little extra incentive — Syracuse will be honoring the late Floyd Little, one of its greatest tailbacks. Clemson is allowing just over 100 yards rushing per game.

## NAILBITERS NOT SO BAD

Being in tight games is stressful but can be rewarding in the long run.

"They understand how close the games were, they understand the inches of things, they understand how close they are," Syracuse coach Dino Babers said. "This is character-building time. It's the tough times when you grow. I'll tell you what — we're sharpening ourselves up for something special. That's the way I look at it."

Four of Clemson's games have been decided by eight points or fewer and the Tigers are 2-2.

## EXTRA WORK

About 90 minutes after Clemson defeated Boston College 19-13 on Oct. 2, Uiagalelei returned to the field at Memorial Stadium to get in some extra work and correct mistakes he made against the Eagles. Uiagalelei, a sophomore, is in his first season starting in place of No. 1 draft pick Trevor Lawrence. The Tigers' offense has struggled early to find its rhythm, averaging fewer than 15 points a game against its four Power Five opponents this season. So there was Uiagalelei in the mostly empty arena, refining his footwork and timing. "I've done that before in high school, college," Uiagalelei said. "It's the first time people have seen it."

## OBITUARIES

### LEE EARNEST HAMMOND

Lee Earnest Hammond, 75, was born on Aug. 29, 1946, in Sumter, a son of the late London Hammond Sr. and Geneva Walters Hammond Scarborough. He departed this life on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021, at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, New York.

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

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150 with Elder Wayne P. Brunson Sr. officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at 350 Palmetto 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 [jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com](mailto:jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

### IVORY MONTGOMERY BENSTON

Ivory Montgomery Benston, 89, widow of Maxwell Benston Sr., was born on Oct. 16, 1931, in Sumter, a daughter of the late Eugene and Lamb Budden Montgomery. She departed this life on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at her residence.

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

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150 with Pastor Jonathan Smith, eulogist, and Pastor Tina Booker presiding. Interment will follow at Cain Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 917 Jensen Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

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### MATTHEW ISSAC

Matthew Issac, 70, of 1011 Whitehorse St., died on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021.

The funeral services will be

held at noon today at Goodwill Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 295 Brick Church Road, Mayesville.

The family will be leaving the home at 11:30 a.m.

Bostick-Tompkins Funeral Home of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

### EARNEST JENKINS

Earnest Jenkins, 86, widower of Lula Mae M. Jenkins, departed this life on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021, at his residence.

He was born on June 23, 1935, in Sumter, a son of the late Walter and Anna Jenkins Scriven.

The family will receive friends at the home of his daughter, 4555 Cotton Acres Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

### QUINDARA NATASHA RHODES

Quindara Natasha Rhodes, 35, departed this life on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1986, in Sumter, a daughter of Francine Davis Rhodes and the late Hezekiah Rhodes Jr.

The family will receive friends at 26 S. Blanding St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

### JAMES RENEE SMITH

LAMAR — James Renee Smith, age 70, died on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. today in the Lamar chapel at Belk Funeral Home with burial following at Lamar Memorial Cemetery.

The family received friends Thursday at the funeral home in Lamar.

Born on Nov. 22, 1950, James was a son of the late Robert Smith and Anna Harless Martin. He was a four-year veteran of the Army National Guard and then was employed with Becton Dickinson in Sumter from 1980 until his retirement. James loved fishing and would fish in many tournaments and fishing clubs. He enjoyed working and taking care of his family.

Surviving are his wife, Sissy Smith of Mayesville; two sons, Jim (Felisha) Smith and Steven Lee Smith, both of Mayesville; five grandchildren, Philip, Christina, Jamie, Robert and Chris; two brothers, Robert (Beth) Smith and Steve

(Pam) Smith; a half-brother, Tom (Tina) Young; his stepmom, Carolyn Smith; a special nephew, Roger Dale Smith Jr.; a number of nieces and nephews; and his faithful canine companion, Rosie, who was always by his side.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his half-brother, Kenneth Young.

A guestbook is available online at [www.belkfuneralhome.com](http://www.belkfuneralhome.com).

### ELIZABETH JANIE WILLIAMS RHODES

Elizabeth Janie Williams Rhodes, 85, widow of Hezekiah Rhodes Sr., departed this life on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at her residence.

She was born on April 18, 1936, in Wedgefield, a daughter of the late Martin and Mary Garrett Williams.

The family will receive friends at the home, 26 S. Blanding St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

### LORINE WRIGHT

Lorine Wright, 72, was born on Sept. 17, 1949, in Lee County, a daughter of the late Isaac and Louise Henry Wright. She departed this life on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021, at MUSC Kershaw in Camden.

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

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150. Interment will follow at St. Paul Memo-

rial Garden.

The family will receive friends at 71 Sugar Hill Drive, Bishopville, SC 29010.

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

### ELWOOD SHELLEY

Elwood Shelley, age 78, beloved husband of 60 years to Mary Sue Booth Shelley, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at his residence.

You may go to [www.bullockfuneralhome.com](http://www.bullockfuneralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



### LARRY EDWARD HUFF

Larry Edward Huff, age 81, beloved husband of 45 years to Carmelita Mendoza Huff, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

You may go to [www.bullockfuneralhome.com](http://www.bullockfuneralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



### MARTHA VERMELLE FISHER

Martha Vermelle Fisher, 82, widow of James L. Fisher Sr., died on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at Palmetto Heart Hospital in Columbia.

Born on Nov. 15, 1938, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Wallace Hartwell Marshall and Juanita Hodge Marshall Shade. She retired as the manager of the Beacon Theater and was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church at Oswego.

Survivors include three children, James L. "Jamie" Fisher Jr. (Pam) of Sumter, Lori Dunlap-Barwick (Charlie) of Manning and Kevin M. Fisher of Sumter; four grandchildren, Patrick Fisher, Amanda Neilson (R.J.), D.J. Dunlap (Meghan) and Teresa L. Dunlap; nine great-grandchildren, A.J., Bella, Kaelyn, Warren, Raven, Ryleigh, Savannah, Alexis and Summer; a sister, Marena Spann (Johnny) of Sumter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Roy Wallace "Buddy" Fisher; and three sisters, Sara Ellen Stafford, Linda Bradham and Betty Jean Marshall.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Allan Glass officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association — USA National Office, 161 N. Clark, Suite 3550, Chicago, IL 60601.

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

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# Braves plan to be without OF Soler in NLCS

BY CHARLES ODUM  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves are preparing to play without outfielder Jorge Soler in the NL Championship Series as they await his clearance following his positive COVID-19 test.

The Braves worked out Thursday at Truist Park without Soler, who was pulled from the lineup for Game 4 of the NL Division Series against Milwaukee on Tuesday. Dansby Swanson replaced Soler as the leadoff hitter, Guillermo Heredia moved into the lineup in center field and Cristian Pache took Soler's spot on the 26-man roster.

Playing with the adjusted lineup, the Braves beat the Brewers 5-4 to clinch the best-of-five division series.

Braves manager Brian Snitker would like to have Soler's power bat on his roster for the Championship Series. Soler hit a combined .223 with 27 homers and 70 RBIs with Kansas City and Atlanta during the regular season.

"We want everybody there," Snitker said when asked about Soler, adding he "hated that he had to miss that" clinching game against the Brewers.

"I don't know that this team has been dependent, as we've shown, on one guy all year,



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The Atlanta Braves are preparing to be without outfielder Jorge Soler in the upcoming National League Championship Series after he tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday.

quite honestly. The guys keep playing the game. Would you like to have him? Yeah. If we don't, so be it. Just go out and win however else we can."

Soler has been vaccinated but may not be cleared to return until after the best-of-seven NLCS. Snitker said he has not talked with Soler.

"We've got to approach it

like I don't know if he'll be here for the NLCS," Snitker said. "That's how we have to approach it. Until he shows up and is cleared and does everything that MLB needs him to do, we're going to look like it's like he's not going to be here."

Soler was part of the dramatic outfield makeover or-

chestrated by general manager Alex Anthopoulos after the Braves lost Ronald Acuña Jr. to a season-ending knee injury and Marcell Ozuna to legal troubles.

Anthopoulos first acquired Joc Pederson and then added Soler, Eddie Rosario and Adam Duvall near the July 30 trade deadline.

The outfield depth created by the moves becomes even more important with Soler's status uncertain as the Braves try to return to the World Series for the first time since 1999.

"I think when we got Joc the clubhouse was like 'we're not going to sit around and wait,'" Snitker said. "Alex is on the move. He was striking fast and when he did that — the next wave of guys at the deadline — it showed our guys we were seriously in this thing. I think it did the world of good for that room in there."

The Braves may stick with their three-man rotation of Charlie Morton, Max Fried and Ian Anderson. Morton pitched on short rest on Tuesday, allowing two runs in 3 1/3 innings. Fried is the probable Game 1 starter in the NLCS.

Huascar Ynoa and Drew Smyly, who were part of the regular-season rotation, were in the bullpen in the division series and seem likely to be available again in relief. They could be used as part of a bullpen approach in Game 4.

"It will probably line up where we'll probably have a bullpen game, but you know, that being said, in this series we had two starters in our bullpen," Snitker said. "We'll be fine."

## RUNNERS

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"You can only tell that after the second game is played, how well they're doing," Johnson said. "Against Hemingway, we seemed to come together and seemed to understand the concept better than the past. Our running backs were trusting the offensive linemen and out offensive lineman were understanding what their responsibilities and jobs are. Things kind of looked good, but you never know until you get that consistent roll with everybody."

East Clarendon will trot out a pair of running backs in Qawiee Singletary and Jyre Fulton, who both ran wild against Hemingway behind the Wolverines' stout offensive line. EC was low on bodies in the trenches in that game, but have started to get some players back from injuries and quarantine. They'll look to continue to run the ball, but know they can spread it out and pass if they need to.

"We're going to have to control the ball. We have to establish the way we want to play," Cook said. "If we get behind, with the way

they run the ball, we'll be forced to go to the spread and throw the ball more."

Johnson knows the Eagles will have their hands full with the East Clarendon offensive line, but thinks his speedy defense will be able to counteract the size disadvantage.

"I think we're going to have to bring one of those needles they use to take air out of the ball and poke those guys with them to take them down to size," Johnson joked. "In all seriousness, they're big as hell. They're bigger than us."

"We just do what we do. That's something we can't control, their size, but I think we do have some advantages. With our quickness and how we approach things defensively, there's an advantage. I think it'll be a good stalemate."

Scott's Branch, meanwhile, will continue to run Johnson's Hammer offense. Desane Washington had a standout performance against Hemingway, but any of the Eagle runners could be the next standout. Johnson said their success will all come down to execution.

"There's only one thing we do and we're going to get good at doing that,"

Johnson said. "We're going to shove the Hammer down people's throat and if they stop it, good for them. If they don't, they're going to have a long night. We're not going to change much of what we do. Our main thing is execution."

The annual rivalry game will also come with potentially major playoff implications. Because C.E. Murray has been sidelined on and off for most of the season, the playoff race is still wide open. Scott's Branch and East Clarendon come into the game with 1-1 region records and have played the same opponents to similar results. Friday's game, paired with each team playing C.E. Murray over the next two weeks, will determine who will play at home in the first round of the playoffs.

"They have C.E. Murray next week and we have C.E. Murray the week after that, so that sets up the winner of this game to be playing for first or second place in the region, depending on what happens to C.E. Murray and Carvers Bay," Cook said. "I think it's very important for that, you're talking about the difference between a home and away game in the playoffs."

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"The games with Carolina Forest are normally really close. Last time is more of an outlier from what the series has been. Most of those games have been very competitive. I don't remember any other games being that comfortable, except for maybe my first year."

Sumter ran into issues with penalties turnovers in their last game against Socastee and they spent their bye week addressing those problems. The positive to take away from the recent offensive hiccups is that the Gamecock defense stood strong. Barnes expects that to continue against Carolina Forest.

"We've been consistently good defensively. Not just this year, but for several years. Even with us hurting the defense by turning the ball over and giving the other teams shorter fields, they did a good job (defensively)," Barnes said. "We're just going to be who we are. We're an attack defense. We're going to be physical, and we've got athletes and we're going to attack you. We're not going to be passive. We've done a pretty good job this year, where we'll give up some plays, give up some first downs, but you have to do it over and over and over. We haven't really — knock on wood — really give up many explosive plays. If we can do that and make

people earn their trip and take care of the ball offensively, we'll have a good chance to win."

In the last matchup, Sumter was able to break away in the second half thanks to an explosive rushing attack. Barnes and the Gamecocks will look to create more of those big plays on Friday night.

"Offensively, just execute what we're trying to do. They're good defensively and they're going to stop us some, but don't create short fields for the other team, eliminate self-inflicted wounds," Barnes said. "I think the thing we need to emphasize is we need to create explosive plays. Our guys that are getting the ball are a little more athletic than their guys that are trying to chase the ball. If we can get in space, we have to take the opportunity to create some explosive plays."

At the end of the day, Barnes just wants to see his team play a complete game on both sides of the ball. Sumter has had their moments of playing what Barnes calls complimentary football, but he wants to see it for four quarters.

"I'm happy with this team, I'm happy with where we're at. We've matured and we've grown each game," Barnes said. "We still haven't played four quarters of complimentary football. When we do that, I think we'll be hard to beat. When we don't, we give people an opportunity to be in the game with us."

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last 20 years."

Thomas Sumter comes into the game with an offense that has moved the ball all year behind quarterback Jamari Harris, a stable of running backs in Ayden Allen and Javion Lammie and a slew of receivers led by Matthew Hawkins and Gatlin Kimbro. Tidwell just wants to see his team keep doing what they've done all year.

"It's hard to defend, at any level of football, teams that can run and throw the football and Jamari can actually run it himself. So, you have to defend three different elements," Tidwell said. "They have a job as tough as we do, because really what we're doing it playing option football, as well, because you've got three things to stop. That's the biggest thing for us."

Jarecki knows that the Generals have the ability to hit explosive plays. He said the key to Wilson Hall's success is making sure they aren't back-breaking plays.

"They've got some big-play players. They have a couple of guys that can make some big plays. Obviously, the quarterback is very effective throwing the ball and running it. Then he's got some friends to throw it to," Jarecki said. "We know we might let up a big play at some point, we just can't let it kill us. We want to

bend and not break and overcome those things that might happen."

Wilson Hall has a strong offense of their own, as the Barons have scored consistently all season. With players like quarterback Tate Sistare and running back Doc Walker leading the way, the Barons can methodically work down the field or hit you with a big play with their option offense.

"They've got Boykin Wilder at receiver and the quarterback, Sistare, is a really good player. He can make the throws, he runs great. He's got long strides, he kind of reminds me of Matthew Hawkins for us, where he's taking two steps every five yards," Tidwell said. "He extends plays and can make all the throws. Then Walker is one of their wing backs and they try to get him the ball a bunch. He's quick and they try to get him the ball on the edges. They're good there."

"We've been repping (Wilson Hall's option offense) over and over again to make sure we're in the right spot. If you try to do something for your teammate and you don't trust them so do their job, that's when they hit the big plays on you."

Thomas Sumter will try to counter with some big players in the middle of their defense, particularly Preston Houser and Lammie in the trenches. Jarecki said the best way Wilson Hall will keep those two from blowing plays up will be keeping them

guessing.

"Mixing it up is going to help. We've thrown the ball pretty well and had success with our downfield passing game and some of our play-action off of it," Jarecki said. "Having the ability mix it up so they can't load up on us is going to be big. We're tailor-made for what we do and we do it. We've got to make sure we're blocking the right people and picking up on stunts and following our rules (with the option)."

Both coaches agreed that the key to winning will be limiting big mistakes, as both teams are capable of hitting explosive plays.

"Whoever protects the ball. Turnovers can be big in a game like this," Jarecki said. "We're a ball-control kind of offense and we can't afford to give them extra possessions by turning it over or getting big penalties to get way behind the chains. I think whoever takes care of the ball and takes advantage of every possession is going to be big."

Tidwell agreed, because he expects both teams to hit home runs. The key is making sure you're not committing too many errors to make it easier on the opposition.

"Just playing well on defense and flying around. If they score, they score, because they score on everybody. It's just keep going to the next play and keep fighting," Tidwell said. "We expect them to score points because that's what they've done all

year, but if they do, we just have to keep going. We just can't make mistakes on our offense and turn it over and play sloppy. If we play mistake free football, that will be the biggest thing to help us get the win."

While this is a non-region game with teams in two different classes, this is an important game for both teams. For Wilson Hall, it's a chance to build some momentum late in the season.

"We need some success, no doubt. We need some positive things," Jarecki said. "They keep coming back every Monday and work hard and they keep playing hard every Friday, but to not have that success makes it tough. But hats off to my guys, they have truly overcome and played hard regardless. I expect to see that continue, that's just the kind of kids we have. I hope that having that taste of success can carry on."

Thomas Sumter, meanwhile, has been on the losing side of this matchup for the entire lives of their players. A win would show the growth of their program.

"I think it'll be good for them. We're checking a lot of boxes this year that haven't been checked off in a lot of years," Tidwell said. "We're trying to start new traditions, new rivalries and play hard and hopefully when the other team leaves the field, they think they just played a pretty good football team. Overall, it's pretty exciting."



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NOTICE OF FILING CASE NO: 2020-DR-14-00281

IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON

DON KELLY AND AMANDA KELLY, PLAINTIFFS,

VS. DAVID GEORGE GRIFFIN AND MAHLA JO GRIFFIN, MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEE YEARS, DAVID J. GRIFFIN, NATURAL FATHER AND DEBRA MCCAUL, NATURAL MOTHER, DEFENDANTS.

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ORIGINAL SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED ACTION WERE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE FAMILY COURT FOR CLARENDON COUNTY ON THE 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

ADOPTION SUMMONS

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscribed Land, Parker & Welch, P.A., 29 South Mill Street, Manning, South Carolina, 29102 within THIRTY (30) DAYS after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of service.

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that within THIRTY (30) DAYS of receiving notice you shall respond in writing by filing with the Court in which the adoption is pending notice and reason to contest, intervene or otherwise respond;

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adoption of the child and forfeiture of all rights and obligations with respect to the child.

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MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2012-CP-43-01325

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F vs. Colette D. Jones, I, the undersigned Michael M. Jordan, Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM, at the County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150. The property to be sold to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the Township of providence, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina designated as Lot No. 46 of Crowndale Park Section 1 as shown in Plat Book 85, page 213 and more recently and particularly shown on a plat by Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated March 30, 1992 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 92, page 584. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This is the same property generally known as 1569 Crowndale Drive, Sumter, SC. Represented by Sumter County Parcel No. 186-02-03-011.

This being the same property conveyed to Colette D. Jones by deed of James B. Eubank, Jr. and Angela Fernandez Eubank dated March 11, 2008 and recorded on March 20, 2008 in the Office of the Sumter County Register of Deeds in Book 1102 at Page 2370.

TMS No. 186-02-03-011 Property address: 1569 Crowndale Drive, Sumter, SC 29150

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in certified funds 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

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case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

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.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.250% per annum.

The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.

The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this specifically captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may

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wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Michael M. Jordan Master in Equity for Sumter County

Scott and Corley, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF MASTER IN EQUITY SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020CP4300032

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the CIM Trust 2019-R3 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2019-R3, against Robert L. Goodman, et al, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, or his/her agent, will sell on November 1, 2021, at 12:00 P.M., at Sumter Judicial Center, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina designated as Lot No. 23 and 10 feet of Lot No. 24, Block "J", Broad Street Place Subdivision, and shown on a plat of J.P. Edwards, R.L.S., dated August 16, 1978, recorded in plat Book 2-41 at Page 344, records of Sumter County.

TMS Number: 229-11-04-038 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 216 Woodlawn Ave, Sumter, SC 29150

This being the same property conveyed to Robert L. Goodman and Helen R. Goodman by deed of Mary Weatherly, dated August 28, 1978, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on August 29, 1978, in Deed Book J-10 at Page 74.

TERMS OF SALE: FOR CASH. The Master in Equity will require a deposit of 5% of the bid amount in cash or certified funds, which is to be applied on the purchase price upon compliance with the bid. Interest on the balance of the bid at 9.80% shall be paid to the day of compliance. In case of noncompliance within 20 days, after the sale, the deposit of 5% is to be forfeited and applied to Plaintiff's judgment debt and the property re-advertised for sale upon the same terms at the risk of the former highest bidder. Purchaser to pay for deed recording fees and deed stamps.

Deficiency judgment not being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Should Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney, or Plaintiff's agent fail to appear on

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the day of sale, the property shall not be sold, but shall be re-advertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney, or Plaintiff's agent, is present.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and easements and restrictions of record.

All attendees must comply with all COVID protocols, including mask and social distancing as required by state and local court rules.

Any sale pursuant to this order is without warranty of any kind. Neither Plaintiff nor Court warrant title to any third-party purchaser. All third-party purchasers are made parties to this action and are deemed to have notice of all matters disclosed by the public record, including the status of title. See EX parte Keller, 185 S.C. 263, 194 S.E. 15 (1937); Wells Fargo Bank, NA v. Turner, 378 S.C. 147, 662 S.E.2d 424 (Ct. App. 2008).

FINKEL LAW FIRM LLC Post Office Box 71727 North Charleston, S.C. 29415 (843) 577-5460 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Notice of Sale C/A No: 2021-CP-43-01195

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Certificate Trust 2002-1 vs. Elaine Davis; I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on November 1, 2021 at 12:00 noon, at the Judicial center located at 215 N Harvin St, Sumter, SC 29150, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address:

THAT lot of land with the improvements thereon situate in Sumter County, South Carolina, represented as Lot 464 of EAGLE NEST SUBDIVISION PHASE I on plat of MICHAEL C. TURBEVILLE, III, PLS, dated July 9, 1998, recorded in the Office of the Sumter County Register of Deeds in Plat Book 98 at Page 1002. This property is represented on the Sumter County tax map as Parcel 134-00-02-006.

THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto Elaine Davis by virtue of a Deed from Longtown Investments, LLC dated October 31, 2001 and recorded November 13, 2001 in Volume 822 at Page 723 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

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TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 125/1000 (4.125%) 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 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.

Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE 2015-CP-43-02266 BY VIRTUE OF a decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM Trust 2018-NR1 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2018-NR1 against The Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown, of the Estate of Naomi D. China; Linda Brown, Joseph China III, Beverly Sanders, LaFonda

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**Property Address:**  
710 Manning Avenue  
TMS#: 250-16-01-018

**ALSO:** All that lot of land in Sumter County, State of South Carolina, with the improvements thereon; said property being generally designated as 708 and 708-1/2 Manning Avenue, and being further shown on the Tax Map of Sumter County as Tax Map Parcel 250-16-01-016; said parcel of land measuring 80 feet on the west side of Manning Avenue and being bounded now or formerly as follows: On the North by land of Porter; East by Manning Avenue; South by church property; and West by lands of McLeod and Shore; said parcel of land is said to have a uniform width to a depth of 150 feet, be all said measurements a little more or less.

**Property Address:**  
708 and 708 1/2 Manning Avenue  
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**TERMS OF SALE:** For Cash: the purchaser shall be required to deposit the sum of five (5%) percent of the amount of bid (in cash or equivalent) as earnest money and as evidence of good faith. If the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, the Plaintiff may, after paying the costs of the sale, apply the debt due upon its Mortgage against its bid in lieu of cash. Should the person making the highest bid at the sale fail to comply with the terms of his bid by depositing the said five (5%) percent in cash, then the property shall be sold at the risk of such bidder on the same sales date or some subsequent date as the Special Referee may find convenient and advantageous. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of his bid within thirty (30) days of the final acceptance of his bid, then the Special Referee or his designated representative shall re-advertise and resell the property on the same terms on a subsequent date at the risk of such bidder. The purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the interest rates contained in the Order.

Note: Because a deficiency judgment is demanded as to Word International Ministries f/k/a Miracle Deliverance Temple C.O.S.C. the bidding will remain open for thirty (30) days.

Note: If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the scheduled sale of the above-referenced property, 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.

Note: The property will be sold subject to the one hundred twenty (120) day right of redemption period of the United States of America, by and through its agency, the Internal Revenue Service.

Note: This sale is also made subject to all Sumter County taxes and existing easements and restrictions of record.

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description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description being in lieu of metes and bounds as permitted by law under Section 30-5-250 of the 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 unto Word International Ministries f/k/a Miracle Deliverance Temple C.O.S.C. herein by Corrective Deed from Union Station AME Church to Ralph W. Canty, Sr., dated July 2, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Deed Volume 888 at Page 98.

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TMS#: 250-16-01-018

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This being the same property conveyed unto Word International Ministries f/k/a Miracle Deliverance Temple C.O.S.C. by deed of Dana Davis dated the 28th day of February, 2002 and recorded in the RMC Office for Sumter County in Deed Volume 834 at page 1829 at 2:47 PM.

**Property Address:**  
708 and 708 1/2 Manning Avenue  
TMS#: 250-16-01-016

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Note: Because a deficiency judgment is demanded as to Word International Ministries f/k/a Miracle Deliverance Temple C.O.S.C. the bidding will remain open for thirty (30) days.

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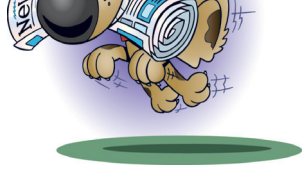
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**NOTICE OF SALE**

**BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE** of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County in the case of **SC Community Bank n/k/a Optus Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Word International Ministries**, under Case No. 2016-CP-43-02285, I, the undersigned, as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will offer for sale at public outcry at **12:00 P.M., on Monday, November 1, 2021**, at the Sumter County Courthouse the following described real property, to-wit:

**ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF** land, together with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being located in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated on a resurvey plat of Ben Makela, R.L.S., dated June 11, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat Book 2003 at Page 373. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate



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