

Morris to celebrate Black History Month

Month-long virtual events scheduled; public can join in live streams on website

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Morris College will celebrate Black History Month with virtual programs throughout February. Sumter's historically Black institution released its activity schedule in a

press release and said with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and recent surge fueled by the highly contagious omicron variant, all major activities will be conducted virtually.

Morris College President Leroy Stagers will read a proclamation commemorating the month, according to the release.

The online celebration starts on Tuesday, Feb. 8, with a town hall meet-

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ing. Jacob Butler Jr., interim academic dean of the Office of Academic Affairs, said the town hall will be focused on current issues related to election laws in South Carolina and other states across the

country.

Butler said the college will have state representatives, city officials and faculty members from the political science department discussing voting rights, the historical significance of

voting for African-Americans and the current situation with election laws in the U.S.

The next activity, held on Wednesday, Feb. 9, will be a voter registration drive at the Morris College's dining hall. College officials will encourage students to get registered to vote and learn why they need to be registered to vote for the upcoming elections.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, a round-table discussion will be held with Black

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Great expectations

Chestnut Oaks Middle students publish their own book, showcasing creativity

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A local teacher has fulfilled a longtime goal in getting students' thoughts published in their very own book.

Chestnut Oaks Middle School career specialist Marie Grady and a group of 19 students from the school gathered this week to discuss "Youthful Expressions of Creativity — COMS Style!," a recently published book that is a compilation of their artwork, poetry and essays.

"COMS" is an abbreviation for Chestnut Oaks Middle School, and Grady said she has wanted to help students publish a book with their creative thoughts for several years now. Grady added that she was bound and determined to do it this

year, given all the frustrations for kids associated with pandemic living.

She found a company named Studenttreasures Publishing that made it easy to help students publish books, and Grady opened the project up to the whole school. A total of 19 middle-schoolers

stepped up to the plate, submitting their creative artwork and writing.

Their works are personal and not based on any class assignments, she added, and Grady said the content is "very deep and very rich" for students their age.

"I am very proud of them for actually opening up and allowing us a vision of that world," she said.

Themes include inspirational poetry, good and bad things happening in the world around them and general life experiences in the decade of the 2020s.

Grady described the group of students as generally the "go-getters" in the school, and now they can say that they are "published authors."

In the deal, the publisher provided a free

copy of the book for the school, and now some students, their families and teachers are starting to order copies.

The middle-schoolers said they were basically shocked and excited by the experience

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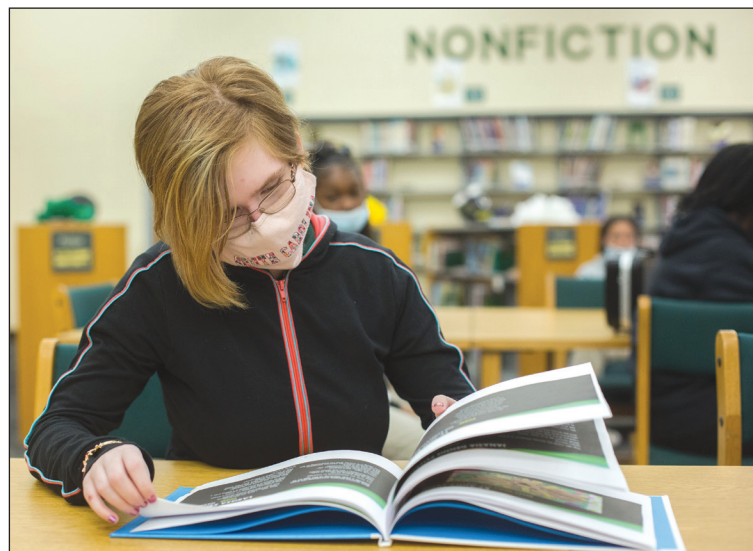
REBEKKA GERBODE

Chestnut Oaks Middle
8th-grade student



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Chestnut Oaks Middle School students Ke'Asiah Barr, left, and Larissa Kennedy discuss their published pieces in "Youthful Expressions of Creativity — COMS Style!" on Wednesday in the school's Media Center.



LEFT: Eighth-grader Rebekka Gerbode looks at her work in the published book on Wednesday at the school.

BELOW: Nineteen students from Chestnut Oaks Middle School submitted their work to be included in a book. The project was organized by Marie Grady, the career specialist at Chestnut Oaks.



Islamic State leader killed as U.S. attacks Syria hideout

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The Associated Press

ATMEH, Syria — The leader of the violent Islamic State group died in a U.S. military raid Thursday, blowing himself up along with members of his family as American special operations forces assaulted his hideout in northwestern Syria, President Joe Biden said.

It was the second time in less than three years that the U.S. took out a leader of the group that at the height of its power controlled more than 40,000 square miles stretching from Syria to Iraq and ruled more than 8 million people.

U.S. officials called the operation a "significant blow" to the organization, which has been trying for a resurgence with attacks in the region, including an assault late last month to

seize a prison in northeast Syria holding at least 3,000 IS detainees.

The raid targeted Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi, who took over as head of the militant group on Oct. 31, 2019, just days after leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi died during a U.S. raid. Al-Qurayshi, unlike his predecessor, was far from a household name, a secretive man who presided over a far diminished version of the group and didn't appear in public.

Biden said al-Qurayshi died as al-Baghdadi did, by exploding a bomb that killed himself and members of his family, including women and children, as U.S. forces approached.

"Thanks to the bravery of our troops this horrible terrorist leader is no more," Biden said at the White House. He said al-Qurayshi had been responsible for the prison assault, as

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Sumter parents arrested after infant shows signs of abuse

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A Sumter mother and father are in custody after medical officials determined their 2-week-old infant suffered injuries from abuse. Athena Elizabeth Hall, 18, and her husband, Gustavo Miguel Martinez, 19, were each charged with unlawful neglect of a child by the Sumter Police Department on Wednesday, according to Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for the police department.

Reports indicated the pair brought their infant to Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital on Jan. 25 after she showed signs of physical distress. McGirt said after the child was transferred to a Columbia children's hospital for further treatment, officers were notified that medical specialists found bruising, brain hemorrhaging and other injuries.

The parents were placed in custody at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center. An investigation is ongoing.

Divine 9 hosts vaccine event in Sumter Feb. 5

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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Members of the Divine Nine in Sumter will host a vaccine clinic and COVID-19 testing event Saturday.

After the last event was postponed due to weather, the Divine Nine organizations are back to help Sumter residents combat COVID-19. The members of the nine organizations strive to serve the community and wanted to come together to provide a COVID-19 vaccine and testing event for Sumterites, said Marvin Boykin, spokesman for the event.

The nine organizations in the Sumter area consist of the Alpha

Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Iota Phi Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho sororities and fraternities.

The vaccines and tests are provided by the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Boykin said the event will provide Pfizer and Moderna vaccines along with the booster. The COVID-19 tests will be normal PCR tests, and the wait for results will be three to five days.

The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the South HOPE Center, located at 1125 S. Lafayette Blvd. Small gifts will be handed out to those in attendance.



Restaurant news

Following are restaurant inspections done by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties the week of Jan. 20-28, 2022. A "C" grade is failing. For detailed reports, visit www.dhec.sc.gov.

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Burger King #1122, 1132 Broad St., Sumter: **A, A**
Fusion Restaurant & Grill, 2250 Peach Orchard Road, Sumter: **A**
McDonald's #2236, 1060 Broad St., Sumter: **A, A**
Petro Mart, 2525 Hwy. 15 S., Sumter: **B**
Piggly Wiggly #091 Deli, 114 E. Calhoun St., Sumter: **B**
Starbucks #19804, 1259 Broad St., Sumter: **A, A**

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Turbeville IGA #17 Deli, 5262 Turbeville Hwy., Turbeville: **A**

City of Bishopville extends mask mandate; Lee County, city are only agencies requiring masks in tri-county

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As coronavirus cases, fueled by the highly contagious omicron variant, continue to affect cities across the state, Bishopville City Council unanimously voted Tuesday to extend its mask ordinance for another 60 days, with Councilman Edward Byrd absent.

The current ordinance, which was set to expire on Feb. 20, requires residents to wear masks in restaurants, retail stores and business establishments within the city to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Business owners are also asked to place signs at their businesses to promote wearing face coverings.

Council members said with the continuous nature of the pandemic, it would be ideal to keep the ordinance in place to protect everyone's health in the community.

"There's an old saying, 'If it's not broken, why fix it,'" said Mayor Grady Brown Sr., referring to the mask ordinance.

Brown Sr. said council wanted to do everything in its power to bring awareness to the ongoing pandemic. He said they choose to have an ordinance instead of a mask resolution — which only suggests people wear masks — so that it could be mandated with consequence to show the effectiveness and seriousness of wearing a mask. There is a \$25 fine for anyone not wearing a mask where it is required, officials said.

City Administrator Gregg McCutchen said they haven't had any problems with people not wearing masks since they rees-

tablished the ordinance in August 2021. The reason for the compliance, he said, was because more people have been making a habit of wearing their masks like "wearing seatbelts and helmets" for routine safety.

The city extended the mandate again after Lee County Council's vote in mid-January to implement a revised emergency ordinance, which originally expired in May 2021, for 60 days to curb the spread of COVID-19. The county's ordinance now will last until mid-March while the city's expires in early April. Both councils will have to decide again, before the expiration date, if they want to extend the emergency ordinances.

The City of Bishopville and Lee County Council are the only two municipalities in the tri-county to have a mask mandate. Others — the City of Sumter, Sumter County, the City of Manning and Clarendon County — have either passed mask resolutions encouraging people to wear face coverings or let their mask ordinance expire.

Numerous vaccine clinics have been held in Bishopville and Lee County since last year and in January to get more residents vaccinated; vaccination numbers are still low in the area.

According to state Department of Health and Environmental Control data updated on Monday, 53% of Lee County residents have gotten one dose of the vaccine while 46% have gotten fully vaccinated, compared to 53% who are fully vaccinated in the state.

In the county, 88 people have died from COVID-19 and 4,086 have tested positive for the virus in the county.

Bishopville council announces new members for downtown revitalization committee

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Bishopville City Council unanimously approved the appointment of new members to its Downtown Committee at Tuesday's regular meeting.

The Downtown Committee, a subcommittee under the city's Community Development Committee, will consist of council members Wayne Hancock, Shirley Wesley Hill and Chairman Gloria Lewis.

"It is a committee that will be responsible for the downtown revitalization and beautification programs," Lewis said.

The three-member committee will focus on developing projects to bring improvement and revitalization efforts to their historic downtown area, including tearing down dilapidated structures, cleaning up trash from the streets and encouraging economic development projects which in turn will increase the number of downtown patrons, Lewis said.

The committee will be working on several projects for the downtown area, which Lewis said they expect to bring to council for approval at city meetings later this year.

BISHOPVILLE RECEIVES 'CLEAN' AUDIT REPORT FOR 2020-21

Council received a "clean" audit report for its annual financial report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021.

Shane Kirkley, a CPA with Sheheen, Hancock and Godwin, presented council with an overall unmodified, or "clean," opinion, the highest level of reporting assurance an organization can receive from an independent auditor.

The audit, from July 1, 2020, to June 30,

2021, showed the city ended the fiscal year with a total net position — money coming into the city — of \$7.9 million, a \$66,139 increase from last year's audit report.

COUNCIL INTRODUCES FIRST READING TO AMEND BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE FOR MISSING PAGE

Council unanimously approved the first reading of an amendment to its business license ordinance to include page B-1. Gregg McCutchen, the city's administrator, said the page is a rate chart that shows a sequence of fees for different businesses in the city that require a business license.

McCutchen said the page was mistakenly omitted from the ordinance and asked if council could vote to put it back in. The ordinance requires three readings and a public hearing before passing. A public hearing is scheduled in March.

OTHER

Council unanimously adopted an update to its comprehensive Americans with Disabilities Act, self-evaluation, grievance procedure and transitional plan made by the Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments. The plan allows the city to make the necessary improvements to better the lives of people with disabilities throughout Bishopville at public facilities.

Republic Services, a solid waste collection company located in Bishopville, presented a \$50,000 check to council for community development projects across the city, including public facilities upgrades, housing rehabilitation and economic development projects.

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S.C. House leaders want to just tackle income tax cut

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Republican leaders in the South Carolina House appear ready to tackle cutting income taxes in the state before this year's General Assembly session ends in May.

A House subcommittee plans to pass a bill cutting the state's top income tax rate from 7% to 6% in time to be considered along with the budget later this month.

The proposal phases in the cut 0.2% at a time over five years as long as state revenue continues to grow by at least 5%. It would cost about \$750 million when fully in effect, according to a fiscal impact summary from state

economists. Cutting taxes has a big buzz around the South Carolina Statehouse in 2022. Republican Gov. Henry McMaster again mentioned a similar plan for the House bill in his budget plan and State of the State address last month.

Democratic Rep. Spencer Wetmore in her party's response told Republicans "let's start by working together to provide tax relief to working families who actually need it" without unveiling a specific plan.

South Carolina has more than \$5 billion in extra money to spend this session. About \$1 billion of that is predicted in extra taxes as more people move into the state and the economy continues to boom.

A change of power on the South Carolina Senate Finance Committee may also open the door wide for income tax reform. Republican Sen. Hugh Leatherman ran the committee for 20 years before his death in November. Leatherman was cautious about cutting taxes after dealing with devastating budget cuts during the Great Recession around 2008.

So the key question this session may not be whether to cut taxes, but whether to include an income tax cut as a broader effort to reform all kinds of taxes in the state from the hundreds of deductions and rules in the income tax code to the dozens of exemptions to sales taxes to a 2006 property tax swap called

Act 388 that limited how much money local governments can raise even as property prices increase.

House Majority Leader Gary Simrill said Thursday he only wants the House to tackle the income tax part this year. The Republican from Rock Hill paired the broad tax cut with a bill that would exempt the retirement income of military veterans from state taxes, estimated to cost roughly \$10 million a year.

Simrill and the rest of the House subcommittee heard a brief presentation from state Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office Executive Director Frank Rainwater about how saying South Carolina's top tax rate is 7% isn't the

whole story. By the time the exemptions and deductions are factored in, few people pay that high of a rate. But 44% of taxpayers pay no state taxes, while 9% of taxpayers are responsible for about 60 cents of every dollar in state income taxes, Rainwater said.

Adjusting taxes is not as simple as plugging numbers into an Excel spreadsheet and there are so many variables that it is impossible to pinpoint an average taxpayer, Rainwater said.

"A shoutout to my high school algebra teachers — this is the one reason you need to take Algebra 2 in high school to work through these problems," Rainwater said as he started his presentation.

1st Black congressman honored amid calls for justice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Joseph H. Rainey, born into slavery in 1832, was honored Thursday for being the first Black member of the House by formally having a room in the Capitol named after him. Top lawmakers and a descendant turned the ceremony into something more than that.

No. 3 House Democratic leader James Clyburn — a Sumter native — Rainey's great-granddaughter Lorna Rainey and others used the event to say the battle for racial justice and voting rights that Joseph Rainey championed must continue.

The brief event featured speeches delivered beside a portrait of Rainey, sitting with legs crossed in the Capitol and sporting prominent mutton-chop sideburns and a dark suit. It came during Black History Month and as Republican-run states have enacted voting restrictions that in some cases are expected to affect minority voters.

"I have children. I have grandchildren," said Clyburn, who like Rainey did represents a district in South Carolina. "I want them to feel as proud of this country as I am."

Clyburn noted that eight African Americans were elected to the House from his home state during the 19th Century but said, "The problem is there's 95 years between No. 8 and No. 9," who is Clyburn himself, first elected in 1992. "Anything that's happened be-

fore can happen again." "If Joseph Rainey could accomplish so much during his time, then certainly you can be the ones to get the people's work done," his great-granddaughter told the small audience, which included lawmakers. "As we honor this man, please let us remember what he stood for, what he put his life in danger for and why his legacy endures today."

The modest room now bearing Rainey's name is on the first floor of the Capitol and was used by the House Committee on Indian Affairs, on which he served. A plaque in his honor was placed outside the room.

It's currently used by aides to House Minority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., who said of Rainey, "He didn't just come up here to hold the title. He came up here to make a difference, and make a difference he did."

Never formally educated, Rainey was forced to help build Confederate fortifications around Charleston, South Car-

olina, and to work aboard a blockade-running ship.

He escaped to the British island colony of Bermuda and returned to South Carolina in 1866, where he helped found the state's Republican Party. He was elected to Congress and sworn into office in December 1870, replacing a lawmaker who had resigned.

Reelected four times and serving during Reconstruction, Rainey's first major speech came in April 1871 in support of the Ku Klux Klan Act, which expanded federal law enforcement powers in the South. He served with 13 other

African-American lawmakers during Reconstruction, all of them Republicans.

The Constitution, Rainey said, was written to protect "the humblest citizen, without regard to rank, creed, or color." President Ulysses Grant signed the legislation into law days later.

Rainey received death threats from the Klan in 1871, including a letter written in red ink to him and other Black officials that he provided to a newspaper that said, "Your doom is sealed in blood." He was an advocate for rights for working people, immigrants,

former slaves and supported self-government for Native American tribes.

In 1874, Rainey became the first Black to preside over the House when he oversaw a debate on a spending bill for Native American reservations. *The Springfield Republican*, a Massachusetts newspaper, contrasted Rainey's appearance with "the days when men of Mr. Rainey's race were sold under the hammer within bow-shot of the Capitol."

Rainey died of natural causes in 1887, a few months after contracting malaria. He was 55.

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entrepreneurs, city and school officials who will talk to students about business and economic development

issues, including discussions on starting their own business and what they can expect to encounter in the business world.

Butler said students will also learn about investing, saving, taxes and other financial information needed for

their future.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, there will be a religious emphasis program, where students will learn about the role of the Black church. Butler said they traditionally hold religious activities every evening that culminate in a sermon

with large gatherings of people, but this year they will have a virtual sermon that will talk about the role of the Black church, religion and their struggle for freedom.

The last event of the month, on Monday, Feb. 28, will be a closing-out ceremony with a

virtual musical performance.

Each event is scheduled for 6 p.m. and will be live streamed and accessible on the college's website, www.morris.edu. For more information, contact the college's Office of Academic Affairs at (803) 934-3213.

BOOK

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and never thought they could do something like this before.

Eighth-grader Rebekka Gerbode penned a poem in the book and said she enjoys expressing her thoughts in poetry.

"The poem is about never giving up on yourself, even when things get hard," Gerbode said. "Try and continue to find yourself and figure out who you are."

She said her poem was also published in another book, called "Rising Stars," and when she grows up Gerbode wants to either be a poet or a chemical engineer.

Fellow eighth-grader Hailey Watson said she wrote about some hard experiences in her life, but it means a lot and she is happy to be published in a book.

Watson, 13, also had a separate poem published in the second book, and her Mom ordered a copy, she added.

Seventh-grader Kiayana Dixon loves art and had a drawing of a whale in "Youthful Expressions of Creativity — COMS Style!"

The whole experience "feels great," she said, and she has learned the importance of expressing yourself through the project.

Grady, the school's career specialist, said she wanted to instill a "legacy moment" that would continue for the kids with the project and hopes the work sparks some career interests for the kids.

"I just really look forward to the big things that they are going to do in life because I know they have that grand potential to make it happen," Grady said. "And this is just the beginning."

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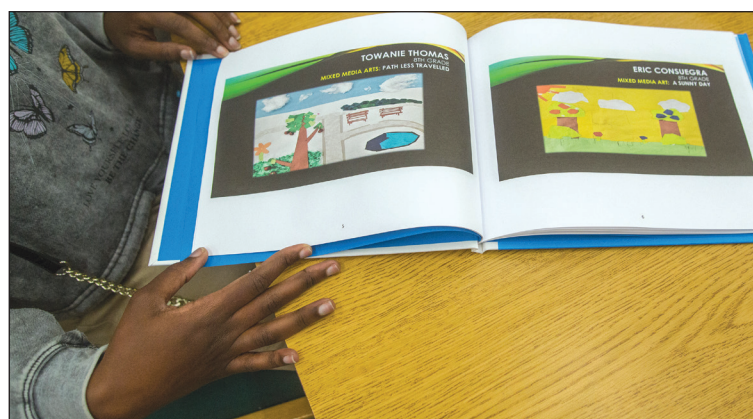


Chestnut Oaks Middle School student Hailey Watson submitted her work for the published book, "Youthful Expressions of Creativity — COMS Style!"

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LEFT: Marie Grady, the career specialist at Chestnut Oaks Middle, came up with the idea for the book project.



RIGHT: Towanie Thomas shows his artwork on the left side of the book.

ISIS

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well as genocide against the Yazidi people in Iraq in 2014.

About 50 U.S. special operations forces landed in helicopters and attacked a house in a rebel-held corner of Syria, clashing for two hours with gunmen, witnesses said. Residents described continuous gunfire and explosions that jolted the town of Atmeh near the Turkish border, an area dotted with camps for internally displaced people from Syria's civil war.

Biden said he ordered U.S. forces to "take every precaution available to minimize civilian casualties," the reason they did not conduct an airstrike on the home.

First responders reported that 13 people had been killed, including six children and four women.

Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said U.S. forces were able to evacuate 10 people from the building: a man, a woman and four children from the first floor and four children from the second floor. He said when al-Qurayshi detonated the bomb, he also killed his wife and two children. Kirby said that U.S. officials were working to determine whether American action resulted in any civilian deaths.

There were no U.S. casualties, Kirby said. U.S. forces took fingerprints and DNA, which confirmed al-



People inspect a destroyed house after an operation by the U.S. military in the Syrian village of Atmeh, in Idlib province, Syria, on Thursday. U.S. special operations forces conducted a large-scale counterterrorism raid in northwestern Syria overnight Thursday, in what the Pentagon said was a "successful mission." Residents and activists reported multiple deaths from the attack, including civilians.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Qurayshi's death, he said.

Biden, along with Vice President Kamala Harris and senior national security aides, monitored a live-feed of the operation from the White House Situation Room, according to an official. In December, a tabletop model of the three-floor house had been brought to the high-security room.

The raid marked a military

success for the United States at an important time after setbacks elsewhere — including the chaotic Afghanistan withdrawal — had led allies and opponents to conclude U.S. power globally was weakening.

The house, surrounded by olive trees in fields outside Atmeh, was left with its top floor shattered and blood spattered inside. A journalist on assignment for The Associat-

ed Press, and several residents, said they saw body parts scattered near the site. Most residents spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Idlib is largely controlled by Turkish-backed fighters but is also an al-Qaida stronghold and home to several of its top operatives. Other militants, including extremists from the rival IS group, have also found

refuge in the region.

"The first moments were terrifying; no one knew what was happening," said Jamil el-Deddo, a resident of a nearby refugee camp. "We were worried it could be Syrian aircraft, which brought back memories of barrel bombs that used to be dropped on us," he added, referring to explosives-filled containers used by President Bashar Assad's forces against opponents during the Syrian conflict.

The top floor of the low house was nearly destroyed, sending white bricks tumbling to the ground below.

A wrecked bedroom had a child's wooden crib and a stuffed rabbit doll. On one damaged wall, a blue plastic baby swing was still hanging. Religious books, including a biography of Islam's Prophet Mohammad, were in the house.

Al-Qurayshi had kept an extremely low profile since he took over leadership of the Islamic State. U.S. officials said he never left his apartment except to bathe on the building's roof. It is difficult to gauge how his death will affect the group. U.S. officials claimed he was directly overseeing operations in Syria, including last month's attack on the prison.

"They're leaderless today, and that's a significant blow," Kirby said. "This is not something we believe ISIS is going to be able to get over real quickly or real easily."

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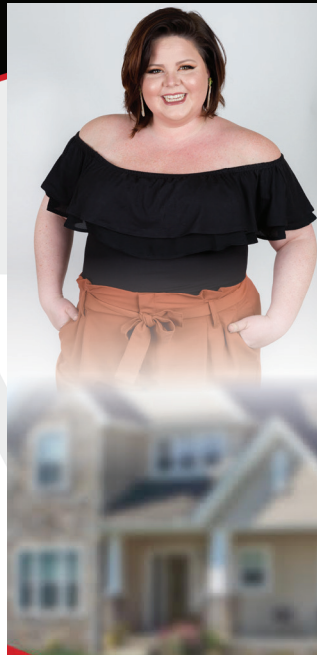
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1 dumb heifer, part 2...

If you work with cattle, one day, you will get the call: "I was riding by your place, and one of your cows is out." I have done my fair share of trying to get cows back in that got out.

One memorable night, my brother Steve and I pulled up to the house and saw a pair of eyes shining back at us. In the light of the headlights, we could just make out a black cow, far from where she was supposed to be. We were in our stepfather's '73 Buick Electra. It hung low to the ground but was packed with power — a 455 V-8 with a four-barrel carburetor. Steve was driving; he floored it, trying to chase a black cow on a moonless night through an orange grove and back to the pasture. We roared up the middle and would catch a glimpse of the cow running. Steve would sling that Buick around, and we could feel the frame hitting the dirt. I was leaning out the window, getting hit by orange limbs, trying to get a better view. We never did find her. In the morning, we went looking again, and she was back in the pasture, apparent-

ly having decided it was safer behind the fence than being chased by a Buick through an orange grove.

One thing I love about the pasture I lease is it has strong fences: hog wire all across the outside with a "hot" electric wire attached. It would be hard for a cow to get out. So I was surprised when Tommy, my landlord, called me to tell me I had a cow out. Surely, he was mistaken. How could a cow get out of my place?



Clay Smith

Still, when the call comes, you go. I dropped everything and rushed out to the pasture. Sure enough, standing on the wrong side of the fence was one of my heifers. She was looking forlornly through the fence at her herdmates. They were sticking with her, and no one could figure out why the fence was in the way. I looked a little closer, and it was my same dumb heifer who will not go through gates when I move the herd.

I pulled my truck over and climbed up the embankment and tried to get her to go along the fence. She started in the right direction, and I

thought I could keep her moving with my truck. As soon as I went back to get in my truck, she turned back.

I drove down and opened the gate she would need to go through, then came back up to the road. I got out and began to chase her again down the fence line. This time, she jumped the road and went into the woods on the other side.

A kind man (I later found his name was Walt) had stopped, gotten out of his truck, and said, "I'll go around and try to push toward the road." I went into the woods, got behind her and gently steered her toward the road. Another car stopped, and a young woman (I later learned her name was Savannah) instinctively went to stop this heifer from going farther down the road.

With Walt and I behind her, we got her out on the road, and she started down the fence line in the right direction. Making the next turn was critical; if she went on, there was no fence to help. Savannah standing there made a difference. The heifer turned like magic. She went into the woods on the dirt road but soon came out and followed the fence line all the way to the gate. I moved as fast as I could to slam the gate behind her, thankful she was safe in

the fold again.

As we walked back to our vehicles, I thanked my new friends Walt and Savannah. I could not have gotten her back into the pasture without them.

How did she get out? The day before, I was in a hurry, and I left a gate open as I was hauling hay. No cow had ever gotten out before; why would one get out now? Leave it to my one dumb heifer to lag behind, get out and have an adventure.

Why would a heifer leave the place where she is safe, has plenty of grass and gets fed? There is an old hymn that explains: "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; prone to leave the one I love..." Why do we run away from our Heavenly Father who loves us, provides for us, who works good in our lives? We still believe the old lies of Satan, who tells us life out on the road is more exciting and fun, who whispers to us that God is unfair. Yet Jesus comes for us. Whenever one of his cows is out, he comes to find us to guide us back home. If you are far from your Heavenly Father's pasture, Jesus is inviting you to come home.

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

CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 S. Washington St., announces:

* Friday, Feb. 11 — Food pantry giveaway at 1 p.m. while supplies last.

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

* Saturday, Feb. 12 — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. When the challenges of life pin you between hopelessness and despair, "Are You Dancing in the Rain?" Cyril Prabhur will inspire you to draw strength from within as he portrays the life journey of a young Indian boy whose odds for success began stacking against him at birth. But rather than give up, he relied on his faith in God and learned to appreciate every extended hand and every lesson in each trial. As a result, he was motivated to establish Proverbs226, a nonprofit agency that helps more than 5,000 inmates' children in four states stay in school and secure funds for college tuition. Find Knitting Hearts on Facebook or visit knittingheart-sheartsforchrist.wordpress.com.

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

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Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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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
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

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2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997
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Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 4

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight Uma Thurman (Suspicion).	2022 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony. Primetime presentation of the opening ceremony, with a special focus on the athletes of Team USA. (N Same-day Tape)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Jennifer Lopez; Stephen Curry; Maluma. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)			Blue Bloods "Hate Is Hate" Frank is at odds with the mayor. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Jennifer Lawrence; Ralph Macchio; Neil.		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Celebrating the Local Flavor of..."	Jeopardy! (N)	Shark Tank An oat-based spread. (DVS)			(:01) 20/20 (N)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	
WRJA	27	11	14	The Chris Chronicles Dr. James E.K. Hildebrith.	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week Nancy Cordes; Eugene Daniels. (N)	Firing Line With Margaret Hoover (N)	Muhammad Ali "Round Two: What's My Name? (1964-1970)" Cassius Clay becomes Muhammad Ali.		Amanpour and Company (N)			Washington Week Nancy Cordes; Eugene Daniels.
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory Leonard asks Penny out.	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)			WACH FOX News at 10P (N) (Live)	Sports Zone (N)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Nick Cannon Marie Osmond (new album Unexpected).	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Kristin goes back to school.	Last Man Standing "Animal Wrongs"	Chicago P.D. "Saved" Voight witnesses a kidnapping. (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "Allegiance" Halstead and Atwater go under cover. (DVS)	Chicago Fire "One Hundred" Casey and Dawson apply to adopt Louie.	The Carbonaro Effect "The Essence of the Wings"	Impactical Jokers "Dark Side of the Moon"	Pawn Stars "Family Feud" Hatfield-McCoy rifle.		
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	Cold Case Files Killer's DNA recovered decades later.	Cold Case Files "A Lesson in Homicide" A schoolteacher is found dead.	Cold Case Files "Eyes of a Killer" Two masked gunmen murder a man. (N)	(:02) I Survived a Serial Killer (N)	(:34) I Survived a Serial Killer (N)	(:06) Cold Case Files The murder of Timothy Coggins in 1983.	(12:03) Cold Case Files				
AMC	48	180	(4:30) **** "Jaws" (1975)	** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.	Horror Noire "The Lake" (Series Premiere) (N)	New York Undercover "Tasha" Baby's death in emergency room.		Tyler Perry's The Oval "Wicked" Kareem learns to stop trusting everyone.		* "Mr. Deeds" (2002)			
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	(:01) Treehouse Masters: Ultimate Builds A treehouse for Shaquille O'Neal. (N)	(:01) 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.	* "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. Five friends learn that age and maturity do not, necessarily, coincide.	* "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. Five friends learn that age and maturity do not, necessarily, coincide.	New York Undercover "Missing" Kidnapped politician's son.		Tyler Perry's The Oval "Wicked" Kareem learns to stop trusting everyone.		* "Mr. Deeds" (2002)			
BRAVO	47	181	The News With Shepard Smith (N)	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	Shepard Smith		
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (Live)	Don Lemon Tonight (N) (Live)	Don Lemon Tonight (N) (Live)	Don Lemon Tonight (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper		
COM	57	136	The Office "Pool Party"	The Office "Jury Duty"	Friends	Friends "The One With the Cop"	Friends	The Office "Special Project"	The Office "Tallahassee"	The Office "After Hours"	The Office "Test the Store"	South Park	
DISN	18	200	Secrets of Sulphur Springs	Secrets of Sulphur Springs	Secrets of Sulphur Springs (N)	Holly Hobbie "The Hesitant Heroine"	Holly Hobbie "The Selfless Starlet"	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Secrets of Sulphur Springs	Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug	Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug	
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt "Bonus Gold" (N)	Gold Rush (N)	2022 NHL All-Star Skills Competition From T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. (N) (Live)		NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas. (N)	Women's College Gymnastics Utah at UCLA. (N) (Live)		UFC Knockouts			
ESPN	26	35	The Point (N) (Live)	2022 NHL All-Star Skills Competition From T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball Texas at Baylor. (N) (Live)		Women's College Basketball Utah at UCLA. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball Texas at Baylor. (N) (Live)		UFC Knockouts			
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball	Women's College Basketball Texas at Baylor. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball Texas at Baylor. (N) (Live)		Women's College Basketball Utah at UCLA. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball Texas at Baylor. (N) (Live)		UFC Knockouts			
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive		
FOXN	37	90	Jesse Watters Primetime (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) (Live)	Hannity (N) (Live)	The Inghram Angle (N) (Live)		Gutfeld! (N)	Fox News at Night				
FREE	20	131	Family Guy	Family Guy "No Meals on Wheels"	Family Guy "Boys Do Cry"	Family Guy "No Chris Left Behind"	Family Guy	Family Guy "Meet the Quagmires"	Family Guy "Blue Harvest"	Family Guy "Blue Harvest"	The 700 Club Peter Schweizer's new book, Red-Handed. (N)	The Simpsons "A Fish Called Selma"	
FSS	21	47	Hawks Pregame	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Toronto Raptors. From Scotiabank Arena in Toronto. (N) (Live)	Hawks Postgame	Florida Basketball	Auburn Basketball	NBA Basketball: Hawks at Raptors	Hawks at Raptors				
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Valentine in the Vineyard" (2019) Rachael Leigh Cook. (DVS)	"Christmas at Castle Hart" (2021, Romance-Comedy) Lacey Chabert, Stuart Townsend. A woman hosts a Christmas party at a nobleman's castle. (DVS)	The Golden Girls (DVS)	The Golden Girls (DVS)	The Golden Girls "The Engagement"	The Golden Girls "The Engagement"	The Golden Girls "The Engagement"	The Golden Girls "The Engagement"	The Golden Girls "Rose the Prude"		
HGTV	39	112	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home		
HIST	45	110	(6:00) Ancient Aliens (DVS)	Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Extraterrestrials & the Spirit Realm" Enhanced; seven human-like species lived with Homo sapiens. (N)	Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Extraterrestrials & the Spirit Realm" Enhanced; seven human-like species lived with Homo sapiens. (N)		Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Extraterrestrials & the Spirit Realm" Enhanced; seven human-like species lived with Homo sapiens. (N)		Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Extraterrestrials & the Spirit Realm" Enhanced; seven human-like species lived with Homo sapiens. (N)				
ION	13	18	Hawaii Five-0 "Lanakila" A violent convict escapes from prison.	Hawaii Five-0 "Nalowale" A teenage girl is found dead.	Hawaii Five-0 "Ko'olauloa" The CEO of a surf company is murdered.	Hawaii Five-0 "Ho'opono" A Navy SEAL takes hostages.	Hawaii Five-0 "Mana'o" Danny's ex-partner is found dead.	Janet Jackson.: Janet becomes a sex-icon. (Part 2 of 2)		Janet Jackson. (Part 1 of 2)			
LIFE	50	145	Castle "Dead Again" A city safety inspector is poisoned.	All In With Chris Hayes (N) (Live)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour (N) (Live)	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow				
MSNBC	36	92	The Reid Out (N) (Live)	All In With Chris Hayes (N) (Live)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour (N) (Live)	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow				
NICK	16	210	Kamp Koral	The Smurfs (N)	The Casagrandes	Middlemost Post	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	64	153	** "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010) Kristen Stewart. Bella must choose between Edward and Jacob.	(9:55) ** "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011, Romance) Kristen Stewart.	Resident Alien "The Wire" Harry attends the Sheriff's poker game.		Astrid & Lilly Save the World "Teeth"						
SYFY	58	152	(5:45) ** "The Maze Runner" (2014) Dylan O'Brien, Aml Ameen.	(:15) ** "Mortal Engines" (2018, Science Fiction) Hera Hilmar, Robert Sheehan, Hugo Weaving. Premiere. A mysterious woman must destroy a giant city on wheels.	(:19) ** "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (2017, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson. A bodyguard and a hitman must bring down a dictator. (DVS)	**** "Goodbye, Mr. Chips"							
TBS	24	156	American Dad "I Am Walrus"	** "Shaft" (2019, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie T. Usher, Richard Roundtree. Old-school cop John Shaft teams up with his FBI agent son. (DVS)	(:19) ** "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (2017, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson. A bodyguard and a hitman must bring down a dictator. (DVS)	**** "Goodbye, Mr. Chips"							
TCM	49	186	(6:15) *** "Key Largo" (1948) Humphrey Bogart. (DVS)	*** "To Sir, With Love" (1967, Drama) Sidney Poitier, Judy Geeson, Christian Roberts. An idealistic teacher takes on some tough London youths.	*** "Stand and Deliver" (1988, Drama) Edward James Olmos, Lou Diamond Phillips. L.A. teacher Jaime Escalante leads lowly class into calculus.	**** "Goodbye, Mr. Chips"							
TLC	43	157	Sister Wives "One on One: Part 1"	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days Memphis gives an ultimatum. (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)	After the 90 Days	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé			
TNT	23	158	(5:30) ** "Fast & Furious" (2009)	** "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster. Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil. (DVS)	All Elite Wrestling: Rampage (N)	Fast Foodies "Chris Jericho"	** "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. (DVS)	King of Queens		King of Queens			
TRUTV	38	129	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond		
USA	25	132	(6:30) 2022 Winter Olympics Figure Skating. (N Same-day Tape)	2022 Winter Olympics Mixed Doubles Curling -- Switzerland vs Sweden. Switzerland and Sweden face off in mixed doubles curling. (N) (Live)	2022 Winter Olympics Snowboarding. Qualifying begins for the women's slopestyle event. (N) (Live)	2022 Winter Olympics Snowboarding. Qualifying begins for the women's slopestyle event. (N) (Live)		2022 Winter Olympics Snowboarding. Qualifying begins for the women's slopestyle event. (N) (Live)		2022 Winter Olympics			
WE	68	166	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup	Love After Lockup (N)	(:05) Love After Lockup	(:05) Love After Lockup	(:05) Love After Lockup	(:05) Love After Lockup	(:05) Love After Lockup	Gr. Hip Hop		
WGNA	8	172	On Balance With Leland Vittert (N)	Dan Abrams Live (N) (Live)	NewsNation Prime With Marni Hughes	Banfield (N)	On Balance With Leland Vittert	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live				

Uma Thurman appears in Apple TV+ thriller 'Suspicion,' or does she?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Uma Thurman stars in the new trans-Atlantic thriller "Suspicion," streaming on Apple TV+. But if you blink during the series' first two episodes, you just might miss her.

The story begins with a bang. A hapless youth wanders into the corridor of his hotel, listening to dreadful music on his earbuds, when four assailants wearing masks representing members of the royal family accost him. No sooner than can you say "Point Break," they knock him down, jam him into a suitcase and upload a clip of their crime to the web. There, it spawns a cottage industry of comic memes.

But it's no joke to Katherine Newman (Thurman), the head of a global communications firm and controversial nominee to become ambassador to Britain. Her son was the youth crammed into the suitcase, and his whereabouts remain a mystery. She uses her considerable clout to enlist the FBI, represented here by Scott Anderson, played by Noah Emmerich, everybody's favorite myopic FBI agent from "The Americans."

Here he's all business, zeroing in on a handful of British nationals who happened to be in the Manhattan hotel at the same time as the victim. Tech savvy Aadesh Chopra (Kunal Nayyar) was in Manhattan to interview for a job that would take his career to a new level. Oxford professor Tara McAllister (Elizabeth Henstridge) flew in for a lecture, and financial analyst and bride-to-be Natalie Thompson (Georgina Campbell) was visiting her sister in New York for a bachelorette party. But the more we learn about them, the less innocent they seem, and more connections grow between their efforts and the victim, or more importantly, his mother.

"Suspicion" wants to hearken back to "24," but lacks that series' slick style and propulsive pacing. There's a ton of information in the first two helpings that could have been explained in one.

And Thurman's near-complete absence from the scene is also a problem. While mini molehills of circumstantial evidence mount against the confused accused, we know almost nothing about their alleged target or why anyone would conspire against her. In the recent tradition of "peak" TV, you have to wait for the third or fourth episode to discover the motivations behind the proceedings, and that may be too long for some.



APPLE TV+
Noah Emmerich, left, stars as Scott Anderson and Uma Thurman as Katherine Newman in the new drama series "Suspicion," premiering today on Apple TV+.

• Subtlety is for sissies! Alan Ritchson ("Smallville") stars as Jack Reacher in the eight-episode Amazon Prime Video series "Reacher," based on "Killing Floor," one of the wildly popular novels by Lee Child about an ex-military officer who travels from town to town, finding trouble and settling scores with his frequently used fists and head-butts.

Many fans of the books did not think the diminutive actor Tom Cruise quite measured up to the role in the 2012 theatrical release "Jack Reacher."

Prime Video also begins streaming "The Legend of Vox Machina," an adult spoof of anime thrillers. "Adult" means a lot of F-bombs will be dropped indiscriminately. Wit is among the collateral damage suffered here.

• 2022 Winter Olympics (8 p.m., NBC) coverage repeats the Opening Ceremony from this morning.

This promises to be a strange affair. The games face a diplomatic boycott from the United States. The FBI has encouraged the attending athletes to use "burner" phones to avoid Beijing state surveillance of their smartphones, and NBC has not sent correspondents to Beijing. Commentary will be based on video feeds. Let the games begin!

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Samuel L. Jackson stars in the 2019 thriller "Shaft" (8 p.m., TBS, TV-14), a sequel to the 2000 version of

"Shaft" (8:15 p.m., ShowX), a remake of the original from 1971.

• Danny consults a psychic on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

A fertility drug results in a "complicated" birth, to say the least, in director Larry Cohen's 1974 shocker "It's Alive" (4 a.m. early Saturday, TCM, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Behind closed doors on "Celebrity Big Brother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * "WWE Friday Night SmackDown" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Art as a teaching tool on "Shark Tank" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Illusionists audition on "Penn & Teller: Fool Us" (8 p.m. CW, r, TV-PG) * "20/20" (9 p.m., ABC) * S'mores on "Great Chocolate Showdown" (9 p.m. CW, r, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

Jennifer Lawrence, Ralph Macchio and Nell and The Flaming Lips are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Jennifer Lopez, Stephen Curry, Ayesha Curry and Maluma on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * "Late Night With Seth Meyers" is pre-empted * David Boreanaz, Melanie C and Finneas appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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Rock & Roll Hall of Fame nominees announced

NEW YORK (AP) — Dolly Parton, Eminem, Lionel Richie, Duran Duran and A Tribe Called Quest are among this year's first-time nominees for induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

The Cleveland-based institution announced 17 artists and groups being considered for Rock Hall induction, including Rage Against the Machine, Pat Benatar, Dionne Warwick, Carly Simon, Judas Priest and Beck.

Beck and Simon are also nominated for the first time. Eminem, who is playing the Super Bowl Halftime Show with Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Mary J. Blige and Kendrick Lamar, earned a nomination in the first year he was eligible.

This year's class will be announced in May, with an induction ceremony planned for later this year.

"This year's ballot recognizes a diverse group of incredible artists, each who has had a profound impact on the sound of youth culture," said John Sykes, head of the foundation that runs the Rock Hall, in a press release on Wednesday. Artists must have released their first commercial recording at least 25 years before they're eligible for induction.

The other nominees are Kate Bush, DEVO, Eurhyth-mics, Fela Kuti, MC5 and the New York Dolls.

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SATURDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 5

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 Special Edition	The Olympic Zone (N)	2022 Winter Olympics Short Track, Figure Skating, Alpine Skiing. Coverage of short track, the team competition in figure skating and men's alpine skiing. (N) (Live)				WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	2022 Olympics	
WLTX	19	9	9	To Be Announced	NCIS: Los Angeles "Subject 17" Callen thinks Hetty is keeping secrets. (DVS)	S.W.A.T. "Sins of the Fathers" The team hunts a band of mercenaries.	48 Hours (N)			News 19 at 11pm (N)	SEAL Team "Fracture" The team must rescue American hostages.	
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Wheel Around the World"	Jeopardy!	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Los Angeles Lakers. From Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. (N) (Live)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)		American Ninja Warrior "Kansas City Finals" The Kansas City finals course. (Part 2 of 2)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Frankie Drake Mysteries "Counterpunch" Frankie takes down a corrupt cop.	Father Brown "The Sacrifice of Tantalus" The hunt for a fugitive.	Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators "The Envious Court" Frank and Lu investigate a death threat.		Death in Paradise "She Was Murdered Twice" A revelation threatens an investigation.	Austin City Limits "Olivia Rodrigo; Phoebe Bridgers" Olivia Rodrigo; Phoebe Bridgers.	MotorWeek "Mercedes Benz S500"		
WACH	57	6	6	Boxing PBC Fight Night - Undercard. From Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. (N) (Live)			The Cleaning Lady "Legacy" Garrett gives Thony an ultimatum.	WACH FOX News at 10P (N)	Panthers Huddle: 2021 Season in Review	I Can See Your Voice Joel McHale; Lil Rel Howery; Jason Mraz. (DVS)	Ring of Honor Wrestling	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Chuck and Carol renew their vows.	Last Man Standing "Sibling Quibbling" (DVS)	Dateline "The Mystery Man" Woman's beau turns out to be a con man.	Dateline "The Fugitive Millionaire" A tech millionaire goes on the run.	Dateline "The Watcher" A law school graduate disappears.	Dateline "Unraveled" A detective tries to find a link.	Dateline A man is found dead in his garage.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:30) ** "Olympus Has Fallen" (2013, Action) Gerard Butler.	** "Den of Thieves" (2018, Crime Drama) Gerard Butler, Pablo Schreiber, O'Shea Jackson Jr. Elite lawmen try to bring down a gang of tactical thieves.				(:04) I Survived a Serial Killer	(:34) I Survived a Serial Killer	(12:03) ** "Den of Thieves"		
AMC	48	180	** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Doc Holiday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.				** "Con Air" (1997, Action) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich. Vicious convicts hijack their flight.					
ANPL	41	100	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)	(:09) Crikey! It's the Irwins	(:09) Crikey! It's the Irwins	(:09) Crikey! It's the Irwins	(:09) Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey... Irwins			
BET	61	162	(5:30) *** "Friday" (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker, Nia Long.	(7:50) ** "Next Friday" (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, Justin Pierce. A young man lives with kin who won the lottery.				(:20) * "Friday After Next" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, John Witherspoon. Two cousins land jobs as security guards at a shopping mall.				
BRAVO	47	181	(5:00) ** "Bad Boys II" (2003) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. (DVS)	** "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith, Tea Leoni. Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence. (DVS)				** "Bad Boys II" (2003, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith, Jordi Mollà. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. (DVS)				
CNBC	35	84	2022 Winter Olympics	2022 Winter Olympics Mixed Doubles Curling -- U.S. vs Czech Republic. (N)				AMA Supercross Monster Energy Series, Round 5. From State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. (N)				
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Pamela Brown	CNN Newsroom With Pamela Brown	CNN Special Report			United Shades of America	Crimes of the Century "Waco"	Crimes of Century		
COM	57	136	(6:00) *** "Despicable Me" (2010, Children's) Voices of Steve Carell.	*** "Despicable Me 2" (2013) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig. Animated. Gru and his new partner hunt the perpetrator of a spectacular heist.				South Park "Cash For Gold"	South Park "The F Word"	South Park Animated. The boys cross into a new dimension.		
DISN	18	200	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens (N)	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug		
DSC	42	103	Lone Star Law "Reckless Behavior"	Lone Star Law "Rock Bottom" (N)	(:01) Lone Star Law	(:01) Lone Star Law	(:01) Lone Star Law	(:01) Lone Star Law	Lone Star Law			
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball	College Basketball Kentucky at Alabama. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	27	39	(6:00) College Basketball Teams TBA.	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive		
FOXN	37	90	Gutfeld!	One Nation With Brian Kilmeade (N)	Unfiltered With Dan Bongino (N)	Lawrence Jones Cross Country (N)	One Nation With Brian Kilmeade	Dan Bongino				
FREE	20	131	"National Treasure: Book" (20)	*** "Men in Black" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino. Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.				** "Men in Black II" (2002, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Rip Torn. Agents Jay and Kay defend Earth from a sultry alien enemy.	** "Men in Black 3" (2012) Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones.			
FSS	21	47	Fight Sports: Boxing	Women's College Gymnastics TWU at Oklahoma.			Sharp Shooters	Facing Waves	Epic Trails			
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "As Luck Would Have It" (2021) JoAnna Garcia Swisher. (DVS)	"The Wedding Veil" (2022, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Autumn Reeser, Alison Sweeney. A curator investigates the origins of a long-lost painting. (DVS)				(:01) "The Secret Ingredient" (2020, Romance-Comedy) Erin Cahill, Brendan Penny. A baker reunites with her ex-fiance in New York City. (DVS)	(12:01) The Golden Girls			
HGTV	39	112	Fixer to Fabulous	Holmes Family Rescue (N)	(:01) Holmes Family Rescue	(:01) Property Brothers: Forever Home	(:01) Property Brothers: Forever Home	Holmes Family				
HIST	45	110	American Pickers "Radioactive Rust"	American Pickers (DVS)	American Pickers Robbie unveils his retro garage. (N) (DVS)	(:05) American Pickers (DVS)	American Pickers					
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A pedophilia case hits close to home.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A child is found in the trunk of a car.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Blackout" A defense attorney is raped.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A groom is accused of assault.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit SVU uncovers a pregnant teen's secret.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) * "The Boy Next Door" (2015, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez.	"Single Black Female" (2022, Suspense) Amber Riley, Raven Goodwin, K. Michelle. Premiere. A woman's deranged assistant plans to take over her life.				(:03) My Killer Body With K. Michelle A woman with a rare breast condition.	(:03) "Vanished: Searching for My Sister" (2022) Tatyana Ali. Jada gets pulled into a world of drugs and deceit.			
MSNBC	36	92	Voices-Alicia Menendez	Ayman (N) (Live)	Ayman (N) (Live)	Voices-Alicia Menendez	Ayman	Ayman				
NICK	16	210	*** "The Peanuts Movie" (2015) Voices of Noah Schnapp.	SpongeBob	NFL Slimetime	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
PARMT	64	153	* "Blended" (2014) Adam Sandler. Two single-parent families are stuck together at a resort.				* "Blended" (2014) Adam Sandler. Two single-parent families are stuck together at a resort.	Old School (2003)				
SYFY	58	152	(5:00) *** "The Sixth Sense" (DVS)	** "Unbreakable" (2000, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson, Robin Wright Penn. A train-crash survivor discovers an extraordinary talent.				** "The Visit" (2015, Suspense) Olivia DeJonge, Ed Oxenbould. Premiere. Siblings uncover a shocking secret about their grandparents.	(12:05) "Rambo: Last Blood" (2019)			
TBS	24	156	Bob's Burgers (DVS)	Bob's Burgers "Flu-ouise"	American Dad "Hot Water"	American Dad "Hurricane!"	American Dad "A Ward Show"	American Dad "The Worst Stan"	American Dad "Virtual In-Stanity"	Go-Big Show "No Pain, No Gain" Stretching the limits of car safety.	Go-Big Show	
TCM	49	186	(6:15) *** "Point Blank" (1967) Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson.	*** "Four Weddings and a Funeral" (1994, Romance-Comedy) Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell. A British bachelor falls for a fellow wedding guest.				(:15) ** "The Long Day Closes" (1992) Marjorie Yates, Leigh McCormack. Premiere. A British schoolboy escapes life's pressures at the movies.	*** "The Turning Point" (1952)			
TLC	43	157	Hoarding: Buried Alive Donny, Joyce.	1000-Lb. Sisters	1000-Lb. Sisters (N)	1000-Lb. Sisters (N)	1000-Lb. Sisters (N)	1000-Lb. Sisters				
TNT	23	158	(15) *** "Black Panther" (2018, Action) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o. Black Panther springs into action when an old enemy returns. (DVS)				*** "Just Mercy" (2019, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx, Brie Larson. Lawyer Bryan Stevenson fights to save a man on death row.					
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers				
TV LAND	55	161	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	(:45) Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men			
USA	25	132	2022 Winter Olympics	2022 Winter Olympics Biathlon.	2022 Winter Olympics Snowboarding. Final of the women's slopestyle event in snowboarding. (N) (Live)		2022 Winter Olympics Luge. Luge at the Yanqing National Sliding Centre. (N) (Live)	2022 Winter Olympics Alpine Skiing. (N) (Live)				
WE	68	166	NCIS "Enigma"	NCIS Man holds hostages in the lab.	NCIS The body of a sailor is found.	NCIS Gibbs tracks a former Navy SEAL.	NCIS "Dead Man Talking"	NCIS "Missing"				
WGNA	8	172	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)	Dan Abrams Live	Banfield	On Balance With Leland Vittert	NewsNation Prime				

Catching up with thriller series 'Archive 81'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Everybody knows that '90s nostalgia is in the air. From "Impeachment" to "Pam & Tommy," we just can't escape the pop culture between the end of the Gulf War and the ominous threat of Y2K. There are plenty of reasons for this. For starters, folks now in their 40s, a coveted audience, came of age during the Clinton era. Who doesn't like to glance back at their youth?

And the 1990s marks the last period before the dominance of digital culture. Napster and its introduction of massive file sharing didn't arrive until 1999. And as "Pam & Tommy" demonstrates, back then even the most coveted web content loaded very slowly on the dial-up modems of the time. It was a period before people "lived" on the internet or on their smartphones or the social media that technology would make possible.

While not primarily a '90s nostalgia product, the recent Netflix thriller series "Archive 81" offers a reflection on the changes between then and now.

Touching on themes from "Rosemary's Baby," "Ghostbusters," "The Blair Witch Project," "Cloverfield" and "The Ring," the film stars Mamoudu Athie as Dan, a present-day expert in videotape restoration, hired by a shadowy corporation to recover footage from an old camcorder melted in a tragic fire. Seems back in 1994, Melody (Dina Shihabi) was making a documentary about a curious apartment building in lower Manhattan, said to be the home of witches and other dabblers in the occult.

Dan's search and Melody's archived story take us down a rabbit hole of murky and deteriorating footage. Certainly, there's nothing as creepy, ghostly and haunting as images revealed right before they are lost to time, fire or chemical combustion.

The mystery unfolds on a variety of film stocks and video technology, from a creepy silent film of an occult ritual from the 1920s to odd snippets captured on a PXL2000, an obscure camcorder marketed to children by Fisher Price in the late 1980s. This curious camera



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Dina Shihabi stars as Melody Pendras in "Archive 81," now streaming on Netflix.

used audio cassettes to capture grainy black-and-white moving images, bordered with a solid black frame that resembled a funeral announcement. While the "toy" cameras had zero appeal to children, they were embraced by artists and makers of music videos. A scene shot by a PXL camera appears in Richard Linklater's 1990 feature "Slacker," an ode to Austin's hipster scene.

Creepy and confusing in all the best ways, "Archive" is always a tad off-center. Devoid of sexual tension, yet deeply romantic, it follows Dan's pursuit of Melody, even though they exist in worlds (or in footage) separated by decades. They can never meet. Or can they? Perhaps I've said too much.

Speaking of creepy, Mexican director Guillermo del Toro offers a 21st-century take on the 1947 film noir classic "Nightmare Alley" (8 p.m. Saturday, HBO). The film also streams on HBO Max.

Set in the lurid demimonde of circus performers, fortune-tellers, freaks and carneys, it sports a huge cast headlined by Bradley Cooper and Cate Blanchett. While critically praised and in the running for awards-season consideration, "Nightmare" was a box-office disappointment.

died on Jan. 6, was the first Black actor to win a Best Actor Academy Award for his role in the 1963 feel-good drama "Lilies of the Field" (8 p.m. Sunday, TCM, TV-PG). He played a homeless handyman who helps an order of German-speaking nuns build a chapel in the Arizona desert.

While the importance of Oscars can be overstated, Poitier's award came the same year as the passage of major civil rights legislation and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. winning the Nobel Peace Prize. It was clearly a moment.

The film blended two prevailing themes of 1960s popular culture: a belief in racial progress and obsession with nuns. In 1963, the song "Dominique," sung by Belgian nuns, was the first song by a non-American female artist to hit No. 1 on the charts. The decade would see the popularity of "The Singing Nun" (1966); "The Sound of Music" (1965); "The Trouble With Angels" (1966) and its sequel, "Where Angels Go, Trouble Follows" (1968); "Change of Habit" (1969), starring Mary Tyler Moore and Elvis Presley, and the TV sitcom "The Flying Nun" starring Sally Field.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- In 1964, Sidney Poitier, who
- Nine home bakers face the

gauntlet of elimination on "Great Chocolate Showdown" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG).

- A would-be TV host runs afoul of her deranged assistant in the 2021 shocker "Single Black Female" (8 p.m., Lifetime, TV-14).

- A museum curator and trustee bond over an artistic discovery in the 2022 romance "The Wedding Veil" (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).

- "China: Nature's Ancient Kingdom" (8 p.m., BBC America, r, TV-G) explores how people in Eastern China, among the most crowded areas on the planet, make room for natural wonders.

- Historians and experts discuss an artificial substance that has conquered the globe in less than 125 years on "History of Bakelite and the Legacy of Plastics" (8:50 p.m., C-SPAN2).

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): Lexington, Kentucky's reaction to COVID; fatal accidents and military training; the unmarked graves found at Canadian schools for Indigenous children.

- 2022 Winter Olympics events include figure skating, alpine skiing and freestyle skiing (8 p.m., NBC).
- Feeling peckish on "Around

the World in 80 Days" on "Masterpiece" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).

- Prince pursues his dreams of Olympics glory on "Billions" (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).

- Buried treasure on "The Rookie" (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14).

- Max goes undercover at a monastery on the season finale of "Vienna Blood" (10 p.m., PBS, TV-14, check local listings).

- Jesse recovers from an assault on "The Righteous Gemstones" (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

- The Feast of St. Francis on "Somebody Somewhere" (10:30 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

- "We Need to Talk About Cosby" (10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA) follows the comedian into the 1970s, when his reputation as an educator and role model stands in contrast to his private behavior.

CULT CHOICE

It's taken us some 60 years to catch up with tales of space-obsessed tycoon villains found in thrillers like "Dr. No" (7 p.m. Sunday, Sundance, TV-PG), from 1962.

SATURDAY SERIES

Hetty is less than transparent on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * A tycoon swindler hires mercenaries on "S.W.A.T." (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * An ultimatum on "The Cleaning Lady" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

SUNDAY SERIES

Fast fashion on "The Simpsons" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * "Celebrity Wheel of Fortune" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Homecoming on "March" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) * A murder mystery party on "The Great North" (8:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * A brush with abduction on "The Equalizer" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Debts to pay on "Bob's Burgers" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * "Supermarket Sweep" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * On "Two Sentence Horror Stories" (CW, TV-PG): teens (9 p.m.); cancel culture (9:30 p.m.) * Lois's gambit proves shortsighted on "Family Guy" (9:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Library thieves on "S.W.A.T." (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

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U.S. says new intel shows Russia plotting false flag attack

BY AAMER MADHANI, LORNE COOK and SUZAN FRASER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has obtained intelligence indicating that the Russian government developed a plan to stage a false attack that would depict the Ukrainian military or its intelligence forces assaulting Russian territory to help establish a pretext for military action against Ukraine, a senior Biden administration official said Thursday.

The scheme included production of a graphic propaganda video that would show staged explosions and would use corpses and actors depicting grieving mourners, according to the official, who was not authorized to comment and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The plan, which was revealed in declassified intelligence shared with Ukrainian officials and European allies in recent days, is the latest allegation by the U.S. and Britain that Russia is plotting to use a false pretext to go to war against Ukraine.

The White House in December accused Russia of developing a "false-flag" operation to create pretext for an invasion. Britain recently named specific Ukrainians it accused of having ties to Russian intelligence officers plotting to overthrow Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The U.S. also released a map of Russian military positions and detailed how officials think Russia will try to attack Ukraine with as many as 175,000 troops.

The U.S. has not provided detailed information backing up the intelligence findings. The official said that the Biden administration is making a concerted effort to publicize the intelligence in the hopes that it dissuades Russia from moving forward with an invasion of Ukraine.

The White House is concerned that the video, if released, could provide Putin "the spark" they think he is looking for to credibly put military action in



SENIOR AIRMAN STEPHANI BARGE / U.S. AIR FORCE VIA AP
Airmen from the 436th Aerial Port Squadron load ammunition, weapons and other equipment bound for Ukraine during a foreign military sales mission at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, on Sunday. Since 2014, the United States has committed more than \$5.4 billion in total assistance to Ukraine, including security and non-security assistance.

motion.

The U.S. unveiled the intelligence as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan offered to mediate talks between Russia and Ukraine and NATO warned that Moscow's military buildup continues, with more troops and military equipment deployed to neighboring Belarus than at any time in the last 30 years.

Erdogan, who has close but sometimes difficult ties with Russian President Vladimir Putin, said Thursday that Turkey was "prepared to undertake its part in order to end the crisis between two friendly nations that are its neighbors in the Black Sea."

"I have stressed that we would be happy to host a summit meeting at a leadership level or technical level talks," Erdogan said after about three

hours of talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. "Instead of fueling the fire, we act with the logical aim of reducing the tensions."

Russia has amassed more than 100,000 troops near Ukraine's northern and eastern borders, raising concern that Moscow might invade again, as it did in 2014. The troop presence and uncertainty have unnerved Ukrainians and hurt the country's economy. Russian officials deny that an invasion is planned.

Erdogan underlined Turkey's commitment to Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty. Turkey and Ukraine also signed eight agreements during the meeting, including a free trade pact, according to Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency.

Zelenskyy welcomed Erdogan's offer

and thanked him for his "firm and consistent" support.

The crisis has put Turkey in a fix, leaving it in a position where it has to balance its growing partnership with Ukraine with its difficult relations with Moscow.

Ankara, which has historic ties to Ukraine and ethnic bonds with its Crimean Tatar community, strongly opposed Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea. Recently, it sold armed drones to Ukraine, which were used against pro-Russia separatists in the Donbas region, a move that angered Moscow.

At the same time, Turkey would be reluctant to join in any sanctions against Russia. With a struggling economy, the country has pinned its hopes on tourism revenue, especially from visitors from Russia. It also relies on Russia for much of its natural gas needs.

At NATO headquarters earlier, Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg warned that Russian troop numbers in Belarus are likely to climb to 30,000, with the backing of special forces, advanced fighter jets, Iskander short-range ballistic missiles and S-400 ground-to-air missile defense systems.

"Over the last days, we have seen a significant movement of Russian military forces into Belarus. This is the biggest Russian deployment there since the Cold War," Stoltenberg told reporters.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu was in Minsk on Thursday, checking on preparations for major Russia-Belarus war games scheduled for Feb. 10 to Feb. 20. Shoigu met with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko. Speaking about the drills, Lukashenko said the goal was "to reinforce the border with Ukraine."

At the same time, Ukraine's defense minister sought again to project calm, saying the probability of an invasion was "low," and he welcomed a change by U.S. officials, who have stopped using the term "imminent" when describing the risk of a Russian attack.

Putin heads to China to bolster ties amid Ukraine tensions

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — American and European officials may be staying away from the Beijing Winter Olympics because of human rights concerns, but Russian President Vladimir Putin will be on hand even as tensions soar about his buildup of troops along his country's border with Ukraine.

Putin's talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday marked their first in-person meeting since 2019 and are intended to help strengthen Moscow's ties with China and coordinate their policies in the face of Western pressure. After, the two will attend the Games' opening ceremony.

In an article published Thursday by the Chinese news agency Xinhua, Putin wrote that Moscow and Beijing play an "important stabilizing role" in global affairs and help make international affairs "more equitable and inclusive."

The Russian president criticized "attempts by some countries to politicize sports to the benefit of their ambitions," an apparent reference to a diplomatic boycott of the Olympics by the U.S. and some of its allies.

EU spokeswoman Nabila Massrali reacted to that by stating that "we are, of course, fully committed to contribute to promoting and protecting sports integrity and to strengthening universal respect for human rights."

"Big sports events such as the Olympic Games often have a universal audience," Massrali said. "They can be instrumental for spreading positive values and promoting freedom

and human rights at the global level. However, such platforms should not be used for political propaganda."

Many Western officials are skipping the Beijing Games in protest of China's detention of more than 1 million Uyghur Muslims in the northwestern region of Xinjiang. But leaders of the ex-Soviet Central Asian nations, which have close ties with both Russia and China, all followed Putin's lead and are attending.

In an interview with China Media Group also released Thursday, Putin emphasized that "we oppose the attempts to politicize sport or use it as a tool of coercion, unfair competition and discrimination."

Putin's meeting with Xi and attendance at the opening ceremony "announces the further promotion of the China-Russia

relationship," said Li Xin, director of the Institute of European and Asian Studies at Shanghai's University of Political Science and Law.

China and Russia have increasingly found common cause about what they think is a U.S. disregard for their territorial and security concerns, Li said. Both their governments have also taken to mocking the U.S. over its domestic travails, from last year's Capitol riot to its struggle to control COVID-19.

"The U.S. and the Western countries, on the one hand, are exerting pressure against Russia over the issue of Ukraine, and on the other hand, are exerting pressure against China over the issue of Taiwan," Li said, referring to the self-governing island democracy and U.S. ally that

China claims as its own territory. "Such acts of extreme pressure by the West will only force China and Russia to further strengthen cooperation."

Yuri Ushakov, Putin's foreign affairs adviser, said that Putin's visit would mark a new stage in the Russia-China partnership that he described as a "key factor contributing to a sustainable global development and helping counter

destructive activities by certain countries."

He said that Moscow and Beijing plan to issue a joint statement on international relations that will reflect their shared views on global security and other issues, and officials from the two countries are set to sign more than a dozen agreements on trade, energy and other issues.

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CCFR offers free program focused on health care for Clarendon County residents

BY LT. APRIL CONYERS

Public education and information officer
Clarendon County Fire Rescue

CLARENDON COUNTY — The Community Paramedic Program is a free program for all Clarendon County residents.

This program provides a way for Clarendon residents to get answers about health care problems, it helps provide free education on managing illnesses at home, and it provides access to various health care facilities and doctors. The program assists patients in getting the resources they need to live a better and healthier life. The program also provides valuable education on when you should call an ambulance to go to the hospital and when you should contact your primary care physician to get the right help to make you feel better.

The goal of the program is to help individuals understand and manage their current condition or illness in effort to improve their quality of life. The program partners with a variety of organizations throughout Clarendon County to help provide services for those in need.

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

- Education on current illnesses;
- Prescription drug education;
- Development of care plans;
- Medical equipment training;
- Mediation between patients and primary care physician;
- Improving your quality of life

PROGRAM RESOURCES

- Help with finding a primary

care physician;

- Help with obtaining prescription medications;
- Help with obtaining transportation to and from appointments;
- Assistance with understanding physician instructions;
- In-home COVID-19 testing;
- Assistance with Meals on Wheels;
- Help finding resources to assist patients with their current needs and disabilities.

PROGRAM COST

There is no cost for this program if you are a resident of Clarendon County.

This program was developed for residents who simply have health care needs that are not being met and patients that seem to have fallen through the gaps. There is no homebound status required for this program, nor does it matter if the patient has insurance. Once a referral has been received, a community paramedic will contact you within 24 to 72 hours to establish your first home visit.

The program provides free in-home COVID-19 testing to those who are not able to get to a testing center. They also provide COVID-19 education, treatment options and a list of free testing sites in Clarendon County where you can go to get tested.

If you have a medical emergency, please dial 911.

To reach the Community Paramedic Program, call (803) 435-4696, extension 369, or email sdemby@clarendonfirerescue.com.

Summerton optimistic movie will return

BY SHARRON HALEY

Clarendon contributor

SUMMERTON — Summerton officials announced Feb. 3 that the feature film “Bull Street” that was slated to begin filming in the small, rural town as well as other locations in Clarendon County this week has delayed filming because of unforeseen circumstances.

“While we are disappointed that filming has been delayed, we remain optimistic that the film will return,” Summerton Mayor Mac Bagnal said in a news release.

Writer and director of the film Lynn Dow is also hopeful the film will be back “on track” soon.

“We have been working hard to bring this story to life and to spotlight Summerton, a town that is dear to me

... we are regrouping and actively working to get back on track,” Dow said in a statement issued by Up the Road Films. “This film has a spiritual meaning to me. It’s the story of my family and my community. I remain faithfully dedicated to bringing this story to fruition. Thank you for your hospitality, warm welcome and patience. We will be back.”

The Town of Summerton has assured the team at Up the Road Films that it remains in full support of “Bull Street.”

“We are in full support of this film and welcome the cast and crew when they return,” Bagnal added. “A warm Southern welcome awaits.”

Updates on the status of filming of “Bull Street” will be provided as information becomes available.

Laurence Manning holds NHS induction



PHOTO PROVIDED

Laurence Manning Academy held its National Honor Society induction on Wednesday. The 2022 inductees are Lizzie Ardis, Caleb Baker, Cam Barrineau, Karly Bjork, Abigail Boldin, Aiden Byrd, Layken Caines, Gracie Cannaday, Katie Clark, Audrey Coker, Haley Cruse, Henry DuRant, Zach DuRant, Savannah Feagin, Nate Hawthorne, Carlyn Hill, Bryson Hodge, Gracy Iler, Isabella Keeter, Mills Lee, Malaya McKinzie, Tori Morris, Gavin Parler, Wyatt Powell, Hart Sanders, Saralynn Spivey, Noah Tanner, Aiden Taylor, Wyatt Timmons, Caroline Weaver, Cheyanne Wheeler and Cheyenne Young.

MHC welcomes Dr. Key to staff

BY SHARRON HALEY

Clarendon contributor

MANNING — McLeod Women’s Care Clarendon welcomes Dr. Thomas Key to its staff.

A native of Wilkes County, North Carolina, Key comes to McLeod with more than 40 years of experience providing obstetric and gynecological care to women of all ages. Key joins fellow physician Dr. Monica Ploetzke and Certified Nurse Midwives Tom Chappell, Rebecca Catledge and Allison Saran to serve patients at Mc-



KEY

Leod Women’s Care Clarendon.

“I love what I do, and I am passionate about providing care,” Key said. “I enjoy taking care of people and enjoy meeting people from all walks of life and backgrounds. It is a privilege to serve their needs.”

Key and his wife, Mary McCarthy Key, live in Orangeburg and have two adult children. The couple enjoys gardening, fine dining and culinary arts.

McLeod Women’s Care Clarendon, 50 E. Hospital St., Suite 4, welcomes new patients, and same- or next-day appointments are available. For appointments or more information, call (803) 433-0797.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., the Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments, on behalf of Clarendon County, will hold a Virtual Public Hearing via Teleconference Toll-free: 1-877-594-8353, using Participant Pass Code: 42390843.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review and solicit public comment on the afore-mentioned Citizens Participation Plan, and to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities, economic development, water/sewer facilities, public safety components and job creation with a Needs Assessment Survey.

The Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at the Clarendon County Administration Building, Manning, SC and the Santee-Lynches RCOG Office, 2525 Corporate Way, Suite 200, Sumter, SC between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons with questions or comments concerning the Public Hearing or the Citizens Participation Plan may contact Tammy Smith, Grants Manager, Government Services, Santee-Lynches RCOG, (803) 468-5174.

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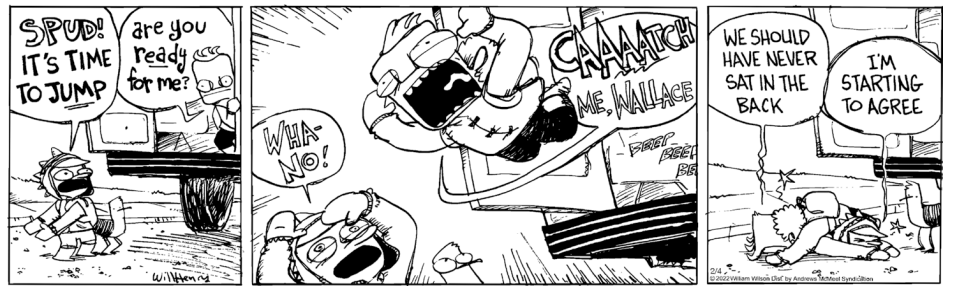
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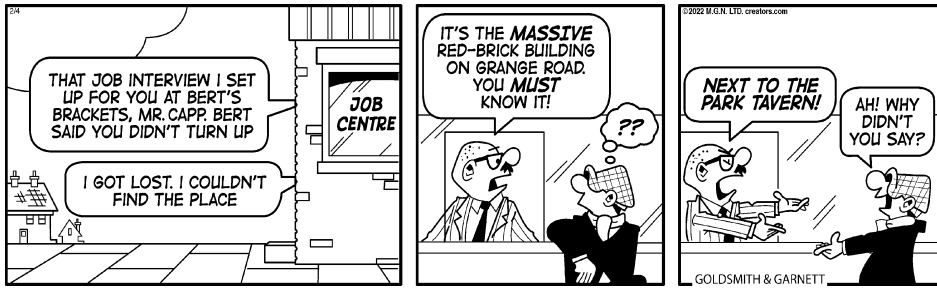
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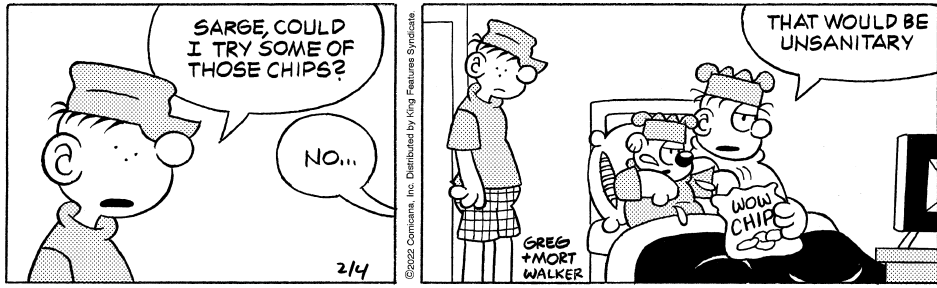
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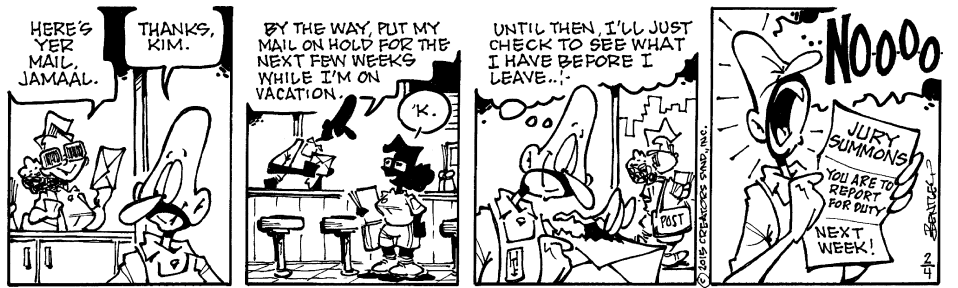
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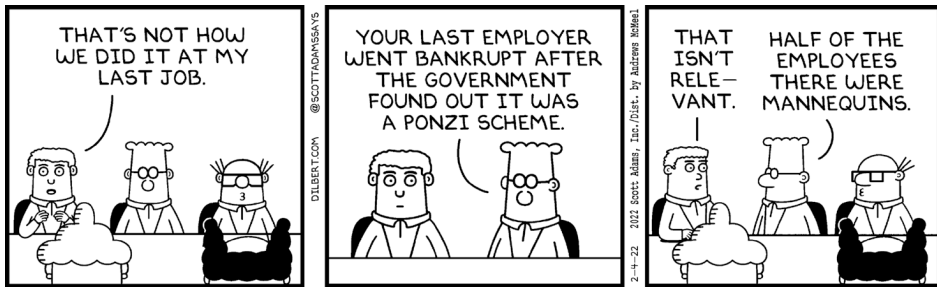
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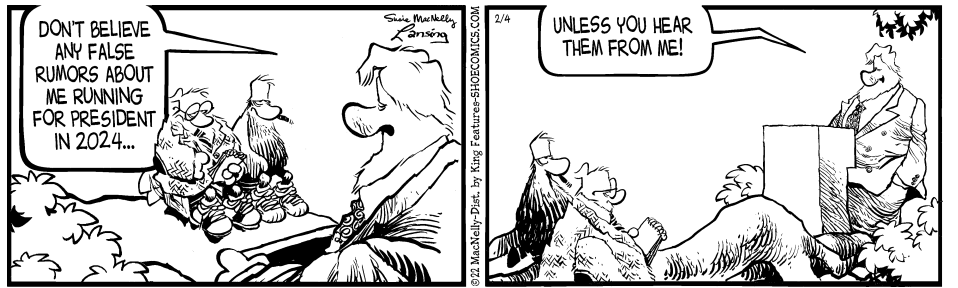
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Man unsure about how to bring up wife if he dates



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — My wife and I have been married for 40 years. Fifteen years ago, she was diagnosed with cancer and given 18 months to live. Well, she is still around. Because of the illness and experimental medications, she was bedridden, and her dementia grew steadily worse. Left with no other options because of problems with insurance, I placed her into a nursing facility six years ago. I am still at an age at which I have, I hope, many active years ahead of me. I visit her often, but I have a need for companionship that she obvi-

ously can no longer fulfill. I'm friends with a few women (usually friends of friends), and from time to time have the urge to become closer. I go out to dinners, music venues, art shows, etc.

I am torn about whether to live my remaining days in loneliness or pursue the possibilities. Is it wrong to want companionship in my situation? At what point should I explain my situation without scaring off a nice lady friend? Your opinion would be helpful to me as another perspective.

Anonymous, of course

DEAR ANONYMOUS — What happened to your wife is unfortunate, and you both have my sympathy. Wanting and needing companionship are normal. It is important to ask yourself: If the situation were reversed and YOU were in a

nursing home suffering from dementia, to what extent would you want your wife to go on with HER life? Whatever you decide after that, it is crucial you not forget you have a responsibility to make sure she is being well cared for. This means visiting her often to ensure it, because dementia patients do better when they know someone loves them.

As to how to explain to women that you are married, well, the ones who are friends of friends already know that. And those you meet who don't know should be told during the course of your first serious conversation. It's the honorable thing to do.

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 or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLOSS CRAZY INTAKE OCTAW
Answer: The bird had trouble seeing the window and would try to remember to — STAY CLEAR OF IT

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

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Pam Amick Klawitter 2/4/22

- ACROSS**
- 1 Colorful chatterbox
 - 6 Needing a refill
 - 9 Either of two "Monday, Monday" singers
 - 13 Ohno in the Olympics
 - 14 Mahershala of "House of Cards"
 - 15 '50s vaccine pioneer
 - 16 Appreciation for Jay-Z's music?
 - 18 Big name in Civil War fiction
 - 19 A play may have just one
 - 20 Terminates
 - 21 Sanctioned by Islamic law
 - 22 Kitchen address
 - 24 Compilation of angry blog posts?
 - 26 Fizz up
 - 28 Rights wrongs
 - 29 Much of E. Europe, once
 - 30 Squeal
 - 33 Feb. NC hours
 - 34 Jamaican drink garnish?
 - 38 With 15-Down, brow-wiping comment
 - 41 Crew pair
 - 42 Disney bigwig
 - 45 Exchange
 - 48 Blue hues
 - 50 Deckhand
 - 54 Bug
 - 55 Bug
 - 56 One following a point
 - 58 Penn in NYC, e.g.
 - 59 Online cash-back deal
 - 60 "In Rainbows" rockers, and a hint to what changes
 - 62 Cubist Fernand
 - 63 Lager
 - 64 Tee choice
 - 65 March time
 - 66 Aleppo's home: Abbr.
 - 67 Fourth circle of hell inhabitant, in Dante
 - 7 Worker with Lane and Kent
 - 8 "Let Them All Talk" actress
 - 9 Island thanks
 - 10 Sea otter prey
 - 11 They're not real
 - 12 Handwriting
 - 15 See 38-Across
 - 17 Concession ending
 - 23 Klinger on "M*A*S*H"
 - 25 Room access
 - 27 Volunteer State sch.
 - 30 Placeholder abbr.
 - 31 Goof
 - 32 Survivalist
 - 35 Jay of "Last Comic Standing"
 - 36 Lemon on "30 Rock"
 - 37 Feverish feeling
 - 38 Haifa native
 - 39 Hotel option
 - 40 Turnpike reading
 - 43 They remove bad marks
 - 44 Bring back to Broadway
 - 46 U.S. IOUs
 - 47 More evasive
 - 48 Wine region near Cuneo
 - 49 One might get a return
 - 51 Razor choices
 - 52 Devious
 - 53 Ready for the operation
 - 57 Ian of "The Hobbit"
 - 61 "Bali _"

DOWN

- 1 Half a percussion pair
- 2 Boeing 3-Down
- 3 See 2-Down
- 4 Lofty peak
- 5 Scarf (down)
- 6 Michelle's White House predecessor

Previous Puzzle Solved

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COMMENTARY

Breaking news stories

Whenever we hear the phrase “breaking news,” we usually pause for a few seconds to glimpse the headline or to hear the opening statement from the news reporter. Breaking news basically means that something out of the ordinary has taken place. News like a tornado hit, the George Floyd trial or the endless fatal acts committed daily. Breaking news is performed by individuals who can tell the story of what happened. These people were eyewitnesses or they received their information from people who actually saw the event that took place.



Sam Livingston

Growing up, we had a few people in the community that always seemed to be on the scene for every major event.

One of these individuals we nicknamed Bill Sharpe, who is a former reporter/anchor at Live 5 in Charleston. Gary E. was his real name. We could always count on Gary to be on the scene in our community to tell the story of what happened.

We have written history because of the documentaries recorded by those who saw an event taking place and dared to record it. Millions of books, articles, documentaries, etc. are evidence of unusual events captured by witnesses. The Bible is a book of laws, history, prophecies, poetry, the gospel of Jesus Christ and epistles. Most of the events written about were once breaking news when initially introduced.

I wonder what the news reporters would say about the rapture. I pray that they will all be taken up, but my prayer is very unlikely. Can you imagine the headlines? I think it will be things to report like, today the sky all of a sudden got very bright and a peculiar figure appeared in panoramic view. Thousands of people just took flight up into thin air. Witnesses said they heard a loud blast like a trumpet sound. Then all of a sudden dead people started walking out of the ground from every graveyard. People were yelling and screaming because they saw loved ones who had been dead for decades rising up and floating away. The morticians had to close down for the day because so many bodies were missing. Family members ran out of the church during funerals because the dead sat up during the viewing and walked out of the church. Maximum-security prisons opened up without controls to let believers in Christ Jesus out once and for all. Morgue files popped open, releasing corpses to the creator of the universe.

When God gives the signal to rapture his church, reporters will have more to write about than they could record. I just don't want to be around to read or listen to what will be reported.

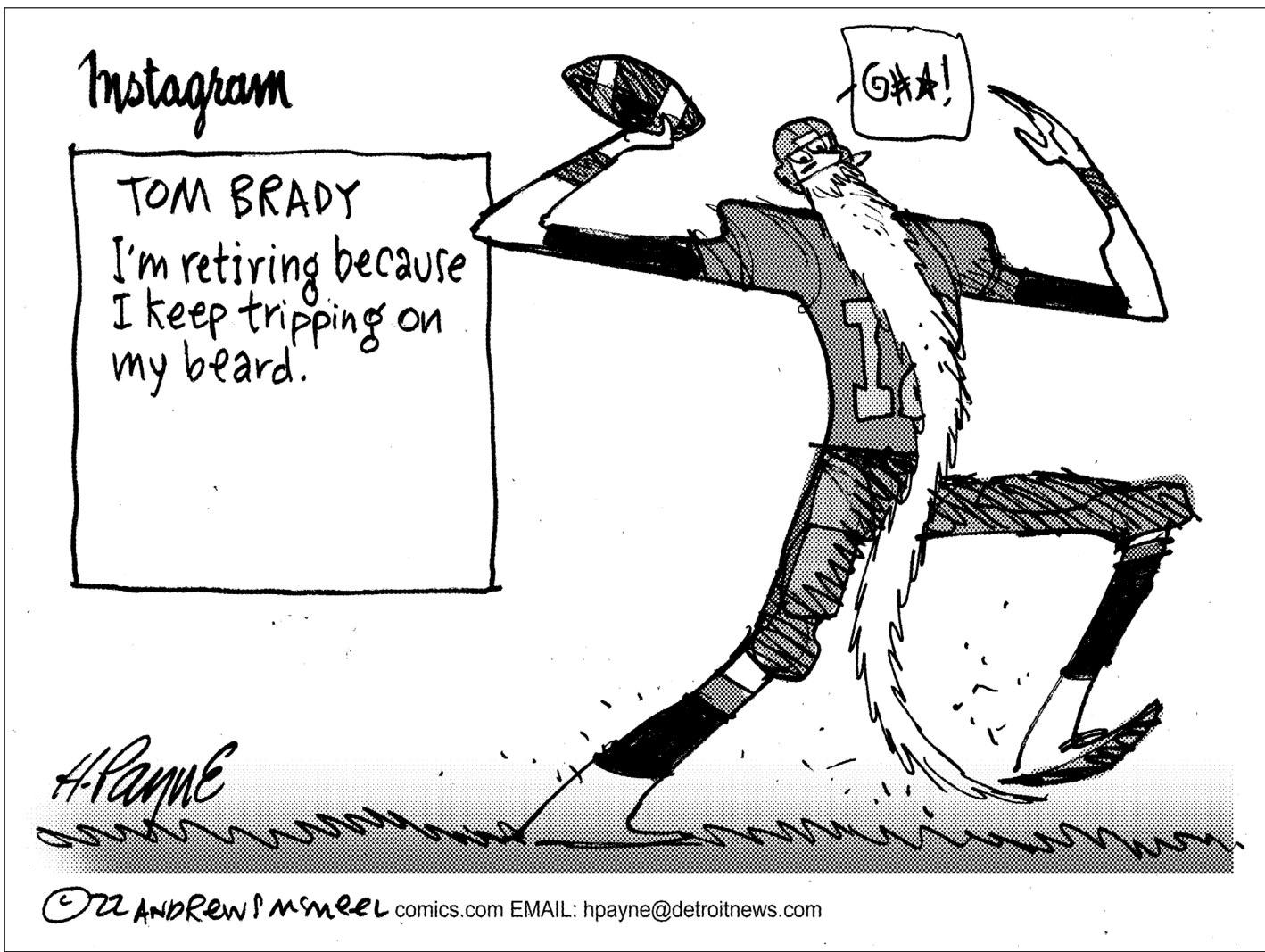
Breaking news can be informative, but who wants to hear about how the dead in Christ flew up to meet him in the sky? The truth of what was being preached about the return of Jesus for his bride the church actually happened. Suddenly the remaining people now realized they had been left behind simply because they did not believe in or receive Jesus as Lord and savior.

1 Thessalonians 4:16
For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the trump of the archangel, and with the voice of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Can you imagine the camera man reporting and all of a sudden the microphone and stand is there but the reporter just vanished. This will be a real drop the mic event for some reporters.

I pray that none of us will be here to listen to the news after the rapture takes place!
In God We Trust.

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



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHERIFF

Sumter: A tale of two cities, chapter four. Sometimes you must go back to move forward, as Joseph and Mary did looking for Jesus. Support Your Local Sheriff was a 1960 western comedy that starred James Gardner. I enjoyed Sheriff Andy of Mayberry, and my most favorite was Sheriff Bart in Blazing Saddles, a 1970 Gene Wilder western comedy. I love the scene when Hedley Lamarr sends Lili Von Shtupp to take down Sheriff Bart when Mongo failed. I am deeply concerned about the events surrounding our current sheriff. The recent event seriously impaired our seniors, disabled citizens and children of Sumter County.

To use part of the Rev. Dr. King's speech Beyond Vietnam, pastor said: "We can no longer afford to worship the god of hate or bow before the altar of retaliation. The oceans of history are made turbulent by the ever-rising tides of hate. History is cluttered with the wreckage of nations and individuals that pursued this self-defeating path of hate." This speech and Matthew 25:40-46 have been laying within my spirit for the last two weeks.

You really get to know and understand people when you are under intense pressure and tribulations. Successful people will always have their enemies and haters. But real and faithful friends will stand by your side through your life storms even when the captain gives the order to abandon ship. I have been a supporter of the current sheriff for more than 20 years. You are welcome to Google my letter to the editor written 2004 and would ask *The Item* to reprint it.

I commend SLED and state's attorneys for exercising caution and prudence in this matter. It is only right that you gather all the facts before destroying a person's career, family,

retirement and reputation without material evidence and credible testimony. I painfully remember what happened to Emmett Till, Bill Cosby and even R. Kelly. Our history is full of men of color serving more than 20 years in prison, passed away in prison, family torn apart and was executed after being falsely accused of a crime. Is it only in Sumter where a man of color is guilty unless he can afford to prove he is innocent? Does a man of color have any rights that the West side of Sumter should respect? It is inexcusable that so-called pastors, wonder and allow that just us colored men, go and are the only ones in prison. If this can be done to rich colored men and the sheriff, what can the poor men on the East side do but be helpless and hopeless? I respect any person willing to lay down their life to protect and serve the citizens of Sumter. If I found myself in the sheriff's position, I would act on all parties who: filed false police reports, signed false affidavits, gave false testimony and continually slandered my name and family around the world. When this was placed on social media, people around the world now wonder is Sumter just like the city in Blazing Saddles, the town of Bedrock? Justice Clarence Thomas called it high-tech lynching. Only God knows what really happened that night in 1997; everyone else should reserve judgment and exercise the right to remain silent.

In my research, a complaint was filed against the Sumter Sheriff's Office in January 2017. On Feb. 22, 2019, a jury in federal court in Columbia found in favor of the Sheriff's Office in the complaint. Any further action is revengeful and harassment.

Why would a medical doctor want to move there or set up their practice in Sumter? How does the Chamber of Commerce recruit high-paying and high-skill jobs to Sumter? How do schools and colleges recruit

and retain professors and teachers? Why would anyone want to move to a divided city? So why should we allow one person with a personal vendetta over something that happened 25 years ago? We should always keep Matthew 6:12-13. Why should we allow a small group of people to continue to oppress the entire county for their own personal gains by destroying the sheriff?

Our seniors and disabled citizens deserve the best medical care. Our children deserve the best education and opportunities for good-paying jobs. The recent events surrounding the sheriff posted around the world makes that difficult. So, sheriff, stand your ground on behalf of the seniors, disabled and children. And remember John 8:10-11.

I need to follow up on chapter three. The trustees of areas four, five and seat eight should let the people of Sumter know if the next school board meeting will be held at a high school gym. Also why not inform the public of individuals on and are part of the focus group to help select the next superintendent? Why did the board not place the job notice in the local newspaper or nationally? The only thing I can conclude is that some board trustees have pre-selected the next superintendent, the only way it can be done in 90 days. I hope the three trustees understand the need of strong leadership to guide and protect our children through COVID-19. We cannot afford to have a search process just for show.

I would like to again thank *The Sumter Item* for continually battling fake news, which is one source of the problems in our community.

Thanks for your time, consideration, support and printing my opinion. I am proud to be a resident of Sumter and an American. God bless the USA.

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SANTEE-LYNCHES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, noon, Central Carolina Technical College Advance Manufacturing Technology Training Center, 853 Broad St.

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

LEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, 9 a.m., council chambers

SUMTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, 5 p.m., library

LYNCHBURG TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Teen Center on Magnolia Street, Lynchburg

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

SUMMERTON TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 6 p.m., town hall

PINEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., town hall

TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., town hall

MAYESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 7 p.m., town hall

SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION
Thursday, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay calm, keep busy

and channel your energy wisely. Too much time will lead to restless behavior and poor decisions. Don't risk your reputation or position. Concentrate on getting things done on time and working alongside people who enhance your skills. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Say and do what's on your mind. You'll pay the price if you pussyfoot around or keep secrets that might hurt the status quo. Be ready to follow through and make things happen. A physical change will lead to compliments. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put in a good word for someone you want to help, but don't undersell yourself. It's essential to give a fair analysis regarding what you want and are willing to do. Live up to your promises, and you'll reach your expectations. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll feel the pressure if you let your emotions interfere with common sense. Handle relationships with diplomacy, and give others a chance to do as they please. It's better to observe than dictate if you want to know where you stand. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep an open mind, and you'll receive valuable information and insight into trends and how others think. Knowledge is power and can help you gain support or attract a partnership that will improve your chance to advance. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't jump into a joint venture without proper research. If you make an emotional decision, regret will follow. Use your resources wisely. Take a timeout to go over important details that can make or break your ability to gain ground. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen carefully, evaluate what's said

and consider the consequence of a poor decision. Focus on stability and security, not flippant decisions that might put you at risk financially, medically or legally. Protect your assets and lower your overhead. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Turn your dream into a reality. Swoop in and take advantage of an opportunity to display your insight and resourceful nature while networking or socializing with mainstream or well-connected people. Turn on the charm, and romance will follow. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your life simple, relationships honest and goals reasonable. Don't assume anything or expect others to be reliable. Verify information, and be ready to put in long hours to reach your destination. Someone unpredictable will mislead you. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): High energy, coupled with willpower and intelligence, will override any negative influence that gets in your way. A chance to try something different will open your eyes to trends and diverse ways to use your skills. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Play to win. Be alert, observe what others are doing and make yourself a promise to finish what you start. Don't let what others do interfere with your plans. Stay on track, regardless of temptation or meddling. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't scramble. Use your imagination, and you will come up with a plan that serves you well and makes a difference to others. Sign up for a leadership position and show off your skills and attributes. A door will open. 3 stars

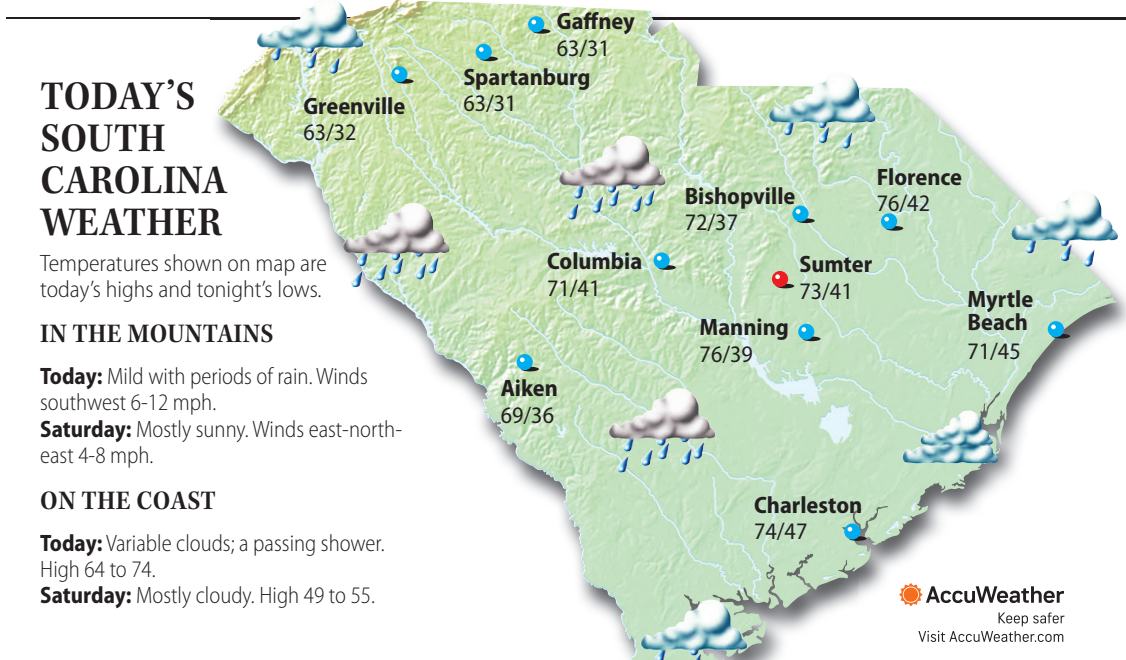
1 star: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. 2 stars: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. 3 stars: Focus and you'll reach your goals. 4 stars: Aim high; start new projects. 5 stars: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
73°	41°	52° / 28°	50° / 35°	49° / 36°	59° / 35°
Chance of rain: 90%	Chance of rain: 85%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 95%	Chance of rain: 60%
SW 8-16 mph	NW 7-14 mph	NNE 7-14 mph	NE 7-14 mph	NNE 4-8 mph	N 3-6 mph



TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mild with periods of rain. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny. Winds east-north-east 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Variable clouds; a passing shower. High 64 to 74.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High 49 to 55.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. THURSDAY

Temperature	
High	74°
Low	51°
Normal high	56°
Normal low	34°
Record high	80° in 1989
Record low	19° in 1977
Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. Thu.	trace
Month to date	trace
Normal month to date	0.36"
Year to date	4.50"
Last year to date	5.21"
Normal year to date	4.14"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	355.46	-0.02
Marion	76.8	74.06	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	73.94	+0.04
Wateree	100	94.55	-0.06

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.32	-0.16
Congaree River	19	4.20	+0.50
Lynches River	14	5.07	-0.15
Saluda River	14	2.00	-0.37
Up. Santee River	80	76.39	-0.51
Wateree River	24	5.09	-0.02

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:17 a.m.	Sunset	5:55 p.m.
Moonrise	9:41 a.m.	Moonset	9:49 p.m.
First	Full	Last	New
Feb. 8	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	11:32 a.m.	3.2	5:50 a.m.	-0.5
	11:47 p.m.	2.9	6:19 p.m.	-0.4
Sat.	12:16 p.m.	3.0	6:39 a.m.	-0.2
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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	56/29/r	50/33/pc
Chicago	23/7/pc	22/16/s
Dallas	35/13/pc	41/19/s
Detroit	21/5/pc	22/11/s
Houston	39/28/c	50/30/s
Los Angeles	70/46/s	72/49/s
New Orleans	43/34/sh	48/34/pc
New York	40/19/i	28/15/s
Orlando	85/63/s	65/57/sh
Philadelphia	50/24/r	31/19/s
Phoenix	66/43/s	67/44/s
San Francisco	60/44/s	62/45/pc
Wash., DC	55/26/r	33/24/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	56/25/r	40/24/s
Athens	61/31/r	52/30/pc
Augusta	70/40/r	55/32/pc
Beaufort	74/48/c	55/39/c
Cape Hatteras	65/39/r	41/33/c
Charleston	74/47/c	53/36/c
Charlotte	66/34/r	49/27/s
Clemson	61/32/r	46/28/s
Columbia	71/41/r	53/29/pc
Darlington	73/38/r	49/27/pc
Elizabeth City	68/34/r	39/27/pc
Elizabethtown	75/38/r	48/27/c
Fayetteville	75/40/r	49/27/pc

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Florence	76/42/r	51/30/c
Gainesville	80/52/pc	57/47/c
Gastonia	65/33/r	45/24/s
Goldsboro	73/38/r	47/25/pc
Goose Creek	74/45/c	51/34/c
Greensboro	63/29/r	42/23/s
Greenville	63/32/r	48/27/s
Hickory	62/29/r	44/26/s
Hilton Head	68/47/c	53/40/c
Jacksonville, FL	80/51/pc	54/47/c
La Grange	58/28/sh	46/31/pc
Macon	66/34/r	57/33/c
Marietta	52/27/sh	48/30/pc

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Marion	59/27/r	42/22/s
Mt. Pleasant	70/47/c	52/36/c
Myrtle Beach	71/45/r	49/32/c
Orangeburg	74/41/r	50/29/pc
Port Royal	71/47/c	52/36/c
Raleigh	69/34/r	46/25/pc
Rock Hill	66/34/r	45/24/s
Rockingham	70/36/r	46/26/s
Savannah	77/46/c	54/40/c
Spartanburg	63/31/r	43/27/s
Summerville	75/45/c	51/34/c
Wilmington	74/45/r	50/29/c
Winston-Salem	63/30/r	43/25/s

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

CROSSWORD

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JUMBLE

HITCH SAUTE PRIMER SPIRAL
They raised money to repair their church because they didn't want to see their — PARISH PERISH

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



FAR LEFT: Chester is a housebroken 1-year-old orange tabby male American short hair. He is a lovable boy who seeks out cuddles and affection. He is happiest when being given back rubs and attention. Chester is great with other cats and children. He enjoys playing and exploring but is also the occasional couch potato.

LEFT: Jake is a 2-year-old Labrador / pit mix. He is great with other dogs and children and lives for hugs and kisses. Jake is an active boy who is always happy and loves to run, play and have fun. He can also give you quite a handsome smile.

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Miller-McCray's basketball journey around the world settles in Germany

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In September 2020, former Crestwood High basketball player Shaquanda Miller-McCray took a leap of faith and signed to play professionally in Serbia. What followed was a bumpy road that led her to question playing overseas entirely.

In the end, some time off healed a lot of wounds from the rocky start of her professional career. Now, she's back overseas and thriving in Germany for Eintracht Branschweig.

Miller-McCray didn't last long with her first team in Novi Sad but to no fault of her own. As her first international season started, COVID-19 started to surge in Serbia. This was before the vaccine was available, so the virus began to rip through the two leagues her team played in.

Despite the increase in positive cases, games continued.

Eventually, Miller-McCray hit a breaking point.

"One day, we all went to practice and we were missing three or four of our players. We had another game on Wednesday, and I was like, 'Can we all get COVID tested? I just want to be sure. I don't want to risk it,'" Miller-McCray recalled. "It turns out that our whole team had COVID except for like two people. It was only me and one of my teammates that didn't have it.

"They said we should be good by Wednesday, and I was like, 'No, I don't want to play Wednesday. I already practiced with them, and they had COVID. I don't wanna play a game when they have COVID.'"

Miller-McCray was already

struggling with living in a foreign land. The language barrier was a challenge as the only person on the team who spoke English. The options for food in Serbia left a lot to be desired.

"I was feeling very homesick, I was feeling very alone," said the forward from Sumter County. "I didn't know how to adjust to that just yet."

It wasn't the end the of the world, but it was far from perfect. When she began to question how much the team and league cared about her health, Miller-McCray drew a line in the sand. The team granted her permission to return home to Sumter.

"It was very frustrating because I wanted to stay and finish the season, but I didn't know the consequences from COVID, and it was worse back then, I'm guessing," Miller-McCray said. "I just wanted to be safe, and I didn't feel safe there."

BACK TO THE BASICS

Of course, coming back to Sumter brought more questions.

Miller-McCray played 10 games for Novi Sad, which meant she didn't have a ton of film to send out to other teams. She also had to decide if she even wanted to play.

She came home just in time for Thanksgiving and was unsure of hopping back onto a plane to test the international waters again.

"When I got back, I was like, 'Mom, I don't think I can do this. I don't think I want to go back,'" Miller-McCray said. "I was just so emotional that I wasn't sure if I even wanted to go back. Who knows how long this COVID thing is going to happen? Who knows if they'll have a vaccine? I was



Former Crestwood standout Shaquanda Miller-McCray is thriving in Germany, averaging 8.3 points and eight rebounds per game for Eintracht Branschweig.

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thinking of everything.

"I felt safer at home instead of thousands of miles away. That was my first time being that far away from home. If I got sick and wound up in the hospital, my mom wouldn't be there to hold my hand."

In the meantime, she found work.

Miller-McCray started working at Academy Sports when she thought her stay in Sumter would be brief. When she decided not to join prospective teams in January, she looked for something more long-term and landed at Shaw Air Force Base working in their day-care.

"Part of my degree is child growth and development, so I might as well use my degree" Miller-McCray said. "I need experience because when basketball is over, (potential employers) will say I have no experience."

The former Crestwood star thought she might stay away from basketball, but as the calendar turned over, her former team was able to get back on the court. Miller-McCray started to go to Crestwood games or make the trip down to watch her former college team at Georgia State.

As soon as she started going to games in person, the itch came back.

"I feel like my love for the game never left. It was just at that moment, I was so stuck in my emotions, and I didn't want to experience that again. My emotions were raging instead of me looking within,"

said the former Lady Knight about deciding to return. "Every day when I got off work, I went and worked out. I worked out almost every day because I had to get back. I couldn't let this be it."

FINDING HER GROOVE

Returning to playing professional basketball needed to be a two-way street.

Miller-McCray decided she wanted to play again, but she needed a dance partner. Luckily, her agent was working behind the scenes to find a team.

since joining the team at the start of its season in August. In her last three games, she has two double-doubles, averaging 10.5 points, 11.6 rebounds and two blocks per game.

"It's great. I really love this team. We're like sisters," Miller-McCray said. "They all play hard. They all work hard. We're all understanding of each other. This is one of the best teams I've been on."

One of the biggest benefits to her new team is that Miller-McCray is no longer the only

American. Her roommate, Jordan Chavis, is actually from the Carolinas, playing high school ball at Central Davidson before a career at the University of Missouri.

The two joined the team at the same time and

even had the chance to fly to Germany together. Having someone to experience the new culture with has been a big plus.

"It's helped me a lot. If she wasn't here, I would still love it here, but she makes it so much better," the former Lady Knight said. "We first started bonding in the airport when we had eight hours together. She makes everything better. It's just cool to have someone to relate to, to talk to, to try new food with."

Miller-McCray is enjoying her time overseas after a wild journey, but it isn't her end goal.

"My main goal is to get to the WBNA," she said. "I'm going to do what I need to get there."

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SHAQUANDA MILLER-MCCRAY

On nearly quitting basketball after her experience with Novi Sad

As it turned out, she had options all over Europe. Eventually, she settled on playing in Germany with Eintracht Branschweig.

"He kept reaching out to me since I got back home," Miller-McCray said. "He said, 'I'm going to keep calling you with jobs because I see so much potential in you. I don't want you to base (your opinions on international basketball) on one bad experience.'"

"After that, the teams started rolling in. I had teams from Finland, Ireland, Norway, Iceland. I told him I wouldn't mind playing in Germany, and it was just my luck."

Miller-McCray is thriving with Eintracht Branschweig. She's averaging 8.3 points and eight rebounds per game



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After a rocky start to her professional career, Shaquanda Miller-McCray loves her latest stop with Eintracht Branschweig.

AREA ROUNDUP

Martin's buzzer-beater leads Lady Knights over Manning

The Crestwood girls basketball team hosted Manning on Tuesday in a key region battle. The boys were unable to play with the Knights sidelined by COVID-19, but the girls put on enough of a show to make up for it. In a physical game that saw momentum shifts in both directions, Crestwood came away with the win thanks to an unexpected figure.

Javia Martin is an eighth grader that's played in only a handful of varsity games this year, but she made the most of her opportunity on Tuesday. With the game on the line, she buried a three-pointer at the buzzer for a 65-63 Lady Knight victory.

"For someone to be in the eighth grade and have that much poise, wasn't scared to take that shot under that kind of pressure (was great)," said head coach Tony Wilson. "The way she played for us the whole night was big. She stepped right in and did what she had to do. She might not understand the magnitude of it, but she handled it like she'd been playing varsity ball all year."

The game-winner came after a matchup that swung dramatically each way.

Manning got out to a hot start, putting up 19 points in the opening quarter behind a pair of threes from Stac-

lyn Bell and Latavius Wilson. Diamond Dundy led the way with six points in the quarter as the Lady Monarchs took an early 19-9 lead.

Crestwood punched back in the second, holding Manning to 10 points, while cutting the deficit to four. Tashiana Farmer led the charge in the quarter with six points, as the Lady Knights went into the half trailing 29-25.

Another strong quarter from the Lady Knights gave Crestwood a 42-40 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Neither team could break away in the fourth as they traded jabs. Parah Anderson knocked down two of Man-

ning's three triples in the quarter to help lead the charge, while Crestwood spent a lot of the quarter on the free throw line. London Vaughn scored eight points in the quarter after going 6-8 at the charity stripe. As a team, Crestwood was 9-13 for the quarter.

But in the end, Martin knocked down the shot that gave Crestwood the win. She finished with 12 points for Crestwood. Farmer led the Lady Knights with 15 points before fouling out, while Liliana Ignacio added 14 and Vaughn chipped in with 12.

Dundy led Manning with 18 points,

BETTY LOUISE SCOTT EVANS

Graveside services for Betty Louise Scott Evans will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Hillside Memorial Park, Cains Mill Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Ella F. Busby officiating.



EVANS

The public may view from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Palmer Memorial Chapel, Sumter.

Betty Scott Evans was born in Sumter County to the late Watkins and Alice Scott. She transitioned to her eternal rest on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at her home in Sumter.

After graduating from Lincoln High School in 1956, Mrs. Evans continued her education at Morris College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. In addition, she did further studies at various colleges and universities. She was employed as an educator and librarian for more than 30 years in Sumter, Lee, Clarendon and Chesterfield counties. After marriage, Mrs. Evans joined Sumter Second Presbyterian Church. She served in various organizations and as an officer of the church. Some of the positions included: Sunday school teacher, usher, deacon and elder on the Presbytery level. Elder Evans also served in various committees and boards such as Christian Education Committee and Camping Committee. She was a certified lay minister. Betty was also a part of "Friends of the Library" and a volunteer chaplain at Tuomey Hospital.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Evans; sister, Ethel Jones; and a special family member, Ivan Evans.

Survivors are her sons, Thomas W. Evans and Sherman S. Evans; daughters, Ta Mara Evans and Hope E. Evans; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, David (Thelma) Scott; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Palmer Memorial Chapel of Sumter is in charge of arrangements.

FRANK BRADFORD

SMYRNA, Ga. — Frank Bradford, age 80, of Smyrna, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.

Born in Sumter, he graduated from Sumter High School and went on to graduate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1968. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Management from USC in 1965. Mr. Bradford had been a member of the South Carolina Bar since 1968 and of the Georgia Bar since 1973. He was a lifetime member of the Cobb County Bar Association and admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta and a member of Smyrna First Baptist Church of Smyrna. Frank had actively practiced law since 1974. He was elected as a Georgia state representative in 1997 to represent the 30th District and served one term. Frank was an avid vegetable gardener, but his passion was a 1959 Ford Retractable hardtop restoration.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Styles Bradford; daughters, Natasha Bradford Horner (Craig) of Lithia Springs, Kim Ingleson (Adam) and Debbie Pittman; son, Doug Styles; brother, Dr. Linwood Bradford of Sumter; sister, Ann Bradford Russell of Sumter; three grandsons, Luke Horner and Elijah and Joshua Ingleson; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Carmichael Funeral Home Chapel in Smyrna with Dr. Jeff Pennington officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at Carmichael Funeral Home in Smyrna.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the University of South Carolina School of Law, Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund, Attention Alumni Office, 1525 Senate St., Suite 255, Columbia, SC 29208.

Carmichael Funeral Home, located at 2950 King St., Smyrna, is assisting the family, www.carmichaelcares.com.

KATHY SPANN HAMPTON

Graveside services for Kathy Spann Hampton will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Goodwill Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, with the Rev. Raymond F. Cook, officiant, and the Rev. Dr. T.J. Bowman, eulogist.

The public may view from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Palmer Memorial Chapel, Sumter.

Kathy Yvonne Spann Hampton was born in Mayesville to the late Elvin Spann Jr. and Geneva Reese Spann. Kathy was educated in Sumter County School District 2 public schools. She graduated from Mayewood High School as valedictorian and Voorhees College with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Science Magna Cum Laude and with a master's from Capella University. As a statistician for Pee Dee Community Health, Kathy gathered data and implemented several grants that provided needed services to the community. Later in her professional career, Kathy served as chief operating officer for CareSouth Carolina. Kathy was a devoted member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Mayesville. She believed in serving her church family and community. Affectionately known as "KeKe" by her grandsons, as a wife and mom, nothing was more important than family.

In addition to her mother and father, she was preceded in death by her brother, Herman Spann.

Survivors are her spouse of 44 years, George Washington Hampton; two children, Asha M. Hampton of Columbia and Jared A. Hampton (Lameka Miles) of Charlotte, North Carolina; four grandsons, Maxwell, Mauro and Miles Burrell, all of Columbia, and Antwan Davis of Charlotte; five sisters, Evelyn Spann Hedges, Geneva Spann Rufus, Sharon (Wilbert) Spann Gamble and Glenda (Kelvin) Spann Hinnant, all of Charlotte, and Mildred (Silas) Spann Washington of Columbia; a "special brother," Samuel (Benita) Spann of Sumter; three aunts, Geneva (Moses) Hudson, Annie (Phillip) Rembert and Beverly (Jarrod) Benjamin, all of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Condolences may be made on her tribute page found at www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com.

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel.

WILLIE LEROY JOSEY

Col. Willie Leroy Josey, M.D., 75, loving and devoted husband of Carmen Robinson Josey, was born on Nov. 18, 1946, in Sumter, the third son of the late Manning Sr. and Georgia Mae Black Josey.

He passed from this world to his new home on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022.

He was a graduate of Lincoln High School, South Carolina State College and University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He was a deacon of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, where he was a member of the male chorus. He served in the Vietnam conflict, Panama conflict and Operation Desert Storm. Col. Josey received the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Vietnam Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon Medal. Dr. Josey was

a medical director at the Troop Clinic in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and Ireland Medical Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky. He opened private practice in Alliance and Beloit, Ohio, and relocated to Southern Ohio and was a physician for Southern Ohio Medical Center and a private practice in South Shore, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manning Josey Sr. and Georgia Mae Black Josey; his children, Dale Robinson, Leroy Alfonso Josey, Anna Alicia Josey and newborn twins; his grandmother, Carrie Sigler Green; and one brother, Manning Josey Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 38 years, Carmen Robinson Josey; his sons, Joel Robinson, Jeffrey Ahmed Josey and Jamar Alexander Josey; his daughters, Juliana Marie Josey-Smith and LaDonna Monique Josey; 10 grandchildren; siblings, David (Phyllis) Josey, F. Marie Josey of New Jersey, Leon (Nancy) Josey of Massachusetts, Ted Josey, Darrell Josey and Cynthia Josey of South Carolina; sisters-in-law, Henrietta (Rupert) White of Guam and Delicia Robinson of Ohio; brother-in-law, Lorenzo (Debra) of Alabama; his adopted family, the Johnson family of Ohio; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with Elder Lorenzo Robinson, eulogist.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

The procession will leave at 12:20 p.m.

Burial will follow in Walker Cemetery, 700 W. Oakland Ave., Sumter.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneral@sc.rr.com.

Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

CAROLYN ROSA DAVIS BAIRD

Carolyn Rosa Davis Baird, 94, widow of Thomas Austin Baird, died on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born on Sept. 25, 1927, in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence and Rose Caughman Davis. She graduated from Edmunds High School in 1945. She retired from Commercial Credit after 40 years of service. She and her husband also started Baird Well Drilling and now her sons continue the family business. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church, where she served on numerous committees. She was a member of the choir and the XYZ Club. She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by two sons, Tab Baird (Darlene) and Mike Baird (Deanna), both of Sumter; five grandchildren, Trey Baird, Malisa Meldrim (Chris), Kayla Fessenden (Drew), Jordan Baird and Michael Baird (Mary); one great-grandson, Wyatt Meldrim; two great-granddaughters, Anna Reese Meldrim and Cecelia Grace Fessenden; and a number of special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Orion "Red" Davis; and a granddaughter, Brittany Baird Stewart.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Grace Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Williams, the Rev. Dr. James Chandler and the Rev. Steve Shumake officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Chris Meldrim, Drew Fessenden, Michael Baird, Jordan Baird, Joey Anderson and Jimmy Davis.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other

times at the home of her son, 5990 Martinville Church Road, Sumter.

The family would like to send a special thank you to her caregivers, Joann McBride and Mary Caswell, for their loving care and compassion.

Memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

TYREATHER ANDERSON

Tyreather Anderson passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at Spartanburg Regional Hospice Home, Spartanburg, at the age of 44.

She was born on Dec. 28, 1977, in Sumter, to Martha J. Anderson and the late Elder Eugene Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Teneia Anderson-Boutte.

Tyreather was a member of Mt. Sinai Presbyterian Church in Mayesville. She graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in Elliot with the Class of 1996. She served honorably in the Army National Guard as a human resource personnel clerk. She attended Limestone College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Management. In 2011, she graduated from University of Phoenix with a master's degree in liberal arts. While in Spartanburg, Tyreather worked at H&R Block as a tax advisor, youth advocate advisor for DSS and Dollar General Distribution Center. Tyreather continued to hold various positions even with her declining health.

Tyreather leaves to cherish her precious memories and will be sadly missed by: her two sisters, Carolyn Anderson of Bronx, New York, and Towanda Anderson of Spartanburg; and two brothers, Charles (Kenya) Anderson of Elgin and Kenneth Anderson of Columbia. She was blessed with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

In accordance with the COVID-19 guidelines, the family is requesting face masks and social distancing be observed by relatives and friends during visitation at the home, 112 Tucson Drive, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with Dr. Franklin Colclough, moderator, eulogist.

The procession will leave the home at 12:20 p.m.

Burial will be in Mt. Sinai Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 97 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Mayesville.

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

LEWIS WAITERS

Funeral services for Lewis Waiters will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 182 S. Pike Road East, Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Aurelia Hill, pastor, and the Rev. Wallace officiating. Interment will follow at Willow Grove AME Church Cemetery, 8105 Sumter Landing Road, Rembert, SC 29128.

A public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

He was born on June 19, 1957, in Sumter, to the late Henry Sr. and Margie Pringle Waiters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Waiters Sr., and a sister, Patricia Phelps.

He departed this life on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, in Horatio.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Frances Waiters; three children, LaWayne (Tamara) Miller, Kes-

hia Benjamin and Travis (Keystonna) Benjamin; a brother, James (Carolyn) Waiters; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services entrusted to the care of Whites Mortuary LLC.

EDNA STOKES ROGERS

Edna Stokes Rogers, 89, beloved wife of 71 years to Thomas J. "Tommy" Rogers

Sr., went to heaven peacefully early Thursday morning, Feb. 3, 2022, at NHC Healthcare.

Born on Sept. 7, 1932, in Sumter County, she was a daughter

of the late Cade and Mary Ellen Hatchell Stokes. She was a faithful member of Northside Memorial Baptist Church for more than 70 years. She retired as the office manager of Boyle Motor Co. after 35 years of service.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Kay Billig (David); a son, Thomas J. "Jim" "Tucky" Rogers Jr.; three grandchildren, Philip Johnson, Ashley Sharpe (Daniel) and Amy Terry (Nick); nine grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by siblings, George Stokes, Lawton Stokes, Talbert Stokes, Otto Stokes, Mae Bell Stokes Gause and Gordon Stokes.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Sumter Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Johnson, the Rev. Jimmy Holley and the Rev. Billy Bishop officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to Northside Memorial Baptist Church, 1004 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29153.

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

VIRGIN DUNHAM

Virgin Dunham, 60, was born on March 23, 1961, in Sumter, a son of the late Marion and Sarah Stokes Dunham. He departed this life on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital in Sumter.

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

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel and Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1917 W. Oakland Ave., 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 or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

KENNETH DALE MOORE

Kenneth Dale Moore, age 69, died on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Services will be private. You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**MARIA ISABEL VARGAS**

Maria Isabel Vargas, age 93, died on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at MUSC Kershaw Health Medical Center.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



ROUNDUP

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while Wilson added 15. Samiya Witherspoon had 10 and Anderson finished with nine.

The win puts Crestwood in second place in the region at 6-1. They are behind 6-0 Camden, who they will face on Monday, and remained a game ahead of Marlboro County. Even with a win over Camden next week, Crestwood will likely remain in second due to tiebreakers.

LADY WOLVERINES SEW UP REGION TITLE WITH SWEEP OF HEMINGWAY, BOYS FINISH FOURTH

The East Clarendon girls cruised to a pair of blowout wins over Hemingway this week to clinch the Region IV-A crown. The boys lost both games to Hemingway but will still finish fourth in the region and earn a playoff spot with a 2-6 region record.

The Lady Wolverines made short work of Hemingway, winning 66-27 on Monday before a 74-36 rout on Wednesday.

Superstar Talaysia Cooper finished an assist shy of a triple-double with 24 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists, while also adding four steals and two blocks. Liberty Whack finished with 19 points and seven rebounds in the win.

Cooper then completely took over the game on Wednesday. She finished with 42 points, 15 rebounds, nine assists, four steals and three blocks. Whack added 12 points and eight rebounds, while Hayden White and Jasmine Lloyd each added eight. Lloyd also had eight boards.

The boys went 0-2 against the ranked Tigers, losing the first matchup 65-32 on Monday before a 68-55 loss on Wednesday. Ellis Graham led the Wolverines on Monday with 12 points and eight rebounds. On Wednesday, Tymere Cooper had 23 points, four rebounds, five assists and two steals. Graham had another great game with a rare triple-double that includes blocks. He had 12 of each points, rebounds and blocks in the loss.

The boys are done for the season, though the Lady Wolverines still have a rematch with Scott's Branch slated for next Friday.

LADY GAMECOCKS SEAL REGION TITLE AS SUMTER SWEEPS CAROLINA FOREST

The Sumter boys and girls basketball teams remained undefeated in region play with a sweep of Carolina Forest on Tuesday. The girls won 55-24 to claim the Region VI-5a title, while the boys won 72-60 to stay in the driver's seat for their own crown.

The Lady Gamecocks got out to a slow start, trailing 6-5 at the end of the opening frame. After that, it was all Sumter. Kiara Croskey scored seven points in the quarter to lead the Lady Gamecocks into the half with a 24-10 lead. Sumter would pout the game away easily in the second half for the win.

Croskey finished with 21 points in the win, while Shamira Andrews and Kezyiah Sanders each scored eight.

The boys also got behind early on the road, as Carolina Forest opened

the game hot from long range. They hit three triples in the opening frame, leading Sumter 19-15. The Gamecock defense clamped down in the second, allowing just seven points. The Gamecocks went off for 19 of their own behind Nakeem Isaac and Zyeir Gamble, going into the half with a 34-26 lead.

The Sumter offense didn't slow down after the break. The Gamecocks we exploded for 24 points to put the game away, as Adam Pollard knocked down a pair of threes and Isaac added another nine points.

Isaac would finish with 26 points, eight rebounds, two assists and a block in the win. Khalil Bledsoe chipped in with another 13 points thanks to a trio of three-pointers. Gamble and Pollard each finished with eight. Gamble also had four rebounds, while Pollard blocked two shots and had a steal. Ahmari Samuel had a quiet offensive night with five points but had five steals in the win. Caleb Jenkins had just two points but led the Gamecocks with eight assists and added three steals and three rebounds.

Sumter travels to St. James on Friday. The boys will have a chance to wrap up the region crown in their season finale on Tuesday at Conway.

RODRIGUEZ LIFTS LAKEWOOD OVER MARLBORO COUNTY

The Lakewood boys basketball team completed their season sweep of Marlboro County on Wednesday, beating the defending 3A champs on the road 50-40. The girls lost their matchup 72-50.

The Gators built an early lead after an excellent second quarter, where they held the Bulldogs to just five points. That allowed Lakewood to go into the half up 32-18. Marlboro County hung around after the half, but Lakewood did enough at the free throw line late to finish off the win. Kameron Rodriguez was 4-4 in the final frame to help seal the win.

Rodriguez led Lakewood with 22 points in the win, while Sincere Pearson added 14 and Jamond Lewis scored another 11.

The Lady Gators played neck and neck with Marlboro County for most of the night, but a rough second quarter in which they were outscored 19-8 proved to be their downfall in the loss.

MANNING BOYS TAKE DOWN LAKE CITY, GIRLS FALL

The Manning boys beat Lake City on Wednesday 55-44 in the first of two games with the Panthers this week. The girls struggled to bounce back from a tough loss to Lakewood the night before, falling 58-40.

The Monarchs used strong defense for the first three quarters to maintain a slim lead before exploding in the fourth quarter to take the game over. Manning scored 25 points in the final frame to come home with the win.

Jehqwayn Hilton had a massive game for the Monarchs, recording a double-double with a team-high 16 points and 11 rebounds. He also blocked five shots as he locked down the paint for Manning. Justin Daniels had his own double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds, adding four steals and two blocks.

The girls game was all Manning early, as the Lady Monarchs led 14-1 after the opening frame. After an even second quarter, the tide changed in the second half. Manning's offense dried up, scoring just 12 points after the break, while Lake City went off for 26 points in the third quarter to take the lead for good. Dundy finished with 10 points and six rebounds, while Anderson led the team in scoring with 15 points, adding three rebounds and four steals.

LEE CENTRAL SWEEP BY LATTA, BOYS FALL NARROWLY AGAIN

The Lee Central boys basketball team continued its late game struggles on Wednesday with a 55-52 loss to Latta. The girls, meanwhile, saw their offense dry up in the middle two quarters of a 54-32 loss.

The Stallions held a 14-point lead late in the third but watched that trickle away as Latta came out swinging in the fourth. The Vikings scored 21 in the final quarter, while the suddenly cold Stallions managed just seven points of their own in a narrow loss. Within region play, all but one of Lee Central's losses have been decided by four or fewer points.

Michael Holmes Jr. led LCHS with 15 points, while Nakia Johnson added 13 and Samaki Hickman chipped in with another 10.

The Lady Stallions played even with Latta in the first quarter but went ice cold for the next two. Lee Central scored a combined 10 points in the second and third, digging a hole they couldn't climb out of in a 54-32 loss.

LMA BOYS SPLIT NON-REGION GAMES WITH PINWOOD, CARDINAL NEWMAN

The Laurence Manning boys basketball team played a pair of non-region games with Pinewood Prep and Cardinal Newman to open its week, while the girls just played Pinewood Prep. The boys were able to take down Pinewood 73-56 but dropped Wednesday's matchup with the Cardinals 63-56. The girls fell in their matchup 37-27.

The Swampcats had different players step to the offensive forefront in each of their games this week.

On Tuesday, it was a balanced offensive attack. Bryce Acord got hot, leading the way with 22 points. Jaden Sanders added 19, while Brandon King and Denzel Singler each scored 14.

In Wednesday's loss, Aaron Medley stepped up with 18 points. Sanders added another 12 points, while King scored nine.

The JV boys also went 1-1, beating Pinewood 28-25 after Christian Moore hit the game-winning three in the last three seconds. Bryson Watt added 10 and Mason Nivens scored seven. They then fell to Cardinal Newman 39-33. Nivens scored nine and Shane Goines had six.

LMA has a key region matchup with Florence Christian on Friday. A win would keep them in the running for the region title ahead of their rematch with Trinity Collegiate on Tuesday.

LADY GENERALS DOMINATE CALHOUN ON SENIOR NIGHT, BOYS FALL JUST SHORT

Thomas Sumter hosted Calhoun Academy for senior night on Tuesday. The girls dominated on both sides of

the ball, running away with a 47-8 win. The boys saw a late comeback attempt fall just short in a 62-59 loss.

The Lady Generals played nearly perfect defense on Tuesday. After allowing four points in the opening quarter, they held Calhoun scoreless in the second and third on the way to the easy win. The TSA offense took a quarter to get rolling but a 13-point second quarter gave the Lady Generals a commanding lead in the runaway win.

TSA's seven player roster is senior-heavy and each of the five seniors played important roles. Lindsay Daniel led the way with 17 points, adding six rebounds. Porter Laney added 16 points and five rebounds. Libby Gore dominated the glass with 12 rebounds, adding two points. Logan Scruggs also had a nice night on the boards with eight rebounds, while adding two points. Leah Stokes scored six points to go with four rebounds. All seven players scored as Grace Beasley and Mary Lenoir Hoge each added two points.

The boys had an up and down night. The Generals went into halftime with a 25-19 lead, but Calhoun went off for 26 in the third to take a 45-34 lead into the final quarter. The Generals made a strong push late, but Calhoun did just enough from the free throw line, going 7-12, to hold off the comeback.

Matthew Hawkins led the Generals with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Austin Anderson had another 13 points and three blocks. Jamari Harris scored 12 points, Landin Blackwell had 10 and Javion Lammie had nine points, six rebounds, four steals and three assists.

BARONS BEAT CAMDEN MILITARY

The Wilson Hall boys basketball team improved to 7-9 with a 70-46 win over Camden Military on Wednesday.

The Barons were led by Matthew Miller, who led all scorers with 17 points. Shawn Michael Matthews, Tate Sistare and Hugh Humphries each added 13 in the win.

Wilson Hall is off until Tuesday when they travel to Florence Christian.

ALICE DRIVE BOYS, GIRLS ADVANCE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST BATES

The Alice Drive Middle School boys and girls basketball teams each advanced to the middle school conference championship games against Bates Middle School, which will be played at Sumter High on Saturday.

The boys defeated Manning in the semifinals 55-38, while the girls beat R.E. Davis 29-16.

Cordell Sims led the Hawks with 18 points in the win over Manning, while Franklin Richardson added 10, Romania Myers scored seven points, Dashan Scriven had six points, Kenon Ward and DJ Young each had four points, Daveon Thomas had three points and Nyzer Pearson scored two points.

The girls, meanwhile, were led by Aleiyah Credle, who scored 10 points. Layla Kennedy had six points, Kennedy Dantzer scored five points, Diamond Covington added four points and finishing with two points each were Esseyeuna Pearson and Zy'Asia Johnson.

OBITUARIES

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JOSEPH RAGGDAL MCCOY SR.

Joseph Raggdale "Dale" McCoy Sr., 73, widower of Deborah G. McCoy, died on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of the late Bernice James McCoy and Mary Iola Bass McCoy. Mr. McCoy was a retired carpenter.

Surviving are three sons, Dale McCoy Jr. (Jane), Shane McCoy (Staci) and Tim McCoy; one daughter, Christy Truett (Terry); a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his partner of 15 years, Tracy Henderson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Dale McCoy.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Calvary Church of the Nazarene Cemetery with the Rev. Kenny Griffin officiating.

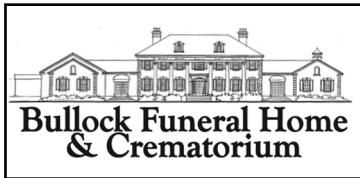
Online condolences may be made at www.sumterfunerals.com.

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.

ROSE ANN GAGNE

Rose Ann Gagne, beloved wife of Joseph Gagne, died on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



JULY SHAW

July Shaw entered eternal rest on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.

The family is receiving friends and relatives at 946 James Davison Heriot Road, Dalzell.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Woodrow community of Lee County with the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Brown, officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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

ALBERT DINKINS JR.

Albert Dinkins Jr., 76, departed this life on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1945, in Sumter, a son of the late Albert Sr. and Elizabeth King Dinkins.

In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, the family is requesting no visitation at the home.

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

LOTTIE MAE BAKER

Lottie Mae Baker departed from earth to receive her reward on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022. She left this world of pain and sorrow to eternal rest with God our Savior.

She was born on March 27, 1921, in Olanta, to the late Amon and Julia Rush McKenzie. She was married to the late Lucius Baker Sr. Her faith was rooted and grounded in Christ. Her labor speaks for her. She was a member of Union Station AME Church, where she served on the usher board, as a member of the sanctuary choir, gospel choir, stewardess board, women missionary society or wherever needed.

She leaves to celebrate her homegoing: her children, Bobbie J. Rembert, the Rev. William L. (Barbara) Baker, Mearlene Smith, Shirley Godbee, Arlene (Bryan) Johnson, Sylvia Capers and Linda Baker; daughter-in-law, Celestine Baker; 24 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In accordance with COVID-

19 guidelines, the family is requesting no visitation.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Union Station AM. Church, 945 S. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Lemuel L. Washington, pastor, and the Rev. Samir Baker, eulogist.

The procession will leave the home at 2:20 p.m.

Burial will be in Hillside Memorial Park, 2561 Cains Mill Road, Sumter.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online message may be sent to the family at williamsfuneral@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

JOHN REMBERT

John Rembert, 86, widower of Ella Mae Rembert, was born on Sept. 11, 1935, in Sumter, a son of the late Johnnie Sr. and Mary Bracey Rembert. He departed this life on Sunday, January 30, 2022, in Decatur, Georgia.

Public viewing will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at St. Paul AME Church (Shaw), 1495 N. St. Paul Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154. Interment will follow in St. Paul AME Churchyard Cemetery.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary.com



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REVISED FINAL Action Memorandum for a Time-Critical Removal Action for PFOS/PFOA Impacting the Groundwater Treatment Plant at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina

WHY YOU ARE BEING NOTIFIED: The United States Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC), Environmental Restoration through the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs is publishing the availability of the Revised Final Action Memorandum replacing an earlier February 2020 version which had some errors and was missing some information.

The purpose of the TCRA is to lower the concentrations of PFOS/PFOA being discharged from the GWTP, in order to prevent human exposure to PFOS/PFOA in drinking water exceeding the USEPA Lifetime Health Advisory of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) from entering Shaw AFB production/drinking water wells.

The TCRA includes a system installation (completed in October 2020) that will treat groundwater processed at the GWTP to eliminate or reduce the levels of PFOS/PFOA contained in the water discharged from the plant.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION: The Revised Final Action Memorandum can be found at AFCEC CEICLA Administrative Record (AR) ar:afcec-cloud.af.mil. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Continue to site"; then select "Active Duty"; scroll down the Installation List and click on "Shaw AFB, SC"; then enter "4044-R" in the "AR #" field. Then click "Search" at the bottom of the page.

Inquiries can be mailed to 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, 517 Lance Avenue, Shaw AFB, SC 29152, or through Email: 20FWPublicAffairs@us.af.mil.

Beer & Wine License

Notice of Application

Notice is hereby given that Palmetto Shores RV Management, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and ON premises consumption of Beer & Wine at 5215 Dingle Pond Rd., Summerton, SC 29148. To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than February 13, 2022.

Abandon Vehicle / Boat

Abandoned Vehicle Notice:

The following vehicle was abandoned at Ace Parker Tire, Inc., 930 N. Lafayette Dr. Sumter, SC, 29150. Described as a 1974 Jeep CJ5, VIN #J4F83FTH27911. Total Due for storage is \$1,334.39 as of February 1, 2022, plus \$37 per day thereafter.

Abandoned Vehicle Notice:

The following vehicle was abandoned at Sumter Wrecker, 324 Green Swamp Rd., Sumter, SC. Described as a 2008 Mercedes, VIN #WDDGF54X98R012839. Total Due for storage is \$2,789 as of November 29, 2021.

Park it in the CLASSIFIEDS and watch it go fast!

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MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE 2021-CP-43-01344

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust HB2 against Joy G. Griffin, Safe Federal Credit Union, The United States of America, acting by and through its agent, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on February 7, 2022 at 12 o'clock noon, at the Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

All that piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in Privateer Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, containing approximately on acre, being fully shown and delineated on that certain plat of Carol Baughman, RLS, dated December 5, 1970, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-29, Page 134, and being bounded and measuring according to said plat as follows: on the northeast by a road as shown on said plat and fronting thereon 150 feet; on the southeast by lands now or formerly of Paul G. Thomas and measuring thereon 290.2 feet; on the southwest by lands now or formerly of Paul G. Thomas and measuring thereon 150 feet; and on the northwest by lands now or formerly of Paul G. Thomas and measuring thereon 290.2 feet, be all said measurements a little more or less.

This conveyance is made subject to all recorded rights of way, easements, conditions, restrictions and zoning ordinances, or other land use regulations pertaining to the property herein conveyed, and in addition is subject to any of the foregoing which may appear from an inspection of the premises.

This being the same property conveyed unto Allen W. Griffin and Joy G. Griffin, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship by deed of Troy D. Turner and Gloria G. Turner dated April 18, 1974 and recorded in the Office of Clerk of Court for Sumter County on April 18, 1974 m Book Y-9 at Page 1127.

Being known as Parcel ID Number: 176-000-20-40

TMS # 176-000-20-40

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 his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance.

As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the deed and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.560% per annum.

SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES

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 that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation.

The Honorable Michael M. Jordan Master in Equity for Sumter County

Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 803-509-5078 / File# 20-42046 Attorney for Plaintiff

2020-CP-43-00926 SECOND AMENDED EQUITY COURT SALE

STATE OF SC SUMTER COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Pursuant to Court Decree in PS Funding, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Sumter Easy Home, LLC and Zhiqiang Lu, Defendants, the Master in Equity for Sumter County will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, on February 7, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., the following property:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, consisting of 27.8 acres, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Township of Sumter, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Parcel B on a Plat prepared by Louis White Tisdale, R.L.S., dated March 8, 2000, and recorded with the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2001 at Page 138. Pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, (1976, as amended), reference to said Plat is hereby made for the metes, bounds,

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courses, and distances of the property delineated thereon.

This being the same property as transferred by Warranty Deed on June 9, 2017 and recorded June 21, 2017 from Sumter County, a Body Public and Corporate and Political Subdivision of South Carolina to Sumter Easy Home, LLC, a South Carolina Limited Liability Company, recorded in Book 1234 at Page 1106, Sumter County Register of Deeds.

TMS#: 2320003020 Property Address: 1585 North Wise Drive, Sumter, South Carolina 29153

The property will be sold subject to any past due or accruing property taxes, assessments, existing easements, and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances. The property will be sold without any warranty or representation as to title or otherwise by Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel.

The successful bidder must pay interim interest from the date of sale through date of compliance at the rate set forth in the Note.

Each successful bidder other than Plaintiff at time bid is accepted will be required to deposit with the Master in Equity as evidence of good faith 5% of bid in cash or certified check at time of bid. In event purchaser fails or refuses to comply with terms of sale within 20 days from close of bidding, deposit shall be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt, and the Master in Equity shall forthwith re-advertise and re-sell said property upon the same terms on some subsequent sales day at the risk of former purchaser until obtaining full compliance with sale.

Bidding will remain open after the sale.

Bidding will not close on sales day, but will remain open for a period of 30 days to close on March 9, 2022, at 12:00 P.M.

THE PLAINTIFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE DEFICIENCY UP TO AND INCLUDING THE DATE OF THE SALE.

Terms of sale: Cash; purchaser to pay for deed and recording fees.

Michael M. Jordan, Master in Equity for Sumter County

James H. Cassidy, Atty. for Plaintiff Sumter Daily Item

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2019-CP-43-00797

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank National Association vs. Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Khadijah A. Abdullah a/k/a Khadijah Amina Abdullah deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Inshirah Safiyah Abdullah as Personal Representative of the Estate of Khadijah A. Abdullah a/k/a Khadijah Amina Abdullah; Inshirah Safiyah Abdullah; South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority; SC Housing Corp.; The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on February 7, 2022 at 12:00 PM, or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the Judicial Center, City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL AND LOT OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IDENTIFIED AS LOT NO. 42 OF MAYFIELD SUBDIVISION AND BEING MORE FULLY SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY EDWARDS LAND SURVEYORS, DATED APRIL 19, 2011 AND RECORDED APRIL 21, 2011 IN PLAT BOOK 2011 AT PAGE 83 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RMC FOR SUMTER COUNTY. AFORESAID PLAT IS SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND REFERENCED IS CRAVED THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE METES, BOUNDS, COURSES AND DISTANCES OF THE PROPERTY CONCERNED HEREIN. THIS DESCRIPTION IS IN LIEU OF THE METES AND BOUNDS, AS PERMITTED BY LAW UNDER SECTION 30-5-250 OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AS AMENDED. BE ALL OF SAID MEASUREMENTS, A LITTLE MORE OR A LITTLE LESS AND ACCORDING TO SAID PLAT. THIS BEING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1315 MONTEREY DRIVE, SUMTER, SC. TMS NO.: 155-08-01-026

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KHADIJAH A. ABDULLAH BY DEED OF GAINERY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC DATED APRIL 21, 2011 AND RECORDED APRIL 21, 2011 IN BOOK 1153 AT PAGE 2190 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RMC FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1315 Monterey Drive, Sumter, SC 29154 TMS: 1550801026

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 his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but in the case of non-compliance to be forfeited and first applied to the

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costs incurred by the Plaintiff related to the sale and the balance then applied to the Plaintiff's debt in a manner suitable to the Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.125% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances.

In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.

Michael M. Jordan Master In Equity for Sumter County

Brook & Scott, PLLC 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110 Columbia, SC 29210 Attorneys for Plaintiff Phone 803-454-3540 Fax 803-454-3541

MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE 2021-CP-43-01073

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust HB5 against The Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown, of the Estate of Thelma Grice a/k/a Thelma Felton Grice a/k/a Thelma Yvonne Felton Grice; Beryl F. Richardson a/k/a Beryl Richardson, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Estate of Thelma Grice a/k/a Thelma Felton Grice a/k/a Thelma Yvonne Felton Grice, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, 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; The United States of America acting by and through its agent the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on February 7, 2022 at 12 o'clock noon, at the Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being located in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot 166, Section 7-C, on a Plat of Sunway Knolls Subdivision by Louis W. Tisdale, P.L.S., dated January 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat 98 at Page 98. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference in craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted by law under Section No. 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as Amended. Be all measurements a little more or less and according to said plat.

This conveyance is made subject to easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions of record, including matters shown on above recorded plat.

Being all and the same lot of ground

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which by Deed dated January 30, 1998, and recorded January 30, 1998 among the Land Records of Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 696, page 57, was granted and conveyed by Paul H. Bogardus and Lisa M. Bogardus unto Thelma Grice, Sole Owner. Thereafter, Thelma Grice a/k/a Thelma Felton Grice a/k/a Thelma Yvonne Felton Grice died on or around December 23, 2019, leaving the subject property to her heirs at law or devisees, namely, Beryl F. Richardson a/k/a Beryl Richardson.

TMS # 204-07-02-003

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 his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of sale, the sale shall be cancelled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder).

As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the deed and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 1.34% per annum.

SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES

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 that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants.

The Honorable Michael M. Jordan Master in Equity for Sumter County

Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 803-509-5078 / File# 20-46668 Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2021CP4301499

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. Plaintiff,

-vs-

The Estate of Larry Gale Hutson a/k/a Larry G. Hutson by and through its Personal Representative Keith Edward Brown; The Estate of Linda F. Hutson Linda Fields Hutson by and through its Personal Representative Keith Edward Brown; Roger D. Hutson; Keith Edward Brown, Kevin Charles Kellenbenz, The Estate of William H. Smith, III, Lacy Hall Smith, Brittany Smith, Madison Smith, DS (a minor), JS (a minor), heirs-at-law; and all other persons entitled to claim under

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or through them; all Unknown Heirs of Deceased Defendants, and all other persons entitled to claim under or through them being a class designated as Mary Roe; All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as Jane Doe; also any Unknown 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, persons under a Disability or persons incarcerated, being a class designated as Richard Roe, the South Carolina Department of Revenue; Prisma Health Tuomey; and the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Defendant(s)

BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. The Estate of Larry Gale Hutson a/k/a Larry G. Hutson by and through its Personal Representative Keith Edward Brown; The Estate of Linda F. Hutson Linda Fields Hutson by and through its Personal Representative Keith Edward Brown; Roger D. Hutson; Keith Edward Brown, Kevin Charles Kellenbenz, The Estate of William H. Smith, III, Lacy Hall Smith, Brittany Smith, Madison Smith, DS (a minor), JS (a minor), heirs-at-law; and all other persons entitled to claim under or through them; all Unknown Heirs of Deceased Defendants, and all other persons entitled to claim under or through them being a class designated as Mary Roe; All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as Jane Doe; also any Unknown 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, persons under a Disability or persons incarcerated, being a class designated as Richard Roe, the South Carolina Department of Revenue; Prisma Health Tuomey; and the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, I, Michael M. Jordan Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on February 7, 2022, at 12:00 Noon, at the Sumter County Courthouse, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

That lot of land with improvements thereon, situate in Providence Township, Sumter County, South Carolina, represented as LOT 1 on plat of Robert G. Mathis dated March 10, 1994 and recorded in the Sumter County RMC Office in Plat Book 95 at Page 479.

This being the identical property conveyed to Larry G. Hutson and Linda F. Hutson by deed of John D. Weible, dated June 29, 1995, and recorded July 3, 1995 in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Deed Book 625 at Page 1960.

TMS #: 189-00-01-006 (lot) 400-00-35-998 (mh)

Mobile Home: 2001 OAKW VIN: HOTN12C10781AB

SUBJECT TO SUMTER COUNTY TAXES

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder).

Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order.

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of

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sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

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

NOTICE: ANYONE THAT ATTENDS WILL BE EXPECTED TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE.

The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.30% per annum.

B. Lindsay Crawford, III
(SC Bar# 6510)
Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718)
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Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Finance of America Reverse LLC vs. Dora Kelly Cottingham, The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, C/A No. 2021CP4301298. The following property will be sold on February 7, 2022, at 12:00PM at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder. ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL, OR LOT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF STATEBURG, COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT #8, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT PREPARED BY LEWIS E. LEAVELL, JR., RLS, DATED MARCH 7, 1969, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 5-26 AT PAGE 129. REFERENCE IS MADE TO SAID PLAT FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. This being the same property conveyed to Ralph E. Cottingham and Irene R. Cottingham as tenants in common for and during their joint lives and upon the death of either of them, then to the survivor of them by Deed of William Dinkins dated March 24, 1969, and recorded March 28, 1969, in Book P9 at Page 731. Thereafter Irene R. Cottingham died on October 15, 2005, thereby vesting title in Ralph E. Cottingham. Thereafter Ralph E. Cottingham died on July 27, 2016, devising his interest to Dora Kelly Cottingham as shown by Deed of Distribution from 2016ES4300493 dated October 12, 2016, and recorded November 9, 2016, in Book 1227 at Page 1981. TMS No. 0950003019 Property Address: 6065 Brookland Drive Sumter SC 29154 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. 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. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid

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from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.060%. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A 2021CP4301298. Notice: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date. William S. Koehler Attorney for Plaintiff 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450 Columbia, SC 29201 Phone: (803) 828-0880 Fax: (803) 828-0881 sfc@alaw.net Michael M. Jordan Master in Equity for Sumter County A-4740100

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2019-CP-43-02413

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Lynn Goodwin a/k/a Lynn Michelle Goodwin; The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the undersigned Master In Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on **February 7, 2022 at 12:00 PM**, or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the Judicial Center, City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES AS CONTAINED IN SAID MORTGAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 27 ON A PLAT OF BURNS DOWNS BY PALMER & MALONE, C.E.'S DATED DECEMBER 15, 1950 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK Z-10 AT PAGE 28. 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.

LESS AND EXCEPT: LESS A TRIANGULAR SHAPED PART OF THE LOT MEASURING 30 FEET FROM THE EASTERN CORNER OF SAID LOT, WHERE SAID LOT INTERSECTS LOT NO. 28 ON ADAMS AVENUE, SAID 30 FEET EXTENDING FROM THAT POINT ALONG ADAMS AVENUE, SAME BEING BOUNDED ON THE SOUTHEAST BY ADAMS AVENUE, THEN ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BOUNDARY LINE THE REMAINDER OF LOT NO. 27 AND TRAVELING FROM ADAMS AVENUE BACK TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 27, WHERE LOT NO. 27 INTERSECTS WITH LOT NO. 28, AND THEN BACK TO THE ORIGINAL POINT OF BEGINNING WHICH LOT LINE IS THE SAME AS THE ONE WHICH ORIGINALLY SEPARATED LOT NO. 27 FROM LOT NO. 28 AND MEASURED 148.7 FEET.

SAID LEGAL DESCRIPTION WAS REFORMED BY INTERIM MASTER IN EQUITY'S ORDER FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT / REFORMATION OF DEED AND REFORMATION OF MORTGAGE, DATED OCTOBER 17, 2018 AND FILED OCTOBER 17, 2018 IN CASE NO. 2018-CP-43-00115 AND

Notice of Sale

RECORDED DECEMBER 4, 2019 IN BOOK 1262 AT PAGE 4391 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT/REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LYNN GOODWIN BY DEED OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. GUPTON DATED JULY 29, 2011 AND RECORDED JULY 1, 2011 IN BOOK 1156 AT PAGE 2634 IN THE ROD OFFICE FOR SUMTER COUNTY.

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In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.

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