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Hewett brothers take Sumter High, Wilson Hall swim programs to new heights

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Food truck court, new playground will open at Shot Pouch in 2026

Skate park and bike path to come in project's Phase 2

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The Sumter Connectivity & Greenways Master Plan for Shot Pouch Creek published in February 2014 states the city aims to make Prisma Health Shot Pouch Greenway "a linear park serving as a 'spine' for greater connectivity in Sumter." The latest implementation of this, with expanded parking, restroom facilities, a food truck court and an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant playground, is well underway and set to be completed next year, according to City of Sumter Communications and Tourism Director Shelley Hartley.

This more than $3 million expansion to Shot Pouch Greenway also will include solar lighting, 4-foot welded steel fencing and dozens of new trees. "Because we are a Tree City USA-certified city, anything that we take down, we always try and replace,"

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A picnic pavilion will provide customers with a place to enjoy a meal from food trucks.

Learning to fly



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A Liberty STEAM Charter School student gets instructions before taking flight in an F-16 Fighting Falcon simulator at a Lockheed Martin demonstration event on Monday at the school's campus inside Sumter Mall. About 50 dignitaries attended the event, including the Sumter Legislative Delegation, Sumter Mayor David Merchant and other community leaders.

Liberty STEAM students get experience with F-16 simulator as part of workforce focus

BY BRUCE MILLS
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What's it like to fly in an F-16 fighter jet? Unless you are a U.S. Air Force pilot at Shaw Air Force Base, most Sumterites and area residents have no clue.

But students at Liberty STEAM Charter School got that experience on Monday through a hands-on cockpit simulator demonstration put on by a major defense and aerospace company in its focus "to educate and inspire tomorrow's scientists, engineers, mathematicians and aviators."

Those were some of the words of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Vice President and General Manager Mike Shoemaker to describe the manufacturer's support to schools in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) to help students see their potential as future leaders.

The company's cockpit simulator travels across the country and world to schools and air shows, he said, to show youth potential careers in aviation, whether it be jet maintenance, production or as a pilot.

Since 2023, Lockheed Martin has produced the current model of the

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Mayesville Town Council candidates campaign for transparency, collaboration

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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Early voting is underway for the 2025 local election season, and candidates for Mayesville Town Council shared the vision they'd work to bring to fruition during a Meet the Candidates Fish Fry on Saturday, Oct. 18.

United Citizens of Mayesville hosted the public fish fry at the town's gazebo to introduce residents to town council candidates running for one of two open seats: current Mayor Pro Tem Roteshia Benjamin's and that of ex-councilman Terence Wilson.



PRINCE



WISE

In 2022, Wilson was removed from his seat by Gov. Henry McMaster after he was indicted by a grand jury for threatening the life of a public official, according to *The Item* archives.

Alongside Benjamin, who is running for re-election, Shameka Hamlin, Janice Blackwell Prince and Shirley Wise are vying for a seat on council.

Event coordinators confirmed with *The Sumter Item* that all four candidates were invited. Benjamin and Hamlin were absent.

Other delegates who represent Sumter County, including County Councilwoman

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Duke Energy Progress will hold Oct. 27 rate increase hearing

Looking back at a decade of residential electricity statistics

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On Oct. 27, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina will begin its official hearing on Duke Energy Progress's requested electricity rate increases, which would increase average residential customers' bills by about 15%, or $20 a month. This would be the latest in a series of rate increases by the investor-owned regulated public utility company, and per EIA Electric Sales, Revenue and Average Price data, rate increases between 2013 and 2024 for residential Duke Energy Progress SC customers significantly outpaced increases in both number of customers and amount of electricity dispersed.

— Since 2013, Duke Energy Progress residential rates for South Carolina customers have increased by 49%, from 9.97 cents/kWh to 14.88 cents/kWh per U.S. Energy Information Administration data.

— During that same period, the amount of electricity consumed by residential consumers in South Carolina decreased 7%, while the number of South Carolina residential customers grew by 6%, or less than 10,000 customers.

— Meanwhile, between 2013 and 2024, Duke Energy Progress's net income — which is revenue with expenses deducted — went from about $500 million to about $1.16 billion.

This increase is reflective of statewide trends. Between winter 2001 and summer 2025,

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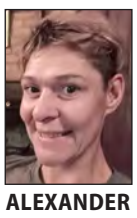
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Death of missing Sumter woman is considered 'suspicious,' deputies say

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The body of a missing Sumter woman was found Monday morning in the Pinewood Road area. Investigators consider her death suspicious, according to Sumter County Sheriff's Office.


ALEXANDER

Jessica Christine Alexander, 42, of Sumter, was reported missing on Friday, Oct. 17, according to Mark Bordeaux, public information officer with the sheriff's office.

According to a sheriff's office release from Oct. 17, family members last spoke to Alexander by phone on Oct. 15. The last person to have seen her was a friend on Oct. 14.

Alexander did not drive and did not have a vehicle.

Her body was found at about 10 a.m. on Oct. 20 in the area of Pinewood and Cody roads.

The cause of death has not yet been determined, and an autopsy will be conducted. The case is being treated as suspicious pending those results, Bordeaux said.

"We had hoped we would find Ms. Alexander alive, but it was not to be," said Sheriff Anthony Dennis. "Our missing person investigation has come to a close, but now we must find out what happened to her."

Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's office at (803) 436-2000 during business hours or 911 after hours.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously to *www.p3tips.com* or through the P3 Tips app for mobile devices.

Tipsters may be eligible for a reward.

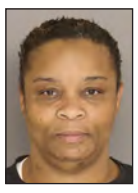
This is an ongoing investigation, and more information will be released when it becomes available.

Arrest made in alleged assault case against Lakewood student

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Sumter County Sheriff's Office arrested an employee suspected of assaulting a special-needs student in September.

Marceeda Lynett Walker, 49, of Sumter, was charged with third-degree assault and battery, according to Mark Bordeaux, public information officer for the sheriff's office.


WALKER

Walker was a paraprofessional with the school and was initially hired from July 25, 2024, through July 21, 2025, and was rehired Aug. 18, 2025, for the paraprofessional position at Lakewood, according to Shelly Galloway, executive director of communication and community engagement for the district. Walker resigned in lieu of termination on Sept. 15, Galloway said.

The sheriff's office was notified by parents of the student on Oct. 14 about the incident that reportedly occurred on Sept. 10.

Walker was arrested and taken to Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center.

An investigation is ongoing.



Top honors in her field

Liberty STEAM Charter School Psychologist L'ara McAlister, left, receives the 2025 South Carolina School Psychologist of the Year Award on Friday, Oct. 17, from state Association of School Psychologists President Beth Gavin. The recognition occurred at the association's fall conference at Francis Marion University in Florence. McAlister is in her second year at Liberty STEAM after serving 32 years in the former Sumter School District 2 and then Sumter School District. According to the state's Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement based at Winthrop University, there are 566 school psychologists in South Carolina's public schools.

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1 dead, 1 charged after dispute leads to shooting in Rembert

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Sumter County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested a man in connection to a fatal shooting in Rembert on Saturday, Oct. 18.

At about 3:44 p.m., deputies responded to a shooting call on Louis Circle in Rembert, where they found Rodney Lavern China, 51, of Sumter County deceased, according to Mark Bordeaux, public information officer for the sheriff's office.


DAIS

Witnesses told investigators that a verbal dispute between China and Quinshaun Dais, 38, of Louis Circle, escalated into a physical altercation, according to Bordeaux. During the altercation, Dais reportedly fired several shots, striking and killing China.

Dais was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime, Bordeaux said. He was transported to Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center, where he remains pending a bond hearing.

An autopsy will be performed on Monday, Oct. 20, at Medical University of South Carolina, according to a news release from Sumter County Coroner's Office.

Sheriff Anthony Dennis said the shooting is isolated.

"This was totally avoidable and unnecessary. It was an argument that could have remained civil. Instead, the argument turned into assault, and the suspect then resorted to deadly force," Dennis said. "A life was lost and families forever changed. People must learn to communicate and never resort to gun violence."

Sumter County Coroner's Office and Sumter County Sheriff's Office are investigating, and next of kin has been notified.

Sumter Newcomers Club welcomes all to its Halloween event on Oct. 23

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Sumter Newcomers Club invites the community to join in on the Halloween festivities by attending its upcoming event.

Founded in 1968 by Mary Hines, Sumter Newcomers Club has welcomed new residents to the community to gather information and have questions that come with moving to a new area answered.



Many of the new residents have enjoyed the festivities and friendships formed throughout the group so much that they became members and have remained so for 35 years.

In the decades since, the members have enjoyed many gatherings with homemade food and wholesome conversations.

That includes the upcoming event on Thursday, Oct. 23. Open to the community, the club will host a luncheon and have a Halloween costume contest with a prize for the best costume. The club encourages all to attend, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive, to make new friends and long-lasting relationships.

This event won't differ much from its previous gatherings, which include a gathering to enjoy coffee, juice and delicious breakfast foods and baked goods — all made by members — and listening to information from a variety of speakers coming from different organizations and agencies in the community. Earlier this month, the group enjoyed enchantingly spooky ghost stories from Sumter Museum's Diana Roof.

In all, each event will be good eats and good fellowship, and the Newcomers Club wants all to experience it.

The club also hosts various board and card games at different locations throughout the county as well as a book club and compassion group.

"We have something almost every day of the month to further your relationships and keep you from being bored," the club said.

The club sends a monthly calendar and newsletter to keep folks up to date on the fun events; these can be emailed or mailed to you.

For more information or to sign up, contact Shelly Brown at (803) 968-0024.

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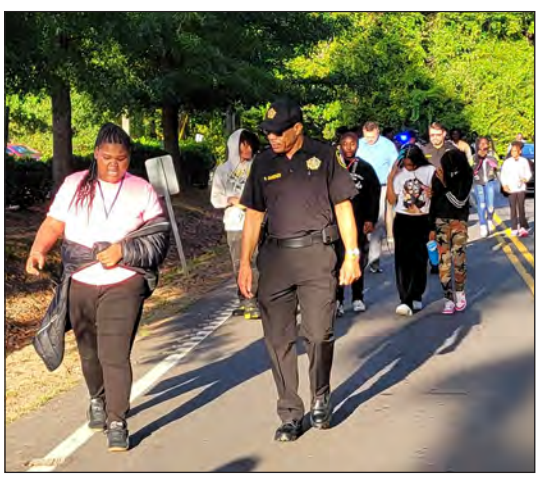
Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce's Porches of Sumter returned to feed and entertain a crowd on Friday, Oct. 10. The Historic District event invites guests to try different bites to eat while listening to live music and enjoying the company of their neighbors, area businesses and families.



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Sumter County Sheriff's Office joins Chestnut Oaks Middle for National Walk to School Event



On Oct. 8, in a powerful show of community partnership and encouragement, members of Sumter County Sheriff's Office led by Chief Deputy Hampton Gardner joined forces with Chestnut Oaks Middle School for the Annual National Walk to School Event. The morning was filled with energy, smiles and meaningful conversations as approximately 100 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students walked alongside several sheriff's office deputies through the streets leading to the Salterstown Community Center before returning to campus. This inspiring initiative highlighted more than just physical movement — it represented unity, mentorship and the shared goal of promoting healthy living. As students and officers walked together, they exchanged stories, advice and laughter, reinforcing the idea that wellness extends beyond exercise to include positive connections and community engagement. By participating in the Walk to School Event, students gained a deeper appreciation for the importance of incorporating healthy habits into their daily routines — from staying active to maintaining positive mindsets and making responsible choices. Deputy Chief Gardner and his team served as outstanding role models, demonstrating the power of collaboration and the vital role that community leaders play in shaping the next generation.



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Mayesville Presbyterian to welcome Grammy-caliber duo to concert series

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Duo Karolina Mikolajczyk, left, and Iwo Jedynecki will showcase their unique sound of violin and accordion for Mayesville Presbyterian Church's Rejoicing Series on Oct. 26. A chat with the audience will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the concert at 4 p.m.

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Surprises are meant to be shared, and Mayesville Presbyterian Church wants to share this one with the community.

As part of the church's Rejoicing Series, which offers quality concerts of varying musical genres as well as worship and educational events, Grammy-caliber concert musical duo Karolina and Iwo will showcase their "surprisingly exquisite" combination of accordion and violin on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the church.

Iwo Jedynecki and Karolina Mikolajczyk, a married couple from Poland, have been described as "so well matched that it sounds like one instrument" by world-renowned violinist Maxim Venegrov. The accordion's "warm tone" blends with the "sweet resonance" of the violin to sound almost like a string quartet.

Karolina plays a Duke London violin from 1776 and has studied in Cologne, France, and Warsaw, Poland. Iwo plays a Pigni Sirius Millennium accordion and has performance degrees from universities in Poland, Germany and the United States. While at New York University, Iwo was the first accordionist to receive the Fulbright scholarship. Both musicians hold doctorate degrees in musical arts, and their instruments were bought by Poland's Ministry of Culture and National Heritage.

The couple is considered to be one of the most vibrant and innovative chamber ensembles of the young generation and offers performances that are "perfect and mature, yet luminous and filled with youthful vitality." Their repertoire ranges from Bach and Beethoven to tangos and contemporary music, and with thanks to Iwo's accordion transcriptions, the well-loved concert repertoire takes on new qualities and tone colors.

To date, Karolina and Iwo have recorded four CD albums, one of which was nominated for the Fryderyk Prize, the Polish equivalent of a Grammy.

Such talent has been recognized greatly, with the couple being awarded Poland's most prestigious prize for classical music, the Polityka Passport, in 2024 for their "versatility and ability to navigate through diverse musical realms; virtuosity, unbridled imagination and ingenuity in selecting and creating new repertoire for the distinctive combination of violin and accordion." As a duo, Karolina and Iwo are winners of Grand Prix and First Prizes at several international music competitions.

Their sound has crossed many oceans, having drawn enthusiastic crowds to recitals at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall in New York, Esplanade Concert Hall in Singapore, The Edge Melbourne in Australia, Teatro del Lago in Chile, Guangzhou Opera House in China and a sell-out debut performance at the Warsaw Philharmonic. To date, they have presented recitals in 32 countries on five continents including France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Georgia, United States, Cuba, United Arab Emirates, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, China, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Brunei and Thailand.

Performances in America, let alone the South, are rare for the duo, as they tour the United States two or three times a year. For the upcoming concert, the pair will present a program of music that includes Chopin nocturnes, Mozart sonatas, movie themes and tangos. During the audience chat that precedes the Mayesville concert, the audience will have the opportunity to learn about their instruments as well as ask questions about Karolina and Iwo's life as international concert artists.

The free concert will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26, at Mayesville Presbyterian Church, 109 W. Sumter St., just off U.S. 76. The preconcert chat with the audience will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the concert at 4 p.m.

For a full schedule of the Rejoicing Series, visit *www.mayesvillepres.org*.

All events in the series are free, and donations are accepted, as the series is dependent upon donations for its development and continuation. Gifts can be made at the door, by mail to P.O. Box 141, Mayesville SC 29104, or online at *www.mayesvillepres.org*.

CHURCH NEWS

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West End Community Church, 101 S. Salem St., announces:

— Saturday, Oct. 25 — A community church clothes giveaway will be held for men, women and children. Hotdogs and drinks will be served at the event behind the church in rear parking space from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hearts United, partnering in November with SOAR Global Kingdom Network, 1355 McIver Road, Darlington, announces:

— Nov. 8 — Kingdom Activation Intensive. This event will be a day of training and activation on the word of God that will propel you to walk in the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe, according to Scripture, that God's intent for His church is for her to walk in the gifts of the Spirit, in the casting out of demons and healing those who are oppressed. If you desire to walk in this calling and be a part of this end times revival, join us for this Kingdom Activation Intensive. Be equipped, be empowered, and be activated. Admission is free, and lunch is included. Meeting at Dominion Church Darlington, 1355 McIver Road, Darlington.

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

— Sunday, Oct. 26 — The Mount Zion Mass Choir Anniversary will be celebrated at 10:45 a.m.

Evangelist Dexter Chandler will speak at The C.U.R.E. Tent Revival at 7 nightly Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 22-24, at 1770 Camden Highway, Sumter. For information, call (843) 389-5497.

Church of Christ, 313 Mooneyham Road, will hold October Fest at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. The public, gospel singers and choirs are invited to help the church praise and uplift the name of Jesus through song and praise.

The Church Women United of the Greater Sumter Area will celebrate World Community Day at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at St. Paul AME Church, 835 Plowden Mill Road. The theme will be "Be Kind at All Times."

The Bagnal Pork-B-Que Dinner, sponsored by **The Southern Methodist Church of Summerton,** 1107 Felton Road, Summerton, will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov 1. The meal will be cafeteria-style served in the Vernon Way Fellowship Hall or take-out. Cost is $15/plate, which includes pulled pork barbecue, hash and rice, coleslaw, bread and cake.

The easy way is not God's way



Seeking comfort and not being willing to stand against sin leaves us lukewarm and vulnerable to defeat and destruction. Christians who avoid getting their hands dirty with prayer and obedience might have religious knowledge but are developing spiritual muscle atrophy. If we stay on the couch and only eat rich foods and dream of pleasures, before long, we will not be strong enough to take care of ourselves.

This is what happens in the spirit realm when the only outward sign of being a Christian is talking "about" God. Many do not read or study the Bible on their own and just remember what someone else has said. Why? Because they are lazy and have anxiety that the Lord is going to demand them to give up everything they have and follow Him.

Matthew, Mark and Luke tell the story of a rich young ruler who spoke to Jesus about how he could obtain eternal life. It's common to feel pity when we only see this as a selfish, arrogant person who would rather remain in control of their own life. However, it becomes sobering when we realize this is also a direct demand to all who call themselves disciples of Christ.



The Rev. Dr. Billy Holland

There was a time King David grew weary of his struggles. He was so tired in his soul, so embattled and beset by troubles, all he wanted was to escape to a place of rest and comfort. In Psalm 55:4-8, we read, "My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me... And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away, and be at rest ... I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest." There is a valuable lesson to be learned when we substitute our responsibility to obey God with an easier, more relaxing and pleasurable way.

If you read about crabs, they are creatures that live in a rough, dangerous environment among jagged rocks. Crabs are constantly pummeled by the waves and attacked on every side by creatures from deeper waters. Their lives are a continual battle to protect themselves, but over time, they develop an endurance, a strong shell and powerful instincts for survival. However, some give up the struggle and search for a more complacent way to live by taking up residence in the abandoned shells of other ocean dwellers. These crabs are known as hermit crabs. They escape the hard work to relax in comfort.

However, when the crabs become inactive and stop fighting the good fight, atrophy sets in, and their bodies deteriorate. Even their organs wither due to lack of use, and eventually they lose all power of motion, as well as the ability to defend themselves from their enemies. As their claws fall off, they are left with a powerless existence. Likewise, going through the motions of a nominal and mediocre religious existence is not what God wants. When the Christian surrenders to the temptation to live in carnality, they no longer care about being a living sacrifice. Yes, the battle is hard, and it's much easier to hide in the shell of religion than to actually do what God is demanding. Read Matthew 24:13-15.

Ephesians chapter six talks about the seven types of armor that Christians have been commanded to wear in this life, as God has called us to be fearless warriors in the battle against evil. We have the helmet, breastplate, shield, sword, boots, the belt and the most important weapon — prayer. When a soldier engages the adversary, they are protected from the front, but there is no mention of protection from the back. The call to war is to stand firm against the enemy, as this allows faith and power in God's name to boldly confront the darkness face to face. The saint must not turn and run away in fear, as this exposes their back, and they become a vulnerable target to be easily brought down with deadly arrows and spears. It would be better to remain in prayer and continue developing wisdom, discernment and faith than to participate in spiritual warfare unprepared. Remember the true account in Mathew 17:19-21. Awaken, and take your place on the front lines today! The devil tries to persuade us to take it easy, but remember, his mission is to steal, kill and destroy. As a liar and deceiver, he appears to be friendly and tries to persuade us with compromises but is holding a dagger behind his back.

Dr. Holland is a minister, chaplain, and author. Learn more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com.

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Worship 11:00 am
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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SUMTER'S NEXT GENERATION

Emma Ketchum



Crestwood senior, singer Emma Ketchum on the growth and harmony REACH brought into her life

At just 17 years old, Crestwood High School senior Emma Ketchum has spent most of her life chasing melodies. From the church stand, her young voice squeaking out the words to "God Bless America," to an anxious ninth-grader singing for her spot as one of few named to South Carolina All-State Choir.

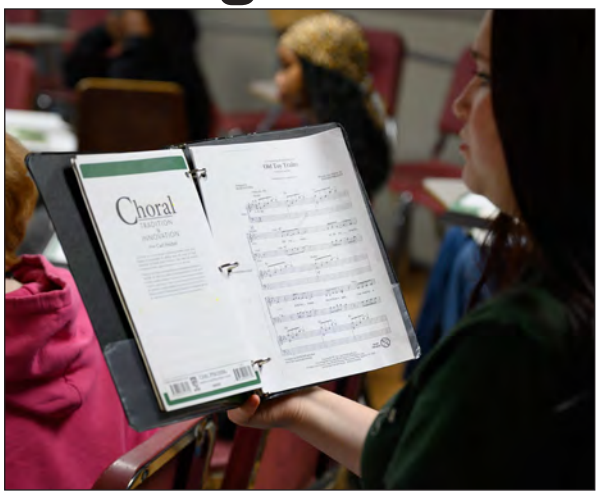
But this determination to defy her nerves isn't new to Emma.

"I definitely come from a musical family," Emma explained. "My grandmother, she actually was going to do some CDs and things. Unfortunately, it didn't work out, but I got a lot of it, I would say, from her. My mother and her parents definitely supported it. Any time I wanted to sing, she put me out there."

That encouragement paid off early. One of Emma's first memories on stage came at just 3 years old at her church. It wasn't the best performance of her young career, but it taught her the importance of putting yourself out there.

By third grade, she landed her first major role as Young Simba in her school's production of "The Lion King." She was bitten by the theater bug, filling out roles as Belle and other profound and musically inclined characters. But Emma would get the chance to take her craft a step further. That same year in third grade, she auditioned for REACH, Sumter School District's gifted and talented summer arts program that has helped shape hundreds of local young performers. For three weeks each June, students immerse themselves in music, theater and visual art. For Emma, it was the "biggest step" in her musical journey.

"I actually did theater and music — I auditioned for both, but I stuck with music once I got in. REACH was a huge step for me. I like the idea of learning a lot of different experiences, [and] it was never the same," she explained. "You had to learn a lot of different skills to be able to sing, especially at that pace; learning 10 songs in three weeks, especially with Littles [elementary portion of REACH]. You have to be able to pick up skills quick."



That level of adaptability came with its fair share of struggles, learning to keep the pace, stay in tune and find your voice in harmony. But it came with great lessons on how to conduct herself as a professional and a person. It taught her that criticism is less of what others want to change about you and more of what others know you are capable of. To have choir directors change keys on a whim or alter choreography down to the last second was only to better the performance and the performer. Her nine years in REACH shaped her consistency in her craft and the confidence that would back it, which led her to getting her first solo in third grade. Her willingness to put herself out there, to take a chance on her talent and share it beyond the harmonies of the choir or the corners of her bedroom has granted her a solo every year since.

Her voice has allowed her to grace many stages, both local and statewide — including South Carolina All-State Choir. Emma was one of two Crestwood freshmen to make All-State when the program began allowing ninth-graders. For three years, she has ranked in the top 10 in state, earning fifth place this past year.

"I've been very fortunate ... I didn't think I'd make it in," she said through laughter.

Outside of school and All-State, Emma lends her voice as a member of Trinity United Methodist Church choir. Post-high school graduation, Emma plans to minor in music in college while studying in another field. By doing so, she hopes to become a vocal instructor or choral director who can help young singers find their voice the same way she found hers.

For younger students wondering whether to audition for REACH or All-State, Emma's advice is concise but encourages commitment.

"You just need to do it," she expressed. "Even if you don't make it in, the idea of getting that type of experience for auditioning and the resilience to keep trying to do these types of things is a big skill, not only for jobs or life, it's a personal skill."

"You can apply that to any aspect of your life. You need to be able to take those types of steps, be able to be a little risque, if you will, and put yourself out there, because if I didn't, I would never have had these opportunities."

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Donna Washington's enchantingly spooky night captivates audience

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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It's rare that the words eerie and enchanting sit alongside each when describing an experience that kept you hooked on to every word, following the artist around every metaphorical turn of the story. An experience that brought you to the edge of your seat every time, your chills and curiosity eager to know the ending but longing for it to never come.

It's rare that such an experience can be frightening and delighting, creepy and witty, eerie and enchanting.

It's rare, until you've experienced the storytelling splendor of Donna Washington.







Her ability to weave in details that entice into dialogue that excites against a backdrop sure to give you a delightful fright was an experience worthy of the applause she was showered in.

As part of Sumter Opera House's Acoustic Cafe series, hosted in its City Centre at 25 N. Main St., the venue lowered its lights to heighten the senses of attendees for Washington's storytelling adventure.

An award-winning, internationally known master storyteller, artist-educator and author, Washington began her career right after graduating from Northwestern University. She has been featured at numerous festivals, schools, libraries, theaters and other venues around the world, including Canada, Peru, Ireland, Argentina and Hong Kong. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she presented more than 200 virtual shows and workshops.

During her time in South Carolina, she traveled to schools throughout Sumter and Lee counties, giving 720 students a "memorable moment with Mrs. Donna," according to City of Sumter Cultural Manager Seth Reimer.

The resounding applause that followed Washington's final bow only solidified the people's demand to have her and her storytelling gift back again.

To learn more about Washington or hear her stories for yourself, visit *www.dlwstoryteller.com*.

Though the Opera House's main stage is undergoing renovations, the venue will still host shows throughout its two-year closure. To see a full list of its season shows, visit *www.sumteroperahouse.com*.



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Sumter Opera House hosted storyteller Donna Washington in Sumter City Centre in downtown on Friday, Oct. 17. The event is the first in the opera house's 2025 season of acoustic cafes, held in the City Centre while the Opera House undergoes extensive renovation.



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Regular cleaning of feeders promotes bird health

BY SCDNR

A healthy flock of backyard birds often reflects the cleanliness of your bird feeders. Feeding birds during the fall and winter months is a favorite activity for many South Carolinians, as birds readily take advantage of supplemental food sources. This season is also an ideal time to commit to cleaning your bird feeders regularly — about once a month.

"Cleaning the feeders and bird baths where birds congregate is very helpful to the birds," said Amy Tegeler, SCDNR bird conservation coordinator. "Disease can spread from bird to bird via saliva or feces, so it's important to be mindful of where they gather. Don't forget to clear waste seed from the ground beneath feeders, too. Clean feeders can reduce the spread of diseases like avian pox and finch eye disease."

To clean your feeders:

• Soak them in warm, soapy water and scrub thoroughly with brushes to reach every nook and cranny.

• Use a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water for seed feeders.

• For hummingbird feeders, use one part vinegar to four parts water.

Periods of rainy weather can cause seed to sprout or turn rancid quickly. Some feeders disassemble for easier cleaning. Also, keeping a few extra feeders on hand allows you to swap them out as needed. You can then clean the used ones when you have time — no need to worry about birds losing interest while the feeders are being cleaned.

"The placement of feeders near your home is also important," added Tegeler. "To avoid window collisions, place feeders either less than three feet or more than 10 feet from your house. Black oil sunflower seeds are a great choice for most feeders, and if squirrels become a problem, try a hot pepper-flavored suet."

Routine cleaning helps ensure that visiting birds stay healthy and that feeders remain in good condition all season long.

Transplanting shrubs: Timing, technique for a thriving garden

BY JESSICA DAMIANO
Associated Press

It's the end of the gardening season, and those of us who've endured a less-than-perfect layout may be itching to move shrubs around. But proper timing is imperative.

I inadvertently planted a Clethra bush too close to a peach tree, and their intertwining branches have been taunting me all summer. But because the Clethra is a late-season bloomer, I'll have to wait a bit longer before I can safely move it.

As a general rule, shrubs (and perennials) that bloom in late summer and fall should be transplanted in spring, just after they emerge from dormancy. This timing provides ample time for roots to establish before the plant's energy is redirected toward blooming.

Spring and early summer bloomers should be relocated in the fall, when their blossoms and, sometimes, foliage, are long gone.

START WITH ROOTS

Before attempting to dig up shrubs, research how deep and wide their roots typically grow. Shallow-rooted shrubs, like rhododendron, for instance, are easier to dig up than, say, manzanita, which have very deep root systems. Take the plant's age into account, too, as mature shrubs will have larger roots than younger ones.

Your findings will guide your digging: New holes should be as close to twice the width of roots as possible — and exactly as deep.

Always dig a hole for the plant's new home before removing it from the ground to minimize root exposure.

When possible, gently tie the plant's branches together to get a better view of the area you're digging. This step also helps prevent eye injuries from errant stems.

Take care to dig up as much of the roots as possible, plunging a sharp-edged shovel into the soil at what you estimate to be the roots' farthest point and working your way around the perimeter of the plant. Then, retrace your steps, this time with more force to insert the tool deeply enough to lift roots out of the ground from underneath.

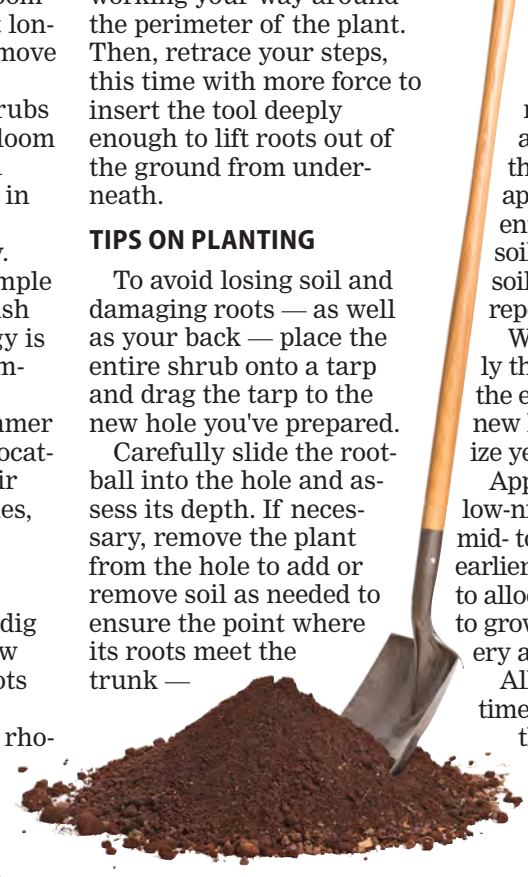
TIPS ON PLANTING

To avoid losing soil and damaging roots — as well as your back — place the entire shrub onto a tarp and drag the tarp to the new hole you've prepared.

Carefully slide the rootball into the hole and assess its depth. If necessary, remove the plant from the hole to add or remove soil as needed to ensure the point where its roots meet the trunk — the plant's crown —sits at the same level it was previously.

Plant too deeply, and the crown and trunk will eventually rot; too shallow, and the roots will dry out, suffer sun and cold damage and struggle to spread horizontally.

When you're satisfied the shrub is sitting straight and at the correct depth, begin backfilling the hole with soil, stopping periodically to firmly tamp it down to eliminate air pockets. Water the soil halfway through, then resume backfilling and tamping. Water the soil again, then apply mulch over the entire root zone to retain soil moisture, regulate soil temperature and repel weeds.



Water the plant regularly through frost during the entire first year in its new home, but don't fertilize yet.

Apply a slow-release, low-nitrogen fertilizer in mid- to late spring. Doing so earlier would force the plant to allocate its limited energy to growth rather than recovery and root development.

Allowing transplants time to settle in can mean the difference between a struggling shrub and one that thrives for years to come.

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Big Tech is paying millions to train teachers on AI, in a push to bring chatbots into classrooms

BY JOCELYN GECKER
AP Education Writer

SAN ANTONIO — On a scorching hot Saturday in San Antonio, dozens of teachers traded a day off for a glimpse of the future. The topic of the day's workshop: enhancing instruction with artificial intelligence.

After marveling as AI graded classwork instantly and turned lesson plans into podcasts or online storybooks, one high school English teacher raised a concern that was on the minds of many: "Are we going to be replaced with AI?"

That remains to be seen. But for the nation's 4 million teachers to stay relevant and help students use the technology wisely, teachers unions have forged an unlikely partnership with the world's largest technology companies. The two groups don't always see eye to eye but say they share a common goal: training the future workforce of America.

Microsoft, OpenAI and Anthropic are providing millions of dollars for AI training to the American Federation of Teachers, the country's second-largest teachers union. In exchange, the tech companies have an opportunity to make inroads into schools and win over students in the race for AI dominance.

AFT President Randi Weingarten said skepticism guided her negotiations, but the tech industry has something schools lack: deep pockets.

"There is no one else who is helping us with this. That's why we felt we needed to work with the largest corporations in the world," Weingarten said. "We went to them — they didn't come to us."

Weingarten first met with Microsoft CEO Brad Smith in 2023 to discuss a partnership. She later reached out to OpenAI to pursue an "agnostic" approach that means any company's AI tools could be used in a training session.

Under the arrangement announced in July, Microsoft is contributing $12.5 million to AFT over five years. OpenAI is providing $8 million in funding and $2 million in technical resources, and Anthropic has offered $500,000.

TECH MONEY WILL BUILD AN AI TRAINING HUB FOR TEACHERS

With the money, AFT is planning to build an AI training hub in New York City that will offer virtual and in-person workshops for teachers. The goal is to open at least two more hubs and train 400,000 teachers over the next five years.

The National Education Association, the country's largest teachers union, announced its own partnership with Microsoft last month. The company has provided a $325,000 grant to help the NEA develop AI trainings in the form of "microcredentials" — online trainings open to the union's 3 million members, said Daaiyah Bilal, NEA's senior director of education policy. The goal is to train at least 10,000 members this school year.

"We tailored our partnership very surgically," Bilal said. "We are very mindful of what a technology company stands to gain by spreading information about the products they develop."

Both unions set similar terms: Educators, not the private funders, would design and lead trainings that include AI tools from multiple companies. The unions own the intellectual property for the trainings, which cover safety and privacy concerns alongside AI skills.

The Trump administration has encouraged the private investment, recently creating an AI Education Task Force as part of an effort to achieve "global dominance in artificial intelligence." The federal government urged tech companies and other organizations to foot the bill. So far, more than 100 companies have signed up.

Tech companies see opportunities in education beyond training teachers. Microsoft unveiled a $4 billion initiative for AI training, research and the gifting of its AI tools to teachers and students. It includes the AFT grant and a program that will give all school districts and community colleges in Washington, Microsoft's home state, free access to Microsoft CoPilot tools. Google says it will commit $1 billion for AI education and job training programs, including free access to its Gemini for Education platform for U.S. high schools.

Several recent studies have found that AI use in schools is rapidly increasing but training and guidance are lagging.

The industry offers resources that can help scale AI literacy efforts quickly. But educators should ensure any partnership focuses on what's best for teachers and students, said Robin Lake, director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education.

"These are private initiatives, and they are run by companies that have a stake," Lake said.

Microsoft CEO Brad Smith agrees that teachers should have a "healthy dose of skepticism" about the role of tech companies.

"While it's easy to see the benefits right now, we should always be mindful of the potential for unintended consequences," Smith said in an interview, pointing to concerns such as AI's possible impact on critical thinking. "We have to be careful. It's early days."

TEACHERS SEE NEW POSSIBILITIES

At the San Antonio AFT training, about 50 educators turned up for the three-hour workshop for teachers in the Northside Independent School District. It is the city's largest, employing about 7,000 teachers.

The day started with a pep talk.

"We all know, when we talk about AI, teachers say, 'Nah, I'm not doing that,'" trainer Kathleen Torregrossa told the room. "But we are preparing kids for the future. That is our primary job. And AI, like it or not, is part of our world."

Attendees generated lesson plans using ChatGPT, Google's Gemini, Microsoft CoPilot and two AI tools designed for schools, Khanmingo and Colorín Colorado.

Gabriela Aguirre, a first-grade dual language teacher, repeatedly used the word "amazing" to describe what she saw.

"It can save you so much time," she said, and add visual flair to lessons. She walked away with a plan to use AI tools to make illustrated flashcards in English and Spanish to teach vocabulary.

"With all the video games, the cellphones you have to compete against, the kids are always saying, 'I'm bored.' Everything is boring," Aguirre said. "If you can find ways to engage them with new technology, you've just got to do that."

Middle school teacher Celeste Simone said there is no turning back to how she taught before.

As a teacher for English language learners, Simone can now ask AI tools to generate pictures alongside vocabulary words and create illustrated storybooks that use students' names as characters. She can take a difficult reading passage and ask a chatbot to translate it into Spanish, Pashto or other languages. And she can ask AI to rewrite difficult passages at any grade level to match her students' reading levels. All in a matter of seconds.

"I can give my students access to things that never existed before," Simone said. "As a teacher, once you've used it and see how helpful it is, I don't think I could go back to the way I did things before."

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Handsy Grandpa ruins relationship during family dinner



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I'm 22, and my boyfriend is 21. We've been dating for a few months. At a recent family dinner, his maternal grandfather hit on me. I was helping to clear the dinner table and leaned across the table to grab some dirty plates when Grandpa shoved his hand up my skirt. Then he leered at me, and my survival instincts kicked in. I slapped him across the face so hard he fell off his chair. It created a scene, and my boyfriend's mother screamed at me.

My boyfriend's sisters tried to downplay what he did, dismissing Grandpa's behavior as "he's just a scamp!" I left the house in a hurry, and the family is now talking about suing me for assault. I'm dumbfounded, and now I'm second-guessing myself. I have told my boyfriend we are over, and he's upset because we had a nice relationship. I'm no longer sure I can go forward with it. Am I in the wrong here? Should I apologize?

SHAKEN IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SHAKEN: You have no reason to apologize. Your boyfriend's family should apologize to you. Your boyfriend's grandfather is not a "scamp." He's an old man who appears to be losing control of his faculties. You were not wrong to defend yourself. If there is any more talk of "suing you for assault" after what Gramps did, tell them you will file a police report about his inappropriate behavior, which was far from harmless. His next victim could be a minor.

DEAR ABBY: In high school, I had a friend who constantly told me he loved me. I never returned the feelings. We remained friends through high school, college and early adulthood. We married others and had children, occasionally popping into each other's lives.

Four years ago, we started texting a lot — probably 100 times a day. Two years ago, we met up (we live in different states now and met halfway) and started a sexual relationship. For 18 months we met once a month. The sex is awesome. Conversations are amazing. Then we stopped. For the next six months we both worked on our marriages. Neither of us is happy.

Two months ago, we started meeting again. I think I'm falling in love with him. I think he loves me, but I also don't think he will leave his family. We have known each other for 40 years. We know the sex is so good, but we are also such good friends. What should I do?

RECONNECTED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR RECONNECTED: You and this man are mature adults. Ask him where he sees your love affair going. Does he plan to continue the status quo, or does he plan to leave his family? If he is as good a friend as you feel he is, he will give you an honest answer, and you will know what to do.

DEAR ABBY: When it's hot, I like to take my shirt off in store parking lots and toss it into the cart while I unload. It gives me some relief from the scorching summer temperatures. This seems relatively harmless to me, but what do you think?

BARE-CHESTED GUY

DEAR GUY: The answer depends upon how "hot" you are. If you're a buff, furry-chested male, it's fine with me as long as you're wearing sunscreen.

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CANDIDATES

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Vivian McGhaney, Sumter school board trustee Gloria Lee and Rep. Keishan Scott (D-Lee), were invited to attend and gave words of encouragement to the candidates, advising them that the job of an elected official is never easy, but it is worth it.

"It's not an easy walk, and you do have work to do. You need to make sure you understand that whatever the assignment is, you got to be very firm and consistent. You got to stand on the word, and you got to understand that policies and regulations have to be fulfilled," Lee said. "It takes a village to build anything, and it takes a community of people with a passion to want to make things happen."

Serving as the facilitator for the panel, Otis Carolina asked candidates who were present, Prince and Wise, to answer a four-part question to cover their background, mission and vision as a potential Mayesville council member and the initiatives that could bring them to fruition.



PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL PITTMAN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Town of Mayesville residents meet in the middle of town for a candidate Q&A session in Mayesville on Saturday, Oct. 18. Community members expressed their concerns and asked questions of candidates. The four candidates for council were invited, and Janice Prince and Shirley Wise were present.

BACKGROUND

Born in Mayesville in a house on Bell Road, Shirley Wise was raised in Delaware for much of her life. Her familial roots still reside in Mayesville, which is what brought her and her family down to visit the area throughout her childhood. In 2010, she moved back to South Carolina, living in different areas across Sumter County before settling down in Mayesville.

Janice Blackwell Prince is a lifelong resident of Mayesville with generations of her family being raised in the town. She has 28 years of experience with Wateree Community Actions, for which she helped facilitate initiatives and grants to assist individuals with utility bills, repairing homes and other needs.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR MISSION, AND WHAT IS DRIVING IT?

Wise: "My mission is unity. To be able to work with the town or mayor to make sure that we have everybody on one accord with what we need to do to bring the town together and to revitalize everything. I would like to see all of this area renovated, our town hall back so that we'll have buildings [and], maybe, we can have our police department back. There's a lot of empty space around; maybe we can get some stores and some places for the children to have a place to go and some afterschool programs. I would like to see resources so that the elderly, the jobless, the homeless, they'll have some type of resources in order



to come and get the help they need."

"We really need to set our meetings so when we go in our meetings, we need decorum so that we'll have time to explain to the town's people what's going on in the town and what our plans are for the next step [and] have the people be able to communicate with us so that we can gain trust back from our community."

Prince: "My mission and my vision intertwine. It's time to do a new thing. We need to get these buildings down that [have been] up since I was a child — 60 years old. Now we've got trees [and] no one in the buildings; I think we need to get rid of that. We need to give the town a place where we can go have coffee or get a sandwich or just sit down and communicate."

"I think we need to acknowledge that there's so many things that we could do if we had respect in our meetings. We're not going to agree with everything, but you can choose to disagree in a respectful way. I also believe in transparency. We need to see the monies that are coming into Mayesville and what is being done with those monies so that you don't have questions about where the money went."

Q: WHAT IS YOUR VISION, AND HOW DO YOU FORESEE YOURSELF GETTING THERE?

Prince: "As far as the vision, once we get started, I believe things will start coming to Mayesville. People will see what we're doing and come back to Mayesville, and we can spend our revenue in Mayesville without going miles to shop. We can shop right here in Mayesville. That is my vision: to shop, to go to a laundromat, to sit down and have some coffee."

"Now, in order to get to the vision to bring things back to Mayesville, I think we need to do some grants. There are a whole lot of grants out there; there are grants to repair homes. Many people in Mayesville need their homes repaired that can't afford it. If you get some grants to come into Mayesville, we can use that money to do it. Whatever we can do with the money coming into Mayesville to benefit the citizens of Mayesville will be greatly appreciated."

Wise: "We need a lot of grants. As far as obtaining grants, I'm willing to work with anybody that's willing to work with me so that we can see this thing through. It's not a one-person mission, it's for everyone. My vision is to see this town come back, maybe not where it used to be but come back to a functional community so that we can attract new families, young families, working families that's going to spend money and make the community grow."

Q: WHAT PRINCIPLES DO YOU PLAN TO ENACT TO ENSURE YOUR MISSION AND VISION ARE INCLUSIVE OF ALL?

Prince: "Some of the principles I believe in, I believe in honesty, I believe in fairness, I believe in integrity, treating everybody the way you want to be treated. If we can do that, if we can come together and give each other ideas of how we want the town to grow, then we'll be OK."

Wise: "The principles I want are honesty, I want to bring back integrity, and I want to bring back peace in the community."

Q: WHAT INITIATIVES WITHIN YOUR VISION WILL YOU BRING TO BENEFIT THE TOWN?

Wise: "My initiative would be to help the people in the town of Mayesville so that each and every person gets a fair shake in the town. To make sure that each and every one of us knows where our tax money is going, to know how it's being distributed and what it is doing to help out the town itself."

Prince: "I worked with Wateree Community Action for 28 years, and during that time, we had different grants and different initiatives to go around and help people with the light bill, repairing their houses and everything. That is one thing I'm passionate about is getting a grant and to bring that back to Mayesville. To help them with things that they cannot do on their own. We had a site in Mayesville at the Maysville Center where we came up and took applications for people's light bills, and that is a help to everybody. That is one of my initiatives: try to help people [because] I like helping them. And I'm going to try to help them with your support."

After the Q&A session, community members shared their concerns about the town and hopes for those running to take the responsibility that comes with the title seriously in an effort to revitalize and connect the town. After a blessing of the food, folks gathered for piping-hot fish and a Saturday morning of conversation and "cutting up," a vibe many residents hoped would become a common occurrence among the town in the near future.

WHERE TO VOTE?

Early voting for Municipal Election Day began Monday, Oct. 20. Those voting in the upcoming election can vote at Sumter County Voter Registration Office at 129 E. Liberty St.

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F-16 Fighting Falcon at their manufacturing facility in Greenville.

As state manufacturers have tried to enhance exposure to high-paying jobs in the sector to youth in the last decade, the F-16 won the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance's annual contest in March 2023 as "The coolest thing made in South Carolina."

About 50 dignitaries attended the F-16 demonstrator event at Liberty's campus inside Sumter Mall, including Speaker of the House Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, the rest of the Sumter Legislative Delegation, community leaders and state Manufacturers Alliance President and CEO Sarah Hazzard, among others.

She described the cockpit simulator as a perfect example of the workforce development training movement in South Carolina and across the U.S.

"Today is all about the future," Hazzard said. "When students can see technology up close, sit in a simulator and imagine what it feels like to fly an F-16, then they begin to see themselves in these roles. That's where careers are born — through moments of curiosity and connection.

"Partnerships like this one between Lockheed Martin and our schools make this possible. They help students see that manufacturing is high-tech, hands-on and full of opportunity. These experiences bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world careers right here in South Carolina."

Before Smith got in the cockpit himself to take flight in the simulator, he also stressed workforce development partnerships



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South Carolina Speaker of the House Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, gets instructions before taking flight in an F-16 simulator at Liberty STEAM Charter School's campus at Sumter Mall on Monday.

allow kids to see their potential in future careers and help build the local and state economy. Those partnerships are critical to assist the state in maintaining a competitive advantage.

In its fifth year with students, Liberty STEAM has focused since it began on filling the workforce pipeline in Sumter and surrounding counties.

Liberty Executive Director Trevor Ivey said the school has targeted four workforce development pathways to include health sciences, business technology, engineering technology and industrial technology where local high-tech jobs will be clustered during the next decade.

A total of 36 community partners from business and industry have joined hands with the school to expose Liberty students in all



A Lockheed Martin official instructs a Liberty STEAM Charter School student while participating in an F-16 Fighting Falcon simulator at a Lockheed Martin demonstration event on Monday at the school's campus inside Sumter Mall.

classrooms to career opportunities. They include such operations as Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Tandem Health, eVAC, BD, SAFE Federal Credit Union, Sumter Utilities and many more, he said.

"As students advance in grade levels, the workforce experiences have a deeper focus," Ivey added.

A majority of the school's fourth- and fifth-graders got to hop in the cockpit simulator and take flight.

Fifth-grade girls Kennedy Isaac, Paisley Lyons and Reagan Williams all shared their experiences.

Lyons said she liked that the simulator gave kids the opportunity to feel what it is like to fly jets.

"It might help some kids decide what their career is going to be," she said. "I really like the fact that our school was chosen to see it. I also liked being able to do different turns up in the air."

Williams, who said she wants to be a pilot or an orthodontist, echoed those sentiments.

"I liked that I got to learn how to fly and got to experience it," she said.

MORE ON LOCKHEED MARTIN

According to Shoemaker, Lockheed Martin has four aviation/aeronautics manufacturing centers. In addition to Greenville for the F-16, the manufacturer's biggest site is in Fort Worth, Texas, and produces the F-35. A C-130 line is produced in Marietta, Georgia, and Palmdale, California, is home for classified production lines, he added.

To date, the Greenville facility's F-16 production line has been for international military sales through the U.S. government to partner nations and their Air Force units, Shoemaker said.

At some point in the future, there could be interest from a domestic perspective for the U.S. Air Force or Air National Guard, he added.



Next few weeks bring lots of Halloween fun, car and truck shows, craft shows and more

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SUMTER COUNTY

Save your appetite on Thursday, Oct. 23, for that evening because the annual **Fall Feast** is back. Enjoy fabulous food and drinks from more than 30 local businesses with family and friends at this outdoor event that benefits Sumter Green. The band Chief Complaint will provide the jams while you sample chefs' favorite dishes cooked just for the crowd. Only guests 18 years and up can attend, and you must have ID for adult beverage participation. Ticket donations in advance are $40 each, and tickets are limited. Group pre-sale ticket discount of $35 each begins at the purchase of 20 or more. Ticket donations at the door are $50 if available, but this event is known to sell out. Buy tickets at *www.sumteroperahouse.com/fall-feast-2025*.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Sumter Museum, 122 N. Washington St., is hosting **Trick or Treat in the Backcountry**. Kids can dress up in their favorite costume and stroll around the homestead for treats from 3 to 5 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Join **Grace Baptist Church's Fall Festival 2025** from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the church, 219 W. Calhoun St. This free event will include Trunk-or-Treat Alley, face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, games, bounce houses and family fun.

"The BEST place to be for family fun!" That's the promise of the deputies at **Sumter County Sheriff's Office** this October, as its **Annual Trunk-or-Treat** is coming up. On Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5 to 8 p.m., everyone can enjoy free hotdogs, chips, drinks, popcorn and of course plenty of candy to go around. And this year the office has added a hayride, so "Come join the fun and make memories with your family!" Don't forget to wear your favorite costume. The event will be at Sumter County Sheriff's Office, 1281 N. Main St.

Trick-or-treat with Sumter's superheroes! Every year our own first responders host a Halloween celebration for local children, spending time meeting the kids and enjoying the festivities together. Join Sumter Police Department and meet your local superheroes during this fun Halloween event sponsored by the department in partnership with Sumter School District, Sumter Fire Department, Sumter Emergency Medical Services, state Department of Juvenile Justice-Sumter and state Highway Patrol. The event will be at Crosswell Drive Elementary School, 301 Crosswell Drive, on Friday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m.

Learn more about the works of Edgar Allan Poe and join Sumter Little Theatre for some adults-only Halloween fun with an immersive fundraiser celebrating Poe's haunting genius. **Ghouls Night Out: A Toast to Poe** is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Oct. 30-31. This fundraising theatrical experience features dramatic performances of Poe's works, signature themed cocktails and a costume contest. Come dressed as your favorite Poe character, in Victorian funeral attire or as Poe himself for a chance to win prizes!" the theater says. Tickets are $55, with discounts for groups of two, three and four people. No one under 21 will be admitted, and everyone must bring ID. Learn more at *SumterLittleTheatre.org/Poe*.

Have a night of spooky fun at Sumter Mall's annual **Malloween Celebration**! Visit the mall on Friday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m. for trick-or-treating at participating stores, free candy (while supplies last), and plenty of chances to show off your best costumes. Kids will fill their buckets with candy, while guests can also scan QR codes around the mall for a chance to win a $100 gift card to their favorite store. This free, family-friendly event is the perfect way to celebrate Halloween safely and in style, so bring your little ghouls, goblins and superheroes for a frightfully good time.

Put on your costume and drop by the Wesmark Branch Library for **Halloween @ The Library** from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. The event will include a story stroll, Halloween trivia, face painting, coloring, activity sheets and take and make crafts. Halloween cartoons will be shown in the meeting room.

All the fun isn't just for the kids. Adults 18 and up are invited to the third **Sumter Crimestoppers Halloween Bash**. You must wear a costume, and there will be prizes for the costume contest winners. The group says, "Join us for the most epic, eerie and exciting adult-only Halloween event of the year. It's the perfect night to grab a friend and show off your most creative (or terrifying) alter-ego!" There will be music by DJ Howie D. No illegal drugs or weapons allowed. You do need tickets, so snag yours at *https://tinyurl.com/bp9sr74u*. Then show up at The Hive, 1695 N. Main St., Sumter, from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Shiloh Project Lift will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the St. John School building, 4515 Narrow Paved Road, Lynchburg. Barbecue will be available for purchase. Attendees may enter for chances to win prizes such as a TV, an air conditioner and cakes. Activities will include cake walks, hayrides, corn hole toss, sack races, kickball, basketball and horseback riding. All ages are welcome to attend. This event supports fundraising efforts for the renovation of St. John School. Residents of surrounding communities are invited to attend. For more information, please call (803) 459-7463.

Shop from over 20 local and area artists for hand-crafted goods at **Sumter First Church of God Craft Show** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in Sumter FCG Fellowship Hall, 1835 Camden Highway. Handmade and boutique items will include clothing and accessories, coastal decor, handmade soaps, crochet items, ornaments, sublimation tumblers, T-shirts, baked goods and more.

Sumter Museum will host **New York Times bestselling author Karen White for a special Talk and Book Signing** on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. in the museum's McKenzie Hall, 122 N. Washington St. White returns to the museum to discuss her newest release, "The Lady on Esplanade," the third novel in her popular Royal Street series, a spin-off of her acclaimed Tradd Street books. The evening will include an engaging author presentation, audience Q&A and book signing opportunity. Tickets are available at two levels: Event only, $10 members | $15 public; Event + book, $35 members | $40 public. Copies of "The Lady on Esplanade" will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of Books on Broad, the official bookseller for the evening. For more information or to reserve tickets, visit *www.SumterMuseum.org* or call (803) 775-0908.

Celebrate and support veterans at the **VFW Car, Truck and Bike Show** in Sumter, coming Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be patriotic trophies for winners, food and drinks, 50/50 and cash giveaways. Cost to register a vehicle is $20. The public is welcome to this free show hosted by VFW Post 3034 and Head Turnerz Car Club, sponsored by Patriot Auto Parts-CARQUEST. Proceeds benefit the post. The show will be at 1925 Gion St. Rain date is Saturday, Nov. 15. Call David Dury at (803) 316-1052 for more information.

Head to Sumter County Civic Center on Saturday, Nov. 8, for the **First Responders BBQ Cookoff and Car/Truck Show**. Grill masters, car/truck entrants and vendors can sign up by contacting Lt. Mike McCoy at *mmccoy@sumtercountysc.gov* or (803) 774-4098. The event starts at 8 a.m. and will include raffles and door prizes, plus awards for participants. Awards for the BBQ Cookoff and Car/Truck show will begin at 2 p.m. Bring the whole family to this free event.

Sumter First Assembly, 1151 Alice Drive, will hold its **Family Fun Fest and Craft Fair** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. The free event will include bounce castles and slides, food, fun, games and prizes.

Sumter Museum will hold the popular **Carolina Backcountry Oyster Roast** from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Museum, 122 N. Washington St. Entertainment will be provided by Chappell Court Band. Purchase your tickets now at *https://tinyurl.com/495hbc8d*.

Get some shopping done at the **Sumter Farmers Market Holiday Market** from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at USC Sumter, 200 Miller Road. Available will be locally grown produce, talented artisans, crafters, holiday decor, sweet treats, jams, jellies, sauces, soaps, lotions, candles and more. Multiple food trucks will be on site. Santa Claus will visit.

CLARENDON COUNTY

Mark your calendar for the annual **Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce's Soups, Stews and Sweets** on Thursday, Nov. 4. From 5 to 7 p.m., stroll from vendor to vendor enjoying the warmth of your favorite fall and winter foods starting at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., Manning. Call (803) 433-7469. More information will be available closer to the event.

COLUMBIA

Have some hard-to-please people on your Christmas gift list? Check out the **Craftsmen's Christmas Classic Arts and Crafts Festival** Friday-Sunday, Nov. 14-16, in the Cantey and Goodman buildings at the S.C. State Fairgrounds, 1200 Rosewood Drive, Columbia. See original designs and works by more than 330 talented artists and craftsmen from across America. See the creative process in action as many exhibitors demonstrate throughout the weekend. Hours are: Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit *https://gilmoreshows.com/columbia-1-2*.

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Hartley explained.

Initially, the food truck court will be first-come, first-served, with any business with sufficient license able to set up for the day provided that it leaves by night. Hartley said should demand for spots soar, the city will consider implementing a selection process. A picnic pavilion will provide customers with a place to enjoy their purchases.

Phase 2 will include a skate park and looping bike track. Hartley explained that further progress is budget bound; these projects are funded primarily through grants from the state for tourism and are completed as funding is secured.

The greenway is a 3.1-mile path that connects Swan Lake Iris Gardens north to Dillon Park. According to city Mayor David Merchant, the trail has had about 5,000 visitors per month so far. It officially opened in January 2023 and was a project 15 years in the making.



This rendering shows how the Joseph T. McElveen Jr. Park at Shot Pouch trailhead will look. Ultimately, City of Sumter aims to make all playgrounds ADA-compliant. City of Sumter Communications and Tourism Director Shelley Hartley said as funding becomes available, the city is rotating through different areas to achieve this.

RENDERINGS PROVIDED BY CITY OF SUMTER



Phase 2 – outlined in the white dotted line – of the Shot Pouch midpoint trailhead will include a skate park and looping bike track and be constructed as funding becomes available.

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the average monthly retail price of electricity for South Carolina residents almost doubled, from about eight cents per kilowatt hour to about 15 per the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

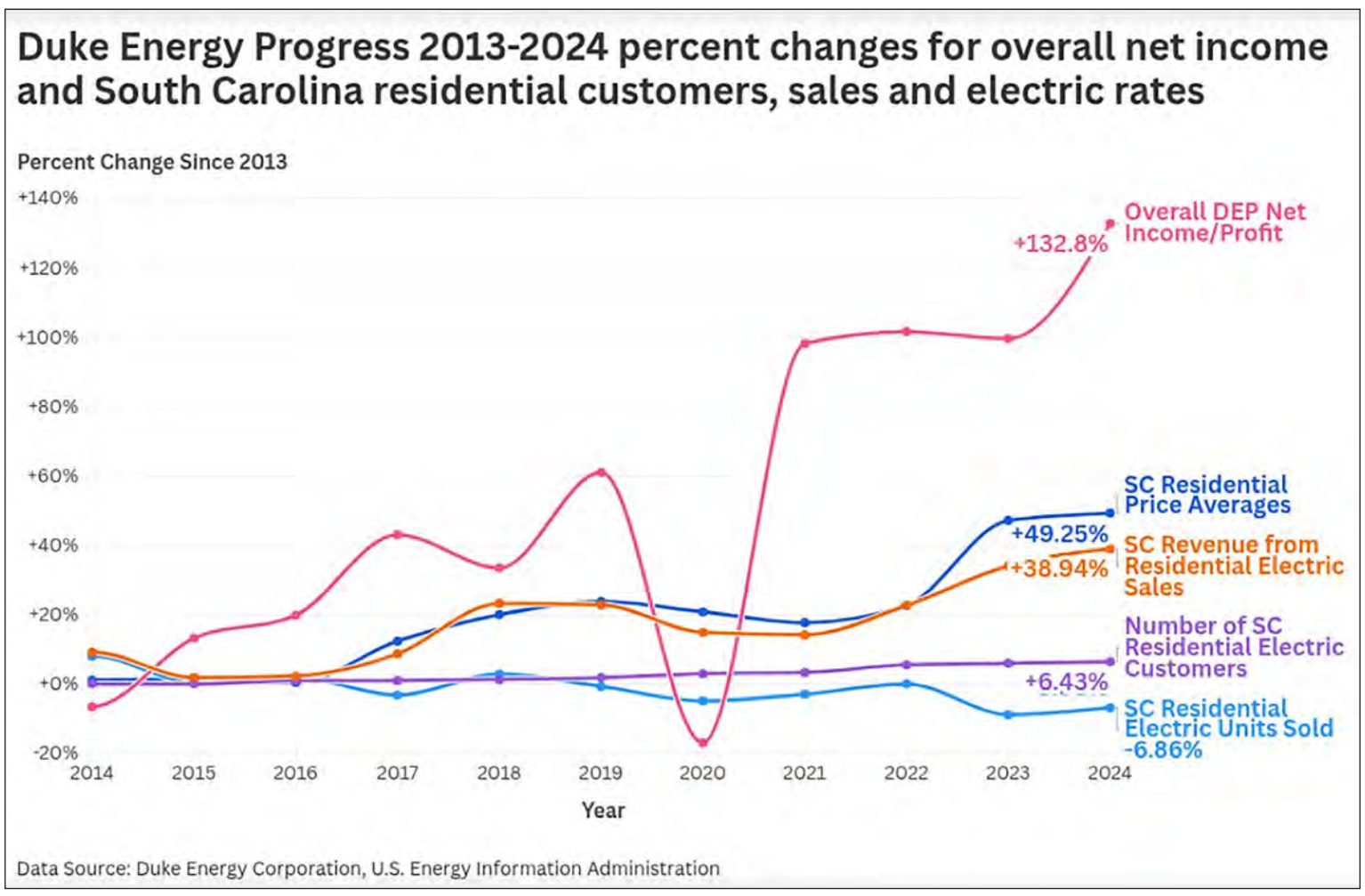
A Duke Energy Progress fact sheet on its proposed rate increase, which was filed in June and would go into effect in February if approved, explained it "reflects the investments we have made to strengthen the grid, improve storm readiness, maintain and enhance our generating fleet and serve a growing customer base."

RATE INCREASE IN CONTEXT OF PROPOSED MERGER

The rate increase proposal comes ahead of a proposed merger between Duke Energy Progress and Duke Energy Carolinas, which will occur in 2027 if approved by PSC. This would be the latest in a series of mergers in an ever-consolidating company and utility industry. Duke Energy Progress was formed in 2012 when Duke Energy Corporation acquired Progress Energy.

According to Duke's website, since Duke Energy acquired Progress Energy in 2012, the merger between DEP and DEC has been in the works.

Duke Energy Corporation primarily operates through subsidiaries like Duke Energy Progress and Duke Energy Carolinas, which operate independently in many ways like setting their own rates. Other subsidiaries include Duke Energy Florida, Duke Energy Indiana and Duke Energy Ohio, which provide public utility services. Altogether, Duke's subsidiaries provide electricity to 8.6 million customers across the Southeast and Midwest. Duke Energy Progress alone serves 1.8 million customers across almost 30,000 square miles.



"The combination will enable us to meet the Carolinas' growing energy needs at a lower cost than what could otherwise occur, saving billions in projected future costs shared by customers across North Carolina and South Carolina," Duke Energy Corporate Communications Manager Ryan Mosier wrote *The Sumter Item* in an email about the merger.

Mosier said this merger is expected to increase efficiency in operations, planning and execution.

"The combination allows us to build fewer resources to meet growth needs than we would need to build if we continued as separate utilities, saving money for customers and spreading these infrastructure investments over a larger customer base helps moderate the impact on rates," he explained.

According to EIA, South Carolina is in the top 10 states in terms of residential electricity use per capita, in large part because of the necessity for air conditioning throughout the year, though 70% of South Carolina homes also use electricity for heating. While residential sales account for 38% of state electricity sales, per Duke Energy reports, in 2024, residential customers only represented about 27% of total sales for Duke Energy Progress.

HOW CAN CONSUMERS PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PROCESS?

Consumers have one final chance to testify in the case and voice their concerns or support before the South Carolina Public Service Commission on Oct. 27. This can be virtually through a link on its website or in person in Columbia. The meeting will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 101 Executive Center Drive, in Columbia. On the same day, the official PSC hearing will begin, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the same location, culminating in a decision by Dec. 12 at the latest, with any approved rate increase going into effect in February. Consumers can also fill out a Letter of Protest on PSC's website.

More information on the rate increase request can be found on the PSC webpage, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff webpage, the Duke Energy Progress webpage or in previous *Sumter Item* reporting at *https://tinyurl.com/2jahy7t5*.

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, Oct. 23, at 7:45 a.m., 10 E. Liberty St.

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex Quadplex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville.

SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CITIZENS COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, Oct. 27, 5 p.m., Rembert Rafting Creek Community Center, 4050 Hwy. 251, North Rembert

SANTEE WATEREE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m., 129 S. Harvin St. For special accommodations, call (803) 934-0396, extension 103. For inquiries, email info@swrta.com or mail SWRTA, 129 S. Harvin St., Sumter, SC 29150.

CITY OF MANNING BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m., 29 W. Boyce St., City Hall Chambers, Manning

SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m., training room of Administrative Building, 750 Electric Drive.

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL

Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

AROUND TOWN

To correct any information or to make a submission to Around Town, email *pressrelease@theitem.com* with Around Town in subject line.

City of Sumter is inviting the public to help shape the **Annual Action plan for using Community Development Block Grant money** to improve neighborhoods and support low- to moderate-income residents. Meeting attendees can share how they would like the money to be spent. Examples include housing rehabilitation, sewer improvements and youth programs. The last meeting on the schedule will be a public hearing Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, at 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4th Floor Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. Entry to all meeting places is handicapped accessible. Hearing impaired or deaf persons may call (803) 774-1649 for assistance. People needing an interpreter may call the same number for assistance.

Are you a teacher looking to make a bigger impact in your classroom? A national nonprofit with local roots in Batesburg-Leesville has a unique opportunity for you. The Center of Excellence for Educator Preparation and Innovation's IMPACT initiative is tackling two of education's biggest challenges: teacher retention and student literacy. The program empowers teachers with the tools and strategies to reach each student, individually. Participating teachers receive a quarterly stipend, professional development, and the chance to earn valuable micro-credentials. The EPI Center is currently seeking certified English Language Arts and Elementary Education teachers. This is your chance to transform your classroom and make a real difference. To apply, visit *epipathways.org* or call (854) 222-7243.

The Evening Optimist Club is accepting applications for the annual Sumter Christmas Parade which will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The theme for the 2025 Christmas Parade is "A Candy Cane Christmas." If your school, civic club, church, or business would like an application, please contact Gail Hyatt at (803) 983-3916, or via email, *gailhyatt@sc.rr.com*. Deadline for entry is Friday, Nov. 14.

Shiloh Project Lift will hold its annual Fall Festival on Nov. 1 at the St. John School building, 4515 Narrow Paved Rd, Lynchburg. Barbecue will be available for purchase. Attendees may enter for chances to win prizes such as a TV, an air conditioner and cakes. Activities include cake walks, hayrides, corn hole toss, sack races, kickball, basketball and horseback riding. This event supports fundraising efforts for the renovation of St. John School. Residents of surrounding communities are invited to attend. For more information, call (803) 459-7463.

Sumter County Recreation Department, in conjunction with South Carolina Attorney General's Office, will host "Golden Connections, A Senior Community Health & Resource Fair" on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Sumter County Civic Center. This is a free event and will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local and state agencies will be on site. There will be prevention information and guest speakers. Activities will include entertainment, bingo and giveaways. Refreshments will be available. For more information, email *recreation@sumtercountysc.gov* or call (803) 436-2248.

WEATHER

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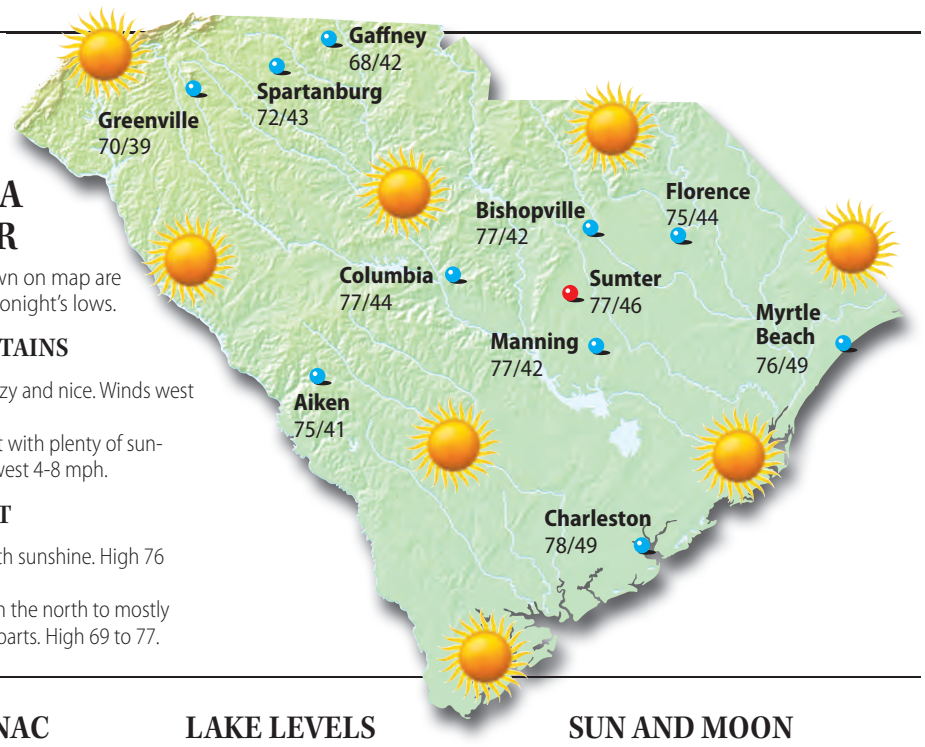
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77°	46°	73° / 46°	72° / 48°	73° / 51°	76° / 59°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 10%
W 7-14 mph	WNW 4-8 mph	NNW 4-8 mph	ENE 4-8 mph	E 4-8 mph	E 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Sunny, breezy and nice. Winds west 10-20 mph.
Thursday: Pleasant with plenty of sunshine. Winds northwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Pleasant with sunshine. High 76 to 82.
Thursday: Sunny in the north to mostly cloudy in southern parts. High 69 to 77.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER MONDAY

Temperature	
High	72°
Low	50°
Normal high	73°
Normal low	49°
Record high	87° in 1950
Record low	27° in 1996

Precipitation	
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	2.31"
Normal month to date	2.84"
Year to date	28.55"
Last year to date	31.38"
Normal year to date	41.02"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.43	-0.13
Marion	76.8	75.12	-0.08
Moultrie	75.5	75.09	+0.03
Wateree	100	96.53	none

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.42	-0.22
Congaree River	19	3.75	-0.04
Lynches River	14	3.57	-0.58
Saluda River	14	1.93	none
Up. Santee River	80	N.A.	N.A.
Wateree River	24	5.14	-0.85

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:33 a.m.	Sunset	6:39 p.m.
Moonrise	8:36 a.m.	Moonset	7:03 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 20

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:18 a.m.	3.5	4:34 a.m.	0.6
	10:23 p.m.	3.0	5:15 p.m.	0.7
Thu.	10:54 a.m.	3.4	5:07 a.m.	0.7
	11:00 p.m.	2.9	5:53 p.m.	0.8

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	72/45/s	77/45/pc
Chicago	51/39/pc	55/36/s
Dallas	80/61/s	85/67/t
Detroit	52/42/sh	51/38/sh
Houston	83/68/s	87/72/t
Los Angeles	73/58/pc	74/58/s
New Orleans	78/62/s	77/64/s
New York	64/49/pc	59/45/pc
Orlando	88/66/s	85/63/s
Philadelphia	66/49/pc	62/45/pc
Phoenix	91/64/s	84/62/s
San Francisco	70/55/pc	68/54/pc
Wash., DC	65/48/s	65/46/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	64/37/s	65/37/s
Athens	72/41/s	72/43/s
Augusta	77/43/s	76/43/s
Beaufort	82/50/s	77/53/pc
Cape Hatteras	71/56/s	65/56/s
Charleston	78/49/s	75/50/pc
Charlotte	72/43/s	71/43/s
Clemson	69/41/s	71/44/s
Columbia	77/44/s	75/46/s
Darlington	76/45/s	73/45/s
Elizabeth City	72/43/s	68/43/s
Elizabethtown	75/45/s	71/46/s
Fayetteville	75/45/s	72/45/s
Florence	75/44/s	73/45/s
Gainesville	85/51/s	79/53/s
Gastonia	71/39/s	70/40/s
Goldsboro	76/44/s	72/42/s
Goose Creek	78/45/s	74/49/pc
Greensboro	66/41/s	67/42/s
Greenville	70/39/s	73/43/s
Hickory	66/41/s	68/42/s
Hilton Head	77/53/s	71/55/pc
Jacksonville, FL	85/49/s	77/53/s
La Grange	72/44/s	76/47/pc
Macon	75/43/s	77/43/pc
Marietta	69/43/s	72/46/c
Marion	64/37/s	66/37/s
Mt. Pleasant	79/52/s	73/53/pc
Myrtle Beach	76/49/s	71/49/s
Orangeburg	77/44/s	74/47/s
Port Royal	79/51/s	73/53/pc
Raleigh	72/43/s	71/42/s
Rock Hill	72/41/s	71/43/s
Rockingham	74/42/s	72/41/s
Savannah	80/48/pc	74/50/pc
Spartanburg	72/43/s	72/43/s
Summerville	76/47/s	73/48/pc
Wilmington	78/46/s	72/46/s
Winston-Salem	67/43/s	67/42/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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SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK

ABOVE: Lily is a sweet female puppy, about 4 months old. This chow/shepherd mix is waiting for her forever home at Sumter SPCA.



BELOW: Meet Tiger, a male, short-haired tabby looking for a new home! He is 6 years old and great with kids, dogs and other cats.



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

SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



ABOVE: This beautiful girl was picked up as a stray, and soon after arriving at the shelter, we discovered she was pregnant. Diamond delivered her puppies and proved to be a wonderful, loving mom. Now that all her babies have found their forever homes, it's her turn to shine. Diamond is a gentle, sweet-natured dog who enjoys taking walks and spending time with people. She's the perfect medium size for just about any home and would truly thrive with a patient, loving family to call her own.



BELOW: Nettie's story began in a wooded area, where she and her three siblings were found all alone. They were brought to Animal Control, scared and unsure of the world around them. Given a little time to adjust, Nettie has blossomed into an outgoing, friendly and loving pup. She has learned how to walk on a leash and enjoys playing with other dogs. This precious girl is as sweet as they come. Nettie is searching for a family to give her a chance.

If you're interested in meeting one of these pets at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call (803) 774-3232 or email sumterstrays@gmail.com. As with all of our adoptable pets, a spay or neuter agreement is required, and it is strictly enforced. Proof of spay/neuter after adoption will be required. Visit Sumter Animal Control online at *www.savingsumterstrays.com* or find them on Facebook.

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

SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL NEEDS YOUR HELP. We are looking for people to walk dogs, foster or help with transport. We desperately need 9 a.m. Monday – Friday walkers. Message us if interested. Must be at least 18 years old. Don't have extra time to be a volunteer? We gladly accept donations of the following: newspapers, puppy pads, canned and dry puppy food, paper towels, Clorox wipes and heavy duty slip leashes. You can also donate from our Amazon Wishlist under Saving Sumter's Strays at *https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/ wishlist/10Q422KA0MI19*. All donations go toward helping Sumter County dogs. Our all-volunteer organization is making a big difference in the lives of so many homeless pets. Please help us continue to save animals.

NOTICE OF CLARENDON COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX SALE

******THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025 DELINQUENT TAX SALE******
THE REGISTRATION PACKET IS LOCATED ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE
NOTICE OF CLARENDON COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX SALE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of Tax Executions by the Treasurer of Clarendon County of taxes past due and unpaid, proper levy has been made on the real estate and mobile homes hereinafter described, as designated in the office of the County Auditor. I will sell the same to the highest bidder at Public Auction to be held in The Clarendon County Courtroom at 3 W Keitt Street, in the City of Manning, County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025.

Procedures for Tax Sale are found in Title 12, Chapter 51 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended.

REDEMPTION period for real estate and mobile homes sold is TWELVE (12) months from the date of sale. Purchaser to pay for all fees and costs associated with the transfer of deed/title if the property is not redeemed.

In accordance with the laws of South Carolina, all Tax Sale mobile homes will be subject to a monthly rent fee before redeeming the home.

TERMS: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

SUCCESSFUL BIDS MUST BE PAID IN FULL IN THE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE BY 5 PM ON THE DAY OF THE TAX SALE

SALE & DEEDING OF PROPERTY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL FOR USE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO PRE-REGISTER IN THE CLARENDON COUNTY TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE – 411 SUNSET DRIVE, MANNING, SC 29102. YOU MAY BEGIN REGISTERING OCTOBER 1, 2025, UNTIL 5 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025. THE REGISTRATION FEE IS $25.00. YOU MAY MAIL IN OR BRING IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS AND REGISTRATON FEE. ALL FORMS MUST BE IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE BY 5 PM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025.

BIDDER'S PACKETS MUST BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 8:30 - 9:30 AM ON THE MORNING OF THE SALE AT THE CLARENDON COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

ATTENTION DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS, AS A RESULT OF A RULING BY THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WHEN A DEFAULTING DELINQUENT TAXPAYER FAILS TO REQUEST TO HAVE DELINQUENT PROPERTY DIVIDED PRIOR TO TAX SALE, THEN THE ENTIRE TRACT OF PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD.

Matt Evans, Clarendon County Treasurer

It is your responsibility to have knowledge of the property before you bid. Clarendon County is not liable for the quality or quantity of the property sold. Real property information can be researched at the Register of Deeds Office in the Clarendon County Administration Building, or

OWNER NAME	ITEM#	RECEIPT#	MAP NUMBER	DIST	LOTS	ACRES	BUILDING
ADAMS JOHNNIE LEE	00016	000094243	169-14-08-002-00	21	1	0	1
ADGER EMMA L	00018	000179243	092-00-02-002-00	0	0	1	1
AIKEN PAMELA	00022	000504243	169-10-03-007-00	21	1	0	1
AL SAMAD ALIM EL FKA & PACK JAMES EDWARD & ETAL	00025	000515243	169-10-03-010-00	21	1	0	1
ALLEN SHAVON C	00036	000620243	169-11-02-027-00	21	1	0	1
ANDREWS JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER	00066	000879243	197-02-04-018-00	0	0	1	2
ARMELL MARK E & MCLAUGHLIN PATRICIA A	00083	001024243	103-12-01-028-00	0	1	0	1
ARMSTRONG MONTE	00084	001032243	036-10-00-010-00	0	0	0.7	2
ATLANTIS INC &	00089	001096243	077-12-01-001-00	11	0	1.9	3
AVANT MARIE & JOSEPHINE AVANT	00092	001135243	126-00-00-040-00	0	1	0	0
B & R PROPERTIES OF MANNING LLC & WALLACE TERRANCE A & WALLACE ERICA GREEN	00096	001190243	167-00-01-097-00	0	1	0	1
BABJ NO ONE LLC	00098	001229243	040-00-04-004-00	0	0	2	0
BAIR WANDA	00104	001307243	197-07-11-303-00	0	0	0	1
BAIRD SAMUEL MARCUS JR	00105	001315243	314-00-01-022-00	0	0	17.1	2
BAIRD WAYNE W	00108	001319243	312-00-02-005-00	0	0	1	1
BAKER ROBERT & LINDA PURVIS	00114	001350243	215-00-01-050-00	0	1	0	0
BAKER ROBERT & PURVIS LINDA	00115	001351243	215-00-01-049-00	0	1	0	0
BANNISTER RUTH	00138	001452243	078-07-06-014-00	0	1	0	1
BARFIELD RONALD	00144	001488243	197-11-05-012-00	0	1	0	0
BARRIENTOS ARACELY	00170	001603243	323-00-03-037-00	0	0	1.31	0
BARWICK ROBERT L	00176	001741243	092-00-02-074-00	0	0	3.5	0
BATH INC	00181	001784243	162-05-00-026-00	0	1	0	0
BATISTE VICTORIA NEW OWNER: CIVCIC DEJAN	00182	001789243	100-00-01-051-00	0	0	6.23	0
BATTLE MAELOUISE & FRAZIER CHERYL A	00183	001791243	163-00-01-019-00	0	0	1.5	0
BAXTER TYRONE & SHARON BAXTER	00191	001861243	139-00-01-034-00	0	0	1	0
BAZEN WILLIAM E	00194	001884243	197-10-05-019-00	0	1	0	1
BEHRENS RENWICKS S	00203	002033243	192-00-01-008-00	0	0	1	1
BELLE PRINCESS JENNIFER NICLOE	00216	002094243	100-00-01-023-00	0	0	3.3	0
BENTLEY BRUCE & LOIS JEAN	00237	002337243	162-00-01-092-00	0	1	0	1
BERRY BARBARA ANN	00240	002388243	195-07-02-009-00	0	1	0	1
BIHLEAR JAMES & BIHLEAR KERRY	00256	002489243	195-07-02-003-00	0	1	0	3
BILLY MARY J	00268	002558243	021-00-01-019-00	0	0	1	0
BIRD BERNICE	00269	002571243	071-04-00-014-00	0	0	1	1
BLACK CLYDE & LEVI	00275	002602243	078-09-08-001-00	11	1	0	0
BLACK ELIZABETH	00276	002604243	078-10-02-017-00	11	1	0	2
BLACK LEVI & WILLIAMSON AUNJAHNE	00278	002613243	078-08-05-013-00	0	1	0	0
BLACK SUSANA	00281	002639243	078-08-05-012-00	0	1	0	1
BOATWRIGHT STANLEY	00338	003049243	180-00-01-055-00	0	0	1.5	0
BOATWRIGHT XAVIER STEPHON & BOATWRIGHT AARON DEANDRE	00340	003056243	241-00-02-004-00	0	0	2.3	0
BOONE THOMAS	00347	003133243	078-10-03-007-00	11	1	0	2
BOWMAN KEITH	00355	003223243	078-10-01-016-00	11	1	0	0
BRAILSFORD MORRIS S JR & TURNER MARGARET	00383	003461243	059-08-00-014-00	0	1	0	0
BRANCO ADULT DAY CARE CENTER	00387	003492243	169-11-01-020-00	21	1	0	1
BRANCO ADULT DAY CARE CENTER	00388	003493243	169-11-01-021-00	21	1	0	1
BROCK KENNIE & GOMEZ MARTHA B	00433	003809243	045-00-00-024-00	0	0	1	0
BROCK LEE EARNEST & BROCK MILDRED YVONNE	00436	003815243	126-00-00-070-00	0	1	0	0
BROGDON JOSEPH A & BROGDON LILY	00442	003858243	103-14-01-005-00	0	1	0	4
BROOKLAND ENTERPRISES LLC	00447	003888243	063-00-00-034-00	0	0	1	0
BROOKLAND ENTERPRISES LLC	00450	003905243	169-03-03-016-00	21	1	0	1
BROOKS JOY H	00454	003916243	141-00-02-009-00	0	0	2.7	0
BROWN CHARNETTE B LE	00464	003977243	099-03-00-004-00	11	1	0	2
BROWN CHARNETTE B LE	00465	003978243	099-03-00-005-00	11	1	0	0
BROWN ELLISON ESTATE & LILLIA ROOSEVELT & THOMAS ETAL	00469	004019243	169-11-07-030-00	21	1	0	1
BROWN JOYCE	00482	004090243	268-00-01-007-00	0	0	1	0
BROWN JOYCE CROSBY & ETAL	00483	004091243	083-00-01-064-00	0	0	27.44	4
BROWN SANDRA M	00496	004169243	312-00-02-015-00	0	0	1	1
BRUNSON CHARLIE	00507	004250243	101-00-01-018-00	0	0	3.83	0
BRUNSON DOMONIQUE DANIELLE	00508	004256243	147-07-00-009-00	0	0	1	0
BRUNSON WILLIE JR & CHARLES & VALENCIA BROWN ETAL	00521	004350243	187-01-06-009-00	21	1	0	0
BRYANT RICKIE	00536	004429243	078-07-06-033-00	0	1	0	0
BRYANT ROBERT L	00537	004432243	086-00-01-044-00	0	0	7.01	1
BURGESS MICHAEL L	00563	004616243	275-00-03-022-00	0	0	1	0
BURKE PAUL B JR	00599	004743243	173-00-04-010-00	0	0	2.6	1
BURNO MAMIE EST	00616	004837243	078-10-01-023-00	11	1	0	2
BUTLER ERNESTINE & DENNIS BUTLER JOHN JR &	00622	004920243	256-00-03-018-00	0	0	8.44	0
BUTLER MELISSA ROUSE	00627	004941243	272-00-03-013-00	0	0	1.36	1
BUTLER LASHAWN	00628	004943243	272-00-08-015-00	0	0	14.7	1
CAIN JEFFREY LIFE ESTATE	00639	005044243	164-00-02-050-00	0	0	4.45	0
CALDWELL DWAYNE A	00647	005082243	100-00-03-026-00	0	1	0	0
CALHOUN WILLIE J NEW OWNER: AMARAL SHAWN PAUL & AMARAL TATIANA	00653	005120243	163-00-01-034-00	0	1	0	0
CAMERON THEO ETAL	00655	005155243	140-00-01-075-00	0	0	3.23	1
CANTEY NORMAN & LUCILLE T	00664	005271243	077-14-02-024-00	0	1	0	1
CAPERS RONALD	00682	005381243	099-03-00-006-00	11	1	0	0
CARAWAY JOHN JR	00683	005401243	236-00-01-021-00	0	0	1	1
CARTER CHARLOTTE & EVELYN DYSON	00720	005556233	076-00-01-027-00	0	1	0	0
CARTER SHEILA	00733	005638243	103-02-00-010-00	0	1	0	1
CARVER CHELSEA	00734	005667243	317-00-02-020-00	0	0	1.5	2
CAVE JESSIE	00742	005733243	040-00-04-015-00	0	0	4	0
CEASAR SCHANOVIA & COOPER CARTEZ F CENTRAL PALMETTO	00745	005774243	275-00-03-039-00	0	0	1.12	0
ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC	00750	005845243	169-03-03-023-00	21	1	0	2
CHANDLER FREDDIE LARRY L JR	00755	005906243	246-00-02-040-00	0	0	1	0
CHOICE DOROTHY P	00763	006059243	078-08-06-012-00	0	1	0	0
CHOICE DOROTHY P & TERRY ARNEAIL & MILLER ERNEST ARNETT	00764	006060243	078-07-03-001-00	0	1	0	3
CHRISTIANA BANK & TRUST CO CHURCH PINE GROVE	00765	006072243	238-00-00-051-00	0	0	1	0
METHODIST CHURCH OF TURBEVILLE INC	00767	006179243	317-13-01-008-00	31	0	1.18	2
CHURCH UNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH UNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH	00769	001214245	168-09-02-024-00	21	1	0	2
CLARK THELMA	00782	006633243	059-00-03-003-00	0	0	0.73	0
CLEMONS BUILT AUTO GROUP LLC	00783	006655243	140-00-02-017-00	0	0	4.46	2
COBB JONATHAN	00790	006754243	071-05-00-014-00	0	0	1	2
COELHO LUIZ GUSTAVO C	00795	006781243	105-13-00-022-00	0	0	1	0
COKER CARSON LEE	00802	006884243	317-00-02-054-00	0	0	1.18	0
COKER ESTATES LLC	00819	006934243	317-12-02-019-09	31	0	0	1
COKER KRISTAN & COKER LENICH ERIC III	00830	006994243	314-00-01-004-00	0	0	42	0
COKER LENICH ERIC JR NEW OWNER: PARKER CHRISTOPHER DEAN & PARKER DAKOTA JACKSON	00837	007007243	315-00-04-017-00	0	0	66.5	0
COKER LENICH ERIC JR	00839	007009243	316-09-08-007-00	31	1	0	1
COKER LENICH ERIC JR	00841	007011243	316-09-08-012-00	31	1	0	1
COKER LENICH ERIC JR	00843	007013243	316-09-08-015-00	31	0	0.18	1
COLEMAN LILLIAN A	00859	007188243	119-00-05-047-00	0	0	3.03	0
COLLINS ANNIE D, QUENTIN COLLINS, CEDRIC	00861	007198243	293-00-03-007-00	0	0	1.4	2
COLLINS, ROBERT COLLINS,TELZA COLLINS COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS LLC	00865	007233243	084-00-02-076-00	0	0	4	1
CONSULTING LIQUIDATION MANAGEMENT INC	00873	007315243	170-00-03-018-00	0	0	5.31	0
CONYERS JAMES MOISE	00893	007434243	215-00-01-112-00	0	0	0.7	1
CONYERS JIMMY	00894	007439243	051-00-02-037-00	0	0	2.7	0
CONYERS JOE NATHAN	00896	008074193	187-01-07-062-00	21	1	0	0
COOPER ALLEN LATAWIONE	00914	007608243	312-00-03-031-00	0	0	1	0
COOPER ELLA DEAN PRESTON & COOPER HAROLD JEROME	00918	007620243	220-00-02-037-00	0	0	1.68	1
COOPER JOSIE C & CALVIN CASSIE C ET	00919	007628243	169-06-07-028-00	21	1	0	0
CROSBY JIMMY TOOD	00955	007929243	333-00-02-028-00	0	0	2.2	0
CROSS HOPE W	00958	007941243	323-00-03-045-00	0	0	2.3	0
CROTONA 1967 CORP ATTN: TRACY COHEN	00959	007947243	170-00-03-061-00	0	0	1.08	4
CRUMMELL DELORIS H	00960	007952243	117-00-00-032-00	0	0	1.74	0
CUTTER GREGORY ALLEN	00967	008073243	247-00-01-105-00	0	0	3.4	0
CYAN LARKSVIEW PROPERTIES LLC	00972	008101243	014-04-02-006-00	0	0	1	1
D & J HOUSE ENTERPRISE LLC	00978	008124243	323-00-02-069-00	0	0	1	0
DALETHOMAS LLC	00983	008144243	147-00-04-005-00	0	0	3.06	1
DAVIS KAIYA K	01038	008438243	038-00-02-015-00	0	0	1.5	0
DEMERY CORETTA R	01056	008653243	169-11-08-006-00	21	1	0	1
DENNIS WALTER	01062	008703243	210-00-01-021-00	0	0	1	2
DICKSON JENNIFER	01075	008828243	247-00-01-011-00	0	0	4.9	0
DICKSON SHANA N	01076	008829243	307-00-00-050-00	0	0	1	0
DINGLE JOSEPH	01091	008922243	162-13-01-001-00	0	0	3.93	0
DINGLE LOUISE	01092	008938243	145-00-01-014-00	0	0	10	0
DINKINS EMMA ETAL	01096	008971243	283-00-01-037-00	0	0	1.6	0
DOTY FRANCIS	01113	009135243	209-00-01-037-00	0	0	1	0
DOW JAMES	01123	009187243	119-00-05-002-01	0	0	0	1
DOZIER MILTON	01141	009265243	216-00-04-031-00	0	0	4.52	0
DOZIER REGGIE	01143	009271243	216-00-03-030-00	0	0	1	0
DRASTURA CHRISTINA M & DRASTURA ROBORTE	01146	009290243	160-09-05-015-00	0	1	0	2
DUBOSE S D EST OF	01166	009540243	250-00-00-002-00	0	0	19	0
DUKE DON	01168	009575243	162-13-02-040-00	0	0	0.49	0
DUKE DON	01169	009576243	162-13-02-042-00	0	0	0.55	0
DUKE DON	01170	009577243	162-13-02-043-00	0	0	0.6	0
DUKE DON	01171	009578243	162-13-02-044-00	0	0	0.47	0
DUKE DON	01172	009579243	162-13-02-066-00	0	0	0.5	0
DUKES SHANE M	01177	009644243	194-08-01-012-00	0	1	0	0
DUKES SHANE M & VICTORIA R	01178	009645243	194-08-01-016-00	0	1	0	1
DUPREE DENNIS & BARID JENNIFER D	01181	009692243	140-00-05-061-00	0	0	4.21	4
DURANT HAROLD E JR	01192	009760243	169-14-15-006-00	21	1	0	2
EDWARDS HEATHER LYNN	01216	010116243	187-03-02-025-00	21	1	0	1
EL ALSAMAD A	01217	010152243	126-00-00-160-00	0	0	0.69	1
ELLIOTT MARY AMELIA	01222	010211243	053-00-01-089-00	0	1	0	0
ELMORE MARK & ELMORE CATHERINE	01228	010246243	307-00-00-052-00	0	1	0	0
EMORY SARA C NEW OWNER: RIDGILL SARA C	01232	010271243	213-00-04-020-00	0	0	1.69	2
EVANS BOBBY	01245	010479243	168-16-06-028-00	21	1	0	1

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EVANS BOBBY	01248	010483243	241-00-02-018-00	0	1	0	0
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EVANS DAPHNE M	01264	010509243	194-08-02-020-00	0	1	0	0
EVANS ROSA	01276	010603243	101-00-01-036-00	0	0	0.53	0
EVANS WINIFRED M	01279	010636243	327-00-02-010-00	0	0	1.5	1
EVINS JANET & EVINS JAZMINE PATRICE	01281	010658243	180-00-01-049-00	0	1	0	0
FEATHERHORN FARMS LLC	01296	010796243	023-00-00-007-00	0	0	116.54	1
FELDER GEORGE S ETAL	01306	010835243	238-00-00-030-00	0	0	1	0
FELDER IVY Q	01308	010841243	020-00-01-018-00	0	1	0	0
FELDER MARY & ELIZABETH BERTHA, TINDAL & GAYMON	01312	010860243	058-12-02-027-00	0	1	0	1
FILYAW BETTY J	01318	010957243	324-00-03-033-00	0	1	0	0
FILYAW GAVIN ROGERS	01319	010964243	161-07-01-007-00	0	1	0	2
FILYAW JARETT TYLER	01321	010965243	161-10-05-001-00	0	1	0	1
FLEMING EULIA G	01330	011047243	024-00-02-004-00	0	0	10.7	0
FLEMING EULIA G	01331	011048243	078-07-05-014-00	0	1	0	1
FLEMING EULIA G	01332	011049243	078-07-05-015-00	0	1	0	0
FLEMING FRANCES	01333	011074243	236-00-01-003-00	0	0	1	1
FLEMING SARENA D	01352	011135243	078-15-03-008-00	11	1	0	0
FLEMING TERESA, FLEMING DAVE JR & FLEMING MAURICE ETAL	01353	011136243	169-06-03-002-00	21	1	0	1
FLEMING TERESA	01354	011137243	216-00-05-012-00	0	0	1	5
FLEMING WALTER	01358	011148243	315-00-03-012-00	0	1	0	1
FLOYD FLORA MAE LE	01373	011287243	272-00-03-005-00	0	0	20.1	1
FLOYD KIMBERLY A	01378	011322243	159-00-00-011-00	0	1	0	3
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01379	011339243	144-00-02-048-00	0	1	0	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01380	011340243	144-00-03-045-00	0	1	0	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01381	011341243	144-00-03-051-00	0	1	0	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01383	011343243	164-00-03-010-00	0	0	2.5	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01384	011345243	187-03-03-017-00	21	1	0	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01385	011346243	189-00-02-027-00	0	1	0	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01386	011347243	195-08-01-011-00	0	1	0	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01387	011348243	196-01-03-046-00	0	1	0	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01388	011349243	196-02-00-082-00	0	0	1.3	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01389	011350243	216-00-05-028-00	0	1	0	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01391	011352243	238-00-00-039-00	0	0	1	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01392	011353243	238-00-00-058-00	0	0	1	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01393	011354243	238-00-00-059-00	0	0	1	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES	01394	011355243	238-00-00-064-00	0	0	1	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES ODOM	01395	011356243	164-00-03-063-00	0	0	1.8	0
FLOYD MARY FRANCES ODOM	01396	011357243	164-00-03-071-00	0	0	1.1	0
FLOYD WYLIE L III	01412	011464243	169-13-04-008-00	21	1	0	2
FORDHAM RICHARD PAUL	01417	011532243	191-00-00-031-00	0	0	1	0
FRAZIER MARY & BRIAN A & BERNARD & CHARLENE	01439	011739243	214-00-03-008-00	0	0	1	0
FRAZIER NORMA	01440	011744243	195-08-03-007-00	0	0	1	0
FREEMAN EUGENE LE	01443	011763243	013-00-02-001-00	0	0	18.88	2
NEW OWNER: FREEMAN CARRIE BELL HENRY JR							
FREEMAN EUGENE LE	01444	011765243	013-01-02-002-00	0	0	3.56	0
NEW OWNER: FREEMAN CARRIE BELL HENRY JR							
FRIERSON JOSEPHINE & RONNIE	01446	011818243	077-00-00-048-00	0	0	3	0
FRIERSON RONNIE	01452	011832243	077-00-00-074-00	0	0	2	0
FRY ASHLEY A	01457	011858243	034-12-04-002-00	0	0	1	0
NEW OWNER: PARKER LARRY E JR							
FRYER MOZELLA & HELEN BAXTER	01460	011874243	078-10-02-006-00	11	1	0	0
FULMORE JACQUELINE	01465	011918243	266-00-01-031-00	0	0	3.64	1
FULMORE JOYCE & ANTELNELLO HODGE	01466	011919243	216-00-04-006-03	0	0	0	1
FULTON RUTH	01468	011935243	215-00-01-016-00	0	1	0	1
GADSDEN MOZELL	01469	011978243	081-00-02-003-00	0	0	1	0
GALES KATHERINE H JTWRS & GALES ARCHIE T JR JTWRS	01476	012010243	291-00-02-006-00	0	0	16.9	0
GALES KATHERINE H JTWRS & GALES ARCHIE T JR JTWRS	01477	012011243	291-00-02-007-00	0	0	3.8	0
GARCIA PAMELA ROSE	01499	012209243	197-07-02-016-00	0	1	0	1
GARRY GREEN	01505	012294243	013-00-03-028-00	0	1	0	0
GAYMON BURGESS & B THAMES NEW OWNER: THAMES SHARON	01512	012334243	076-00-02-025-00	0	0	5	1
GAYMON MILTON TROVOY & STAFFORD BRIDGET ESTELLE	01515	012369243	172-00-00-017-00	0	0	1	1
GEORGIA CARRIE EST	01529	012488243	058-12-01-006-00	0	0	0.46	0
GIBBONS ED ENTERPRISE LLC	01555	012592243	120-00-02-067-00	0	0	1	0
GIBBONS ED ENTERPRISE LLC	01574	012617243	194-04-01-003-00	0	1	0	0
GIBBONS ED ENTERPRISE LLC	01578	012626243	260-00-02-035-00	0	0	1	0
GIBBONS KAY M	01586	012659243	140-00-05-027-00	0	0	1	1
GIBBONS WILLIAM	01588	012720243	168-16-09-009-00	21	1	0	1
GIBBS RAYMOND	01592	012732243	240-00-01-029-00	0	1	0	0
GIBSON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION	01600	012746243	095-00-00-042-00	0	0	1.15	0
GIBSON CALVIN A	01601	012747243	116-00-01-041-00	0	0	4.62	0
GIBSON CARRIE B	01602	012748243	101-00-01-017-00	0	1	0	0
GIBSON HERMAN A	01605	012770243	187-01-06-005-00	21	1	0	1
GIBSON WILLIE B JR	01622	012849243	183-00-01-040-00	0	0	1.2	3
GILLARD MARY & PATRICK MACK ETAL	01623	012880243	187-03-11-009-00	21	1	0	1
GILYARD MARY	01625	012900243	013-00-03-029-00	0	0	8	0
GILYARD MARY & JERRY	01626	012902243	013-00-03-018-00	0	0	0.5	1
GILYARD MARY L ETAL	01627	012903243	013-00-03-016-00	0	0	33.6	0
GILYARD MARY L ETAL	01628	012904243	013-00-03-024-00	0	1	0	0
GILYARD MARY L ETAL	01629	012905243	013-00-03-025-00	0	1	0	0
GILYARD MARY L ETAL	01630	012906243	013-00-03-026-00	0	1	0	0
GIPSON GUSSIE T	01633	012921243	096-00-00-017-00	0	0	1	0
GIPSON MABLE MARIE	01637	012928243	084-00-02-057-00	0	1	0	0
GIPSON NATHANIEL	01638	012931243	102-00-03-008-00	0	0	6.3	0
GLOVER BETTY J ETAL	01643	012981243	120-00-02-016-00	0	0	1	0
GLOVER WILLIE LEE & HARLEAN GLOVER	01644	012995243	085-00-02-039-00	0	0	3.1	0
GOBEYN JAMES	01646	013005243	238-00-00-027-00	0	0	1	1
GOODWIN DOUGLAS L & GOODWIN LISA J	01663	013159243	141-00-01-009-00	0	0	5	0
GREEN ARCHIE	01677	013356243	168-16-06-009-00	21	1	0	0
GREEN ARCHIE L	01678	013357243	168-16-03-007-00	21	1	0	1
GREEN GARRY J	01681	013398243	013-01-01-012-00	0	1	0	0
GREEN GARRY J	01682	013399243	013-01-01-016-00	0	1	0	1
GREEN GARRY J	01683	013400243	014-00-02-009-00	0	0	3.01	0
GREEN GARRY J	01684	013401243	014-04-01-003-00	0	1	0	1
GREEN HILDA REVOCABLE TRUST	01688	013417243	095-00-00-008-00	0	1	0	1
GREEN JOHNNIE JARNARD	01696	013449243	021-00-01-036-00	0	1	0	0
GREEN SHARON W ETAL	01706	013528243	169-16-06-006-00	21	1	0	1
GREEN SHARON WHEELER ETAL TRUSTEE OF THE WHEELER FAMILY	01707	013530243	263-00-01-022-00	0	0	5	1
GREEN TERRANCE	01710	013538243	013-00-03-023-00	0	1	0	0
GREEN VERONICA	01720	013555243	120-00-02-038-00	0	0	1	1
GREENS LANDSCAPING & IRRIGATION	01726	013611243	188-00-03-019-00	0	1	0	0
GUEST JARROD & HOWELL GERALD M	01737	013728243	144-00-03-027-00	0	1	0	0
HALL LISA K	01747	013849243	063-00-00-068-00	0	0	1	0
HALL TOMMY E	01749	013861243	077-15-01-001-00	0	0	2.5	0
HAMILTON BRENDA & ETAL ONE HOUSE OVER	01

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JAMES THOMAS JR ETAL	02130	016786243	169-14-02-002-00	21	1	0	2
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JAMES THOMAS JR	02133	016791243	169-11-06-008-00	21	1	0	2
JAMES THOMAS JR	02134	016793243	169-14-04-002-00	21	1	0	1
JAMES THOMAS JR	02137	016798243	187-01-07-051-00	21	1	0	1
JAMES THOMAS JR	02138	016799243	215-00-03-007-00	0	1	0	0
JAMES THOMAS JR & ETAL	02139	016800243	187-08-01-027-00	21	1	0	1
JENKINS TYLISA	02147	016928243	214-00-04-010-00	0	1	0	2
JJBRE INC COMMUNITY PHARMACY OF TRUBEVILLE	02151	017000243	317-13-08-009-00	31	0	1.54	4
JOHNSON CLARKE ANDREW	02156	017097243	314-00-04-003-00	0	0	17.2	0
JOHNSON CURTIS LEE	02160	017105243	164-00-03-045-00	0	0	1.1	0
JOHNSON JOHN E JR	02176	017244243	314-00-03-003-00	0	0	0.5	0
JOHNSON JOHN E JR	02177	017245243	314-00-03-012-00	0	0	1	0
JOHNSON JOHN E JR	02178	017246243	314-00-04-006-00	0	0	2	0
JOHNSON JOHN E JR	02179	017247243	314-00-04-008-00	0	0	1	1
JOHNSON JOHN E JR & JOYCE F	02180	017248243	313-00-01-022-00	0	0	1.63	0
JOHNSON LEROY	02190	001813235	123-00-02-014-00	0	0	3	0
JOHNSON LEROY	02191	000941245	123-00-02-014-00	20	0	3	0
JOHNSON RICHARD LEE JR	02199	017418243	238-00-00-040-00	0	0	1	0
JONES HORTENSE EYVONNE & JONES JAYSHAWN	02219	017654243	145-00-01-045-00	0	0	0.42	0
JONES JAMES & ETAL	02222	017663243	145-00-01-043-00	0	0	0.21	1
JONES JAYSHAWN	02223	017672243	160-00-01-045-00	0	0	0.69	0
JONES JAYSHAWN	02224	017673243	160-00-01-046-00	0	0	0.69	0
JONES MICHAEL H	02228	017718243	033-15-03-008-00	0	0	1	0
JONES MICHAEL H	02229	017719243	078-12-02-006-00	11	1	0	3
JOVANOVIC GIOVANNA ANTIDA	02246	017864243	140-00-04-002-00	0	0	2	0
JUSTICE JAMES C III ATTN: MITZIE PICKE RAL	02260	018006243	230-00-01-001-00	0	03,921.72		0
KELLY DEON MONTA	02269	018168243	220-00-02-021-00	0	1	0	1
KENNEDY ROBERT	02277	018293243	283-00-01-039-00	0	0	1	0
KERSHAW POLLY S	02282	018331243	124-00-01-006-00	0	1	0	0
KING JAMES ELLEBRE JR	02294	018447243	168-16-08-005-00	21	1	0	0
KING JAMES ELLEBRE JR	02299	018452243	187-01-08-013-00	21	1	0	0
KNOWLTON WAYNE	02319	018681243	312-00-01-005-00	0	0	2.2	0
KNOWLTON WAYNE	02320	018683243	312-00-01-007-00	0	0	2.6	2
KNOWLTON WAYNE W JR & ETAL	02321	018685243	312-00-02-007-00	0	0	5	0
KNOX PEGGY H	02323	018692243	169-11-04-002-00	21	1	0	1
KOLB ANDREA J	02325	018707243	129-00-03-031-00	0	0	1.73	0
NEW OWNER: PETERSON COREY LAWRENCE DALE	02393	019157243	087-00-01-018-00	0	0	2.64	1
LAWSHE EDWINA AKA LEWIS EDWINA	02394	019162243	140-00-05-117-00	0	0	1.03	0
LAWSON BRYANT TAWAN	02396	019171243	078-09-08-010-00	11	1	0	0
LAWSON BRYANT TAWAN	02397	019172243	078-15-04-010-00	11	1	0	0
LAWSON DARYL	02401	019187243	101-00-02-013-00	0	0	1.2	1
LAWSON FAY S	02405	000199245	078-10-07-009-00	11	1	0	2
LAWSON HENRY ETAL	02407	019213243	077-08-01-006-00	11	0	11.3	0
LAWSON HENRY	02408	019214243	077-09-01-001-00	11	1	0	2
LAWSON HENRY	02409	019215243	078-10-07-010-00	11	1	0	1
LAWSON KHALILAH	02412	019239243	039-00-02-025-00	0	0	3.4	0
LAWSON KHALILAH C	02415	019244243	100-00-01-037-00	0	0	2.01	2
LAWSON WALTERS SANDRA R	02430	019331243	126-00-00-103-00	0	1	0	1
LEE JAMES A	02440	019477243	023-00-00-001-00	0	0	0	18
LEMON JOHN LE	02457	019637243	161-00-02-006-00	0	0	6.1	0
LEMON ROBERT E & ETAL	02458	019654243	147-00-03-038-00	0	0	5	0
LESESNE KENDRICK	02465	019722243	169-14-03-008-00	21	1	0	2
LEVY JOHNNY & BARBARA	02470	019769243	169-15-06-009-00	21	1	0	1
LEWIS MILDRED	02478	019857243	040-00-04-032-00	0	0	0.76	0
LICENSE HAROLD L	02489	019898243	169-10-02-041-00	21	1	0	1
LINCOLN MARY C EST	02491	019921243	192-00-03-004-00	0	0	1	0
LITTLE JEFF & VIRGINIA L	02496	019965243	063-00-00-037-00	0	0	1.3	0
LIVINGSTON JANIE L	02499	019978243	039-00-02-057-00	0	0	1.89	0
LIVINGSTON SHELDON & KAIDEN C MICHAEL ETAL	02502	019986243	039-00-02-093-00	0	0	12.5	0
LOGAN MATTIE M & MANNING LILLIE B	02506	020076243	078-08-03-010-00	0	1	0	0
LORDI LOU & LORDI DEBBIE	02514	020132243	162-10-00-212-00	0	0	0	1
LORDI LOUIS H & LORDI DEBORAH L	02515	020133243	162-00-01-203-00	0	1	0	0
LOWERY CURTIS	02521	020231243	309-00-01-020-00	0	1	0	0
MACK JOHN & GENEVA	02539	020439243	077-14-02-012-00	0	0	1	0
MARTIN GREGORY & MARTIN ANGELA Y	02561	020808243	214-00-03-019-00	0	0	0.23	0
MARTIN GREGORY & MARTIN ANGELA Y	02562	020809243	214-00-04-002-00	0	0	7.69	3
MARTIN JAMES E EST	02567	020821243	139-00-02-009-00	0	0	1	1
MASON CURTIS L III	02580	020894243	159-16-02-016-00	0	1	0	2
MATHIS BERTIE & MILLER PEARLINE	02585	001271245	167-00-01-037-00	0	1	0	0
MATHIS LOUISE	02588	020951243	293-00-03-033-02	0	0	0	1
NEW OWNER: MATHIS JAMES OTIS MATHIS YANA K	02592	020980243	168-15-01-013-00	21	1	0	1
MATTHEWS ARLENE D	02593	020997243	161-11-01-019-00	0	0	1	0
MAZYCK JOEL	02601	021070243	084-00-02-029-00	0	1	0	1
MAZYCK KHIRY O & MAZYCK EARNEL	02602	021071243	099-00-02-031-00	0	0	1	0
MCALISTER CYRUS & ETAL	02607	021079243	188-09-00-014-00	0	1	0	0
MCALISTER LEROY & HASCO & GWEN DOLYN N SCOTT AS TRUSTEE OF APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION	02608	021081243	216-00-04-019-00	0	0	1.9	1
MCCRAY LUBERTHA	02641	021364243	169-11-07-021-00	21	1	0	0
MCDONALD ERICA	02651	021467243	119-00-01-036-00	0	0	1.22	0
MCELVEEN GLORIA	02663	021579243	323-02-00-004-00	0	1	0	1
MCFADDEN BLANCHE	02673	021674243	039-00-02-076-00	0	0	1	1
MCFADDEN BLANCHE	02674	021675243	039-00-02-077-00	0	0	1	0
MCFADDEN MAURICE	02694	021759243	195-04-03-001-00	0	0	1	1
MCFADDEN NEOMA E ETAL	02695	021763243	082-00-01-022-00	0	1	0	0
MCFADDEN TAMMY	02701	021783243	236-00-02-005-00	0	1	0	0
MCFADDIN WESLEY	02712	021877243	122-00-01-010-00	0	1	0	0
MCFADDIN WESLEY & IRENE A	02713	021878243	122-00-01-009-00	0	1	0	0
MCINTOSH HARRISON L III	02718	021947243	099-00-02-066-00	0	0	5	0
MCKENZIE CHANTZ	02722	000570245	316-15-01-018-00	31	0	3.62	0
MCKENZIE EDDIE & PRINCE TERHEA MAE	02725	022022243	316-00-03-001-01	0	0	0	1
MCKENZIE JOHNNY JR	02731	022050243	307-00-00-049-00	0	0	2.5	0
MCKENZIE ROBERT P & EMILY W	02732	022076243	358-00-04-005-00	0	1	0	1
MCKINNEY MARY IDA & ETAL	02735	022108243	169-06-06-001-00	21	1	0	2
MCKINNEY MARY IDA & ETAL	02736	022109243	169-06-06-002-00	21	1	0	0
MCKINNEY MARY IDA & ETAL	02737	022110243	169-06-06-023-00	21	1	0	0
MCKINNEY MARY IDA & ETAL	02738	022111243	169-06-06-024-00	21	1	0	0
MCKNIGHT JAMES A	02745	022133243	078-08-05-007-00	0	1	0	2
MELFI NORA BROWNE	02781	000257245	159-03-02-014-00	0	1	0	0
MILEGATE FARMS	02813	022554243	140-00-05-082-00	0	0	3.4	0
MILES LUCILLE W LE	02817	022584243	272-00-06-001-00	0	0	1	1
MILLER PEARLINE H	02832	022691243	167-00-01-031-00	0	1	0	2
MIMS LILLIE P	02837	022751243	139-00-01-016-00	0	0	4.9	0
MONTGOMERY QUINCY DIRELL, WELLS LATIVA KRYSTAL & MONTGOMERY KELVIN DANIEL JR	02866	022966243	140-00-01-042-00	0	1	0	0
MONTGOMERY SCHANELL	02867	022974243	309-00-01-032-00	0	0	1	1
MONTGOMERY VANESSA LENORA	02868	022978243	162-00-01-213-00	0	1	0	0
MOORE LIZABETH ETAL	02879	023061243	279-00-05-003-00	0	1	0	3
MOORE TIMOTHY, MOORE BRIAN & MOORE CHRISTOPHER	02889	023114243	064-13-01-033-00	0	0	1	0
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SECTION B

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Sumter High senior Jordan, left, and Wilson Hall freshman Jacob Hewett, both made a lasting impact on their respective swim programs this year. Jordan won gold at the SCHSL 5A DI state meet, marking the first title for SHS in decades, while Jacob won three gold medals at SCISA state.

Swimming in gold

Hewett brothers take Sumter High, Wilson Hall swim programs to new heights





PHOTOS PROVIDED

TOP, LEFT: From left, Jacob, Anna and Jordan Hewett have brought home their fair share of hardware throughout their swimming careers.
TOP, RIGHT: Jacob, left, and Jordan Hewett have been competing in the pool since they first started swim lessons at the YMCA as kids.

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The Hewett family had a pretty solid month of October.

In the span of three days, Jordan and Jacob Hewett represented their respective schools, Sumter High and Wilson Hall, in state championships. On Thursday, Oct. 9, Jordan went to Columbia and took home the Gamecocks' first state title in decades, winning the 500-yard freestyle in the final race of his high school career. Two days later, Jacob went to North Charleston with the Barons and left with two individual titles and a championship in the 200 free relay. All three races were also program records.

Not too shabby.

The success was built on months of making the long, nearly daily drive to Columbia to compete with Columbia Swimming, as both Hewett brothers took their game to a whole new level.

"It's special. I don't think very many families, especially two brothers, get to go to their state meets and both win at something," Jordan said. "I think it shows that we both work hard, that we're good, hard workers and we like to compete with each other."

STARTING AT THE Y

Jordan and Jacob both have a familiar origin story in the pool. When the Hewetts moved to Sumter from Georgia, the house they lived in had a pool in the backyard. Jodi Hewett, their dad, naturally wanted his boys to be able to enjoy it, so they went to the Y for swimming lessons. That decision quickly blossomed into much more than learning the basics.

"It all starts somewhere, and for them, it started with swim lessons at the Y," Jodi said of his sons, who are three years apart. "The Y has two pools, and you can see one from the other and, back then, while Jordan was getting swim lessons, the swim team was in the other pool having practice, so he saw that from the very beginning."

Jordan is three years older than Jacob, so he got the first crack at joining the swim team at the Y, but the younger Hewett brother wasn't far behind. Pretty quickly, they were fiercely competing to see who was superior in the pool.

"We compete all the time. We started right around the same time, so our times were pretty much the same," Jordan said. "For me, I don't ever want to get beat by him because he's crazy fast for being three years younger than me. I'm like, I've got to step up my game because that's pretty embarrassing for him to beat me. He's always pushing me to do better."

Jodi was just glad that both of his boys could thrive in the same sport. It definitely makes weekends with the family much easier when everyone can go to the same place.

"Selfishly, as a parent, to have two kids doing the same sport at the same time and the same place, that's a blessing," Jodi said. "From very early, they're brothers, so there's always a little bit of competition, but they're definitely different kids and different swimmers."

BRANCHING OUT

As the Hewetts developed, they started to thrive. The ribbons piled up as they competed at the state level. As Jordan started high school, they started to realize that they needed a change. One of the people who kept the Hewetts at the Y was their coach, Tina Tarpen. When her husband was deployed and she moved out of Sumter, the Hewetts started to survey their options. They started with the simplest option.

"When she left, it was me and the boys and YouTube," Jodi said. "It's hard to be a dad and a coach, so eventually they outgrew me and YouTube. I knew they both had the ability to be better swimmers and be competitive swimmers in South Carolina. There was a coach I had seen around the state who produced good swimmers, and they were all just nice people. Her team was never rowdy, they were respectful, they looked disciplined, and their performances were good."

That coach was Lori Petrimoulx with Columbia Swimming. The decision to move over to Columbia last fall, and they've gotten faster ever since. They're able to compete daily with elite competition, which includes teammates like Ewan Dalrymple, a member of the United States Junior National Team.

For a video interview with Jacob and Jordan Hewett hover your phone's camera over the code and click on the link that pops up.

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Sumter High runs for 540 in shootout win over Blythewood

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The Sumter High running game was firing on all cylinders when the Gamecocks made the trip over to Blythewood on Friday night. SHS was unstoppable on the ground, piling up 540 yards with two incredible performances from Frank Richardson and Cleveland Pinkney. Blythewood hung around all night, but Sumter High was eventually able to come home with a 47-34 victory.

"When we play away right now and play against teams that like to spread it out and throw it a lot, we seem to struggle defensively. We don't like being in those games, but that's the third one," head coach Mark Barnes said. "We were playing without some people, but that's not an excuse; the guys who are in there have to do their job. We allowed them to be two-dimensional on us; their quarterback ran the ball on us, and they were able to throw some on us. We were not happy defensively.

"Offensively, we played well again. We scored enough points to win which, I reckon at this time of year, that's what you want to do, just win."

The Gamecock offense was able to control the pace of the game behind Pinkney and Richardson. The SHS quarterback scored their first two touchdowns, the second of which tied the game at 14-14, and their final two scores, which iced the game. Pinkney added the go-ahead score before halftime and two critical touchdowns in the third quarter as the Gamecocks responded to a big night from Blythewood quarterback James Veasey, who scored all five of the Bengals' touchdowns.

Pinkney was the workhorse for Sumter High, carrying the ball 32 times for 257 yards, including a 72-yard touchdown run. Richardson had 19 carries for 233 yards, which included a 77-yard touchdown. Reggie Shannon had a light load in his return from injury, carrying the ball eight times for 43 yards, while SHS also played without Cayon Gordon in the backfield.

"Cleve Pinkney had a great night for us," Barnes said. "Reggie was coming off an injury, and we didn't feel like we needed him to carry the ball a lot. Frank got a little injured in the first half, so we got a little away from our option game, but Cleve had a great night running the ball for us, created a lot of great runs. Frank still had a huge night running the football, just not as much option stuff.

"We had a good rushing night, which means our offensive line, our H-backs and our tight ends, played really, really well. We were physical at the line of scrimmage, especially in the second half when we became a, for lack of a better term, three yards and a cloud of dust (offense). It was an effective way to shorten the game, and we were still able to score on those drives, so that was huge for us."

The Gamecock defense, meanwhile, struggled to contain Blythewood's dual-threat quarterback, who turned a few broken plays into explosives for the Bengals. Blythewood finished with 329 yards of total offense, as SHS outpaced the Bengals by 250 yards of total offense. The second quarter proved to be the difference, as the Gamecocks punched in two touchdowns without a response from Blythewood and opened up the third quarter with another trip to the end zone to build a two-score lead. Blythewood stayed within striking distance but never got closer than six points.

Tymaries Thompson-Durant led the defense with 12 tackles and an assisted tackle for a loss. Cameron Bradley added nine tackles, three tackles for a loss and a sack, while Rashaun Dickey added seven tackles, 1.5 tackles for a loss and an assisted sack. SHS finished with seven tackles for a loss. Josh Peeples added an interception late in the fourth quarter as Blythewood tried to mount a comeback.

"We were a little bit light at linebacker, and it showed," Barnes said. "The guys that went in there played hard, but some of our outside linebackers had to move inside, which limited us some. But we got through it. We played hard; we just didn't play smart all the time defensively."

Sumter High will host Ridge View next week for what will likely serve as the region title game, though SHS still has a matchup the following week with Westwood, whose only region loss came against Ridge View. Barnes hopes to get a few of his injured players back in time for the critical region tilt with the Blazers, which will be an important first step in claiming yet another region title.

"That's an important part," Barnes said of the health of his defense. "The only thing we can control is us; we can't control what they're going to do. They're a great football program with a lot of good skill players, and they're good in the box on both sides of the ball. We know it's going to be a battle. We've got them in our place, which is a big plus for us, we think. We've got a ton of respect for them. We knew this game was coming, and so did they. Both groups are excited for it; we just have to be better. We have to play better defense."

Scott's Branch crushes Bethune-Bowman in rare Saturday contest

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The Scott's Branch football team broke out of their regular rhythm this weekend, facing Bethune-Bowman on Saturday evening, rather than the traditional Friday night contest. Coming off their loss to Cross a week ago, the Eagles were hungry to prove they're still among the top teams in SCHSL 1A. They came out swinging and never looked back, despite an injury to their starting quarterback, cruising to a 59-16 victory.

"It felt great," Eagles head coach Pat Fleming said of the performance of his team after the loss to Cross the week prior. "We're still in a good position. Looking at the brackets, we want to get the second seed; that'll guarantee us two home playoff games. That was the mindset and focus, and we went out there and handled our business. We're looking forward to this week, going against a well-coached Baptist Hill team to clinch the second spot in the region."

Scott's Branch came out hot, taking a 19-0 lead early in the second quarter. Senior quarterback Jaiven Conyers passed for 135 yards and two touchdowns but was sidelined by a knee injury during the second frame. That's when Quintin Jackson stepped in. Jackson already caught a touchdown from Conyers and ran for a second. He wasn't slowed down by the move to quarterback. He completed five of his nine pass attempts for 96 yards and a score and added another touchdown on the ground, finishing with 88 yards. He kept the good times rolling on defense, returning two interceptions to the house to bring his touchdown tally to six on the day. One of those pick-sixes was a 97-yard journey to the end zone, while he carried the other score 53 yards.

"You couldn't ask more of a guy," Fleming said of Jackson. "He did a great job of filling in. Coach (Mark) Green always has the package ready, and we did an excellent job of executing.

"He's been our Swiss Army knife. He's our best all-around player. He works hard, and whenever his number is called, he answers the bell, so it wasn't really that surprising to see him get into the flow after being out for so long and knocking off the rust last week against Cross. He came out and performed the way we know he can. It was a great thing."

Bethune-Bowman was able to punch in a touchdown early in the third quarter to cut the Scott's Branch lead to 25-16, but the Eagles responded with five consecutive touchdowns, three of which came on the defensive side of the ball, as Keith Rogers also added a pick-six. Rogers led the team in receiving with six catches for 65 yards and a score, while Christian Green added a 16-yard touchdown grab. Jamaud Bodger chipped in with a rushing score.

Defensively, Nazaiah Richardson led the way with 10.5 tackles, while Danny Ragin was a force in the backfield with three tackles for a loss and a sack to go with 6.5 total tackles. Fra'Jon Bennett had two tackles for a loss, while J'den Dixon forced a fumble and finished with six tackles.

"It started last week against Cross. I thought we played well in the first half, despite the turnovers, but as the game wore on, we had too many snaps. Against a good football team, the more opportunities you get, the more opportunities they have to make plays," Fleming said. "I challenged them this week to come back and put it together for four quarters against a Bethune-Bowman team that has some great athletes, and they did, especially scoring three times defensively. You can't ask for much more. We're just looking to carry that momentum."

The Eagles now have to make the trip to Baptist Hill on Friday on a somewhat short week. The winner will likely finish as runners-up in Region V-1A, though Baptist Hill and Cross will meet to close out the regular season the following week, which could lead to a messy finish at the top of the region.



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Wilson Hall's Ford Wilder (5) carries the ball against Florence Christian on Friday.

Wilson Hall clinches region title with delayed win over Florence Christian

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Wilson Hall's Cooper Hill (2) makes a catch against Florence Christian.

It's not every day that a football team needs nearly a month to claim a victory, but that's exactly what Wilson Hall did on Friday night.

The Barons originally hosted Florence Christian on Sept. 26 on a stormy night across South Carolina. The game was originally delayed by the storm, but they eventually were able to kick off the critical region matchup. The Barons marched down the field only to fumble the ball away. Florence Christian responded by getting into field goal range and taking a 3-0 lead early in the second quarter, just in time for another lightning delay. The second time around, the schools elected to wait until their shared bye week to resume the matchup.

In the meantime, Wilson Hall played two massive games, a rematch of last year's state championship against Pinewood Prep and a region tilt with Trinity Collegiate. After taking home a pair of wins, the Barons resumed play with Florence Christian and put on a show. They needed just over four minutes to score their first touchdown of the night and never looked back in a 34-15 victory, clinching the region title in the process.

"We had a nice three quarters of football," head coach Adam Jarecki said of the win. "It was a little different, but it was kind of the same because they were kicking off, and we weren't just out in the middle of the field somewhere. We had to make some adjustments this week. They were giving us some certain areas, and we were attacking those areas. It was all around a good night."

Jarecki really emphasized the importance of coming out strong offensively. Florence Christian wanted to control the clock in the first quarter, as both teams had just one possession apiece before the weather delay. He didn't want to have to play catchup all night long. The Barons responded with a great drive to open the night, as Cameron Wilsey punched in an 11-yard score to take a lead Wilson Hall would not relinquish.

"We knew that was a crucial possession. We needed to take that one and get down the field and score so we could get ahead," Jarecki said. "We knew possessions were going to be very limited, so we needed to get ahead because we didn't want to be behind and kick off to them after halftime."

It was almost like the Barons had a two-week halftime adjustment because they played a full quarter before resuming play. Wilson Hall was able to tweak the finer details to really jumpstart their offense.

"The two-week halftime, we played Pinewood and Trinity, so tell me what kind of halftime entertainment that was," Jarecki joked.

Wilsey and Ford Wilder were the primary benefactors of those adjustments on offense. Wilsey was able to turn seven carries into 63 yards and two touchdowns. After scoring the first touchdown of the evening, Wilsey opened the second half with a 17-yard scoot into the end zone. Wilder did most of his damage on the ground but found the end zone through the air in the first half, completing a 27-yard touchdown pass to Cooper Hill, pushing the Barons ahead 14-3 in the second quarter. He added Wilson Hall's final touchdown on a 21-yard run. The senior quarterback finished with 109 yards on the ground and completed four of seven passes for 59 yards and a score.

Milling Galloway added a 24-yard touchdown run as the Barons took a 28-3 lead in the third quarter, though he eventually left the game with an injury. Ben McLaurin scored a pair of two-point conversions and finished with 38 yards on 12 carries. Hill added two catches for 42 yards and a score.

"Ford had a really good night running the ball," Jarecki said. "We kinda set it up to do some things, and we just did a nice job."

On defense, the Barons didn't need to make a ton of game-changing adjustments. They just needed to execute the game plan, something they struggled with the first time around.

"We got lined up right," Jarecki said. "The biggest problem in the first game was they would get in a formation that we'd have an adjustment to the formation. We looked up, and we were in our goal line one time, and he had the field spread out. … That was a good thing that we could stop and take a look at. We were able to spend some time identifying things this week. It was a good effort by everybody."

Henry Jones and Peyton Gilley shared the team lead in tackles with seven. Jones added an interception and a tackle for a loss. Andrew Howle added six tackles, three of which were tackles for a loss. Galloway added six tackles, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery. Walker Wilson had six tackles, one of which was in the backfield for a loss.

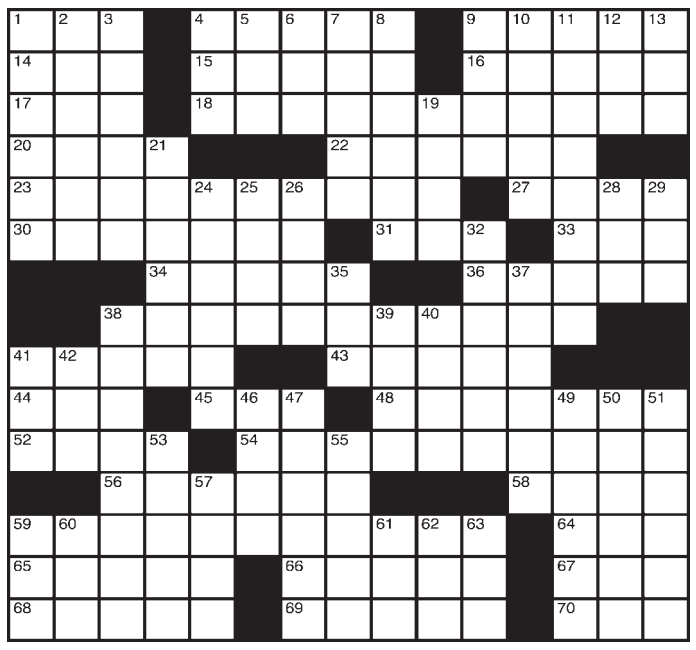
After surviving three important matchups, one of which erases the bye week, the Barons now close the regular season with a pair of road, non-region games. They'll head to Thomas Sumter next week before a trip to First Baptist. With a region title locked up, Jarecki just wants to see his team go into the postseason with some momentum.

"That was kind of our tough road. We faced three of the better teams that we see, and we came out on top of all of them. That was a good little run," Jarecki said. "We want to be 1-0 every week; we keep stressing that. We're going to work on us, get everything ready to go for when the playoffs start. Then it's a one-day-at-a-time kind of thing. We're going to keep the same approach."



Wilson Hall's Cameron Wilsey, center, carries the ball against Florence Christian on Friday.

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East Clarendon breaks away for 34-14 homecoming win over Mullins

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East Clarendon hosted Mullins for homecoming on Friday for a game that was far from pretty. The two teams combined to fumble the ball nine times, and the officiating left something to be desired in terms of pace of play and a few very costly missed calls.

Despite a sloppy night, the Wolverines buckled down, breaking away for what turned out to be a commanding 34-14 win. The recipe for success was a shift defensively. Mullins was playing without starting quarterback Kanazzion Bethea, but Deyon Ford was electric in the way he navigated around defenders early in the contest. East Clarendon moved to put more speed at the line of scrimmage after Ford threw for two touchdowns, and Mullins failed to score for the rest of the night.



East Clarendon's Blease Hardy (11) celebrates a touchdown on Friday.

"Defensively, that's been our strong point, and we did not play a strong first half," head coach Larry Cornelius said. "Mullins had their starting quarterback out, and they still scored two touchdowns on us. I thought we were playing a little lethargic. We had a second defense ready, what we call Rabbit. It was really for their starting quarterback, where we put our version of speed on the field, and we stayed in that the rest of the game, and it looked good. They had a fun time on defense in the second half."

Early on, EC and Mullins traded haymakers. The Wolverines needed just four plays to score on the game's opening possession after Mullins kicked the ball out of bounds. Skyler Cornelius ripped off a 37-yard run to set up a 17-yard touchdown pass from Gavin White to Jordan Green, putting EC up 7-0 less than two minutes into the game.

The Auctioneers punched right back in large part due to broken plays on third down. A fumbled snap on their second offensive play left Mullins with a third-and-16, but Ford slipped through the EC rush to complete a pass down to the Wolverines' 28. Three plays later, they faced another third-and-15, gaining 13 yards on a pass before Ford evaded a sack for a four-yard run on fourth-and-two. Ford eventually tossed a five-yard touchdown to Amir Lee before floating a two-point attempt to Tyron Allen to jump ahead 8-7.

The Wolverines got the ball back and worked their way down the field with the combination of S. Cornelius and Tyquan Wilson. They got down to the 12 early in the second quarter but stalled out. Diego Gomez-Cortez came on to attempt the field goal but missed wide left.

That's when the sloppiness really started to settle in.

Ford completed a pass to Keith Bridgett, who immediately coughed it up after a hit by S. Cornelius. Thomas Fitts jumped on the loose ball for EC at the Mullins 31. After a big run from Blease Hardy moved the Wolverines into the red zone, EC stalled out again and elected to go for it on fourth-and-five. White completed a pass to Crosby Timmons, but the fullback lost the ball at the four, and Mullins jumped on it.

The next two plays were among the most frustrating of the night for Coach Cornelius. Mullins was called for a hold as Ford rolled out to pass. With the Auctioneer quarterback standing in his own end zone, the flag should've resulted in a safety, but the officials made a mistake. Ford only gained a yard on his scramble attempt, so Coach Cornelius elected to decline the flag, which would've left Mullins with first-and-12, rather than second-and-nine. On the next play, the Wolverines completely lost track of Lee, who was wide open for a 95-yard touchdown, which put Mullins up 14-7 with just over seven minutes left in the half.

While the two-play series was a mess, Coach Cornelius loved the way his team responded, as Mullins was scoreless for the rest of the night.

"Maturity," the EC head coach said of what his team showed. "It was a broken coverage on our part. That stuff is going to happen. We don't want it to happen, but that stuff is going to happen; we've got to rebound. I've seen a lot of growth from last year to this year where we tend to put our heads down sometimes. We don't do that anymore. We know we've got to wash that out of our brain. There's nothing else you can do at that point."

East Clarendon responded by marching right down the field for the game-tying score. Wilson jumpstarted things with a 23-yard scoot before Hardy carried it four times in a row, eventually punching in a two-yard touchdown.

"Offensively, we start the game well. We moved the ball, and that's something that was a point of emphasis," Coach Cornelius said. "We haven't had good starts here the last couple of games, but we just shot ourselves in the foot. Our four possessions in the first half, we score, we have an opportunity to kick a field goal, we missed it, we turn it over on the four-yard line, and we score again. So, we're moving the ball, we just have to finish those drives. The second half was a little bit of the same thing. We had two turnovers again on our own mistakes and a bunch of penalties, but we continued to move the ball."

The region foes went into the half locked in a 14-14 tie. They finished the third quarter with the same score after a turnover-laden frame. EC came out and immediately forced a punt thanks to a huge sack on the first play of the half. The Wolverines started to move the ball on their next drive but faced fourth-and-three at the Mullins 38. A false start sent them backward five yards, but the Wolverines still wanted to go for it. The snap launched over Hardy's head, however, giving Mullins the ball at the EC 26. Their possession didn't last long, as Ford was stripped and Shamar Graham recovered the loose ball for EC.After another Wolverine punt, Mullins just went backward, as the Auctioneers were called for offensive pass interference before a sack by Fitts. A personal foul left Mullins with third and forever, setting up a Graham sack. Mullins then punted the ball into the back side of their upback, giving EC the ball at the Mullins 20. Three plays later, however, EC put the ball on the ground yet again. The Auctioneers stalled out once more, punting it away. EC got the ball back in Mullins territory but fumbled it yet again. The fumbles kept coming, as Ford lost his grip on the ball, but a pair of Wolverines rolled out of bounds as they jumped on the loose ball. Mullins kept possession at their own nine, and Ford fumbled yet another snap but recovered in time to throw a near-pick. Another punt gave EC the ball in the red zone with just under a minute left in the third quarter.

East Clarendon kept their grip on the ball long enough to score this time around, as White found Timmons for a 17-yard completion to get down inside the five. Two carries later, Hardy punched in his second touchdown to put the Wolverines ahead for good. Another stalled-out Mullins drive led to yet another Auctioneer punt, which was blocked by Jaylon Barron and recovered at the Mullins 10. S. Cornelius carried the ball twice and punched in yet another EC touchdown to go ahead 28-14.

"We timed the snap to the foot, and we knew they were a little bit slow," Coach Cornelius said of their decision to aggressively block punts. "Any time that's going to happen, we're going to put more pressure. When we don't have a deep threat to take it to the house every time, we're going to put more pressure on the punter. You put a guy like Wes back there that has good hands and can fair catch it, he had a nice punt return tonight. He does a good job for the most part."

There was one bit of madness left in the game. Mullins was flagged for a personal foul after the touchdown, so EC kicked off from the Auctioneer 45. The Wolverines elected to go for an onside kick, but a flag was thrown on the play. EC had to wait a long time for an explanation only to learn that the flag was for touching the ball early, despite the ball being untouched for 15 yards. The lengthy delay was all for naught, as Ford threw up a prayer down field on third-and-14 and Green came down with the interception to ice the game. Wilson carried the ball four times on the ensuing drive, breaking off a 55-yard touchdown to put the game out of reach.



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East Clarendon's Tyquan Wilson (6) carries the ball against Mullins on Friday.

Wilson led the Wolverines with 18 carries for 121 yards and a touchdown, while S. Cornelius added 18 totes for 105 yards and a score. Hardy carried the ball 10 times for 44 yards and two scores. White finished 5-7 for 78 yards and a touchdown.

"It was nice to get multiple guys scoring," Coach Cornelius said. "Skyler leads the team in touchdowns, but Blease comes in and gets two, ran the ball tough. Tyquan ran the ball really tough tonight. He's our quickest guy, and I love that for him that he got a 55-yard rip there. That's what our offense is, whoever is open or whoever has the hot hand is getting the ball. There's a lot of diversity on offense."

Mike Woods had four tackles and 1.5 sacks to lead the defense, while S. Cornelius added four tackles, a tackle for a loss and a forced fumble. Fitts chipped in with three tackles, a sack, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble. Picasso Brown had a tackle for a loss. Keshaun Porter had a forced fumble, a sack and a pass breakup, while Graham finished with 1.5 sacks and two tackles. Green picked off a pass, broke up another and added a touchdown on offense.

East Clarendon will now hit the road to face an Atlantic Collegiate team that is better than their 2-6 record implies. They took Manning down to the wire on Friday night, as the Monarchs narrowly pulled out a 14-12 win. Coach Cornelius said ACA won't sneak up on them next week.

"I don't think there's any more trap games for us anymore because I feel like our boys have learned their lesson from our first region game against Lake City where we came in flat," the EC head coach said. "We're not taking anything for granted now; we know we're taking it one game at a time. We control our destiny right now to win the region. The boys know that East Clarendon hasn't won the region since 1989, so some of their parents may have just been born at that time. We talked about that and what's at stake, and they're trying to put something else in the history books at EC."

Manning holds off Atlantic Collegiate for 16-14 win

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Points were at a premium when Manning hosted Atlantic Collegiate on Friday night. The underdog Armada gave the Monarchs everything they could handle, but a key stop on a two-point conversion was able to lift Manning to a 14-16 win.

"We knew they were better than their record," Manning head coach Reggie Kennedy said of the now 2-6 Armada. "They're a much-improved team than the team we faced last year. They're up and coming and a team to contend with down the stretch."

On a night when both offenses struggled to move the ball, the Manning defense jumpstarted the scoring. Jontavious Canty scooped up an errant pitch and took it 48 yards to the house. He also scored Manning's lone offensive touchdown and punched in a two-point conversion. All but two of the Monarchs' points came from their star senior linebacker-turned-running back.

"When he first picked it up, he thought it wasn't a fumble and we yelled, 'Go, go, go,' and he turned it into offense. That ended up being the difference in the ballgame," Kennedy said. "Jon is the key to our success. You've seen the difference since he returned. The kids rallied around him, and they play well with him. I'm glad he's on our team."

But Manning struggled to move the ball all night. They finished with just 120 yards on the ground. Canty finished with 40 yards, while quarterback Lovell Stevenson ran 12 times for 60 yards. He was also 5-9 for 53 yards and an interception through the air.

"They're pretty big up front on both sides of the ball, and we kinda struggled a little bit up front with the size they had," Kennedy said. "We just felt like we could never get a consistent rhythm, but it was good enough. We knew it was going to be a defensive struggle. Our defense put their hard hats on and went to work in the second half."

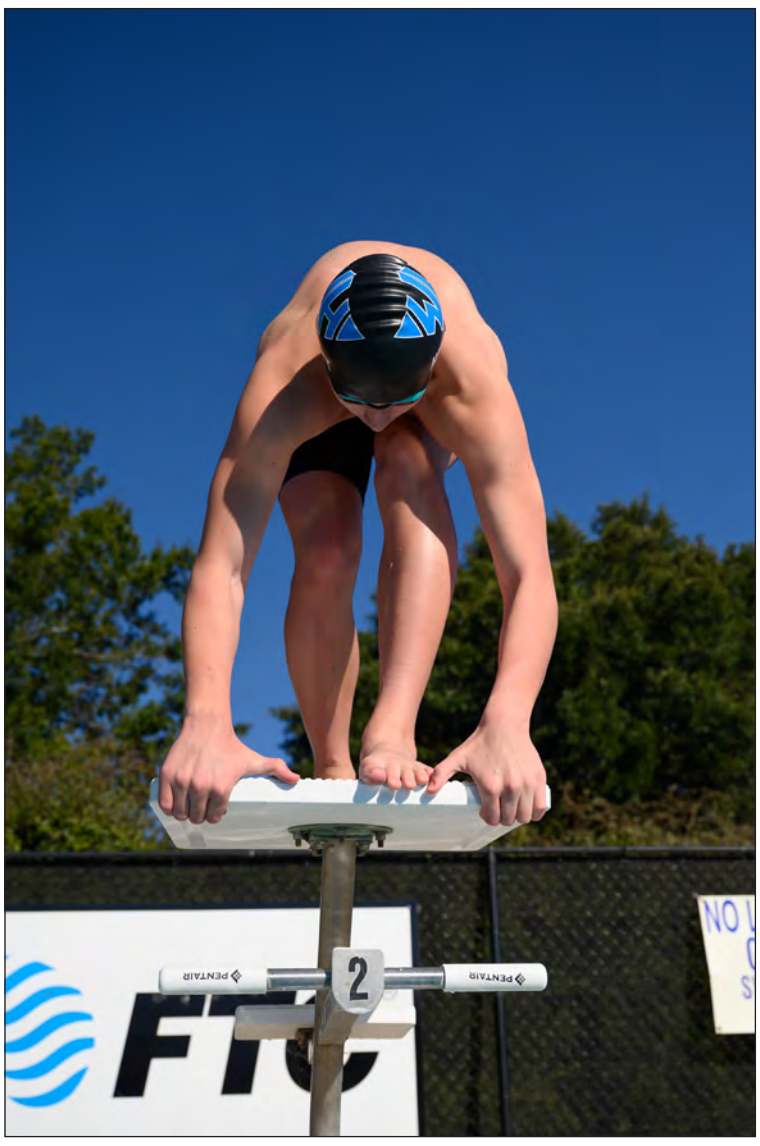
Manning led 16-8 at the half, and both teams failed to cross the goal line until late in the contest. With less than two minutes left to play, Atlantic Collegiate finally broke through for another score. The Monarchs were able to get a few key stops, but with fourth and goal, the Armada made a play. ACA went with a toss sweep pass and found enough running room to find the end zone. But the Armada still needed a two-point conversion to tie the game. That's when Manning decided to bring some heat, as Ethan Lowder came in on a blitz for a critical sack to end the game. He was Manning's leading tackler on the night, finishing with 10 stops, two tackles for a loss and the game-sealing sack.

"Ethan's been working hard all season and during the offseason; I'm glad to see him have some success," Kennedy said. "We use him in a lot of our blitzes, and we blitzed them quite a bit. He's one of the kids on the team who does almost everything. He plays H-back and linebacker, he's on all of our special teams, so the only time he gets a break is halftime and when the game is over, so I'm glad to see him have a good night."

Lovon Stevenson added seven tackles on defense, while Ethan Morales had five tackles and an assisted tackle for a loss. Jontavious and Dontavious Canty each added four tackles.

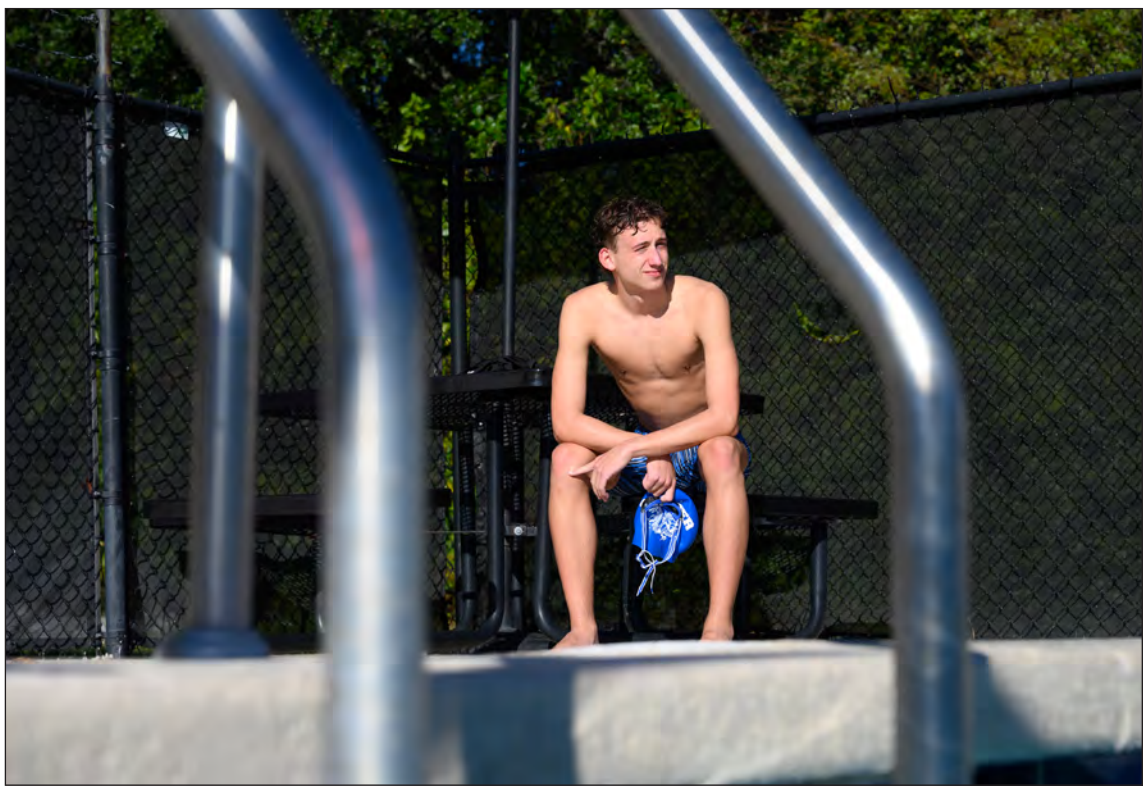
The win kept Manning in a tie with East Clarendon atop Region VII-2A. While the Wolverines own the tiebreaker, Kennedy plans to at least end this season with a share of the region crown with his alma mater. The first step in that process is beating Marion next week before their regular season finale with Lake City.

"We know if we can win these last two, we can get a share of the region title. We don't want to give it up; we're going to defend our title," Kennedy said. "We want to win out and at least have a share of the region championship. We want to win out; that's the goal."



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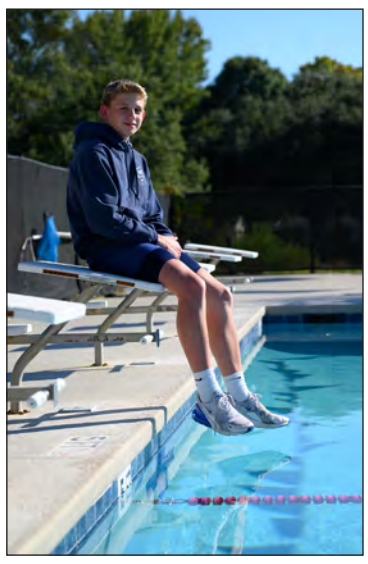
Jacob Hewett prepares to dive into the pool at the Sumter Aquatics Center on Oct. 16.



Sumter High's Jordan Hewett saved the best race of his high school career for last, winning gold in the 500 free at the SCHSL 5A DI state meet.



Jordan Hewett puts on his swim cap at the Sumter Aquatics Center on Oct. 16.



Wilson Hall's Jacob Hewett has set a high bar for the Baron swim program, claiming multiple school records in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke at this year's SCISA state meet, winning gold in both events.

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"There's been a lot of good growth since we joined the team," Jacob said. "It does get tiring driving to Columbia for practice every day, but it's definitely worth it."

SPLITTING UP IN SCHOOL

Around the time they decided to start swimming together in Columbia, Jordan and Jacob went their separate ways at the high school level. Jacob started his varsity swimming career with his brother at Sumter High but needed a fresh academic challenge and moved, alongside his younger sister, to Wilson Hall. Luckily, Jacob had some familiar faces with the Barons, but he definitely noticed some differences between SCHSL and SCISA swimming.

"The time standards were a little slower, but there were definitely a lot more kids," Jacob said of joining Wilson Hall. "Most of the kids on the team we already swam with through the Y, so it also felt like a family joining the team."

The move came during Jordan's junior year, and he was already hungry to take a big step in the pool. The elder Hewett qualified for state in each of his first two years of high school but didn't get to compete in the state meet as a sophomore because he broke his thumb three weeks before the meet. Doctors told him that he would need four weeks to heal.

"I tried so hard (to find a way to swim). I asked them, 'Couldn't you just cut the cast off for the day?' And he was like, 'No, you can't do that.' I tried, but that doctor wouldn't hear it," Jordan said. "I felt so bad. I felt like I let the team down, kinda. We could've done great and had a team go to state, but we didn't get a chance to. I really made sure that junior year, I would prepare myself in every way and not do dumb stuff like that. That's what I did, and I feel like I bounced back pretty good my junior year."

He certainly did.

Not only did Jordan earn a trip back to state, but Sumter High sent a relay team, too. For a program used to sending one or two individuals to state, seeing most of their boys team in the pool was a blessing.

"For me, it was really special. My freshman year, it was just me and Anthony (Benenhaley), then it was just Anthony because I broke my thumb. To have four other guys there, it was special. It was Anthony's last year, Jack (Easton)'s last year. It was special, it was fun."

Jordan had an excellent meet, finishing third in the 500 free with a time of 4:50.39 while finishing eighth in the 200 free. He also swam with Anthony Benenhaley, Jack Easton and Gabriel Kirkhart in the 400 free relay and the 200 medley relay.

While Jordan was making his mark at Sumter High, Jacob was tearing through the Wilson Hall record books as an eighth-grader. He set a new school record in the 200 individual medley, which he broke at the state meet on his way to a SCISA championship. He also set a new program record in the 400 free relay with Logan Schumacher, Stirling Tindal and Cliff Bath, as the team finished third.

Wilson Hall head coach Jeanna Mahr has known the Hewetts since their days at the Y and loved watching Jacob come in and immediately plaster his name on the Baron record books. His success immediately lit a fire under his Wilson Hall teammates.

"It's fun to watch. Records are meant to be broken. That's the whole fun about records; it's having something to aim for and break them," Jeanna said. "Jacob being an eighth-grader, I don't think that mattered. They're all really good friends, so it was about how can they be as good as Jacob and what do they need to do to do that. That dynamic has been good to have on the team. They started having double workouts, having morning and afternoon practices to be on the same caliber as Jacob, and they're getting there."

AN INCREDIBLE WEEK

All of the Hewetts' hard work culminated in one week earlier this month. Jacob got the first crack at bringing home some hardware, though he had a bit of an emotional roller coaster throughout the day.

"I was going through the day feeling pretty good. I get to the pool, I warm up, and I felt pretty good. I felt strong, felt smooth. The first race was good. I had a PR (personal record) in that race and got sixth place. I didn't win, but I felt pretty good. I was happy with that. I started to doubt myself a little bit. I'm not in the best shape right now, but we'll see how it goes. I got in that pool again, swam again, and I did good. I just did what my coaches told me to do and focused on what they tell me to do, which is keep my strokes long and pull and don't forget to kick and watch your breath. That's what I did."

Jordan's first race was the 200 free, where he placed sixth with a time of 1:47.78. Head coach Cathy Kirkhart challenged the senior to try to match his pace in the 200 when he jumped into the pool for the 500. It was a challenging task, but Jordan's greatest strength is his endurance.

"You just can't think; you've just got to do it. If you think too much, you're not going to do it," Jordan said of trying to match his 200 pace. "You have to be able to put yourself in the pain cave, and you've got to stay there. You've just got to kick and go, and that's what I did."

Jodi was emotional watching his son stand on the podium. Weeks later, he's still beaming with pride thinking about what his son accomplished.

"I've always believed Jordan has it in him to do as much as he wants and to be as good as he wants if he's willing to work for it," Jodi said. "For the last year, Jordan has worked so hard. For Jordan to stand on top of the podium, in the middle, in first place after all these years to be at a meet by himself, it's a lot, but it was great. I have known for so long that he can do that if he wanted to."

Jodi stressed that his son was able to reach the milestone because of persistence in the pool. One detail he always imparted on his son was a lesson from Bob Bowman, the coach for Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time.

"Every day, you make a deposit. At meets, you make withdrawals, but you need to have made the deposit first," Jodi said, quoting Bowman. "In this last year, Jordan has learned how to make more meaningful deposits that he can pull from. It showed that night. He had a wonderful swim. Not only did he have a good time, but technically, he had a good swim."

Jordan couldn't have asked for a better way to conclude his high school career than winning the 500 with a time of 4:46.62, claiming victory by nearly five seconds.

"It was special; I loved it," he said. "My grandparents were there, they're from Alabama, so they were there, and they saw it, my mom and dad saw it. They were at practice, so they didn't see it, but it was crazy."

A couple days later, Jacob jumped into the pool trying to do the same thing. He definitely had a little extra motivation to one-up his brother. That fire turned into two individual titles and a relay championship.

"When he got home and I saw that he won one, I was like, 'I'm going to beat you and win two,'" Jacob said. "Once I won two, I kinda bragged about it a little bit. It was fun."

The younger Hewett brother had an immaculate day in the pool. He won the 200 individual medley, breaking his own school record with a time of 1:56.52. He just missed out on the SCISA record, falling short by .52 seconds in an event that showcases his talent in all four strokes.

"Having to prepare to do all four is very tough because the butterfly, that starts it out really hard," Jacob said of the challenge that comes with the individual medley. "Your shoulders are starting to die, and then you get on your back. For me, backstroke isn't my specialty, so I just have to keep my lead, hopefully, and get safely to the breaststroke and build on my lead or catch up to people. And then freestyle, I have to bring it home as hard as I can."

Jacob also broke the school record in the 100 breaststroke, overtaking Jack Poag's mark with a time of 59.92. For good measure, he joined Cliff Bath, Ryan Brown and Banks Smith on the 200 free relay team, winning the title with a time of 1:34.01, another school record. Three state titles in one day is physically taxing, but he found a way to make it work.

"For a high school meet where it's all on one day, there's definitely more pressure because it feels like you're going back-to-back-to-back," he said. "Your muscles start to get tired after the first or second one, and after the third, you're kinda dead."

While Jacob was dominating, Jordan was right in his corner the entire time.

"They both support each other so much," Jeanna said. "Jordan was there at the state meet telling Jacob, 'You've got this.' I told Jordan to go coach him at the warm-down pool while I was coaching other kids, and Jordan was there talking him through it. It's just great to see them support each other."

IMPACT ON SUMTER AND BEYOND

When Jeanna looks at the success that Jordan and Jacob have experienced this fall, she sees it as an incredible win for the Sumter swimming community as a whole. They've proven that greatness can come from the simplest first steps.

"It really gives us some advertisement for the swimming community. It's great to see them come from the humble beginnings of the Y and shoot off into greatness," she said. "It's great for the swim community. It's made our Wilson Hall kids strive for greater PRs. To have a whole family swimming like that, it's amazing."

The spectacular fall is also helping Jordan, as he prepares to make the jump to collegiate swimming. He's making his second college visit to Virginia Military Institute this weekend. He already has an offer from the school, which he has all but formally accepted. He's already setting a new set of goals after checking off some important milestones in high school.

"I want to break some of their records because I'm looking at my times and their freshman records, my times aren't far off from them," Jordan said. "I want to go and try to better myself to the best version of me that I can."

Jacob will miss having his carpool partner to Columbia, but he plans to keep pushing for more records in the final three years of his high school career.

"It'll be a little different not having him there, but I still have some good swim friends that swim on the team, so hopefully they'll keep me company," he said. "(Now the goal is) to be able to improve the records and make sure they're not going to be taken down right after I leave."

As they look back on their time spent at Sumter Aquatics Center, which serves as the home pool for both Sumter High and Wilson Hall, the Hewetts are thankful for all the people who helped them on their journey to championship glory.

"It's not just the pool, it's the people that got me here, the people that helped me here. Coaches like Coach Cathy, teammates like Anthony and Gabe and people like that," Jordan said. "And then my dad, he really pushed us; not just here, but especially when we were on that Y team. Dad helped a lot, especially when we were trying to find a coach. Even at times, him playing that coach/dad role was a little hard, but I think it was what we needed."

Jodi is just thankful for the hours the Hewetts have been able to spend as a family at the pool. While they may have spent a few more hours in the car than they would like, it was more than worth it to have a built-in excuse to spend every weekend together.

"I have absolutely loved having all three of them doing the same thing because we don't have to separate weekends as a family. Even though we're not always home on the weekend as a family, we're together as a family. I do think that's a blessing," Jodi said. "Even though we are gone a lot, because at the level the kids swim at, there are a lot of swim meets and to get to the better meets, you have to go further and further away, we're there together as a family, instead of being separated. I love watching the kids swim, and I think the swimming community is a great community to be a part of."

Sumter High School golf sends Berry, Turner to state; team falls just short

STAFF REPORT

The Sumter High girls golf team traveled to Wedgefield Country Club for the SCHSL 5A DI lower state championship on Monday. The Lady Gamecocks fell just three strokes shy of advancing to state as a team, but they'll have two individuals swing away at Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg on Oct. 27-28.

Selah Berry was the low scorer for SHS on Monday, shooting 95 to punch her ticket to state. Mia Turner was a stroke behind with a 96 to advance. Jaylen Berry just missed the cut, finishing with 100. Emme Bauer rounded out the scoring lineup with 111, leaving SHS with a team score of 402. The cutoff for teams to advance to state was 399.



The Sumter High girls golf team played in the SCHSL 5A DI lower state championship on Monday.

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OBITUARIES

ANNA PORTER LONG

Anna Porter Long departed this life Monday, Oct. 13, 2025, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital, Columbia. Born in Sumter County on Sept. 21, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Alphonso and Lottie Porter.

During her membership at Antioch United Methodist Church, she was a member of the Methodist Women of Faith, the choir, and engaged in many other capacities within the church.

She leaves her family, other relatives and friends who will cherished his memories.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 5590 Goshen Road, Sumter.

Celebration of Life Services were held at noon Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, at Antioch United Methodist Church, 4040 Dubose Siding Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Franklin Garrett, pastor.

Burial followed in the 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 messages may be sent to the family at *williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com*. Visit us on the web at *www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com*.

EMILY CAROL HODGE ARDIS

Emily Carol Hodge Ardis, age 77, beloved wife of the late Wayne Russell Ardis Sr., passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 13, 2025.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter for the arrangements.

Bullock Funeral Home & Crematorium

ADA BURNS WRIGHT

Ada Burns Wright, 84, widow of George Wright Jr. and daughter of the late Larry Burns Sr. and Lena Walters Burns, was born on July 5, 1941, in Sumter. She departed this life on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at her residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 1969 Golfair Road, Sumter, daily from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Mask is required in accordance with the COVID-19 guidelines.

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

PATRICIA ANN LANIUS BYNUM



BYNUM

Patricia "Pat" Ann Lanius Bynum, widow of Henry Clarke Bynum, went to her heavenly home on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025.

Mrs. Bynum was the youngest child of the late Louise Paty Lanius Cooke and the Rev. Paul Fisher Lanius. She was born on Aug. 15, 1933, in College Grove, Tennessee. Her father was a United Methodist minister, and she grew up in Methodist parsonages throughout middle Tennessee.

She graduated from Central High School in Columbia, Tennessee, and received her B.S. degree in elementary education from Middle Tennessee State University. It was while working at Lake Junaluska Assembly that she met her future husband. Her father officiated at her marriage to Henry Clarke Bynum on April 17, 1955, in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

She was a loving mother and wife and was also active in the Sumter community. Mrs. Bynum was a devoted member of Trinity United Methodist Church for over 60 years, where she served in numerous leadership capacities. Mrs. Bynum was a past president of the Junior Welfare League, a former member of the Daughter's Book Club, and she served on the Friends of Swan Lake Advisory Board.

Mrs. Bynum loved her mountain home "Breezy Corner", her hydrangeas on Snowden Street and everything pink. Her greatest joy, however, was her family. She adored her husband of 60 years, Henry, her children and her grandchildren. To many, she was affectionately known as "Mama Pat".

Mrs. Bynum was preceded in death by her son, Henry Clarke Bynum Jr., in September 2007, as well as her sister, Mary Louise Lanius Smith, and her brothers, William Robert, Neal Frazier and Paul Fisher Lanius.

Mrs. Bynum is survived by her daughter Louise Lanius Bynum Mitchum and her husband, Robert "Eddie" Mitchum, of Concord, N.C. Also surviving are her son Edward Kennedy Bynum and his wife, Yvette Dibrell Bynum, of Sumter and daughter-in-law Mary Lynn "Sissy" Satcher Bynum of Columbia. Eight grandchildren survive Mrs. Bynum: Kellie Mitchum Davis and her husband, Jeremy, Satcher Bynum Armstrong and her husband, Branford, Henry Clarke Bynum III and his wife, Stephanie, Ann-Lanius Bynum Noblitt and her husband, Matt, Benjamin Wright Bynum and his wife, Lindsay, Edward Kennedy Bynum Jr., Ellis Roberson Bynum and Lottie Marie Bynum. Mrs. Bynum is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Adelaide Mitchum Davis, Radford Thomas Davis, MaryClarke Morgan Armstrong, William Branford Armstrong Jr., Oliver Henry Armstrong, Abigail Burke Bynum, Eliza Lyn Bynum, Charlotte Clarke Bynum, Willow Hope Noblitt, Naomi Grace Noblitt, Isaiah JaKori Noblitt, Emilia Elizabeth Bynum and John Edwards Bynum.

A graveside service celebrating Mrs. Bynum's life was conducted at Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery on Monday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Mark Yoder officiating.

Mrs. Bynum's grandsons served as pallbearers.

The family received friends immediately following the graveside service at Lodebar Farm, 1501 Martinville Church Road, Sumter.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Junaluska Assembly, 759 N Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745; Wilson Hall School, 520 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150; Sumter Methodist Church 2751 S. Wise Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

Online condolences may be sent to *www.sumterfunerals.com*.

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

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory

ELIZABETH K. GALLEGOS

Elizabeth "Ms Betty" K. Gallegos, age 102, beloved wife of the late Savas Crispen Gallegos, was called by the Lord to heaven on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025; she left peacefully with her son by her side.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter for the arrangements.

Bullock Funeral Home & Crematorium

WILLIAM BENJAMIN ABBOTT JR.

William Benjamin Abbott Jr., 87, husband of Aileen Teucher Abbott, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at his home in Sumter.



ABBOTT

Born in Anderson, he was a son of the late William Benjamin Abbott Sr. and Roberta Plowden Abbott.

Mr. Abbott was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and served in the Corps of Engineers in the U.S. Army and Shaw AFB. He was a retired civil engineer with Plowden Construction Co., where he served as vice president for many years.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Susan Abbott Butler (Ken Mazankowski); one son, Dr. William Benjamin Abbott III (Kelly Clay); one step-daughter, Robin Hunt Schmidt (Nicholas); one stepson, Neil Anthony Hunt; one sister, Mary Abbott Staggs (Chuck); three brothers, Robert Plowden (Frankie), Dr. John Julian (Anne) and Arthur McFaddin Abbott (Susan); three grandchildren, Collin Butler, Dr. Nicholas Schmidt (Bethanie) and Jennifer Ann Ballard (Jared); and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Stewart Rawson officiating.

The family received friends following the memorial service in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 9 W. Calhoun St., Sumter SC 29150.

Online condolences may be sent to *www.sumterfunerals.com*.

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

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory

ANNIE H. DIXON

Annie H. Dixon, 84, widow of Roosevelt Dixon, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence. Born May 1, 1941, in Lee County, she was the daughter of the late Delfield Hunter and Melma Brailsford Hunter.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 907 W. Church St., Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the management of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

MICHELLE WHITE

Michelle White, 53, daughter of Linwood Canty White and the late Samuel White Jr., was born on Dec. 1, 1971, in Ulm, Germany. She departed this life on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, at her residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 46 Briarwood Drive, Sumter.

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

ERNEST DIX JR.

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Ernest Dix Jr., who transitioned at the age of 85, on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025, at his home in South Carolina. Born on Aug. 22, 1940, in Sumter, he was the beloved son of the late Ernest and Jessie Dicks and the father of Michelle Coalmon, Erniece Gray and Ernest Dix III. He is also the cousin of Marie McDaniel and Frances Hill. Funeral arrangements will be held at Palmer Memorial Chapel. For more information, visit *www.palmermemorialchapel.com*.

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JOHNNY GOODLEY

Johnny Goodley, 75, husband of Ella Mae White Goodley and son of the late Wilton O'Neil Britton and Susie Mae Swinton, was born on Oct. 12, 1950, in Sumter. He departed this life on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.

Family will receive friends at the home, 207 Alexander Place, Sumter, daily from 4 to 8 p.m.

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

DIANA LEE HURLBURT DECKER



DECKER

Diana Lee Hurlburt Decker, age 81, passed away on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, at National Healthcare, Sumter.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Bullock Funeral Home on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, from 4 to 6 p.m.

You may go to *www.bullockfuneralhome.com* to sign the family's guestbook.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

Bullock Funeral Home & Crematorium

ANNETTE NEAL PORTER

Annette Neal Porter, 83, wife of William Charles "Chuck" Porter, passed away Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at her home.



PORTER

Born Nov. 6, 1941, in Rock Hill, she was the daughter of the late Walter Andrew Neal and Rebecca McManus Neal. She was a member of Sumter First Church of God. She was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and adored by all who had the privilege of being in her presence. Her strength, elegance, perseverance and grace were unmatched. She was the anchor to our family, a sweet soul and a precious dear friend to so many. She was a joy giver, a grace dispenser and will be deeply missed by all.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years; three daughters, Carolyn Thames (Jerry), Lora Durrance and Mitzie Tibbets (Eric); 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Diane Neal Waldrop and Vivian Neal Patterson (Carl Dean Sr.).

She was preceded in death by Ronald Dunlap Neal, Margie Neal Wyatt, Mary Ellen Neal Tysinger, Peggy Jo Neal Rogers and Walter Dunlap Neal.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, at Sumter First Church of God with the Rev. Ron Bower officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, in Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sumter First Church of God Youth Group, 1835 Camden Hwy., Sumter, SC 29153.

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



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Beer & Wine License

Notice Of Application

Notice is hereby given that **Yummy of Sumter** 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 **2561 Broad St, Sumter SC 29150**. To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **October 31, 2025**. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be submitted online e-mailed to: ABL@dor.sc.gov Attn: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL Section.

Abandon Vehicle / Boat

Abandoned Vehicle Notice:
The following vehicle(s) was abandoned at J & J Towing, 965 Bethel Church Rd. Sumter, SC 29154. Described as a :
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Summons & Notice

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A No.: 2025-CP-43-01332 Guild Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs Kim Janice Sinkler, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Derrick Bennett; S.B., a minor, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Derrick Bennett, 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; Gainey Construction Company LLC, Defendant(s). SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for the Plaintiff. NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Lis Pendens, and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on July 25, 2025 and Amended August 7, 2025. J. Martin Page, Esq. (SC Bar: 100200) Morgan Ames, Esq. (SC Bar: 106058) Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 Phone (803) 509-5078 BCP No.: 25-43429 7276

Public Hearing

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS), pursuant to the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), as modified by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), gives notice of the following action. Effective October 22, 2025, SUATS will accept public review and comment on a proposed amendment (Revision #10) to the FY 2024-2033 Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The SUATS TIP outlines federally funded as well as regionally significant transportation projects that are planned for a 10 year period and serves as the plan to improve transportation infrastructure in the Sumter community. The TIP serves as a planning tool to ensure the most effective use of limited funding for transportation improvements.

TIP Revision Description:
a. Add Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to FY26 in the amount of $500,000 for US-76/378 Bypass over E. Calhoun St. Extension and CSX Railroad.

Public Hearing

b. Add ADA vehicle purchase funding to FY26 in the amount of $235,294 for Sumter Disability and Special Needs Board ADA Vehicle Purchases.
c. Add Paving budget for non-Federal Aid Secondary Streets for FY24 in the amount of $6,876,800 for Sumter County CTC Paving.
d. Shift Right of Way (ROW) phase from FY26 to FY27 for E./W. Calhoun St. Corridor Improvement (N. Washington St. to Daconia St).
e. Shift Construction (C) phase from FY26 to FY28 for E./W. Calhoun St. Corridor Improvement (N. Washington St. to Daconia St).
f. Shift Construction (C) phase from FY25 to FY26 for Hauser St. Bridge over Turkey Creek.
g. Shift Right-of-Way (ROW) phase from FY26 to FY27 for US-15 Southbound Bridge over Pocotaligo River.
h. Shift Right-of-Way (ROW) phase from FY26 to FY27 for Turkey Creek Greenway, Phase 1.

Public review and comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 13, 2025. Copies of all associated documents, as well as additional information concerning the proposed actions are available at the Sumter City-County Planning Department, 12 W. Liberty Street, and at:

https://www.sumtersc.gov/departments/planning/suats/public-involvement.

Written comments may be sent to Mr. Kyle Kelly, Senior Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Department. Mailing Address - PO Box 1449, Sumter, SC 29151 Physical Address - 12 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150, or Email address - kkelly @sumtersc.gov

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the address above, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

David P. Merchant
Chairman, SUATS
Policy Committee

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS), pursuant to the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), as modified by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), gives notice of the following action. Effective October 22, 2025, SUATS will accept public review and comment on proposed Amendment #4 to the SUATS 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is used as the guide for how SUATS plans to invest in the area's transportation system over a 25-year period. The LRTP includes both long-range and short-range strategies/actions that lead to the development of efficient roadways, public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian transportation, and freight connections.

LRTP Amendment Description: Amendment to revise fiscally constrained and non-fiscally constrained projects lists by category, as follows:

• Proposed Revision of "Road Diet" category to "Corridor Retrofit" to better reflect possible improvements to be considered during project development.
• Proposed Addition of 1 Corridor Improvement, as follows:
• Project #RF-7 - E. Hampton Ave. from N. Harvin St. to Green St.
• Proposed Addition of 11 Intersection Improvements, as follows:
• Project #IS-24 - Bultman Dr. @ N. Guignard Dr.
• Project #IS-25 - Broad St. @ E/W. Wesmark Blvd.
• Project #IS-26 - N. Lafayette Dr. @ E. Calhoun St.
• Project #IS-27 - S. Guignard Dr. @ W. Oakland Ave.
• Project #IS-28 - Alice Dr. @ W. Wesmark Blvd.
• Project #IS-29 - Alice Dr. @ Wise Dr.
• Project #IS-30 - Broad St. @ Patriot Parkway
• Project #IS-31 - Broad St. @ Bultman Dr.
• Project #IS-32 - Thomas Sumter Hwy @ Alice Dr.
• Project #IS-33 - Thomas Sumter Hwy @ Jefferson Rd.
• Project #IO-11 - Patriot Parkway @ Shaw Dr.
• Proposed Addition of 3 Sidewalk Improvements, as follows:
• Project #SW-38 - Dicks Street from Rast St. to Brunhill St.
• Project #SW-39 - Kolb Rd. from McCray's Mill Rd. to Sun Valley Dr.
• Project #G-23 - Pitts Road from Wedgefield Rd. to McCray's Mill Rd.

Public review and comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 13, 2025. Copies of all associated documents, as well as additional information concerning the proposed actions are available at the Sumter City-County Planning Department, 12 W. Liberty Street, and at:

https://www.sumtersc.gov/departments/planning/suats/public-involvement.

Written comments may be sent to Mr. Kyle Kelly, Senior Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Department. Mailing Address - PO Box 1449, Sumter, SC 29151 Physical Address - 12 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150, or Email address - kkelly @sumtersc.gov

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the address above, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Chairman, SUATS
Policy Committee

Public Hearing

short-range strategies/actions that lead to the development of efficient roadways, public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian transportation, and freight connections.

LRTP Amendment Description: Amend;ment to LRTP adopting Annual Statewide Safety Performance Measure Targets, as follows

Number of Fatalities: 1,059
Fatality Rate: 1.87
Number of Serious Injuries: 2,549
Serious Injury Rate: 4.50
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 467.9

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Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Cheryl S. Vogel
2025ES4300671

Personal Representative:
Patricia Alsbrooks
2675 Burnt Gin Road
Wedgefield, SC 29168

Estate: Orel McFadden, Sr.
2025ES4300673

Personal Representative:
Patricia C. McFadden
825 Tieasha Lane
Gable, SC 29051

Estate: Pamela Denise Alexander
2025ES4300662

Personal Representative:
Edwin R. Nichols
8419 Rust Wood Place
Charlotte, NC 28227

Eduardo R. Curry
Attorney at Law
PO Box 42270
Charleston, SC 29423

Estate: John Harry Hensley
2025ES4300550

Personal Representative:
Christina Dawn Hensley-Causey
304 Sunburst Lane
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Estate: Lawrence Kershaw Jr.
2025ES4300702

Personal Representative:
Lawrence A. Kershaw
810 North Kings HWY
Sumter, SC 29154

Estate: Thomasina Elizabeth Taylor
2025ES4300661

Personal Representative:
Angela Taylor
100 Chatwick Ct.
Sumter, SC 29150

Estate: Cleo Riddick Knight
2025ES4300684

Personal Representative:
Jalicia Ariana Knight
1200 St. Andrews
Apt. 912
Columbia, SC 29210

Estate: Tamekia Hunter Ross
2025ES4300669

Personal Representative:
Arnteyus J. Ross, Sr.
1912 Georgianna Drive
Sumter, SC 29150

Estate: Stephanie Patterson Champion
2025ES4300701

Personal Representative:
Linda H. Patterosn
2725 Pintail Dr.
Sumter, SC 29150

Estate: Willie Elliott, Jr.
2025ES4300659

Personal Representative:
Alicia McKnight
64 Carrol Drive
Sumter, SC 29150

Robert McKnight
64 Carrol Drive
Sumter, SC 29150

Estate: Isaac Dinkins
2025ES4300682

Personal Representative:
Meritta M. Dinkins
895 Shedricks Court
Sumter, SC 29154

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Estate: Lettie Mae Thompson
2025ES4300687

Personal Representative:
Debra N. Barwick
1520 Johnny Lane
Pinewood, SC 29125

Estate: Thomasina S. Abrams
2025ES4300667

Personal Representative:
Deloris Pringle
250 HWY 261 South
Apt. 23
Wedgefield, SC 29168

Estate: Erin Rae McCarty
2025ES4300696

Personal Representative:
Patrick Daniel McCarty
723 Ponderosa Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

David W. Wolf
Attorney at Law
748-D St. Andrews Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Estate: Ernest Glenn Ayers, Jr.
2025ES4300676

Personal Representative:
Thomas E. Player, Jr.
305 N. Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150

Thomas E. Player, Jr.
Attorney at Law
PO Box 3690
Sumter, SC 29151

Estate: Billy Edward Helms
2025ES4300664

Personal Representative:
Joye H. Barrs
1425 Old Manning Road
Sumter, SC 29150

Kenneth R. Young, Jr.
Attorney at Law
23 West Calhoun Street
Sumter, SC 29150

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE 2025-CP-43-00300 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GITSIT Mortgage Loan Trust BBPLC1 against The Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown, of the Estate of Porter Gaymon; Loretta G. Black, Ernestine Gaymon, Alvin L. Gaymon, Randolph Gaymon, Tyrone Strudwick, Porter Strudwick, Laura Strudwick Lewis, and Frank Strudwick, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Porter Gaymon, 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, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on November 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that lot of land, situate in Sumter County, South Carolina, designated as lot No. 24 on a plat made May 3, 1962, by H. S. Willson, RLS. Recorded in the office of the RMC for Sumter County in plat book Z-18 at page 138, and being bounded and measuring as shown on said plat, as follows: on the northeast by lot No. 25 and measuring thereon 171.3 feet; on the east by Bailey Street and measuring thereon in a curve, 37.3 feet; on the southeast by lot No. 23 and measuring thereon 197 feet; on the southwest by other lands of Trotter Company and measuring thereon 69.9 feet; and on the northwest by other lands of Trotter Company and measuring thereon 190.03 feet; all measurements a little more or less according to said plat. This is the same property conveyed to Porter Gaymon by Deed of L. C. Frederick DBA BM&M, dated November 12, 2007, recorded February 5, 2008 in Deed Book 1099 at Page 3916 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County; Thereafter, upon information and belief, Porter Gaymon passed on December 19, 2020 leaving the Property to his heirs, who are believed to be Loretta G. Black, Ernestine Gaymon, Alvin L. Gaymon, and Randolph Gaymon, Tyone Strudwick, Porter Strudwick, Laura Strudwick Lewis, and Frank Strudwick TMS No. 226-04-01-019 Property Address: 932 Bailey Street, Sumter, SC 29150 All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.6842%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will conclude at the fall of the gavel on the date of the sale. 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. Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 7310

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE 2025-CP-43-00971 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Mortgage Research Center, LLC d/b/a Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company against Christopher Roberts, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on November 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with all improvements thereon, if any, lying and being situate in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 8 in Block L, and being shown and delineated on that plat prepared by P. H. Foster, CE, dated December 1907, and recorded in Plat Book 4-A at page 21 in the records of the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein, and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses, and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is made in lieu of metes and bounds as permitted by law under § 30-5-250 of The Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended. ALSO, all that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with all improvements thereon, if any, lying and being situate in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 9 in Block L, and being shown and delineated on that plat prepared by P. H. Foster, CE, dated December 1907, and recorded in Plat Book 4-A at page 21 in the records of the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein, and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses, and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is made in lieu of metes and bounds as permitted by law under § 30-5-250 of The Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended. ALSO, all that one-half (1/2) lot of land in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, lying on the West side of Morgan Avenue and being bounded as follows: North by land of Hayes, being Lot No. 8 of Block L as shown on plat of P. H. Foster, CE, dated December 1907, and recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 4-A at page 21, and measuring one hundred sixty-three (163) feet thereon; East by Morgan Avenue and measuring twenty-five (25) feet thereon; South by remaining one-half (1/2) of said lot said remainder being conveyed to Lassie Porter Rogerson and measuring one hundred sixty-three (163) feet thereon; West by land now or formerly of Cuttino and measuring thereon twenty-five (25) feet thereon. This being that same property conveyed to Christopher Roberts by deed of Scott's Custom Construction, LLC recorded November 15, 2023 in Book 1320 at Page 5882. TMS No. 229-11-04-017 Property Address: 124 Morgan Avenue, Sumter, SC 29150 All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.1250%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will conclude at the fall of the gavel on the date of the sale. 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. Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 7282

Notice of Sale

MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE 2025-CP-43-00500 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Guild Mortgage Company against Austin Bellar, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on November 3, 2025 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 with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 2, Block F of Bon Air Terrace Subdivision on that certain plat of M.K. Millard, CE dated August 28, 1950 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-9 at Page 130. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This being the same property known as 102 Bon View Drive, Sumter, South Carolina. Represented by Auditor's map of Sumter County as tax parcel 204-12-01-015. This being same property conveyed to Austin Bellar by deed from State Communications, LLC dated August 27, 2021 and recorded on September 1, 2021 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina, in Book 1290 at Page 4098. TMS # 204-12-01-015 Property Address: 102 Bonview Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of 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 biding 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 3.0% 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# 25-41145 Attorney for Plaintiff 7187

NOTICE OF SALE 2024-CP-43-01745 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC against Tammy L. Kinsey a/k/a Tammy Kinsey, The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 1st Franklin Financial Corporation, Safe Federal Credit Union, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, South Carolina Federal Credit Union, and Discover Bank, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on November 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Township of Sumter, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot #63 of Rainbow Falls Subdivision, as shown on that certain plat prepared for Julian S. Jones by Ben J. Makela, R.L.S., dated March 24, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 88 at Page 301 and being bounded and measuring according to said plat as follows: On the South by Lot #62, whereon it measures 180.0 feet; on the West by Lots #84 and #85, whereon it measures the aggregate 96.67 feet; on the North by Lot #64, whereon it measures 179.97 feet; on the East by Rainbow Drive, whereon it fronts and measures 96.6.0 feet; be all measurements a little more or less and according to said plat. This is the property known as 600 Rainbow Drive. This is the same property conveyed to Tammy L. Kinsey by Deed of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated May 25, 2005, recorded June 21, 2005 in Deed Book 985 at Page 851 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County. TMS No. 183-13-03-014 Property Address: 600

Notice of Sale

Rainbow Drive, Sumter, SC 29154 All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.3750%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. Since a deficiency judgment is being demanded, the bidding will remain open for thirty (30) days after the date of sale, pursuant to S.C. Code ANN. Section 15-39-720, (1976). The deficiency judgment may be waived by the Plaintiff upon written request prior to sale. 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. Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 7297

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
C/A NO.: 2025-CP-43-01686
SUMMONS AND NOTICES
(Non-Jury)
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE

AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Jimmy A. Coker, 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; Janet T. Smith,
Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29210, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.
LIS PENDENS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Jimmy A. Coker to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation dated September 26, 2024 and recorded on September 27, 2024 in Book 1331 at Page 5545, in the Sumter County Registry (hereinafter, "Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Mortgage was transferred to the Plaintiff herein by assignment and/or corporate merger.
The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot 23, Block K, Oakland Plantation Subdivision, on a plat prepared by Thomas M. Reynolds, PLS, dated June 1, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 95, Page 501. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which is incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; be all measurements a little more or less. This being the same property known as 2365 Tall Oak Road, Sumter, SC 29154. Represented by Sumter County Tax Parcel No. 134-15-01-072
This being the same property conveyed to Jimmy A. Coker by deed of Maximiliano Ivan Guerra dated September 26, 2024, and recorded September 27, 2024, in Book 1331 at Page 5541 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Jimmy A. Coker died on March 20, 2025, leaving the subject property to his devisee, Janet T. Smith, as is more fully preserved in Probate File No. 2025-ES-43-00263.

TMS No. 134-15-01-072
Property Address:
2365 Tall Oak Rd,
Sumter, SC 29154

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above-entitled action were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on September 16, 2025.
ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for unknown minors, and persons who may be under a legal disability, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has consented to said appointment, it is
ORDERED that Kelley Woody, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a legal disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 2365 Tall Oak Rd, Sumter, SC 29154; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in The Item, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above-entitled action.
AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire shall become Absolute 30 days after the completion of service of this Order without further motion by Plaintiff or Order of this Court unless said Defendants, or persons acting on their behalf, shall, within thirty (30) days after service, procure the appointment of their own Guardian Ad Litem.

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A-24 ADLINE ALBERT
A-33 EDDIE BELL
A-40 MARIA MACREA
A-48 NATASHA MCFADDEN
A-52 SONYA MOORE
B-15 ELEASE TALFORD
C-10 MILCA CALLEJAS
C-15 CHRISTOPHER McCONICO
C-35 AMANDA ALLEN
C-36 BETTY THOMAS
D-9 MILDRED SCARBOROUGH
E-13 BETH NEWMAN
E-25 RANDY LOGAN
E-29 SHAQUILLA TITUS
F-10 THOMAS RICHARDSON
F-13 ALPHENE HOLLAND
G-10 JOYCE JOHNSON
H-4 McKINLEY BROGDON
H-17 MARIE THOMPSON
H-20 SONYA MOORE
H-26 JEROME HARRIS
H-29 DEBBIE PEARSON



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Oct 24, 11-6 and Oct 25, 9-2

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