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Ragin's RISE charter school to delay opening 1 year

Agreement with Morris could not be reached; founder now looks at Deschamps Road site

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After an appropriate lease agreement could not be reached with Morris College to satisfy potential lenders' requests, Sumter school board Chairman Shawn Ragin's new public charter school will delay its opening by one year.

Ragin's Rise Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (RISE) planned to open in August as Sumter's second charter as a tenant at Morris, but $5 million in renovations were necessary to bring the space up to code requirements and the college would not sign off on assuming that loan debt if RISE defaulted.


RAGIN

The planned charter school's Board of Directors approved a resolution on April 30 to delay RISE's opening until August 2027 for the 2027-28 school year, and Ragin discussed the transition process Thursday in an exclusive interview with *The Sumter Item*.

The charter school's plan at Morris was to renovate an unused residence hall into an actual academic facility and in exchange for a $5 million loan the potential lenders needed RISE and the college, which

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If windows could TALK

Temple Sinai Jewish History Center will host If Windows Could Talk, a fun experience for the community to learn stories associated with the temple's historic stained-glass windows, the first Saturday of each month until September at 11 Church St.

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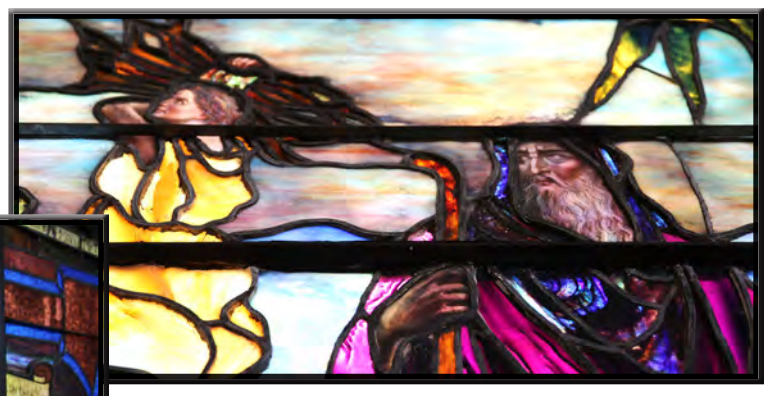
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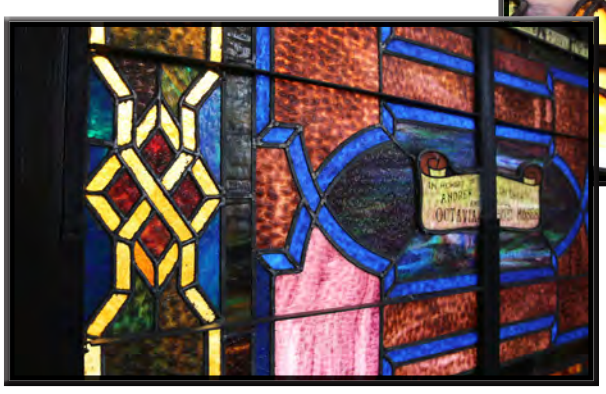
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The windows inside Temple Sinai have spent more than a century watching people come and go.

Light moves through the stained-glass figures, appearing to bring them to life before pouring onto the wooden pews in the sanctuary. There's Moses with

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If Windows Could Talk, they'd tell you there are three more chances to attend the series. The next three dates include June 6, Aug. 1 and Sept. 5 at 11 Church St., all from 1:30 to 2:25 p.m.

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Annual Memorial Day Celebration to feature tours of museum, educate public on sacrifice of military members

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The Sumter Veterans Appreciation Committee hosted the annual Memorial Day fish fry celebration at South Sumter Park in May 2025. This year's event will be Monday, May 25, from noon to 4 p.m.

Educate, encourage and enjoy.

The three Es that the Veteran Appreciation Committee emphasized will make this year's annual Memorial Day Celebration one you don't want to miss.

In its 17th year, the annual celebration returns to South Sumter Park on Monday, May 25, from noon to 4 p.m.

The tradition began more than a decade ago as a means to honor those who fought and died for the freedom of America — from the oldest war to the current tribulations the country and surrounding continents now face. In the beginning, committee members Calvin Hastie and Marvin Boykin reminisced on the roughly hundred people who filtered through the park that first year. In the years that followed, attendance has grown exponentially. So much so the committee can no longer count it, so they estimate it to be more than 1,000. The same goes for this year.

With a large crowd, their plan is to educate the public — those young and old — about the importance of recognizing veterans.

"This is a time where we want to pause and say thank you for those that have given their lives and also say thank you for those that are serving currently," Hastie said. "Even the ones that have passed; you can thank their family members for the service of their loved ones. And those of us who are retired — it always sort of pauses me when someone walks up to me when I have my hat on and says, 'Hey, thank you for your service.' For years, I never had that to happen. But now it happens."

This year, the committee has added a new activity to its day of events. In rotating time slots, interested attendees will be bused from the park to Sumter Military Museum, courtesy of Santee Wateree RTA, for a tour of the museum, conducted by curator and *Item* historian Sammy Way.

Hastie, along with committee members Boykin and Cedric Johnson, said this partnership is one they hope to continue once the new Sumter Museum opens.

Tours of the Military Museum will happen in rotating increments, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Also as part of the partnership, RTA will provide cooling buses to help veterans beat the heat, and City of Sumter will provide shuttles from the three parking locations to the park.

According to Johnson, parking will be available at Salem Baptist Church, 320 W. Fulton St., Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 W. Fulton St., and Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 609 Manning Ave.

Making transportation to this event easily accessible and convenient for attendees encourages a wider audience to witness the pride the greater Sumter community has in its people and its country.

"Sumter itself supports this function every year," Boykin said. "We can't stress enough that this is not any one location's program or function. This is for the entire community."

The committee emphasized having attendance and participation from youth. To listen to Jim Felder, also a committee member, as he presents the wars in which our men and women have served in. To witness the pinning of our brave neighbors who have returned. To join in moments of silence, honoring those who died in the service. To be encouraged when they see veterans recognized, offering a glimpse into what service to community and country can look like.

"We want to educate, certainly our young people. Many of them have no idea what Memorial Day is all about," Hastie explained. "It's not just about the fish fry, eating fish and hot dogs. It's about remembering those that have served and died and also celebrating those that are currently serving in the military and, hopefully, we encourage some of these young folks to be a part of this nation's military because they're certainly needed."

The committee also said various resources, from local organizations like Lance Newman with Hidden Wounds to services from Florence, will be on site to inform and assist veterans.

With all the education, the committee is also determined to ensure folks have a good time.

For the four hours in the park, community members can enjoy live entertainment, from music to dancing, free food, including free ice cream for kids, and fun for everyone. With the weather warming up, the splash pad/water park will be open.

"The whole concept is to come together on Memorial Day, remember the veterans and also just be part of the community," Boykin explained. "Traditionally, Memorial Day was the kickoff for the summer vacation. That's what this is, and we're going to kick it off."

The annual Memorial Day Celebration will be from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 25, at 630 S. Sumter St.

For more information on the annual celebration or to donate to its efforts, call (803) 774-7776.

McMaster orders special session so legislators can redraw voting lines

BY SEANNA ADCOX and SKYLAR LAIRD
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COLUMBIA — With just more than a week before early voting polls open, legislators will begin a special session for the purpose of redrawing South Carolina's congressional lines.

Gov. Henry McMaster called a special session which began at 11 a.m. Friday. He did not dictate what legislators should do, as the governor lacks that authority. But the prelude section of his executive order alludes to the purpose.

"Whereas, the General Assembly began debating South Carolina's congressional districts … but that debate was not concluded when the General Assembly adjourned sine die," the order reads, referring to state law's mandated end to the regular session at 5 p.m. Thursday.

"An issue of such public importance and interest should be not only debated but also decided by the People's representatives," it continues.

He issued the order without a statement. He did not hold a news conference to take questions.

GOP leaders said McMaster informed them of his plans Wednesday.

The self-imposed deadline for passing a new map of congressional districts is May 26, House Majority Leader Davey Hiott told reporters Wednesday evening.

"We're fully aware" that's when early voting starts, said the Pickens County Republican. "We believe that's the deadline."

McMaster's order comes under pressure from the White House, the state GOP and Republicans who want to replace him in the Governor's Mansion — including the candidate he endorsed, Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette, who told a House Judiciary panel Tuesday to get it done "by any means necessary."

It also comes two days after the Senate refused to add redistricting to a resolution setting the rules for what the Legislature can do after the regular session concludes.

The 29-17 vote fell two "ayes" short of the two-thirds majority approval needed, as five Republicans joined 12 Democrats in rejecting the White House push.

McMaster has previously said redistricting is a matter for the Legislature to decide and that he didn't expect to call a special session.

But at some point this week, he did "a complete 180 on this issue," Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey told reporters after the session adjourned Thursday.

"If you're going to flip-flop on something like that, it would have been a whole lot better for everybody if you'd have just done it a few months ago," Massey said. "I talked to the guy four or five times last week."

Massey suggested McMaster's switch was due to the White House.

"Based on what I've seen this week, I think the governor's going to do whatever he's told to do," Massey said. "There doesn't seem to be a whole lot of pushback or backbone downstairs this week."

Massey was among the five GOP senators who voted "no" Tuesday.

The failure of that resolution also created a window for the governor's order. No law in place for the off-session enabled McMaster to call the Legislature back.

Legislators sent to his desk a separate bill Wednesday limiting off-session work to the budget and negotiations on differing versions of bills that have passed both chambers. But he has until midnight Tuesday to sign it into law. It will govern future off-sessions.

A separate special session to finalize the budget and other compromises may not be scheduled until after the June 9 primaries, Hiott said.

'BEST SCENARIO' TIMELINE

While McMaster's order can't limit the special session's agenda, Hiott said the sole purpose will be redistricting.

The process will start in the House with legislation adopting the White House-endorsed map and delaying congressional primaries. The House Judiciary Committee's party-line vote to advance the bill Tuesday followed the Senate's rejection of the effort.

Legislators will have access to the House "map room" over the weekend to draft proposed changes in the lines.

Senators won't do anything until the House sends them that bill.

The House GOP's goal for doing so is this Tuesday. That's the "best scenario," following what's expected to be a very long and likely confrontational debate, Hiott said.

That would give the Senate one week before early voting to pass a bill that would nullify part of voters' ballots. While delaying U.S. House contests, the House bill keeps all other primaries — including statewide offices, state House seats and the U.S. Senate — on schedule for June 9, with runoffs June 23.

If the congressional primaries are pushed to August, the candidates who have been campaigning for months will still be on June 9 ballots. Any votes for congressional candidates simply wouldn't count.

Outside the Statehouse on Thursday, more than 50 people protested the push to redistrict, holding signs reading, "this is what democracy looks like" and "Black voters matter."

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Goat yoga returned to USC Sumter on Friday, May 15, after a visit in late April, bringing community members out for a unique outdoor experience. The event was hosted by Lauri Patrick of Gabby's Goat Farm, based between Florence and Timmonsville, who travels across the state with her Nigerian dwarf goats for yoga sessions, cuddle sessions, school visits and other events.



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Preventive care: The appointments you shouldn't skip



Missy Corrigan

Many people wait until something feels wrong before seeing a doctor. Busy schedules, cost concerns and the belief that "I feel fine" often push preventive care to the bottom of the priority list. But preventive health care is one of the most important investments we can make in long-term health. Preventive care is not about expecting something to be wrong; it is about staying proactive and informed.

Preventive care is designed to catch problems early, sometimes before symptoms even appear. Early detection often leads to better outcomes, lower health care costs and improved quality of life. Preventive visits also create a relationship with a health care provider who understands your medical history and risk factors.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and certain cancers are among the leading causes of death and disability, yet many are preventable or more manageable when detected early through routine screenings.

The American Heart Association emphasizes that high blood pressure and high cholesterol often have no obvious symptoms but significantly increase the risk of heart disease and stroke. Routine appointments allow health care providers to identify concerns before they become problems.

Even if you feel healthy, annual checkups provide an opportunity to monitor key health markers such as blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and weight. Many conditions develop gradually and silently over time.

The American Dental Association recommends regular dental exams and cleanings to help prevent gum disease and identify issues early. Dental appointments are not just about cavities. Poor oral health has been linked to increased risk of cardiovascular disease, infections and inflammation throughout the body.

Vision exams are equally important. Eye exams can detect changes related not only to vision, but also to diabetes, high blood pressure and other systemic health conditions. Age-appropriate screenings are one of the most effective tools in preventive medicine. Mammograms, colonoscopies, skin checks and other screenings can detect disease in earlier, more treatable stages.

Preventive care also includes emotional and mental health. Chronic stress, anxiety, depression and burnout affect physical health as well as quality of life. Talking with a health care provider about mental health concerns is just as important as discussing physical symptoms.

One of the greatest benefits of preventive care is that small issues can often be addressed before they become major problems. Skipping appointments may save time in the short term, but delaying care can lead to more complicated and costly health concerns later.

Tips for staying consistent with preventive care:

- Schedule appointments in advance and place reminders on your calendar;
- Combine multiple appointments on the same day when possible;
- Keep a record of screenings and recommended follow-ups;
- Don't wait for symptoms to appear before seeking care; and
- Ask your provider what screenings are appropriate for your age and history.

Preventive care is one of the simplest ways to protect long-term health. The appointments you keep today may help prevent bigger health challenges tomorrow.

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Prosecutors to retry Alex Murdaugh in deaths of wife and son after high court overturned convictions

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Alex Murdaugh's murder convictions and life sentence for the deaths of his wife and son were overturned Wednesday by the South Carolina Supreme Court because the court clerk at his trial suggested he was guilty.

But the disgraced lawyer won't be leaving prison anytime soon.

Prosecutors say they plan to retry Murdaugh, which likely means there will be another lengthy trial for the case that because of the combination of money, power, Southern accents and treachery has become a true crime sensation with several streaming miniseries, best-selling books and dozens of true crime podcasts.

Murdaugh, 57, will remain in prison. He pleaded guilty to stealing about $12 million from his clients and is serving a 40-year federal sentence at the same time as a 27-year state sentence for his financial crimes.

PROSECUTORS PROMISE A RETRIAL THAT THE COURT SAYS WILL LOOK DIFFERENT

Prosecutors haven't closed the door on appealing the ruling but said Wednesday they are concentrating on aggressively seeking to try Murdaugh again on the murder charges preferably sometime in 2026. State Attorney General Alan Wilson said he respected the court's decision but no one is above the law.

Murdaugh's lawyers pointed out that trial will look a lot different, as the justices also ruled days of evidence at the murder trial about how Murdaugh stole from clients, many of them in dire straits, shouldn't be allowed next time.

Still, the ruling is a win for Murdaugh, who admits to being a thief, liar, insurance cheat and bad lawyer but has adamantly denied killing his wife, Maggie, and younger son, Paul, since he found their bodies outside their home in 2021.

"Alex has said from day one that he did not kill his wife and son. We look forward to a new trial," Murdaugh's lawyers Dick Harpootlian and Jim Griffin said in a joint statement.

The defense has detailed the lack of physical evidence — no DNA or blood was found splattered on Murdaugh or any of his clothes, even though the killings were at close range with powerful weapons that were never found.

Prosecutors argued that the clerk's comments were fleeting and the evidence against Murdaugh was overwhelming.

Murdaugh told investigators for months he hadn't seen his wife and son for about an hour before they were killed. But investigators eventually cracked the passcode on Paul Murdaugh's phone and found a video with a barking dog and Alex Murdaugh's voice admonishing it five minutes before the young man stopped using his phone.



MURDAUGH

Investigators said Murdaugh was addicted to opioids and his complex schemes to steal money from clients and his family's law firm were starting to unravel so he killed his wife and son to divert attention and buy time to find a way out of his problems.

COURT SAID CLERK ATTACKED MURDAUGH'S CREDIBILITY WITH JURORS

In their unanimous ruling Wednesday, the South Carolina Supreme Court said the conduct by Colleton County Clerk of Court Becky Hill "egregiously attacked Murdaugh's credibility" by suggesting to jurors his testimony could not be trusted.

A few jurors said Hill, assigned to oversee the evidence and the jury during the trial, told them to watch Murdaugh's body language when he testified in his own defense and to not be fooled, confused or thrown off by what he might say.

"By urging the jurors not to be fooled or convinced by Murdaugh's defense, Hill essentially implored the jurors to find him guilty, the ultimate issue in the case," the justices wrote, adding that the comments insinuated there was something unusual and suspicious about his decision to testify.

Hill "placed her fingers on the scales of justice, thereby denying Murdaugh his right to a fair trial by an impartial jury," the justices wrote. "Our justice system provides — indeed demands — that every person is entitled to a fair trial."

JUSTICES SAY HILL WAS LOOKING FOR CELEBRITY

The court said Hill's motivation was the "siren call of celebrity" and her goal was to increase sales of her book on the trial called "Behind the Doors of Justice: The Murdaugh Murders." It was pulled from publication after plagiarism allegations were made.

"As her book's title suggests, it turns out Hill was quite busy behind the doors of justice, thwarting the integrity of the justice system she was sworn to protect and uphold," the justices wrote in an unsigned 27-page ruling.

Hill's attorney in her criminal case didn't return a phone call or email seeking comment.

Hill has pleaded guilty to lying about what she said and did during the Murdaugh trial, including showing graphic crime scene photos to several media members. The journalists were not named and the photos were not described at her December hearing.

"The court rightly described her conduct as "'breathtaking,' 'disgraceful,' and 'unprecedented in South Carolina,'" Murdaugh's lawyers said.

JUSTICES SAY FINANCIAL CRIME EVIDENCE ALSO IMPROPERLY USED

The justices also had a warning for the next judge to try the murder case — be cautious on how much evidence of Murdaugh's thefts from his law firm and clients to allow those jurors to hear.

Some brief evidence of how Murdaugh stole is fine and how it might connect to him killing his wife and son. But the court said details like how some of the people Murdaugh stole from were disabled or vulnerable could unfairly turn against him jurors who should be focused just on whether he killed his family.

The chief prosecutor in the case said he doesn't regret piling on all the financial crime evidence he could in the initial trial because if the jury finds Murdaugh not guilty, they can't try him again,

"You don't hit a home run if you're afraid to strike out," prosecutor Creighton Waters said at a Wednesday news conference.

Wilson is a Republican running for South Carolina's open governor's seat this year. He said politics won't play into any of his decisions on this case and it is the employees of the office, not its elected leader, who will be the backbone of the prosecution.

"The decision on whether or not to pursue this case is not going to be built on who the next occupant of my office" is, Wilson said. "It's going to be built on should we seek justice or not."

Allen Chapel AME Church launches Empowerment Bible Study to strengthen community

SUBMITTED

Allen Chapel AME Church announces the launch of Mid–Week Empowerment, a Thursday noon Bible study designed to uplift, equip and spiritually strengthen individuals throughout the community.

Developed in response to a growing need for spiritual renewal during the demands of the workweek, this weekly gathering offers a dedicated space for participants to pause, reflect on Scripture and engage in meaningful dialogue that supports both personal faith development and practical application in daily life.

Mid–Week Empowerment meets every Thursday at noon at the church's Sumter campus. Each session features biblical teaching, guided reflection and open discussion in a warm, welcoming environment suitable for individuals at every stage of their faith journey.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Sonya M. Lybrand, MDiv, Allen Chapel AME Church continues its mission of serving as a place of hope, healing and holistic empowerment. This new ministry reflects the church's ongoing commitment to community engagement and spiritual growth.

"This mid–week gathering is an opportunity for individuals to reconnect with God in the midst of their busy schedules," church leaders shared. "Even a brief moment in the Word can bring clarity, encouragement and renewed strength."

The Bible study is open to the public, and all are invited to attend, regardless of church affiliation. For those seeking a consistent and accessible opportunity for spiritual growth, Mid–Week Empowerment offers a timely and impactful way to stay grounded, encouraged and connected.

The church is at 471 Lynam Road, Sumter. Call (803) 775–2133 for additional information.

Groundbreaking ceremony held for EMS station, part of Penny for Progress

Sumter County Council hears rezoning, waste tire, public safety concerns and recognizes EMS personnel, Miller

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Sumter County Council's most recent meeting was Tuesday, May 12, with council members hearing a rezoning request, recognizing members of the community and hearing about dog safety concerns.

PENNY FOR PROGRESS AND EMS STATION GROUNDBREAKING

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new EMS station on Stadium Road was scheduled for noon Friday, May 15. County officials said the new emergency services station is expected to improve response times across Sumter County. The project is the first capital improvement funded through the 2024 Penny for Progress sales tax initiative.

The Penny for Progress initiative includes 28 projects totaling $75.6 million.

According to the county, the Sumter Fire Department and Sumter Police Department have already moved into new facilities at the Public Safety Complex. More than $10 million has been invested in the buildings.

Previous purchases through the initiative included radio and emergency equipment, ambulances and fire trucks.

NATIONAL EMS WEEK

Sumter County Council recognized May 17-23 as National EMS Week during its regular meeting Tuesday, May 12. The acknowledged week was established in 1974 by President Gerald Ford to honor emergency medical service professionals for their role in protecting public health and safety.

Kent Hall, director of Sumter County Emergency Medical Services, received recognition for his public safety initiatives and acknowledged the work of health care professionals, first responders and community partners who help provide emergency care throughout the county.

Council encouraged residents and local organizations to recognize EMS professionals for their commitment and service.

DR. SHIRRIE MILLER RETIREMENT PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented honoring Dr. Shirrie Miller for her retirement and recognizing her lifelong dedication to education and community service.

Miller served nearly 40 years in Sumter School District, most recently as principal of Sumter Career and Technology Center. She earned degrees and certifications from Mars Hill College, South Carolina State University and University of South Carolina.

Miller was the first Black female principal of Sumter Career and Technology Center, where officials said she led with integrity, vision and passion while preparing students for career success. Her work extended far beyond the classroom through volunteerism, mentorship and community outreach focused on supporting families and underserved populations.

"Our students are our future, and that's what education is all about — ensuring that they are getting the best and getting what they need so they will be productive citizens," Miller said.

REZONING REQUEST

Residents Roger Cox and Willard Bradley Jr. requested rezoning a 0.6-acre portion of a 1.35-acre property on Pocalla Road from Residential-6 to General Commercial.

Officials said the rear portion of the property has remained zoned Residential-6 since 1999, making part of the parcel unusable for development. The rezoning request would place the entire property under one zoning designation and allow full use of the tract, which is currently used for automotive repair and truck rentals.

Council determined the request was compatible with the county's comprehensive land use plan because commercial zoning is supported along primary roadways.

County council approved first reading of the request.

WASTE TIRE FEE REGULATION

Council discussed revisions to the county's waste tire fee regulation after South Carolina General Assembly prohibited the county landfill at 2185 E. Brewington Road from accepting waste tires with documentation.

Officials said language changes were made after second reading, and sheriff's deputies will issue citations for violations.

PUBLIC COMMENT ADDRESSES ROAMING DOGS

During public comment, Sumter County resident Suzanne Sims spoke about multiple roaming dogs that entered her brother-in-law's property on Borden Road and violently attacked and killed the family's 7-year-old Chihuahua in front of relatives, including small children.

Sims said the attack occurred May 7 on private property and that the dogs continue to roam the neighborhood. She criticized what she described as a lack of meaningful action after the attack and raised concerns about animal control enforcement and dangerous dog procedures.

"Our family is grieving, angry and fearful that these same dogs are still roaming around the neighborhood. The trauma of witnessing this attack has been devastating," she said.

Sims called for greater accountability and enforcement to help prevent future incidents.

"Responsible pet owners should not have to live in fear. They should not be wondering whether the next victim could be another pet or even a child. We are not asking for special treatment. We are asking for accountability," Sims said.

Visitors enjoy lively Taste at the Gardens to kick off Iris Festival

Taste at the Gardens opens the 2026 Iris Festival at Swan Lake Iris Gardens in Sumter on Thursday night, May 14, with food trucks and vendors and the crowning of the Iris Festival king and queen. This year, the Iris Festival king was Jacob Lessard of Thomas Sumter Academy. The Iris Festival queen was Abigail Rocheleau, also of Thomas Sumter Academy.



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City of Sumter Communications and Tourism Director Shelley Hartley thanks sponsors and welcomes guests to the festival.









Iris Festival king Jacob Lessard of Thomas Sumter Academy and Iris Festival queen Abigail Rocheleau, also of Thomas Sumter Academy, stand at the event Thursday.





Logan's Roadhouse offered ribs, chicken and rice and house potato chips.



Sumter fire department offered barbecue sliders with coleslaw.

RIGHT: Nutty Praline Cake from Baker's Sweets.



CITY OF MANNING BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-1-80 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MANNING, SOUTH CAROLINA CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 09, 2026 **TIME: 5:00 P.M.**
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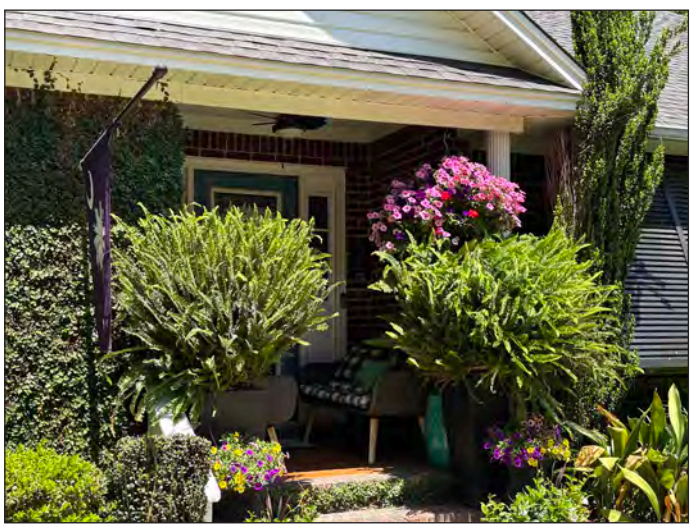
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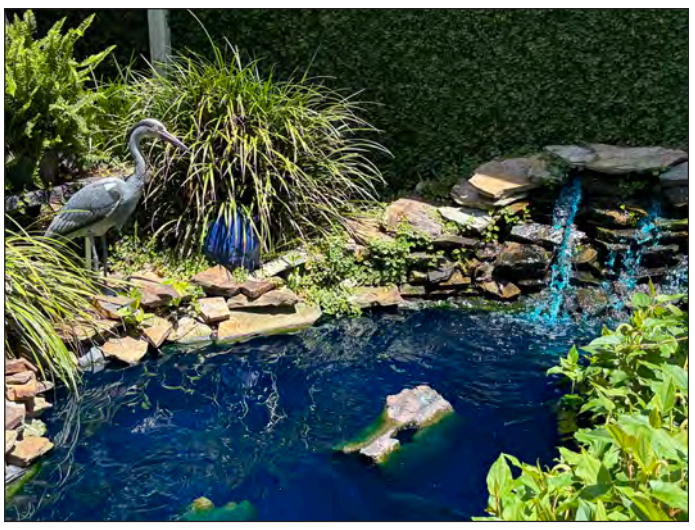
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(*Estimated Millage equals $234.50 per $1000.00 of Assessed Property Value.)

Thames' home chosen as May's Homeowner Yard of the Month







PHOTOS PROVIDED





Poinsett-Bland Garden Club selected the Thames' home for May's Homeowner Yard of the Month. The front yard of the Thames' home at 2127 Kingsbury Road, Sumter, immediately attracts attention from passersby. At first glimpse, the deep, rich, green fig vine growing on a portion of the home's exterior facade is striking. Other attention-grabbers are the bright, bold red and gold colors from the bed of celosia. Adjacent to this bed is a grove of crape myrtle, palm trees and shrubs with a water feature in the middle. Standing beneath the serene tree grove is a calming experience, and on hot days, it is also a nice cool spot for relaxing. Throughout the yard river rock is often used instead of mulch for weed deterrent. The homeowner has chosen this natural, smooth-surface stone due to its ease of maintenance and decorative aesthetic. At the front entrance of the home, the theme of relaxation mixed with brilliant color continues. A beautiful koi pond surrounded by decorative elements greets the visitor. It takes a while to observe all the details. If you enjoy viewing a lovely front yard, be sure to drive by this home. Without a moment's pause, you will instantly recognize the Homeowner Yard of the Month.

Sumter SPCA is Business Yard of the Month





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Poinsett-Bland Garden Club, member of the Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter, has selected Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, as the Business Yard of the Month for May. Visitors entering the front gate of the SPCA are immediately greeted by a pleasant and restful space. There is a water feature with a slightly cascading waterfall surrounded by river rock. Amid the stones are a colorful maple tree, shrubbery and grasses, sporting diverse colors and textures. Interest is also piqued through the use of yard ornaments that reflect the organization's purpose (the prevention of cruelty to animals). A feline-inspired bench and a birdbath flanked by canines are especially charming. It's easy to see the thoughtfulness in this outdoor landscape design. For more information, visit *www.sumterscspca.com* or find them on Facebook.





Brandon Oliver named senior vice president of member experience for SAFE Federal Credit Union

BY SAFE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

SAFE Federal Credit Union has named Brandon Oliver senior vice president of member experience after the retirement of longtime executive Susan Allison.



OLIVER

In his new role, Oliver will oversee SAFE's member experience strategy, branch operations and service initiatives to support the credit union's base of more than 141,000 members.

A graduate of Clemson University, Oliver brings 17 years of experience with SAFE Federal Credit Union to the position. Since joining the credit union in 2009, he has served in several leadership roles, including branch manager, regional branch director, assistant vice president of branch operations and vice president of branch operations.

"Brandon has consistently demonstrated a sincere commitment to members, our employees and our mission," said President and CEO Michael Baker. "His leadership and passion for delivering an exceptional member experience make him the ideal person to lead SAFE's member service efforts into the future."

Oliver has been recognized nationally for his leadership and impact within the credit union industry. In 2023, he was named Professional of the Year by the Credit Union National Association Operations and Member Experience Council, the council's highest honor.

"I'm incredibly honored for the opportunity to step into this role," said Oliver. "I'm looking forward to maintaining the superior standard of service SAFE is known for, while shaping new ways to deliver the best possible experience every day for our members."

SAFE Federal Credit Union, founded in 1955, is one of the largest financial institutions based in South Carolina with over $1.9 billion in assets, 141,000+ members and 19 branches. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Sumter, Lee, Kershaw, Clarendon, Florence and parts of Richland and Lexington counties.

Membership is also open to employees of more than 400 companies located throughout the Midlands and relatives of those eligible to join. Connect with us at *www.SAFEfed.org*, on *Facebook.com/SAFEfederalcreditunion* or @SAFEFCU.



the Sumter ITEM REFLECTIONS

History of the Iris Festival

Reflections recalls Sumter's Inaugural Iris Festival held on May 24, 1940, sponsored by Sumter Kiwanis Club with the support of all civic clubs. The festival, from the very beginning, brought thousands of people from across the state to witness the parade and to view Dunndell and Swan Lake Gardens developed by H.C. Bland and Dr. J. Ralph Dunn. The data and photos used to prepare this piece were acquired from *The Item* archives and the writing of W. H. "Bill" Moore Jr.



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

Sumter's Inaugural Iris Festival was held on May 24, 1940, and has grown each year since then. The festival is always free, and this year's started on Thursday night, May 14, and runs through Sunday, May 17.

The first Iris Festival opened with a swimming contest at Pocalla Springs. A parade was scheduled for 5:30 p.m.; following the parade, the ladies of the Y.W.C.A. staged a May Day party. Sara Harvin and Jim Harris were selected King and Queen that year, and the first Iris Festival concluded with a ball at Sumter Armory with music furnished by Harry Raymond's orchestra from Newberry College. So successful was the festival originated by J.J. Brennan that it was decided to make it an annual event. During the course of planning for the first festival, Brennan was gravely ill, and J. Cliff Brown Sr. filled in and successfully orchestrated the event.

In 1941, Sumter Chamber of Commerce along with civic and business organizations sponsored the Iris Festival. That year the crowds increased, and locals knew that the festival was here to stay and would continue to grow each year. The agenda for the second festival was very much like the first with the tours of the gardens and the parade followed by the ball at the armory. In December 1941, declaration of war forced the suspension of the dances and the parade. However, the spirit of the festival was kept alive by the Chamber of Commerce as it released publicity each year concerning Swan Lake Gardens and invited people from across the state and nation to visit the gardens during the blooming period.



J. J. BRENNAN

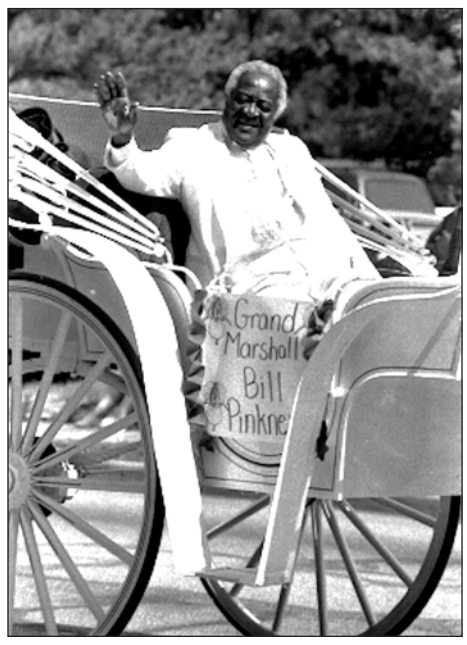
1947 saw the festival resume in all its splendor. The date was set for May 22, and the Chamber of Commerce assumed overall sponsorship with the Junior Chamber directing the parade. The day's festivities opened with a big air show staged at Shaw Field. The air base was opened to visitors, and a thrilling exhibition of flying was led by Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, World War II Ace, who shot down 29 planes. The show proved to be very successful. H.D. Osteen was chairman of the festival committee that year, and Horace Harby was parade marshal. The king and queen of the festival that year were Lou Ann Baumann as queen and Frank Singleton as king. They rode on a special float sponsored by the Sumter Elks Club in the parade; following the parade, a pageant was held at the ballpark. That night the festival came to a conclusion when the Sumter baseball team of the Palmetto League played Hartsville at Riley Park.





Doris Avant is crowned Queen Iris in 1949.

LEFT: A 1955 Iris Festival Parade float passes by the crowd.



Bill Pinkney, grand marshal of the 1989 Iris Festival Parade, waves to the crowd.

The next year held several surprises for Sumter, the state and the nation in regard to the Iris Festival. It was in 1948 that the Iris Festival grew up and became known nationally as "the South's most colorful floral festival." With the approach of the iris blooming season, plans were made for staging the annual event on May 27. T. Doug Youngblood, general manager of Radio Station WFIG, headed the steering committee that year. Vivian Burress of Wedgefield was selected as Hostess Queen to greet the 18 lovely young ladies who came from different cities in the state to enjoy the festival and compete for the title "Queen Iris—1948." About a month before the festival, Youngblood contacted Jim Morgan, producer of the radio show "Queen for a Day," and arranged for them to select a queen on the program and for her to attend the festival as a guest of the city. The program was carried on more than 550 radio stations throughout the country, and Sumter received top-flight publicity over the Mutual Broadcasting System. This was the first time in the history of the festival that it was recognized nationally; newspapers throughout the South picked up the famed event. The Elks Club sponsored the opening activity. They entertained the "Queen for a Day," Stella Benninger, and her husband along with the visiting queens at a luncheon in the dining room of the Elks Club. Distinguished guests included Gov. and Mrs. J. Strom Thurmond, Mayor and Mrs. Edwin B. Boyle, Mayor and Mrs. William McGee Morrison of Charleston, members of the delegation, members of city council and officials of the festival. Another guest was Col. P.K. Morrell, commanding officer of Shaw Air Force Base.



The "Queen for a Day" flew from Hollywood to Sumter for the 1948 Iris Festival.

The biggest parade ever witnessed by Sumter was underway at 3:30 and 50,000 men, women and children from all over the nation stood as the mile-long procession passed proudly in review. The Junior Chamber again sponsored the parade. City police and county patrolmen did an excellent job handling the large crowd, and that night at Sumter Armory, Margaret Durant of Hemingway was crowned "Queen Iris—1948" by Benninger, "Queen for a Day," from Hollywood. Woody Woodward and his 15-piece orchestra played for the ball. A whirl of lavish entertainment followed for the "Queen for a Day" at Frank's Edgewood Restaurant, the Manhattan, at Fort Sumter Hotel in Charleston and at Ocean Forest Hotel in Myrtle Beach. The state VFW convention was in session at Myrtle Beach, and members entertained the "Queens." The State Elks Association, of which A.J. Baumann was president, followed with a round of entertainment that brought to a close a tribute to this city and a most successful Iris Festival.

Spring quickly returned, and time came to start making plans for the ninth-annual festival. At the first meeting of the steering committee, it was decided that the festival had grown so much that it would be necessary to form what is now known as Iris Festival Inc. This group selected officers and were in charge of staging the festival.

T. Doug Youngblood, *president*
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Frierson wins Clarendon County District 2 seat in special election

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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FRIERSON

Delaney Kay Frierson is the newly elected councilmember to Clarendon County Council, according to unofficial election results in the council District 2 special election.

Frierson garnered 760 votes, defeating candidate Matthew Chapman, who received 423 votes.

The results remained unofficial until Friday, May 15, pending certification by Clarendon County Board of Voter Registration and Elections.

Community seeks names of former students of Pleasant Grove Elementary School

SUBMITTED

ALCOLU — Historic Pleasant Grove Restoration Project is reaching out to the community for assistance in preserving the legacy of Pleasant Grove, a historic African American elementary school that served students during the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.

As part of an ongoing restoration and historical documentation effort, Pleasant Grove Restoration Project Committee is seeking the names of individuals who attended the school during that time period. This initiative aims to honor the students, families and educators who were part of the school's rich history and to ensure their stories are not lost.

"Schools like Pleasant Grove were more than places of learning — they were centers of community, resilience and cultural pride," said President Joe Evans. "We want to recognize every student who walked through those doors and preserve their legacy for future generations."

The group invites former students, family members and community members to share names, photographs, documents or personal stories related to the school.

How to contribute:

• Submit names of former students

• Share photographs, report cards or memorabilia

• Provide written or recorded personal recollections

Submissions can be sent to: *Hpgschool12@gmail.com* or (860) 917-1675

All contributions will support the creation of a historical archive and may be featured in future publications or restoration projects.

McLeod Health Clarendon announces 2026 Nurses of the Year

BY McLEOD HEALTH



PHOTO PROVIDED

MANNING — McLeod Health Clarendon is pleased to announce the 2026 Nurse of the Year and Tech of the Year Award Recipients: Kayla Sims, McLeod Health Clarendon Registered Nurse of the Year, and Samantha Deas, Tech of the Year.

All McLeod Health Clarendon staff nurses were asked to nominate a fellow nurse who provides quality, compassionate care while personifying true faithfulness to their profession. The award recipients were then honored during a special ceremony.

"We are proud to recognize these two women for their professionalism, compassion and commitment to nursing excellence," McLeod Health Clarendon CEO Scott Adams said. "As we observe Nurses Week, we pause to honor all nurses who play a vital role in providing exceptional care each and every day. Their dedication to delivering high-quality care and service makes a meaningful and lasting impact on the patients and communities who entrust us with their health care needs, as well as advancing our mission of improving the overall health and well-being of those we serve."

Kayla Sims, RN, was named Nurse of the Year for being a patient advocate and team player. One nomination said, "Kayla consistently goes above and beyond for every patient who walks through the Emergency Department doors, treating each individual with kindness, respect and genuine care. Her ability to connect with patients and care for them as if they were family sets her apart."

Samantha Deas, Emergency Department technician, was named Tech of the Year for her dedication and service. Her nomination said, "Sam's dedication is evident in the way she goes above and beyond to provide care, not only meeting expectations, but doing so with kindness and attentiveness. Patients regularly experience her positive attitude and her genuine effort to brighten their day."

Annually, National Nurses Week is held during the week in which the birthday of Florence Nightingale, May 12, founder of nursing as a modern profession, is celebrated.

The American Nurses Association, through its state and constituent member associations, advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting economic and general welfare, promoting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and lobbying Congress and the regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

THE Clarendon Sun CLASSIFIEDS

DEADLINE TUESDAY 11AM

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to §6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that Clarendon County Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at the Clarendon County Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, S.C. 29102, to consider Ordinance #2026-07 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6-1-330(A) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, that the Clarendon County Council (the "Council"), the governing body of Clarendon County, South Carolina (the "County") will conduct a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Ordinance 2026-08 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RENTAL FEES, AND CHARGES FOR WELDON AUDITORIUM AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. The Public Hearing will be held at the Clarendon County Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC, on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Sale

(AMENDED) NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the Order and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale of the Court of Common Pleas of Sumter County, South Carolina, in the case of Leonard D. Garneau vs. Joseph Ashton Reynolds and South Carolina Department of Revenue, docket number 2026-CP-43-00656, I, or my designee, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Sumter County Courthouse, 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, SC 29150 at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026, the following described premises:
Those parcels of land, designated as "A" and "B", in Fulton Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing in the aggregate two (2) acres, with any improvements thereon, and shown on a plat by Julian B. Allen, RLS, dated October 8, 1980, and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-44 at Page 411, and having such shape, metes, bounds and measurements as shown on said plat.
This being the same property conveyed to Charles A. Reynolds, Jr. and Joseph Ashton Reynolds by deed of Marian Reynolds dated September 22, 1986 and recorded September 30, 1986 in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Book 434 at Page 1123. Charles A. Reynolds, Jr. died on April 15, 2012, his one-half undivided interest having been conveyed to Joseph Ashton Reynolds, reserving however, a life-estate unto one, Audrey F. Reynolds, by deed of distribution dated April 26, 2013 and recorded May 1, 2013 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 1186 at Page 3357. Thereafter, Audrey F. Reynolds conveyed her interest in the property to Joseph Aston Reynolds by deed dated February 10, 2014 and recorded February 14, 2014 in Book 1199 at Page 19.
Sumter County Tax Map Parcel No. 215-00-01-012
TERMS OF SALE
FOR CASH OR ITS EQUIVALENT: An immediate deposit of five (5%) percent is required on the amount of the bid. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price when total compliance is made. In the event compliance is not made, the deposit shall be forfeited without further hearing and applied first to costs and expenses of the action and then to Plaintiff's debt. Should the successful bidder at the regularly conducted sale fail or refuse either to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the property may be re-sold on the same terms and conditions on the same or some subsequent sales day and at the risk of the defaulting bidder. A deficiency judgment having been demanded, bidding shall remain open for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of sale; upset bids will be received at 11:00 am on the thirtieth (30th) day following the sales day.
The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, and any other senior encumbrances.
Purchaser shall pay for any statutory commission on sale from the proceeds of the final bid amount. Purchaser to pay for Deed preparation, costs of recording the Deed and transfer taxes on the Deed.

Michael M. Jordan
Master-In-Equity
for Sumter County

Johnson | DuRant, LLC
PO Box 137 411 N. Brooks St.
Manning, SC 29102
(803) 435-0909
Attorneys for the Plaintiff

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE 2024-CP-14-00285 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Resource Financial Services, Inc. against Brittany S. Blanding and Dorothy Singleton, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Clarendon County, will sell on June 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Courthouse in Manning, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, containing 0.44 acre, more or less, and being more particularly shown and delineated as Lot No. 29 of Bagnal Park Subdivision on that certain plat prepared by DuValle W. Elliott, RPLS, dated September 17, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 60, Page 10. Aforesaid plat is incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of The Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended. Being the same property conveyed to Brittany S. Blanding by deed of Areva Financial, LLC, dated February 27, 2019 and recorded March 6, 2019 in Deed Book 1004 at Page 1955. TMS No. 138-00-03-042-00 Property Address: 1018 Jessamine Way, Manning, SC 29102 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee 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 Special Referee 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 4.6250%. 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 7908

Notice of Sale

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2023-CP-14-00282 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture v. George C. Lang, Jr., I, the undersigned Special Referee for Clarendon County, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Clarendon County Courthouse, 3 West Keitt Street, Manning, South Carolina to the highest bidder: All that piece, parcel or lot of land lying, being and situate in the City of Manning, School District No. 2 of Clarendon County, South Carolina, being designated as Lot No. 3, Dolphin Cove Subdivision, containing 0.28 acres on a plat hereinafter referred to, and bounding and measuring as follows: on the North by Gib Gibbons Drive and measuring thereon 149.24 feet; on the East by Lot #24, Dolphin Cove Subdivision and measuring thereon 80.17 feet; on the South by Lot #4, Dolphin Cove Subdivision and measuring thereon 150.58 feet; and on the West by Sylvan Drive and measuring thereon 80.16 feet; For a more particular description of said lot, reference may be had to a plat made by Robert G. Mathis, PLS dated January 15, 2001, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Plat Book S50 at Page 477. This being the same property conveyed to George C. Lang, Jr. by deed of William K. Ross and Elizabeth T. Ross dated March 12, 2001, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Deed Book A434 at Page 133. TMS No.: 168-15-01-022-00 Property Address: 409 Sylvan Drive, Manning, South Carolina 29102 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, CLARENDON COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee for Clarendon County 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 cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest 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 Special Referee for Clarendon County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County. A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.875% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed. William T. Geddings, Jr. Special Referee for Clarendon County April 17, 2026. Clarendon County, South Carolina HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A. Taylor A. Peace, SC Bar #100206 Jamie A. Weller, SC Bar #105548 135 Columbia Avenue Post Office Box 1000 Chapin, South Carolina 29036 (803) 345-3353 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 7871

Estate Notice Clarendon County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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Estate: James Preston Brunson
#2026ES1400145
Personal Representative:
Cassandra Stokes
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#2026ES1400150
Personal Representative:
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2344 Old River Road
Summerton, SC 29148

Estate: Jethro Mouzon
#2026ES1400144
Personal Representative:
Ruth Patricia Roberson
6933 Tobias Road
Manning, SC 29102

Estate: Andrew Carl English, Jr.
#2026ES1400156
Personal Representative:
Andrew C. English III
1221 Main St. Suite 1200
Columbia, SC 29201

Estate: Judith Elaine Post McQueen Allan
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Personal Representative:
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3852 Brewer Road
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PO Box 138
Manning, SC 29102

Estate: Eddie Weldon Isaac
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Personal Representative:
Tod Dodd Graham
1953 Bump Road
Manning, SC 29102

Estate: Harold William Allan
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Sumter County Gallery of Art celebrates creativity, color and legacy through new exhibitions, recognition of Karen Watson

SUBMITTED BY SUMTER COUNTY GALLERY OF ART

Sumter County Gallery of Art invites the community to experience a vibrant season of artistic expression through two featured exhibitions, Abstract Impressions and Clouds of Color, while also honoring the remarkable legacy of longtime arts leader Karen Watson during a special recognition event on Tuesday, May 26.



WATSON

The exhibitions, currently on view at the gallery, celebrate the power of imagination, movement, texture and color through diverse artistic perspectives. Abstract Impressions explores emotion, interpretation and storytelling through abstract forms and layered visual experiences, while Clouds of Color offers visitors a luminous and immersive journey through expressive palettes and atmospheric works that inspire reflection and wonder.

Together, these exhibitions highlight the gallery's continued commitment to presenting meaningful and accessible visual arts experiences that connect artists and audiences across the region.

As the gallery celebrates artistic innovation and community engagement, it will also take time to recognize a leader whose vision helped shape the organization into the cultural cornerstone it is today.

On Tuesday, May 26, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., the Sumter County Gallery of Art will host a special recognition honoring Karen Watson for her 21 years of dedicated service to Sumter County and the surrounding region. During the gathering, Watson will be formally recognized as a recipient of South Carolina's prestigious Order of the Silver Crescent for her transformative contributions to the arts and her enduring commitment to community enrichment.

Under Watson's leadership, the gallery flourished as a vibrant hub for artistic expression, education and accessibility — expanding opportunities for artists, students, families and visitors throughout the community.

"Karen Watson's legacy can be seen not only in the exhibitions and programs developed during her tenure, but also in the countless lives touched through the arts," said Dr. La Ruchala Murphy, executive director of the Sumter County Gallery of Art. "As we celebrate these inspiring exhibitions, we are also celebrating the foundation Karen helped build rooted in creativity, access and community connection."

The May 26 recognition will include brief remarks, a formal presentation and an opportunity for guests, community leaders, supporters and advocates of the arts to gather in celebration of Watson's extraordinary impact.

For more information about current exhibitions and programs, visit Sumter County Gallery of Art's website, *www.sumtergallery.com.*

Attaway is guest author for museum Talk and Book Signing on May 27



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Author Paul Attaway

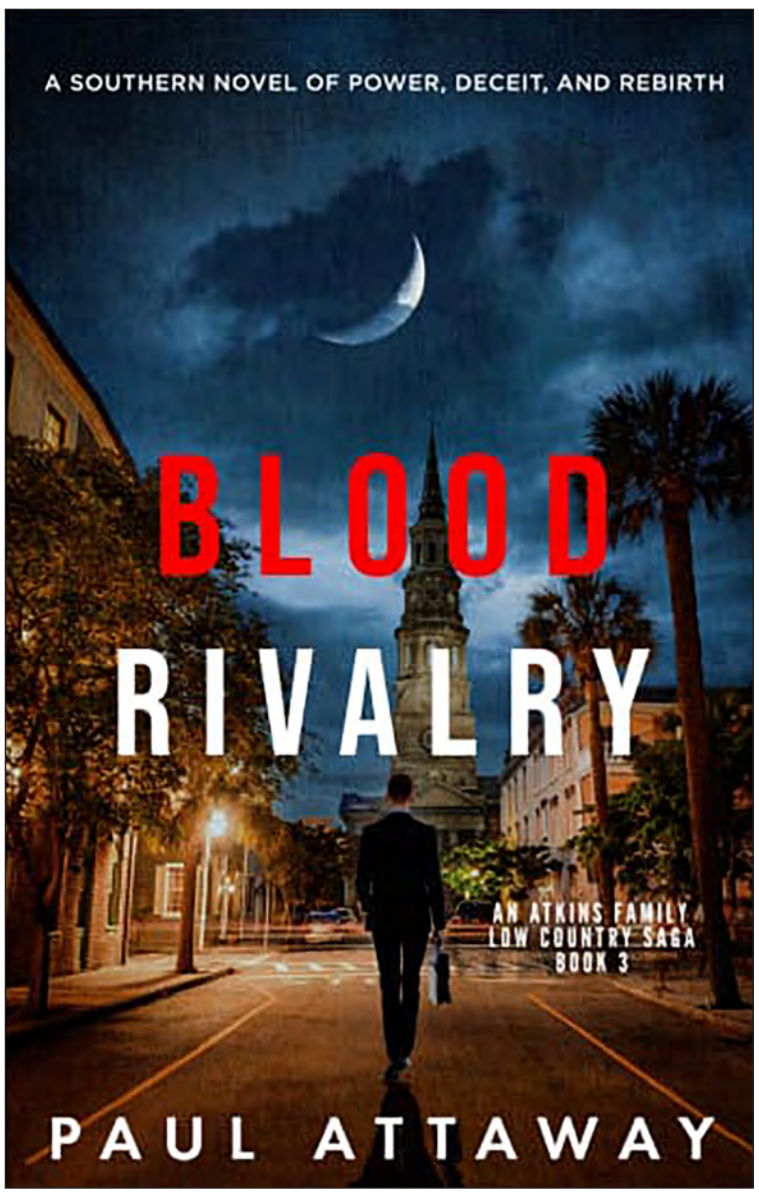
STAFF REPORT

Paul Attaway, author of "Blood Rivalry: A Southern Novel of Power, Deceit, and Rebirth," will visit Sumter for a Talk and Book Signing at noon Wednesday, May 27, at Heritage Education Center of Sumter Museum, 122 N. Washington St.

Attaway's series surrounding the lives of two brothers, Eli and Walter Atkins, who live in Charleston, South Carolina, continues in "Blood Rivalry." "A gripping Southern political thriller, 'Blood Rivalry' follows two brothers caught between family loyalty and a dangerous quest for truth. When they take on a powerful dynasty built on secrets, the past and present collide in a race for justice. Tense, layered and impossible to put down."

Tickets prices are: lunch and event only, $10/member and $15/public; or hardcover book, lunch and event, $25/member and $30/public. To purchase tickets, visit *https://tinyurl.com/3n8wd78w.*

For additional information, call the museum at (803) 775-0908 or visit *SumterMuseum.org*.



Front cover of Paul Attaway's book "Blood Rivalry: A Southern Novel of Power, Deceit, and Rebirth."

Old friend reappears after more than 35 years of no contact

DEAR ABBY: I had three close girlfriends in college. We lost touch with one of them more than 35 years ago. She has family in our area but moved to the Midwest and stopped communicating with us, though she regularly visits family nearby.



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Over the years, I got a new job, married, had two kids, divorced, moved and retired. This friend has recently gotten back in touch. I don't know what prompted it. I have friends who have supported me all my life and deserve my attention. She was brave to reconnect, and I don't want to be harsh, but she certainly has not been a good friend to me. What do you think?

RELUCTANT FORMER FRIEND

DEAR RELUCTANT: I think you have two choices: You can ignore this former friend's attempt to reconnect, or you could respond by asking her what prompted her to reach out after all these years. If she tells you she wants to get together, depending on her answer, either agree or explain that your paths diverged decades ago, you have a busy life and are not available.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 11 years. Most of them were good. Two years ago, my husband started drinking again. It has caused a lot of problems, including a DUI, and my family won't come around anymore. I'm feeling incredibly isolated. I recently met someone. He has become my best friend, and we have strong feelings for each other. Is it wrong to want to move on?

DONE WITH IT IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR DONE: That you would want to move on is natural, considering the fact that you have spent the last two years with an addicted stranger. Would you be open to staying in your marriage if your husband were willing to quit drinking and get help? If the answer is yes, offer him a choice: Dry out or lose you, because you have had it. If he lapses, follow through.

If you do decide to end your marriage, a word of caution: While you and this new man may have strong feelings for each other, for your own sake, please take your time. Be sure you really know him before pinning your future on him — or anyone.

DEAR ABBY: While looking through some old stuff at home, we unexpectedly came across our late mother's false teeth. Our family members cannot agree as to what we should do with them. We have mixed feelings: It's such a personal item, it seems wrong to just discard them.

At the same time, it somehow seems creepy to hold on to them. There are plenty of more appropriate reminders of Mom already. She passed away many years ago, by the way. Your thoughts?

INDENTURED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR INDENTURED: Talk with your dentist about this. Some dentists can dispose of dentures or recycle some of the parts. It's certainly worth a try, and a lot better than throwing them away or burying them in the backyard.

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A REVIEW

Sumter Little Theatre's '9 to 5' delivers humor, hometown charm

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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There is a certain grace audiences tend to extend to local theater. And it's not because expectations are lower — far from that.

With local theater, there is an understanding that community productions, ones that are filled with folks you know, voices you recognize and gumption you admire, thrive on heart as much as they do talent.

That perhaps was the strongest element of Sumter Little Theatre's production of "9 to 5: The Musical."

Directed locally by John Michael Osteen, "9 to 5" follows female coworkers Judy, played by Alyssa Gibbs, Violet, played by Jessica McKenzie, and Doralee, played by Shannon Swain, who are fed up with their sexist boss, Franklin Hart, played by Osteen. As the production progresses, their humorous and outrageous attempts to improve their workplace culture lead them down some revengeful roads, through fantasy-driven alleys and into a world of empowerment and friendship.

With music and lyrics from Queen of Country Dolly Parton and the book by critically acclaimed screenwriter Patricia Resnick, the musical itself, with our local theater flair, keeps that witty and entertaining knack that it has carried for decades. Packed with sharp humor, playful innuendos and catchy songs, "9 to 5" keeps an audience laughing while leaning into the frustrations and absurdities of the workplace.

And the cast embraced that, taking on and pulling off roles that required more than just blinged-out jumpsuits and fancy furs. That's something they should be proud of.

After the dress rehearsal, they encouraged audiences to come back the next day or the day after, assuring that the show would be cleaner, "better," as they said. And there's no doubt that it will be as they progress throughout their two-week run. But, the hiccups and hooplahs that happened Thursday night were enjoyable all the same.

Sure, there were a few moments when lines were delivered a little quieter, pauses stretched a little longer between lines and dialogue stumbled a bit. But the production never lost its footing entirely because the cast seemed determined not to let it.

What made the show enjoyable was the chemistry between performers and the clear sense of camaraderie on stage. When scenes slowed down or a line fumbled, fellow cast members stepped in naturally to keep the momentum going. Rather than feeling stiff or over-rehearsed, the production felt human in a way that worked to their advantage. Personalities peeked through in small ways: McKenzie's witty comebacks, Gibbs' bubbly personality, Swain's effortless blend of harmonies, Haley Frank's tendency to bring familiarity to a character, like Roz, we're just meeting, Zackery Nash's warmth that makes a character, like Joe, enduring and inspiring, and Osteen's enthusiasm that captivates the stage — the list can go on. It's those personalities that come through in improvised moments that earned genuine laughter, applause and admiration from the audience.

It takes a lot of gumption to perform for families, friends and strangers, no matter if you're a newcomer or a native to live theater. So, the standing ovation at the dress rehearsal was well deserved.

Community productions are about passion, collaboration and a willingness to step on stage to give folks an entertaining escape from the blunders and burdens of day-to-day life.

No matter the mishaps that are sure to happen in the realm of live theater, the beauty of local productions is that something authentic is shared between the actors and audience. And by the end of the night, that authenticity is what will matter most.

Sumter Little Theatre's "9 to 5: The Musical" will show May 14-17 and May 21-24 at 14 Mood Ave. Thursday through Saturday showings begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.



From left, Alyssa Gibbs, Jessica McKenzie and Shannon Swain star as Judy, Violet and Doralee in Sumter Little Theatre's production of "9 to 5: The Musical."

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Alyssa Gibbs and Trevon Summerville star as Judy and Dick in "9 to 5: The Musical."

BELOW: Gabe Vacchio and Shannon Swain star as Dwayne and Doralee in the SLT production.





Shannon Swain and John Michael Osteen, center, star as Doralee and Hart in Sumter Little Theatre's production of "9 to 5: The Musical."



Zackery Nash and Jessica McKenzie star as Joe and Violet in the SLT production.

BELOW: From left, Katherine Marzano, Zackery Nash and Cherie McDonald are seen in Sumter Little Theatre's production of "9 to 5: The Musical."



Haley Frank stars as Roz in Sumter Little Theatre's production of "9 to 5: The Musical."



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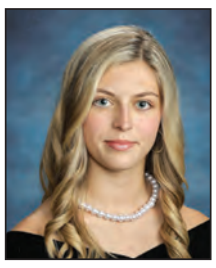
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RISE FROM PAGE A1

would still serve as the property owner, to have a "leasehold agreement" written into the lease.

That language would require Morris to assume the debt back to the lenders if RISE could not fulfill the payments for some reason.

"The lender was like for a $5 million project," Ragin said, "we may not be able to fund that since you don't own the facility and you are only leasing it and you don't own the land. So, the least [the potential lenders] could ask for, they said, would be a leasehold agreement to be written in there so they could feel secure if anything happened to RISE that ultimately they would be able to be paid back whatever they lend for the renovation."

Even though Morris' President Said Sewell supported RISE coming on to the campus, Ragin added, he was not willing to sign off on that and it prevented any agreement with the college from moving forward.

The "business side" of the deal required hypothetical and worst-case scenarios to be considered, Ragin said.

RISE's board resolution stated "unforeseen delays in real estate acquisition, facility readiness, enrollment scheduling and related operational planning" created conditions that could adversely impact the school's successful launch in August.

RISE's state charter school authorizer/sponsor The Charter Institute at Erskine officially approved RISE's April 30 board resolution as a charter amendment request on May 6 to delay the school's opening for one school year, according to a RISE news release. An Erskine official was also present virtually during Thursday's interview.

This spring the school had planned a public information session for April 4 that was postponed until April 25 and then postponed again. Ragin, who is the RISE founder and planning committee chairman, said those delays were because so much time had been spent in getting the location and funding secured to get the facility opened.

The plan was to serve grades 6-12, with Ragin's private school – Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy on Market Street – transitioning from a K-12 school to just K-5.

Enrollment totals fluctuated regularly, he said, but at its last count RISE had about 300 students enrolled with many from Ragin Prep.

With the extended timeline now, Ragin Prep will continue one more year as a K-12 school, Ragin said.

All enrolled students' families for RISE have been informed of the delayed opening, he added, and students can remain at their current schools until RISE's facility is completed and does open in August 2027.

There had been no hiring of teachers, staff or administrators to date for the new school, according to Ragin.

WHAT ARE NEXT STEPS FOR RISE?

Morris was intended to be Phase 1 and a start-up campus for RISE, but now Ragin said his focus will be to "pivot" and plan to develop Phase 2, which is 685 Deschamps Road and near Patriot Parkway with the fall 2027 opening timeline.

He is looking for funding sources to get the school site project completed, he said. However, potentially having a permanent educational facility is better than paying for renovations at Morris and still renting the space at the college.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

After Sumter City Council approved a residential rezoning request late last year for 685 Deschamps Road near Patriot Parkway, RISE founder Shawn Ragin is looking to secure funding to build his public charter school on the site. His new opening timeline for RISE is August 2027.

Because the Charter Institute at Erskine approved RISE about one year, Ragin has obtained one $25,000 grant, he said.

Regarding 685 Deschamps Road, Sumter City Council has already approved a residential rezoning request as a step in the process for the land to be used for RISE to serve its future middle school and high school grades.

A new school facility there and what type of design model structure it would be is a current discussion topic, Ragin said. His plan is to use about 13 to 15 acres of a 31-acre site and the school would be set at a distance back from the road to prevent traffic back-ups on Deschamps, which is a two-lane road.

Ragin said he has not submitted any documentation to the Sumter City-County Planning Department for the site yet. A traffic study for the area will need to be conducted, a site plan approved, and Ragin would also need to obtain various permits to begin any construction. Final inspection approvals would also be necessary at the local and state levels.

His target enrollment for RISE's opening is 350 students, and Ragin said he thinks the school will easily exceed that total with the current one-year extension.

He added that enrolled students' families understand the delay and are pleased about the prospects for a new facility.

"We have made that very clear to our families, and they understood," Ragin said. "Ultimately, at the end of the day, we are going to include them in every step of the way because this is a public school."

His vision for RISE since it was approved by Erskine is for the school to offer an innovative, standards-driven and student-centered educational experience focused on entrepreneurship and leadership.

"We remain excited about the future and confident in the meaningful impact this institution will have in developing the next generation of entrepreneurial and visionary leaders within the Sumter community," Ragin said in the news release.

HIS ROLE AND MOVING FORWARD

After a year of not disclosing his role with RISE to *The Item*, Ragin said he will serve as the school's chief executive director in a role that he confirmed would be similar in some ways to Liberty STEAM Charter School Executive Director Trevor Ivey. Liberty is Sumter's first tuition-free public charter, and RISE would be the area's second. Liberty opened its doors for students in August 2021. Ragin is also RISE's president and CEO.

According to Ragin, one of his first hires will be RISE's "head of school," or school principal, who he intends will be its licensed/certified administrator for reporting purposes. All public charter schools in South Carolina must have a licensed administrator, according to state charter school law.

Some Sumterites have contended that Ragin has had conflict of interest concerns in his role with RISE and remaining on Sumter School District's Board of Trustees because he will be taking district resources to include teachers, students and state funding based on enrollment counts.

He said essentially to date RISE has just had a planning committee and its board members will actually be officially sworn in later this month or in June. Charter schools do have a grace period in the state before board membership becomes official with a swearing-in ceremony.

Ragin reiterated that he will not seek reelection to Sumter school board in November and his four-year term as a trustee concludes this fall.

WINDOWS FROM PAGE A1

the Ten Commandments, Abraham and Isaac, David, Solomon — figures from the Hebrew Bible that have been a part of the temple since 1913.

And they have been some of the first things visitors notice when arriving, according to Temple Sinai Jewish History Center Site Manager Diana Roof.

"They walk in here in awe," she said. "I usually ask, 'Do you want me to give you a short story about the windows?' and most people say yes."

Now, that consistent curiosity has led Roof to give the windows a voice through a new program called "If Windows Could Talk."

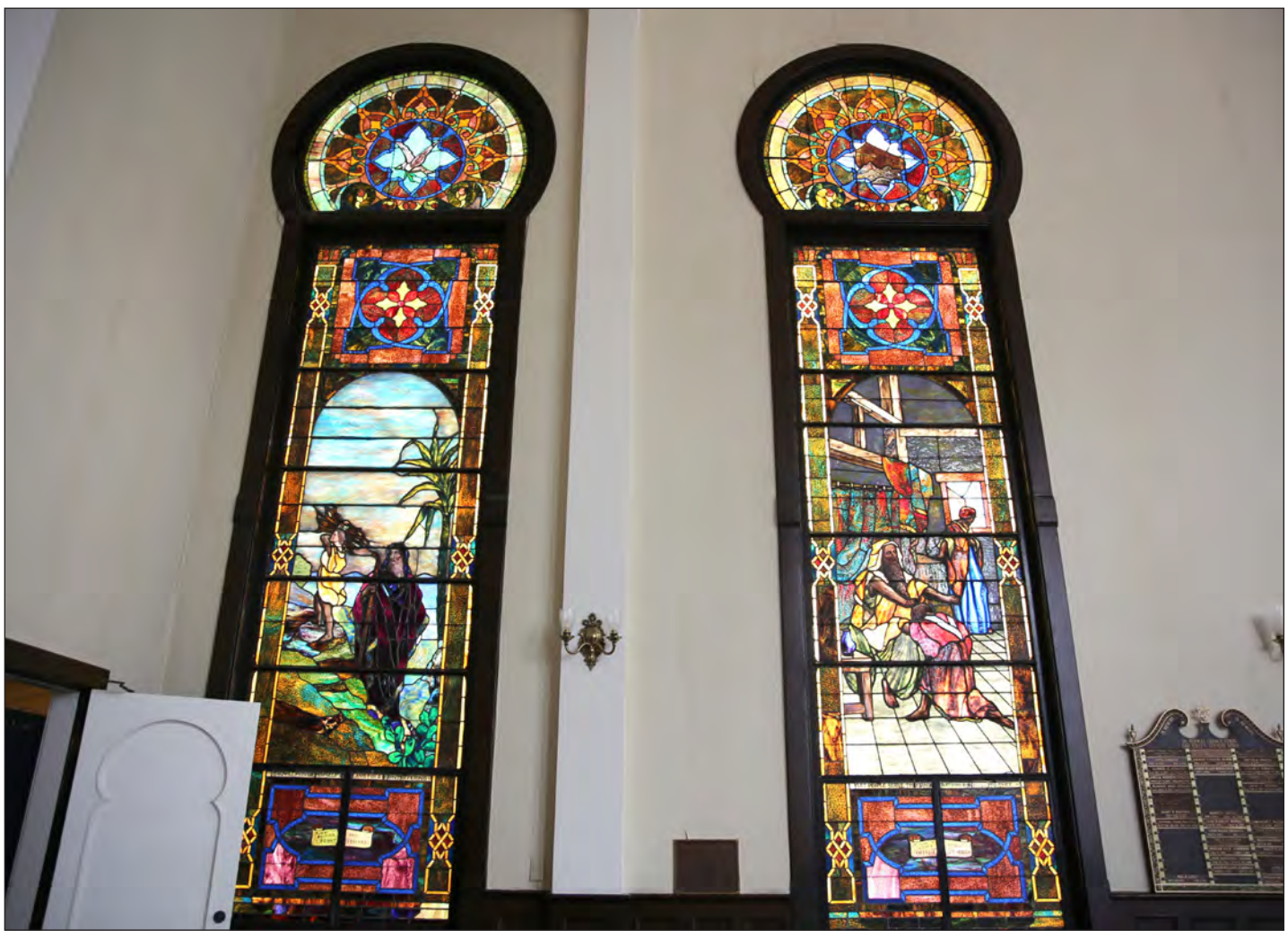
The series invites visitors into Temple Sinai to hear the stories behind the 21-foot, Carolina-made stained-glass windows, many of them familiar to Christians as stories of the Old Testament. On the first Saturday of each month until September, with the exception of July, Roof dresses in biblical-style clothing and uses props and illustrations to tell stories from the Bible in a way that feels accessible to children and adults alike.

In some way, it is a revival of a previous initiative Roof launched during the COVID-19 pandemic.

She recorded stories about the windows and uploaded them to Facebook. Later, she revisited those stories and added research from children's Bible books, adding in tiny revisions to fit her cadence and engage audiences.

For the Abraham and Isaac window, she brought out wood and a small goat figure to help tell the story. For other windows, she'll use enlarged illustrations and objects tied to Jewish holidays and biblical traditions. The result is part storytelling, part history lesson and, most important to Roof, part invitation.

The windows depict stories shared across faith traditions, and even though figurative, biblically themed stained glass is not common in many Jewish temples, that difference is part of what makes Temple Sinai's windows so striking and the series so profound. The detail in the faces, the scenes layered with movement and symbolism, the effort by the Temple to open its doors to showcase a Southern expression of Jewish history — especially with South Carolina sitting in the court of the Southeastern Bible Belt.



PHOTOS BY ALAYSHA MAPLE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Diana Roof, site manager for Temple Sinai Jewish History Center, below, will host If Windows Could Talk, a fun experience for the community to learn stories associated with the temple's historic stained-glass windows, the first Saturday of each month until September at 11 Church St.



Roof said that shared familiarity creates an opportunity for understanding between communities that have long existed side by side in Sumter.

"The Jewish people and the Christian community have always done well here," she expressed. "[Through the series] We can bring the Jewish faith into the Christian community. We're all one because they're all stories we know."

Temple Sinai, one of Sumter's oldest congregations, remains unfamiliar territory to most residents. Roof is often asked by neighbors and strangers if they would be welcomed in the temple. How should they dress? How should they act?

"You just come," she said simply.

"I like to tell people I don't care what religion you are. You come, you worship and then afterwards you eat and you have fellowship. All that's the same for people everywhere in the entire world," Roof explained.

The series not only comes at an ample time for connecting communities, but also at a pivotal point in the windows' lifespan.

Several stained-glass panels are being restored by a family owned company in North Carolina after years of age and wear began affecting portions of the glass. Some pieces had loosened and fallen out over time, prompting concerns about preserving the windows for future generations.

Earlier in the year, restoration crews carefully removed the towering windows section by section in just days, Roof said, toting them out of the temple's door like windshields. The process of how they were created more than a century ago differs today, with Roof explaining that digital templates now map every individual fragment of the glass like a puzzle. With plans to repair, restore and recolor portions that have lost their luster, Roof expects their return in late June.

But even with some of the windows absent, the stories remain. And that is what makes If Windows Could Talk so special.

While Roof hopes churches, school and community groups will eventually attend the presentations, she is willing to bring portions of the presentation outside the temple walls if it helps people feel more comfortable engaging with it.

Because to her, this is far more than stained glass. It's about opening doors, preserving stories that live beyond what's written down and creating a connection that keeps a community close.

Inside Temple Sinai, even the windows seem to understand that.

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, May 18, 6 p.m., 1345 Wilson Hall Road

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers on the fourth floor of Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. (enter through the back parking lot entrance and take elevator to fourth floor). If you are a resident of the City of Sumter and wish to speak to council during the "Comments by City Citizens" Period, please complete the sign-in sheet in the lobby of the Council Chambers before the start of the meeting. The clerk will collect this sheet before the meeting to verify addresses and location within the city 10 minutes before the meeting begins. Comments are limited to no more than three minutes.

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m., planning commission office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION
Thursday, May 21, 5:30 p.m., President's Conference Room (M555), Building M500 (Main Campus)

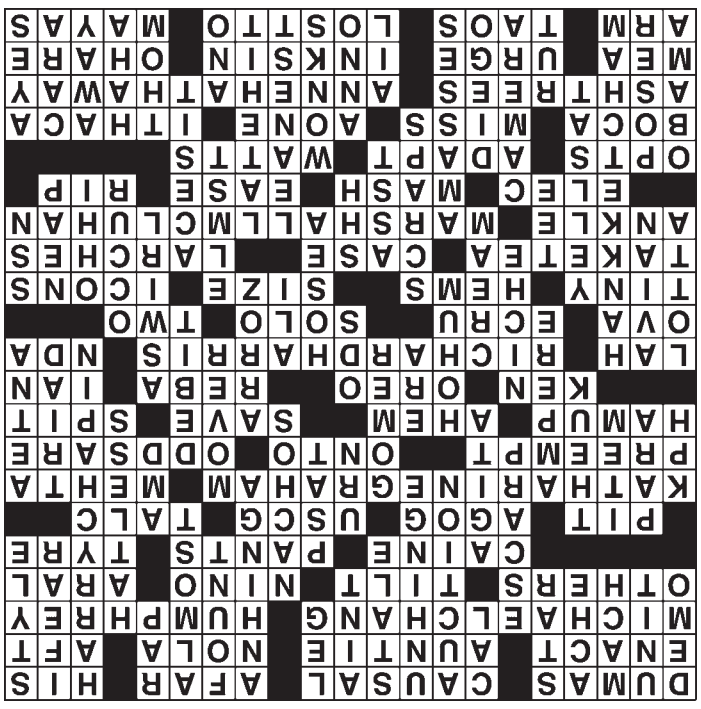
AROUND TOWN

The Shepherd's Center of Sumter Spring Session invites all seniors age 50 and above for fellowship, classes, lunch and entertainment. Meeting every Thursday through May 28 at Trinity UMC Fellowship Hall, 226 W. Liberty St., Sumter. For more information and detailed newsletter, email shepherdscenterofsumtersc@gmail.com.

If you're interested in coins, paper money, tokens and more, **Sumter Coin Club** might be a good fit for you. The local nonprofit organization was created for the enjoyment of numismatics. Collectors of coins, paper money, medals, tokens, U.S., world and ancient coins are welcome. The club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Patriot Park Pavilion, Patriot Park, 380 General Drive, Sumter. For more information, contact Jeff Goodall at (704) 254-7705 or *SumterCoinClub@gmail.com*.

Calling all who are interested in being **community volunteers.** If you have a talent, skill or passion you'd love to share with the next generation, The Salvation Army and The Red Shield Youth Center in Sumter could use your help. The group is looking for caring community members to volunteer their time and talents with children. If you play piano, love painting or arts and crafts, can tutor or help with homework, have a skill you'd like to pass along or similar talent, you can make a difference. For more information or to get involved, call (803) 775-9336.

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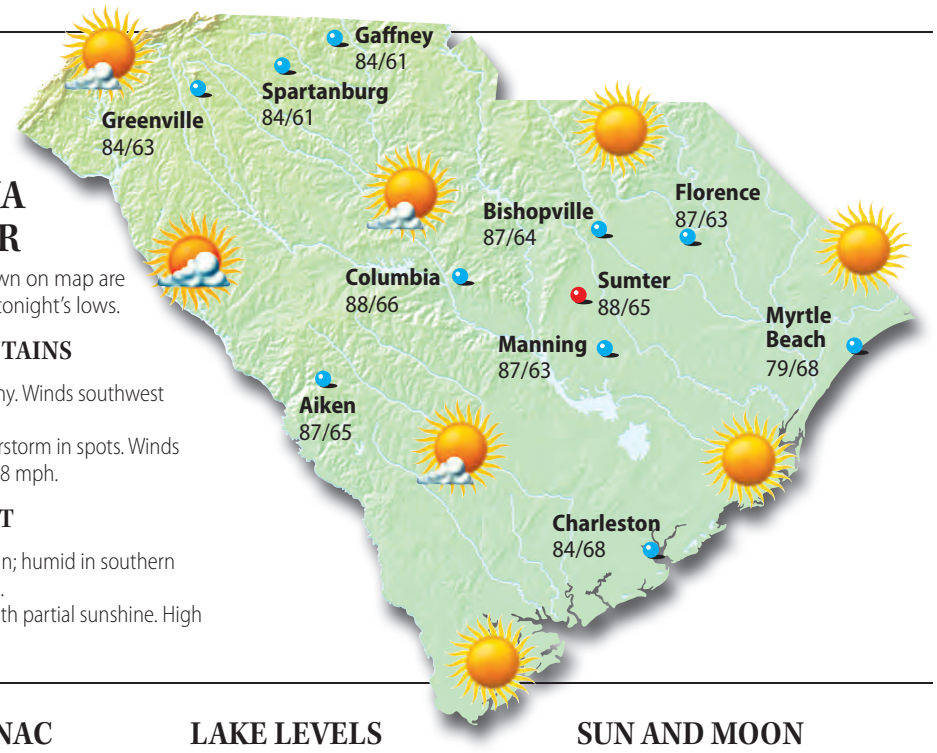
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Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%
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TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly sunny. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.
Sunday: A thunderstorm in spots. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Plenty of sun; humid in southern parts. High 79 to 86.
Sunday: Humid with partial sunshine. High 81 to 85.

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SUMTER THURSDAY

Temperature

High	82°
Low	58°
Normal high	81°
Normal low	57°
Record high	97° in 1956
Record low	44° in 1960

Precipitation

Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	1.64"
Normal month to date	1.57"
Year to date	7.06"
Last year to date	9.44"
Normal year to date	15.89"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	355.71	-0.03
Marion	76.8	74.84	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	74.78	-0.01
Wateree	100	96.78	+0.26

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	2.16	+0.02
Congaree River	19	2.93	-0.06
Lynches River	14	2.21	-0.20
Saluda River	14	1.99	-0.47
Up. Santee River	80	N.A.	N.A.
Wateree River	24	4.39	-0.06

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:20 a.m.	Sunset	8:17 p.m.
Moonrise	5:46 a.m.	Moonset	8:38 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
May 16	May 23	May 31	June 8

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AT MYRTLE BEACH

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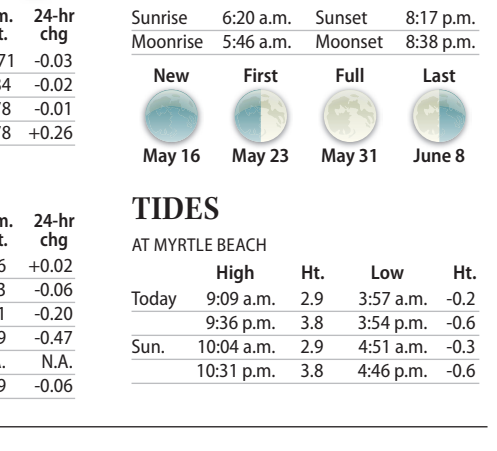
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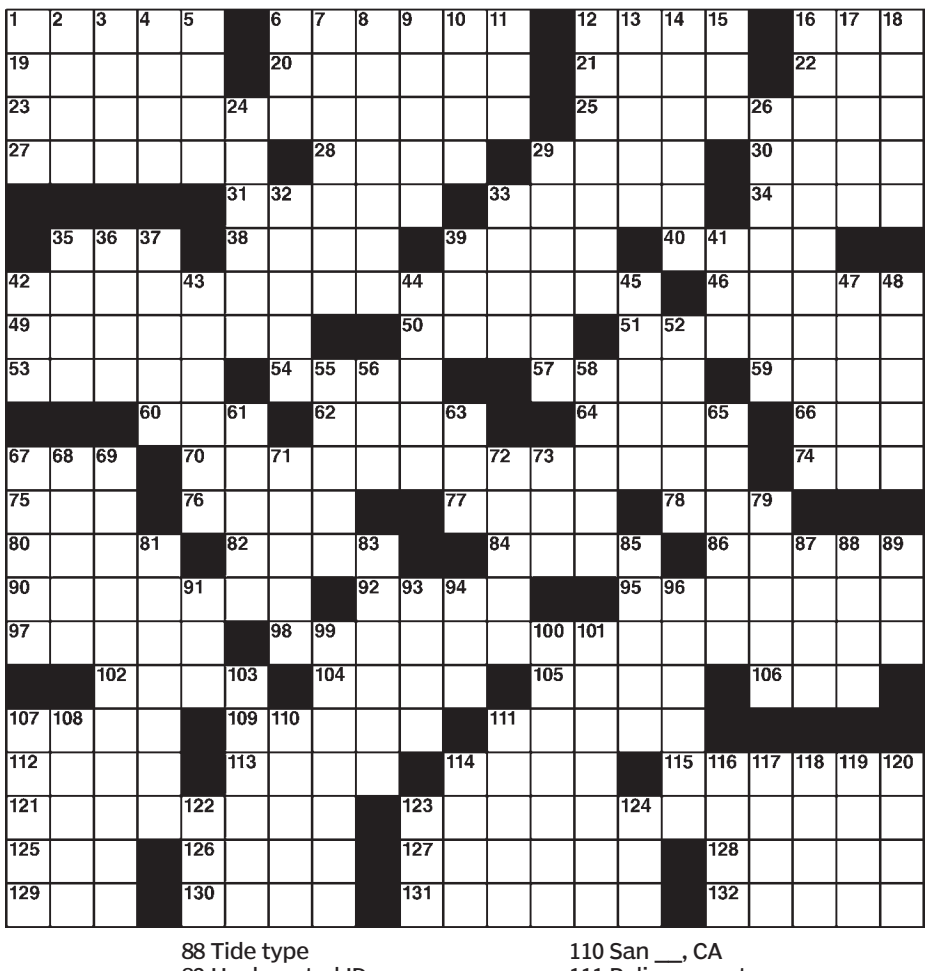


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LMA gets comeback win over Pinewood Prep to cap historic three-peat

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The Laurence Manning softball team celebrates with their fans after winning their third consecutive SCISA 4A title at Pinewood Prep on Tuesday.

The Laurence Manning softball team knows a thing or two about the stakes of playing in a state championship series. For five straight seasons, the Lady Swampcats have played for a SCISA state title, first the 3A crown before competing for every 4A championship since the classification was added in 2023. Since 2024, the championship trophy has stayed in Manning, and the Lady 'Cats fully intended on keeping that streak alive when they made the trip to Pinewood Prep on Tuesday.

In the early going, Laurence Manning looked like they were destined to go to a winner-take-all Game 3, as Pinewood jumped out to a 5-0 lead through three innings. But that championship experience showed up after the sluggish start. LMA chipped away at the deficit until Marlee Black stepped up in the top of the seventh, trailing 6-4. Runners stood on second and third as Pinewood Prep was an out away from capping off their victory. Instead, Black sent a groundball to centerfield, tying the game. Seventh-grader Avery Floyd pitched a shutout frame in the bottom half to send the game into extra innings.

It was only fitting that the leadoff batter in the eighth was Lyza Prickelmyer, as staple of the Lady Swampcat program since she was a middle schooler. The senior stepped up to the dish with a runner on second thanks to the international tiebreaker rule and worked the count full. With the final swing of her high school softball career, Prickelmyer let loose despite playing with a broken left hand. She connected and launched a go-ahead two-run shot over the fence in right-center and screamed in jubilation as she rounded the bases. Prickelmyer was mobbed by her teammates at home plate as she scored the game-winning run.

"Honestly, I've been trying to choke and poke because my hand is broken," Prickelmyer said. "She's a really good pitcher, so just putting it in play was my approach most of the time. It was a full count, so I was like, 'She has to throw me a strike,' so I swung as hard as I could, and I was praying I wouldn't miss."

Laurence Manning head coach Buddy Truett said it best.

"That right there is special, she'll always remember that

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Sumter High's Ivey dominant in circle on way to Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week

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Sumter High's Lillie Ivey went 4-1 to open the postseason, allowing just three earned runs on her way to Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week honors.

The Sumter High softball team came into the SCHSL 5A-DI postseason as the second-lowest seed but earned a trip to the District 4 championship on Friday. At the center of their spectacular run is their junior pitcher, Lillie Ivey.

In her first five starts of the postseason, Ivey allowed just two earned runs despite battling illness in her first two performances. In Wednesday's district semifinal, she added a career milestone, striking out the 500th batter of her career in a 9-1 victory. Her performance helped her earn the recognition of being the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week.

"It's extremely uplifting knowing that they care," Ivey said of the support she and her teammates have received this postseason despite playing every game on the road. "It gives us a reason to keep going."

Ivey and the Lady Gamecocks have traveled a long

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Wolverines thump Cheraw to open lower state tournament; host ACA Saturday

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The East Clarendon baseball team opened the SCHSL 2A lower state tournament with a bang on Thursday. The Wolverines had arguably their best offensive game of the season in a 15-2 rout, capping off the game with a monstrous grand slam by Wes Springs that clanged off the bleachers in deep center field. In a piece of luck, EC has the chance to remain at home in the second round, despite the layout of the bracket. Their opponent, region foe Atlantic Collegiate, doesn't have a home field available on Saturday, so the Wolverines will host the Armada instead.

"Our guys played well, man," head coach Curtis Johnson said. "It was one of the better hitting games we've had."

The final swing of the game was a beautiful way for the Wolverines to cap off the victory. In Johnson's eyes, it was also the perfect player to deliver the decisive blow. Springs has blossomed into a star for the Wolverines during the last

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Lee Academy can't overcome late home run in championship loss to Dorchester

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Lee Academy's Landon Olson follows through on an RBI single against Dorchester Academy on Thursday in the SCISA 2A state championship series.



Lee Academy's Andrew Bowers throws on Thursday.

The Lee Academy baseball team just couldn't catch a break when they faced Dorchester Academy on Thursday. Mistakes tend to come back to cost teams in baseball, and that proved to be the case for the Cavaliers, the most screaming example being a dropped pop up in foul territory that would've helped Lee escape the sixth inning but instead left the door open for a three-run homer that sank their hopes of repeating as the SCISA 2A state champions in a 9-5 loss.

"You have to tip your cap to them; they played a good game and got the hits when they needed it," Lee Academy coach Danny Price said after falling in the winner-take-all third game of the championship series. "If we catch that foul ball over there, we're out of the inning. That's just baseball, it's crazy. You have to make plays. If you give good teams opportunities, they capitalize on it, and that's what happened tonight."

The Cavaliers started the night on the back foot, as Tyler Gilbert struggled to find the strike zone early. He had to dance around some trouble in the first couple of innings but managed to pitch two scoreless innings before the wheels started to fall off.

Lee gave their starter some early support, as Landon Olson hit a two-out RBI single in the first to grab a 1-0 lead, but Dorchester responded with a four-run third inning. After a leadoff walk and a strikeout, an error at short put two runners on base. Austin Varn then started a hit parade for DA, as two consecutive singles and a double by Warren Judy put the Raiders up 3-1 before a sacrifice fly tacked on one more. Gilbert opened the fourth inning on the mound but walked one and allowed another base hit before the Cavs went to the bullpen. Myles Frye, who started Game 1 of the series, pitched the rest of the night for Lee. Despite a walk to load the bases, he escaped the fourth without allowing any additional damage.

The Cavaliers found a little more offense in the bottom of the fourth, as Olson and Aiden Fitzgerald each singled before a sacrifice fly by Frye, but a strikeout ended that rally. Dorchester got the run back in the bottom of the frame with three hits, the last of which was an RBI single by Abe Shuler.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Cavs fully clawed their way back into the game. Cash Holloway singled before two quick outs, so Lee Academy was going to need some clutch at bats. Chase Entzminger delivered the first blow with an RBI single before Andrew Bowers added his own RBI base knock to trim the deficit to 5-4. With Olson at the plate, Bowers decided to attempt a steal of second to get into scoring position, but he wasn't able to beat the throw.

In the top of the sixth, mistakes caught up to the Cavs. With one on and one out, Gilbert ranged to his left from first base to field a pop up in foul territory. As backup arrived, Gilbert was caught off guard and the ball dropped. Landon Holly took advantage of the dropped ball and singled two pitches later. Frye was one out away from escaping the inning after a strikeout, but Wyatt Byrd was able to poke a ball out into right field over the short fence down the line for a three-run homer. After a walk and a single, John Quattlebaum stole home to extend the Raider lead to 9-5.

"We were right there. If we get out of that inning right there, we come back in and it's a different ballgame," Price said. "You just have to roll with the punches sometimes.

"But my boys played hard. We battled back some innings and we had a chance, but the home run just kinda took the wind out of our sails."

Lee Academy got a run back in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Tucker Rodgers, but the damage was done. The Cavs went down in order in the seventh to fall 9-5.

Frye's final stat line looked worse than his actual performance due to the misplayed foul ball that led to the home run. He was charged with five runs on seven hits and two walks while striking out six.

"He gave us a chance; that's all we asked him to do was give us a chance," Price said. "He put us in position but, unfortunately, it didn't roll our way."

The Cavs finished with five runs on eight hits and didn't draw a walk. Olson and Rodgers both had two hits and an RBI to lead the offense.

It was a tough end of the

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the Sumter ITEM SCOREBOARD

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DORCHESTER	3	@	LEE ACADEMY	5

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Sumter High advances to district title game after 9-1 win over Wando

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The Sumter High softball team gathers around Principal Anamaria Sandor after beating Wando to advance to the SCHSL 5A-DI District 4 championship on Wednesday.

The Sumter High softball team had to take the longest path possible to get to the SCHSL 5A-DI District 4 championship, but the Lady Gamecocks keep finding ways to keep their season alive.

The Lady Gamecocks earned their fourth road win of the postseason on Wednesday, running away with a 9-1 win over Wando, to advance to Friday's district championship against Lexington, which was played after press time. For results from the district title game, head to theitem.com/sports. Lillie Ivey tossed her 500th career strikeout on her way to a victory in the circle, while the Lady Gamecocks had their most explosive offensive game of the postseason, scoring nine runs on 10 hits and seven walks for an incredible overall performance.

"I think a lot of it is that we have so much playoff experience and we're using it to our advantage," assistant coach Courtney Moss said after the win. "The girls don't give up. They're constantly working at practice to perfect what Coach (Mike) Moss wants to do in the box and it's producing in game."

Ivey continued a stellar postseason. Her fourth strikeout of the night was the 500th for her career as the junior carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning against Wando. Ivey held Wando to a total of three hits and one run, while striking out six and walking one. Her dominance in the circle has been key for this run, as SHS played in one-run games in their first three outings before finding a bit more offense in rematches with both Cane Bay and Wando.

"When she hit 500, I was the first one to be on the field," said the SHS assistant coach. "She was a little rocky at the beginning of the playoffs because she was a bit sick, but Lillie is a competitor and she's always going to put her best foot forward."

Everyone in the lineup produced after the long bus ride to Wando on Wednesday. Four players had multi-hit games, as Ivey, Sophia Rivers, Ivey King and McKayla Mouradjian each had two knocks. Rivers led the team with three RBIs, as SHS scored three runs in the first and blew up for five runs in the seventh to put the game out of reach. Mouradjian reached base four times, adding a pair of walks, while driving in a run and scoring twice. Remy Shauf added a hit and two RBIs in the leadoff spot, while King and Paisley McDougal each drove in a run.

"Since Latta (on April 27), we've been hitting up and down the entire lineup from No. 1 all the way to nine. They're putting the ball in play constantly," Moss said. "Even if it's on the ground, it's a hard hit groundball forcing their defense to play clean and if they mess up, we're taking advantage.

"In practice, Mike is doing things called 'Reset' where you have two strikes on you and you need to hit a groundball backside or he wants you to get some air under it for a sac fly or a line drive. He's constantly making them think about their two-strike approach and what we can do to get on base and move our runners."

Now Sumter High travels to Lexington on Friday as they look to punch their tickets back to the 5A-DI lower state championship against Summerville, who advanced to the state semifinal series with a 10-0 win over Fort Dorchester on Wednesday. The message going into the game is simple.

"Let's just go down there on Friday and finish it, and start over next week with Summerville," the SHS head coach told his team after the win.

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road through the playoffs. Literally. They've made two trips to Wando, two trips to Cane Bay and a much more reasonable ride to River Bluff on top of Friday's bus ride to Lexington. Ivey has battled health issues throughout the year, including the first two games of this postseason, but she refused to let anything get in between her and the next game.

"Give it all you've got because if you don't, we're done," Ivey said of her mindset.

Sumter High assistant coach Courtney Moss works directly with Ivey in the circle and has been extremely impressed by the way the junior has carried herself throughout this postseason. Ivey has been Sumter High's ace since she was a middle-schooler, and that experience is paying off as the Lady Gamecocks fight tooth and nail to keep their season alive.

"Lillie having the playoff experience that she's had since she was 13 definitely helps in the circle," Moss said. "She's battled illness since January off and on, but she hasn't let it stop her. As soon as she gets back to 100%, she locks right back in and she's ready to take everything on. Even if she's not 100%, she's going to give it all she can because she wants to do what's best for the team."

The playoffs started with a trip to Wando, where Ivey pitched a complete game without allowing an earned run. Two unearned runs crossed due to three Sumter High errors in a 3-2 win, but she gave up just four hits and a walk as she earned the victory. After that, SHS made the trip to Cane Bay. Still feeling under the weather, Ivey scattered seven hits and two walks as Sumter High suffered a heartbreaking 4-3 loss despite outhitting Cane Bay 11-7. Only two of the runs were earned against the SHS ace. As Ivey tried to grind her way through those two games despite feeling unwell, she didn't need to look far for inspiration.

"My best friend, McKayla (Mouradjian), the lone senior, just the thought of our last game together being soon, I mean, I don't want that to even cross my mind," Ivey said. "So, that kinda pushed me to give it all I've got and do as much as I can to keep the season alive."

The most intense matchup of the postseason came in their trip to River Bluff, as the Lady Gamecocks pulled out a 1-0 win on a night when both starting pitchers were dealing. Ivey gave up just two hits and a walk while striking out 13. As she kept leaving zeros on the scoreboard, the SHS bats tried to find an answer. Eventually, McKenzi Pearson hit an RBI single in the top of the seventh for the game's only run before Ivey sent River Bluff down in order to finish off the win.

"Each batter, I'm just looking at Kenzi for that number and just thinking, 'Hit your spot, hit your spot,'" Ivey said. "I trust Coach Courtney completely. She knows what pitch they're not going to hit or what pitch is going to make them pop it up, so I'm just looking for that number, and I'm just dialed in. Don't look at the fans, don't look at the people, just get it going."

That win was an important confidence booster for the Lady Gamecocks after a tough loss to Cane Bay earlier in the week. It helped SHS go into this week with less pressure on the offense, because they know that, more often than not, one run is going to be enough to win.

"It was a huge confidence booster because the other seven behind her know that Lillie is going to go up there and give us the best chance we can to win," Moss said, "and all we need in return is a little bit of offense and she'll keep dealing for us."

In two games to open this week, Sumter High had rematches of their first two playoff matchups. The first was a revenge trip to Cane Bay, where Ivey tossed another gem. She allowed just three hits and two walks in a 4-0 victory, getting a little bit of revenge for the previous week's loss. On Wednesday, they made another trip to Wando, and Ivey carried a no-hitter into the sixth. She eventually allowed one run on three hits and a walk, striking out six batters.

The key to success in both rematches was a shift in pitching strategy. In the first road trips, Ivey largely focused on the outside part of the plate. In the rematches, she pitched inside and got easy outs with soft contact.

"Both games I threw outside the first week. They were definitely able to see it and they were ready for it, so coming back, they weren't ready for the inside pitch at all," Ivey said. "They'd foul off a couple or they'd hit it and pop it up. If they came up to two strikes, then I'd hit them with the outside pitch, so it was a whole different strategy, so completely opposite."

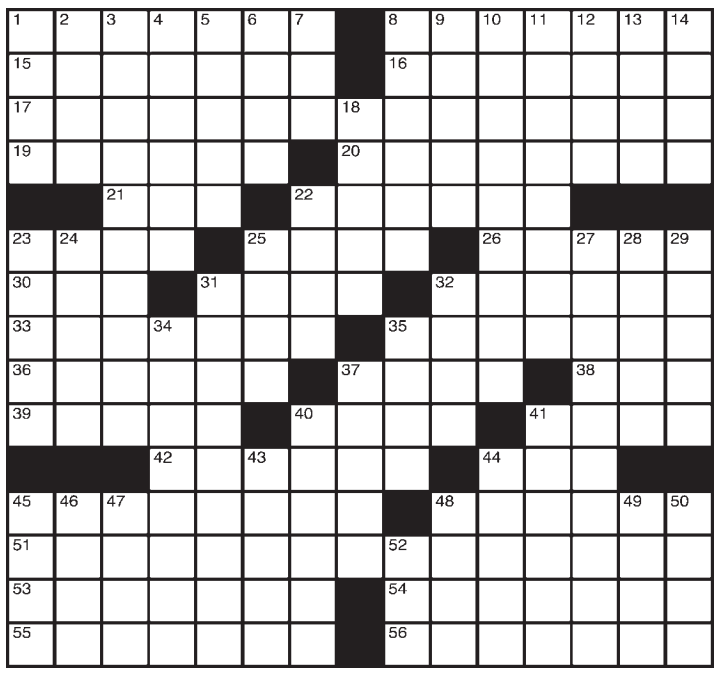
She still managed six strikeouts despite pitching for contact, which helped Ivey reach 500 for her career. She entered the game needing just four punchouts to hit the milestone. Ivey didn't know quite how close she was to the nice round number, so when Moss ran out to the mound after striking out the final batter in the third inning, she was pretty confused.

"When everybody started screaming, I was like, 'What is going on?' Coach Courtney came running out to hug me, and I was like, 'What just happened? It's just the third inning, we haven't won yet,'" Ivey said. "It was really nice because I've been sick a lot this year, so it hasn't been my best year, so coming off the sickness and pulling off all this through the playoffs and going almost as far – maybe as far – as we did last year is amazing."

Ivey is just proud of the way the Lady Gamecocks have come together during the last month as they bounced back from a 1-8 stretch that had them battling for a playoff spot to earn a chance to play for a district title.

"It's awesome; it's like something just clicked and bang, we're winning, winning, winning," she said. "Good ballgames are happening, and it's awesome."

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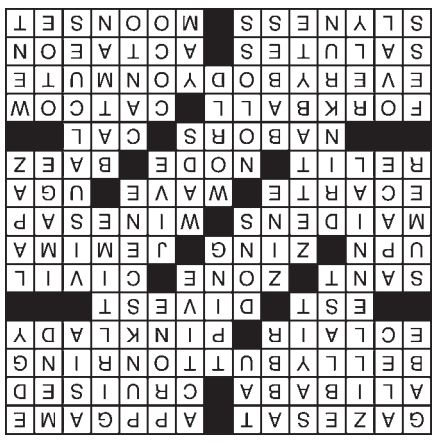
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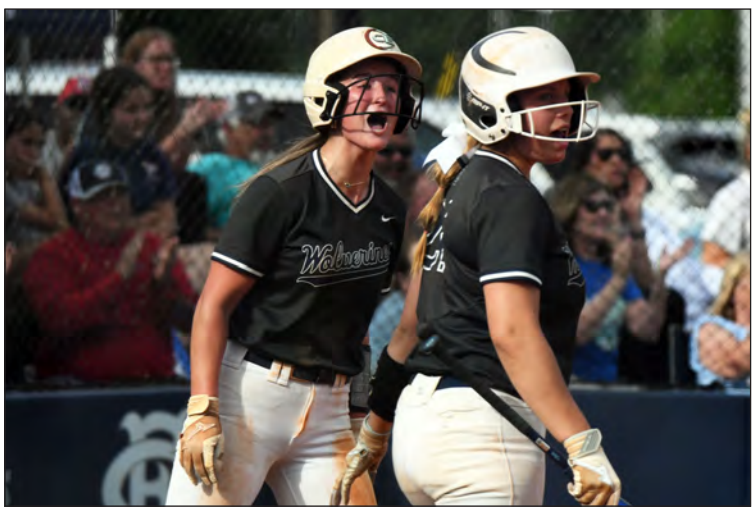
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Jumbles: PRANK CIGAR BALLET ISLAND
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East Clarendon's Bailey Hicks, left, and Chloe Goff celebrate after scoring against Woodland on Wednesday.

Lady Wolverines crush Woodland for district title



PHOTOS BY TIM LEIBLE / THE SUMTER ITEM

The East Clarendon softball team celebrates by emptying a water cooler on head coach Jason Newsome, center, after winning the SCHSL 2A District 6 title over Woodland on Wednesday.

BY TIM LEIBLE
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The East Clarendon softball team checked off the first task on their list as they continue their quest to defend the SCHSL 2A championship on Wednesday, cruising to an 11-1 win over Woodland to claim the District 6 title in five innings. Now, the Lady Wolverines will head to the lower state bracket, where they'll host Chesterfield on Friday.

"We've been able to lean on that experience so far," EC head coach Jason Newsome said after his team scored eight runs in the fifth inning to win by mercy rule. "You play a hard non-region schedule and then you get into your region, and you're really looking forward to the playoffs all year long. So the last week or two, we haven't had to do a lot of motivating because, intrinsically, they've been motivated with the playoffs and it's just amped up a little bit every game. We hope we can ride that into lower state."

It took East Clarendon a couple of innings to really get their offense in full swing on Wednesday, but once they did, it was wheels up. Some base running miscues got in the way in the first two innings, as the Lady Wolverines prioritized aggressive play on the base paths. The first inning came to a quick end because of a popped-up bunt on a steal attempt, which turned into a double play. In the second, Payton Hanniford led off the inning with a triple but was thrown out trying to score on a ground ball to third.

"We kinda ran ourselves out of both innings, just being overaggressive early," Newsome said. "We were getting good looks, barreling balls; we just weren't being real smart on the bases."

But there was a reason the Lady Wolverines wanted to be aggressive on Wednesday, as they pressured Woodland into making a few key mistakes as the game wore on.

"We just kinda swung the bats with them last time, didn't really do a lot of situational stuff that we do sometimes," Newsome said, referencing their matchup in the second round of the district last Friday. "We came out and wanted to be aggressive early and probably got a little overaggressive, but that's OK."

East Clarendon got the ball rolling with three runs in the third inning. Zoey Culick stepped to the plate with two outs and runners on second and third, lacing a single to left for the game's first two runs. Hanniford followed with a double in the gap to make it 3-0 before a ground ball ended the frame.

After Woodland got a run back in the top of the fourth, things were quiet until the bottom of the fifth.

Suddenly, the floodgates opened.

Chloe Goff opened the inning with an infield single before Bailey Hicks smacked a double to left. A bunt single from Karleigh Miller pushed the score to 4-1, prompting Woodland to make a pitching change. Corrine Westbury handed the ball to Katey Westbury for the rest of the night, but East Clarendon didn't wait long to keep pouring on. Culick took the first pitch from K. Westbury and immediately deposited it over the fence in left for a three-run bomb.

"Zoey was fighting an injury early in the year, really all the way to spring break. She was able to rest a little bit during spring break; that was huge for her. She came back and her timing was off for a week or two, but she's blistering hot right now," Newsome said. "She's good enough to ride for a little while, so we're happy to her seeing the ball really well right now."



East Clarendon's Braelynn Locklear delivers on Wednesday.

Three batters later, Lindsey Robinson stepped to the plate with two runners on and hit a two-run double to right. After an error, Robinson scored on a passed ball to bring the score to 10-1. Hicks delivered the final blow, as a ground out scored Caylen McKenzie to seal the 11-1 win. In all, East Clarendon finished with 11 runs on 13 hits.

Hicks had a three-hit night, while Culick, Hanniford and Addison Fleming each had two knocks. Culick finished the night with five RBIs.

East Clarendon's biggest question coming into the season was pitching after the graduation of all-state ace Laiklyn Gaskins. After some experimentation throughout the regular season, EC seems to have found the right formula in the playoffs. Braelynn Locklear was lights out on Wednesday, allowing one unearned run on three hits and a walk. She struck out five and needed just 50 pitches to throw five innings for the win. She and Rylee Atkinson have formed a dynamic duo in the circle as the Lady Wolverines look to make another playoff run.

"Rylee gave us a great start against Woodland last week, and we wanted to get a different look. Braelynn gave us a great start, maybe the best I've ever seen her pitch, certainly in that kind of pressure," Newsome said. "She's grown up this year and given us good innings when we've needed it. I'm extremely proud of her because she's had some rough moments, but she's grown up and had some good moments over the last couple of weeks."

East Clarendon will now open the lower state tournament on Friday at home against Chesterfield at 6:30 p.m. On the other side of the bracket, Andrews will host Andrew Jackson. Regardless of the outcome on Friday, EC will hit the road on Monday for their second game. They just want to take things one game at a time as they try to defend their state title.

"The message is that performing well at lower state starts with a good practice tomorrow," Newsome said. "Whoever we get Friday, we have to come out and do our job; worry about us and not necessarily worry about them. We're worried about taking care of the things we know how to take care of and our recipe for winning ball games. We think we have a good group. It's a lot different than last year; we have a lot more experience in these situations, so we're confident, but we know we have work to do."

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East Clarendon's Wes Springs went 3-4 with a double and a grand slam in the Wolverines' blowout win over Cheraw to open the SCHSL 2A lower state tournament on Thursday.

two seasons and showed off the results of his development by going 3-4 with five RBIs.

"I've been here for four years, and I ain't seen one go out there in BP like that. He unleashed on it and smoked it," Johnson said. "I'm super proud of Wes. Wes was a guy who, in the middle of the year, wasn't playing much at all, but he worked his tail off and got in the lineup and he got hot at the end of the year for us, and he's maybe been our best hitter this year."

The explosive ending came after a shaky start for the Wolverines. Heath Jordan has been a steady hand for EC throughout the spring but couldn't find his rhythm on Thursday. The first pitch of the game was drilled just under the scoreboard in left-center before Jordan lost control of a breaking ball and plunked the second batter. After a walk to the third batter, Johnson elected to pull the plug and turn to Gavin White, who tossed 3 1/3 innings of one-run ball, scattering three hits and a walk. Barnes McConnell then closed out the final five outs of the five-inning game, giving up just one hit and striking out one.

"It was one of those gut feelings where I'm not going to watch it, we're going to go to the next guy. Some days it's not your day. Heath's thrown really well for us and he struggled a little bit today, but Gavin picked him up and threw really well and then Barnes was good, too," Johnson said. "We're going to have a short leash on everyone except probably Blease (Hardy). Blease has earned his stripes, and he's going to go out there and get the benefit of the doubt. The rest of these guys, it's their first time they've really pitched on varsity this year, so I'm going to run them out there and when they're good, I'll leave them; when they start struggling, I'll get them out and go to somebody else."

Luckily, the bumpy start was immediately erased, as East Clarendon scored three runs in the bottom of the first and didn't slow down. EC scored at least two runs in every inning as they found consistent offense up and down the lineup. They showed patience at the plate to the tune of seven walks and got doubles from Springs and Hardy to go along with the game-finishing blast. Crosby Timmons went 3-3 with four RBIs, and Cade Mooneyham added two hits and two RBIs. Hardy, Pierson Kelly and Colten Baker each added RBIs.

"They feel real good. We swung the bats really well tonight," Johnson said. "We just let them hit for the most part; we didn't bunt much. We ran some, but we just let them hit and they squared the baseball up.

"Our guys have been working really hard. We started out the year smoking the baseball. We hit the ball really well for the first three quarters of the year, and the last two weeks or so, we've struggled, but they've gotten back to what they were doing in the cages and working hard on trying to stay through the middle and keep their hands inside the ball. It's really paid off."

Now, East Clarendon gets a surprise home game as ACA comes to town. The region foes split their regular season matchups, as Atlantic Collegiate won at home 4-2 in the opener before EC took the rematch 5-0.

"I think our guys are looking forward to the challenge," Johnson said. "Many people say they're the best in the state. They're talented, and they're coached well; we're going to have to play really, really well, but our kids are looking forward to it."

Because the Armada use a nearby athletic complex for their home games, it's not available on a Saturday afternoon. East Clarendon certainly wasn't in a position to say no to an extra home game, especially with how raucous their home crowds have been throughout the postseason.

"Our atmosphere has been unbelievable in these playoffs. Our fans have been present; they've been loud. Our softball team has been amazing for us. They've been in the bleachers, they've been loud, they've been into it, and they've really helped make it a tough place to play. I appreciate them so much," Johnson said. "We try to return the favor to them. Me and Coach (Jason) Newsome have worked really hard to make sure that both of us are out of practice when the other is playing so we can go support each other, but they've been a huge deal of why we're winning."

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season for the Cavaliers, but Price didn't want the final game to overshadow an incredible two-year run. He credits his senior class, which includes Bowers, Frye, Entzminger, Cary Privette and Luke Richardson, for helping raise the bar for the program as they played for two consecutive SCISA 2A titles.

"I told them that there aren't a lot of people who can say they had a chance to play for them back to back, so that's an accomplishment by itself," Price said. "They put everything into this program; they bought into what we were doing. We're going to miss them, but we have to start thinking about rebuilding back."

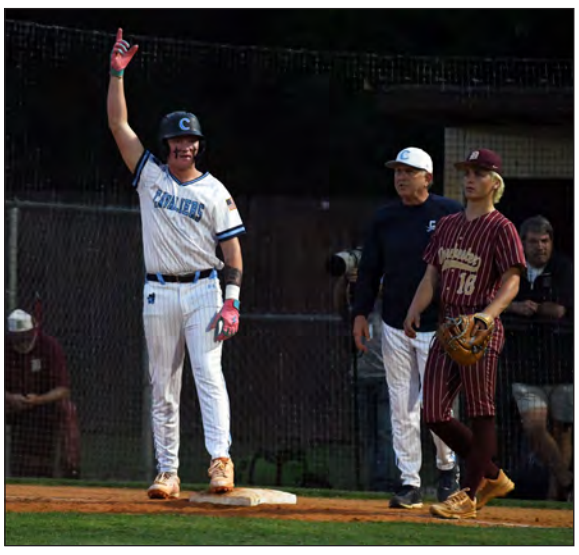
Lee Academy does have a crop of returning talent, including the return of Brayden Davis, who missed the entire season after injuring his knee over the winter. That group will look to continue the journey back to the championship series next spring.

"Next year, people have to step up. I told them, 'You see how it feels to be on this side? We don't want to have that feeling again, so we better start building back,'" Price said. "We've got to keep grinding and get out there and work. They've got good attitudes; all these boys are out there working. I can't ask for anything more out of the boys; they give me everything they've got, and that's all you can ask for."



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Lee Academy's Cary Privette slides to make a catch on Thursday.



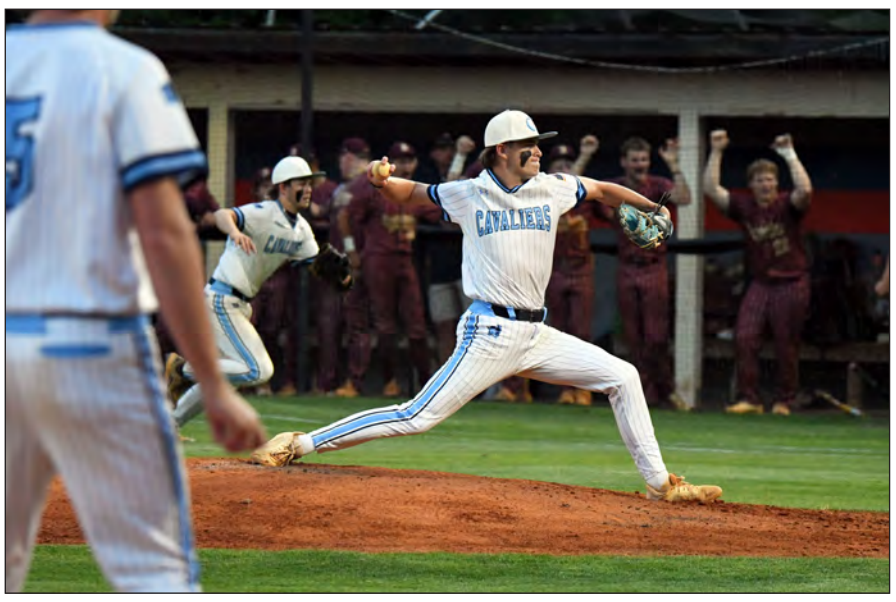


Lee Academy's Chase Entzminger celebrates after an RBI against Dorchester on Thursday.



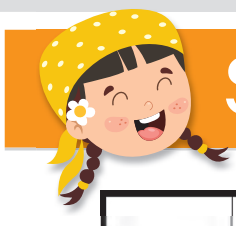
Lee Academy's Tyler Gilbert pitches on Thursday.

ABOVE: Lee Academy's Aiden Fitzgerald, center, celebrates on first after an RBI single on Thursday.



RIGHT: Lee Academy's Myles Frye delivers against Dorchester Academy in Game 3 of the SCISA 2A state championship series.

Kid's Corner



Sudoku 6x6

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- a number can only appear once in each box of 6 squares

ANSWER

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and so will I," he said. "You can't get no better than that; you can't write it up better than that."

Pinewood got a run back in the bottom of the inning and got the game-tying run to first on a controversial play at first base, which originally saw LMA converge on Floyd in the circle after recording what they thought was the final out. Instead, they reset and Black caught a flyball to seal their victory.

"I was praying it was coming to me, but I didn't care who it was coming to, I just needed the out," Black said. "I'm really happy, I'm really happy for our team, I'm really happy for everybody. A three-peat is amazing for us."

Truett has watched this group, particularly his seniors grow exponentially during their time in the program. Truett was coaching JV when this senior class was breaking into the program and immediately proved they had the talent to carry Laurence Manning to incredible heights. On Tuesday, he was able to watch an incredible group of seniors finish their high school careers with three consecutive state titles.

"I'm proud of them. This is a special team right here; they don't quit, they don't give up ever until the bitter end," Truett said. "Am I surprised that it happened like that and the two players who did it? Absolutely not. Am I thankful it happened like that, absolutely."

The victory marked the first time Laurence Manning has claimed three consecutive state titles in softball in school history, a perfect milestone for a senior group that has already littered the school's history books with their names.

"It's one of the best feelings, honestly, because it's never been done in softball at our school ever. It hasn't been done in football since Coach Shawn's (McCord) time, and he's really old," Prickelmyer quipped. "It's really cool. This is the most stressful week of the year every single year, without fail. I'm so glad we could close it out this way. I wouldn't have it any other way."

Black added, "It's felt great to come together as seniors. We've played together since we were 5, maybe 6, and we've always just grown together. It's great to have this ending game to be with us."

Laurence Manning got their happy ending after a roller-coaster of emotions. The Lady 'Cats let scoring opportunities slip through their fingertips all night, leaving 11 runners on base throughout the evening. LMA loaded the bases in the first but struck out twice to squander the early rally only to watch Pinewood strike first on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the frame. The Lady Panthers then poured in four runs in the third thanks to an RBI double by Kensley Gibbs and a few uncharacteristic defensive miscues from the 'Cats, which also spelled the end of the night for Kendall Tanner in the circle. She was charged with three earned runs on three hits, two walks and a hit batter.

"Leaving that many runners on, they knew we've got to produce runs, so we have to get them in somehow," Truett said. "They knew there was a chance as long as we kept putting them on there, it was just one hit away from making it happen."

LMA finally found some offense in the fourth, as Black hit an RBI single before a two-run single from Prickelmyer. Pinewood got a run right back when Alexis Busso launched a solo shot.

When the Lady Swampcats stepped up to the plate in the top of the fifth, Pinewood Prep made a pitching change up 6-3. In response, Lily Wellborn singled, Mcree Holcombe walked and Maggie Welch smacked a double to right, ending Busso's night in the circle after just 17 pitches and one out. The Lady Panthers then turned back to starting pitcher Morgan Everitt for the rest of the night. The freshman got out of the inning, but LMA had another rally up their sleeves.

In the meantime, Floyd continued a great postseason in the circle, posting shutout frame after shutout frame as LMA tried to find their opportunity. Wellborn opened the seventh inning with a single before Holcombe drew another walk. A passed ball moved both runners into scoring positions before a pair of strikeouts set up Black's clutch single.

Laurence Manning finished with 10 hits, four of which came from Prickelmyer in an exceptional finale to her time at LMA. She drove in four runs and added a walk for good measure. Wellborn, another senior, chipped in with two hits and two runs scored. Black had two hits and a walk, drove in three and scored a run.

Floyd finished the night by pitching the last 5 1/3 innings, allowing one earned run on five hits and three walks while striking out two. She made her first varsity appearance during the state tournament against Wilson Hall and pitched in both games of the championship series. On a team full of seniors and veterans, it was a gutsy performance by the youngest Swampcat.

"The future is here," Truett said. "It takes a team and the way they took her in, you didn't see that at the beginning of this season, that the infield just corrals around the pitcher, picking them up, giving them that extra boost that they need. It's amazing to see."

With the win, Laurence Manning sends off an incredible group of seniors. Ashley Rae Hodge, Prickelmyer, Black, Wellborn and Maggie Welch have been integral players in each of their championship appearances over the last five years. Kiley Laux transferred over from Sumter High and added some depth to the lineup, while Emma Jean Casselman and Ashlynn Holmes round out the senior class. Truett was thrilled to watch them finish their careers on the right note.

"They're the longest class that I've had. They're the tail end of the ones from JV that we started with," Truett said. "That's why it means so much."



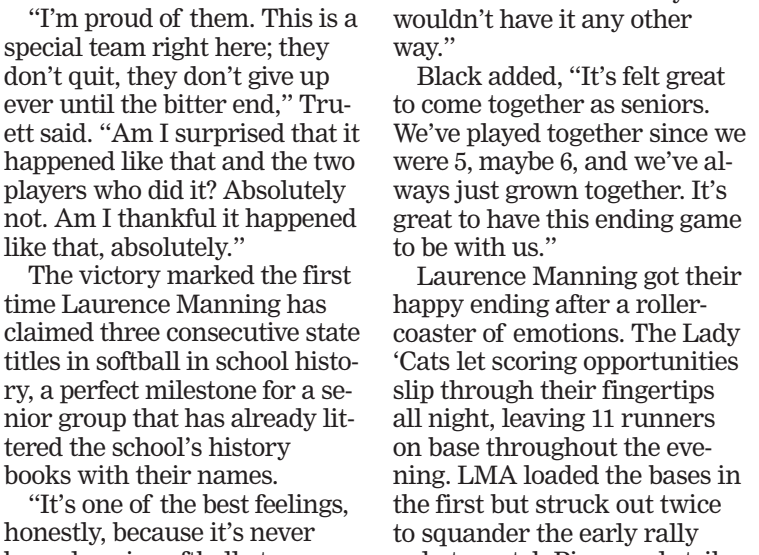
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The Laurence Manning softball team returns to the school after winning the SCISA 4A state championship over Pinewood Prep on Tuesday.



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The SCISA 4A state championship trophy sits in the outfield at Laurence Manning after the Lady Swampcats claimed their third consecutive state title on Tuesday.



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Laurence Manning's Lyza Prickelmyer connects on a game-winning home run against Pinewood Prep on Thursday.



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Laurence Manning's Avery Floyd delivers against Pinewood Prep.



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Laurence Manning's Marlee Black shouts after hitting a game-tying RBI single against Pinewood Prep on Tuesday.



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Lakewood's Hicks wins second 4A state title; Sumter High, Crestwood both have runners up in SCHSL state track meets

STAFF REPORT

The SCHSL state track and field championships began on Thursday with Sumter High traveling to Spring Valley for the 5A-DI meet, while Lakewood and Crestwood traveled to Richland Northeast for the 4A competition. All three Sumter County programs found the podium at their respective meets, while Lakewood left with a repeat state champion.

LAKEWOOD

Aliyah Hicks continued an impressive start to her young career. The sophomore claimed her second state title on Thursday, while making it to the podium in each of her four events. The reigning 400m state champion won a different event this spring, claiming the title in the 200m dash with a time of 24.88. Hicks was the runner-up in the 400m dash in 56.76, as Hilton Head's Kyndal Cohen finished in a blazing 55.26. Hicks also finished fourth in the 100m dash in 12.49, while teammate Ja'Nayha Shaw placed ninth in 12.62. Hicks and Shaw both ran on the 4x100 relay team, which finished second in 48.34. Richland Northeast won the 4x100 title in 48.02. Samaya Shaw also finished eighth in the 100m hurdles in 16.27, while Ken'Niah Myers finished 12th in the pole vault, clearing 2.45m.

On the boys side, Keondre Henry found the podium twice, finishing fifth in the triple jump by clearing 13.44m, while placing sixth in the 110m hurdles in 15.42. Joshua Smith finished 11th in the 800m run in 2:06.54. Micah Jenkins finished 15th in the pole vault by clearing 3.05m, and Jordin Jackson placed 11th in the discus with a throw of 38.87m.

CRESTWOOD

Crestwood also had a runner-up finish in the 4x100, as their boys relay team crossed the finish line in 41.84, finishing just .05 seconds behind region foe Wilson. Calvin Wofford and Christian Williams both ran the 100m dash, placing sixth and eighth, respectively, with times of 11.07 and 11.17. Wofford also finished 11th in the triple jump by clearing 12.81m.

On the girls side, Taylor Johnson finished eighth in the long jump with a leap of 4.95m. Ronia Sanders finished 13th in the triple jump by clearing 10.1m. The Lady Knights' 4x100 team finished eighth in 49.67. Mykenzie Simmons finished 12th in the 400m dash in 1:00.40, while Jaida Charles placed 16th in the 200m dash in 26.32.

SUMTER HIGH

Sumter High had three Lady Gamecocks land on the podium in field events. Danabella Jackson was the runner-up in the high jump after she cleared 1.75m. She lost a tiebreaker with Carolina Forest's Miracle Mclean at the same height. Simone Wells finished top eight in both the long and triple jumps. Wells finished fourth in the long jump after leaping 5.55m, while placing eighth in the triple with a jump of 10.92m. Zoey Williams placed eighth in the shot put with a throw of 10.64m. The SHS girls 4x100 team finished 15th in 50.09.

On the boys side, the top finisher was Caleb Taylor, who placed 10th in the javelin after a throw of 48.56m. David Rogers finished 11th in the discus with a toss of 40.92 and 15th in the shot put with a throw of 13.67. Alexander Krivejko placed 12th in the pole vault by clearing 3.8m. Elyjah Montague finished 10th in the 400m dash in 49.39, 14th in the 100m dash in 10.98 and 15th in the 200m dash in 22.34.



COURTESY OF LAKEWOOD ATHLETICS

Lakewood's Aliyah Hicks stands atop the podium after winning the SCHSL 4A title in the 200m dash on Thursday at Richland Northeast.

OBITUARIES

SHARHONDA SHERRI BURNS CHAN

Sharhonda Sherri Burns Chan, 44, daughter of the late Arlie Shaw Burns Sr. and Patricia Carol Harringer Burns, was born on Aug. 14, 1981, in Mansfield, Ohio. She departed this life on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.

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

JAMES CARROL COMER JR.

James Carrol Comer Jr., age 71, died on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at his residence surrounded by family.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 11 a.m. in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor officiating. The interment will follow the service in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

Bullock Funeral Home & Crematorium

THE REV. RETHA M. NELSON

The Rev. Retha M. Nelson, daughter of the late Leon Mungin and Everlina Porter, was born July 7, 1952, in Hollywood, South Carolina. She departed this earthly life on May 5, 2026, at Prisma Health Richland Heart Hospital, Columbia, South Carolina.

Her precious memories will be cherished by her family, other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2026, in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2026, at Second Presbyterian Church USA, 1125 Old Pocalla Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Ricky Porter officiating, the Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough, eulogist.

Burial followed in Faith Cemetery, 5346 Old Military Road, Adams Run, South Carolina.

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

SHIRLEY SINGLETON



SINGLETON

Shirley Singleton, age 85, beloved wife of the late Claude "Red" Jennings Singleton Sr., died on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at her residence in Sumter.

Born in Sumter, she was the daughter of the late Harvey and Jackie Coker. Shirley cherished her family and her greatest happiness came from spending time with the ones she loved most. She always offered kindness, strength and unconditional love to everyone she knew. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Ciara Singleton Mintz, and her husband, Raymond; three great-grandchildren, Kylie Reidy, Isla Mintz and Adam Mintz; two brothers, Sammy Coker and his wife, Diane, and Clint Coker and his wife, Beth; two sisters, Marrie Coker and Gloria Stokes and her husband, Jack; and a sister-in-law, Karen Coker.

She is preceded in death by her son, Claude Jennings Singleton Jr., and three brothers, Dale Coker Sr., Richard Coker and Tony Coker Sr.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 3 p.m. in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

Bullock Funeral Home & Crematorium

WILLIE SINGLETON JR.



SINGLETON

Willie Singleton Jr., 95, husband of Emma Reed Singleton and son of the late Willie Singleton Sr. and Virginia Wright Singleton, was born on April 21, 1931, in Sumter. He departed this life on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Columbia VA Healthcare System, Columbia.

Family visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from noon to 2 p.m. at Job's Mortuary Inc.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at *jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com* or the web at *www.jobsmortuary.net*.

ROBERT LEE BAIRD

Oct. 18, 1948-March 13, 2026

A committal service with military honors will be held for Robert Lee Baird on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia, South Carolina, 29229.



BAIRD

Robert Lee Baird, known lovingly as "Robby," passed away on March 13, 2026, in Summerville, South Carolina, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on Oct. 18, 1948, in New York, N.Y., to the late Robert Edward Baird and Peggy Bradley Baird, Robby lived a life defined by determination, service and an unwavering love for the people around him. Growing up through challenging times, Robby became the first Baird child to graduate high school. After fielding numerous collegiate offers for his athletic prowess, he accepted a full football scholarship to play quarterback for the University of Tennessee at Martin. While there, he was a part of the Tangerine Bowl Championship team, the only team in the history of the university that participated in a bowl game. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from UTM and enrolled in the ROTC program, which launched a distinguished military career. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Reserves after serving overseas in Germany and many additional years of Reserve service. Following his time abroad, he completed his master's degree from the University of South Carolina while working full time as a probation officer for the state of South Carolina. After earning his master's, he served as a federal probation officer until his retirement at the age of 50. In all of his endeavors, he excelled and received numerous commendations.

Robby was known for his outgoing, warm personality. He never met a stranger and was a master of giving nicknames that stuck for life. His Saturdays were spent cheering on the Tennessee Vols and the South Carolina Gamecocks, and he loved cooking and grilling for the gatherings that celebrated those games. He was even known to break out his outstanding shag moves after the games when they were victorious. An avid hunter and fisherman, he cherished being in nature and on the water with friends and family. Being a lifetime member at Riverside Hunting Club, he loved his time in the "swamp." His real passion, though, was his family, especially his grandchildren. He cherished those "grandbabies" and loved spoiling them every chance he got. Robby was a devoted member of First Harleyville Methodist Church. His deep faith came early in life through his beloved mother, Peggy, and was strengthened later in life by his cherished wife, Cheryl. Both set shining examples of dedication and faith in the Lord, and Robby carried that light with him every day of his life.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl Darden Baird; his son, Doug (Christi), and daughter, Grace; his daughter, Allison (Charlie) and children Cole, Hunter and Hadley; stepson, Curtis Infinger (Ami) and children Jonathan, Cohen and Alexander; his sisters, Linda McIntosh and children, Stormy and Brandy, and Vicky Edwards (Frank) and children Cade and Brystol; and his brother, Troy (Josephine), and children Tee, Hal, Evans and Josie; along with many cousins and dear friends who will miss him deeply. He was predeceased by a stepson, Chad Infinger, and a brother-in-law, Larry McIntosh.

Robby touched countless lives with his generosity, his laughter and his willingness to show up whenever anyone was in need. His legacy of love, service and faith will live on in every heart he warmed.

WILLIE SINKLER

Willie Sinkler, 82, widower of Patricia Ann Dinkins Sinkler and son of the late Dawson Sinkler and Virginia Canty Sinkler, was born on March 17, 1944, in Sumter. He departed this life on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at his residence.

Family will be receiving friends at 42 Lemon St., Sumter.

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

KA'NIYLAH RENA HODGE



HODGE

Ka'Niylah Rena "Peanut" Hodge, 10, daughter of Nathian Pratt and Kadija Hodge, was born on March 29, 2016, in Sumter. She departed this life on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital, Columbia.

Public viewing will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary Inc.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 18, 2026, at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Pastor Fred Folston, officiating.

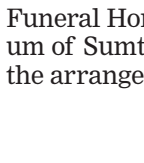
Interment will follow in Mayesville Community Cemetery, Mayesville.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 110 Willow St., Mayesville, daily from 2 to 8 p.m.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at *jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com*, or visit us on the web at *www.jobsmortuary.net*.

CALVIN EUGENE MOTES



MOTES

WEDGEFIELD — Calvin Eugene Motes, 66, widower of Jane Baird Motes, died Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born Feb. 14, 1960, in Greenville, he was a son of the late Vernie E. Motes and Thelma Louise Merritt Motes. Mr. Motes retired from the S.C. Department of Corrections. He was the most caring and resilient father, brother, spouse, partner and friend. He spent his time helping others at every opportunity. He was a pet lover and adopted more dogs and cats than he should. He never lost faith in the Lord through his struggles and battle with cancer.

Survivors include his only child, Shane Calvin Motes; his brother, David L. Motes; and his special friend, Goldie Klosowski.

A private celebration of life will be held to honor Calvin's wishes.

Memorials may be sent to Lucky Paws Rescue, *www.luckypawsrescueinc.org/donate*.

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Sumter School District
Public Budget Hearing
FY 2027 General Operating Budget

June 8, 2026
Sumter School District Office
1345 Wilson Hall Road
Sumter, SC 29151-2039

In compliance with Section 6-1-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Sumter School District Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Sumter School District Office to receive input on the proposed 2026-2027 General Fund Operating Budget and General Operations ad valorem millage. The Board meeting will begin at 6:00pm with public comments being received at that time.

FY 2025-2026 Current General Fund Budget
General Fund Budget: $168,533,809
General Fund Operating Mills Levied: 162.40

FY 2026-2027 Proposed General Fund Budget
General Fund Budget: $178,015,175
General Fund Operating Mills Levied: 162.40

General Operations: The projected millage rate to be requested for General Operations for 2026-2027 is 162.40. The District is currently not asking for a millage increase. The proposed percentage change in the estimated operating budgets between the current fiscal year and the proposed budget is an increase of 5.63%.

Beer & Wine License

Notice OfApplication

Notice is hereby given that **Ayu Prina LLC, dba A and P Coastal Mart 2** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and **OFF** premises consumption of **Beer & Wine at #D, 3632 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29154**. To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **May 18, 2026**. 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 mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

Notice Of Application

Notice is hereby given that **Sanvi One SC LLC** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and **OFF** premises consumption of **BEER & WINE at 294 S. Pike W., Sumter SC 29150** to object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **May 25, 2026** . 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.

Bid Notices

INVITATION TO BID

Sumter County is soliciting separate-sealed bids from qualified vendors for the following project:
Resurfacing a portion of the Sumter County Library Main - Parking Lot
INVITATION # SC-012-B-26
Bids will be received until 3:00 PM Thursday, May 28, 2026 in the in the 2nd floor conference room of the Sumter County Administration Bldg. 13 East Canal Street Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Plans and bid documents may be obtained from the Sumter County Purchasing page at https://www.sumtercountysc.gov/departments/j_-_r/purchasing/open_solicitations_and_bid_opportunities.php or directly from the Planet Bids portal at https://vendors.planetbids.com/portal/82907/bo/bo-search.
Interested bidders need to ensure that they register through the site to be a vendor. Documents may also be obtained from the following; however, the Planet Bids portal is the preferred method:

Robert E. Galloway, Jr.
Sumter County
Purchasing Department
13 East Canal Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Email address:
rgalloway@sumtercountysc.gov
Telephone Number (803) 436-2329

Any written questions should be emailed to rgalloway@sumtercountysc.gov by no later than Thursday, May21, 2026 at 4:00 pm and can also be asked on the Planetbids platform.
The County of Sumter reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The County of Sumter reserves the right to waive any or all technicalities.

Abandon Vehicle / Boat

Abandoned Vehicle Notice:
The following vehicle was abandoned at **J & T Customizing, 4390 Questria Dr., Sumter, SC 29154.** Described as a **2019 Dodge, VIN # 1C4RDHDGXKC824431. Total Due for storage is $10,150 as of April 23, 2026.**
Owner is asked to call 803-720-7058. If not claimed in 30 days. it will be turned over to the Magistrate's Office for public sale.

Summons & Notice

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NUMBER:
2025-CP-43-0272
SUMMONS

LATOYA SANDERS,
Plaintiff,
VS.
DANA FRIERSON AND AMERICAN LEGION
POST 15,
Defendants

TO THE DEFENDANT DANA FRIERSON:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED, and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is available from the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, herewith served upon you, which was filed on December 9, 2025, at 4:05 P.M. and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the Plaintiff, or her attorneys, The Jeffcoat Firm, at their office located at 1333 Main Street, Suite 510, Columbia, SC 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the amount of time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for judgment by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE
TO THE DEFENDANT DANA FRIERSON:
TAKE NOTICE, that the Summons in the above-mentioned action of which the foregoing is a copy, together with the Complaint therein was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sumter County Court of Common Pleas, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150, on the 9th of December 2025.

THE JEFFCOAT FIRM
s/ Joseph E. Thoensen
Joseph E. Thoensen, Esq.
(S.C. Bar No. 72563)
1333 Main Street, Suite 510
Columbia, SC 29201
Telephone Number: (803) 200-2000
Facsimile: (803) 808-2240
Joe.thoensen@thejeffcoatfirm.com
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

Columbia, South Carolina
Dated: March 18, 2026

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF SUMTER
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NUMBER: 2026-CP-43-00527
SUMMONS
(Complaint Served)

James Gamble
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Heirs of Frances Gamble Skinner, The Heirs of Eva Sumpter., their heirs, Assigns, John Doe and Jane Doe, as Representatives of all persons entitled to claim under or through them; any unknown adults being, as a class, designated as Richard Roe and Mary Roe persons under disability or persons in military service designated, as a class, as Richard Roe, all other persons and/or entities unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in, to and upon the real property describe in the Petition, or any claim adverse to Petitioner's ownership or any cloud on title thereto

Defendants,
IN RE:
Frances Gamble Skinner,
Decedent.

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED And required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office at 26 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Complaint in this action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, on April 8, 2026.

MOORE LAW FIRM, L.L.C.
S/ Dwight C. Moore
Dwight C. Moore,
S.C. Bar No. 63008
26 North Main Street
Post Office Box 1229
Sumter, South Carolina 29151-1229
April 8, 2026
Telephone (803) 778-6520
Sumter, South Carolina
Fax (803) 775-6365
Email: moorelawfirm@ftc-i.net
Attorney for Plaintiff

LIS PENDENS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced and is now pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, in the above-styled action for a Determination of Heirs and to Quiet Title certain real property owned by the Decedent. The real property is described as follows:
All that piece, parcel, or lot of land lying, being, and situate in Rafting Creek Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 5 on Plat of Louis Circle Estates, made by R.E. Collingwood, JR. R.L.S. dated November 7, 1970, recorded in the office of the C.C.C.P. for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-29 at page 91. Said Lot No. 5 being bounded and measured as follows: On the Northwest by Lot No. 6 and measuring three hundred eighteen and seven hundredths (318.7) feet; on the North-East by property of Wilhemena Holliman and measuring thereon two hundred and fifty one and three hundredths (251.3) feet: On the Southeast by Lot No. 4 and measuring thereon two hundred and twenty seven (227) feet: And, on the Southwest by Louis Circle and measuring thereon sixty (60) feet. Be all of said measurements a little more or less.
This is the same property conveyed to the United States of America by deed of Sam Archie and Polly Y. Archie, which deed is recorded in Deed Book B-10 at page 674. In the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County.

Tax Map Number:
086-16-01-005
Property Address:
145 Louis Circle,
Rembert, SC 29128

MOORE LAW FIRM, L.L.C.
S/ Dwight C. Moore
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Attorney for Plaintiff

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI
For good cause shown and upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion for Appointment of Garryl L. Deas, Esquire, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi to protect the interest of unknown Defendants, Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown, minors, Defendants who may be under legal disability, and as Attorney to represent persons on active duty in Military Service, and it appearing that Garryl L. Deas, Esquire, is a fit and proper person to serve in such capacities, and that he has consented to said appointment, pursuant to Rule 17, South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, it is hereby
ORDERED That Garryl L. Deas, Esquire, of the Sumter Bar, whose address is The Deas Law Firm, 109 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150, Telephone Number (803) 775-7004, be and he is hereby appointed Guardian Ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown persons who may have or may claim to have some interest in or claim to the real property described in the Complaint filed in this action, all persons entitled to claim under or through them; any unknown adults being, as a class, designated as John Doe and Jane Doe, and any unknown infants or persons under disability designated, as a class, as Richard Roe and Mary Roe and persons who may be on active duty in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, formerly called the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, any and/or all of whom may have or claim to have some interest in these proceedings; and it is further
ORDERED that Garryl L. Deas, Esquire, is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and to represent said Defendant(s) unless the said Defendant(s), or someone on their behalf shall, within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians Ad Litem for the said Defendant(s); and it is further
ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be forthwith served upon said Defendants by publication in the The Item, a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in Sumter County and in the surrounding counties in the State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons, and Notice of Filing of the Complaint.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED!
S/ James C. Campbell
Clerk of Court
Sumter County Court
of Common Pleas
May 6, 2026
Sumter, South Carolina

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
This matter is before the Court upon motion of Dwight C. Moore, Esquire, of the Sumter County Bar, counsel for the above-named Plaintiff, for an Order authorizing service of the pleadings in the within case upon the Defendants by Publication.
It appears from the Petition and the Motion of Counsel that this is an action affecting title to the real estate referenced in the Petition. Furthermore, it appears that the property at issue remains in the name of the Decedent. The Decedent was survived by two heirs who held an interest in the property with rights of survivorship, however, Eva Sumpter, one of the heirs has since deceased and no Estate was ever probated for her. This action is brought to quiet title to the property and to determine whether the deceased heir left any heirs or other persons claiming an interest in the property, so that title may be vested in the Petitioner's name and any unknown claims should be barred.
The Plaintiff has either effected or attempted to effect service upon the known Defendants and Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown. Plaintiffs have requested that John Doe, Jane Doe, Richard Roe and Mary Roe, as representatives of all and any unknown adults, minors, persons under legal disability, and persons on active duty in Military Service be served by publication with the Summons, Notice of Filing of the Complaint, Lis Pendens, and Order Appointing a Guardian Ad Litem Nisi because the identity and/or addresses of such persons are not known and cannot, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained.
Based upon the foregoing, I find that service by publication is appropriate pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §15-9-740 (2005) as amended. Now, therefore,
IT IS ORDERED That the Summons, Notice of Filing of the Complaint, and Lis Pendens in this action, together with the Order Appointing Guardian Ad Litem Nisi, be served upon the said Defendants by publication once each week for a period of three consecutive weeks in The Item, a newspaper of general circulation published and distributed in Sumter County, South Carolina, the situs of the real property at issue;

AND IT IS SO ORDERED!
S/ James C.Campbell
Clerk of Court
Sumter County
Court of Common Pleas
May 6, 2026
Sumter, South Carolina

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SUMTER
Case No.: 2026-CP-43-414

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Viejo Enterprises LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Ja'Karrie T. Cowell, Jakaihy Cowell, Antonio J. Cowell, Jr., and Alijah Cowell,
Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS LISTED ABOVE:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Complaint in this action, the original of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint upon the undersigned attorney at his office located 1416 Laurel Street, Suite A, Columbia, SC 29201, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and, if you fail to Answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the Complaint. Please take notice the Summons and Complaint were originally filed with this Court on March 18, 2026
NOTICE OF LIS PENDENS Case No.: 2026-LP-43-314
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an action has hereby commenced and is now pending in the Sumter County Court of Common Pleas by the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendants regarding an action to Quiet Title. Plaintiff has reason to believe Defendants may own or have some interest in the following property:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot 9, Block "K," as shown on a plat prepared by Julian B. Allen, R. L. S., dated February 15, 1978 and recorded in the office of the Sumter County Register of Deeds in plat book Z-41 at page 15.
This being the same parcel conveyed to Viejo Enterprises LLC by deed of BN2019 LLC, dated November 4, 2025 and recorded in the office of the Sumter County Register of Deeds in book 1346 at page 5435.
Tax Map No.: 229-06-02-005

S/PARKER E. HOWLE
PARKER E. HOWLE
Attorney for Plaintiffs
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April 29, 2026

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO.: 2025-CP-43-02010
SUMMONS
Foreclosure Deficiency
Judgment Waived
(Non-Jury) Foreclosure
of Mortgage

Groundfloor Properties GA LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
Administrative Capital LLC; Tequila Frednell Davis; Vincent Spann; Groundfloor Credit 1, LLC,
Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint upon the persons whose names are subscribed below, at 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092, within thirty (30) days (except the United States of America, or any Agency or Department thereof, shall Answer the Complaint in this action within sixty (60) days) after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned attorneys, on behalf of the Plaintiff herein, will seek an Order of Reference to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, with final appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals as provided by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.
To minors over fourteen (14) years of age, and/or to minors under fourteen (14) years of age and the person(s) with whom the minors reside, and/or to person(s) 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 upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that, under the provisions of Section 29-3-100 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignments of rents contained in the Mortgage are perfected and the 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, McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day of 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, and the Complaint attached hereto.
NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lis Pendens, Summons, and Complaint were filed in the Office for the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on November 21, 2025.
McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC
January N. Taylor
(SC Bar #80069),
jtaylor@mtglaw.com
Shannon C. Kaufman
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
C/A NO.: 2025-CP-43-02025
SUMMONS AND NOTICES
(Non-Jury)
FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE

Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2018-1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee,
Plaintiff,
v.
LVNV Funding, LLC; Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Ruby L. Blanding, deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Eugene Christopher Blanding, Jr.; Randall Terrell Blanding; Shawn Christopher Gregoire,
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 Eugene Blanding and Ruby L. Blanding to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mercantile Mortgage Company dated May 2, 2007 and recorded on May 10, 2007 in Book 1077 at Page 311, 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, containing .67 acre, more or less, together with any and all improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in Sumter Township, the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 94 of Beckridge Park, Section 6, subdivision on that certain Plat by Edwards Land Surveyors, Inc. dated July 12, 1996, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 96 at Page 914.
This being the same property conveyed to Eugene Blanding and Ruby L. Blanding, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, by Deed of Tracy L. Edmonds dated August 30, 2001 and recorded August 31, 2001 in Book 814 at Page 1549 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Eugene Blanding died on October 26, 2021 and the subject property passed to Ruby L. Blanding by operation of law. Thereafter, Ruby L. Blanding died on September 4, 2025, leaving the subject property to her heirs/devisees Eugene Christopher Blanding, Jr., Randall Terrell Blanding and Shawn Christopher Gregoire.

TMS No. 207-06-03-005
Property Address:
4 Orvis Ct, 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 November 26, 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 4 Orvis Ct, 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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Columbia, SC 29210
Phone (803) 454-3540
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MASTER IN EQUITY
NOTICE OF SALE
2025-CP-43-01549

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: New American Funding LLC f/k/a Broker Solutions, Inc., d/b/a New American Funding vs. Zachary Curtis Miller, I, the undersigned Michael M. Jordan, Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM, at the County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150.
The property to be sold to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in Stateburg Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 44 on a plat of Section No. 1, Oakland North Subdivision, prepared by H. S. Willson, RLS, dated March 5, 1980, revised October 27, 1980 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-44 at Page 437. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provi
Said property is subject to all existing easements, restrictions, rights of way and encroachments, including those restrictions recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 261 at Page 671.
This being the same property conveyed to Zachary Curtis Miller by deed of Julie E. Smithson dated August 5, 2022 and recorded August 9, 2022 in Book 1305 at Page 2163 in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

TMS No. 134-01-01-012
Property address:
5581 Whisperwood Drive,
Dalzell, SC 29040

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in certified funds or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).
No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.
Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.250% per annum.
The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.
The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.
This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.
The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff

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for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this specifically captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.
Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Michael M. Jordan
Master in Equity
for Sumter County
Scott and Corley, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff

Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2025-CP-43-01884
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of FVX LLC in trust for Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A. vs. Deal Enterprise, LLC I the undersigned as Master-in-Equity for Sumter County, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM at Sumter County Judicial Center at 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150 to the highest bidder:
Legal Description and Property Address:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina identified as Lot No. 37 of Mallwood Estates Subdivision and being more fully shown on a plat prepared by Carl J. Croft, R.L.S. dated October 3, 1989 and recorded in Plat Book 95 at Page 1227, records of Sumter County. Further being shown as Lot 37 on a plat prepared for Deal Enterprises, LLC by Nesbitt Surveying, Co., Inc., dated June 26, 2021 and recorded in Plat Book 2021 at Page 154, records of 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 properties concerned herein. This description is in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted by law under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended. Be all measurements a little more or a little less and according to said plat.
This being the identical property conveyed to Deal Enterprises, LLC by Deed of Sunbelt Management Company dated July 2, 2021 and recorded July 9, 2021 in Deed Book 1288, Page 1026 in the Office of the Sumter County Register of Deeds, South Carolina.

1001 Jessamine Trail
Sumter, SC 29150
TMS# 204-04-01-070

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 9.499% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Neither the Court, nor Plaintiff, nor Plaintiff's counsel makes any warranty of title or representations with regard to the condition or existence of any improvements on the subject property. Prospective bidders may wish to assess these matters to their satisfaction prior to sale.

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STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIVIL ACTION NO.:
2024-CP-43-00762
MASTER-IN-EQUITY
NOTICE OF SALE

Drefus Lane,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Dorine Wilson, As Personal Representative for Estate of Rosa L. White,
Defendant.

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Drefus Lane against Dorine Wilson, As Personal Representative for Estate of Rosa L. White, I, the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, represented as Lot No. 27A of the Carolina Gardens Subdivision on plat of Michael L. Turbeville, III dated August 24, 1992, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 92 at Page 1468. This property is also known as 119 Carolina Avenue, Sumter County tax maps as Tax Map Parcel No. 229-11-02-010.
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 the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the 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 the 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 time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master-in-Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder.)
As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty (30) days after the date of sale.
Purchaser to pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will not pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance. Subject to assessments, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

Michael M. Jordan
Sumter County Master-in-Equity

DEAS LAW FIRM LLC
109 N. Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 775-7004
Attorney for Plaintiff

April 2026
Sumter, South Carolina

Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2025-CP-43-01878
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Guild Mortgage Company LLC vs. Tori D Whitaker; Republic Finance, LLC; The United States of America, by and through its Agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Velocity Investments, LLC I the undersigned as Master-in-Equity for Sumter County, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM at Sumter County Judicial Center at 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150 to the highest bidder:
Legal Description and Property Address:
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 delineated as Lot No. 173, as shown on that certain Plat of Burns Down Subdivision recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-10 at Page 28, the boundaries and measurements being confirmed by resurvey of J. P. Edwards, RLS, dated August 25, 1971, and having such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, reference to which is hereby made pursuant to authority contained in 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. This property is known as 108 Gleaton Avenue, Sumter, SC.
This being the same property conveyed to Tori D Whitaker by Deed of Betty R Dagley and Irene R White dated November 13, 2013 and recorded November 19, 2013 in Deed Book 1196 at Page 1395, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

108 Gleaton Street a/k/a 108 Gleaton Avenue
Sumter, SC 29150
TMS# 228-08-02-031

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 3.375% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Neither the Court, nor Plaintiff, nor Plaintiff's counsel makes any warranty of title or representations with regard to the condition or existence of any improvements on the subject property. Prospective bidders may wish to assess these matters to their satisfaction prior to sale.

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MASTER IN EQUITY
NOTICE OF SALE
2026-CP-43-00113

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC vs. Hwa Sim Gonzalez; and Miguel C. Gonzalez a/k/a Miguel Cruz Gonzalez, I, the undersigned Michael M. Jordan, Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM, at the County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150.
The property to be sold to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with all improvements thereon, if any, lying and being situate in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 83 of Ashley Creek Subdivision, Section No. 1, and being shown and delineated on that plat prepared by DD Edmunds, RLS, dated August 12, 1996 and recorded in Plat Book 96 at Page 1079 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. This being the same property conveyed to Miguel C. Gonzalez and Hwa Sim Gonzalez, as tenants in common, for and during their joint lives, and upon the death of either of them, then to the survivor of them, by that deed of Heppie R. Hill (by Cynthia H. Jolly, Attorney in Fact) dated August 16, 1996 and recorded August 19, 1996 in Book 654 at Page 1518 in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

TMS No. 208-03-01-011
Property address:
2146 Kingsbury Drive,
Sumter, SC 29154

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in certified funds or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).
No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.
Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.990% per annum.
The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.
The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.
This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.
The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this specifically captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.
Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Michael M. Jordan
Master in Equity
for Sumter County
Scott and Corley, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff

MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE
CASE NO. 2025-CP-43-01801

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority against Angela Danielle Wright, et al., I, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., at the Sumter County Courthouse, 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 County of Sumter, State of South Carolina and being shown as Lot 447 Hunters Crossing, Phase 8 on a plat thereof prepared by Louis W. Tisdale, RLS, dated July 12, 2019 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2019, Page 150. 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 2957 Old Field Road, Sumter, SC 29150. Represented by Sumter County Tax Parcel No. 187-12-09-022.

This being the same property conveyed to Angela Danielle Wright by deed of Bruce A. Billmyre and Jasmin D. Billmyre dated August 12, 2021 and recorded August 16, 2021 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 1289 at Page 4941.

TMS # 187-12-09-022
Property Address:
2957 Old Field Road
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the 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 the sale, the sale shall be canceled 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 time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.1250% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

By:s/Benjamin E. Grimsley
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Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2025-CP-43-01547
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Sarah G China a/k/a Sarah Geneva China, a/k/a Sarah Geneva Tomlin China and Wilbur China a/k/a Wilbur Vincent China AND IF Sarah G China a/k/a Sarah Geneva China, a/k/a Sarah Geneva Tomlin China and Wilbur China a/k/a Wilbur Vincent China be deceased then any child and heir at law to the Estates of Sarah G China a/k/a Sarah Geneva China, a/k/a Sarah Geneva Tomlin China and Wilbur China a/k/a Wilbur Vincent China distributees and devisees at law to the Estates of Sarah G China a/k/a Sarah Geneva China, a/k/a Sarah Geneva Tomlin China and Wilbur China a/k/a Wilbur Vincent China and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Cynthia Marie China, Individually and as Personal Representative for the Estate of Sarah G China a/k/a Sarah Geneva China, a/k/a Sarah Geneva Tomlin China; Leo China, Jr.; Loyda Ivette Valentin China; Jerod China; A C, a minor; M C, a minor; Tudor Place Homeowners Association; GoodLeap, LLC; Audubon Realty Company, Inc.; Michael J Svetlik Construction Co., Inc. I the undersigned as Master-in-Equity for Sumter County, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM at Sumter County Judicial Center at 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150 to the highest bidder:
Legal Description and Property Address:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being located in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot 105-A, Phase III, on a plat of Tudor Place Subdivision, by Joseph R. Edwards, R.L.S., dated August 24, 1994, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 94 at Page 1162. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted by law under Section No. 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as Amended. Be all measurements a little more or less.
This being the same property conveyed to Sarah G. China by Deed of Charles A. Parks III dated August 30, 1994 and recorded August 30, 1994 in Volume 608 at Page 814, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

2220 Preot Street
Sumter, SC 29150
TMS# 2040603021

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 6% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Neither the Court, nor Plaintiff, nor Plaintiff's counsel makes any warranty of title or representations with regard to the condition or existence of any improvements on the subject property. Prospective bidders may wish to assess these matters to their satisfaction prior to sale.

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Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2025-CP-43-01251
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Clyde Billie a/k/a Clyde Tyrone Billie, Jr. I the undersigned as Master-in-Equity for Sumter County, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM at Sumter County Judicial Center at 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150 to the highest bidder:
Legal Description and Property Address:
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. 37 of Horton Fields Subdivision, and being shown and delineated on that plat prepared by David K. Ballard, PLS, dated December 24, 2008, and recorded in Plat Book 2009 at page 14 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. This being the same property conveyed to Clyde Tyrone Billie by Deed of Tessa Williams dated October 26, 2022 and recorded October 28, 2022 in Deed Book 1308 at Page 1368, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

1265 Monterey Drive
Sumter, SC 29154
TMS# 155-09-02-004

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 6.5% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Neither the Court, nor Plaintiff, nor Plaintiff's counsel makes any warranty of title or representations with regard to the condition or existence of any improvements on the subject property. Prospective bidders may wish to assess these matters to their satisfaction prior to sale.

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NOTICE OF SALE
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2025-CP-43-00853 BY VIRTUE of the judgment granted in The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a, The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-4 vs. Betty L. Scott, the Master In Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM, or on another date approved by the Court, at the Judicial Center City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:
ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL, OR LOT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF STATEBURG, COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT #24 ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT PREPARED FOR ISIAH SCOTT JR. AND BETTY L. SCOTT BY JULIAN B. ALLEN, RLS, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1985, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF MESNE CONVEYANCES FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 85 AT PAGE 1011. REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT IS HEREBY CRAVED FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY. BE ALL MEASUREMENTS A LITTLE MORE OR LESS.
THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ISIAH SCOTT, JR., AND BETTY L. SCOTT, AS TENANTS IN COMMON WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, BY DEED OF LINDA M. WILSON DATED OCTOBER 4, 1985, AND RECORDED OCTOBER 4, 1985, IN BOOK 414 AT PAGE 1611 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEREAFTER, ISIAH SCOTT, JR., DIED ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008, VESTING TITLE TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN THE SURVIVING CO-TENANT, BETTY L. SCOTT, BY OPERATION OF LAW.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
4325 Confederate Road,
Sumter, SC 29154
TMS: 155-14-01-024
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 its bid, in cash or equivalent to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but in the case of non-compliance to be forfeited and applied first to the costs of sale and the balance of Plaintiff's debt. If the highest bidder fails to comply with the bid within thirty (30) days, the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on some subsequent sales day.
No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall be final on the sale date, and the successful bidder may comply immediately.
The successful bidder shall pay all costs associated with recording the deed. The successful bidder will pay interest on the balance of the bid from sale date to compliance date at the rate of 3.425%. The sale shall be subject to taxes, assessments, easements and restrictions of record, and any senior encumbrances.
If an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the sale, the property shall be withdrawn and sold at the next available sales date upon the same terms and conditions.

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

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Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2025-CP-43-01829
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Village Capital & Investment, LLC vs. Donald J Cann; Joyce B Cann; Caryn M Christensen I the undersigned as Master-in-Equity for Sumter County, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM at Sumter County Judicial Center at 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150 to the highest bidder:
Legal Description and Property Address:
INCORRECT LEGAL:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina and being bounded and measuring as follows:
On the North by lands, now or formerly, of Elco Development Company and measuring therein in a broken line approximately 10 feet and 62 feet, respectively; on the East by lands, now or formerly, of Winthrop Partners Limited Partnership and H.H. Shelor and measuring 237.4 feet; on the South by the right of way of Calhoun Street on which it fronts 75 feet; and on the West by lands, now or formerly, of Alice M. Harrelson Development Company and measuring thereon 80 feet; all measurements, a little more or less.
ALSO:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina and being bounded and measuring as follows:
On the North by lands, now or formerly, of The People Bank of South Carolina and measuring therein in 65 feet; on the South by West Calhoun Street and measuring thereon 65 feet; on the East by lands, now or formerly, of Edna C. Suber and measuring 236-1/2 feet; and on the West by land now or formerly, of Jessie G. Shelor and measuring 236-1/2 feet; be all said measurements a little more or a
little less.
Being the same property conveyed to Donald J. Cann and Joyce B. Cann, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, for and during the term of their joint lives, and upon the death of either of them, then to the survivor of them, by Deed from Caryn M. Christensen, dated November 15,2012 and recorded December 20, 2012, in Deed Book 1180 at Page 3708 in the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County, South Carolina.
CORRECT LEGAL:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina and being bounded and measuring as follows:
On the North by lands, now or formerly, of Elco Development Company and measuring therein in a broken line approximately 10 feet and 62 feet, respectively; on the East by lands, now or formerly, of Winthrop Partners Limited Partnership and H.H. Shelor and measuring 237.4 feet; on the South by the right of way of Calhoun Street on which it fronts 75 feet; and on the West by lands, now or formerly, of Alice M. Harrelson Development Company and measuring thereon 80 feet; all measurements, a little more or less.
ALSO:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina and being bounded and measuring as follows:
On the North by lands, now or formerly, of The People Bank of South Carolina and measuring therein in 65 feet; on the South by West Calhoun Street and measuring thereon 65 feet; on the East by lands, now or formerly, of Edna C. Suber and measuring 236-1/2 feet; and on the West by land now or formerly, of Jessie G. Shelor and measuring 236-1/2 feet; be all said measurements a little more or a
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Being the same property conveyed to Donald J. Cann and Joyce B. Cann, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, for and during the term of their joint lives, and upon the death of either of them, then to the survivor of them, by Deed from Caryn M. Christensen, dated November 15,2012 and recorded December 20, 2012, in Deed Book 1180 at Page 3708 in the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County, South Carolina.

115 West Calhoun Street
Sumter, SC 29150
TMS# 228-05-04-023

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 5.75% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Neither the Court, nor Plaintiff, nor Plaintiff's counsel makes any warranty of title or representations with regard to the condition or existence of any improvements on the subject property. Prospective bidders may wish to assess these matters to their satisfaction prior to sale.

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STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO.: 2025-CP-43-01527
NOTICE OF SALE
Deficiency Judgment Waived

New Day Financial, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
Marcus McCoy, Sr., and if/or Marcus McCoy, Sr. be deceased, then any and all children and heirs at law, distributees and devisees and if any of the same be dead, any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under disability, being a class designated as John Doe or persons in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe,
Defendant(s).

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: New Day Financial, LLC vs. Marcus McCoy, Sr., and if/or Marcus McCoy, Sr. be deceased, then any and all children and heirs at law, distributees and devisees and if any of the same be dead, any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under disability, being a class designated as John Doe or persons in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, 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 County of Sumter, State of South Carolina identified as Tract 4, containing 1.0 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat prepared by Joseph R. Edwards, R.L.S. dated February 25, 1991 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book PB91 at Page 196. 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 5023 Benenhaley Road, Dalzell, SC and is shown on the auditors map of Sumter County as tax parcel 135-00-02-018.
Being the same property as conveyed to Marcus McCoy, Sr., his heirs and assigns, forever, in fee simple from Baerbel Jones by that deed dated December 20, 2022 and recorded December 28, 2022 in Book 1309, Page 5630 in the Sumter County records.
Marcus McCoy, Sr., having since departed this life on or about March 16, 2025.
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
5023 Benenhaley Road,
Dalzell, SC 29040
TMS#:135-00-02-018
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid

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within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.49000% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record, and any other senior encumbrances. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.

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

This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given. Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding, you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of a licensed South Carolina attorney.

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STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO.: 2025-CP-43-01367
NOTICE OF SALE
Deficiency Judgment Demanded
Against Defendant
D & M of SC Holdings, LLC and Delicia Heatley

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust,
Plaintiff,
v.
D & M of SC Holdings, LLC;
Delicia Heatley,
Defendant(s).

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust, vs. D & M of SC Holdings, LLC and Delicia Heatley, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on June 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, identified as the Western half of Lot No. 50 and the Eastern portion of Lot No. 51 as shown on a plat prepared by Sam M. Hunter, Jr., R.L.S. dated November 17, 1964 and recorded in Plat Book Z-21 at Page 28, records of Sumter County. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, and bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted by law under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended. Be all measurements a little more or a little less.
This being the same property conveyed to D & M of SC Holdings, LLC by deed of Greymorr Real Estate, L.LC, dated September 29, 2023 and recorded on October 3, 2023 at Book 1319, Page 2829, in the Sumter County Register of Deeds Office.
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
716 Cardinal Street,
Sumter, SC 29150
TMS#:
205-06-03-054
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). The Plaintiff does not waive but specifically demands judgment against Defendant D & M of SC Holdings, LLC and Delicia Heatley, for the full amount found to be due to Plaintiff on the Note and Mortgage that is the subject of this foreclosure action. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-39-720 (1976). Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 22.740% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record, and any other senior encumbrances. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.
In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Master in Equity's Order and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.
This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given. Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding, you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of a licensed South Carolina attorney.

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Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Retail Sales, LLC will sell at public lien sale on May 26, 2026, the personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 10:00 AM and continue until all units are sold.

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25924,
1143 N Guignard Dr,
Sumter, SC 29150,
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Time: 10:00 AM
Sale to be held at
www.storagetreasures.com.
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301 - Hammett, Lashae;
314 - Hodge, Mark;
331 - Taylor, Tonia;
529 - Howard, Monroe;
543 - Parker, Mariama;
561 - Cobbins, Jhamylin;
716 - Pearson, Essence;
748 - Vinson, Kimyatta

PUBLIC STORAGE # 08604,
1277 Camden Hwy,
Sumter, SC 29153,
(803) 218-9507
Time: 10:20 AM
Sale to be held at
www.storagetreasures.com.
A030 - Flemming, Antoneio;
A044 - Tisdale, Latasha;
B053A - Astral Link Smith, Kyle;
C045 - Smith, Keith;
D024 - Ramirez, Liliana;
D036 - Rose, Yolanda;
E003 - Roberts, Shawn;
E010 - Warren, Jontavious;
E032 - Williams, Kierra;
F023 - Delay, Yvonne;
F038 - Fleming, Shamya;
F040 - Heriot, Taekwondo;
G028 - Pearson, Michael;
G030 - Pearson, Michael

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25925,
3785 Broad St,
Sumter, SC 29154,
(803) 282-9826
Time: 10:40 AM
Sale to be held at
www.storagetreasures.com.
0120 - Ricks, Jessica;
0449 - Mitchum Jr, Cecil;
0819 - Shaw, Linda

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Retail Sales, LLC, 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.

Auctions

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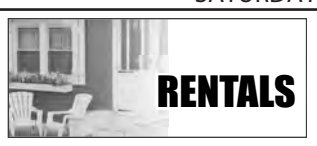
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May 16 - May 22, 2026

The Sumter Scene

Wrap it up: A stack of season and series finales air this week

BY SARAH PASSINGHAM

Of all the seasons, finale season is one of the most beautiful. With the views best enjoyed from the comfort of one's own couch, remote in hand, anyone with a cable or internet connection can take pleasure in the sights, sounds and suspense of their favorite shows closing their latest chapters.

CBS kicks off a week of endings with season finales of "FBI" and its newest spinoff series, "CIA," Monday, May 18. "Survivor" wraps up its historic 50th season Wednesday, returning to form and crowning the winner in a live vote reading. Thursday sees some sitcoms have the last laugh while a late-night show says goodnight for the last time.

Season finales of "Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage," "Ghosts" and "Elsbeth," air Thursday, May 21. Stephen Colbert ("The Colbert Report") bids viewers farewell from behind his "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" desk for the final time Thursday, after more than a decade of nightly monologues, sketches, celebrity interviews and musical performances. Finally, it's finale night for first responders on Friday with "Sheriff Country," "Fire Country" and "Boston Blue" all closing out the season.

To catch up on any of these shows (with the exception of "The Late Show," catch those segments on the show's official YouTube page) ahead of their finales this week, stream them on Paramount+. While "The Late Show" sings its swan song this week, the rest of the mentioned series will return in CBS's fall 2026 or spring 2027 lineup.

After cleaning house of the first two spinoffs — "FBI: Most Wanted" and "FBI: International" — in May 2025, Dick Wolf's ("Law & Order") bureau-centric franchise focused on the eighth season of originating series "FBI" and its intriguing new show, "CIA." In the upcoming episode of "FBI," titled "Defector," FBI special agents Maggie Bell (Missy Peregrym, "Van Helsing"), OA Zidan (Zeeko Zaki, "Valor") and the team must reach out to an old foe when a bioweapon is stolen.

Meanwhile, in the "CIA" finale, Colin (Tom Ellis, "Tell Me Lies") and Bill (Nick Gehlfuss, "Chicago Med") are confronted with a dangerous figure from Colin's past. The show's debut season has seen the odd couple of CIA agent Colin Glass — a suave British rebel — and FBI agent Bill Goodman, who lives up to his surname, learn to work together in the joint investigative cell aimed to out the mole within the CIA's New York City operation.

If heart-pounding action dramas aren't your thing, rest assured there's more to catch this week on CBS. With "Survivor" handing select gameplay decisions over to fans in celebration of the show's 50th season, the long-running reality competition show became a democracy run by viewers for the first time. The results ranged from inconsequential — tribe colors — to essential, like whether the castaways had to earn their rice and supplies. The fan-voted decisions come to their conclusion with the already decided live finale in Los Angeles, airing Wednesday, May 20, as well as the final four challenge and whether to keep fire-making to determine the final three contestants.

With a successful debut season nearly under its belt, "Sheriff Country" is almost ready to step into its sophomore season boots, but not before Sheriff Mickey Fox (Morena Baccarin, "Gotham") deals with fallout from a major investigation in the season finale Friday, May 22. "Boston Blue" also wraps ups its freshman season with Danny (Donnie Wahlberg, "Blue Bloods") and Lena (Sonequa Martin-Green, "Star Trek: Discovery") responding to a crisis at a local hospital. Lastly, "Fire Country" attends to flooding conditions in Edgewater, California, in the drama's Season 3 finale with Shawn Hatosy ("The Pitt") returning to his guest role as battalion chief Brett Richards in the season's last two episodes.



Horoscopes

The luckiest signs this week:

VIRGO, LIBRA AND SCORPIO

ARIES

This week, you'll focus on your home. Renovations, reorganization or relocation may occupy your time. A loved one will need your presence and support, drawing you deeper into family responsibilities.

TAURUS

You'll face a dilemma around discretion. Keeping a secret may become challenging and could risk exposure. You'll gain more by listening rather than speaking, as you'll gather useful, strategic information without compromising yourself.

GEMINI

You may make a real estate purchase or sale, proving your resources match your ambitions. In romance, outbursts of affection will strengthen the balance in your relationship and highlight a bond undergoing deep transformation.

CANCER

Disruption will require quick action. Challenges, surprises or sensitive decisions will guide you toward the right choices. Meanwhile, loved ones and colleagues will finally respond positively to your efforts, making them far more rewarding.

LEO

Your creativity will peak, inspiring you to start a personal project or launch a bold initiative. An exhibition or performance will leave a lasting impression on you. Your generosity will deepen your relationships and strengthen your emotional connections.

VIRGO

Your social life will be buzzing this week. Both old and new friends will seek you out. Invitations, events and meaningful conversations will reveal important truths. These exchanges will strengthen your bonds and deepen your understanding of others.

LIBRA

A remarkable professional opportunity is coming, such as a job promotion or the launch of your own business. This long-awaited dream will materialize, marking an important step toward lasting security and personal fulfillment.

SCORPIO

A secret will come to light, whether intentionally shared or discovered by chance. At work, you may have to speak a foreign language or decode an important message. In your love life, a meaningful exchange will mark an important emotional turning point with your partner.

SAGITTARIUS

Your emotions will run high this week, but for happy reasons. A child or loved one will accomplish something deeply moving that will fill you with pride and joy. You'll shed tears of deep and sincere happiness.

CAPRICORN

At work, the facts must outweigh your emotions. Logical thinking will help you have more successful negotiations. Respecting rules and regulations will prevent complications and reinforce your professional success.

AQUARIUS

An avalanche of professional responsibilities will slow you down. If your health is unstable, your body will demand rest. By managing your energy more wisely, you'll regain the strength and efficiency you need to face new challenges.

PISCES

A certain success will fill you with pride and highlight your hidden talents. Family tensions may create stress and throw off your inner balance. You'll have to carefully navigate this period of adjustment.

New Streaming Movies & Shows

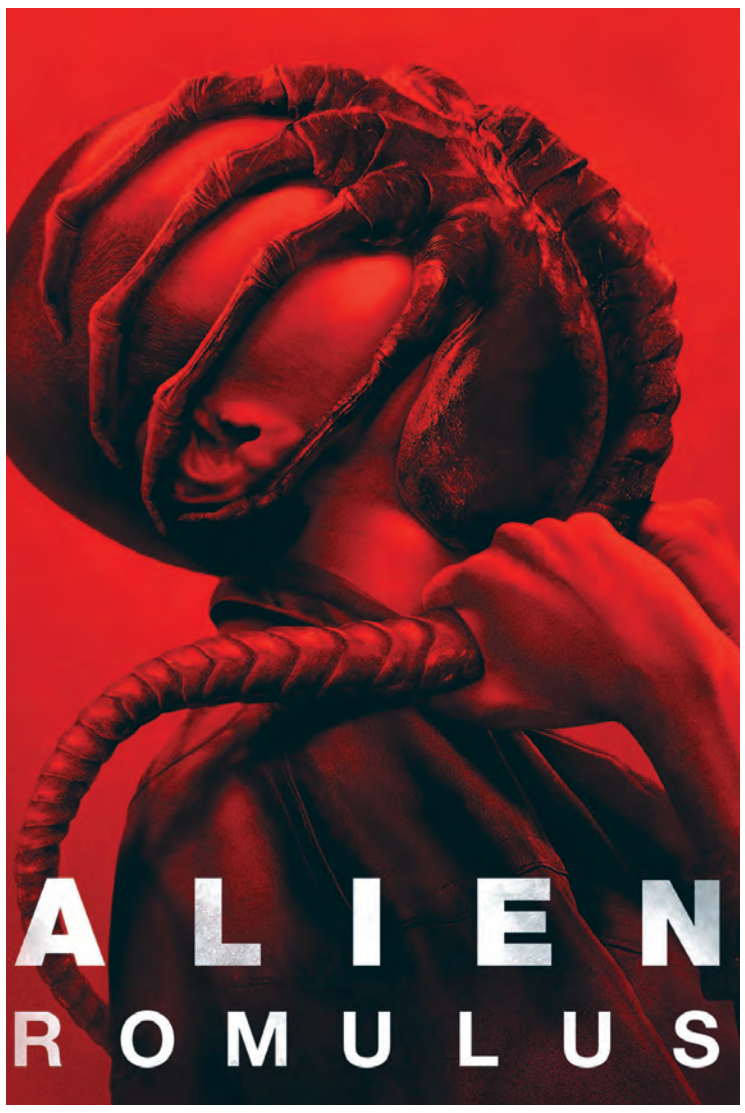
prime video



"Jack Ryan: Ghost War" (May 20)

John Krasinski returns as agent Jack Ryan in this new film based on the works of Tom Clancy, as he is reluctantly thrust back into the world of espionage. When an international covert mission unravels a deadly conspiracy, Jack is forced to confront a rogue black-ops unit. Operating in real time with lives on the line and the threat escalating at every turn, Reuniting with CIA operative Mike November (Michael Kelly) and former CIA boss James Greer (Wendell Pierce), their combined experience is the only edge they have against an enemy who knows their every move.

hulu



"Alien: Romulus" (May 21)

Set between the cataclysmic events of "Alien" (1979) and "Aliens" (1986), this film follows a young space explorer, Rain (Cailee Spaeny, "Civil War," 2024) and her rag tag crew – including an android, a pregnant woman and Rain's ex-boyfriend – as they land on a desolate planet, hoping to scavenge an abandoned space station called Renaissance. Amongst the rubble, the group comes face to face with one of the most terrifying life forms in the universe: xenomorphs, the very same creatures that decimated the crew of the Nostromo during the franchise's first film.

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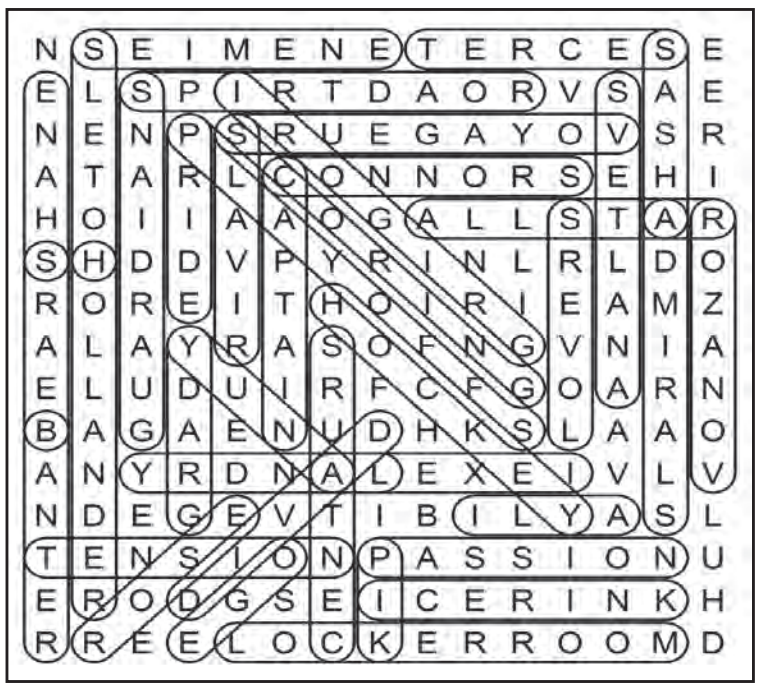
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NETFLIX



"Wanda Sykes: Legacy" (May 19)

Wanda Sykes returns to her roots for her third Netflix stand-up special. Filmed live at her alma mater, Hampton University, and directed by acclaimed filmmaker Julie Dash, the special sees Sykes take the stage with the trademark wit and fearless insight that have earned her multiple Emmy wins and nominations. She delivers an hour of bold, smart, and laugh-out-loud comedy that cements her legacy as a comedy icon.

Disney+



"Bluey Minisodes" – New Episodes (May 20)

The bite-sized short-form series is a collection of one- to three-minute minisodes produced by Ludo Studio. The shorts highlight funny and sweet moments featuring Bluey and Bingo, leaning into playful interactions and games that further explore the characters and world of "Bluey."

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Q&A: Penn & Teller

BY JAY BOBBIN

Q: Have Penn and/or Teller done any acting work outside their magic shows?

A: Penn and Teller ("Penn & Teller: Fool Us") got famous by blending magic with comedy and storytelling over the years, and though that seems like a natural path to acting, they've been reluctant to follow it. Lately, all their focus is back on their roots as touring stage magicians — they're currently on a world tour celebrating their 50th anniversary as a magic act.

That's how they started out, before they became famous via their Emmy-winning 1985 PBS special "Penn & Teller Go Public" and numerous subsequent TV appearances.

1985 was a big year for them as it was also the first time one of them did a scripted role.

It's no surprise that it was Penn Jillette, the one who does the talking on stage (Teller, who never gives his first name, is almost entirely silent during their shows). Jillette guested in the second-season premiere of "Miami Vice," pretty well the hottest show on TV at the time, playing a small-time criminal named Jimmy Borges.

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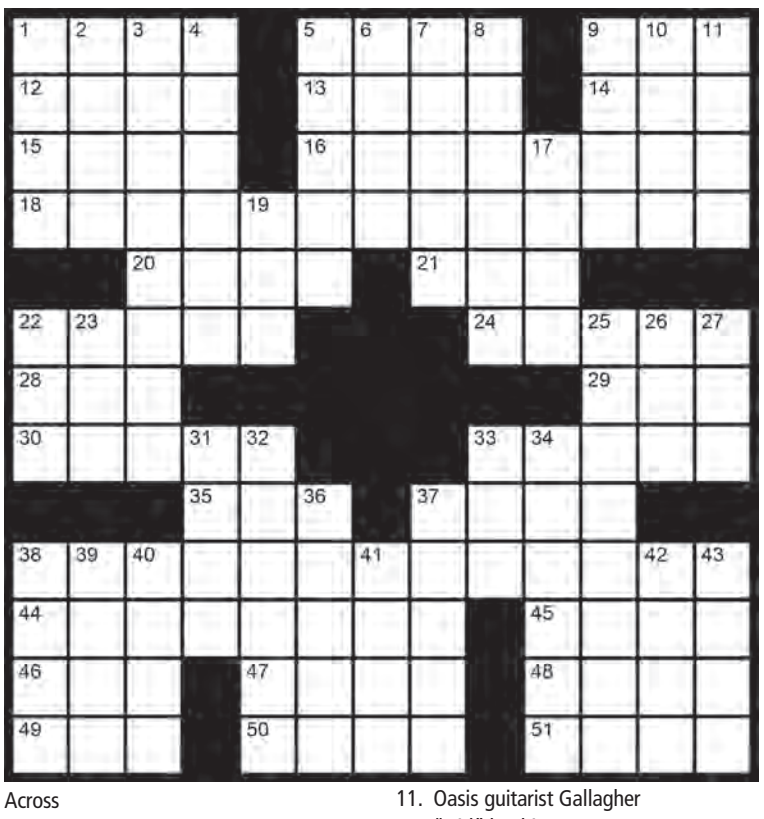


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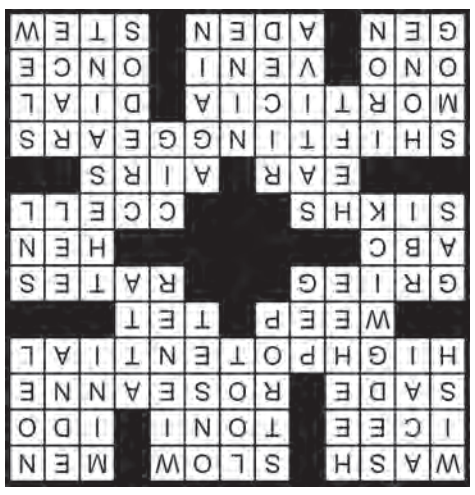
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Across
1. Laundry load
5. Lento
9. "Two and a Half ___"
12. "Brain-freeze" beverage
13. Singer Tennille
14. Words of commitment
15. "Smooth Operator" singer
16. Darlene's TV mom
18. Kaitlin Olson series
20. Tear up
21. Asian occasion
22. "Peer Gynt" composer
24. Hotel posting
28. Fox competitor
29. Egg warmer
30. Many Punjabis, religionwise
33. Common battery type
35. Place for a stud
37. Haughtiness
38. Tim Allen series
44. Addams family mom
45. Watch face
46. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
47. Start of Caesar's boast
48. First word in a fairy tale
49. Lee, e.g.: Abbr.
50. Yemeni city
51. Hasenpfeffer, e.g.

Down
1. Long (for)
2. Fruit served "na tigela"
3. "The Closer" star
4. Little laugh
5. Sharpen
6. Booty
7. Beginning
8. Red-hot
9. Peewee
10. "The Simpsons" teacher Krabappel
11. Oasis guitarist Gallagher
17. "Girl" lead-in
19. Hard throw, in baseball
22. Hot air
23. Slugger's stat
25. 1960s Roger Moore TV series
26. Pickled delicacy
27. NBC sketch series, briefly
31. Weight
32. Cannabis ___ (marijuana)
33. Butt
34. Beliefs
36. Like some potatoes
37. "Not ___!"
38. Urban haze
39. Sharpen
40. Steel ingredient
41. Prime-time hour
42. Regatta
43. Offed



Sudoku

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To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

Each number 1-9 may appear only once in each row, column and 3-by-3 box.

SOLUTION

9	7	8	1	6	4	5	3	2
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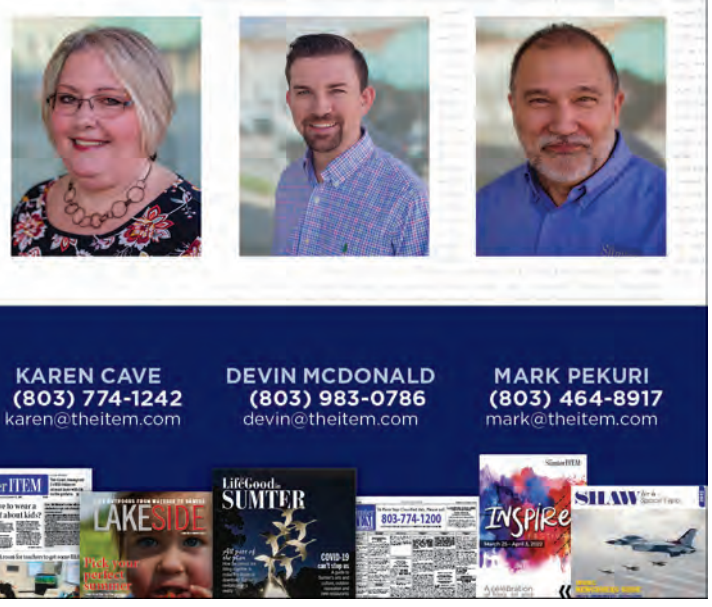


"Summerwater" - Season 1 (Acorn TV — May 25, Series Premiere)

Based on Sarah Moss's novel, the series is set at a Scottish cabin resort. Enduring unpredictable weather, the residents of Summerwater attempt to escape life's problems in the serenity of isolation. Far from a relaxing retreat, Summerwater turns out to be a mysterious, all-knowing place, where residents are confronted with their deepest desires and darkest truths. Weaving together the lives of several families, as they are observed closely from their disparate cabins.

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WIS	3	10	10	**WIS News 10 at 6** (N)	**NBC Nightly News** (N)	**NBA Showtime** (N) (Live)		**NBA Basketball** Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA Professional basketball action from the NBA. (N) (Live)						**WIS News 10 at 11**	**Awareness**
WKTC	4	22	63	**Chicago P.D.** "Good Men"		**Suits** "Zane vs. Zane"		**Suits** "He's Back"		**Suits** "Normandy"		**Suits** "War"		**Suits** "The Arrangement"	
WOLO	5	12	25	**ABC World News** (N)	**Queen City Country**	**America's Funniest Home Videos** (N) (SF)		**America's Funniest Home Videos**		**Celebrity Jeopardy!** Ray Romano, Mira Sorvino		**Betrayal: Secrets & Lies** "Dead Man Married" (N) (SF)		**News** (N)	**Paid Prog.**
WACH	6	6	57	(4:00) **IndyCar Racing**		**Next Level Chef** "Use Your Noodle"		**Family Guy** (N) (SF)	**Bob's Burgers** (N)	**American Dad!** (N)	**Burgers** (N) (SF)	**News** (N) (Live)	**Gamecock Insider**	**Sharyl Attkisson**	**The Big Bang Theory**
NWSN	8	172	307	**NewsNation Live** (N) (Live)		**NewsNation Live** (N) (Live)		**NewsNation Prime** (N) (Live)		**NewsNation Prime** (N) (Live)		**NewsNation Prime** (N) (Live)		**NewsNation Prime**	
WLTX	9	9	19	(1:00) **PGA Champ.** Final Round (N) (Live)		**60 Minutes** (N) (SF)		**Marshals** "The Devil at Home" (N)		**Tracker** "Chrono Stasis" (N)		**Watson**		**News 19 at 11pm**	**Face the Nation** (N)
WRJA	11	14		**Enslaved** "Follow the Money"		**Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private Investigators**		**Worsley** "Elizabeth I, The Warrior Queen"		**MaryLand on Masterpiece**		**Downton Abbey** When the Titanic goes down, Lord Grantham loses his heirs.			**Murder in the** "Rotten Eggs"
WZRB	13	18	47	**NCIS** "Into the Light"		**NCIS** "Going Mobile"		**NCIS** "Someone Else's Shoes"		**NCIS** "Wide Awake"		**NCIS** "Institutionalized"		**NCIS** "No Vacancy"	
NICK	16	210	299	**SpongeBob SquarePants**	**SpongeBob SquarePants**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**
TOON	17	203	296	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Rick Morty**	**Rick Morty**	**Rick Morty**
DISNEY	18	200	290	**Big City Greens**	**Big City Greens**	★★★★ **Monsters, Inc.** ('01) Voices of Billy Crystal, Mary Gibbs, John Goodman.			(:40) **Phineas and Ferb**	(:05) **Phineas and Ferb**	**Phineas and Ferb**	**Vampirina: Teenage**	**Place**	**Miraculous: Ladybug**	**Ladybug** "Vampigami"
FREFRM	20	131	311	(5:05) ★★★ **National Treasure** ('04) Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha, Nicolas Cage.				(:15) ★★★ **National Treasure: Book of Secrets** ('07) Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, Nicolas Cage.						(:55) ★★★★ **Spider-Man: Homecoming** ('17)	
FDSE	21	47	649	**Sports Stars of Tomorrow**	**Gamecock Insider**	**EuroLeague Basketball**				**O'Neill Outside**	**A Fishing Story**	**FIBA World Basketball**	**Breaking Par**	**Athletes Unlimited Pro Volleyball**	
NATGEO	22	113	276	**To Catch a Smuggler** "The Coke Eater"		**To Catch a Smuggler** "Bananas and Blow"		**To Catch a Smuggler** "Hot Drugs"		**To Catch a Smuggler** "Boatloads of Coke"		**To Catch a Smuggler** "Popped for Pills"		**To Catch a Smuggler** "Freeway Meth"	
TNT	23	158	245	(3:45) ★ **National Tre...**	**To Be Announced**		**To Be Announced**		**To Be Announced**		**To Be Announced**		★★★ **National Treasure: Book of Secrets** ('07) Jon Voight, Nicolas Cage.		
TBS	24	156	247	(5:00) ★★★ **Aquaman** ('18) Amber Heard, Willem Dafoe, Jason Momoa.				**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	★★★ **The Flash** ('23) Sasha Calle, Michael Shannon, Ezra Miller.		
USA	25	132	242	**Law & Order: SVU** "Smut"		**Law & Order: SVU**		**Law-SVU** "Tunnel Blind"		**Law & Order: SVU**		**The Killer Among Us** (N)		**Law & Order: SVU**	
ESPN	26	35	206	**Inside the NBA** (N) (Live)		**Softball** NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA (N)				**Softball** NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA (N)				**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)	
TRUTV	38	129	246	(3:45) ★ **Jurassic Park**	**To Be Announced**		**To Be Announced**		**To Be Announced**		**To Be Announced**		**The McKenna Project**		★★★★ **Joker** ('19)
SHOPHQ	30		73	(3:00) **Channel No**		**Channel No Longer Available**								**Channel No**	
TWC	32	24	362	**Uncharted** "Croatia"		**Uncharted** "Turkey"		**Claw** "Dead In The Water"		**Claw** "Hide and Seek"		**Heroes** "Last Ditch Landings"		**Heroes & Survivors**	
CNBC	35	84	355	**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**	
FNC	37	90	360	**Weekend** (N) (Live)		**Weekend** (N) (Live)		**Life, Liberty** (N) (Live)		**Sunday Night** (N) (Live)		**One Nation With** (N) (Live)		**Life, Liberty & Levin**	
HGTV	39	112	229	**Renovation Aloha** "Mango Money Pit"		**Home Town: Inn This Together** "Millions with an S"		**Home: Inn** "Turning Numbers Into Dreams" (N)		**Property Brothers:** "Signed, Sealed, Stressed" (N)		**House Hunters** (N)	**Zillow** "Back to the Wild"	**Zillow Gone Wild**	**Zillow** "Ranch Dressing"
FOOD	40	109	231	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**24 in 24: Last Chef Standing** "Shift 3: Resourcefulness"			**24 in 24: Last** "Adaptability & Teamwork" The chefs make a noodle dish for judge Marcus Samuelsson. (N)				**Chopped Castaways** "Welcome to the Island"			**Beat Bobby Flay**
ANPL	41	100	282	**Wardens of the North**		**Wardens** "Adult Skip Day!"		**Wardens of the North**		**Wardens** "Fire in the Hole"		**Wardens** "Sparks Fly"		**Wardens of the North**	
DISCV	42	103	278	**Naked and Afraid** "Valley of the Leopards"		**Naked and Afraid** "Naked and Amish"		**Naked and Afraid: Global Showdown** "The Olympics of Survival" (N) (P)				**In the Eye of** "Twister Shapeshifter" (N) (P)		**In the Eye** "Helene's Appalachian Hellscape"	
TLC	43	157	280	**90 Day Fiancé** "In My Getting Married Era -- Part 1" (N)				**90 Day Fiancé** "Trusting the Process" (N)				**90 Day Diaries** (N)		**Welcome to Plathville**	
HIST	45	110	269	**The Food That Built America** "Citrus Soda Stars"		**Hazardous History** "Mad Medicine"		**Hazardous History** "Hell On Wheels"		**Hazardous History** "Domestic Dangers" (N)		(:05) **Built America** "Chocolate in a Glass" (N)		(:05) **Built America** "Drive-Thru Burger Revolution"	
A&E	46	130	265	**Biography: WWE Legends** "Dusty Rhodes"				**Biography: WWE Legends** "Legion of Doom" (N)				**WWE LFG** (N)		(:05) **WWE** (N)	(:35) **WWE** (N)
AMC	48	180	254	★★★★ **Star Wars: Return of the Jedi** ('83) Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill. Jedi knight Luke Skywalker tries to identify Darth Vader's identity.						**The Audacity** "Sandbox" (N)		(:20) **The Audacity** "Sandbox"			(:45) ★ **The Fifth Element**
TCM	49	186	256	(5:15) ★★★★ **South Pacific** ('58) Rossano Brazzi, John Kerr, Mitzi Gaynor.				★★★★ **Silkwood** ('83) Kurt Russell, Cher, Meryl Streep. Nuclear-plant worker Karen Silkwood (Meryl Streep) blows whistle on hazards.					★★★★ **Moonstruck** ('87) Nicolas Cage, Vincent Gardenia, Cher.		
LIFE	50	145	252	★ **Somebody's Watching Me** ('26) Jesse Collin, Kayleigh Choiniere, Kirsten Comerford.				★ **Friends Until the End** ('26) Sarah Malfara, Christa Rose. (P)				(:05) ★ **My Granddaughter Has Your Son's Face** ('26) Tatum Jennings, Robbie Silverman, Vail Bloom.			
HALL	52	183	312	(5:00) ★ **A Greek Recipe for Romance** ('24)		★ **Lost in Paradise** ('26) Ian Harding, Lacey Chabert. Stranded fashion mogul and chef find love while surviving.				**The Way Home** "Don't Cry Out Loud" (N)		★ **Catch of the Day** ('25) Michael Rady, Katie Lee, Emilie Ullerup. Sophie returns home to help her family's restaurant .			
FX	54	154	248	(5:30) ★★★ **Jumanji: The Next Level** ('19) Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Dwayne Johnson.				★★★ **Jungle Cruise** ('21) Emily Blunt, Edgar Ramírez, Dwayne Johnson. A skipper guides a researcher down the Amazon to find a tree that has the power to heal.						★★★ **Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw**	
TVLAND	55	161	304	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	(:35) **Raymond**	(:10) **Raymond**	(:45) **Raymond**	(:20) **Everybody Raymond**		(:55) **Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Seinfeld**	**Seinfeld**
E!	56	138	236	(4:30) ★ **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol**		★★★★ **Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation** ('15) Jeremy Renner, Tom Cruise. (P)							★★★★ **Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation**		
COMEDY	57	136	249	**Seinfeld**	**Seinfeld**	**Seinfeld**	**Seinfeld**	**Seinfeld**	**Seinfeld**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**
SYFY	58	152	244	(5:00) ★★★ **The Equalizer** ('14) Marton Csokas, Chloë Grace Moretz, Denzel Washington.				★★★ **The Equalizer 2** ('18) Pedro Pascal, Ashton Sanders, Denzel Washington.					★ **Braven** ('18) Jill Wagner, Zahn McClarnon, Jason Momoa.		
BET	61	162	329	(3:30) ★ **Tyler Perry's Acrimony**		★★★ **Dead Presidents** ('95) Keith David, Chris Tucker, Larenz Tate.					**Payne**	(:05) **Payne**	(:40) **Payne**	(:15) **Payne**	(:50) **Payne**
PARMT	64	153	241	**Bar Rescue** "Pete's Ruined Tavern" Guests Jason Santos		**Bar Rescue** "The World Famous Raw Chicken Wings"		**Bar Rescue** "Third Time's the Charm"		**Bar Rescue** "Flush the Slush"		**Bar Rescue** "Crust Issues"		**Bar Rescue** "Broken Chains of Command"	
LMN	66	185	253	★ **Secret Life of the Surgeon's Wife** ('25) Justin Berti, Gina Vitori.				★ **Eat, Pray, Lie** ('25) Jake Foy, Zane Haney, Chelsea Rose Cook.				★ **My Wife's Hidden Lover** ('23) Donny Boaz, Marc Herrmann, Abigail Hawk.			
GOLF	69	52	218	**Lessons**	**Golf Acad.**	**Live From the PGA Championship** (N) (Live)				**Live From the PGA Championship**					
OWN	72	104	279	**48 Hours: Hard Evidence**		**Evidence** "It's About Danni"		**48 Hours: Hard Evid.** (N)		**48 Hours: Hard Evid.** (N)		**48 Hours: Hard Evidence**		**48 Hours: Hard Evidence**	
OXY	76	150	251	**Snapped: Killer Couples** (N)		**The Killer Among Us** (N)		**Snapped** "Tashia Stuart"		**Snapped: Killer Couples**		**The Killer Among Us**		**Snapped** "Denise Gay"	
NBATV	308		216	**The Association** (N) (Live)		**The Association: Postgame**		**Postgame**	**The Association** (N) (Live)		**The Association: Postgame**		**Postgame**	**The Association** (N) (Live)	
HBO	511	350	501	(5:50) **Euphoria**	(:50) **Euphoria** "Kitty Likes to Dance"		(:55) **Euphoria** "This Little Piggy"			**Euphoria** (N)		(:05) **Euphoria**		(:05) **Last Week To.** (N)	(:45) **Euphoria**
MAX	531	370	515	(5:00) ★ **The Watchers**	(:45) ★★★★ **Heretic** ('24) Sophie Thatcher, Chloe East, Hugh Grant.				(:35) ★★★ **Red Sparrow** ('18) Joel Edgerton, Charlotte Rampling, Jennifer Lawrence.					(:55) ★★★★ **Heretic** ('24) Hugh Grant.	
PARSHO	551	300	545	(4:35) ★ **Top Gun: Maverick**	(:50) ★★★ **Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle** ('04) Kal Penn, John Cho.			(:20) ★ **Doin' It** ('24) Sonia Dhillon Tully, Sabrina Jalees, Lilly Singh.				**Couples Therapy** (N)	**Couples Therapy** (N)	**Couples Therapy** (N)	(:35) ★ **Jeff, Who Lives at...**
TMC	571	316	553	(:15) ★★★ **Fight or Flight** ('24) Charithra Chandran, Marko Zaror, Josh Hartnett.				★★★★ **Baby Driver** ('17) Kevin Spacey, Lily James, Ansel Elgort.				★★★ **American Assassin** ('17) Michael Keaton, Sanaa Lathan, Dylan O'Brien.			
STARZ	581	330	525	(:10) ★★★ **Man on Fire** ('04) Dakota Fanning, Christopher Walken, Denzel Washington.					(:40) **Outlander** "And the World Was All Around Us"			(:55) **Amadeus** "Episode 2"		(:55) **Outlander** "And the World Was All Around Us"	

MONDAY EVENING — SP=Spectrum FTC=Farm DTV=DirecTV — MAY 18, 2026

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	SP	FTC	DTV	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
WIS	3	10	10	**WIS News 10 at 6** (N)	**NBC Nightly News** (N)	**WIS News 10 at 7** (N)	**WIS News** (N)	**NBA Basketball** Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA Professional basketball action from the NBA. (N) (Live)						**WIS News 10 at 11** (N)	(:35) **Tonight Show** (N)
WKTC	4	22	63	**Last Man** "The Dad Hat"	**Last Man Standing**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Guilt"		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Greed"		**Modern Fam.** "Snow Ball"	**Modern Family**	**Suits** "I Want You to Want Me"	
WOLO	5	12	25	**News** (N)	**ABC World News** (N)	**Wheel of Fortune** (N)	**Jeopardy!** (N)	**Celebrity Wheel of Fortune** Jenna Johnson		**Celebrity Wheel of Fortune** Kathy Hilton		**Wheel** "Joey McIntyre, Retta, Oliver Hudson" Joey McIntyre		**News** (N)	(:35) **J. Kimmel** (N)
WACH	6	6	57	**Family Feud** (N)	**Family Feud** (N)	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The 1% Club** "The 1% Smack Down" (N)		**Quiz-Balls** "Lifeguards vs. Beauty Queens" (N)		**News** (N) (Live)	(:35) **WACH Fox** (N) (Live)	**The National News Desk** (N)	
NWSN	8	172	307	**The Hill with Blake Burman** (N)		**Elizabeth Vargas Reports** (N)		**Cuomo** (N)		**On Balance With Leland Vittert** (N)		**Katie Pavlich Tonight** (N)		**Jesse Weber Live** (N)	
WLTX	9	9	19	**News 19 at 6pm** (N)	**CBS Evening News** (N)	**News 19 at 7pm** (N)	**Inside Edition** (N)	**FBI** "Defector" (N) (SF)		**CIA** "Broken Glass" (N) (SF)		**CIA** "Elimination Game"		**News 19 at 11pm** (N)	(:35) **Colbert** (N)
WRJA	11	14		**PBS News Hour** (N)		**Travels With Darley**	**Weekends With Yankee**	**Antiques Roadshow** "Junk in the Trunk 15" (N)		**Reel South** "Louder Than Guns"		**Independent Lens** "Light of the Setting Sun" (N)		**Amanpour** (N)	
WZRB	13	18	47	**Blue Bloods** "Above and Beyond"		**Chicago P.D.** "Shouldn't Have Been Alone"		**Chicago P.D.** "We Don't Work Together Anymore"		**Chicago P.D.** "Disco Bob"		**Chicago P.D.** "A Little Devil Complex"		**Chicago P.D.** "Erin's Mom"	
NICK	16	210	299	**SpongeBob** "Snow Yellow"	**SpongeBob SquarePants**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**
TOON	17	203	296	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Rick Morty**	**Rick Morty**
DISNEY	18	200	290	**Bluey**	**Big City Greens**	**Big City Greens**	**Big City Greens**	**Phineas and Ferb**	**Phineas and Ferb**	**Vampirina: Teenage**	**Phineas and Ferb**	**Phineas and Ferb**	**Kiff**	**Miraculous: Ladybug**	**Miraculous: Ladybug**
FREFRM	20	131	311	(5:10) ★★★★ **Free Guy** ('21) Jodie Comer, Joe Keery, Ryan Reynolds.				(:50) ★★★★ **Spider-Man: Homecoming** ('17) Michael Keaton, Robert Downey, Tom Holland. High school student Peter Parker embraces his new identity as Spider-Man to battle the evil Vulture.						**The 700 Club** (N)	
FDSE	21	47	649	(5:30) **FanDuel** (N)	**O'Neill Outside**	**Hawks Live! Pregame**	**NBA Basketball**					**Hawks Live! Postgame**	**Fairways of Life with Matt Adams**		**SBJ: Inside the Industry**
NATGEO	22	113	276	**Tucci in Italy** "Abruzzo"		**Tucci in Italy** "Sicily"		**Tucci in Italy** "Naples & Campania"		**Tucci in Italy** "Le Marche" (N)		**Tucci in Italy** "Sardinia" (N)		**Tucci in Italy** "Abruzzo"	
TNT	23	158	245	★★★ **Godzilla: King of the Monsters** ('19) Vera Farmiga, Millie Bobby Brown, Kyle Chandler.					★★★ **Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire** ('24) Brian Tyree Henry, Dan Stevens, Rebecca Hall.				(:45) ★★★ **Godzilla vs. Kong** ('21) Millie Bobby Brown, Alexander Skarsgård.		
TBS	24	156	247	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Foul Play With**	**Foul Play** Bet the Farm	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Office**	**The Office**
USA	25	132	242	**Law & Order: SVU**		**Law & Order: SVU**		**Law-SVU** "Combat Fatigue"		**Law-SVU** "Duty to Hope"		**Law-SVU** "Fractured"		**Law-SVU** "First Light"	
ESPN	26	35	206	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**The Point** (N)	**NHL Hockey** Second Round: Teams TBA (N) (Live)					**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)	
TRUTV	38	129	246	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	★★★ **Draft Day** ('14) Jennifer Garner, Denis Leary, Kevin Costner. The general manager of the Cleveland Browns trades for the number-one pick.					★★★ **Draft Day** ('14) Jennifer Garner, Denis Leary, Kevin Costner. The general manager of the Cleveland Browns trades for the number-one pick.				
SHOPHQ	30		73	(3:00) **Channel No**		**Channel No Longer Available**								**Channel No**	
TWC	32	24	362	**Weather Unfiltered**		**Weather Unfiltered**		**Weather Unfiltered**		**Weather Unfiltered**		**Top Ten**		**Top Ten**	
CNBC	35	84	355	**Mad Money** (N)		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**	
FNC	37	90	360	**With Bret Baier** (N) (Live)		**Ingraham** (N) (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (N) (Live)		**Hannity** (N) (Live)		**Gutfeld!** (N)		**Fox News at Night** (N) (Live)	
HGTV	39	112	229	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**My Lottery Dream Home**	**Rock the Block** "Sometimes Size Matters" (N)			**Tropic Like It's Hot** (N)	**Tropic Like It's Hot** (N)	**House Hunters**
FOOD	40	109	231	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**BBQ Brawl** "Flay V. Chauhan V. Williamson - The BBQ Remix, Part 1" (N)				**BBQ Brawl** (N)		**Beat Bobby Flay**	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**Beat Bobby Flay**	**Beat Bobby** "Power Trip"
ANPL	41	100	282	**Crikey! It's the Irwins**		**Crikey! It's the Irwins**		**Alaskan Bush People**		**Alaskan Bush People**		**Alaskan Bush People**		**Alaskan** "A Golden Future"	
DISCV	42	103	278	**Contraband: Seized** "A Hard Pill to Swallow"		**Contraband: Seized at the Airport** "Scammers"		**Contraband: Seized** "From Lies to Leads" (N)		**Body Cam** "'Til the Wheels Fall Off" (N)		**120 Hours Be.** "Caddo Parish Correctional Center"		**Contraband: Seized at the Airport** "Online Discord"	
TLC	43	157	280	**90 Day: The Single Life**		**90 Day: The Single Life**		**90 Day: The Single Life** "Tell All Part 1" (N)				(:05) **The Single Life** (N)		(:05) **90 Day Diaries**	
HIST	45	110	269	**History's Greatest Mysteries**		**History's Greatest Mysteries** "The Amber Room: WWII Edition"		**History's Greatest Mysteries** "Foo Fighters: WWII Edition"		**History's Greatest Mysteries** (N)		(:05) **History's Greatest** "The Aztecs" (N) (SF)		(:05) **History's-Mysteries** "The Battle of Los Angeles"	
A&E	46	130	265	**Live PD: Great.** "Episode 16"		**Live PD: Great.** "Episode 17"		**Live PD: Great.** "Episode 13"		**Live PD** "Episode 18" (N)		**Live PD** "Episode 19" (N)		(:05) **Killer** "Murder-in-Law"	
AMC	48	180	254	(5:30) ★★★★ **The Bourne Identity** ('02) Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Matt Damon.				★★★★ **Unstoppable** ('10) Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Denzel Washington.				★★★★ **Taken** ('08) Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Liam Neeson. Slavers kidnap the daughter of a former spy.			
TCM	49	186	256	(5:30) ★★★★ **The Makioka Sisters** ('83) Yoshiko Sakuma, Sayuri Yoshinaga, Keiko Kishi.				★★★★ **Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid** ('82) Rachel Ward, Carl Reiner, Steve Martin.			(:45) ★★★ **The Jerk** ('79) Bernadette Peters, Catlin Adams, Steve Martin.				★ **Pennies From Heaven**
LIFE	50	145	252	**Dr. Pimple Popper** "Gone in CYST-Y Seconds"		**Dr. Pimple Popper** "A Cheeky Bump"		**Dr. Pimple Popper** "The Danger Triangle"		**Dr. Pimple Popper** "A Bronx Bump" (N)		(:05) **Dr. Pimple Popper** "Third Eye Blinded"		(:05) **Dr. Pimple Popper** "A Juicy Secret"	
HALL	52	183	312	★ **The Wedding Veil** ('22) Autumn Reeser, Alison Sweeney, Lacey Chabert.				★ **Winter Castle** ('19) Kevin McGarry, Meghan Heffern, Emilie Ullerup.				**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls**
FX	54	154	248	(4:00) ★★★ **Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker** ('19)		★★★★ **Air** ('23) Ben Affleck, Jason Bateman, Matt Damon.					★★★★ **Air** ('23) Ben Affleck, Jason Bateman, Matt Damon.				
TVLAND	55	161	304	**Andy Griffith**	**Andy Griffith**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**King**	**King**
E!	56	138	236	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**
COMEDY	57	136	249	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	(:35) **The Office**	(:10) **The Office**	(:45) **The Office**	(:20) **The Office**		(:55) **The Office**	**The Office**	**The Daily Show** (N)	
SYFY	58	152	244	(4:00) ★ **The Equalizer 2**	★★★ **Dredd** ('12) Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey, Karl Urban. A futuristic cop acts as judge, jury and executioner.				★★★★ **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** ('10) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.						(:40) ★ **Harry Potter & the ...**
BET	61	162	329	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Martin**	**Martin**	**Martin**	**Martin**
PARMT	64	153	241	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	★ **Movie**				★ **Movie**			
LMN	66	185	253	★ **Into the Arms of Danger** ('20) AlexAnn Hopkins, Laurie Fortier, Cathy Moriarty.				★ **Playing With Fire** ('25) Stephen Adekolu, Brett Geddes, Kirsten Comerford.				★ **The Paramedic Who Stalked Me** ('23) Andrew Spach, Maeve Quinlan, Lexi Minetree.			
GOLF	69	52	218	**Golf Central**		**PGA** (N)	**McIlroy** (N)	**U.S. Open Epics**		**LPGA Tour Golf** Kroger Queen City Championship, Final Round					
OWN	72	104	279	**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**	
OXY	76	150	251	**Snapped**		**Snapped: Killer Couples**		**Snapped: Killer Couples**		**The Killer Among Us**		**Snapped** "Notorious: Happy Face Killer"			
NBATV	308		216	(5:00) **Game of the Day**		**NBA Basketball**					**Center Court**		**NBA Basketball**		
HBO	511	350	501	(:10) **Euphoria**		(:10) **Last Week To.**	(:55) **Half Man**			(:05) ★★★★ **Everything Everywhere All at Once** ('22) Stephanie Hsu, Ke Huy Quan, Michelle Yeoh.				(:25) **Half Man**	
MAX	531	370	515	(5:10) ★★★★ **Sing Sing** ('23) Colman Domingo.		(:55) ★★★ **65** ('23) Ariana Greenblatt, Chloe Coleman, Adam Driver.			★★★ **Miss You Already** ('15) Drew Barrymore, Paddy Considine, Toni Collette.			(:20) ★★★ **Won't Back Down** ('12) Viola Davis, Holly Hunter, Maggie Gyllenhaal.			
PARSHO	551	300	545	(:20) ★ **Winter Spring Summer or Fall** ('24) Percy Hynes White, Marisol Nichols, Jenna Ortega.				**Couples Therapy**	**Couples Therapy**	**Couples Therapy**		(:35) ★★★★ **Molly's Game** ('17) Idris Elba, Michael Cera, Jessica Chastain.			
TMC	571	316	553	(4:45) ★★★★ **Galaxy Quest**	★★★ **View From the Top** ('03) Christina Applegate, Mark Ruffalo, Gwyneth Paltrow.			★★★ **Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason** ('04) Hugh Grant, Renée Zellweger.				(:50) ★★★★ **Kate & Leopold** ('01) Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber, Meg Ryan.			(:50) ★ **Lilies Not for Me**
STARZ	581	330	525	(5:00) ★★★ **Date Night**	★★★★ **Easy A** ('10) Penn Badgley, Amanda Bynes, Emma Stone.			(:05) ★★★ **Now You See Me: Now You Don't** ('25) Woody Harrelson, Dave Franco, Jesse Eisenberg.				**Outlander** "And the World Was All Around Us"		(:15) **Amadeus** "Episode 2"	



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'The Apartment' is open for love and laughs again

BY JAY BOBBIN

More than 65 years after it first appeared, "The Apartment" remains one of movie history's most popular romantic comedies, as well as one of its most telling satires of corporate culture.

Director and co-writer Billy Wilder's ("Fedora," 1978) Oscar-winning 1960 film gets an MGM+ showing on Friday, May 22, though it also shows up frequently on Turner Classic Movies. That's no surprise, since its many elements suit various TCM programming themes, from its New York setting to the sparkling performances by a superb cast headed by Jack Lemmon ("Grumpy Old Men," 1993), Shirley MacLaine ("The Last Word," 2017) and Fred MacMurray ("Son of Flubber," 1962).

Lemmon plays insurance-company drone C.C. Baxter, who courts the favor of several of his superiors by lending them the key to his apartment for their extramarital trysts. When top boss J.D. Sheldrake (MacMurray) gets wind of what's going on, he gets a place in line by offering Baxter a job promotion in exchange for use of the apartment. Baxter is fine with the arrangement — until he discovers that Sheldrake's secret liaisons are with Fran Kubelik (MacLaine), an elevator operator who Baxter fancies himself.

While it might not seem as scandalous now, "The Apartment" was fairly racy for a major-studio movie in its time. MacMurray, who was cultivating a family image then through Disney projects and TV's "My Three Sons," told an anecdote of how a woman approached him, hit him with her purse and told him he should be "ashamed" for making "The Apartment." In fact, his role actually was supposed to be played by Paul Douglas ("Fourteen Hours," 1951), whose death led to MacMurray's reunion with his "Double Indemnity" (1944) director Wilder.

Indeed, MacMurray is expert as a manipulative schemer, but "The Apartment" also benefits hugely from the relative innocence of the relationship between Lemmon and MacLaine's characters. Though Baxter is no fan of Fran's secret romance, he serves as a supportive friend, especially after she takes drastic action upon realizing that Sheldrake likely won't leave his wife for her.

"The Apartment" takes place during the holiday season, and tropes of Christmas (expect mentions of fruitcakes) and New Year's Eve (champagne bottles popping) get sufficient attention. Wilder and fellow writer I.A.L. Diamond ("Fedora," 1978) cleverly use one of the most joyous times of any year to play up Fran's desperation and Baxter's response to it, one of the most brilliant aspects of their script that earned one of the picture's five Oscars. Named its year's best picture, it also gave Wilder a win for his directing.

Co-stars include such greats as Ray Walston ("My Favorite Martian"), David Lewis ("Bright Promise") and David White ("Bewitched") as some of the other users of Baxter's apartment; Jack Kruschen ("The Angry Red Planet," 1960) stars as Baxter's doctor neighbor, and Edie Adams ("It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," 1963) as Sheldrake's secretary who knows a bit too much about her boss' activities. (We're also partial to "Amy Prentiss" actor Johnny Seven as Fran's cab-driving brother-in-law, who uses his fists more than words when he comes looking for Fran while she's recovering from heartbreak at the apartment.)

If fans of the 1968 stage musical "Promises, Promises" think the premise of "The Apartment" sounds familiar, that was a Neil Simon ("The Odd Couple," 1968) adaptation of the film that introduced the Burt Bacharach and Hal David songs "I Say a Little Prayer," "A House Is Not a Home" and "I'll Never Fall in Love Again." However, the original always will have a place with movie lovers, making any trip back to "The Apartment" well worth noting.

Best STEVE MARTIN MOVIES

BY JAY BOBBIN







"The Jerk" (1979): Comedy icon Martin's first major big-screen hit — directed by Carl Reiner ("All of Me," 1984) and casting the star as a highly unlikely business wunderkind — is included in the last of two consecutive Monday nights on Turner Classic Movies showcasing his films, on May 18.

"Pennies From Heaven" (1981): Also part of the TCM tribute to Martin on May 18, this musical drama based on a BBC series features him as a Depression-era song salesman who wishes the world was like the music he markets.

"Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid" (1982): In the TCM lineup on May 18 as well, this clever film-noir spoof reunites Martin with director and co-writer Reiner, and fits scenes from classics in the genre into an original private-eye story.

"Three Amigos!" (1986): This loose satire of 1960's "The Magnificent Seven" unites Martin (also a co-writer here), Chevy Chase ("National Lampoon's Vacation," 1983) and Martin Short ("Only Murders in the Building") as actors mistaken for true heroes by the residents of a victimized Mexican village. This is part of another Martin tribute night on MGM+ Drive-In on Saturday, May 23.

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987): This popular comedy from filmmaker John Hughes ("The Breakfast Club," 1985) partners Martin and John Candy ("Uncle Buck," 1989) as highly dissimilar traveling companions during the holiday season.

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (1988): A remake of 1964's "Bedtime Story" pairs Martin and Michael Caine ("The Dark Knight," 2008) as con men who choose the same target (Glenne Headly, "Dick Tracy," 1990) in the French Riviera. This also is in MGM+ Drive-In's all-Martin night on May 23.

"Father of the Bride" (1991): One of Martin's best movie roles finds him assuming Spencer Tracy's 1950 role as a dad who's quite stressed about his daughter's (Kimberly Williams, "Nashville") engagement and upcoming nuptials. MGM+ Drive-In's night of Martin movies on May 23 also features this.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003): Tackling a remake again, Martin is quite comfortable in the role of a family patriarch whose clan includes 12 children.

"Shopgirl" (2005): Martin adapted his own novella in playing a customer who competes with a younger rival (Jason Schwartzman, "Rushmore," 1998) for the affection of the title character (Claire Danes, "Romeo + Juliet," 1996).

"It's Complicated" (2009): Martin is sensational as an architect (again) who develops a relationship with a client (Meryl Streep, "Only Murders in the Building"), unaware that she's having a renewed romance with her ex-husband (Alec Baldwin, "Beetlejuice," 1988), in this first-rate comedy from writer-director Nancy Meyers (with whom Martin also worked on the "Father of the Bride" movies).

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Ryan returns: Clancy agent back to big screen in 'Ghost War'

BY DANA SIMPSON

They say heroes never die; and although that statement rings true in a fairly abstract way in real life (and is largely understood to mean that an influential person's work and memory remain relevant long after their death), the magical world of film and television can adopt a much more literal, often otherworldly approach.

From James Bond (most recently portrayed by Daniel Craig in 2021's "No Time to Die") to Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise, "Mission: Impossible — The Final Reckoning," 2025), many of the most unkillable on-screen heroes are powerhouse secret agents. Jack Ryan, a secret agent born to the page from the mind of late author Tom Clancy (Rainbow Six), has had the pleasure of surviving on both small- and large-screen formats. Now, Ryan returns for more.

"Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan: Ghost War," a new political action film from director Andrew Bernstein ("Ozark"), premieres Wednesday, May 20, on Prime Video.

In his current iteration (which emerged in August 2018 for Prime's "Jack Ryan" TV series), begrudging CIA analyst Jack Ryan is portrayed by "The Office" and "A Quiet Place" (2018) actor John Krasinski. The fifth actor to tackle the physically demanding role since 1990 — after Alec Baldwin ("The Hunt for Red October," 1990), Harrison Ford ("Patriot Games," 1992, and "Clear and Present Danger," 1994), Ben Affleck ("The Sum of All Fears," 2002) and Chris Pine ("Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit," 2014) — Krasinski has starred as Ryan in 30 hour-long episodes over eight years, making him the most experienced in the role after Ford.



"Ghost War" will be Krasinski's first feature-length project as Ryan, however, which brings a whole new set of challenges for actor and character alike.

"In this new film," reads the official Prime Video plot synopsis, "Jack Ryan is reluctantly thrust back into the world of espionage when an international covert mission unravels a deadly conspiracy, forcing him to confront a rogue black ops unit, and the clock is ticking. Operating in real time with lives on the line and the threat escalating at every turn, Jack reunites with battle-tested CIA operative Mike November [Michael Kelly, "Dawn of the Dead," 2004] and former CIA boss James Greer [Wendell Pierce, "The Wire"], their combined experience the only edge they have against an enemy who knows their every move.

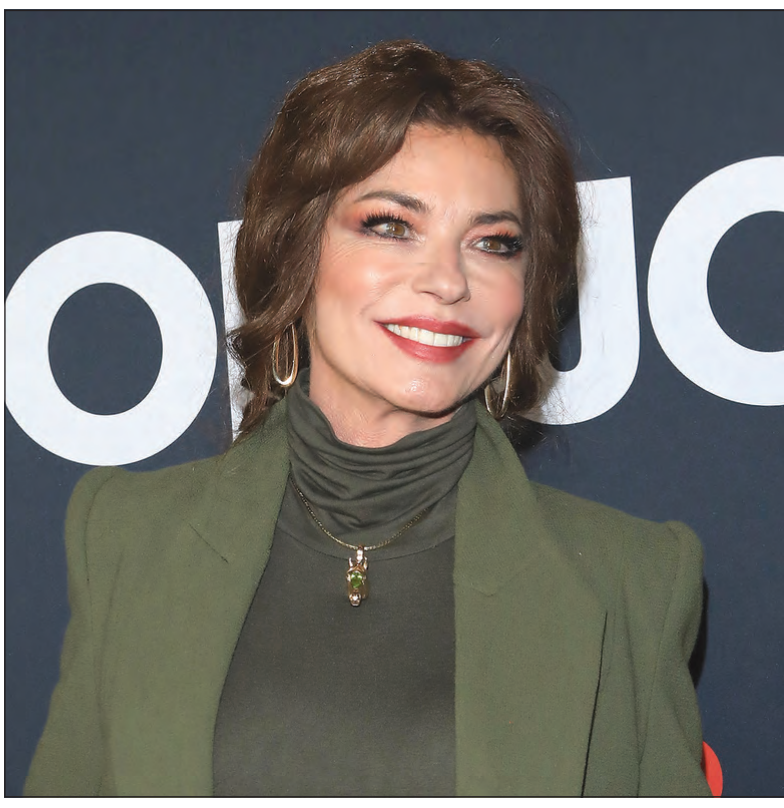
"Backed by an unlikely new partner — razor-sharp MI-6 officer Emma Marlowe [Sienna Miller, "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra," 2009] — Jack and the team navigate a treacherous web of betrayal, facing a past they thought was long put to rest — making this the most personal, high-stakes mission any of them has ever faced."

Betty Gabriel ("Get Out," 2017), who portrays CIA director and Rome's former chief of station Elizabeth Wright, also makes the jump from series to the film, while the new actors joining Miller include JJ Feild ("Captain America: The First Avenger," 2011), Max Beesley ("Hijack"), Douglas Hodge ("Joker," 2019), Diarmuid de Faoite ("Monster," 2019), McKenna Bridger ("Three Months to Break Your Heart") and Khalid Laith ("A Hologram for the King," 2016).

In the film's trailer — which released on April 16 and, as of April 28, has more than 12.3 million views on YouTube — Ryan appears to be enjoying a quiet CIA-free "civilian life" when Greer appears in an unmarked black SUV and asks Ryan to join him.

"Whatever it is, I'm not doing it," Ryan tells his former boss. "I just need you to meet a guy," Greer responds, knowing full well Ryan can't deny a chance to save his country from threat. As expected, Ryan answers "no," but it's too late: the trailer cuts to an aerial shot of Dubai's Burj Khalifa, replete with dancing fountains, as November tells Ryan over earpiece, "God, I've missed this." What follows is a murder, a series of high-octane fight scenes and several recognizable landmarks from the UAE to the U.K. and around the world.

Duets and debuts: 2026's Academy of Country Music Awards offers a dazzling line up



BY CAROLINE COLLACUTT

Returning to the world-renowned MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas after a three-year stint in Texas, the 61st annual Academy of Country Music Awards will see glitz, glamor and great music broadcast live on Prime Video, Sunday, May 17.

Featuring categories such as Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Entertainer of the Year, this annual celebration honors the best singers, songwriters and performers from across the country genre. This year's event is set to see a busy stage, with unforgettable debut performances, an iconic first-time host and more.

With plenty still to be announced, the Academy of Country Music has already confirmed 2025's ACM Song of the Year winner Cody Johnson ("I Want You") as one of the night's performers, alongside four-time ACM Award winner Riley Green ("My Way") and 16-time winner Lainey Wilson ("Things a Man Oughta Know"), who returns to the ACM Awards stage for the world premiere performance of her 2026 song "Can't Sit Still."

All three performers have also been nominated for awards throughout the night. While Johnson received four nominations — for Entertainer of the Year, Male Artist of the Year, Single of the Year and Visual Media of the Year — Green earned himself a similarly impressive three nominations for Male Artist of the Year, Album of the Year and Music Event of the Year. Lainey leads both her male counterparts with seven nominations, in categories including Entertainer of the Year, Female Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and more.

According to People, singer Kacey Musgraves ("Rainbow") is also expected to debut a song from her new album, "Middle of Nowhere." Miranda Lambert ("Wranglers") has also been announced as one of the night's performers, leaving fans of the singers to wonder if a duet of "Horses and Divorces" off Musgraves's forthcoming project — which features Lambert — might be in store.

One thing is for certain: fans of the genre will be delighted to see country icon Shania Twain ("You're Still the One") sharing the spotlight with this year's honored guests, as she hosts the night's festivities for the first time.

"It's such an honor to be part of this incredible night celebrating country music's biggest stars, especially with so many talented women leading nominations this year," Twain said in a statement. "I can't wait to welcome all of the fans and artists out for this unforgettable night."

A night of firsts for performances, artists and hosts alike, the 61st annual Academy of Country Music Awards airs Sunday, May 17 — live on Prime Video.

View from the Couch

Family Viewing Ratings
AS Adult situations **V** Violence **GV** Graphic Violence
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BY JAY BOBBIN



"AVATAR: FIRE AND ASH"

Filmmaker James Cameron ("Titanic," 1997) returned to his hugely popular and enormously successful fantasy franchise with this third installment, which earned an Oscar for its expectedly elaborate visual effects. The return to the world of Pandora pits the Wind Traders against new enemies known as the Ash People, whose resistance to Na'vi traditions sets the stage for a major battle that poses a particular threat to Jake Sully (Sam Worthington, "Clash of the Titans," 2010) and his family. Zoe Saldana ("Elio," 2025), Sigourney Weaver ("Alien," 1979), Stephen Lang ("Don't Breathe," 2016), Kate Winslet ("Titanic," 1997), CCH Pounder ("The Shield"), Edie Falco ("Nurse Jackie") and Giovanni Ribisi ("Sneaky Pete") also are back in the roles they originated in earlier chapters; the result — which runs over three hours — took five years to reach the screen, from the time that production began concurrently with 2022's "Avatar: The Way of Water." Among the many included bonus features is a tribute to Jon Landau ("Solaris," 2002), the late producer who was Cameron's longtime producing associate, essential to making the "Avatar" series a reality. *** (Also on Blu-ray, 3D Blu-ray, 4K Ultra HD and Digital)

"THE BRIDE!"

Serving as director and screenwriter, Maggie Gyllenhaal ("The Lost Daughter," 2021) — in the second feature film guided by the actress — revises the classic thriller "The Bride of Frankenstein" (1935) as the synthetic man (played here by Christian Bale, "The Dark Knight," 2008) seeks a companion in the 1930s and turns to a Chicago-based scientist (Annette Bening, "Bugsy," 1991) to help him. They reanimate a deceased woman (recent "Hamnet" Oscar winner Jessie Buckley, who also appears as "Frankenstein" author Mary Shelley here), and together, the undead couple generates trouble that gets them pursued by factions on both sides of the law. Gyllenhaal makes the picture a family affair by including her brother Jake Gyllenhaal ("Everest," 2015) and her husband Peter Sarsgaard ("Orphan," 2009) in the cast. DVD extras: four "making-of" documentaries. *** (R: AS, N, P, GV) (Also on Blu-ray, 4K Ultra HD and Digital)

"BODY HEAT"

One of the greatest modern examples of the film-noir genre joins The Criterion Collection on Blu-ray and 4K Ultra HD, as writer-director Lawrence Kasdan's ("Silverado," 1985) bountifully atmospheric 1981 melodrama takes cues from the classic "Double Indemnity" (1944) and boasts a sensational star-making performance by Kathleen Turner ("Romancing the Stone," 1984). She plays a socialite bored with her marriage to a wealthy, older businessman (Richard Crenna, "First Blood," 1982), and she finds a potential accomplice in killing him — and a romantic patsy — in a lawyer (William Hurt, "Kiss of the Spider Woman," 1985) known for not always playing by the letter of the law. Ted Danson ("Cheers"), Mickey Rourke ("The Wrestler," 2008) and J.A. Preston ("Harvest of Fire," 1996) have fabulous supporting roles, and the evocative music score by John Barry ("The James Bond Theme") is one of his best. Cinematographer Richard H. Kline ("The Terminal Man," 1974) captures images of a Florida heat wave so authentically, you genuinely can feel them. Deleted scenes and a new interview with Kasdan are among the special features. **** (R: AS, N, P, V)

"SNOWPIERCER: THE COMPLETE SERIES"

Inspired by the Bong Joon Ho-directed 2013 action movie and the graphic novel on which it was based, this saga — which spent its first three seasons (2020-22) on TNT and the last one (2024) on AMC — traces the journey of a huge train carrying the last remains of humanity after the world literally is frozen over. Jennifer Connelly ("Labyrinth," 1986) heads the cast as an executive assigned to make sure everything goes smoothly among those aboard the vehicle, though that's a tall order given the conflicts that arise over social and economic status. "Hamilton" (2020) Tony Award winner Daveed Diggs plays a detective who tries to solve murders aboard the train while resenting the dismissive treatment that he and others are accorded. Additional cast members in one or more of the seasons include Mickey Sumner ("A Mistake," 2024), Alison Wright ("The Americans," 2014), Mike O'Malley ("So Undercover," 2012), Lena Hall ("Becks," 2017), Sean Bean ("Game of Thrones"), Archie Panjabi ("The Good Wife") and Clark Gregg ("Thelma," 2024). The set of the massive train, which Joon Ho oversaw, took up four soundstages. While this collection is complete on Blu-ray, earlier releases of the individual seasons are available on DVD. *** (Not rated: AS, P, V)

"TALK RADIO"

Eric Bogosian ("Law & Order: Criminal Intent") is riveting in the 1988 screen version of a play he also co-wrote, with the William Oliver Stone ("JFK," 1991) -directed film now getting a new Blu-ray edition. The central character is a controversial Dallas radio host whose uncensored views have brought him many fans, but also some followers who aren't happy with his views — and aren't shy about letting him know it. The "action" unfolds primarily in the host's studio, as he weighs a chance to take his show national, with Stone and cinematographer Robert Richardson ("Salvador," 1986) keeping the cameras moving in a relatively confined space. Alec Baldwin ("30 Rock"), Ellen Greene ("Pushing Daisies"), Leslie Hope ("Paris, France," 1993), John Pankow ("Mad About You"), Michael Wincott ("The Crow," 1994) and Stone-movie staple John C. McGinley ("Scrubs") also are featured. **** (R: AS, P, V) (Also on DVD)

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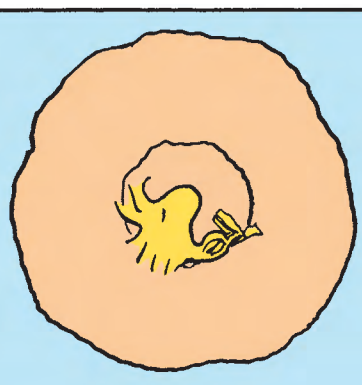
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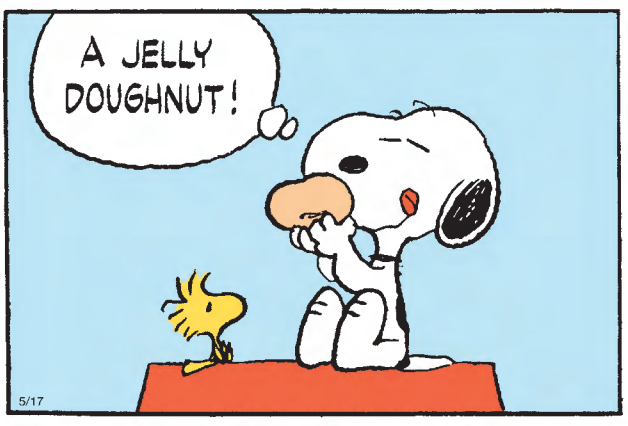
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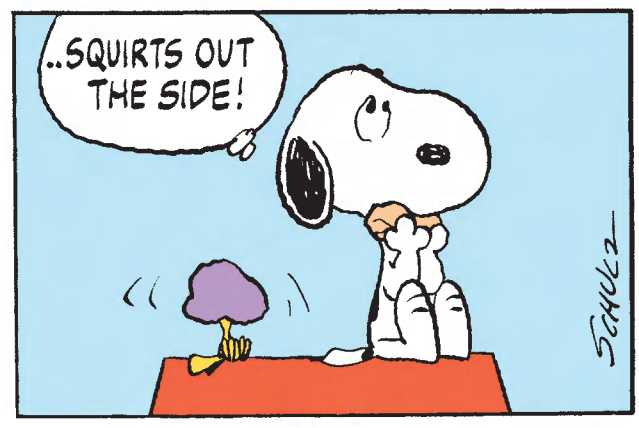








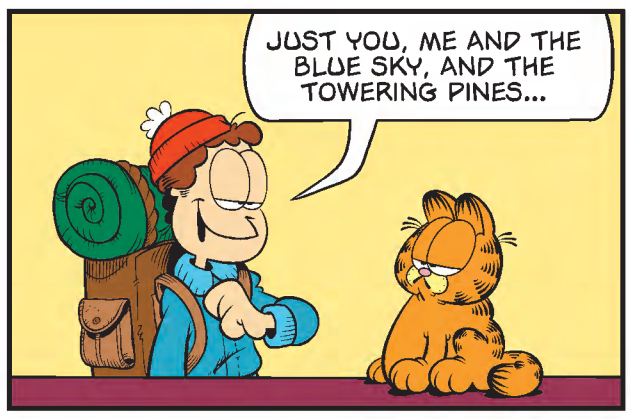


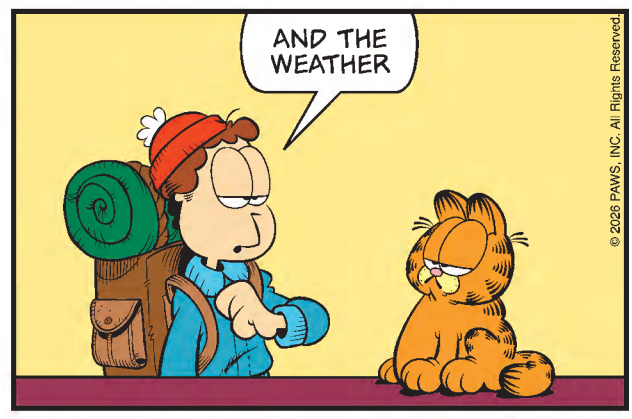


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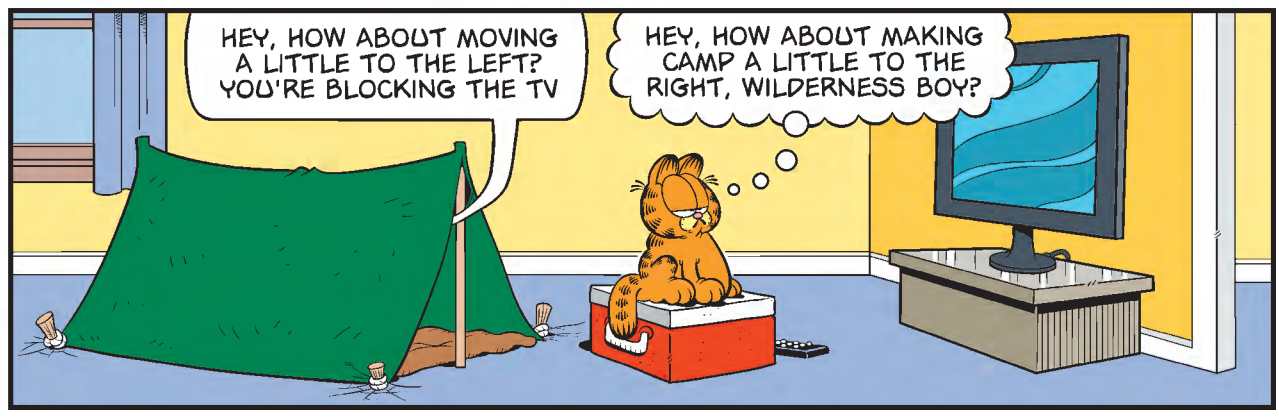
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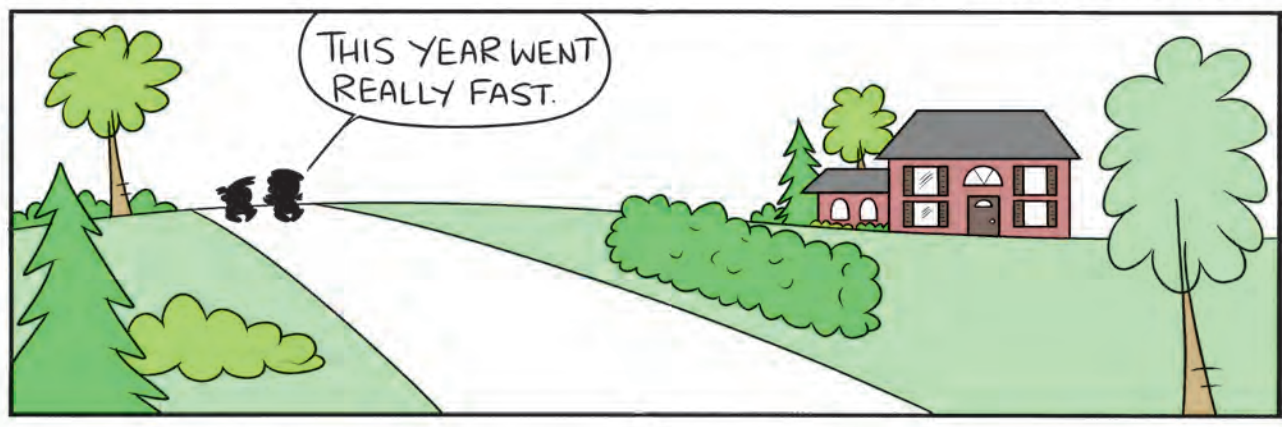


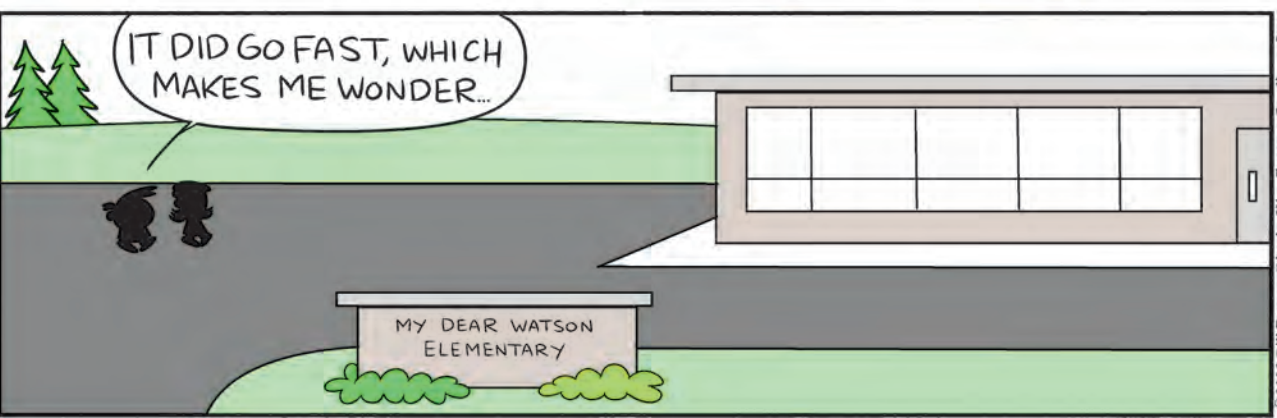


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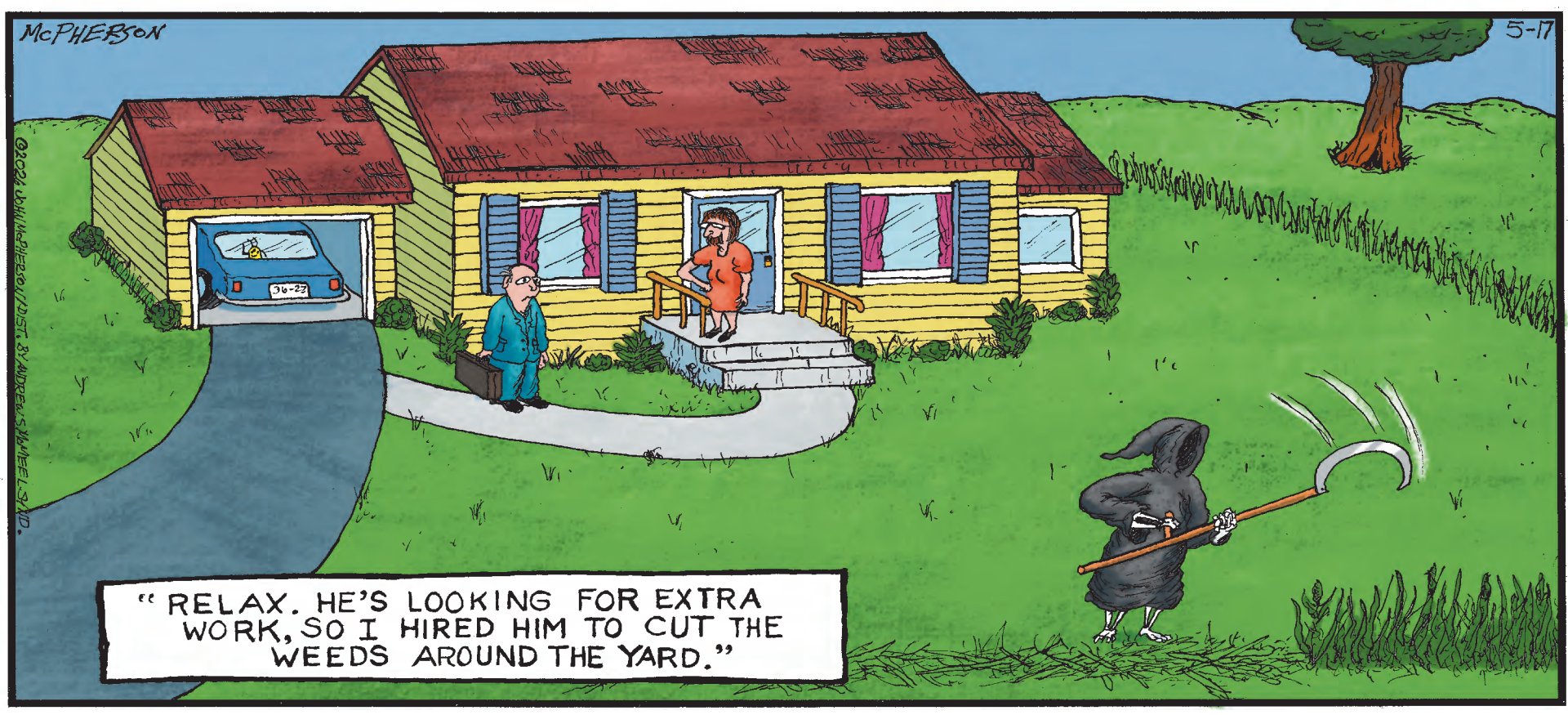






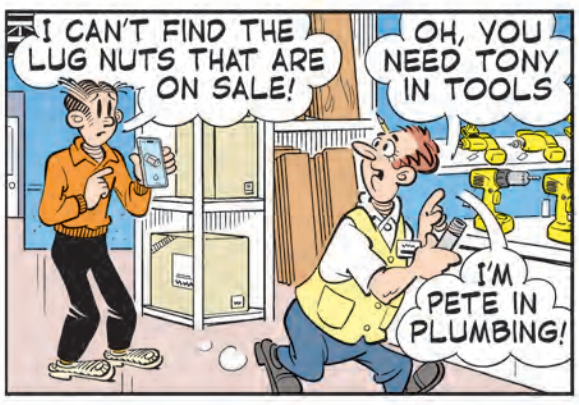


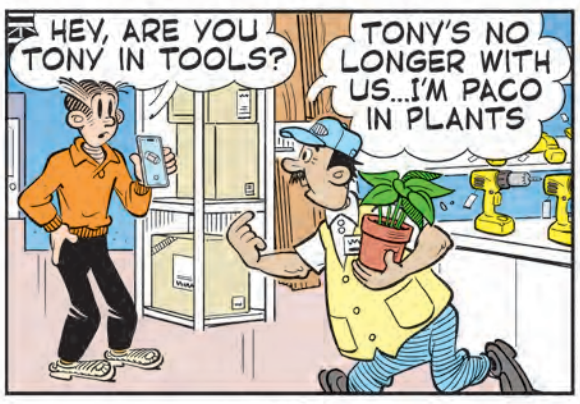
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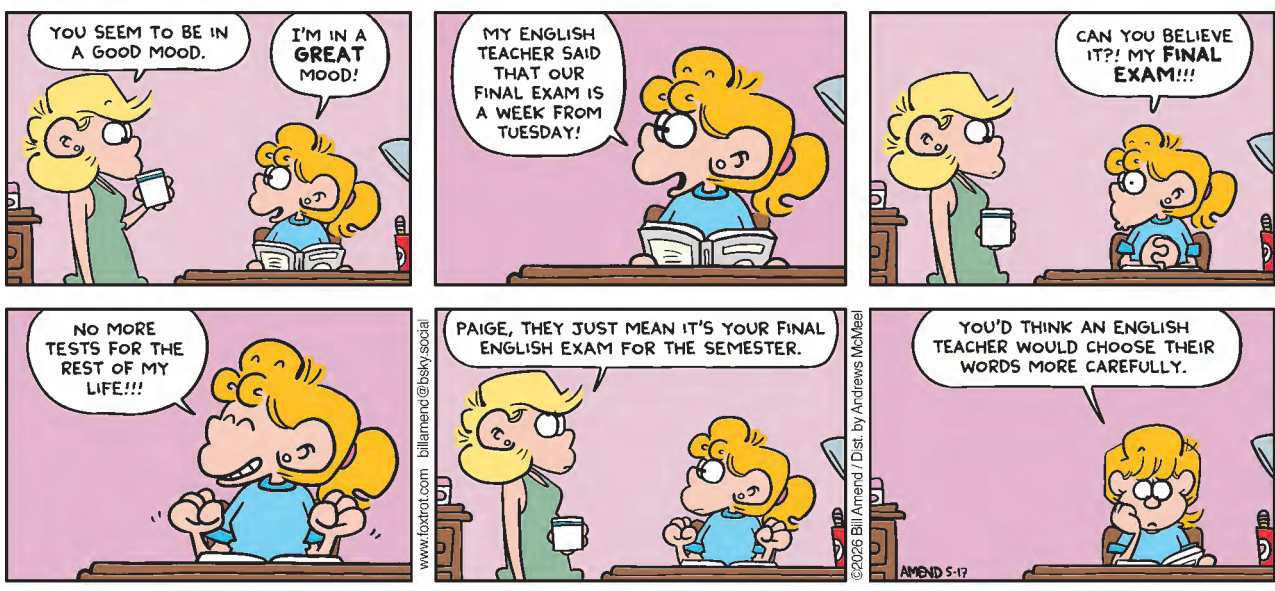


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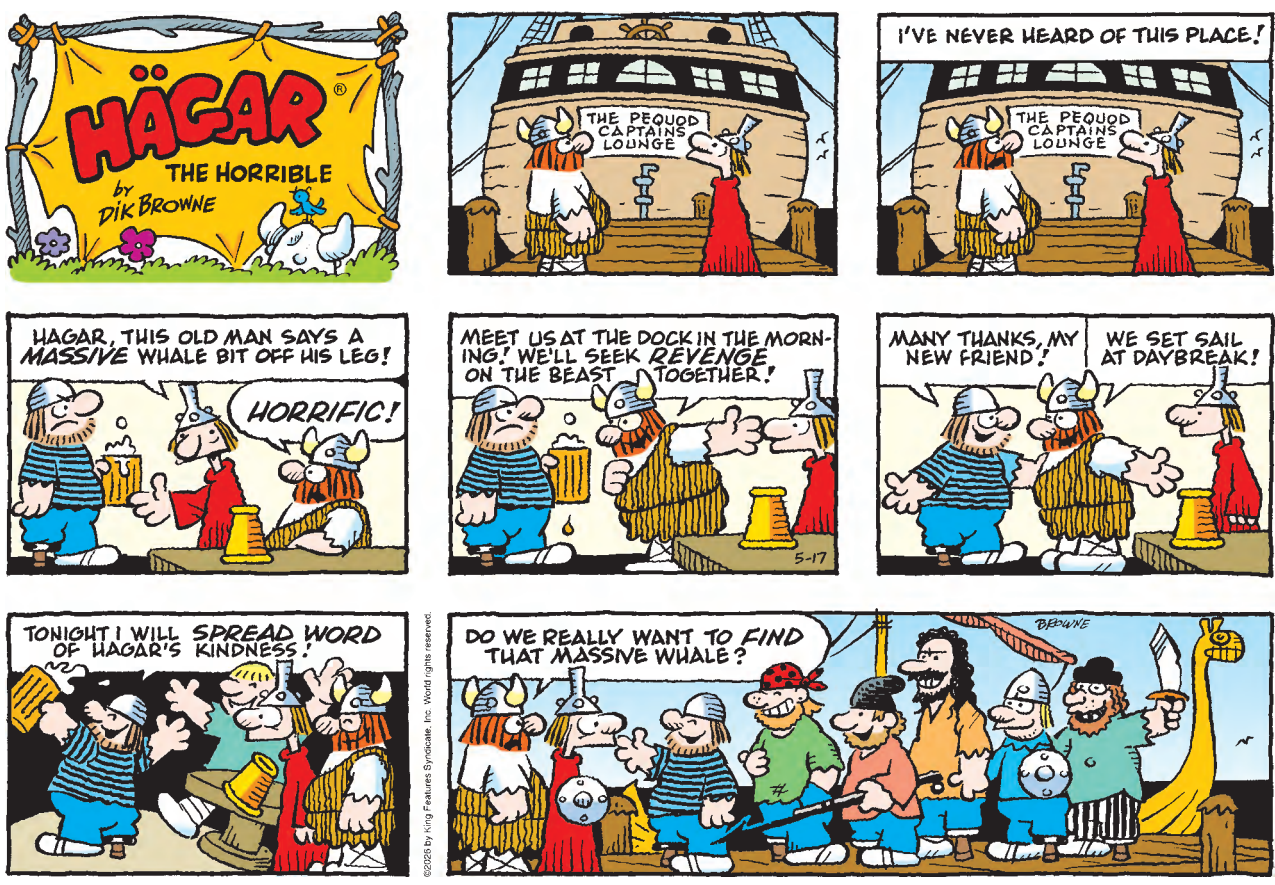


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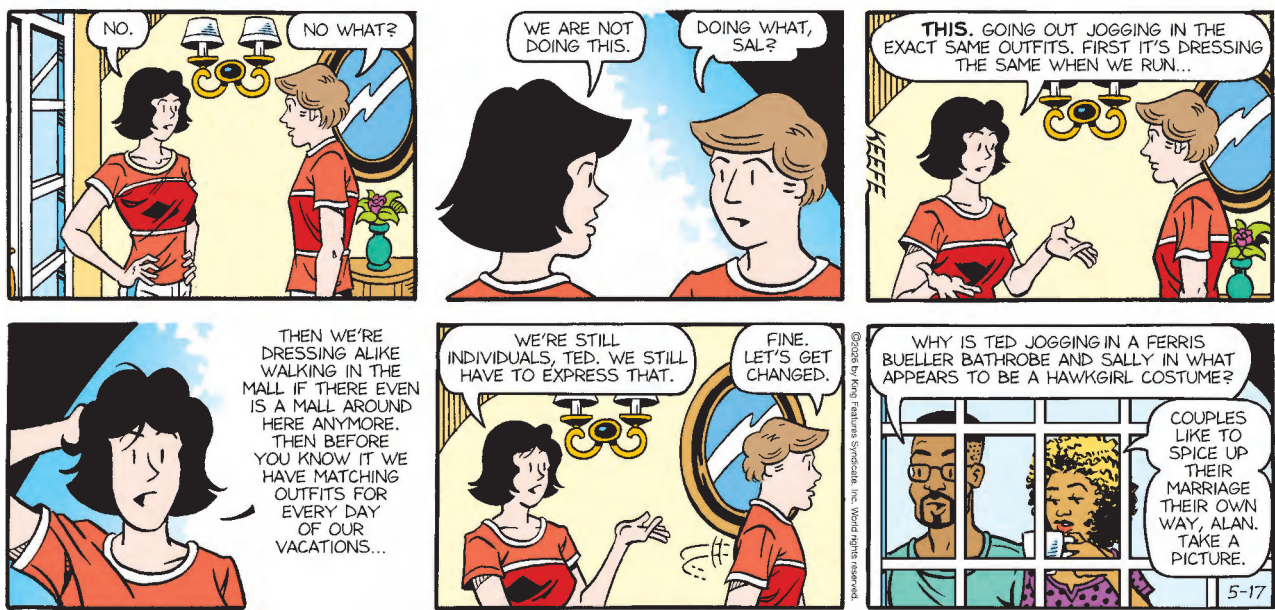


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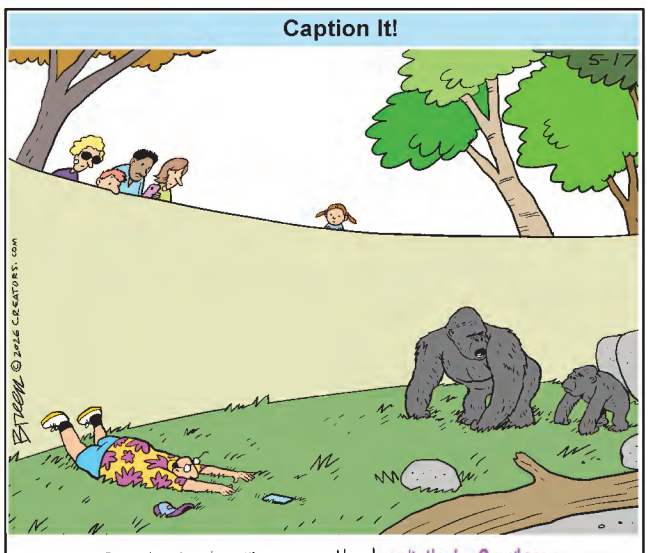


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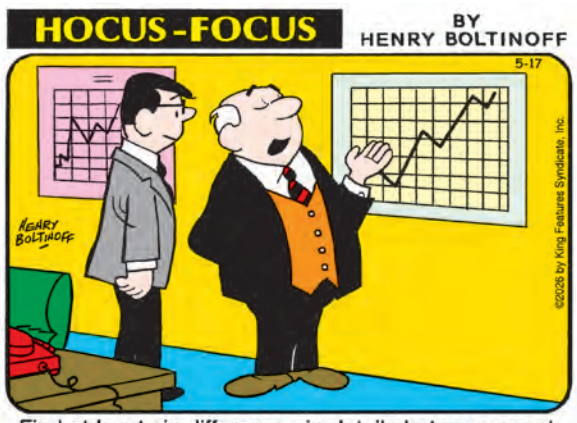
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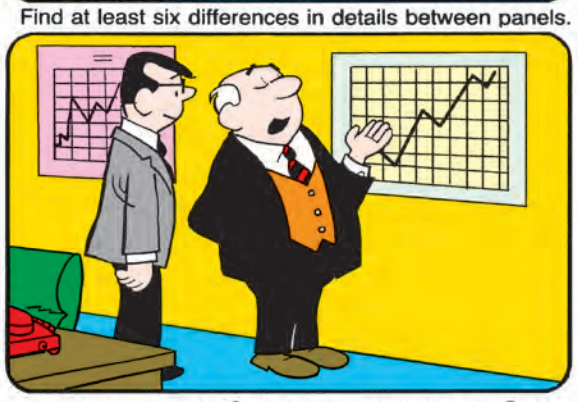
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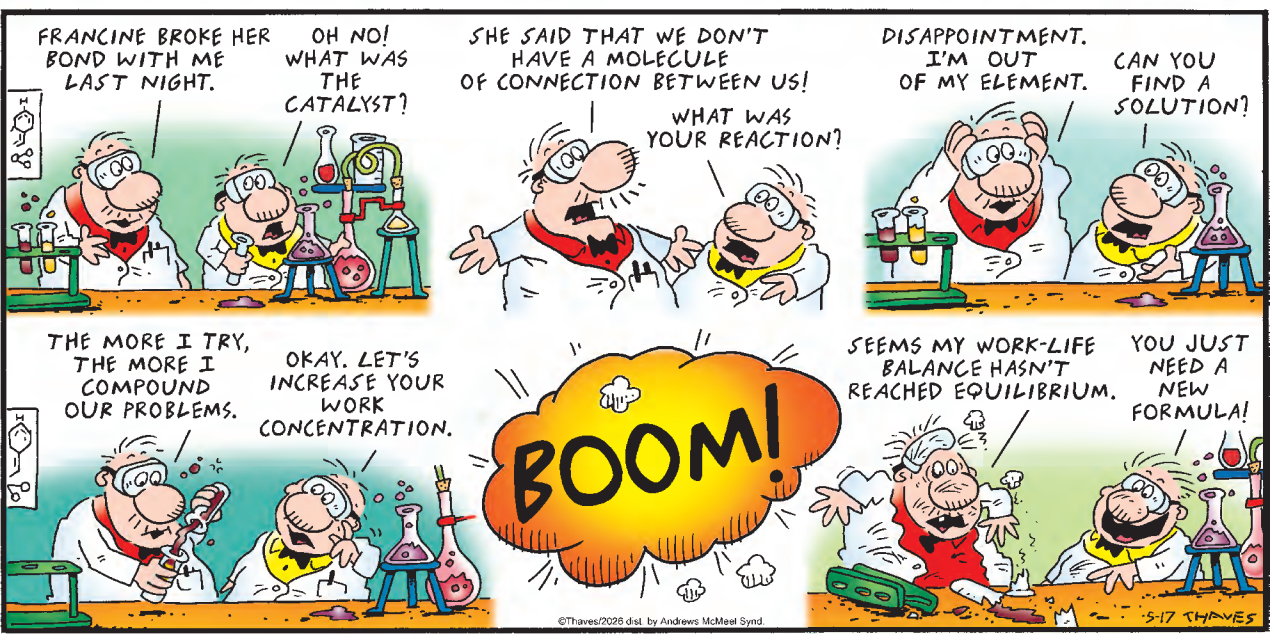


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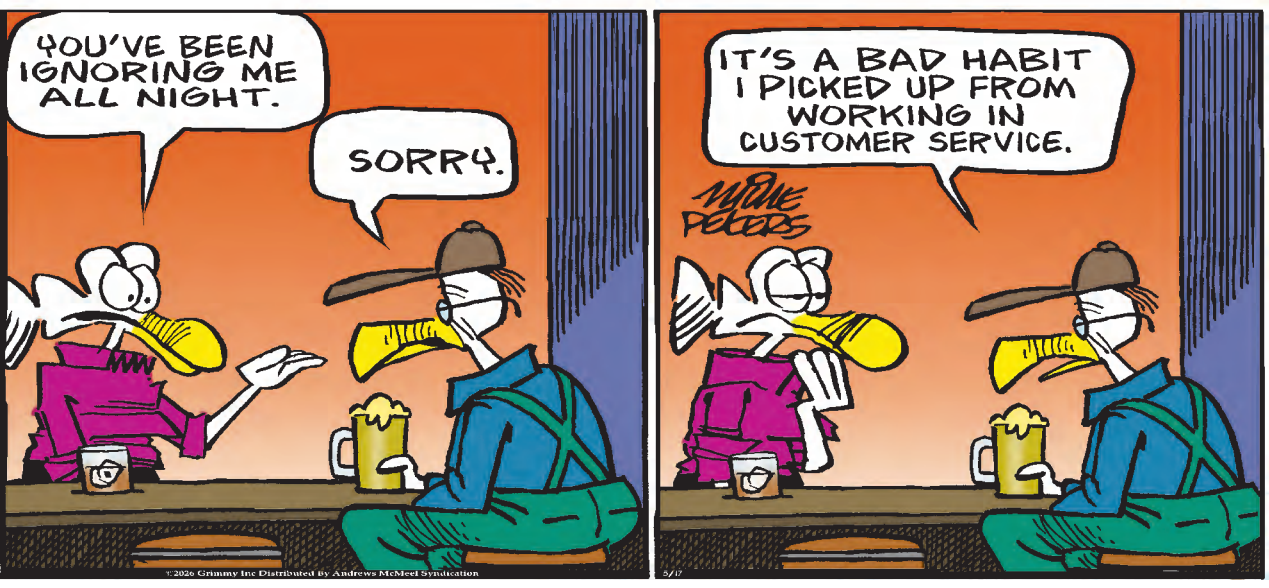
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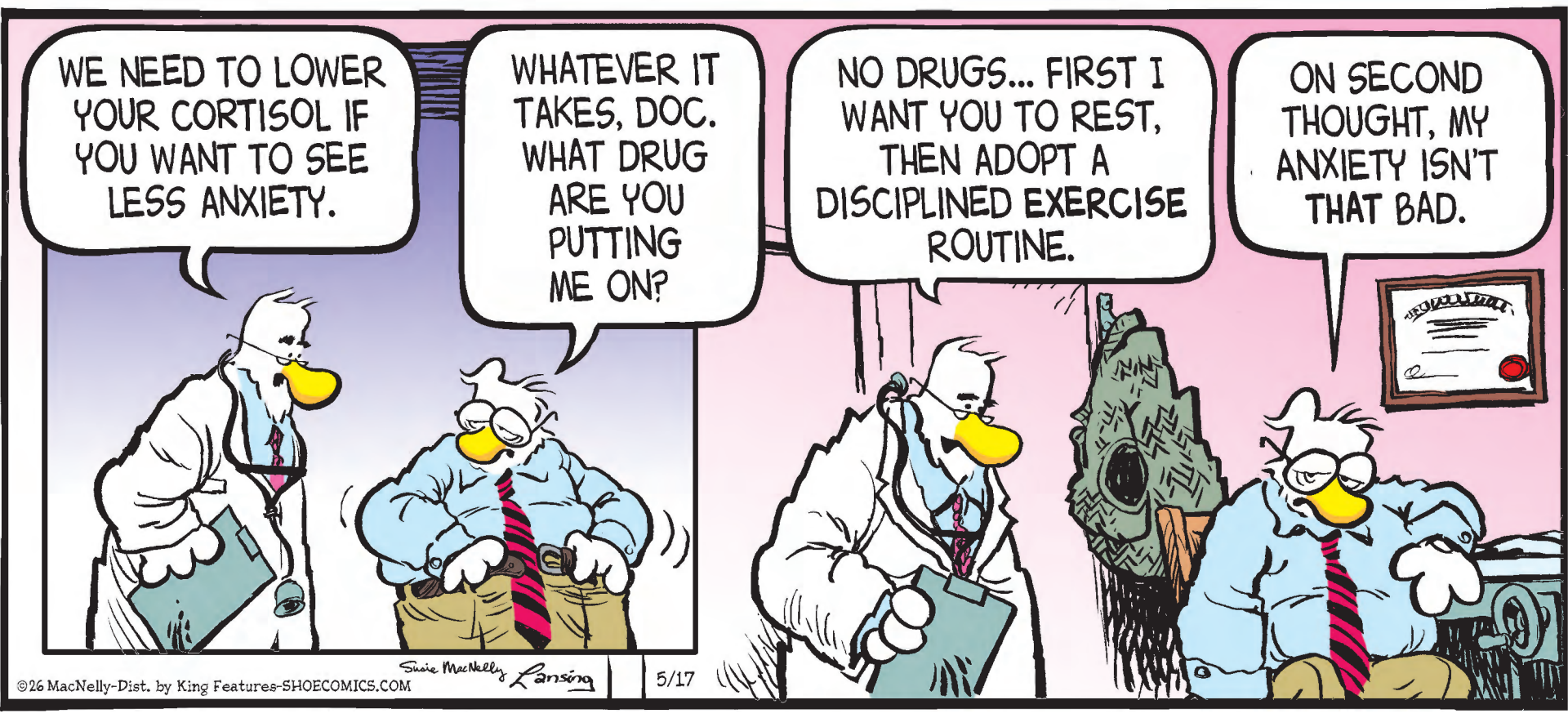
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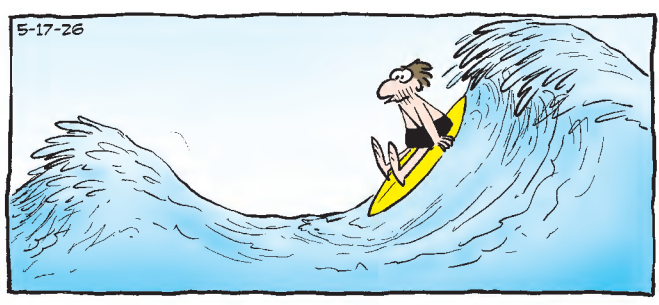
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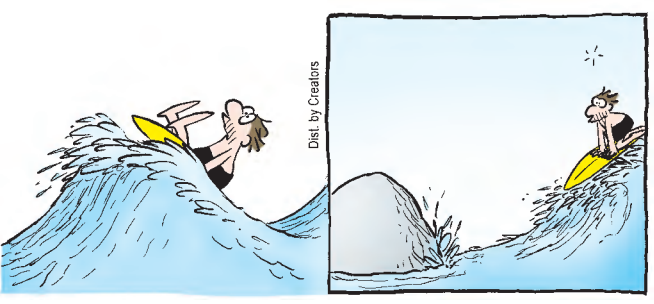
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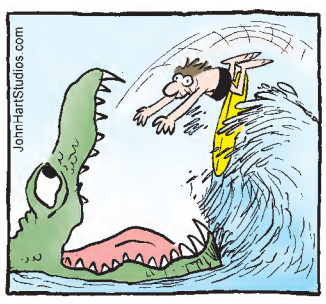


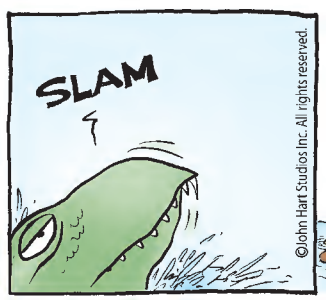


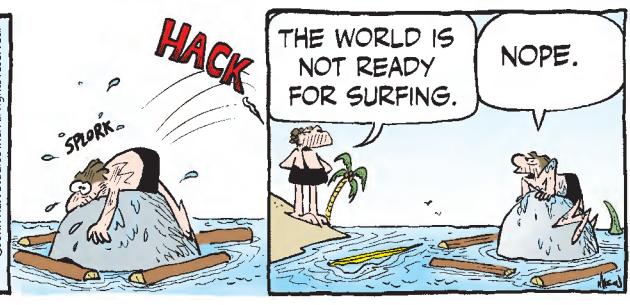






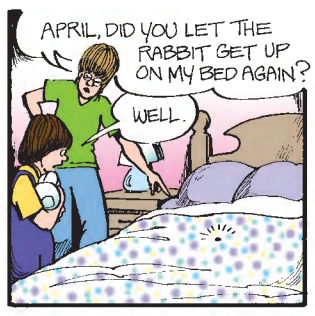




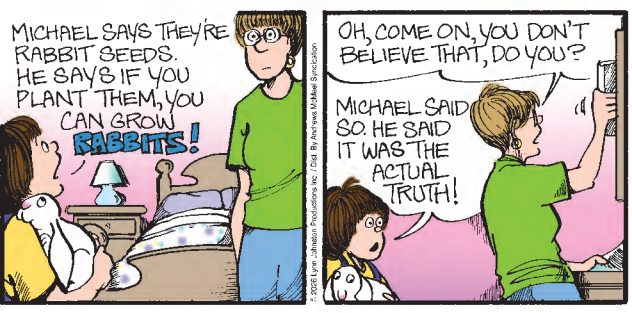


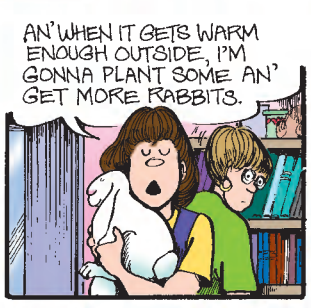










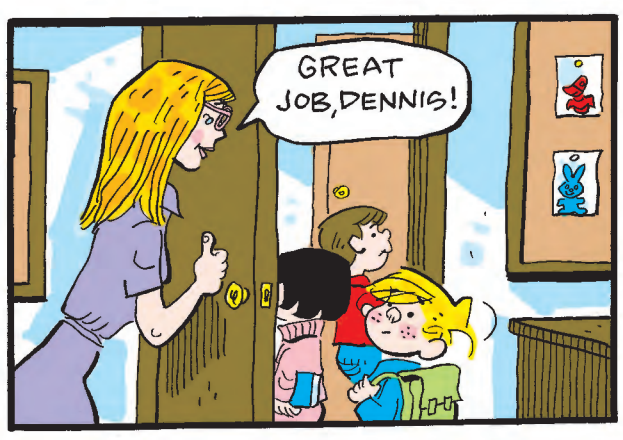


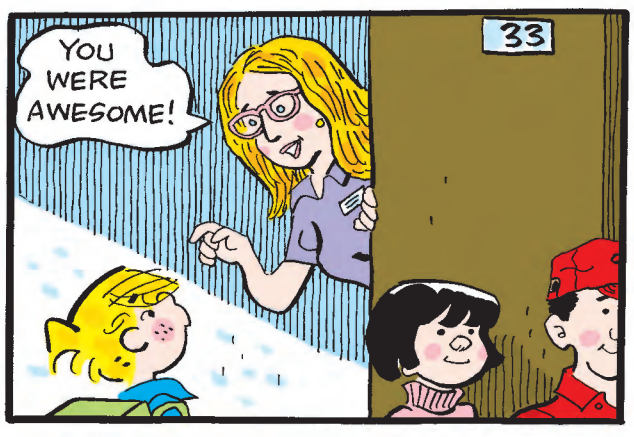


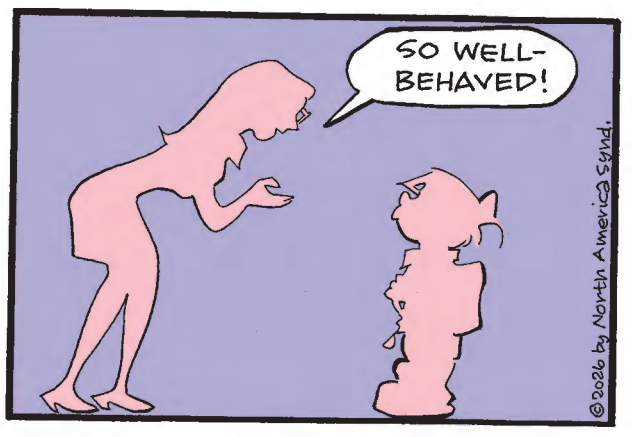


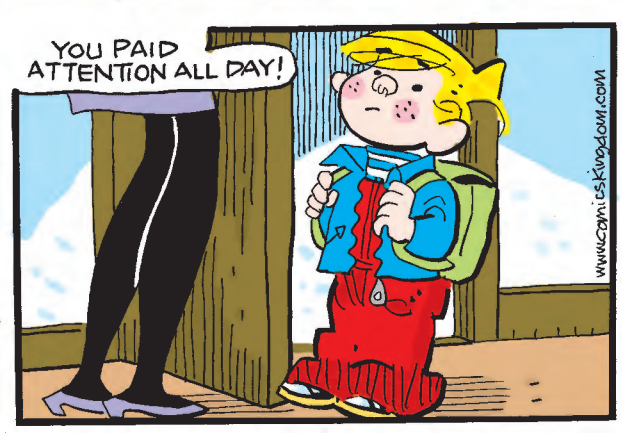
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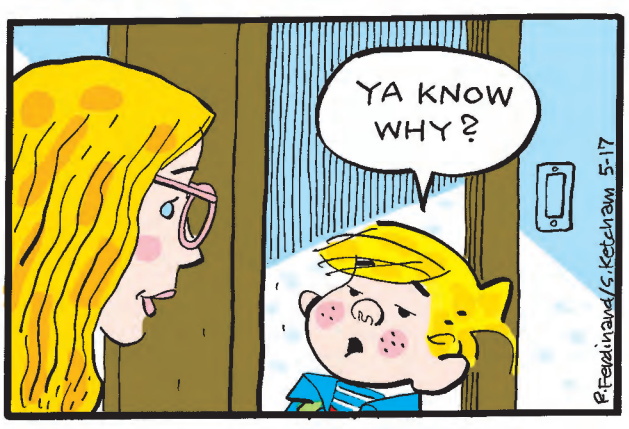
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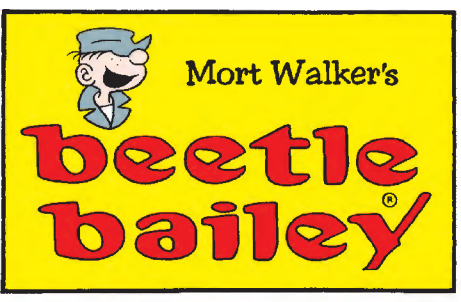






















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