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Gary fills final 3 cabinet posts

Corner, Pearson and Sims will all begin July 1 with Sumter School District



CORNER



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SIMS

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During the last couple weeks, new Sumter School District Superintendent Gerald Gary has completed filling his cabinet-level positions.

The district announced the final three additions to Gary's cabinet on Tuesday in a news release, and they include Mark Sims as Sumter's chief of schools, Lesley Corner as executive director of school improvement and testing and Nicholas Pearson as chief operations officer.

Of the three, only the COO post represents a new budgeted position for the district office, and that is just partially new funding because it essentially replaces the executive director of operations post held by Samuel Myers before he recently retired.

Gary told *The Sumter*

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Clarendon approves fleet replacement plan aimed to improve safety, reduce costs

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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Clarendon County Council approved a new fleet management program it says could replace aging vehicles faster, improve safety and save taxpayers money.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 8, council unanimously approved moving forward with a "long-range" vehicle replacement plan presented by Eddie Maracich, account executive at Enterprise Fleet Management.

A sister company of Enterprise Rental, Enterprise Fleet Management provides full-service management for companies, government agencies and organizations operating medium-sized fleets of 20 or more vehicles as well as those seeking an alternative to employee reimbursement programs.

According to Maracich, the county currently maintains about 186 to 187 vehicles in its fleet, valued at $2,556,993, and replaces about 18 vehicles per year. At that pace, it would take about 10 years to cycle

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'Mr. Thaddeus' Barbershop' shines light on men's mental health and encourages community to break the silence



"Mr. Thaddeus' Barbershop" is performed at Patriot Hall on Saturday, June 20, examining multiple themes men often face in silence, including mental health. It starred Urey Boisey as January, Derek Spann as Malcolm, Justin Mickens as Omar and Derek Mack as Troy and Dasani Horton as a troubled teenager.

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Cast members of Elijah's Bradford latest stage drama, "Mr. Thaddeus' Barbershop," received resounding applause from a packed house after their performance at Patriot Hall on Saturday, June 20.

Set in the familiar walls of a neighborhood barbershop, the production explores some of life's heaviest – and often overlooked – conversations surrounding mental health, with emphasis on the lack of dialogue on the topic within the Black community.

Presented the day before Father's Day and during Men's Mental Health Month, the production examined issues including anxiety, depression, loneliness, autism, dementia and other challenges men often face in silence. Through the stories of four barbers – starring Urey Boisey as January, Derek Spann as Malcolm, Justin Mickens as Omar and Derek Mack as Troy – and a troubled teenager named Ishmael – played by Dasani Horton – searching for direction, the audience is challenged to consider what happens when pain goes unheard and how lives can change when someone chooses to listen.

The production also featured appearances

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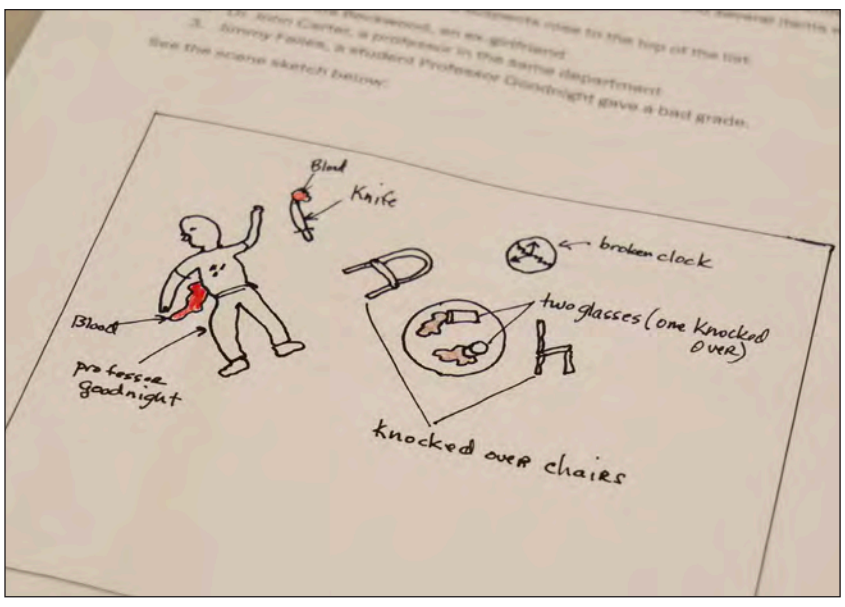
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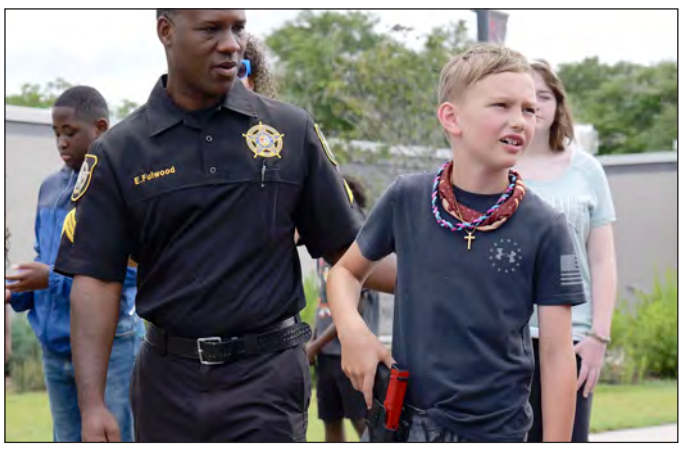
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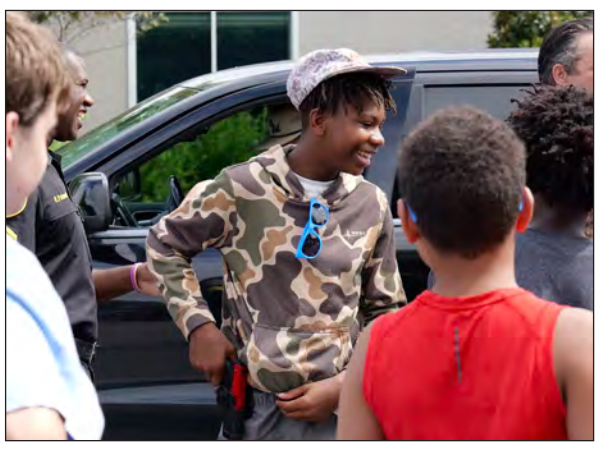




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Last week, students ages 9 to 14 enjoyed the Youth in Blue Summer Camp on the USC Sumter campus. Campers spent the week exploring the world of criminal justice, learning about tactical operations, SWAT, aviation, K-9 programs, forensics and more. The camp was co-hosted by Sumter County Sheriff's Office, City of Sumter Police Department and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and was part of the series of summer camps USC Sumter hosts each year.













Lexington 2 science coordinator is new Liberty junior academy director

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Not only is Liberty STEAM Charter School's new superintendent coming from Lexington School District 2 in the Columbia area, but so is the school's new junior academy director.



CRIBBS

In a move at the end of May and just a few days after Liberty's board of directors named Brenda Hafner as its new school leader, Jennifer Cribbs was announced as the director – or principal – of the junior academy in a news release.

Cribbs comes to Liberty after serving nearly four years and since September 2022 as the K-12 science coordinator in Lexington 2, based in West Columbia.

Prior to that, she served a little more than six years in leadership roles at Blythewood High School in Richland School District 2 in northeast Columbia. Those roles were as an assistant administrator and then an assistant principal for curriculum and instruction at the high school, according to her resume.

With Liberty adding sixth grade in the upcoming school year, a junior academy director was needed, and Cribbs will fill that post and oversee all aspects of instruction to include curriculum implementation, instructional coaching and academic systems.

A career educator with 30 years of experience, she brings "a deep commitment to scholar achievement, instructional excellence and leadership development to the role," according to the news release.

Hafner said Cribbs' leadership style strongly aligns with Liberty's values and future vision.

"Jennifer's passion for instruction, leadership development and scholar success reflects the level of excellence we strive for at Liberty STEAM," Hafner said. "Her ability to build strong academic systems while fostering a supportive and inspiring culture makes her an outstanding fit for Liberty."

In the charter school's enrollment model, it adds one grade per year, and seventh grade will come online in 2027-28 and eighth grade in 2028-29. Liberty's junior academy will compose grades 6-8, and the three grade levels will be in its Sumter Mall campus site.

Before entering school administration at Blythewood High, Cribbs was a classroom science teacher at the school for 4.5 years from January 2011 to June 2015.

She spent about 14 more years as a teacher at Dorman High School and Spartanburg High in the Upstate, Deland High School in Deland, Florida, and as an online science professor with the University of Phoenix, according to her resume.

Cribbs will begin in her role on July 13 when all Liberty school administrators report for work, according to charter school co-founder and outgoing Executive Director Trevor Ivey, who is transitioning to establish the Liberty STEAM Charter School Foundation as a development arm.

In the new school year that begins July 29 for students, Liberty will be a K-6 school with about 1,061 students.

Hafner will begin her role as the charter school's leader on July 1, when Ivey moves over as CEO and president of the foundation.

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Friday, June 12, was Women Veterans Recognition Day nationally, and Sumter County Veterans Affairs Office hosted its third-annual Sumter Women Veterans Connect event at Sumter County Courthouse in honor of the day. U.S. Navy veteran Selena Ruth Smith, who serves as a leader at Sumter Fire Department and in the community, was the guest speaker. The national recognition day recognizes and remembers the June 12, 1948, signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act by then-President Harry Truman that legally permitted women to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and all four military branches.



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Protecting assets from long-term care expenses: Understanding Medicaid Asset Protection Trusts

One of the questions we receive from clients quite frequently is: "How do I protect my assets if I eventually need long-term care?"

It is an understandable concern. The costs associated with assisted living facilities, nursing homes and skilled care can be staggering. Depending on the level of care and location, annual expenses can easily reach six figures. For many retirees, the fear of spending down a lifetime of savings on health care costs later in life is very real.



Reid Schwartz

As a result, many individuals begin exploring strategies designed to protect assets from long-term care expenses, and one of the most discussed tools is the Medicaid Asset Protection Trust, often referred to as a MAPT.

While these trusts can be effective in certain situations, they are often misunderstood. More importantly, there are significant tradeoffs involved that families should carefully evaluate before moving forward.

WHY MEDICAID PLANNING EXISTS

Medicaid is the primary government program that covers long-term nursing home care for individuals who meet certain medical and financial requirements. However, because Medicaid is a needs-based program, applicants generally must have limited countable assets to qualify.

This creates a difficult dilemma for many retirees to pay privately for care and potentially deplete assets or attempt to structure assets in a way that may allow future Medicaid eligibility.

This is where Medicaid Asset Protection Trusts enter the conversation.

WHAT IS A MEDICAID ASSET PROTECTION TRUST?

A Medicaid Asset Protection Trust is generally an irrevocable trust designed to remove certain assets from an individual's ownership for Medicaid eligibility purposes.

Common assets transferred into these trusts may include:

- A personal residence
- Investment accounts
- Other non-retirement assets

If structured properly and funded far enough in advance, assets inside the trust may eventually be excluded from Medicaid eligibility calculations.

However, the key phrase is "far enough in advance."

THE FIVE-YEAR LOOKBACK PERIOD

One of the most important aspects of Medicaid planning is the five-year lookback rule.

When someone applies for Medicaid long-term care benefits, Medicaid reviews financial transactions made during the prior five years. Transfers made during that period may trigger penalties and delay eligibility.

As a result, Medicaid Asset Protection Trusts are generally not last-minute planning tools. They are often most effective when implemented years before care is needed.

WHAT IS BEING GIVEN UP?

This is the part many people do not fully appreciate.

For assets to potentially be protected from Medicaid spend-down requirements, the individual must give up meaningful control and access to those assets.

Because the trust is irrevocable:

- Assets generally cannot simply be taken back
- The grantor cannot freely access principal
- The trust cannot easily be undone if circumstances change

However, one important nuance is that while the grantor generally cannot access the principal of the trust, income generated by trust assets may still be distributable back to the grantor during their lifetime if the trust is drafted properly. For example, interest, dividends or rental income produced inside the trust may still be available to help support the grantor's lifestyle or cash flow needs. This is one reason these trusts are sometimes referred to as "income-only" trusts.

Even with that flexibility, the inability to access principal remains a significant tradeoff. If someone transfers investment assets into a Medicaid trust and later needs those funds for emergencies, major health care costs, lifestyle expenses or helping family members, they may no longer have direct access to those underlying assets. This loss of flexibility can be significant.

THE EMOTIONAL AND FINANCIAL TRADEOFF

In many ways, Medicaid planning involves a philosophical and financial decision of whether you are comfortable restricting access to your own assets today in order to potentially preserve them later.

Some individuals are very comfortable making that tradeoff. Others are not.

For retirees with strong cash flow, pensions or significant retirement assets, voluntarily limiting access to assets can sometimes create more stress than benefit.

Additionally, Medicaid-approved facilities may not always align with an individual's preferred level of care, location or living environment. Many higher-end assisted-living communities or private care facilities may not accept Medicaid or may have limited Medicaid availability.

INCOME AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS STILL MATTER

Another misconception is that Medicaid trusts protect everything.

Certain assets, particularly retirement accounts such as IRAs and 401(k)s, often require separate analysis. Income streams, required minimum distributions and Social Security income can all still affect Medicaid planning and care costs.

This is one reason why Medicaid planning should never occur in isolation from broader retirement and estate planning.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are also legal, tax and administrative considerations:

- Legal costs to establish the trust
- Ongoing trust administration
- Trustee responsibilities
- Potential family conflicts
- Changes in Medicaid laws over time

In some cases, individuals may also sacrifice opportunities for flexibility, tax planning or investment access in pursuit of Medicaid qualification.

IS A MEDICAID ASSET PROTECTION TRUST RIGHT FOR EVERYONE?

The answer is clearly no.

For some families, these trusts can be valuable tools when implemented thoughtfully and early. For others, the loss of control and flexibility may outweigh the potential benefits.

There is also an important distinction between protecting assets for heirs and maintaining maximum personal financial flexibility during retirement.

Sometimes those goals conflict with one another.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Long-term care planning is one of the most difficult areas of retirement planning because it involves uncertainty, aging, health care, family dynamics and financial security all at once.

Medicaid Asset Protection Trusts can play a role in certain situations, but they are not magic solutions. They involve real sacrifices and tradeoffs that should be fully understood before assets are transferred.

Ultimately, protecting assets is important, but so is maintaining flexibility, independence and quality of life during retirement. The best planning approach is often one that carefully balances all of those priorities rather than focusing on any single objective in isolation.

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6th-Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Irmo honors Black culture, provides community resources

BY LUNA HIOTT
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The African American Historical Society of Irmo hosted its 6th-Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Moore Park on June 19, which included a concert by a Sumter native.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when it was announced in Galveston, Texas, that enslaved people were free, more than two years after then-President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The federal holiday provides an opportunity to celebrate Black culture and reflect on the ongoing pursuit of equality.

Macedonia Baptist Church at 1150 Lake Murray Blvd. collected canned goods for its local food drive, and AAHSI welcomed attendees at the entrance with free accessories and informational flyers.

Richland County Library brought a pop-up with games and books for children as well as a selection from its Seed Library with seasonal flowers and produce. Other tents from local volunteer organizations in the Health and Wellness Zone had information on insurance, childcare services and other community resources.



Sumter native and former "The Voice" contestant Tia DuRant performs at the 6th-Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Moore Park, Lexington, on June 19.

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Local vendors sold homemade desserts, clothes, accessories and skincare products to attendees along with myriad food trucks offering soul food, barbecue and pizza.

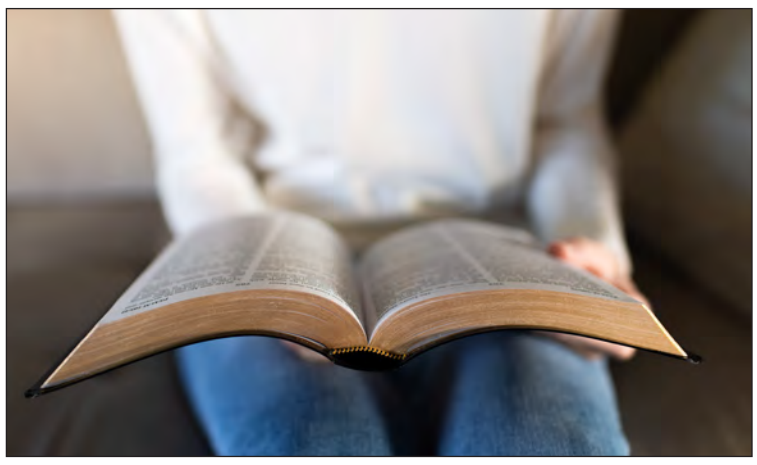
The celebration wrapped up with a live concert from Sumter native and former "The Voice" contestant Tia DuRant, also known as the Princess of Soul. She encouraged the crowd of more than 200 to dance and sing with her as she performed covers of hip-hop, jazz and R&B.

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Hearts United Meeting at Dominion Church, Sumter, 73 W. Wesmark Blvd., welcomes Daisey Wright, teacher, minister, mother and GiGi, on Saturday, July 11. Join us as Daisey brings an empowering message from the Word of God and life's experiences. Daisey's passion is for the people of God to be discipled, delivered, restored, equipped, empowered and encouraged to be able to stand against and overcome the schemes of the enemy through the love of God, His Word, the power of the Holy Spirit and the armor of God. Come join us as we learn how to "Stand Firm and Stand in the Authority God has given us." Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and light refreshments. Meeting begins at 10 a.m. Parking is available at Dominion Church and Carolina Therapy and the left side and back of Carolina Therapy.

What is salvation, and who will be saved?



There are a mixture of Biblical interpretations about eternal salvation, including the idea that Jesus will save everyone. This concept is traced back to the most popular verse in the Bible, as John 3:16 states that "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

At first glance, it may seem that Jesus is a Savior who rescues the entire world from doom, but it's crucial to take a closer look, as we understand that everlasting life is conditional upon believing. This leads us to one of the most important questions in this life: What does it mean to believe?

If you were to take a poll about believing in God, you would find a majority of people who would say they accept that there is a God. However, believing there is a God and confessing and receiving Christ by faith as Lord and Master are not the same thing. We find an interesting passage in the second chapter of the book of James that



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helps us understand that anyone can claim to be a believer, but if there is no evidence of a desire to follow him, words of faith without works are dead. It goes on to say in verse 19, and I'm using the New Living Translation, "You say you have faith and believe there is one God? Good for you! The demons also believe this and tremble in terror." Our text explains that demons acknowledge his existence and know exactly who God is, but they are not saved or a part of God's family.

The verse challenges the idea that simply understanding and agreeing with religious facts equates to the type of faith that God recognizes. James is making a sharp distinction between intellectual belief and a personal "spiritual" relationship with Christ. So we see that if a person's perception and awareness of God does not translate into submission to God within their thoughts and deeds, it's no better than the mental belief of Satan and his demons, who have been eyewitnesses to God's power and glory.

The truth is that God's grace is offered for all who will surrender their will to Him and become spiritually transformed into a new creation. Salvation is a gift that needs to be received and incorporated into the believer's life, instead of assuming it was a one-time demonstration of God's love that automatically forgave everyone's sins and reserved a place for every soul in heaven forever. Does the Bible not mention that there are two eternal destinations awaiting every person after this life? In this light, eternity is the most important topic we could discuss. To assume there are no consequences for ignoring God and refusing to submit to him is a popular idea, but it's a deception from the dark side. The message from Satan to the world is to relax and do whatever you want because Jesus paid for everyone's sins. This is just another example of how he loves to distort and confuse God's word.

So, what do we need to do to be saved? We are reminded of the rich young ruler in Matthew chapter 19, who asked Jesus the same thing. When Christ explained about sacrifice and total commitment, the man became sad because of his great love for the world. Within the seldom heard message about taking up our cross and following God, the requirement to become a living sacrifice is much like the example Christ made when he agreed to be the sacrificial Lamb of God. This reality has everything to do with surrendering our desires and plans so that we can accomplish his vision for our lives. The renewing of our minds is not an option if we are to please him in this life and at the judgment when someday we will stand before him.

God is the refiner, and as fire is used to remove the dross, the Lord uses his fire to eliminate carnality and rebellion from the conscience of his saints. The more of our sinful nature that is removed from our heart and soul, the more of His holy nature and character can be manifested within us. Is this your highest priority, or will you always refuse to be controlled by God? The earthly life was not all fun and games for Jesus, and neither was it meant to be for those who are born again and have a passion to become as pure gold.

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Brett Gardner, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
Wed. Bible Study/Youth Group: 6:30 p.m.

Presbyterian - ARP

Mayesville Presbyterian Church
109 W. Sumter St, Mayesville
803-453-5759 / www.mayesvillepres.org.
Rev. Brian C. Peake, Pastor
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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First Presbyterian Church of Sumter
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(803) 773-3814 • info@fpcsumter.org
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Hospitality & Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall) 10:10 a.m.
Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m.



Sumter Artists' Guild exhibit 'Panorama' showcases wide range of creativity, individuality of local artists

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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Coined in the late 18th century by Irish painter Robert Barker, the term "Panorama" describes a thorough, wide-ranging presentation of a broad subject.

And across the ivory walls of Sumter County Gallery of Art, attendees were treated to a wide-ranging presentation of Sumter's creativity with the opening of the 2026 Sumter Artists' Guild Show.

Titled "Panorama," this year's diverse collection showcases the exceptional talent and creativity of the local guild members. From quilted pieces and handmade treasures to portraits, paintings and pure expressions of passion and purpose on canvas, these artists pushed the boundaries of artistic expression and mirrored the vibrant and dynamic spirit the community is known for.

This year's winners are:

— First place: "Self Portrait" by Ameerah Briggs

— Second place: "Dojo Free For All" by Barbara Dunn Rowe

— Third place: "The Pearl of Great Price" by Beth Woodall

This year's honorable mentions are:

— "Crooked Cabin" by Sylvia Pickell

— "Pointilism Pony" by Robert Karel

— "Guilded and Gold" by La Ruchala Murphy

— "Smokin Hot" by Zoe Monnier

And Best in Show went to Rand Rowe for "Jedediah Redwood."

The exhibit will be on display Aug. 21 at 200 Hasel St.



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Rand Rowe's "Jedediah Redwood" wins Best in Show in the 2026 Sumter Artists' Guild Show.



"Dojo Free For All" by Barbara Dunn Rowe takes second place in the show.

BELOW: "The Pearl of Great Price" by Beth Woodall takes third place in the 2026 Sumter Artists' Guild Show.





"Self Portrait" by Ameerah Briggs wins first place in the show.



Zoe Monnier's "Smokin Hot" receives an honorable mention in the 2026 Sumter Artists Guild Show.



Robert Karel's "Pointilism Pony" wins an honorable mention in the 2026 Sumter Artists Guild Show.



"Crooked Cabin" by Sylvia Pickell wins an honorable mention in the 2026 Sumter Artists Guild Show.



La Ruchala Murphy, executive director of Sumter County Gallery of Art, models her piece, "Guilded and Gold," which took home an honorable mention in this year's Sumter Artists' Guild Show.





Mackenzie Sholtz: Bringing history to life through dress

BY KYLIE CORDELL
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Mackenzie Sholtz, owner of Fig Leaf Patterns and a Sumter County Executive 250th Committee member, has spent much of her life in and out of museums, documenting historic garments and measuring them for collections. When she moved to Sumter, volunteering at Sumter Museum felt like a natural fit.



Mackenzie Sholtz is owner of Fig Leaf Patterns and a Sumter County Executive 250th Committee member.

"I got started here at the museum when Katherine, the former director, asked me for suggestions for patterns that her volunteers could wear," Sholtz said. "I told her there weren't any good ones, and that's when she mentioned there was an original 1770s gown in their collection."

That gown, an open robe worn by Elizabeth Allen Deas (1742–1802), became the foundation for something much larger. Born in 1742 to William and Mary Keating Allen, Deas grew up on a plantation in the greater Charleston area. Her dress, though fragile, offers a rare glimpse into 18th-century craftsmanship.

The project of drafting a pattern from the gown for use by museum staff during Backcountry Days in South Carolina ultimately inspired Sholtz to create the Fig Leaf Pattern line. Each pattern in the collection is based on a real historical garment.

"They're kind of like dissertations," Sholtz said. "I am so lucky and privileged to work with museums like the Sumter Museum, where they allow me to handle and document these pieces, especially ones that are 'shattering,' like the Deas dress."

The original gown is hand-sewn from lightweight, ivory-striped silk. Because of its age and chemical degradation, the fabric has begun to "shatter," breaking apart like delicate glass. While the garment is now too fragile to be displayed, it continues to provide valuable insight into colonial-era sewing techniques and construction.

"At least we have documentation of how it was made," Sholtz explained. "That allows us to replicate it and better understand these garments. Whether modern sewers follow those techniques or not is up to them, but I can show them what I've seen. It becomes a kind of mini tour of history."

For Sholtz, clothing is far more than costume. It is a living connection to the past.



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Pattern 101 is based on Sumter Archives' Elizabeth Allen Deas' dress.

"Each dress tells its own story," she said. "When I step into these garments, it transports me. You feel history differently — the weight of the fabric, the cut of the clothing, the way it moves. It connects you to the legacy of the women who came before."

Keep an eye out for future sewing opportunities with Sholtz. Her work in "Handwork Exhibit: Celebrating Community-based Art and Art Education," showcases Aug. 27 to Oct. 23 at Sumter County Gallery of Art.

For 250th anniversary-related sewing classes, check out "Learn to Make History: The 1700s," an introductory sewing course offered by Sumter County Gallery of Art in partnership with Sumter Museum. In this three-week course starting Aug. 1, students will create a wearable final garment inspired by colonial dress and participate in a Revolutionary High Tea at Sumter Museum Gardens on Saturday, Aug. 22.





Jeremiah Theus painted this picture of Elizabeth Allen Deas in 1759. She is portrayed wearing her wedding gown of white silk with a red petticoat.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY DEWITT WALLACE DECORATIVE ART MUSEUM IN COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Registration is open. To register or learn more, visit *https://tinyurl.com/2b4jhejp*.





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Truth emerges after 2 decades of concealment



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, my wife and I were separated. During that time, we still spent time together, had marital relations and went on many trips with our kids. During that period, two individuals who were supposed to be my friends started talking to my wife behind my back. Because they had crossed a line, I ended my friendships with them. They knew I was going to try to win my family back, but they said things calculated to make her angry.

Fourteen years passed, and I bumped into one of them. I was with my wife at the time. I wanted to quash our differences, so I spoke to him. I noticed something weird between him and my wife, and that stuck in my head.

When we got home, I asked if something happened between them, and she said no. But then she confessed that she had gone out with him a few times. She said he wanted to have sex with her, but it didn't happen. The way she said it sounded weird to me, and I had the feeling she wasn't being truthful.

Seven years later, she admitted something DID happen. Now I feel betrayed and angry that she allowed something to go on with someone who was my enemy. I no longer see her as my wife. I feel I can't trust her. She told me she is sorry for what happened and said she had been afraid to tell me about it. She doesn't want to separate or divorce. She says she loves me. I can't think. Can you tell me what you think about all this?

BROKEN TRUST IN NEW YORK

DEAR BROKEN: I think your friends added fuel to the fire when you and your wife were having marital difficulties. I also think she was emotionally vulnerable, was taken advantage of and was afraid to level with you. I do not think you should automatically end your long marriage over something that might be able to be resolved by working with a licensed marriage and family therapist. Please give it serious consideration.

DEAR ABBY: My 31-year-old son lives with us. He has had an on-again, off-again drinking problem since his 20s. He is kind-hearted, has an associate degree and is back in college again, but he's never had a full-time steady job. We buy his clothes and give him room and board. He studies, helps around our house with cleaning, washing, etc., but I don't know how to help him stop drinking.

He sometimes gets mean when he's drunk. He doesn't drink every day, but, mostly, about 12 days out of the month, he gets really drunk at home. He doesn't seem to be finding a job, although he has applied for some. Please give me advice.

STRESSED MOM IN NEW YORK

DEAR MOM: You and your husband need to find an Al-Anon meeting (al-anon.org/info) and go. When you do, you will find emotional support for what I am suggesting next. Tell your kind-hearted, sometimes mean, functional alcoholic son you and his father are giving him a deadline to get into an alcohol rehabilitation program and find a full-time job, or he will have to move out. Then stick to it. Your kindness and understanding have enabled your son to continue his unproductive and unhealthy lifestyle, which isn't good for any of you.

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How to make crunchy half-sour pickles with a shortcut refrigerator ferment

BY BRUCE WEINSTEIN and MARK SCARBROUGH
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The recipe for Half-Sour Pickles is found in the cookbook "Cold Canning" by Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough.

If you know deli lingo, you know that half-sour pickles are crunchy, bright-green pickles, not the duller green of more familiar long-soured pickles. Half sours have a distinct snap and much gentler flavor.

This recipe from our cookbook "Cold Canning" is our first refrigerator ferment: There's no vinegar, but we're using a shortcut method, not standard fermentation, giving the jar a little bump toward true fermentation at room temperature before squirreling it away in the fridge for up to three weeks (do not freeze).

This way, we don't push the limits of what cold canning can accomplish with pickles. In any event, sterilize the jar and don't be tempted to make substitutions. Though, for a completely non-traditional take, you can swap out the thyme sprigs for other leafy herbs: tarragon, rosemary, dill, cilantro or parsley.

Use only distilled water for best results (since the chlorine in tap water or chemicals in well water can halt fermentation.)

HALF-SOUR PICKLES
Makes: 7-9 pickles
Ingredients
1 medium garlic clove, peeled and thinly sliced
1 teaspoon coriander seeds
1 teaspoon yellow mustard seeds
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
2 dried bay leaves
1 3/4 pounds (7 to 9) medium Kirby or pickling cucumbers, each fairly thin and about 5 inches long
Distilled water for rinsing the cucumbers
2 fresh thyme sprigs
4 cups distilled water
1/4 cup kosher salt

Put the garlic, coriander, mustard seeds, black peppercorns and bay leaves in one clean 2-quart jar or other container. Rinse the cucumbers with distilled water, gently scrubbing them with a new sponge or a wad of paper towels (without nicking the skins). Stuff the cucumbers and thyme sprigs into the jar.

Whisk the 4 cups distilled water and salt in a bowl until the salt dissolves. Pour this brine over the cucumbers and aromatics, leaving about 1/2 inch head space. If the brine does not cover everything, make more in that same ratio by volume to fill the container. (Make sure no cucumber sticks out of the brine.) Cover or seal; set aside at room temperature for 12–16 hours.

Refrigerate to steep until the cucumbers are crisp and starting to get sour, 5–6 days, before enjoying. (The longer the pickles sit in the brine, the saltier and more sour they'll get.)

Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough are the authors of "Cold Canning" and many other cookbooks, including the bestselling "Instant Pot Bible" series. They live in rural Connecticut.
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NOTICE OF FILING
Petition to Establish a Generic Docket for the Purpose of Receiving Comments Addressing Large Load Additions
Docket No. 2026-138-E

Why is this Notice Important?

- On May 27, 2026, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, and Duke Energy Progress, LLC, filed a Petition to Establish a Generic Docket for the Purpose of Receiving Comments Addressing Large Load Additions with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission").
- The Petition requests that the Commission receive written comments concerning issues associated with new large load (50 megawatts or greater) additions, including existing rate schedules, service regulations, line extension policies, and interconnection rules, on topics related to new large load customers that include, but are not limited to:

a. minimum contract period and contract demand for billing purposes;
b. collateral requirements;
c. exit policies and restrictions on customer capacity reduction;
d. treatment of generation, transmission, and administrative costs;
e. interconnection costs, including opportunities to support grid-enhancing technologies to manage such costs;
f. optional tariff provisions for flexible interconnections; and
g. optional tariff provisions for the management of clean behind-the-meter resources, and optional clean transition tariffs to enable direct selection of new clean energy resources.

The Petition was filed pursuant to Order Nos. 2025-757 and 2025-769 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-825.

Who Can I Talk to About This Notice?

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC & Duke Energy Progress, LLC	803-988-7132
Office of Regulatory Staff	803-737-5230 or 1-800-922-1531
Department of Consumer Affairs	803-734-4200 or 1-800-922-1594
Public Service Commission	803-896-5100

How Can I Participate in this Case?

A stakeholder may participate in the case by the ways listed below.

Option A: File a Letter of Protest by

- Emailing the completed Letter of Protest to contact@psc.sc.gov; or
- Mailing the completed Letter of Protest to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210. More information is available here: https://psc.sc.gov/consumer-info/file-letter-protest

Option B:

File a Petition to Intervene. An Intervenor becomes a party in the case. Intervenors have the right to testify, cross-examine witnesses, seek reconsideration of the Commission's Final Decision, and must follow the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. To intervene, you must:

- Email a Petition to Intervene to contact@psc.sc.gov no later than **Monday, July 20, 2026;** or
- Mail a Petition to Intervene to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210 no later than **Monday, July 20, 2026**. Please include your email address.

**You must give a copy of your Petition to Intervene to all Parties in this case. Petitions to Intervene must meet the requirements of Commission Regulation 103-825 and must be approved by the Commission.

In the above referenced case, if the proposed tariffs contain any request for a change of rates, the proposed rates may be changed by the Commission. Persons seeking further information about these procedures should contact the Commission at **803-896-5100** or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

Enjoy the music of Cody Webb, take a Revolutionary War Hike or a purple martin tour on Lake Murray

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SUMTER COUNTY



PHOTO PROVIDED
Country singer Cody Webb

Fourth Fridays Concert Series returns with country singer Cody Webb at 6:30 pm. Friday, June 26, on the grounds of Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St. Later dates include: June 26 – Cody Webb, July 24 – Honey & New Era, Aug. 28 – Level 10 Live Band & Show and Sept. 25 – Sole Purpose. Concert attendance is free, and there will be food and drink available for sale. Downtown restaurants will be open for dine-in and take-out. Palmetto Optimist Club will be back with free books for the kids, as well as popcorn and cotton candy for sale. Bring your chairs (no coolers) and spend an evening in downtown Sumter!

Fun for the whole family, **mind-blowing magic by John Tudor and a comedy show by comedian hypnotist Colin Chapman** will be coming to Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St., on Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27. The Mental Health Matters Magic Show and Carnival Extravaganza will be held at various times those days. Magic show tickets are $10, and comedy show tickets are $20. Visit *https://tinyurl.com/2jvxr69r* for tickets and showtimes.

Take a guided 3.2-mile Revolutionary War Hike along the scenic Scout and Coquina Trails at 9 a.m. Monday, June 29, at Poinsett State Park, 6660 Poinsett Park Road, Wedgefield. As you explore with Sumter250 and Sumter Museum, you'll hear the story of the Battle of Halfway Swamp in Rimini and the skirmish that followed at Poinsett. "There will be three memorable stops — the Historic Overlook Shelter, Singleton's Grist Mill and the Coquina Shelter — where you'll discover the mill's role in the American Revolution and how the Civilian Conservation Corps helped preserve these sites."

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence with VFW Post 3034 / Elks Lodge on Friday-Saturday, July 3-4, at 1925 Gion St. Admission to both days is free. July 3 event includes a live band and sale of grilled chicken, pulled pork, slaw, beans and a roll for $12 (presale and day of event). Saturday will feature a car show with eight classes. Registration for the car show is $10 and is from 10 a.m. to noon, with trophies awarded at 2 p.m. There will be fun for the entire family including a DJ, bouncy house, face painting, a dunk tank, snow cones and free Frank's hotdogs. There will be outside beer sales. No fireworks or personal firearms allowed either day. The events are pet friendly, but owners are asked to keep animals on a leash.

Join **Sumter Museum's Talk and Book Signing Reception with best-selling author Meg Waite Clayton** at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 9, at the museum, 122 N. Washington St. Clayton will discuss her novel "Typewriter Beach," a story of family secrets, resilience and the power of storytelling. The event will include a Q&A and book sales and signing. Ticket options are available including admission-only options for members and non-members, as well as a package including a paperback copy of the book. Purchase tickets at *https://tinyurl.com/38h7jth8*.

The Board of Directors of the Mary McLeod Bethune Birthplace and Memorial Park will **celebrate Mary McLeod Bethune's 151st birthday** on Friday, July 10, at 6 p.m. at Memorial Park, 1175 Mary McLeod Bethune Road, Mayesville. A donation of $25 is requested. Call (803) 840-1593 for more information.

The new gospel stage play "Kinfolk" is coming to Patriot Hall on Saturday, July 11, at 2 p.m. This is a biblically based, thought-provoking comedy/gospel stage play by E' Faith Productions and writer/director Dr. Effie Hilton-Mitchell. Buy your tickets at *https://tinyurl.com/ms3d6f2m*. Doors open at 1 p.m. at 135 Haynsworth St.

Celebrate outdoor recreation, community wellness and conservation at **SC7 Day 16 - Swan Lake Iris Gardens and Prisma Health Shot Pouch Greenway.** The July 16 event, sponsored by South Carolina 7 and South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, will begin with an outdoor recreation expo and community gathering at 8 a.m. at Heath Pavilion at Swan Lake followed by a 4-mile walk at 9 a.m. through the gardens and along the pouch. "Participants will experience beautiful gardens, wetlands, trails and the new Broad Street Trailhead while learning about the importance of accessible green spaces and community partnerships." For more information, visit *https://tinyurl.com/7cwr5nyv*.

Need a laugh? Don't miss **Sumter Comedy Showcase: Double Trouble with Brandon Rainwater and Jas Gill** on the Patriot Hall stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Get your tickets at *https://tinyurl.com/2z5pnabj*.

The 2026 Krawlin' For Christ Jeep Show featuring Jeep vendors, live music, food vendors, RC course and a Jeep Show and Shine Competition will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at Sumter County Civic Center, 700 W. Liberty St. Entry to this indoor and outdoor event is free to the public. All proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. To find out more go to *https://Krawlinforchrist.wixsite.com/my-site-1*. The show and shine registration booth will be open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the day of the event. Cost to register your Jeep is $20; all proceeds will go to St. Jude Children's Hospital. There will be raffles. No alcohol allowed.

The US MTB Series returns to Poinsett State Park, Wedgefield, for another edition of The Knot MTB race at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Get tickets at *https://tinyurl.com/366bwxbt*.



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If you're an avid bird watcher, be sure to take a purple martin tour on Lake Murray starting June 24 and running through Aug. 23.

BISHOPVILLE



Celebrate South Carolina's own scaly reptile at the **2026 Lizard Man Stomp** beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, on Main Street in Bishopville. Enjoy vendors, live music, arts and crafts, kids activities, a car show, parade and more.

COLUMBIA

Join local naturalist Capt. Zach Steinhauser for a pontoon boat tour of the largest purple martin roost in North America on Lake Murray. Evening tours showcasing the spectacular sunset return of the purple martins to Bomb Island will be offered Wednesday through Sunday from June 24 through Aug. 23. Guests are encouraged to reserve their seats early through *www.carolinasafarico.com*, as tours often sell out during peak migration season.

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DISTRICT

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Item previously that the new role included some additional responsibilities and is now on par with COO positions in other school districts. He added the new post was also needed, in his opinion, because of the volume of construction projects in the district associated with its aging infrastructure/facilities and also transportation management issues.

SIMS AND CORNER

Both Sims and Corner come to Sumter after holding district-level administrator positions in other Midlands districts.

The new chief of schools, Sims currently serves as district ombudsman and district administrator for Richland School District 2 in northeast Columbia. In his role, he works closely with district leadership, principals, families and community stakeholders to resolve concerns, strengthen communication and support student-centered solutions, according to the release.

A career educator with 27 years of experience in public education, Sims has served across the elementary, middle and high school levels to include principal positions at both the middle school and high school level.

His leadership career has included leading major school improvement efforts, expanding innovative academic and magnet programs, developing leadership capacity among staff and fostering cultures focused on excellence, belonging and continuous improvement, the release added.

In the chief of schools role, Sims will work with Sumter's school principals, educators, families and community stakeholders to advance teaching and learning.

He will begin locally on July 1 and replaces Shirley Gamble in the role. Gamble retired recently and was recently named interim superintendent in Marion County School District, where she will serve at least six months and until a permanent superintendent is named in that district.

Corner comes to Sumter from Kershaw County School District, based in Camden, where she was the district's director of accountability and assessment.

Her position as executive director of school improvement, accountability and testing is new, but it replaces two director-level posts in the local district – the director of testing and accountability and the director of school improvement – and represents a net cost savings, according to Shelly Galloway, the district's spokeswoman.

Corner brings 26 years of experience in K-12 education to include district administrator, high school principal, assistant principal, intervention coordinator and classroom teacher.

According to the release, she has demonstrated "a passion for helping districts and schools turn data into action." Corner's work has included leading district accountability systems, coordinating assessment and providing professional learning for district departments, school leadership teams, principals, academic coaches and teachers.

She holds advanced preparation in school improvement and leadership, including doctoral work in educational systems improvement, an education specialist degree with superintendent licensure and a Master of Education in educational leadership, all from the University of South Carolina.

Corner will also begin July 1.

PEARSON RETURNS TO SUMTER

The new district COO, Pearson has served as principal at White Knoll High School in Lexington School District 1 for the last four years and brings leadership experience, operational expertise and a commitment to student success to the role.

According to the release, White Knoll is one of the state's largest high school campuses at more than 400,000 square feet. As the school's leader since August 2022, Pearson has overseen White Knoll's facilities and managed its operational needs to include campus-wide HVAC and roof replacements, field turf installation, fire alarm upgrades, elevator installation and main office renovations.

Prior to joining the Lexington County school, Pearson served as principal at Sumter High School for nine years from 2013 to 2022. Throughout his career, he has earned a reputation for building strong teams, maintaining high standards and effectively managing large-scale budgets and resources.

With more than 20 years of experience in public education, Pearson was named by the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association as its 5A Principal of the Year and served as president of the South Carolina High School League during the 2024-25 school year.

Like Sims and Corner, he will also begin locally on July 1.

LIGHT

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from Stacey Gadson-Fullwood, Sean "Tintman" Gill, Richard Boone, comedian Ahmad Penn, Shirley Rembert, Lashae Nance, Latasia Glover, Amaury Johnson, Pastor James Goodman and the hilarious Grandaddy Harvey.

At its core, the play served as a call for greater understanding, compassion and connection surrounding the topic of mental health. It encouraged fathers, sons, brothers, husbands and the families who love them to check in on one another, create space for honest conversations and recognize that strength is not found in carrying burdens alone.





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The cast of "Mr. Thaddeus' Barbershop" performs for a crowd on Saturday at Patriot Hall.





FLEET

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through and replace the entire fleet.

His analysis continued that about 42% of county vehicles do not meet current safety standards. Some vehicles still in service date to 1999, and others have acquired between 250,000 to 300,000 miles.

Other concerns raised were the high maintenance costs of these aging vehicles, reliability issues and other safety concerns.

County Administrator Walt Ackerman explained the aging fleet has created challenges across departments, including Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, where the agency keeps spare vehicles because older units cannot always be relied upon.

Under the fiscal year 2026-27 budget, which was approved at the same meeting, the county is looking to replace eight vehicles in its fleet — seven sheriff's office vehicles and one code enforcement vehicle — at a cost of just more than $500,000, Ackerman said. He emphasized the county is not looking to increase the budget.

Under the proposed program, the county would move away from its current 10-year-replacement cycle toward a roughly five-year cycle. The county has the potential to replace up to 50 vehicles using approximately the same funding level, reducing annual fleet costs by about $150,000, with a first-year savings of nearly $250,000.

Maracich described the approach as targeting the fleet's "sweet spot" by replacing vehicles before maintenance costs rise significantly and trade-in values remain relatively high.

Chairman Jay Johnson questioned where the new vehicle purchases may come from, emphasizing that the local dealerships would benefit from this agreement as well. Maracich assured they work with local dealerships for delivery and service and warranty coverage remains identical to manufacturer warranties.

"It's a little more attractive to us if our tax dollars are being spent locally," Johnson reasoned.

Enterprise would not be providing rental vehicles. The county would still own the fleet while using the company for purchasing assistance, vehicle replacement and resale management. The program available is Sourcewell, a national cooperative purchasing program that allows local governments to access pre-negotiated contracts.

From the audience, Sheriff Tim Baxley asked about the turnaround time associated with ordering law enforcement vehicles, as there can be lengthy wait times from when vehicles are ordered to when they are fully equipped and ready for service.

Tony Anderson, regional manager for Enterprise Fleet Management, said the company can work with the county to pre-order vehicles ahead of the budget cycle. This could potentially shorten delivery times, though final timelines still depend on manufacturers and suppliers.

Council unanimously approved the agreement. Ackerman projected to have the contract signed and plan implemented as early as July 1.

PUBLIC AGENDA

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SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 24, at 3 p.m., during renovations at the Sumter Opera House, meetings are temporarily relocated to the James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center, Santee-Wateree Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Meeting Room, 129 Harvin Street.

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION-RETIRED

Wednesday, June 24, at 11 a.m., North Hope Center, 904 N. Main St. For information, call Ernestine L. Mickens or Geneva Bowman at (803) 469-2909.

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, June 25, at 7:45 a.m., 10 E. Liberty St.

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, June 25, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex Quadplex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

CITY OF MANNING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

AROUND TOWN

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Prisma Health is offering a free webinar, **Understanding Your Digestive Health: Gallbladder and Upper GI**, at noon, Thursday, June 25. The educational webinar will feature Prisma Health surgeons Drs. Brain Hodgens and Dr. David Moffatt, who will discuss common digestive health concerns, including heartburn, acid reflux, gallbladder disease and other common upper gastrointestinal (GI) conditions. Participants will learn how to recognize symptoms, understand potential causes, determine when to seek medical care and explore available treatment options. This webinar will provide practical information and expert guidance from experienced physicians. A live question-and-answer session will allow participants to ask questions and receive answers directly from the physicians. Registration is free but required to attend. Community members can reserve their spot by registering online via Eventbrite. To register, visit *https://tinyurl.com/ypw7chp6*.

Kids are invited to take part in **Sumter County Library's summer reading program** and unearth stories all about dinosaurs. Alongside reading challenges, crafts and activities, participants can look for books and resources. The program runs through July 23, with many fun activities planned, including a visit by S.C. Aquarium. Stop by the library or register through Beanstack to begin the reading challenge. The library is at 111 N. Harvin St. Find all schedules and much more in the Information Booklet at *www.sumtercountylibrary.org/summer-reading-program*. Some activities require registration, so call or visit a library branch holding an activity you'd like to register for.

Shiloh Project Lift will hold a **Bookbag and Career Fair** for area youth, adults and seniors at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at St. John School building, 4515 Narrow Paved Road, Lynchburg. There will be representatives from trucking, aviation and health fields on hand. There will also be a chance to win $50 cash cards. Come early for a light breakfast. Free bookbags and supplies will be given to children who are present. For information, call (803) 459-7463.

Hillcrest High School Class of 1980 will holds its 45th Class Reunion Sept. 4-6. The schedule is as follows: Sept. 4, 5-10 p.m. (classmates only), James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center, 129 S. Harvin St.; Sept. 5, 7 p.m.-midnight, American Legion Post 15, 34 Artillery Drive — semi-formal attire, class pictures at 7:30 p.m., BYOB; Sept. 6, 10 a.m., St. Luke AME Church, 2355 St. Paul's Church Road. Registration is due by Aug. 1: classmates, $125, guests, $75. Cash or cashier's check payable to HHS Class of 1980 Class Reunion. Call or text Deborah Isaac Franklin at (803) 773-6896 or Carol Taylor Sanders at (803) 983-7712.

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will host the **Hero Fest motorcycle ride** on Saturday, Sept. 26, with all proceeds going to veterans in the Midlands. Participants will make multiple stops along the ride, including in Sumter, starting and stopping at Silver Leaf Cigar Lounge, 1015 Broad St., Camden. Other stops will include Wild Heart Brewing Co., Southern Hops Brewing Co., Slabs BBQ Restaurant and Willie Sue's. There will also be vendors, food trucks, raffles, silent auction, live music and games. Must be present to win prizes. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Rider signup costs $20, and passenger signup is $10. First bike leaves at 10:30 a.m., and the last bike returns at 4 p.m. A meet and greet before the event will be held Friday, Sept. 25, at Greener Pastures Brewing Co., 826 Broad St., Camden, at 6 p.m.

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*.

WEATHER

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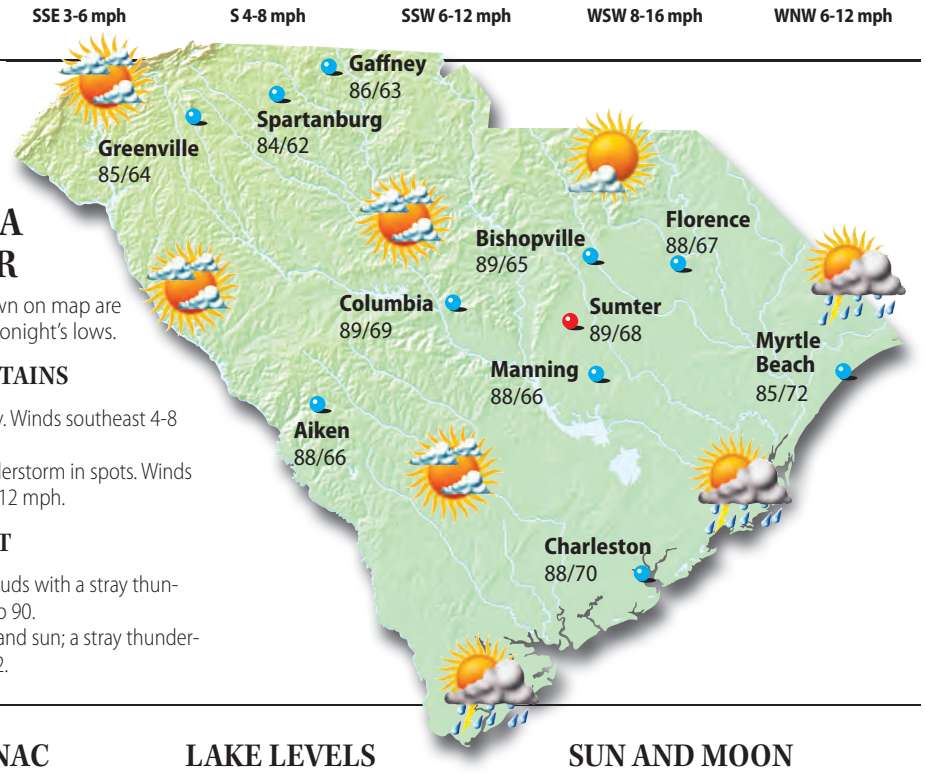
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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny and less humid	Clear to partly cloudy	A t-storm around in the p.m.	A t-storm around in the p.m.	Sunshine and toasty conditions	Hot with a stray thunderstorm
89°	68°	91° / 72°	96° / 76°	98° / 77°	98° / 73°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 55%
NE 4-8 mph	SSE 3-6 mph	S 4-8 mph	SSW 6-12 mph	WSW 8-16 mph	WNW 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Partly sunny. Winds southeast 4-8 mph. Mostly clear.
Thursday: A thunderstorm in spots. Winds south-southwest 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Sun and clouds with a stray thunderstorm. High 85 to 90.
Thursday: Clouds and sun; a stray thunderstorm. High 85 to 92.

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SUMTER MONDAY

Temperature

High	94°
Low	73°
Normal high	89°
Normal low	68°
Record high	103° in 1990
Record low	58° in 1966

Precipitation

Monday	0.02"
Month to date	1.98"
Normal month to date	3.72"
Year to date	12.92"
Last year to date	16.72"
Normal year to date	21.82"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.55	-0.02
Marion	76.8	74.96	+0.05
Moultrie	75.5	74.80	none
Wateree	100	97.99	+0.24

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	2.03	-0.02
Congaree River	19	2.89	-0.03
Lynches River	14	1.95	-0.03
Saluda River	14	2.10	-0.05
Up. Santee River	80	N.A.	N.A.
Wateree River	24	4.42	-0.01

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:12 a.m.	Sunset	8:37 p.m.
Moonrise	4:13 p.m.	Moonset	2:14 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
June 29	July 7	July 14	July 21

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	5:22 a.m.	2.5	12:15 a.m.	0.6
	6:16 p.m.	3.1	12:17 p.m.	0.2
Thu.	6:12 a.m.	2.5	1:09 a.m.	0.6
	7:03 p.m.	3.1	1:03 p.m.	0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/69/pc	88/72/t
Chicago	76/63/t	78/62/sh
Dallas	96/78/pc	95/77/pc
Detroit	77/62/pc	79/60/sh
Houston	95/76/pc	94/76/pc
Los Angeles	80/62/pc	78/63/pc
New Orleans	93/77/t	92/75/pc
New York	81/64/s	81/68/pc
Orlando	94/75/t	95/74/t
Philadelphia	85/65/s	86/67/t
Phoenix	112/90/pc	112/90/pc
San Francisco	69/56/pc	71/55/pc
Wash., DC	84/67/s	89/72/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	82/60/pc	86/65/t
Athens	86/64/pc	90/70/t
Augusta	89/66/pc	90/71/t
Beaufort	90/73/t	92/74/t
Cape Hatteras	82/70/s	86/74/pc
Charleston	88/70/t	90/74/t
Charlotte	87/67/s	91/72/t
Clemson	85/65/pc	89/69/t
Columbia	89/69/pc	93/70/t
Darlington	90/65/pc	94/70/pc
Elizabeth City	83/66/s	86/71/pc
Elizabethtown	89/67/t	92/72/pc
Fayetteville	89/66/s	93/69/pc
Florence	88/67/pc	93/70/pc
Gainesville	96/70/t	94/73/t
Gastonia	87/62/s	91/68/t
Goldsboro	89/66/s	92/68/pc
Goose Creek	89/69/t	90/72/t
Greensboro	84/64/s	88/69/pc
Greenville	85/64/pc	89/69/t
Hickory	84/63/pc	90/68/c
Hilton Head	85/73/t	88/76/t
Jacksonville, FL	92/73/t	94/75/t
La Grange	87/66/c	88/71/t
Macon	88/64/pc	91/68/t
Marietta	85/67/c	88/71/t
Marion	84/60/pc	86/65/t
Mt. Pleasant	86/72/t	89/76/t
Myrtle Beach	85/72/t	85/75/pc
Orangeburg	89/69/pc	92/70/t
Port Royal	88/73/t	91/74/t
Raleigh	88/66/s	94/74/pc
Rock Hill	87/65/s	92/71/t
Rockingham	90/65/s	94/70/pc
Savannah	89/71/t	91/73/t
Spartanburg	84/62/pc	88/68/t
Summerville	88/68/t	91/71/t
Wilmington	87/68/t	88/72/pc
Winston-Salem	84/63/s	90/70/pc

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

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SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK

Captin is ready to be the first mate in your forever home! Meet Captin, a handsome 3-year-old, orange-and-white gentleman with bright eyes, a sweet soul and enough charm to steal your heart. Captin is the perfect age — past the wild kitten stage but still full of curiosity and affection.



Sayla is still waiting… and she's hoping her forever family finds her soon. Sayla is a beautiful 4-year-old, mixed-breed girl with the sweetest eyes and an even sweeter heart. This lovely lady is already housebroken and does wonderfully with kids, making her an easy addition to many families. Sayla has been patiently waiting at the shelter since Nov. 24, and while she's made lots of friends along the way, what she really wants is a place to call home.



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

SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



This gorgeous red hound is looking for a patient family to show her what it means to be loved. Rowan is a 1- to 3-year-old female weighing 35 pounds, making her the perfect medium-sized companion for just about any home. Rowan can be a little shy when meeting new people and adjusting to new surroundings, so she will need an adopter willing to give her a little time to settle in and build trust. But once Rowan realizes she's safe and loved, you'll discover a loyal best friend. She is friendly with both people and other dogs and has a gentle, sweet nature.



Stormie is a 2- to 4-year-old sweetheart weighing 45 pounds. Sweet as sugar, Stormie has a loving personality that makes everyone she meets fall for her. She enjoys spending time with volunteers, soaking up attention and making new friends. Stormie also gets along well with other dogs, making her a wonderful addition to a home with canine companions. This precious girl is looking for a family that will give her the love, care and forever home she deserves.

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

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

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

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SPORTS

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SECTION B

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 24-26, 2026

Scriven is new Sumter School District AD

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For the first time since the initial consolidation of Sumter School District, SSD has a district athletic director.

Terrence Scriven, who has served as the AD at Crestwood since 2022, takes over the newly reformed role. This marks the first time a district athletic director will oversee SSD since the position was eliminated entering the 2014-15 school year. Scriven, who has served as the athletic director at each of the three high schools in the district, is thrilled to take over the position.

"First off, a big thank you to the board of trustees and Dr. (Gerald) Gary for giving me the opportunity to serve as our district athletic director. Athletics have always been a big passion of mine, and I'm truly grateful for this opportunity to support our student-athletes, our coaches and our schools on a larger scale," Scriven said. "I'm looking forward to it. I'm looking forward to helping strengthen our athletic programs and working with our administration, coaches, parents and the

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Ashley Rae Hodge, 2026 graduate of LMA



Kendall Tanner, Laurence Manning Academy



Lyza Prickelmyer, Laurence Manning Academy



CJ Robinson, Manning High School

Hines Furniture Athlete of the Year enters final round

Voting runs through June 30

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After a year of celebrating the best performances in local high school sports, we're one step closer to crowning the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Year.

Voting for the final round of the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Year began on Monday and runs through June 30. Readers can vote once daily for their favorite candidate at *www.theitem.com/athlete-of-the-year-2026*. As voting continues, let's look back at the year in sports for each of our final four candidates.

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Wilson Hall's Wilder set to play basketball at South Carolina

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A dream came true for Wilson Hall's Ford Wilder on Friday, as he was finally able to share the news that he's going to play basketball at the University of South Carolina as the program announced its final roster for the 2026-27 season.

"To be honest, it's a fever dream," Wilder said. "I didn't get the call that I was going to be a South Carolina Gamecock until two weeks after my graduation, so I was the dead-last person in the grade to decide on a school. It was a long wait and a hard process to watch everyone else know where they're going to school, but I can't thank my parents and family enough, and my coaches, especially Coach Rip (Ripley), for guiding me through that process and telling me I needed to wait it out and it would all be worth it. That phone call came, and my dreams truly came true. Now I'm just looking towards taking the next step and getting better every day."

That wait certainly paid off.

For most of the spring, Wilder was getting ready to join the track and field team at Wofford. They discussed potentially playing basketball as well, but in the end, he seemed to be destined to be a track and field athlete at the next level. But Wilder was able to get his film in the hands of the right people at South Carolina, and a new plan was put into motion.

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Wilson Hall's Ford Wilder will play basketball at South Carolina next season. The school officially announced the decision on Friday as they finalized their roster for the season.

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"Colby Arendale, the director of operations, saw my film and put it in Cary Rich's hands, who is the special assistant to the head coach, and they liked my film. After a series of phone calls from many different people, getting texts from them every other week, it was about a 13-, 14-week-long process, and I ultimately got the spot," Wilder said. "For a long time, I thought I was going to run track at Wofford and obviously took a completely different route. I'm just excited."

Wilson Hall head basketball coach Ripley is overjoyed to see Wilder earn this opportunity.

"It's been a crazy couple of months. He had interest in all three sports that he plays, but basketball has always been his love, so getting to play it at the top level is incredible," Ripley said. "What he does on the court is great, but this is as much a testament to who he is and who the Wilder family is and the work ethic they put into it that I think give him opportunities like this. I really think it's impressive how many people came together on his behalf to get this opportunity. Not just the Wilson Hall family, but AAU coaches, even opposing coaches like Will Epps who all endorsed him, which again just speaks volumes to his character and the belief that we have in him.

'I'm going to have to learn a lot, mature, get stronger and faster, jump higher and get a better shot. If this is mostly a developmental year, I'm all for that. I'm just ready to work.'

FORD WILDER

On starting his career at University of South Carolina

"I'll be excited to see what he'll continue to be able to do as he bumps up to the next level."

The Wilson Hall senior joins a South Carolina program that has been completely remade during the last year. Wilder was announced as one of 12 newcomers to the program on a roster of just 15. While he doesn't know what his role will look like just yet, he's ready to take on whatever head coach Lamont Paris and the rest of the Gamecock coaching staff put on his plate.

"It's exciting. Last year wasn't the best year for the program, but they upped the NIL budget and got some really good players, especially this international class," Wilder said, specifically pointing out another addition that was announced Friday, Mathias Alessanco, the top prospect from Brazil who will take a redshirt season as he recovers from a torn ACL in May. "It's a very, very strong class, I feel, coming in. I'm just excited to get to work with these guys and be able to learn from so many different people as one of the youngest guys on the roster. I'm thrilled. I know it's a huge next step, and I'm a little bit nervous, too, but I can't thank the Lord enough for putting me in this opportunity to compete and get better every day.

"We haven't gotten too much into talking about what my role might be; I'm supposed to go up there and meet with Coach Paris super soon. I don't know whether I'll get redshirted this year or what the future looks like, especially with a ton of older guys. I can see this year being a real stepping stone, really trying to develop and practice every day. I'm not expecting to get any big minutes by any means. If I don't see the floor much, that's expected with how the SEC is nowadays. I'm going to have to learn a lot, mature, get stronger and faster, jump higher and get a better shot. If this is mostly a developmental year, I'm all for that. I'm just ready to work."

Wilder will be a scholarship athlete at South Carolina, truly a dream come true for a kid who grew up right down the road with a ferocious love of basketball.

"He told me, and I just started breaking down, crying. My parents were there, my brothers, my dad started crying. Then, about five seconds later, he said they were putting me on scholarship, and I broke down into even more tears. It was just truly shocking and so exciting. I'm so blessed that they have the confidence in me to hopefully do some big things down the road," Wilder said. "It feels crazy. Especially being a three-sport athlete, I never knew which route I was going to take. At one point at the beginning of the year, I thought it was going to be football, then I thought it was going to be track, then I ended up getting this news.

"It's super satisfying because if I could've picked any sport and any school, it would've been Carolina basketball, and I would've answered the same way since I was about 9 or 10 years old. It's truly a surreal feeling."

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ASHLEY RAE HODGE – LAURENCE MANNING

Hodge was a finalist for the 2025 edition of the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Year and followed that up with a spectacular 2025-26 school year. She won the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week after a trio of 20-point performances for the LMA girls basketball team, which was missing most of its starting lineup because of injuries.

That basketball season also saw Hodge score her 1,000th career point.

In the spring, Hodge's high school career got its fairy tale ending. She had a monster season for Laurence Manning, hitting .429 with 13 extra-base hits, a team-high 32 RBIs and scoring 26 runs. The shortstop helped power the Lady Swampcats' run to their third consecutive SCISA 4A state title, as they swept Pinewood Prep in the championship series.

LYZA PRICKELMYER – LAURENCE MANNING

Prickelmyer and Hodge were in lockstep during spectacular basketball and softball seasons. Prickelmyer earned Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week honors when she surpassed 1,000 career points in January, weeks after Hodge accomplished the feat.

In the spring, Prickelmyer put together a truly sensational season. She led Laurence Manning with a .581 batting average, reaching base six times for every 10 trips to the plate, while adding a slugging percentage of .919. The senior had 17 extra-base hits, including four triples and two home runs, the last of which lifted LMA to the SCISA 4A state title as she hit the game-winning home run against Pinewood Prep in extra innings to seal the championship. Prickelmyer also led the team with 38 runs scored and 13 steals, while driving in 28 runs.

CJ ROBINSON – MANNING HIGH

Robinson was a stellar three-sport athlete for the Monarchs. He earned his recognition as the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week in the fall when he caught two touchdowns, intercepted a pass and forced a fumble against Mullins. He went on to make *The Sumter Item* All-Area team after finishing the year with 43 catches for 843 yards and 15 touchdowns. He finished with 1,183 all-purpose yards while also anchoring the Manning secondary with 29 tackles, six pass deflections, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and a defensive touchdown. Robinson also blocked two kicks.

In basketball, Robinson was a key rotation player for the Monarchs, averaging 6.2 points per game, but he made his biggest splash in the spring. Robinson ran a leg on Manning's SCHSL 2A state champion 4x100 team, which crossed the finish line in 42 seconds flat. He also earned a pair of third-place finishes in the 100m (10.98) and 200m (21.92) dashes at the state meet.

KENDALL TANNER – LAURENCE MANNING

Tanner made her varsity debut in both basketball and softball this year, making an immediate impact in both sports. After a strong winter as a guard for the Lady Swampcats, she came out of the gates swinging in softball season.

She won the Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week after hitting .615 with five extra-base hits, while adding two wins in the circle in her first week of varsity softball.

On the season, Tanner hit .310 with nine extra-base hits. She scored 24 runs and drove in 13. In the circle, she pitched to a 3.26 ERA across 49 1/3 innings. Tanner went 5-2 and led the team with 33 strikeouts, helping LMA win the SCISA 4A state title by splitting time between the circle and second base.

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community, and continuing the tradition of good athletics in our school district."

When Sumter School District first consolidated in 2011, David Wright served as the initial district AD. He held the role for one year before Rick Avins took over for two years. Now, for the first time in 12 years, the district athletic programs have a voice at the top, alongside athletic directors at each school.

Scriven has a long history inside the district, having worked at Alice Drive, Ebenezer and Furman before rising through the ranks at all three high schools in the district. He left Sumter School District in 2017 to become AD at Wilson High School until 2019, where he served as the Cherokee County School District athletic director in Gaffney.

In 2022, he returned to Sumter County to become the AD at Crestwood.

"I learned a lot in Gaffney. I was actually a part of the cabinet in Gaffney as the district athletic director," Scriven said. "Even though there were only six schools – four middle and two high schools – at the time, I was able to learn a lot about facilities and budgets. I was in some important meetings up there that really helped me, even when I came back as the AD at Crestwood High School."

The day-to-day job of a district athletic director is a bit different than that of a high school AD, but Scriven's experience in the position, paired with his knowledge of the area's high schools and middle schools, will make for a smooth transition.

"One of the key things as the district athletic director, my focus will be more on supporting the athletic programs and ensuring consistency and compliance across the district," Scriven said. "Also, I'll get to work closely with the principals, athletic directors and coaches to strengthen the programs and promote the academic and athletic experience."



NICH PITTS / SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Former Crestwood Athletic Director Terrence Scriven was named the Sumter School District athletic director, marking the return of the position for the first time since 2014.

As the district AD, Scriven will oversee athletics at both the high school and middle school level. With his experience at three county middle schools, Scriven hopes to continue to build middle school athletics in order to ensure the entire district is as strong as possible.

"The middle school portion is a big part. I'm definitely all in for our middle schools, as well, because they're an important piece," Scriven said. "We definitely want to make sure we're creating athletic programs and make sure they have the things that they need so the student-athletes have a consistent and successful experience throughout the district that can carry into the high school experience."

The need for a district athletic director has become more prevalent during the past few years as the landscape of high school sports continues to shift. In a world where high school athletes have more freedom of movement with a free one-time transfer and ongoing calls for structural change at the South Carolina High School League, having a figurehead at the top level to support each of the district schools is more important than ever.

"There are a lot of different moving pieces right now, so someone needs to be designated to understand those rules and regulations. That's a big part of it," said Scriven, who will also continue to serve as the director of membership for the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association as he makes this transition in the district. "With the rules changing and the transfer rules being different, it's definitely a key piece so we create consistency; that we're not going to allow recruiting across the board and when people are trying to leave for specifically athletic purposes, we don't want to be in that situation. At the end of the day, the academic piece is the most important part.

"There will be some that question or don't understand the role that athletics has in the educational process. However, when aligned with the district's mission and vision, athletics translates directly into the classroom and later in life."Scriven's top priority as he enters the position is creating constancy across the entire district.

"My main priority early on is to just be here for support and jump into creating consistent policy for the district, a district handbook for everything from discipline and academic policy all the way down to work being turned in," Scriven said. "Then we start moving into facilities and coaches with CDLs (to drive buses to events)."

The search now begins for a replacement for Scriven at Crestwood. While he'll assist in that endeavor, he plans to have the incoming CHS principal remain in the driver's seat in that search. Once as AD is in place with the Knights, Scriven thinks each of the athletic directors in the district will be a major strength for Sumter School District, as Curtis Johnson returns to Sumter High and Donald Flippin remains in charge at Lakewood.

"The high school and middle school ADs already work together right now, so we already work together. I'm just looking forward to working with them even more," Scriven said.

Sumter 10U All-Stars Division 1 champs move on to state tournament



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Sumter 10U All-Stars Division 1 Champions won 12-0 over Lake Marion Minor All-Stars on June 17 at Patriot Park. Their next stop will be the DYB AAA State Tournament in Gilbert. The opening ceremony will be held on Friday, July 3, with the bracket play beginning on Saturday, July 4.

Giannis Antetokounmpo to be traded to Heat in blockbuster deal, AP source says

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer



AP FILE PHOTO

Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) dribbles the ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Miami Heat on March 12 in Miami.

MIAMI — Giannis Antetokounmpo wants more championships. So do the Miami Heat.

Their interests are officially aligned — and the Heat finally have another superstar.

Ending a marathon watch for the next great Miami get, the Heat landed Antetokounmpo — a two-time NBA MVP and 10-time All-Star — from the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night in exchange for a massive haul of players and draft picks.

The terms, according to a person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the move had yet to receive the required league approval: Antetokounmpo and Bobby Portis are heading to Miami for Wisconsin native Tyler Herro, Jaime Jaquez Jr., Kel'el Ware and Kasparas Jakucionis.

Milwaukee also gets the No. 13 selection that will be made in Tuesday night's NBA draft, along with a first-round pick swap in 2030, first-round picks in 2031 and 2033 and a second-rounder in 2033, the person said.

It ends a wild back-and-forth in the final days of the saga, with the Bucks considering offers from both Miami and Boston for Antetokounmpo — who led Milwaukee to the 2021 NBA title, was on the NBA's 75th anniversary list of its greatest players ever, is a nine-time All-NBA selection and is coming off an injury-shortened season in which he averaged 27.6 points per game.

HEAT GO STAR HUNTING AGAIN, AND IT PAYS OFF

There has been no secret that this is what Miami has sought, because this is what Miami usually seeks. The Heat pulled off similar moves by landing Shaquille O'Neal in 2004 (helping lead to the 2006 NBA title) and by getting LeBron James and Chris Bosh to play alongside Dwyane Wade in 2010 (leading to four NBA Finals runs in four seasons together, along with the 2012 and 2013 NBA titles).

Now, it's Antetokounmpo's turn. At 31, the Heat clearly believe he still has many good years left — and it's generally presumed that by making this deal they'll give the Greek superstar a massive extension later this year.

He was a perennial MVP candidate in Milwaukee, getting votes for that award in nine consecutive seasons before 2025-26 when too many missed games left him ineligible.

He has averaged 24.1 points and 9.9 rebounds per game in his career, with 10 consecutive seasons of averaging at least 22.9 points — with three years in there of averaging more than 30 points per game.

Only seven active players have more points in their careers than Antetokounmpo, who has totaled 21,531 to this point.

A TRADE SEEMED INEVITABLE

Antetokounmpo had been mentioned in trade talks countless times in recent years, with the Bucks always insisting — with words and actions — that they had no interest in trading their best player and one of the best players in the history of the franchise.

But this time, it seemed different.

The Bucks, who fired Doc Rivers as coach after the season, don't have a roster that would be considered a championship contender. By trading Antetokounmpo, they can essentially start over with four players (and the Heat were high on all of them) along with draft capital.

"I just think before the draft is a natural time, right, because if Giannis does play somewhere else we're going to get a lot of assets. ... You've got to get it right," Bucks co-owner Jimmy Haslam said in May, when the team introduced new coach Taylor Jenkins — who was told that Antetokounmpo may or may not be with the franchise when next season starts.

Jenkins and the rest of the NBA now has the answer: Antetokounmpo won't be there.

Antetokounmpo had spoken highly of Miami many times over the years, even when the Heat and Bucks were going head-to-head in the playoffs. He also shares an agent with Heat star center Bam Adebayo, who was the only player Miami clearly was not willing to part with in order to make this deal happen.

"They're going to play tough and they're not going to stop playing," Antetokounmpo said after Milwaukee played Miami on March 12. "That's the Miami Heat culture."

Little did anyone know that night that those words were coming after what would be the next-to-last game for Antetokounmpo in a Bucks uniform. He played three nights later against Indiana, then was held out of Milwaukee's final 15 games of the season.

The Bucks said that was for injury-related reasons. Antetokounmpo said he wanted to play.

He had some bouts with injuries this past season: Antetokounmpo missed four games in late November with a left adductor strain and sat out eight games in December with a right calf strain, then he injured the right calf again in January.

He landed awkwardly on a dunk in that March 15 victory over Indiana and didn't play again due to what team officials had labeled as a left knee hyperextension and bone bruise. Antetokounmpo said the last few weeks of the season that he was healthy and wanted to play, a dispute that resulted in an investigation by the league office.

FOR ANTETOKOUNMPO, IT'S ABOUT LEGACY

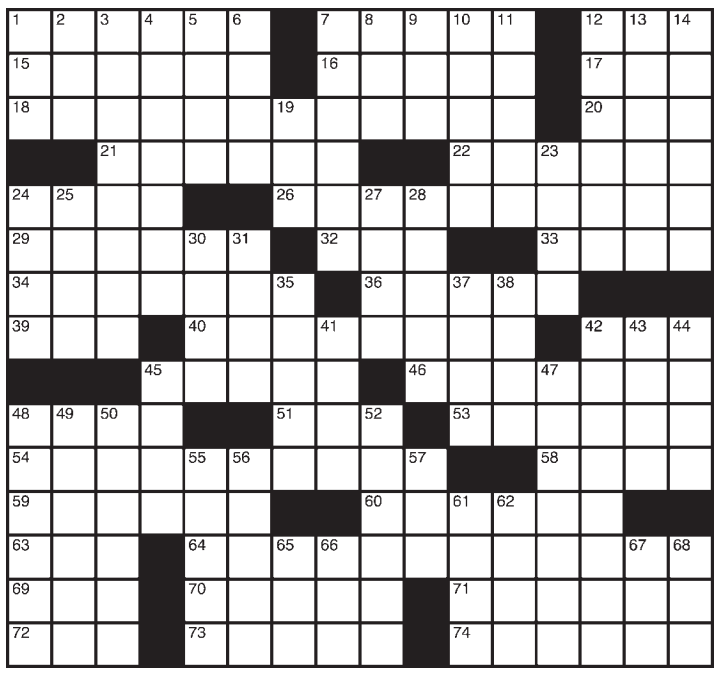
Antetokounmpo said coming into the 2025-26 season that he is at the point in his career where he thinks about his legacy, and how more championships are important to him. Told he is already considered an all-time great, he bristled at the notion.

"I'm not there yet," Antetokounmpo said that day at Bucks training camp.

That's hard to believe, considering his resume. He's won a championship. He's been an MVP. He's been an NBA Finals MVP. He's a perennial All-Star and All-NBA pick. He's one of only seven players born somewhere other than the 50 states of the U.S. to have reached the 20,000-point mark. In 2025, he led Greece to its first EuroBasket medal in 16 years.

"Every basketball player, every athlete, starts a career and they have this quest of what they want to accomplish and what to be remembered for," Antetokounmpo said in that same training camp interview. "And I think at this point, I've accomplished everything that I've put my mind to."

CROSSWORD



Across
1 Getting off the fence
7 Indian state known for silk and tea
12 Nothing special
15 Subdued
16 High wispy clouds
17 'Twas the night before Christmas?
18 *Time of financial growth
20 Antidiscrimination HR initiative
21 Replace with a grawlix, say
22 Helping
24 Gush
26 *What may follow kids in a candy store?
29 Elixirs
32 "To ___ is human ... "
33 Past regulation, briefly
34 Blooper reel bit
36 Sounding shocked
39 TD's six
40 *Handshake alternative
42 Knight's title
45 Italian scooter
46 Try to be like
48 Eye ailment
51 Puppy's bark
53 Speechified
54 *Stressful contest?
58 Antacid brand
59 "Let me check"
60 Someone who has a trying job?
63 Manicure choice
64 Finish dramatically, or what the answers to the starred clues do
69 Andrea Gibson's "___ to the Public Panic Attack"
70 Oktoberfest mug
71 Soul legend Franklin
72 Craggy hill
73 Kagan of the Supreme Court
74 "Let's hear it!"

Down
1 Fútbol chant
2 Abbr. that includes many racial identities
3 Opinion
4 "Didn't fool me!"
5 Gas in bright signs
6 Fitness centers
7 Accumulate, as sick time
8 Sis or bro
9 "No seats" sign
10 Like fans after great plays
11 Mirror
12 Freeway divider
13 "And yet ... "
14 Progress that may be measured on a doorframe
19 Siri platform
23 Coffee option
24 "Quit it!"
25 Sulky look
27 Snatch quickly
28 Exchange words
30 Bistro
31 Hits the slopes
35 Awards such as Best Play and Best Team
37 Paintballs, e.g.
38 Egg (on)
41 Long part of a comet
42 Drench
43 Article
44 Cincinnati MLBers
45 Doberman docs
47 Dishonorable wager
48 Faucet
49 Ohio city on Lake Erie
50 Loud person
52 Green film on copper
55 Actress Witherspoon
56 Film starring Barbra Streisand as a woman who pretends to be a yeshiva boy
57 "Have we ___?"
61 Herring kin
62 Dim sum root vegetable
65 Department head?
66 Finish first
67 Org. emulated in "Heated Rivalry"
68 Lass

JUMBLE

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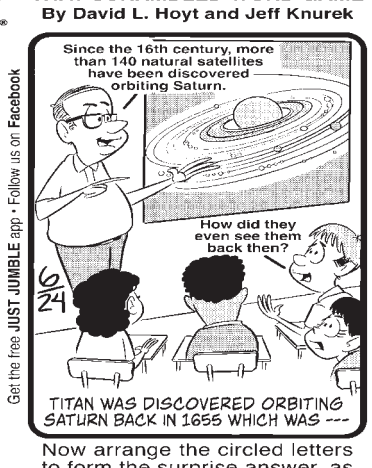
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DITCH CRUSH SCRIBE FRENZY
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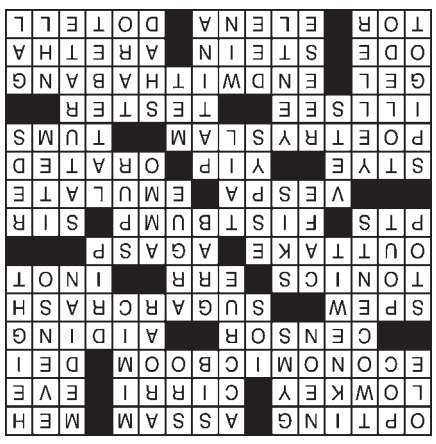
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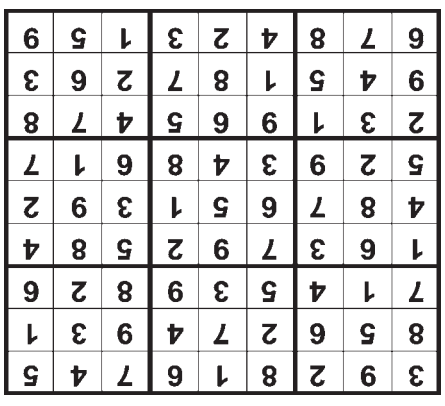
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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

SOLUTIONS





Jumbles: NOISY PRONG HAMMER CANOPY
Answer: Titan was discovered orbiting Saturn back in 1655 which was — MANY MOONS AGO

Oklahoma rolls past Tar Heels 13-2 for 1st national championship since 1994 and SEC's 7th in a row

BY ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer



Oklahoma players celebrate after defeating North Carolina in Game 3 of the NCAA College World Series baseball finals in Omaha, Nebraska, on Monday, June 22.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. — The way its regular season unfolded, a national championship for Oklahoma would have seemed impossible.

The way the postseason unfolded, well, there was no stopping the Sooners.

OU completed the improbable run to its first national championship since 1994 with a 13-2 victory over North Carolina in the winner-take-all Game 3 of the College World Series finals Monday night, a performance that featured the prodigious offensive production and clutch pitching the Sooners rode through the NCAA Tournament.

"I think we knew the talent was always in the room," said Jaxon Willits, named the CWS most outstanding player. "We got hot at the right time, and now we're national champions."

The Sooners (43-23) won the Southeastern Conference's seventh straight title, quite an accomplishment for a team picked 14th in the 16-team conference in the preseason, finished 11th and entered the postseason off losses in seven of nine games.

To get to Omaha, they beat No. 2 national seed Georgia Tech twice on the road in regionals and swept upstart Kansas on the road in super regionals. To get to the finals, they beat No. 3 Georgia twice in bracket play.

"They got really confident the last month," OU coach Skip Johnson said. "They care about each other. They didn't want to give in. They were selfless."

North Carolina (54-14-1) was runner-up for the third time since 2006 and now has 13 CWS appearances without a title. Only Florida State, with 24, has more without winning it all.

The Sooners were back in top form offensively after managing only four singles in a 6-2 loss in Game 2 and handed the Tar Heels their most lopsided loss of the season.

"We ran out of gas when all is said and done," Carolina coach Scott Forbes said.

When Jackson Cleveland struck out Jake Schaffner to end the game, he and catcher Deiten Lachance embraced and then headed to the dogpile that formed near third base. Players waving national championship towels rushed back toward their dugout to salute the celebrating Sooner faithful on the first-base line, football greats Barry Switzer and Brian Bosworth among them.

Kyle Branch, the No. 9 batter who came into the game 1 of 16 (.063) in the CWS, drove in six runs with a pair of singles and home run. His homer came on his last at-bat, just as brother Kolby's did for Georgia last Wednesday.

"Pure joy. Pure joy for our team," Branch said. "I had a teammate tell me I was going to do something special, and for him to tell me that with the way things have been going, it has to be a God thing."

He joined Dayton Tockey as the seventh and eighth OU players to homer in Omaha. Willits had three hits, reached base five times and finished the CWS 13 of 25 (.520).

The pitching matchup of Carolina's Jackson Rose (5-1) and Oklahoma's Nick Wesloski was the first between freshmen in a CWS winner-take-all game since 1993. Neither got out of the third inning.

LJ Mercurius (7-7) turned in another strong performance out of the bullpen, shutting down a threat when OU led 3-1 in the third and holding the Tar Heels to one run in 5 2/3 innings. He allowed just two runs in 12 1/3 over four CWS appearances.

The Tar Heels' pitching staff, which had the best ERA in the Atlantic Coast Conference, had been good and occasionally great in the CWS. It was neither Monday, with eight pitchers combining to allow 14 hits, issue eight walks, throw three wild pitches and hit a batter.

ACC freshman of the year Caden Glauber, who had given up just one run in 10 1/3 innings in four CWS appearances, was called on for a fifth one day after he threw 65 pitches in five shutout innings. It was apparent coach Forbes went to the well one time too many.

Glauber was called for a clock violation before he even threw his first pitch. He issued a four-pitch bases-loaded walk and Willits followed with a two-run single to make it 6-1 in the fourth. That was all for Glauber, who threw seven pitches, five of them balls. The Tar Heels had won all 29 games in which Glauber had pitched before Monday.

"This group loved each other all season and took us on a ride and came up just short," Forbes said. "I'd take that ride every day of the year. While we're sad, the sadness will go away. We talk about joy. Joy doesn't go away. These guys have given me, our coaching staff, our fans, administration, everybody, a ton of joy and a ton to be proud of."

OBITUARIES

GARY BERNARD RICHARDSON

Gary Bernard Richardson, baby boy of the late Jake and Bessie English Richardson, was born Nov. 7, 1962, in Sumter. Gary entered into his eternal rest on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at NHC Healthcare Parklane, Columbia, South Carolina. Gary graduated from Sumter High School with the Class of 1981 and enlisted in the United States Army after graduation.

Gary leaves to cherish his memories: a son, two sisters and a host of other relatives and specials.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 23, 2026, in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with Pastor Rita C. Stanley officiating.

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

Online messages may be sent to the family at *williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com*. Visit us on the web at *www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com*.

SHAMEL DUSHAWN GOWINS

Shamel Dushawn Gowins, 44, was born on Oct. 19, 1981, to Irene Gowins Sowells and the late Bernard Sowells in Brooklyn, New York. He attended the NYC public school system. He departed this earthly life on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at his home in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

His precious memories will be cherished by his mother, two daughters, two brothers and a host of other relatives and friends.

Viewing was 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2026, followed by Celebration of Life services at 11 a.m. in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Burial was in Hillside Memorial Park, 2561 Cain's Mill Road, Sumter.

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*.

ELLA REE JEFFERSON HALL

Ella Ree Jefferson Hall, 70, died Friday, June 19, 2026, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter. Born June 4, 1956, in Sumter County, she was the daughter of the late Ruby Jefferson Temoney and stepdaughter of the late James Edward Temoney.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 2100 Avenue B, Mayesville.

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

KATHRYN LEVI

Kathryn "Katie" Levi, 90, wife of Dr. Wendell Mitchell Levi Jr., died Saturday, June 20, 2026, at her home.

Services will be private; however, the family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2026, at her home.

Additional information will be announced by Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, who is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386. *www.sumterfunerals.com*

Elmore Hill McCreight
Funeral Home and Crematory

CHARLIE LARKIN

Charlie Larkin, 90, husband of Ernestine Dickson Larkin and son of the late Josephine Sistrunk, was born on April 15, 1936, in Orangeburg, S.C. He departed this life on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.

Public viewing will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary Inc.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2026, at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Walter Butler officiating.

Interment will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2026, at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 2331 Valleybrook Road, Sumter, starting Wednesday, June 24, 2026, to Friday, June 26, 2026, 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 the web at *www.jobsmortuary.net*.

GERTRUDE HARVEY SPANN

Gertrude Harvey Spann, 79, widow of Bobby Spann Sr. and daughter of the late Luby Henry Harvey and Hannah McCoy Harvey, was born on Feb. 10, 1947, in Council, North Carolina. She departed this life on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at her residence.

The family has requested no visitation at home.

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

DOROTHY JACKSON BOYKIN



BOYKIN

Dorothy Jackson Boykin, 89, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at NHC Healthcare in Sumter.

Born Aug. 8, 1936, in Sumter, she was the daughter of the late Herbert J. Jackson and Aletha Lewis Jackson. She was a 1953 graduate of Edmunds High School. She operated a bait business out of her home when her children were young and later worked as a CNA for Tuomey Hospital and later for the Health Department. She was a member of New Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors include three children, Johnny Boykin (Nancy), Carolyn Parker (Leon) and Cynthia Bowman (Manny); five grandchildren, Nicholas Parker, Melissa Foster (Christopher), Ashley Landreneau (Lance), Shane Bowman (Tiffany) and Shawn Bowman; eight great-grandchildren, Candice Sanders (Robert), Seth Foster (Annika), Weston Parker, Abigail Landreneau, Charlotte Bowman, Slayton Bowman, Avery Bowman and Easton Bowman; one great-grandchild, Knox Foster; and a sister-in-law, Joyce Jackson.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bubba Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2026, in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel officiated by the Rev. Jerry Watson and the Rev. Mel Thompson. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Nick Parker, Christopher Foster, Lance Landreneau, Shane Bowman, Shawn Bowman and Seth Foster.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of her son.

Memorials may be made to Lewis Chapel Church, 1510 Plowden Mill Rd., Sumter, SC 29153.

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

SCOTT CHARLES SCARBOROUGH



SCARBOROUGH

Scott Charles Scarborough, 63, husband of Paula S. Lybrand Scarborough and son of the late Thomas Scarborough and Runette Wells Temoney, was born on Jan. 14, 1963, in Lynchburg, S.C. He departed this life on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.

Public viewing will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 26, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Salem Chapel and Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Pastor Sonya Lybrand, officiating, and Pastor Ethel Richburg, eulogist.

Internment will follow at The Sam and Lela Scarborough Memorial Park, Highway 341 North, Lynchburg.

Family will receive friends at the residence of his brother, 1136 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Hopkins.

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

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

WILLIAM WAYNE MATHIS

William Wayne Mathis, 73, beloved husband of 53 years to Debbie Sellers Mathis, died Monday, June 22, 2026, at his home.



MATHIS

Born in Sumter, he was a son of the late Lonnie Mathis and Connie Skinner Mathis.

He was a retired contractor, a man of God who loved his family and was an avid fisherman.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Shelly M. Stokes (Will), Niki Lewis (Chris) and Jennifer M. Guerra (Norman); one son, Jason Wayne Mathis (Megan); a sister, Ellen Campbell; six grandchildren, Dennis Ray Grooms, Nikolas Grooms, Caroline Jefferson (Jay), Emma Kay Mathis, Reese Ann Mathis and Anderson Stokes; his beloved dogs Mary Kate and Cole.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lonnie Thomas Mathis Jr.

Services will be private.

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

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

Elmore Hill McCreight
Funeral Home and Crematory

VERONICA WILLIAMS

Veronica Williams, 83, daughter of the late Prince Williams and Lela Thompson Williams, was born on Oct. 24, 1942, in Bronx, New York. She departed this life on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at Sumter East Health and Rehabilitation Center, Sumter.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Sumter's "Annual Water Quality Report" from Mayor David P. Merchant is now available to all water customers. The report may be accessed electronically at www.SumterH2O.com

If you do not have internet access or would prefer a paper copy of the report, please call 803-436-2558. The Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report, is a requirement of the federal and state government. If your drinking water is processed and delivered by the City of Sumter, you should receive notification that the report is available.

Summons & Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF CASS
EAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No.: 09- 2026-DM-00308
NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND TERMINATION OF PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP

In the Matter of the Adoption of Makayla Dawn Norfork, a Minor Child.
TYLER MAC MACDONALD, an individual
Petitioner,
v.
RICKEY JORDAN NORFORK, an individual;
The Executive Director, North Dakota Department of Human Services,
Respondents.

TO: RESPONDENTS RICKEY JORDAN NORFORK, AN INDIVIDUAL; THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:
YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY NOTIFED that a Petition by the abovenamed Petitioner for the adoption of the abovenamed minor has been filed with the Clerk of the District Court of Cass County, North Dakota; and
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFED that the abovenamed Petitioner in his Petition for Adoption has petitioned the Court for the termination of parental rights of the Respondent, Rickey Jordan Norfork, to above mentioned child, Makayla Dawn Norfork, to henceforth be known as Makayla Dawn MacDonald; and this has also been file with the Clerk of District Court of the County of Cass, State of North Dakota; and
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFED that mentioned Petition will be heard before the Honorable Constance Cleveland, District Judge in the chambers of the Court in the Courthouse, City of Fargo, County of Cass, North Dakota., on August 11th, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

RESPECTFULLY,
dated this 4th day of May, year 2025.
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
C/A NO.: 2026-CP-43-00654
SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury)
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
v.
Gary Lee Osborne, Jr.; Keith R. Hamlin,
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 1400 Browning Road, Suite 160, 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.
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 April 28, 2026.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
C/A NO: 2026CP4300690
SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury)
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
ANTONIO T. SLATER; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE,
Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 3515 DELAWARE DR DALZELL, SC 29040 being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 151-12-03-004, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, GA 30004, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within sixty (60) days after the service of this Summons 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 for 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 by payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge or 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.
NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lis Pendens, Summons, Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above-entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for SUMTER County on May 6, 2026.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO. 2026-CP-43-00844
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT
(262395.00028)

Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC d/b/a Mortgage Solutions Financial,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
Terance Harden; et. al.
DEFENDANT(S).

TO THE DEFENDANT TERANCE HARDEN ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve copy of your answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 1800 St. Julian Place, Suite 407, Columbia, SC 29204 or P.O. Box 2065, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof upon you, 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 demanded in the Complaint, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on May 28, 2026.

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Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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

Estate: BETTY CHANCE AKA PLAYER FOSTER
Case Number: 2026ES4300379
Personal Representative: SANDY DALY
Address: 5280 VININGS SPRINGS TRAIL MABLETON GA 30126
Attorney, If Applicable:
Address:

Estate: CINDI ANN SWATLING
Case Number: 2026ES4300354
Personal Representative: STEVEN SWATLING
Address: 1155 RACCOON RD SUMTER SC 29154
Attorney, If Applicable:
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Estate: RICHARD ALSTON
Case Number: 2026ES4300345
Personal Representative: CARLA WALKER-ALSTON
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Estate: MARILYN HUTSON WEATHERSBEE
Case Number: 2026ES4300370
Personal Representative: EDWARD ELLISON
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Case Number: 2026ES4300362
Personal Representative: MANDY AVIN FAULLING
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Personal Representative: MERRI AVIN SIMPSON
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Estate: THOMASENA SINGLETON
Case Number: 2026ES4300375
Personal Representative: PAMELA KELLOGG-BROOKS
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Estate: JAMES W JONES SR
Case Number: 2026ES4300343
Personal Representative: JAMES WILLIAM JONES JR
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Estate: DAVID ALLEN DUBOSE
Case Number: 2026ES4300342
Personal Representative: JOHNNIE R DUBOSE
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Estate: JUDY MARIE IRICK
Case Number: 2026ES4300369
Personal Representative: ELLIHUE IRICK JR
Address: 1271 N. PIKE EAST SUMTER SC 29153
Attorney, If Applicable:
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Estate: LINDA ANN HAMILTON HOLBERT
Case Number: 2026ES4300360
Personal Representative: RICHARD H HOLBERT JR
Address: 1725 MARDEN ROAD SUMTER SC 29154
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Estate: FRANCES LEE BRUNSON
Case Number: 2026ES4300374
Personal Representative: SADIE A. RAZOR
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Estate: SYBIL B. BROWN
Case Number: 2026ES4300252
Personal Representative: SARA B. MCKENZIE
Address: 9050 SUMMERTON HWY PINEWOOD SC 29125
Attorney, If Applicable: S WAYNE GAMBLE
Address: P O BOX 2468 SUMTER SC 29151

Estate: PRETTO M. PORTER
Case Number: 2026ES4300357
Personal Representative: MILLICENT A. MCCRAY
Address: 2645 GOLDENEYE RIDGE SUMTER SC 29150
Attorney, If Applicable:
Address:

Estate: ADELE BOWMAN BRUNSON
Case Number: 2026ES4300351
Personal Representative: ERVIN BRUNSON
Address: 2645 MCCRAYS MILL RD SUMTER SC 29154
Attorney, If Applicable:
Address:

Estate: SHIRLEY SINGLETON
Case Number: 2026ES4300359
Personal Representative: CIARA SINGLETON
Address: 410 HARMON RD HOPKINS SC 29061
Attorney, If Applicable:
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Estate: KAY FRANCES WHITE
Case Number: 2026ES4300372
Personal Representative: CYNTHIA K, WHITE
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Estate: BARNEY PRESSLEY FURMAN
Case Number: 2026ES4300113
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Attorney, If Applicable: MICHAEL M JORDAN
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Estate: ELNORA CONYERS PALMER
Case Number: 2026ES4300366
Personal Representative: SHARON CONYERS
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Attorney, If Applicable:
Address:

Estate: CALVIN EUGENE MOTES
Case Number: 2026ES4300356
Personal Representative: SHANE CALVIN MOTES
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Attorney, If Applicable:
Address:

Estate: LEROY JAMES ABRAMS
Case Number: 2026ES4300346
Personal Representative: BRANDOLYN CARTER
Address: 1310 BOULEVARD RD SUMTER SC 29153
Attorney, If Applicable:
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Estate: MORGAN RILEY LANG
Case Number: 2025ES4300399
Personal Representative: TAMMY JEAN SULLIVAN
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Attorney, If Applicable: E THOMPSON KINNEY
Address: 17 EAST CALHOUN STREET SUMTER SC 29150

Estate: JOSEPH JAMES SCHEPIS SR
Case Number: 2024ES4300495
Personal Representative: SANDRA L. SCHEPIS
Address: 3020 SPRINGDALE WAY SUMTER SC 29150
Attorney, If Applicable: A PAUL WEISSENSTEIN JR
Address: 106 BROAD STREET SUMTER SC 29150
Personal Representative: LUANN C. SCHEPIS SANDS
Address: 67 NAVIGATOR LANE SAVANNAH GA 31410

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE 2023-CP-43-01986 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, For the Holders of the CIM Trust 2020-R6, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-R6 against Tameka Denise Howard, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Susan Harvin; any other Heirs-at-Law of Susan Harvin, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; and Prisma Health, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on July 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that lot of land in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, with the buildings and improvements thereon, fronting 44 feet on Dingle Street of said City and extending back a uniform width to a depth of 198.4 feet, be said dimensions a little more or less, bounded: North by Dingle Street, East by land now or formerly of Cleapor; South by land of Hattie E. James; and West by Lot of land of Margaret W. Love, and being the Eastern half of lot of land conveyed to Graham Holding Company by the Permanent Building and Loan Association of Sumter, S.C. This being the same property conveyed to Sue Harvin by deed of W.T. Hynes dated November 29, 1989 and recorded December 4, 1989 in Deed Book 498 at Page 137. TMS No. 2270403004 Property Address: 304 Dingle Street, Sumter, SC 29150 All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 9.0000%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will conclude at the fall of the gavel on the date of the sale. Compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 7960

NOTICE OF SALE 2025-CP-43-02000 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2025-1 against The Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown, of the Estates of Clara Mazonkey and William R. Mazonkey; Pamela Revill, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Clara Mazonkey and William R. Mazonkey, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, Midland Funding LLC, and LVNV Funding, LLC, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on July 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in Sumter Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot #4, Block K, in Sherwood Forest Subdivision, as shown on plat recorded in the Office of the C.C.C.P. for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-18 at page 126, and more specifically shown on a plat plan of said lot made by H.S. Willson, RLS, dated December 2, 1965, and resurveyed on May 30, 1967, recorded in the Office of the C.C.C.P for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-24 at page 69. Pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, (1976, as amended) reference to said plat is hereby made for the metes, bounds, courses and/or distances of the property delineated thereon. Being the same property conveyed to William R. Mazonkey and Clara B. Mazonkey by deed from M.L. Marshall dated June 23, 1967 and recorded June 28, 1967 in Book M-9 at Page 1735, Clerk of Court for Sumter County. Thereafter, upon information and belief, Clara Mazonkey passed on July 28, 2020 leaving the property to her heirs who are believed to be William R. Mazonkey and Pamela Revill. Thereafter, William R. Mazonkey died intestate on December 7, 2021, leaving the Property to his heirs at law or devisees, namely, Pamela Revill, as is more fully preserved in the Probate Records for Sumter County, in Case No.: 2021ES4300945. TMS No. 268-09-04-032 Property Address: 1047 East Sherwood Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.9100%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will conclude at the fall of the gavel on the date of the sale. Compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 7993

MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE 2025-CP-43-01332 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Guild Mortgage Company against Kim Janice Sinkler, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Derrick Bennett; et al,, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on July 6, 2026 at 12 o'clock noon, at the Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County or Sumter, State or South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot E on that certain plat prepared by Stevenson M. Muldrow, PLS, dated August 7, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book PB2019, page 176. 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 2785 Genoa Drive, Sumter. SC. Represented by Sumter County Tax Parcel No. 189-05-01-038. This being the same property conveyed to Derrick Bennett by deed from Gainey Construction Company, LLC dated July 13, 2020 and recorded on July 15, 2020 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina, in Book 1271 at Page 469. TMS # 1890501038 Property Address: 2785 Genoa Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of sale, the sale shall be cancelled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder). If such sale is made to the Plaintiff or its assignee for more than the total debt at the time of the sale, the Plaintiff shall have thirty (30) days to tender the difference between the total debt at the time of the sale and the sale price. As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the biding will not remain open thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the deed and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.5% per annum. SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. NOTICE: This sale will occur outdoors, on the front steps of the historical courthouse, facing N. Main St. All persons in attendance are subject to having their temperature taken (non-touch or temple touch). Anyone that is visually or audibly symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal or throat congestion, etc.) may be denied in person participation. Anyone that is otherwise symptomatic (loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should not attend. Masks or facial coverings are not required but may be worn. Social distancing will be observed with at least six foot distancing between participants. The Honorable Michael M. Jordan Master in Equity for Sumter County Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 803-509-5078 / File# 25-43429 Attorney for Plaintiff 7950

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