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# Sumter K-9 Mike retires






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**ABOVE LEFT: Cpl. Larry Wix stands with his K-9 partner, Mike, during Mike's retirement ceremony on Thursday afternoon at Sumter County Sheriff's Office. Mike is a 10-year-old Dutch malinois and has worked with Wix for five years. He will be adopted by Wix and live with his family. ABOVE RIGHT: K-9 Mike takes a look at his retirement plaque held by his handler, Cpl. Larry Wix, as they attend Mike's retirement ceremony.**

## Five-year police department veteran hanging up his leash

**BY ADRIENNE SARVIS**
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On Thursday, Sumter County Sheriff's Office celebrated the retirement of K-9 Mike, a five-year veteran with the agency, who will complete his last shift today.

K-9 Mike, 10 years old, has been an asset to the agency, Chief Deputy Hampton Gardner said. This is a bittersweet occasion, he said.

Staff Sgt. Jason Tassone, supervisor of the K-9 Unit, said Mike has been a vital part of the agency and a valuable part of the K-9 Unit. Tassone presented K-9 Mike with a plaque thanking him for his dedicated service to Sumter County.

He said Mike may be a little upset about not going to work every day anymore because the service dogs tend to enjoy working so much.

After today, Mike will start his retirement as a civilian dog, living with his handler, Cpl. Larry Wix.

Wix said he and Mike spend 12 hours together at work and already live together because of their partnership.

He said Mike is the first K-9 he has worked with as a deputy.

Before a K-9 can start work, it must complete about two years of training to get certified to go on patrols with a handler, Wix said.

During his time with the agency, Mike has assisted Wix in many cases including searching for missing people, tracking suspects and locating narcotics. He said K-9 Mike is a dual-purpose service dog who provides handler protection as well as tracking services for the agency.

Having a K-9 is similar to having a back-up officer, Wix said. Mike has been a loyal partner from day one, he said.

Wix said 10 years is usually the maximum age for a service K-9. He said their partnership will continue after Mike's retirement, just in a different setting.

Wix will continue as a member of the K-9 Unit and will travel to Georgia on Sunday to pick up his new work partner, K-9 Spike.

# Sumter native Lewis Brice a top 10 new artist

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

NASHVILLE — *Rolling Stone Country* has named Sumter native Lewis Brice one of the 10 New Country Artists You Need to Know, following the debut of his July release on Spotify. He received more than a million streams there, and his songs are very popular on many other digital playlists.

A breakout song from Brice's release, "Outta My Head," is receiving frequent play on SiriusXM The Highway's #OnTheHorizon for the past two weeks as its YouTube Spotlight. Brice can be found at listeners' digital retailer of choice and at *lewisbrice.com*, where you can listen to samples from the songs on his extended play, or EP, release and connect to digital formats to purchase. There is also a schedule of his tour dates, which begin today in Elkart, Indiana.

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**Sumter native Lewis Brice, brother of country music star Lee Brice, is seen on the cover of his extended play release "Outta My Head."**

AUGUST FARM REPORT



JIM HILLEY / THE SUMTER ITEM

**A combine harvests feed corn at Jeremy Cannon's farm near Turbeville. Cannon said most of the corn would likely end up as feed for Pilgrim's Pride.**

# A few stink bugs mar otherwise good corn crop

**BY JIM HILLEY**
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Most farms in the tri-county area have had a pleasant summer.

"It was a real good growing season; we had mild temperatures, it never got all that hot and plenty of moisture so the corn took advantage and matured a little bit early," said Clemson Extension Agent David DeWitt.

But while a robust corn harvest is underway, some farmers are finding unwanted visitors in their ears: stink bugs.

"We had stink bugs that got into the corn in May, and you will see some extreme losses," said Ricky Atkinson, who farms about 4,000 acres of corn, wheat, soybeans and cotton in Lee County near Mayesville.

"You might see a field that is about 150 bushels and another right beside it with 50 bushels," Atkinson said. "Those stink bugs must have been in the woods and wheat crop, and when we harvested, we pushed them out of the wheat and into the corn."

Even with the stink bugs, Atkinson said it still looks like a good year, so far.

He said his cotton and soybeans are looking good, but some areas could use some rain.

"We have had some spotty rains; about half of our crop on the side near Mayesville is pretty good, but the side near Bishopville is in a pretty decent drought right now," he said.

DeWitt said most cotton he has seen is looking good.

"Cotton has probably enjoyed this heat," he said. "Cotton likes a little bit of heat on it."

He agreed some areas could use rain.

Near Turbeville, Jeremy Cannon said he has seen some damage from stink bugs in a couple of his fields as well.

"I have had two farms with stink bugs; they are going to be pretty rough, but percentage-wise they were probably only in about 10 percent of my total acreage."

He said he is harvesting his corn this week.

"With a few weeks of good weather, we will make good headway with it," he said. "Looks like it is going to be as good as last year."

Cannon said his tobacco is about a month from harvest.

"It's as good of a tobacco crop as we've had in five or six years," he said.

Like most farmers, he'll feel better when all of his crop is harvested.

"So far, so good," he said. "You know as well as I do, for the last couple of years you can't count on it until you get it in."

Soybeans have been growing well, too, DeWitt said.

"We have a few folks who are actually planting some soybeans behind the corn," DeWitt said. Most of those are people who cut their corn in July.

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# Eclipse to spark large economic impact

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As a result of the total solar eclipse Monday, Sumter can expect a large economic impact as well as future visits from out-of-town guests because of Southern hospitality.

The eclipse event was handled very nicely, said Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon during Sumter County Council's meeting Tuesday.

He said more than 9,000 people, mostly people from out of town, are estimated to have visited Dillon Park on Monday to watch the total eclipse. Many of the out-of-town visitors were staying on the coast but came farther into the state because the skies were not clear enough to see the eclipse, he said.

Mixon said the event also brought more foot traffic downtown, where some visitors watched the eclipse with county employees on the lawn of the old Sumter County Courthouse on Main Street.

A lot of visitors made comments about how friendly the people of Sumter are, he said. Some people said they would revisit Sumter for other events, he said.

Mixon said it is estimated that Sumter will see hundreds of thousands of dollars in economic growth because of the event.

It was exceptionally orderly, said deputy Ken Bell, public information officer for Sumter County Sheriff's Office, about the watch party at Dillon Park on Monday. No arrests were made at the park, and everyone paid attention to traffic guides, he said.

Bell said as far as he knows, there were no wrecks involving eclipse traffic near the park.

He said the entrances to the park closed about 1:45 p.m. It was remarkable how many people were there, he said.

Bell said it seemed that many of the people who visited from out of state left the area with a positive impression of Sumter. The event was kind of like a family reunion because people were being so friendly and helpful to each other, he said.

Except for the temperature, everything went off without a hitch, he said.

Police Chief Russell F. Roark III said everything went well inside the city limits as well.



**Locals and out-of-towners flocked to Dillon Park to experience the solar eclipse Monday. While waiting, they passed the time with face painting, reading, playing cards and just trying to stay cool.**

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## LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Sumter Kmart not on list of closures

Sumter's Kmart is not among 28 stores targeted for closing by parent company Sears Holding Corp., according to a list made public by the company Thursday. One South Carolina store, in Conway, was on the list.

"The company informed associates at 28 Kmart stores that we will be closing these stores later this year as we continue to transform our business model so that our footprint and our digital capabilities match the needs and preferences of our members," read a statement accompanying the list of closures.

## CORRECTION

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# FTC wins fleet award for using alternative fuels

**BY BRUCE MILLS**
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A local company recently received a state energy conservation award for its commitment to using propane in its fleet vehicles.

In late July, the Palmetto Clean Fuels coalition, an initiative of a state regulatory energy office, presented Farmers Telephone Co-op. with its 2016 South Carolina Green Fleet Leader award, according to officials and a news release.

Landon Masters, energy specialist with the S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff, said the award is given annually to fleets in the transportation sector for reducing energy use and petroleum by use of alternative fuels.

Also known as liquefied petroleum gas, or autogas, propane is the world's third most-common transportation fuel, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, and it's considered an alternative fuel. The potential for improved vehicle performance and lower maintenance costs are two reasons for propane's popularity for high-mileage vehicles. Propane also reduces carbon dioxide emissions into the environment. Additionally, propane provides cost savings for fleets, in part because its price is less volatile than gasoline, according to officials.

In 2009, FTC worked with Palmetto Gas locally to install propane kits on 63 Chevrolet trucks in its fleet. According to the state clean fuels coalition, each vehicle costs about $6,300 to convert, but the installation was fully funded through an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program — called the Carolina Blue Skies Green Jobs Initiative — under then-President Obama.

FTC installed refueling pumps at its offices in Sumter and Kingstree and at a convenience store in Clarendon County, thus making it convenient for drivers to fill up.

In presenting the award, the state coalition said FTC's converted fleet and refueling stations proved beneficial last year when Hurricane Matthew caused major power outages in the co-op's five-county service area, which includes Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties.

"Because of the availability of propane, FTC drivers were not dependent on electrically powered gas pumps and were available to visit job sites and repair infrastructure," according to the coalition's news release. "In addition, these trucks could travel almost twice the distance between fill ups because of the bi-fuel (propane and gasoline) system that allowed drivers to deplete both tanks before refueling."

FTC officials expressed their appreciation for the award.

"This is just another way we work to try to be good stewards of our members' and customers' money," FTC Public Relations Director Chip Chase said. "With savings like these, the idea is to continue to reinvest in our infrastructure and our network to make the services we can provide and offer the best they can be."

According to the state clean fuels coalition, the City of Greer Commission of Public Works — a local government utility in the Upstate — won the inaugural Green Fleet Leader award for 2015.

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# Duke grad student researches how Confederate sub crew died

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A former Duke University student believes she has solved the mystery of how the eight Confederate crew members on board the world's first submarine to sink an enemy warship were killed, but the researchers with access to the sub say her theory is not new.

Rather than having drowned or suffocated, the men were actually killed by the same weapon they wielded, according to Rachel Lance, who earned a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering with her research last year.

The explosion from a keg of gunpowder from a 16-foot pole that stretched out from the H.L. Hunley in February 1864 created a blast wave that pulverized the lungs, brains and other soft tissue of the crew, killing them instantly, Lance said.

But Navy researchers, helping with the official examination of the Hunley, have studied the blast wave theory and have their doubts, Naval History and Heritage Command spokesman Paul Taylor said.

"The Navy has already examined the concussive wave theory. We found it highly unlikely to have injured the crew, let alone caused their deaths," said Taylor, who added the team had not had time to review Lance's research.

The Hunley was recovered from the bottom of Charleston Harbor off the South Carolina coast in 2000. Researchers have already figured out how it moved and submerged and surfaced, but one of the Hunley's biggest remaining mysteries is how the Confederate crew died after sinking a Union blockade ship with the gunpowder keg.

The soft tissue that could prove Lance's theory decomposed at the bottom of the ocean long ago. But she said the fact that the skeletons of the crew were found to be still at their stations in 2000 supports her idea that they died without any warning of danger.

She worked out her theory by using a 6-foot model of the Hunley, filling it with sensors and floating it in a pond as she subjected it to dozens of explosions.

"All the physical evidence points to the crew taking absolutely no action in response to a flood or loss of air," she said.

The official scientists working to preserve the submarine in a North Charleston, South Carolina, laboratory, had no comment on Lance's research, said Kellen Correia, executive director of the Friends of the Hunley. Correia pointed out Lance had no access to the primary evidence from the current research into the sub.

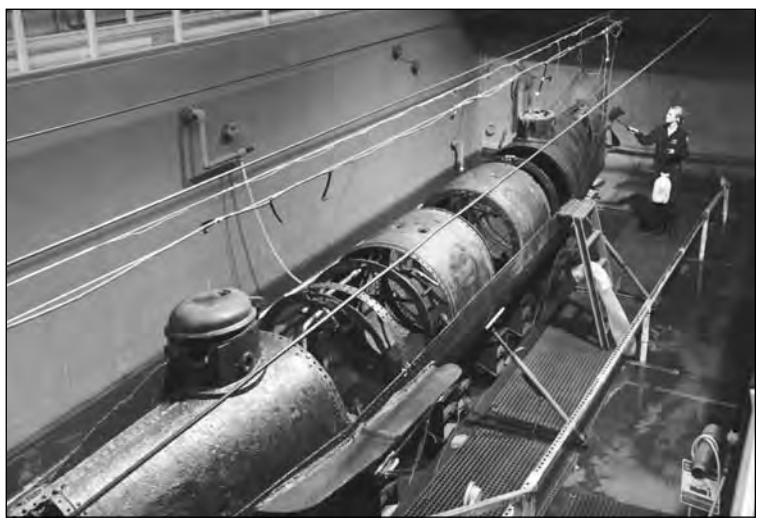
Those official researchers continue their work on several ways the men could have died, including the notion that the submarine had a leak and could not surface, or that the crew ran out of oxygen while underwater.

Lance said she sent the researchers emails to try to collaborate, but that didn't work out.

Lance's research, which cost about $4,000, examined how shock waves move through the ocean. One thing Lance found is that the waves move much slower in a frothy combination of air and water and could have taken up to six times as long to make it through the crew's bodies, causing even more severe injuries, she said.

Lance is a scuba diver and a history buff thanks to her father, so she said her research into blast waves underwater made sense.

"I've always just been a really big fan of history, on top of that I was already in a lab where I was studying explosives and blast injuries so the Hunley just seemed like a natural fit," she said.



AP FILE PHOTO

**Conservator Anna Funke sprays sodium hydroxide on the H.L. Hunley in the Warren Lasch Conservation Center in North Charleston in June. Rachel Lance, a former Duke University student, thinks she has solved the mystery of how the eight Confederate crew members on board the world's first submarine to sink an enemy warship were killed, but researchers with access to the sub say her theory isn't new.**

# Arrest made in Broad Street convenience store robbery

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Sumter Police Department arrested a man Thursday morning in connection with an armed robbery Tuesday night at a Broad Street convenience store.



HEAD

The arrest came after multiple tips from the public and law enforcement community.

Timothy Odell Head, 57, a transient, was arrested and charged with armed robbery and possession of a weapon during a violent crime after witnesses said they saw him enter Sunoco at 1083 Broad St., pull out a handgun and demand money.

He reportedly left on foot with an undetermined amount of cash and other items.

Head is being held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center. The police department said an investigation into the incident is ongoing.

# Police release sketch of one suspect

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Sumter police released a sketch based on witness accounts of a suspect reportedly thought involved in a string of four armed robberies in South Sumter recently.

The man is one of two that police want to identify after the men most recently entered a package store Wednesday at 3 p.m. at 310 Manning Ave.

The two men, one wearing a bandanna on his face, pointed a firearm and demanded money, and the second suspect took money from the cash register.

No injuries were reported, and the men fled the store west on Bee Street with cash, mini bottles and a bottle of liquor valued at $20.

The first three stores robbed were all barber shops, and the suspects were masked and wearing dark clothing when they entered each of the stores pointing firearms.

In all three of those cases, which began Aug. 16, one or both suspects went through barbers' and patrons' belongings and clothing, then fled with cash, financial transaction cards, cellphones, keys and other items. No injuries were reported.



SUSPECT

The robberies were at Star Barbershop, 33 S. Sumter St., on Aug 16; Gentlemen's Barbershop, 408 W. Liberty St., on Aug. 19; and Carolina Barbershop, 224 Manning Ave., on Monday.

The men in each of the robberies are described as about 6 feet tall and 5 feet 6 inches tall. Both are reportedly black males between 18 and 24 years old.

If you have any information about these robberies, call Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

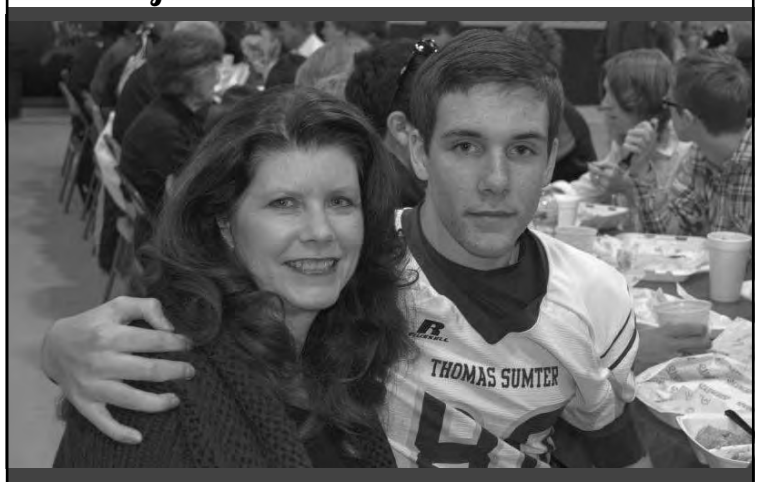
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# Be courageous

Nelson Mandela once said, "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Fear comes in all shapes and sizes. Some people fear heights or closed-in places; some fear large crowds, while many fear speaking in public. Some people fear various things in regard to their children. In today's world, many fear that phone call from a doctor after going through a series of tests. The goal of this article is to help us face fears with courage.



**Family Encouragement**
RICHARD HOLMES

In Deuteronomy 31:6, we can read these powerful words: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." In this Scripture, Moses is passing the torch of leadership to Joshua but also letting the people of Israel know they do not need to be fearful because the Lord is always with them; the Lord will go ahead of them and destroy their enemies. Just as Moses reminded the people of Israel to be courageous, that the Lord was with them and he would never leave them, those words hold true today no matter what challenges we face.

If you have recently received news of a sickness, be strong and courageous. The Lord is walking with you. Maybe you are starting a new job in a new state with people you have never met, and there is fear of the unknown — be strong and courageous because God is preparing the path for you. This summer may be the time you launched children to college or a career, and you are worried about their safety. Place them in God's hands, knowing they may fail but he can and will pick them up.

Whatever challenges you are facing, "Be strong and courageous; the Lord is with you and will never leave you."

Today, may we make a commitment to be strong and courageous and follow the Lord where he leads us.

*Family Encouragement Corner is a weekly inspirational thought from Richard Holmes. Holmes serves as a chaplain at Shaw Air Force Base. The opinions expressed in this article do not express the views of Shaw Air Force Base or the United States Air Force. For more information regarding Family Encouragement Corner or to offer your suggestions or comments, please feel free to email familyencouragement2016@gmail.com.*

# Find someone that needs a miracle

We do not have to look very far to find someone that needs a miracle. Many are suffering some type of crisis with everything from health problems, their children and grieving over a loss to finances, marriage issues and addictions.



**Living on Purpose**
DR. WILLIAM HOLLAND

When difficult situations are presented, we become sympathetic, but how often do we consider that God may have brought these individuals to our attention so that we can not only pray, but also intervene and help meet their needs?

Instead of just discussing the situation and having pity, maybe we can become the miracle they are praying for. James chapter two talks about the difference between having faith without becoming involved and demonstrating our faith by our willingness to take the time and actually help them.

Have you ever been discouraged or in trouble, and you cried out for God to please send somebody to help? If someone responded, you knew they were a Godsend, right? But if no one came, we assume someone was called upon but was probably just too busy or maybe simply did not want to take the time or money to become involved. I believe this reveals more about what life is really about than we care to think about. Many people are convinced they are free to do whatever they want, and I can understand this point of view for a non-Christian.

However, for those who are followers of Jesus Christ, the Bible clearly explains that we are called to radically change from only thinking about ourselves to listening and obeying God as our highest priority.

This transformation will produce generosity and compassion as we develop a willingness to become more like Christ in His attributes and character.

I Corinthians 6:19-20 says, "What? Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: Therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." When we accept the life-changing gift of salvation, we are called to let go of our old self-centered nature and become focused on the greatest commandment, which includes loving God and others as ourselves.

The Bible refers to those who become God's children as instruments and vessels of honor.

The idea of being used by the Master of the universe is a privilege, and as followers of Christ, we are to be listening for His voice, growing stronger in our compassion and more aware of what He desires (which by the way there is much to do).

He may be guiding and preparing us to present a Bible Scripture to a friend at work or maybe to share our heart in a letter to a loved one that we are concerned about. There are so many opportunities all around us when we could bring encouragement. I know there are times in my life when I could have used someone's kindness. It feels good to know that someone cares enough to make an intentional effort to bless us as we all want to feel loved and respected.

There is a passage in Galatians chapter six that talks about our deeds being similar to seeds and that we all reap according to what we sow. Applying this spiritual principle to our lives, we can see how important it is to reach out to others in the same way we would like someone to care about us.

If you need a miracle, become someone's miracle; if you desire to have more friends, go out of your way to be friendly; if you want to be loved, learn how to love. God can connect us, but our responsibility is to make ourselves available.

Jesus told a parable in Luke chapter 10 about a man who was attacked by thieves and was left beside the road nearly dead.

Two different men passed by (one of them a minister), and both ignored him. Then a Samaritan man found him and literally saved his life. The Good Samaritan became the wounded man's miracle and presents the question that is worthy of consideration; are we the one who passes by or the one who becomes involved?

*Dr. Holland lives in Central Kentucky where he is a Christian minister and author of the book "A Lifestyle of Worship." Learn more at billyhollandministries.com.*

# Irish church aims to end the stigma for children of priests

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Bishops in Ireland have created detailed guidelines to address an issue the Roman Catholic Church has tried to keep under wraps for centuries: the plight of children born to Catholic priests and the women who bear them.

The policy, approved in May and made public recently, states that the wellbeing of the child is paramount. It says the mother must be respected and involved in decision making and that the priest "should face up to his responsibilities — personal, legal, moral and financial."

The guidelines are thought to represent the first comprehensive public policy by a national bishops' conference on the issue, which has long been shrouded in secrecy given the perceived scandal of priests having sex. While eastern rite Catholic priests can be married before ordination, Roman Catholic priests take a vow of celibacy.

The policy is, in many ways, the fruit of a campaign by an Irish psychotherapist, Vincent Doyle, who discovered late in life that his father was a priest.

With the strong backing of the archbishop of Dublin, Doyle launched Coping International, an online self-help resource for the children of priests and their mothers. The aim, he said, was to help eliminate the stigma he and others like him have faced and educate them and the church about the emotional and psychological problems that can be associated with the secrecy often imposed on them.

Those problems, which can include depression, anxiety and other mental health issues, were the subject of an exhaustive series last week in *The Boston Globe*.

There are no figures about the number of children fathered by Catholic priests. But there are some 450,000 Catholic priests in the world, and the Catholic Church forbids artificial contraception and abortion. Even without publicity, the Coping International website has been accessed by 13,500 different people in 175 countries since its December 2014 launch, Doyle said.

Doyle insists the exact number of priests' children isn't the major issue.

"The issue is the mental health of children who are suffering," he said in a telephone interview this week.

"Even if I'm the only one, the church should do something," he said. "Obviously I'm not. But what is the church doing?"

Pope Francis addressed the issue in the 2010 book "On Heaven and Earth," written with a Jewish rabbi friend, in which he said if one of his priests told him that he had fathered a child, he would persuade him that his obligations to the child trump his right to be a priest.

"As a result, he should leave the ministry and care for the child, even if he decides not to marry the woman," then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio said. "Because the child deserves to have a mother as well as a father with a face."

More recently, in the pope's landmark 2016 document on Catholic family life, "The Joy of Love," Francis said children should never be punished for the sins of adults.

The issue is likely to come up at two big church events next year: the World Meeting of Families, which Francis is expected to attend in Dublin in August 2018, and the meeting of the world's bishops at the Vatican in October 2018 on how to better minister to young Catholics.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 355 Pudding Swamp Road, Lynchburg, announces:

* Saturday — Women's conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Speakers: Angela G. Foxworth, life coach; Carletta S. Isreal, senior consultant with South Carolina First Steps; and the Rev. Angela Ford Nelson, pastor of Good Hope Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church of Camden.

**Bethel AME Church**, 1605 S.C. 261, Wedgefield, announces:

* Sunday, Sept. 3 — Homecoming at noon. The Rev. Larry D. Clark Sr. will speak.

**Canaan Missionary Baptist Church**, 774 Douglas Ave., announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 13-15 — Fall Revival at 7 nightly.

**Clarendon County Ministerial Alliance**, P.O. Box 811, Manning, announces:

* Sunday-Tuesday, Oct. 1-3 — Revival at 7 nightly at Manning High School gymnasium. The Rev. Ric Wright will speak.

**Concord Baptist Church**, 1885 Myrtle Beach Highway, announces:

* Sunday, Sept. 10 — Homecoming at 10 a.m. The Floyd Family Trio will provide music. Dr. Rodney Hord will speak. Fellowship dinner will follow the service.

**Cross Road Christian Fellowship**, 845 Webb St., announces:

* Sunday — 2017 Youth Blast at 11 a.m. Minister Ty'Keith Mickens, of Green Bay Missionary Baptist Church of Lynchburg, will speak.

**Edwin Boyle Santee Summer Ministry**, 1098 Lemon Ave., Manning, (across from Camp Bob Cooper), announces:

* Sundays through Sept. 3 — Outdoor interdenominational worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m. for those who spend summer weekends at Lake Marion. Check us out on Facebook.

**Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**, 182 S. Pike East, announces:

* Sunday, Sept. 24 — The 11th annual church anniversary celebration will be held at 4 p.m. Pastor C. William Woods, of Salem Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

* Sunday, Oct. 15 — Family and friends day at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Lavern McKinney, of the Love Center of U.S. 521 South, will speak.

**Full Proof Healing Deliverance Ministry**, 328 W. Liberty St., announces:

* Saturday — Men's fellowship "Risen Kings of Judah" at 10 a.m.

* Tuesday, Aug. 29 — Ignition prayer service at 6 p.m. Prophetess Talitha Harrison will speak.

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

* Saturday, Sept. 9 — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. International Bible Teacher Nicky S. Raiborde will speak. A love offering will be received. *knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com*

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

* Sunday — Usher ministry's anniversary worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Johnnie M. Gist will speak.

**New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**, 3249 U.S. 15 S., announces:

* Saturday —Church school workshop at 9:30 a.m.

* Sunday — Church school annual day program at 9 a.m.

**Orangehill Independent Methodist Church**, 3005 S. Kings Highway, Wedgefield, announces:

* Sunday — Church anniversary celebration at 3 p.m.

**Salem Missionary Baptist Church**, 320 W. Fulton St., announces:

* Friday, Sept. 1, and Sunday, Sept. 3 — First pastoral anniversary celebration honoring the Rev. Dr. Cartrell Woods Jr. as follows: 7 p.m. Friday, banquet, the Rev. Isaiah Sierson will speak; 10 a.m. Sunday, Pastor Adeira Black, of Mount Herman Missionary Baptist Church of Bishopville, will speak. Tickets for the banquet are $25 for adults and $12.50 for children 10-17. Call Minister Maria Boone at (803) 406-8177 for tickets.

**Spring Hill AME Church**, 4309 Bill Davis Road, Summerton, announces:

* Sunday, Sept. 3 — Trustee Day in memory of the Rev. J.A. DeLaine at 4 p.m. Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr. will speak.

**St. James United Methodist Church**, 720 Broad St., announces:

* Sunday-Tuesday, Aug. 29 — Revival as follows: 6 p.m. Sunday, the Rev. Elvia C. Gadson of Columbia will speak; 7 p.m. Monday, the Rev. Millie Nelson Smith will speak; and 7 p.m. Tuesday, the Rev. James Smith will speak.

**St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church**, 7650 Summerton Highway, Silver community, Pinewood, announces:

* Thursday-Friday, Sept. 7-8 — Two night joy revival at 7 nightly. Minister Jason Rouse will speak on Thursday and Joshua Brand will speak on Friday.

* Saturday, Sept. 9 — Back-to-school bash at 2 p.m.

* Sunday, Sept. 17 — Brotherhood program during morning service. Men in bow ties and women in pearls.

* Friday, Sept. 22 — Leadership seminar 5:30-8:30 p.m.

* Saturday, Sept. 23 — Self defense class at 10 a.m.

* Sunday, Sept. 24 — The youth will celebrate the choir's anniversary at 3 p.m.

**St. Paul AME Church**, 835 Plowden Mill Road, announces:

* Saturday — Workshop at 11 a.m. on wills, trusts and nursing home information. Open to the community. Sumter County Probate Judge Dale Atkinson will speak.

* Monday, Aug. 28 — Pastor appreciation program at 10 a.m. to honor the Rev. Frederick Graves Sr. The Rev. Frederick Graves Jr. will speak.

**Sumter Free Will Baptist Church**, 971 Boulevard Road, announces:

* Friday-Sunday, Sept. 1-3 — Revival at 7:30 nightly Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Rev. Mathias Demint will speak.

**Wayman Chapel AME Church**, 160 N. Kings Highway, announces:

* Sunday — Pastor's Advocate Ministry will celebrate pastor's appreciation at 10:15 a.m.

**Willow Grove AME Church**, 8105 A/B Sumter Landing Road, Horatio, announces:

* Saturday — Banquet to honor the Rev. Wallace and Mrs. Gloria Preston at 4 p.m. at Catchall Lodge No. 425, Dalzell. RSVP tickets $20.

# Heading back to class

The 2017-18 school year for many children across the tri-county began Tuesday, the day after the "Great American Eclipse" was seen in the area. Children got to know their new teachers, and some began the year at new schools. See more photos on page A6.

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Emmy Long, second grade




Madison Long, sixth grade




Noah Holland, first grade




Madison Berry, third grade

# Church Directory

## Adventist

**Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist**
103 N Pike West 775-4455
Pastor Harry Robinson
Sat. Sch: 9:15 am, Worship: 11:00 am
Tues Bible Study 7 pm
www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org

## African Methodist Episcopal

**Union Station AME Church**
945 South Main Street, Sumter
unionstationame@gmail.com
(803) 775 8200
Rev. Dr. Phil Flowers announces:
Sun. Church School 9:00 am
Sun. Church Service 10:00 am
Tues. Bible Study 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

**Wayman Chapel AME Church**
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Church School 9:00 am
Worship 10:15 am
Wed. Bible Study 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm

## Assembly of God

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

## Baptist - Missionary

**Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church**
803 S Harvin St. * 775-4032
Marion H Newton, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:45 am
Sunday Youth Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

**Salem Missionary Baptist Church**
320 West Fulton Street
803-775-8054
Reverend Dr. Cartrell Woods, Jr. Pastor
Sun. School 9:00 am
Praise Worship 9:55 am
Worship 10:00 am

## Baptist - Southern

**Grace Baptist Church**
219 W Calhoun St * 778-6417
Dr. Stephen Williams
drsteve@ftc-i.net
S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:30 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

**Hickory Road Baptist Church**
1245 Cherryvale Dr
803-494-8281
Dr. Ron Taylor Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 10:55 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

**Shaw Heights Baptist Church**
2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997
Rev. Robert White, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship:11 am & 6 pm
Bible School June 20th - 25th
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## Catholic - Roman

**The Catholic Community of Sumter, St. Anne Site**
216 E Liberty St • 803-773-3524
Parochial Pastor Rev. Frank Palmieri, CRM
Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm
Sun. 8:00 and 12:00 Noon
Confession: Sat. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**The Catholic Community of Sumter, St. Jude Site**
611 W. Oakland Ave • 773-9244
www.stjudesumtersc.org
Pastor Rev. Frank Palmieri, CRM
Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Saturday: 6:00 pm
Sun. 9:15 - 12:00 Noon, 5:00 pm
(in Spanish)
Confession: Sat. 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

## Church of Christ

**Plaza Church of Christ**
1402 Camden Hwy. • 905-3163
Stewart Schnur cell 361-8449
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm
Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm

## Interdenominational

**Spiritual Life Christian Center**
4672 Broad St. Ext • 968-5771
Pastors Randolph & Minerva Paige
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible
Study: 7:00 pm

**Victory Full Gospel**
Interdenominational Church
601 Pitts Rd • 481-7003
Joann P. Murrill, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm

## Lutheran - ELCA

**St James Lutheran Church**
1137 Alice Dr, Sumter
773-2260 / www.stjamessumter.org
Pastor Keith Getz
Sunday School: 9:00 am
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 10:30 am
Holy Communion: 12:00 pm

## Methodist - United

**Bethel United Methodist Church**
5575 Lodebar Rd • 469-2452
Rev. Jeremy Howell
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School: 10 am
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**Trinity United Methodist Church**
226 W Liberty St • 773-9393
Rev. Joseph James, Jr.
Blended Worship 8:45 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Traditional Service 11:00 am
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## Non-Denominational

**The Rock Church of Sumter**
365 N. Saint Paul Church Rd., Sumter
803-494-7625 (ROCK)
Pastor Gwendolyn Credle
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Calvary Bible Church**
770 N. Wise Dr., Sumter
803-774-2341
Pastor Richard Harris
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 PM

**Christ Community Church(CCC)**
320 Loring Mill Rd., Sumter
www.cccsumter.com
803-905-7850
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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

**Greater St. Paul Church**
200 Watkins Street • 803-778-1355
Founder Bishop W.T. English
Sunday School - 10:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am
Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

**Sumter Bible Church**
420 South Pike West, Sumter
803-773-8339 • Pastor Ron Davis
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am & 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

## Pentecostal

**First United Penecostal Church**
14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493
Pastor Theron Smith
Sunday Service: 10:00 am
& 6:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

**Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church**
2609 McCrays Mill Rd • 481-8887
S. Paul Howell, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
& 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study/Youth Group:
7:00 pm

## Presbyterian - ARP

**Lemira Presbyterian Church**
514 Boulevard Rd • 473-5024
Pastor Dan Rowton
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

## Presbyterian PCA

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**
230 Alice Dr., Sumter • 803-773-7235
Pastor Stuart Mizelle
Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship Service 10:30 am

## Presbyterian USA

**First Presbyterian Church of Sumter**
9 W Calhoun St (at Main St.)
(803) 773-3814 • info@fpcsumter.org
Rev. Nick Cheek
Sunday School
(Summer Adult Classes) 9:30 a.m.
Hospitality & Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall) 10:10 a.m.
Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m.

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**Sometimes we toss our belongings aside until the pile is so big we can't find anything. In the long run we may be causing ourselves an inconvenience...if we keep things in their proper place, we can find them when we need them. What do we do with our spiritual side when we return from weekly worship? Do we toss it aside and lose track of it or do we devote the few extra minutes a day to care for it through daily prayer and devotions…to put it in the proper place in our lives so it is readily available at a moment's notice? This week, carry your spiritual side a few steps further. Keep it in its proper place in your life. Don't lose track.**

**Daily Devotional Reading**

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| 1 Timothy 3:1-16 | 1 Timothy 4:1-16 | 1 Timothy 5:1-25 | 1 Timothy 6:3-21 | 2 Timothy 1:1-18 | 2 Timothy 2:1-26 | 2 Timothy 3:1-17 |

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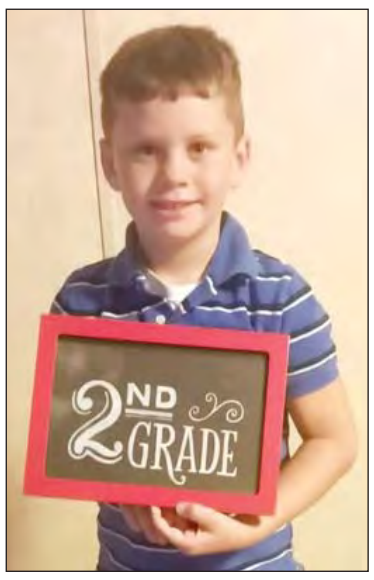
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Marley Edmunds, fourth grade




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# Manning council proud of eclipse events

**BY JIM HILLEY**
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Manning City Council took a moment to bask in the afterglow of the city's successful total solar eclipse events during Tuesday's meeting.

"I would just like to thank everyone for supporting the solar eclipse party," Mayor Julia Nelson said. "I was really amazed at how many people came from so far, and we heard a lot of nice compliments."

City Administrator Scott Tanner said there were "no hitches" during the event.

"I would like to echo the mayor's remarks," Tanner said. "It was very successful."

He thanked the city's workers for making it a success.

At the meeting, Andrew J. Hughes was sworn in by Nelson as a new city police officer, and the mayor presented awards to Monica Reed for her work on the Manning Planning Commission and Ted Gardner for his many years on the Manning Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council also recognized four teens for being a part of Youth on Main Street.

A public hearing was held on a request to rezone a property at 213 N. Brooks St. from Residential-10 to General Commercial.

Joe McCutcheon, representing his mother, Mary Jo McCutcheon, explained that he would like to put a low-traffic business in the location instead of a residential rental property. He said a business such as a law office would be better suited to the location, rather than rental property.

The planning commission had recommended the land be rezoned to General Commercial and not Office Commercial because of the size of the lot, McCutcheon said. Because of that, he had not applied for Office Commercial, he said.

Later in the meeting, council changed the ordinance to approve Office Commercial for the lot, agreeing with McCutcheon that a rental property would not be appropriate for the neighborhood. It was the first reading for the ordinance.

The first reading of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to be more specific on solar installations was approved.

Tanner said the ordinance, similar to one adopted by Clarendon County, would make sure solar electric systems are compatible with neighboring uses. Commercial systems and residential systems would be treated differently under the ordinance, he said.



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**ABOVE: Manning Mayor Julia Nelson, far right, and Main Street Manning Director Cary Trebil, far left, present award certificates to participants in the Youth on Main program: Katherine Mattews, Jaden Bell, Mary Claire Lee and Bailey Moore. BELOW LEFT: Manning Mayor Julia Nelson presents a plaque in appreciation of Ted Garner's many years on the Manning Appeals Board as Mrs. Gardner looks on. BELOW RIGHT: New Manning Policeman Andrew Hughes, left, was sworn in by Mayor Nelson and Police Chief Blair Schaffer.**





During his report, Tanner filled council in on several ongoing projects.

He said a contractor will be pouring the cement for the sidewalk on Mill Street in the next couple of weeks. Tanner said electrical work had to be finished by Duke Energy before the cement could be poured.

Street lamps on Huggins Street should also be installed in the next few weeks, he said.

The bid for Phase III of the wastewater treatment plant had come in over budget, he said, but he felt the bid could be reworked to come in under budget.

Several streets in Manning are scheduled to be repaved by the South Carolina Department of Transportation, Tanner said, and a grant for three new police vehicles was moving forward.

# Term as national FFA leader ends soon for Manning grad

**BY JIM HILLEY**
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DeShawn Blanding, Southern Region vice president for the national Future Farmers of America organization, began his association with FFA as "the shy kid," he said.



**BLANDING**

The FFA, he said, helped him find his voice.

"I started to step outside and break the eggshell," Blanding said.

A 2015 graduate of Manning High School, he is the son of Barbara and Carlton Blanding of Manning.

Blanding joined the FFA as a freshman at MHS, he said. By the time he graduated, he was president of the Manning FFA for two years and had spent a year as the South Carolina FFA state vice president.

He then studied for a year at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, majoring in biological engineering, with a natural resources engineering track.

Blanding said that after taking a year off from FFA and going to college, he heard about a call for national officers.

"I thought I had more service to give to the organization, so I aspired to run for national office," he said. "I was selected as a candidate and ran against one other person; I was elected as South Carolina's candidate."

He began preparing for the national convention in Indianapolis in October 2016.

"That's where I went to the interview process, about a four- or five-day process," Blanding said. "Then on the last day of the convention they announced the new national office team."

He said the organization has kept him busy with a wide range of duties.

"Some days I am a workshop facilitator; some days I am giving a keynote address to a state or high school FFA convention," he said. "On other days, I might be representing the organization through advocacy work."

That included some time in Washington, D.C., he said.

"I talk about agriculture and agricultural education; other times I do industry visits, giving time to our sponsors or recruiting sponsors," he added.

He said he visited 35 or 40 states during the year, attending conventions, facilitating workshops, giving keynote addresses and meeting with FFA members.

"It was fun, but it could be stressful at times," Blanding said. "Some days you have your ups and downs, but it was an extraordinary, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I am so grateful for."

Having been to nine state conventions, Blanding said going to different states and seeing different cultures and the diversity of the nation was the most enjoyable part of his tenure.

"Every state is different, but they all have these awesome, extraordinary members doing things I wish I had done when I was in school," he said.

Blanding hopes to be a college professor someday, according to his official biography at *www.ffa.org*.

He said his advice to young people is to get involved in everything they can.

"I think, for me, getting involved in FFA was the first step in getting involved in everything else," he said. "Step out of your comfort zone and heed the opportunities out there."

He encouraged them to "strive for the best in everything you can."



JIM HILLEY / THE SUMTER ITEM

**DeShawn Blanding, Southern Region vice president for the national Future Farmers of America organization, makes a presentation recently.**

"It all starts with stepping out of your comfort zone," Blanding said.

He said he did that through the FFA and doing public speaking events, such as at the state FFA assembly, which had more than 1,000 attendees.

"Seeking opportunities may scare you at first, but continue to go and grow through those opportunities," he said.

Blanding said he will be returning to North Carolina A&T in the spring of 2018.

"I have five semesters (remaining), and I am trying to condense them into four," he said.

He said his time in office will end in October during the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis.

"We have about 60,000 attendees, and we take over Indianapolis for a week," Blanding said.

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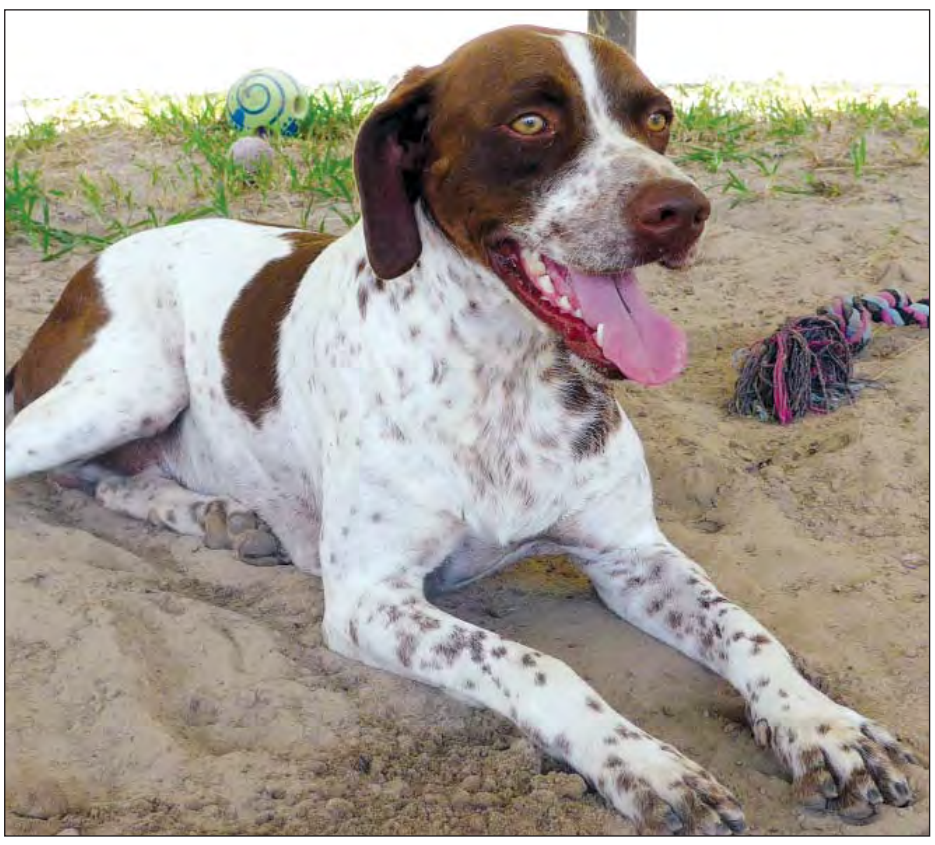
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Hearing

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### Estate Notice
### Clarendon County

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Clarendon County, the address of which is 411 Sunset Dr. Manning, SC 29102, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and 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 claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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**Nancy Harrison**
RETIRED CLEMSON EXTENSION AGENT

### PRESERVING PEACHES

Although fresh, high-quality peaches are sweet tasting, they are low in calories, with one medium peach furnishing only about 37 calories. Yellow-fleshed varieties are a good source of Vitamin A. Remember, making peach jam or canning peaches in sugar syrup adds calories.

### SELECTING PEACHES

For best quality, select peaches that are firm to slightly soft and free from bruises. The best sign of ripeness in a peach is a creamy or golden undertone, often called "ground color." The rosy "blush" on a peach is not a good indicator of ripeness and differs from one variety to the next. Fresh peach fragrance also indicates ripeness. Avoid peaches with a green ground color as they lack flavor and usually shrivel and become touch rather than ripen. Peaches that are picked green may develop more juice, but they will not become sweeter.

Peaches are classified either as clingstone or freestone, according to how difficult it is to remove the pit. Clingstone peaches are used primarily for commercial canning. Choose:

• Slightly under ripe peaches for pickling;

• Firm-ripe peaches for canning and drying;

• Fully ripe peaches for freezing or eating fresh;

• Very ripe peaches without any signs of mold or rot, for making sweet spreads.

### USING AND PRESERVING PEACHES

Fresh Facts:

Firm ripe peaches, with good ground color will become fully ripe and soft in three to four days when kept at room temperature in a loosely closed bag or ripening bowl. Peaches are ready to eat when they give to gentle palm pressure. Peaches bruise easily if squeezed. Store fully ripe peaches in the refrigerator, and for best peachy taste, serve fragrant ripe peaches at room temperature.

If a recipe calls for peeled peaches, dip peaches into boiling water for about 30 seconds, then plunge them immediately into iced water. The skins will slip right off. Fresh peaches darken quickly when exposed to air. Powdered ascorbic acid (vitamin C) sprinkled on peaches or mixed with syrup keeps them bright and fresh looking for recipes or preserving.

Freezer Facts:

• Peach halves or slices packed with sugar or in sweetened syrup remain plumper and firmer than peaches packed without sugar.

• Use medium or light syrup to preserve the fresh fruit taste.

• Frozen peaches make excellent pies or cobblers. When preparing peach pie filling, be sure to account for the sugar added to peaches before freezing. Frozen peaches used raw in fruit salad or compotes are best served with a few ice crystals still remaining. If completely thawed, they will become mushy.

• Puree peaches, add a dash of lemon juice, sweeten to taste and freeze in small quantities to be used as topping for ice cream, yogurt, pancakes or waffles.

• Peaches can be stored in the freezer at 0 degrees F for eight to twelve months.

• One bushel (48 pounds) of peaches yields 32 to 48 pints for freezing.

Canned Facts:

• Use high-quality firm-ripe peaches without any mold or signs of decay for canning.

• For a safe home-canned product, peaches must be processed in a boiling-water bath.

• Open kettle canning is not safe for any product and is not recommended.

• Hot packing is recommended for all fruits because it is safer and makes fruit easier to pack in jars. Hot packed peaches are less likely to float than peaches canned by the raw-pack method.

• It is safe to can peaches without sugar either in juice or water. Peaches canned in light or medium syrup are firmer and have better color and flavor, however.

• Artificial sweeteners tend to turn bitter from the heat used in canning. If you are watching calories, it's better to can peaches in water or juice, and add artificial sweetener before serving.

Dried Facts:

• The quality of dried peaches is excellent.

• For drying, select firm-ripe peaches that are heavy for their size.

• Before drying, peaches are usually peeled and halved or quartered. The pit should be removed.

• Peaches require an anti-darkening treatment before drying to prevent browning.

• Dried peaches, slightly plumped, can be used in quick breads, chutney, cobblers, cookies, granola and pies.

### QUICK 'N' FRESH IDEAS — RECIPES

Use pureed fresh peaches in fruit punch, milkshakes and as a basting sauce to brush over grilled meat or poultry.

Peach halves are delicious barbequed. Sprinkle peaches with ginger and brown sugar, thread on skewers and grill until the sugar caramelizes. Serve with meat, fish or poultry.

For a quick breakfast make Peach Slush: In a blender, whirl until smooth 1 cup peaches (fresh or drained canned) with ½ cup milk, 4 ice cubes and 1 cup (one 8-ounce container) of plain, lemon or vanilla yogurt. Pour into two chilled glasses and garnish with peach slice. If slightly frozen peaches are used, omit ice cubes.










**Autumn Carey, above left, Vivian Bryant, above right, and Karley Brown, left, are seen at the National Youth Leadership Forum: Explore STEM program.**

PHOTOS PROVIDED

# LMA students attend leadership forum

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Three Laurence Manning Academy students attended the National Youth Leadership Forum: Explore STEM program this summer. It was a six-day experience for students to learn by doing as they participated in hands-on simulations, workshops and competitions. The program encourages participating students to become the next generations of innovators, engineers, doctors, software developers, mathematicians and physicists.

Karley Brown, Autumn Carey and Vivian Bryant were able to meet students from across the country and talk about travel to Mars with an astronaut from NASA. Each student had her leadership potential assessed and strengths and weaknesses identified.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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## Public Media Release
## Community Eligibility Provision
**Effective July 1, (Beginning School Year) through June 30, (Ending School Year)**

Clarendon School District One is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2017/2018 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1))(the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in the school/district may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Families will not have to fill out meal applications.

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

You may contact your School Food Service (SFS) Director (insert contact info) for additional information.

Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with Clarendon School District One (*Mrs. Brenda Gist)* on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in wriing to *Mrs. Brenda Gist* whose address is: 12 South Church Street Summerton, SC 29148 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

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COMMENTARY

## Solid middle ground for monuments

*Editor's note: As the hysteria in the divisive debate about removing Confederate monuments reaches fever pitch, here's a more balanced perspective from a* Charleston Post & Courier *editorial that appeared in the Sunday, Aug. 20, edition. We commend it to our readers.*

Charlestonians have learned to keep a cool head when it comes to divisive politics, and despite the justified alarm that has swept the nation since a rally of white supremacists marching to defend a statue of Robert E. Lee turned violent in Charlottesville, Virginia, the statues of John C. Calhoun and Wade Hampton in Marion Square and the Confederate monument in White Point Garden aren't going anywhere anytime soon.

While history may indeed be written in stone and cast in bronze, Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg is working on a plan to keep the city's relics in place — by putting them in their rightful place with a few choice words to give future generations a deeper and truer understanding of who these men were and why the monuments were erected.

The mayor is rightly counting on Charlestonians being able to both confront and embrace the good and the bad of the city's past and see it for what it is.

"The whole story of our history needs to be told," Mr. Tecklenburg said Aug. 16. "I intend to be complete and truthful about our history and add context and add to the story instead of taking away."

Calhoun, a slave owner who espoused views repugnant to the modern mind, was the vice president from 1825-32, and he died a decade before the Civil War started. Charleston native Wade Hampton III was a Confederate general and slave owner, and he worked to suppress black voting after the war. He was also a U.S. senator from 1879-91 and later governor of South Carolina. Though some of their beliefs and actions cannot be defended, both Calhoun and Hampton were men of their times and, like all men, neither angels nor devils.

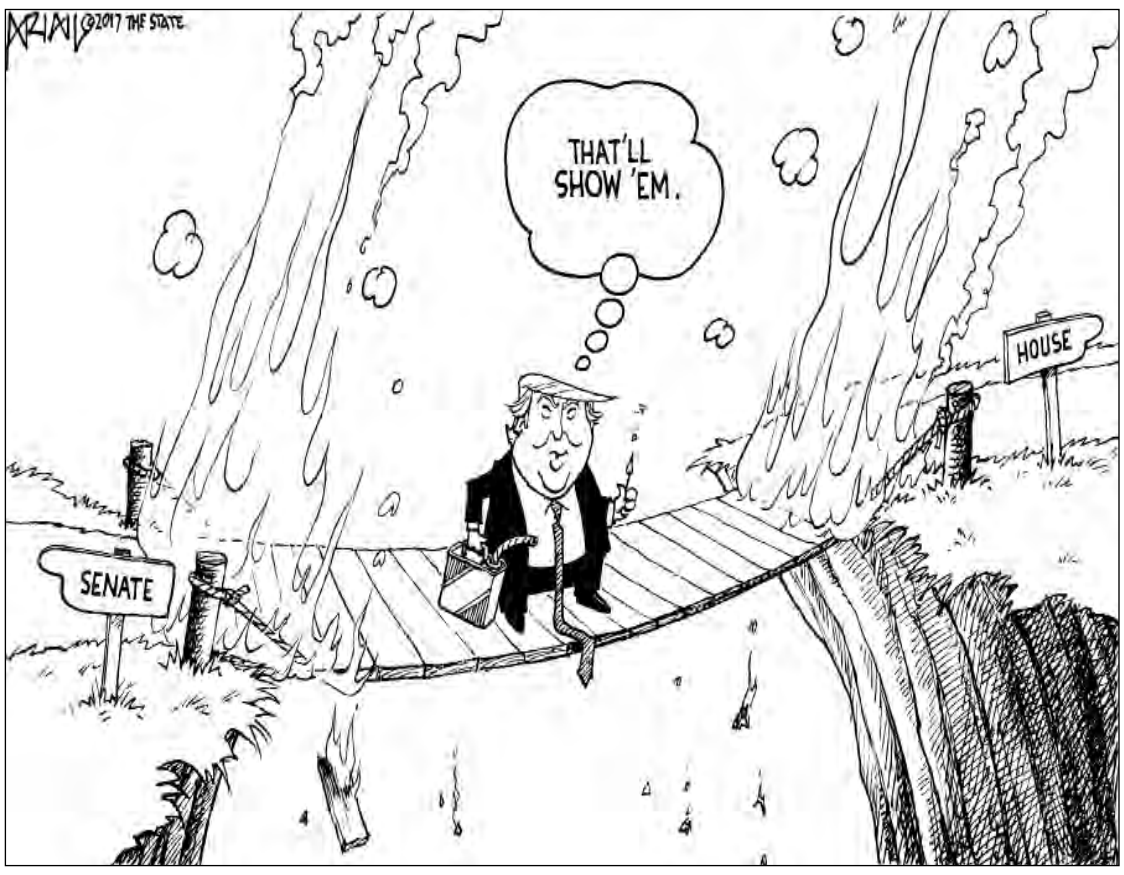
The Confederate Defenders of Charleston monument in White Point Garden contains no overt rebel imagery. Erected in 1932, the statue harkens back to the art of ancient Greece.

Charleston's response to the race-driven massacre at Emanuel AME Church — which has become part of the impetus behind Confederate monument removals — demonstrated that the populace has enough emotional wisdom to pull together in the face of adversity. And there is every reason to believe that will continue.

Mr. Tecklenburg's approach, first discussed last summer, is a fair one that's also being considered in other cities, including Richmond, Virginia, whose history is inextricably bound up in the Civil War. Any action to remove monuments, on the other hand, would require an unlikely two-thirds vote in the state Legislature, according to the Heritage Act, which was passed as a compromise in 2000 when the Confederate battle flag was removed from the Statehouse dome.

Mayor Tecklenburg has the right idea to bring balance to the monument issue for both sides.

Charleston is a place of beautiful and tragic history, of flawed and honorable men and women. Remembering that past in all of its complexity will help the city and its residents build a better future.




COMMENTARY

## Now a horse is symbol of white racism



**Bernard Goldberg**

I recently wrote about the controversy over removing Confederate-era statues from public places, and in my column I acknowledged the concerns of those who don't want to honor or celebrate men who fought, at least in part, to preserve slavery.

But then I asked a question: Where does it end?

"Is taking down a statue of Robert E. Lee or Stonewall Jackson or Jefferson Davis enough?" I wondered. Or after we scrub them from history, do we have to move on to George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, two presidents who owned slaves?

I failed to mention Christopher Columbus in my column, but I guess I should have.

Not long after the violence in Charlottesville, a monument to Christopher Columbus in Baltimore was vandalized, and a video posted to YouTube shows a man striking the base of the monument over and over with a sledgehammer. The narrator of the video calls Columbus a "genocidal terrorist." Columbus statues were also defaced in other cities, including Boston and Houston.

And I guess I should have also mentioned the University of Southern California mascot, a horse named Traveler. Yes a horse is now a symbol of white racism, at least according to a black student group at USC.

Why? Because the horse bears a name similar to that of a horse that Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee used to ride.

The USC football horse is called Traveler (one L), while Lee's horse was known as Traveller (two L's). Traveler it seems is a not uncommon name for a horse. And the one at USC has no connection — none whatsoever — to Robert E. Lee or the Civil War or the Confederacy. Period!

When parody becomes reality, you know there's a problem.

The real danger, of course, is that the hysteria won't end with monuments or even horses. The real danger is that the morally superior crowd will want to silence any speech they consider hateful — and change any name — even that of a horse — they find offensive.

*'If city commissions want to remove Confederate statues or even statues of Christopher Columbus and Abraham Lincoln from the town square, that's one thing. Mob "justice" in the dead of night is something else altogether.'*

I watched one rally on TV the other day, and a young woman was holding up a sign that read: Hate Speech is Not Free Speech.

Well, actually it is.

Since Charlottesville, here's a partial list of some of the statues and monuments that have been taken down or defaced by those who see themselves as the guardians of decency.

A plaque commemorating Jefferson Davis near Phoenix was tarred and covered in feathers.

In West Palm Beach, Florida, vandals spray-painted a Confederate monument.

In Atlanta, they defaced a statue of an angel holding an olive branch, standing over a Confederate soldier with a rifle.

Vandals spray-painted a red hammer and sickle on a pillar honoring the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Kansas City, Missouri.

A statue of a Confederate soldier in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was spray-painted, and according to a news report, "The base of the statue was defaced with graffiti, and black paint covered an inscription that reads, 'Our Confederate Dead.'"

In Leesburg, Virginia, a statue of a Confederate soldier in front of the county courthouse was vandalized with graffiti that included obscenities and the message "you lost."

Even Abraham Lincoln was targeted. In Chicago, a bust of the Great Emancipator was set on fire and defaced.

We're witnessing a mob that is on the move, behaving like the American branch of the Taliban, white washing any history they don't approve of.

If it needs to be said, this is not an argument in favor of Confederate monuments. If city commissions want to remove Confederate statues or even statues of Christopher Columbus and Abraham Lincoln from the town square, that's one thing. Mob "justice" in the dead of night is something else altogether.

And the mob has created a kind of feeding frenzy, where even otherwise sane people in the corporate world make crazy decisions based on fear.

You may have heard of what ESPN did. The people who run the network removed their announcer from the Virginia vs. William & Mary football game set for Sept. 2 in Charlottesville because his name is … wait for it! … Robert Lee.

Get it? Robert Lee … sounds like Robert E. Lee.

The ESPN Robert Lee is Asian American.

When I first heard this I thought it was a joke. Nobody at ESPN could possibly be that PC. I was wrong. It's no joke.

"We collectively made the decision with Robert to switch games as the tragic events in Charlottesville were unfolding, simply because of the coincidence of his name," ESPN said in a statement. "In that moment, it felt right to all parties. It's a shame that this is even a topic of conversation, and we regret that who calls play by play for a football game has become an issue."

But it didn't just become an issue out of thin air. It became an issue because of the cowardice of those ESPN executives.

Are we supposed to believe that someone watching the game on TV would be offended because the name Robert Lee sounds like Robert E. Lee? Do we think football fans will change the channel in protest?

So, is this utterly ridiculous decision by ESPN where it ends? Is this where sane people say enough? Or are the middle-of-the-night raids by vandals on symbols of the Confederacy where it finally ends? Where decent people say no more of this lawlessness no matter how you feel about the propriety of Civil War statues in public places?

I don't think any of this is where it ends. I suspect it's only where it begins.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BAKER TRYING TO HANG ON FOR MONEY FROM DISTRICT

How much longer is Sumter County going to continually pay Frank Baker money? Now he is trying to con the school system out of another $185,711.40. He was supposed to retire July 31, 2017.

I think it's time we shut the door and let him go. I'm sick and tired of him trying to hang on for more money. So be gone with him. He's the one who put us in the mess we are in.

CHARLES BOYD
*Sumter*

### LIBERALS NEED THEIR OWN COUNTRY TO LIVE IN

Let me just say that one-third to half of the country don't like leftist-liberal outlooks like so many that seem to be writing commentaries for the newspaper. The left-right clash will never cease anytime soon.

Leave all the statues alone. Left-wing liberal radicals trying to remove the Civil War statues and monuments really angers a lot of us Americans! Find something better to do!

And it is about heritage for so many of us, not hatred, as Mr. Brian Hicks, like most libtards, try to paint you with their "hate" paint brush, "common liberal tactic," they are the real haters often.

Liberal-minded people need their own country to live in. Keep their filthy hands off the Civil War statues, the 10 Commandment monuments and the crosses that left-minded people have been engaged in warfare to remove from our great land. I applaud all who oppose them.

DAVID KINCAID
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## BRICE FROM PAGE A1

Lewis will be joined by his brother Lee Brice for three October shows in California.

*RollingStone.com* noted that "By the time (Lewis) Brice moved to Nashville in 2006, his older brother, Lee, was already a country hit maker. 'I'll help you out any way I can, but you're going to make your own name in this town,' Brice remembers his brother telling him the day he arrived."

Perhaps not coincidentally, "Lewis Brice" is the name of his EP which has now achieved more than 1.2 million on-demand streams. It debuted in the top 15 on the iTunes Country charts and is a "fan favorite release across the world." The EP was produced by Lewis and Lee Brice, with Dan Frizell, Ben Simonetti and Brian Bunn. It can be purchased wherever digital music is sold and at *lewisbrice.com*.

According to the Rolling Stone website, Lewis Brice was "born and raised in Sumter," where "he grew up singing in church choir and praise bands." Since moving to Nashville, he has played shows with such artists as Lee Brice, Randy House, Jerrod Niemann, The Cadillac Three, Dierks Bentley and others.

In 2010, Lewis' "Ordinary Girl," co-written with Dallas Rogers, reached #67 on the iTunes Country Music chart. On the Country Music Television, or CMT, network, he came in eighth place out of thousands of contestants for the show "Can You Duet?" He was also the lead actor in Lee Brice's music video for "I Drive Your Truck," the 2014 ACM Song of the Year.

For more information, visit *lewisbrice.com*, follow him at @LewisBrice on Twitter and Instagram and on Facebook.



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**Sumter native Lewis Brice's new EP release is receiving excellent reviews and heavy play on various digital music formats. He starts a concert tour today in Elkhart, Indiana.**

## FARM FROM PAGE A1

"They put in what they call ultra-late soybeans, and they are looking pretty good," he said.

There is only a limited acreage of ultra-late soybeans, but he said it represents a trend as people try to squeeze a little extra revenue out of their farms.

DeWitt said once the corn gets out of the fields, people are going to be shifting into cotton picking and peanut digging.

"They will probably start from the middle to the end of September, and that will be full bore until Thanksgiving," he said.

Soybean harvest will begin toward the end of October, he said.

"It will be full on out in the ag world from now until Christmas," DeWitt said. "With a good crop, it takes a little longer to get it all out of the fields sometimes, but that's worth it."




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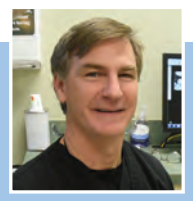
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**Make-A-Wish South Carolina is seeking volunteers** to help make wishes come true for children across the state. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed. Interest webinars are offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Preregistration is required. Contact Brennan Brown at *bbrown@sc.wish.org* or (864) 250-0702 extension 112 to register or begin the application process.

**Hospice Care of Sumter LLC is in need of volunteers** in Sumter and surrounding counties. Opportunities available for you to use your time and talents to be of assistance include reading, musical talents, companionship, light housekeeping, etc. Call (803) 883-5606 or *hospicecareofsumter@yahoo.com*.

**Agape Hospice is in need of volunteers.** Whether your passion is baking, knitting, reading, singing, etc., Agape Hospice can find a place for you. Contact Thandi Blanding at (803) 774-1075, (803) 260-3876 or *tblanding@agapsenior.com*.

**Hospice Care of South Carolina is in need of volunteers** in Sumter County. Do you have one extra hour a week? Opportunities are available for patient/family companionship, administrative support, meal preparation, light household projects, student education and various other tasks. Contact Whitney Rogers, regional volunteer coordinator, at (843) 409-7991 or *whitney.rogers@hospicecare.net*.

**Amedisys Hospice is in need of volunteers.** Volunteer opportunities include special projects of baking, sewing, knitting, crafts, carpentry, yard work, administrative/office duties and patient companionship. Contact Rhoda Keefe, volunteer coordinator, at (803) 469-3047 or *rhonda.keefe@amedisys.com*.

**Hospice Care of Tri-County is in need of volunteers.** Volunteers offer support, companionship and care to the caregiver by running errands, reading to patients, listening and just being there for patients who need companionship. Call Carol Tindal at (803) 905-7720.

**ROAD to RECOVERY is in need of volunteers** in the Sumter area. The program provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatments. Call the American Cancer Society at (803) 750-1693.

# AROUND TOWN

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202** will meet 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, at Palmer-Bates-Ballard Post, 810 Palmetto St. Call (803) 469-7133.

**The Sumter Branch NAACP's life membership program** will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, at Sumter Second Presbyterian Church, 1125 Old Pocalla Road.

**VFW Post 10813 will hold a "4th Sunday Wine & Cheese Affair"** from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 610 Manning Ave.

## The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): A change in your environment will leave you at odds about your next move. Give whatever situation you face time to settle before you make a decision that will change an important relationship with someone special.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): An unexpected situation will surface quickly. Refuse to get caught up in the moment. Consider the pros and cons before you engage in an emotionally draining encounter. If someone pressures you or uses emotional manipulation, walk away.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Express your emotions openly and you'll be able to bridge a gap that has been causing problems between you and someone you deal with regularly. Compromise will help you find common ground.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Partnership troubles will surface if you let emotions take over. Get the facts and take time to digest the information. Excessive behavior will lead to weight gain or poor health. Focus on yourself, not what others are doing.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep the momentum going. Stay on top of whatever job or responsibility you've been given until you finish. Living up to your word will result in added respect and favors from people counting on you. Home improvements are encouraged.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Consider your current position and how you earn your living, but don't let an incident push you to make an impulsive decision that could disrupt your cash flow. Protect against loss as well as impulsive purchases.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your life simple, be direct and don't let emotions take over. Someone will take advantage of your vulnerability if you're too open about the way you feel. Keep business and personal matters separate.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Hidden matters, secrets and personal information should be protected. Someone will be pushy and persuasive in order to get you to disclose matters that could make you look bad. Stay focused on making positive personal gains and changes. Romance is highlighted.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An opportunity to get ahead professionally is apparent. Send out your resume or set up interviews. Don't make any changes that will be costly. Negotiate on your own behalf and take care of personal finances and health issues.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Too much of anything will lead to distractions, mistakes and mishaps. Don't trust anyone to take care of your responsibilities or personal affairs. Do your best to keep the peace and to offer kindness over discord.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let others' reactions deter you from following through with plans. A personal contract you share with someone will be challenged. Don't make assumptions or overreact. Keep the peace and work on making self-improvements, not trying to change others.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone will take advantage of you if you're gullible. Don't let anyone play on your emotions or talk you into making changes that aren't going to help you get ahead. Work quietly toward your goals.

# WEATHER

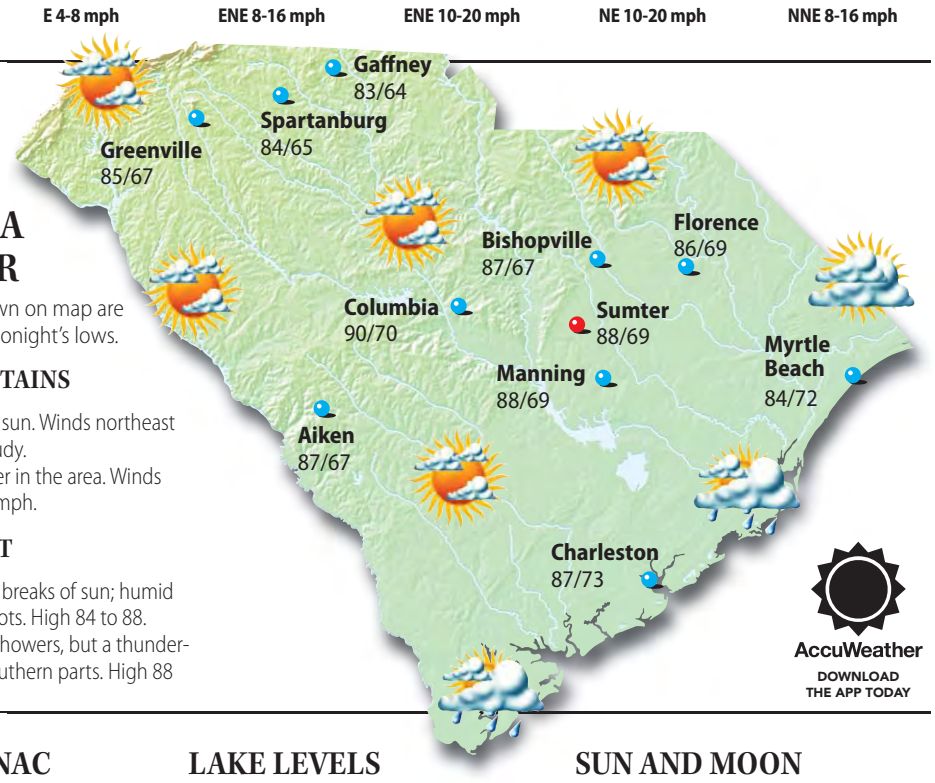
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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

| TODAY | TONIGHT | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
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| Humid with clouds and sun | Partly cloudy | Partly sunny | Partly sunny and breezy | Partly sunny and pleasant | Cloudy with a t-storm possible |
| 88° | 69° | 88° / 66° | 87° / 64° | 82° / 67° | 82° / 65° |
| Chance of rain: 5% | Chance of rain: 5% | Chance of rain: 10% | Chance of rain: 5% | Chance of rain: 20% | Chance of rain: 30% |
| ENE 7-14 mph | E 4-8 mph | ENE 8-16 mph | ENE 10-20 mph | NE 10-20 mph | NNE 8-16 mph |

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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




### IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Clouds and sun. Winds northeast 4-8 mph. Partly cloudy.
**Saturday:** A shower in the area. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** Clouds and breaks of sun; humid with a shower in spots. High 84 to 88.
**Saturday:** Spotty showers, but a thunderstorm in spots in southern parts. High 88

## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

**Temperature**

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| High | 88° |
| Low | 74° |
| Normal high | 88° |
| Normal low | 68° |
| Record high | 104° in 2002 |
| Record low | 55° in 1992 |

**Precipitation**

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|---|---|
| 24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.99" |
| Normal month to date | 4.06" |
| Year to date | 27.53" |
| Last year to date | 31.60" |
| Normal year to date | 32.40" |

## LAKE LEVELS

| Lake | Full pool | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Murray | 360 | 356.95 | -0.06 |
| Marion | 76.8 | 75.43 | -0.01 |
| Moultrie | 75.5 | 75.29 | none |
| Wateree | 100 | 97.50 | +0.01 |

## RIVER STAGES

| River | Flood stage | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Black River | 12 | 3.38 | -0.21 |
| Congaree River | 19 | 2.81 | -0.05 |
| Lynches River | 14 | 3.03 | -0.32 |
| Saluda River | 14 | 2.12 | +0.04 |
| Up. Santee River | 80 | 76.22 | -0.14 |
| Wateree River | 24 | 4.83 | -3.47 |

## SUN AND MOON

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| Sunrise | 6:51 a.m. | Sunset | 7:57 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 10:38 a.m. | Moonset | 10:33 p.m. |

| First | Full | Last | New |
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| Aug. 29 | Sep. 6 | Sep. 13 | Sep. 20 |

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

| | High | Ht. | Low | Ht. |
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| Today | 12:04 a.m. | 3.4 | 7:00 a.m. | 0.1 |
| | 12:40 p.m. | 3.2 | 7:24 p.m. | 0.3 |
| Sat. | 12:47 a.m. | 3.2 | 7:43 a.m. | 0.3 |
| | 1:27 p.m. | 3.2 | 8:12 p.m. | 0.6 |

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 87/71/pc | 85/70/pc |
| Chicago | 74/58/s | 78/62/pc |
| Dallas | 88/72/pc | 86/72/t |
| Detroit | 75/54/s | 77/54/s |
| Houston | 84/75/r | 80/73/r |
| Los Angeles | 83/67/pc | 89/68/s |
| New Orleans | 89/77/c | 85/77/t |
| New York | 77/61/s | 76/61/s |
| Orlando | 90/75/t | 89/75/t |
| Philadelphia | 79/61/s | 78/61/s |
| Phoenix | 108/86/s | 109/86/s |
| San Francisco | 71/57/pc | 75/58/s |
| Wash., DC | 80/64/pc | 80/64/s |

## REGIONAL CITIES

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Asheville | 80/61/pc | 77/61/pc |
| Athens | 87/67/pc | 86/67/pc |
| Augusta | 91/69/pc | 90/69/pc |
| Beaufort | 88/74/c | 88/70/pc |
| Cape Hatteras | 84/72/c | 82/72/pc |
| Charleston | 87/73/c | 86/69/pc |
| Charlotte | 86/66/pc | 84/64/pc |
| Clemson | 87/68/pc | 85/67/pc |
| Columbia | 90/70/pc | 89/68/pc |
| Darlington | 86/67/pc | 86/64/pc |
| Elizabeth City | 85/69/pc | 82/70/pc |
| Elizabethtown | 86/69/pc | 85/66/s |
| Fayetteville | 86/68/s | 86/65/pc |

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Florence | 86/69/pc | 86/66/s |
| Gainesville | 90/74/t | 87/72/t |
| Gastonia | 84/65/pc | 83/63/pc |
| Goldsboro | 87/68/pc | 85/65/s |
| Goose Creek | 86/72/c | 86/68/pc |
| Greensboro | 82/63/pc | 79/61/pc |
| Greenville | 85/67/pc | 83/66/pc |
| Hickory | 82/63/s | 79/62/pc |
| Hilton Head | 86/75/c | 86/71/pc |
| Jacksonville, FL | 88/75/t | 87/74/t |
| La Grange | 90/70/pc | 86/69/pc |
| Macon | 90/69/pc | 89/68/pc |
| Marietta | 87/68/pc | 85/69/pc |

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Marion | 81/62/c | 77/61/pc |
| Mt. Pleasant | 86/74/c | 86/70/pc |
| Myrtle Beach | 84/72/c | 84/70/s |
| Orangeburg | 88/69/pc | 87/65/pc |
| Port Royal | 86/75/c | 85/71/pc |
| Raleigh | 86/65/pc | 85/63/pc |
| Rock Hill | 85/65/pc | 84/62/pc |
| Rockingham | 86/65/pc | 86/63/pc |
| Savannah | 89/73/pc | 90/70/pc |
| Spartanburg | 84/65/pc | 82/63/pc |
| Summerville | 86/71/c | 85/67/pc |
| Wilmington | 84/70/c | 84/68/pc |
| Winston-Salem | 82/63/pc | 79/61/pc |

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## JUMBLE

POUCH IRONY PILLAR HIGHLY
When the hula dancers entertained the sailors, the sailors said — HIP HIP HOORAY

# SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK





**Aubrey, left, is a housebroken 5-month-old tortoiseshell American short hair. She is a loving and active girl who enjoys playing with cat toys and exploring her surroundings. Aubrey adores being held, cuddled and given lots of love. She also has her laid-back moments where she likes to be a couch potato. Aubrey was born at the SPCA and has been given hands-on attention since birth so she loves everyone she meets. She would make an excellent addition to any family with children and other cats.**

**Blue, right, is a spayed 6-year-old blue heeler mix. She is great with children, other dogs and cats. Blue is sweet, gentle, affectionate and active. She loves everyone she meets. She needs supervision while outside, as she can jump a fence when bored, so a privacy fence would be best for her. Otherwise, she is a perfect dog for any family.**

**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*.**

**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.

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SECTION B

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017

PRO FOOTBALL

# Saints admire poise, potential of Texans quarterback Watson

BY BRETT MARTEL
The Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — When asked if Deshaun Watson looked like a rookie during joint practices with New Orleans, veteran Saints safety Kenny Vaccaro nodded affirmatively.

Then Vaccaro added, "I go against Drew Brees every day, so everybody looks like a rookie."

Vaccaro said he has followed Watson's career and is "rooting for the kid," noting that he and Watson have the same agent.

"He looks good. He looks real promising," Vaccaro continued. "Obviously he's a rookie, so he's still learning, but I'm excited for him."

Watson, who was taking second-team snaps, wasn't given an opportunity Thursday to discuss how he felt about his performance against a Saints defense that ranked last in the NFL in pass defense last season. The Texans declined to

SEE **WATSON,** PAGE B3



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Houston quarterback and former Clemson standout Deshaun Watson (4) hands off to running back Dare Ogunbowale (44) during a joint practice with New Orleans on Thursday at the Saints training facility in Metairie, Louisiana.**

PREP FOOTBALL

# Far from satisfied



JONATHAN BRUNSON / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

**Lakewood High School quarterback Malik Richardson (1) and the rest of the Gators aren't resting on their laurels after snapping their 13-game losing streak last week against McBee, but rather turning their focus solely to tonight's game against Lake City.**

## Lakewood's 13-game losing streak is over, but rather than celebrating victory over McBee, Gators' focus remains on preparation for Lake City

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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Lakewood High School's 30-12 victory over McBee last Friday was likely a strong reflection of first-year head coach Larry Cornelius in more ways than one.

The first is obvious as the Gators played well enough to snap a 13-game losing streak that dated back to 2015. The second came in the celebration — one that was likely more subdued that most would have thought.

"To us, we're still 0-0," senior defensive end Leroy Blanding said. "Even though we're 1-0, we've got to keep that same mindset. It's not, 'We won so now we can celebrate.' It's more like, 'We've got more games to come and we've got to keep working.' "

It's exactly the type of mindset Cornelius wants moving forward as he builds the program — not only this year, but for years to come.

"The win obviously means a lot getting that monkey off their back," Cornelius said. "But it means a lot more to the kids than it does to me personally.

"…I was happy we got the win, but as I told the kids, we still have a long way to go. We have to continue to up our game each and every week."

That is the same sentiment heading into this week as the 4A Gators host 3A

SEE **SATISFIED,** PAGE B3

PRO BOXING

# McGregor must get rough and creative to win

BY GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Just 20 months ago, a former plumber from Dublin fought a fearsome superstar who hadn't lost in a decade. Conor McGregor talked his way into a big-money showdown, but he had to back up his boasts against Jose Aldo, one of the greatest fighters in his sport.



McGREGOR

McGregor finished the UFC featherweight champion in 13 seconds with one devastating left hand.

Floyd Mayweather presents an entirely different challenge when McGregor steps in the Vegas ring Saturday night. In his professional boxing debut, McGregor must figure out how to beat Mayweather at his own game — something the best boxers in the world have never done.

McGregor is a massive underdog, and deservedly so. But stop pretending the improbable doesn't happen in combat sports, particularly when the self-proclaimed Mystic Mac is involved.

To declare McGregor can't possibly win this fight displays more arrogance than, say, spending every night at a strip club the week beforehand, as Mayweather is currently doing.

Of course the hard-hitting Irishman has a chance — and there are several tactics he could employ to pull the biggest upset in boxing history.

"The people who don't believe it don't know anything about fighting," said UFC President Dana White, who admittedly has a slight bias here. "This isn't going to be a boxing match. This is going to be a fight."

It's also a fight between a 29-year-old southpaw in his prime and a 40 1/2-year-old veteran who hasn't fought in nearly two years and doesn't particularly want to

SEE **McGREGOR,** PAGE B5

# Knights, Gamecocks set to renew rivalry in Dalzell

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Now in his third season as the football head coach at Sumter High School, Mark Barnes has always had a list of goals for the Gamecocks. Accomplishing the first goal on that list begins today.

SHS will travel to Dalzell today to take on Crestwood at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium. The goal? To be the champion of Sumter County.

"That's always one of our goals," said Barnes, who is 2-0 against both Crestwood and Lakewood in his first two seasons. "Our goal is to win the county, then win the region and go from there.

"They do a great job at Crestwood," added Barnes, whose team won last year's contest 54-8. "We have a lot of respect for their program. Playing a team like this this time of year is good for you."

Both teams come into today's contest

SEE **RIVALRY,** PAGE B3

### PREP SCHEDULE

**TODAY**
**Varsity Football**
Sumter at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
Lake City at Lakewood, 7:30 p.m.
Scott's Branch at Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Eau Claire at Lee Central, 7:30 p.m.
Timmonsville at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Florence Christian at Laurence Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at The King's Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Beaufort Academy at Clarendon Hall, 7:30 p.m.
**Varsity Boys Soccer**
Sumter Christian at Northside Christian, 4:30 p.m.
**Varsity and JV Volleyball**
Beaufort Academy at Clarendon Hall, 4:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**
**Varsity Swimming**
Sumter in Ripley's Invitational (at Myrtle Beach), TBA
Wilson Hall in Newberry Academy Invitational (at Newberry YMCA), 9 a.m.
**Varsity Volleyball**
Lakewood, Lee Central in Bruinette Classic (at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High), 8 a.m.



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

**Crestwood running back Maleeke Bradley (7) looks for daylight as Charles Grant, left, tries to block Lower Richland's Malich Jacobs (42) during the Knights' 25-22 victory last Friday. Crestwood is back at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium again today to face county rival Sumter at 7:30 p.m.**

# SCOREBOARD

## TV, RADIO

**TODAY**
**5:30 a.m. –** Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Made In Denmark Second Round from Farso, Denmark (GOLF).
**8 a.m. –** Formula One Racing: Belgian Grand Prix Practice from Spa Francorchamps, Belgium (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**9:30 a.m. –** Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Made In Denmark Second Round from Farso, Denmark (GOLF).
**10:30 a.m. –** LPGA Golf: Canadian Pacific Women's Open Second Round from Ottawa, Ontario (GOLF).
**2 p.m. –** PGA Golf: The Northern Trust Second Round from Old Westbury, N.Y. (GOLF).
**2:20 p.m. –** International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Hamburg vs. Cologne (UNIVISION).
**3 p.m. –** Women's Professional Tennis: Connecticut Open Semifinal Match from New Haven, Conn. (ESPN2).
**4:30 p.m. –** Horse Racing: New York Showcase from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
**5 p.m. –** Women's College Soccer: Stanford at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
**6 p.m. –** Professional Boxing: Floyd Mayweather Jr.- Conor McGregor Weigh-In from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1, SHOWTIME).
**6 p.m. –** Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Boeing Classic First Round from Snoqualmie, Wash. (GOLF).
**6:05 p.m. –** Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
**6:30 p.m. –** High School Football: Lugoff-Elgin at River Bluff (WPUB-FM 102.7).
**7 p.m. –** Major League Soccer: New York City at New York (ESPN).
**7 p.m. –** Women's Professional Tennis: Connecticut Open Semifinal Match from New Haven, Conn. (ESPN2).
**7 p.m. –** High School Football: St. John Bosco (Calif.) vs. St. Thomas Aquinas (Fla.) from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (ESPNU).
**7 p.m. –** Major League Baseball: Kansas City at Cleveland or Seattle at New York Yankees (MLB NETWORK).
**7 p.m. –** International Wrestling: UWW World Wrestling Championships from Paris (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**7 p.m. –** Women's College Volleyball: Texas at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
**7 p.m. –** High School Football: Sumter at Crestwood (WIBZ-FM 95.5).
**7 p.m. –** High School Football: Robert E. Lee at Wilson Hall (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
**7:30 p.m. –** Major League Baseball: Colorado at Atlanta (FOX SPORSTOUTH).
**8 p.m. –** NFL Preseason Football: Kansas City at Seattle (WLTX 19).
**8 p.m. –** Professional Golf: Web.com Tour WinCo Foods Portland Open Second Round from North Plains, Ore. (GOLF).
**9 p.m. –** High School Football: DeMatha Catholic (Md.) vs. Bishop Gorman (Nev.) from Las Vegas (ESPN).
**9 p.m. –** Men's Professional Tennis: Winston-Salem Open Semifinal Match from Winston-Salem, N.C. (ESPN2).
**9 p.m. –** Professional Boxing: Sergei Derevyanchenko vs. Tureano Johnson in an IBF Middleweight Eliminator Bout from Miami, Okla. (FOX SPORTS 1).
**9 p.m. –** Women's College Volleyball: Utah at Kentucky (SEC NETWORK).
**10 p.m. –** High School Football: Friday Night Prep Zone Scoreboard Show (WIBZ-FM 95.5).
**Midnight –** NFL Preseason Football: New England at Detroit (NFL NETWORK).

**SATURDAY**
**6:30 a.m. –** Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Made In Denmark Third Round from Farso, Denmark (GOLF).
**7:25 a.m. –** International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Bournemouth vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**8 a.m. –** Formula One Racing: Belgian Grand Prix Pole Qualifying from Spa Francorchamps, Belgium (CNBC, UNIVISION).
**9:30 a.m. –** International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Bayern Munich vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).
**9:30 a.m. –** International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Hoffenheim vs. Bayer Leverkusen (FOX SPORTS 2).
**9:55 a.m. –** International Soccer: West Ham vs. Newcastle United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**Noon –** High School Football: Tulsa Union (Okla.) vs. Broken Arrow (Okla.) from Broken Arrow, Okla. (ESPN).
**Noon –** College Football: Texas Southern at Florida A&M (ESPNU).
**12:30 p.m. –** International Soccer: Leicester City vs. Manchester United (WIS 10).
**12:30 p.m. –** Youth Baseball: Little League World Series International Championship Game from Williamsport, Pa. (WOLO 25).
**12:30 p.m. –** International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Hertha Berlin vs. Borussia Dortmund (FOX SPORTS 1).
**1 p.m. –** PGA Golf: The Northern Trust Third Round from Old Westbury, N.Y. (GOLF).
**1 p.m. –** Major League Baseball: Seattle at New York Yankees or Minnesota at Toronto (MLB NETWORK).
**2 p.m. –** Horse Racing: Personal Ensign Stakes, Forego, Allen Jerkens Memorial and Ballerina from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
**2 p.m. –** NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Johnsonville 180 Practice from Elkhart Lake, Wis. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**2:30 p.m. –** College Football: Oregon State at Colorado State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
**3 p.m. –** PGA Golf: The Northern Trust Third Round from Old Westbury, N.Y. (WLTX 19).
**3 p.m. –** College Football: Portland State at Brigham Young (ESPN).
**3 p.m. –** Women's Professional Tennis: Connecticut Open Championship Match from New Haven, Conn. (ESPN2).
**3 p.m. –** LPGA Golf: Canadian Pacific Women's Open Third Round from Ottawa, Ontario (GOLF).
**3 p.m. –** NASCAR Racing: Whelen Modified Series from Bristol, Tenn. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**3:30 p.m. –** Youth Baseball: Little League World Series U.S. Championship Game from Williamsport, Pa. (WOLO 25).
**3:30 p.m. –** High School Football: Saraland (Ala.) vs. Heard County (Ga.) from Cartersville, Ga. (ESPNU).
**3:30 p.m. –** NWSL Soccer: Orlando at Kansas City (LIFETIME).
**4 p.m. –** Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Washington (FOX SPORTS 1).
**4 p.m. –** NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Johnsonville 180 Practice from Elkhart Lake, Wis. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**4:30 p.m. –** Horse Racing: Travers Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (WIS 10).
**5 p.m. –** Men's Professional Tennis: Winston-Salem Open Championship Match from Winston-Salem, N.C. (ESPN2).
**5 p.m. –** Women's College Volleyball: Nebraska at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
**6 p.m. –** Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Boeing Classic Second Round from Snoqualmie, Wash. (GOLF).
**6:30 p.m. –** College Football: Chattanooga vs. Jacksonville State from Montgomery, Ala. (ESPN).
**7 p.m. –** Professional Boxing: Shawn Porter vs. Thomas Dulorme in a Welterweight Bout and Juan Heraldez vs. vs. Jose Miguel Borrego in a Junior Welterweight Bout from Las Vegas (WACH 57).
**7 p.m. –** College Football: Colgate at Cal Poly (ESPNU).
**7 p.m. –** Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Philadelphia (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
**7 p.m. –** Major League Baseball: Colorado at Atlanta (FOX SPORSTOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
**7 p.m. –** Major League Baseball: Kansas City at Cleveland (FOX SPORTS 1).
**7 p.m. –** WNBA Basketball: Dallas at Washington (NBA TV).
**7:30 p.m. –** College Football: South Florida at San Jose State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
**7:30 p.m. –** High School Football: Cartersville (Ga.) vs. Bartram Trail (Fla.) from Cartersville, Ga. (ESPN2).
**7:30 p.m. –** IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Bommarito Automotive Group 500 Pole Qualifying from Madison, Ill. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**8 p.m. –** NFL Preseason Football: Los Angeles Chargers at Los Angeles Rams (WLTX 19).
**8 p.m. –** Professional Golf: Web.com Tour WinCo Foods Portland Open Third Round from North Plains, Ore. (GOLF).
**9 p.m. –** Professional Boxing: Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Conor McGregor in a Junior Middleweight Bout from Las Vegas (SPECTRUM PPV).
**9:30 p.m. –** IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Bommarito Automotive Group 500 from Madison, Ill. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
**9:45 p.m. –** Professional Boxing: Miguel Cotto vs. Yoshihiro Kamegai for the WBO Junior Middleweight Title and Rey Varags vs. Ronny Rios for the WBC Junior Featherweight Title from Carson, Calif. (HBO).
**10 p.m. –** College Football: Stanford vs. Rice from Sydney, Australia (ESPN).
**10 p.m. –** Major League Baseball: Houston at Los Angeles Angels or San Francisco at Arizona (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).
**10:30 p.m. –** High School Football: IMG Academy (Fla.) vs. Chandler (Ariz.) (ESPNU).
**Midnight –** NFL Preseason Football: Oakland at Dallas (NFL NETWORK).
**2:30 a.m. –** NFL Preseason Football: Arizona at Atlanta (NFL NETWORK).
**5 a.m. –** NFL Preseason Football: Houston at New Orleans (NFL NETWORK).

## MLB STANDINGS
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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 73 | 53 | .579 | — |
| New York | 68 | 58 | .540 | 5 |
| Tampa Bay | 63 | 66 | .488 | 11½ |
| Baltimore | 62 | 65 | .488 | 11½ |
| Toronto | 60 | 67 | .472 | 13½ |

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 69 | 56 | .552 | — |
| Minnesota | 65 | 61 | .516 | 4½ |
| Kansas City | 64 | 62 | .508 | 5½ |
| Detroit | 55 | 71 | .437 | 14½ |
| Chicago | 49 | 76 | .392 | 20 |

WEST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 77 | 49 | .611 | — |
| Los Angeles | 65 | 62 | .512 | 12½ |
| Seattle | 65 | 63 | .508 | 13 |
| Texas | 63 | 63 | .500 | 14 |
| Oakland | 55 | 72 | .433 | 22½ |

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**
Baltimore 8, Oakland 7, 12 innings
Boston 6, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 10, Detroit 2
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 6
Seattle 9, Atlanta 6
Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 3
Houston 6, Washington 1
Kansas City 6, Colorado 4
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 5, 10 innings

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**
Detroit 10, N.Y. Yankees 6
Tampa Bay 2, Toronto 0
Colorado 3, Kansas City 2
Boston at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**
Seattle (Miranda 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 10-5), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Colon 5-10) at Toronto (Happ 6-9), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Hellickson 7-7) at Boston (Porcello 8-14), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Vargas 14-7) at Cleveland (Merritt 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 9-8) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 7-10), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-7) at St. Louis (Wacha 9-6), 8:15 p.m.
Texas (Griffin 6-4) at Oakland (Graveman 3-4), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Bridwell 7-1), 10:07 p.m.

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Baltimore at Boston, 4:05 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 75 | 49 | .605 | — |
| Miami | 63 | 63 | .500 | 13 |
| Atlanta | 56 | 69 | .448 | 19½ |
| New York | 55 | 71 | .437 | 21 |
| Philadelphia | 46 | 80 | .365 | 30 |

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 68 | 57 | .544 | — |
| Milwaukee | 66 | 62 | .516 | 3½ |
| St. Louis | 64 | 62 | .508 | 4½ |
| Pittsburgh | 61 | 67 | .477 | 8½ |
| Cincinnati | 53 | 74 | .417 | 16 |

WEST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 90 | 36 | .714 | — |
| Arizona | 70 | 58 | .547 | 21 |
| Colorado | 69 | 58 | .543 | 21½ |
| San Diego | 56 | 70 | .444 | 34 |
| San Francisco | 52 | 77 | .403 | 39½ |

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**
San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 2
Philadelphia 8, Miami 0
Pittsburgh 1, L.A. Dodgers 0, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Mets 4, Arizona 2
Seattle 9, Atlanta 6
Houston 6, Washington 1
Kansas City 6, Colorado 4
St. Louis 6, San Diego 2

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**
Arizona 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Miami 9, Philadelphia 8
Colorado 3, Kansas City 2
L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 2
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 8-10) at Philadelphia (Eickhoff 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 13-7) at Washington (Cole 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 11-10) at Cincinnati (Stephenson 1-4), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Wood 3-4) at Miami (Conley 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Bettis 0-0) at Atlanta (Teheran 7-11), 7:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-7) at St. Louis (Wacha 9-6), 8:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Blach 8-9) at Arizona (Greinke 14-6), 9:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 7-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 11-5), 10:10 p.m.

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

## NFL PRESEASON SCHEDULE
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**THURSDAY'S GAMES**
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**
New England at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**
Buffalo at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at L.A. Rams, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Green Bay at Denver, 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**
Chicago at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 4:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 31**
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Baltimore at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.
Tennessee at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at San Francisco, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 10 p.m.

## MLB ROUNDUP




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**Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera, center, looks back at the New York Yankees as he is guided off the field by teammate Ian Kinsler, right, and Jose Iglesias (1) following a bench-clearing fight during the sixth inning of the Tigers' 10-6 victory on Thursday in Detroit. In all, the benches cleared three times and there were eight ejections during the contest.**

# 3 big beefs, 8 ejections as Tigers top Yankees 10-6

DETROIT — Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera and Yankees catcher Austin Romine wrestled on the ground near home plate during the first of three bench-clearing altercations during the Tigers' testy 10-6 victory over New York on Thursday.

Five players were ejected, along with both managers and the Yankees' bench coach.

Justin Upton and James McCann homered for Detroit, and Gary Sanchez went deep for the Yankees, but that all became secondary on a day when the umpires had their hands full trying to maintain order. Major League Baseball figures to be busy now, sorting out likely suspensions that could especially hurt the playoff-contending Yankees.

The winning and losing pitchers — Detroit's Alex Wilson (2-4) and New York's Dellin Betances (3-5) — were among those ejected. Betances was tossed after hitting a batter in the helmet with a pitch, and argued with the umps.

The ill will carried over to the Detroit dugout, too, where star pitcher Justin Verlander and teammates Victor Martinez and Nicholas Castellanos got into some sort of dispute.

Shane Greene got five outs for his fourth save.

**DODGERS 5**

**PIRATES 2**

PITTSBURGH — Yasmani Grandal and Adrian Gonzalez hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth inning and the Los Angeles Dodgers pulled away from the Pittsburgh Pirates for a 5-2 victory and their 90th win of the season.

Grandal's 18th of the year gave the Dodgers a 2-run lead. Gonzalez pushed it to three moments later with a shot to nearly the same spot in the right-field seats for his second of the season and 100th with Los Angeles. Curtis Granderson hit his 22nd home run of the season. Chris Taylor chipped in three hits and Kike Hernandez added two hits on his 26th birthday.

**MARLINS 9**

**PHILLIES 8**

PHILADELPHIA — Giancarlo Stanton launched his major league-leading 47th home run, J.T. Realmuto hit an inside-the-park homer and the Miami Marlins overcame a 5-run deficit to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 9-8.

Stanton led off the third inning with his 14th homer in August, extending his club record for most in one month.

Realmuto tied it at 8 in the sixth inning with a 2-run shot, then put the Marlins ahead in the eighth with a sacrifice fly.

**ROCKIES 3**

**ROYALS 2**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Pat Valaika hit a 2-run homer with two out in the eighth inning and Greg Holland finished for his 36th save in the Colorado Rockies' 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Valaika snapped an 0-for-12 slide, driving a full-count pitch from Mike Minor (5-6) to left after Gerardo Parra singled.

Holland worked a perfect ninth. He allowed Eric Hosmer's game-ending, 3-run homer in the ninth inning Wednesday night and was 0-4 with three blown saves in his previous six appearances.

Adam Ottavino (2-3) struck out two in a perfect seventh.

Rookie Jake Junis limited the Rockies to one run and seven hits over 5 1/3 innings. He matched his career high with seven strikeouts and walked one.

Whit Merrifield and Brandon Moss led off the Royals' first and second innings with home runs. It was Merrifield's third career leadoff home run, all this season, and his eighth hit in 15 at-bats. Moss hit his 17th home run, 14 of them with the bases empty.

**RAYS 2**

**BLUE JAYS 0**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Alex Cobb and four relievers combined on a 6-hitter and center fielder Kevin Kiermaier made two spectacular catches to help the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 2-0.

A day after the same two teams combined for nine home runs in a 7-6 Toronto win, pitching took over.

Cobb, making his first start in 19 days, was taken out of the game in the fifth inning after throwing 94 pitches despite giving up no runs. Steve Cishek (2-0) got the win and Alex Colome pitched the ninth for his 38th save.

The Rays' 1-0 lead was preserved in the fifth by the catches from Kiermaier, a 2-time Gold Glover. Tampa Bay also benefited when a replay turned Josh Donaldson's 2-run double into a foul ball.

Tom Koehler (0-1) pitched five innings in his first start for Toronto, giving up one run on five hits while striking out seven.

**DIAMONDBACKS 3**

**METS 2**

NEW YORK — Robbie Ray returned to a big league mound for the first time since being hit in the head with a line drive last month, striking out nine in five innings and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the New York Mets 3-2.

Arizona won three of four in New York, staying ahead of Colorado for the NL's top wild-card spot.

Reinstated from the DL prior to the game, Ray (10-5) allowed one run and two hits. The All-Star left-hander struck out the side in the first and held the Mets hitless for three innings.

Yoenis Cespedes led off the fourth with his 17th home run, a drive that traveled 440 feet into the second deck in left.

**WEDNESDAY**

**MARINERS 9**

**BRAVES 6**

ATLANTA — Taylor Motter replaced an injured Robinson Cano and gave Seattle the lead with a 2-run single in the eighth inning, lifting the Mariners over the Atlanta Braves 9-6 on Wednesday night.

Cano had two doubles before leaving with tightness in his left hamstring in the third.

Kyle Seager added a 3-run homer in the eighth inning off Dan Winkler.

After blowing a 4-3 lead in the seventh, the Mariners rallied against Jim Johnson (6-3) in the eighth. Motter's single to center field drove in Jean Segura, who doubled, and Yonder Alonso, who walked.

David Phelps (4-5, 2-1 AL) recorded two outs in the seventh after coming off the disabled list. Edwin Diaz recorded the final four outs — including three strikeouts in the ninth — for his 29th save in 33 chances.

*From wire reports*

# WATSON

FROM PAGE B1

make him available for interviews, instead allowing media to speak with presumed starting QB Tom Savage.

Watson didn't have to say anything about this trip to New Orleans; it was evident it has not been as easy on Watson's ego as a couple previous ones. When Watson visited the Big Easy before, the former Clemson star arrived to be praised as he accepted the Manning Award as the nation's top college quarterback the past two years. He is the first player to win the award twice .

While Watson was on target with several routine throws on Thursday, there were some plays that didn't go so well. During 11-on-11 drills, he was intercepted by Malik Foreman, a rookie out of Tennessee. He tried a deep back-shoulder throw on a roll-out, only to have cornerback Sterling Moore bat it down. There were other plays in which Watson didn't attempt a throw despite blockers appearing to give him a standard amount of time, and he resorted to scrambling.

But as Saints coach Sean Payton noted, forcing Watson to run doesn't always produce a good outcome for an opposing defense.

"Man, if the play breaks down, he's hard to get a hand on," Payton said. "He broke contain on us a few times and it was challenging."

The Saints could face Watson again on Saturday night, when Houston visits the Superdome for both teams' third preseason game.

Payton has had the record-setting Brees as his clear-cut starter every year since taking over as Saints coach in 2006, but he could empathize with the situation facing Texans coach Bill O'Brien, who appears inclined to go with his more established QB for now. Many fans are clamoring to see Watson, last spring's 12th overall draft choice, who led Clemson to a national title with prolific, clutch performances.

"They've got experience (with Savage) and they've got a young player (in Watson) and I'm sure they're going to develop him as they see fit for their team," Payton said.

Payton praised Watson's poise and commended his play-making in a 27-23 exhibition victory over New England last weekend, when Watson had completions of 63 and 33 yards, and also ran for a short TD.

However, Watson completed only three of 10 passes overall.

"I'm sure like any young player ... there's a learning curve," Payton said.

Brees said he was impressed with Watson's college career and met him this offseason when both were working out in the San Diego area.

"He's as talented as they come and he's played in and won a lot of big football games," Brees said. "He's played extremely well against some pretty well respected teams and defenses — obviously, when you look at Alabama on defense and what he was able to accomplish against those guys over the last two years.

"Any time you take the step to the NFL from college there are adjustments — there's a new system, the speed of the game."

# SATISFIED

FROM PAGE B1

Lake City at J. Frank Baker Stadium on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Panthers are 0-1 after falling to perennial 3A power Hartsville 41-6 last week.

For LHS to go 2-0, the Gators will have to be much more fundamentally sound offensively than they were last week, Cornelius said.

"We probably left four or five touchdowns out there," he said. "We had some missed passes, a few dropped passes, too many penalties. We only had one turnover, which wasn't bad honestly because I think Lakewood averaged 4 1/2 turnovers a game last year.

"…We have to be able to put drives together. Lake City is a type of bend-but-don't-break defense, so you have to be disciplined in order to score."

The Gators were very balanced against McBee. Junior quarterback Malik Richardson completed 9 of 19 passes for 149 yards and a score and LHS also rushed 20 times for 165 yards and three more scores — all by Richardson, who had 96 yards on seven carries.



JONATHAN BRUNSON / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

**Lakewood High School head coach Larry Cornelius, right center, speaks to his team after last week's 30-12 victory at McBee. While happy with the victory, Cornelius and the Gators are far from satisfied.**

"We're a fast-paced offense, and I think our pace was really good in the game," Richardson said. "We moved the ball effectively and didn't have a lot of turnovers. We just should have had a lot more points than we did. We've got to execute. I've got to make the right reads and we've got to run the right routes and everything like that.

"It's all got to come together."

Those are all things that are correctable, Cornelius said, and Richardson added that's just a simple matter of practicing.

"Just more practice. Get to know our personnel more and working extra to get our timing right," he added.

In order to beat Lake City, the Gators will likely need another strong performance from its defense like they got in the opener. Blanding led the charge with eight tackles, a sack and two blocked extra points. One block came in the second quarter that kept the score 13-6 heading into halftime and another came in the third quarter with the contest still close.

"It feels good – I've never had that happen to me," Blanding said. "But I just tried to go back and play my part on defense. You've got to play together. That's what it's all about."

Lakewood will face a similar style of offense to its own, Cornelius said. Quarterback Christopher Burnett had 190 yards passing on 19 of 30 completions with one touchdown and one interception. He found six different receivers.

"They were 9-3 last year, and after a watching a ton of film, the first thing that pops out is they're very athletic," Cornelius said. "They've got a lot of team speed. Offensively, they're going to pose a challenge to our defense. They love to throw the ball around, they love to get to the line and they love to motion. It presents a lot of problems.

"I believe they'll have the ability to get yards on us, the key will be is can we keep them out of the end zone?"

# RIVALRY

FROM PAGE B1

off of Week Zero victories. The Knights defeated Lower Richland 25-22, while Sumter topped Ridge View 28-21. Both coaches were fairly pleased with their respective team's performances.

"We had a pretty good all-around performance," said Nelson, who is in his fourth season with the Knights. "We just have to eliminate some bonehead plays. We had a couple of touchdowns called back because of stupid penalties, but at the end of the day we made enough plays to win the game."

Quarterback Anthony Bradley led Crestwood offensively. He was the leading rusher with 92 yards and also completed 11 of 22 passes for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

Sumter quarterback Zykiem Jackson was the catalyst of his team's offense as well. He rushed for 95 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries while completing seven of 12 passes for 42 yards with one interception.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

**Sumter running back Da'Jon Butts (34) and the rest of the Gamecocks look to take their first step to becoming Sumter County champs today when they travel to Dalzell to face Crestwood at 7:30 p.m.**

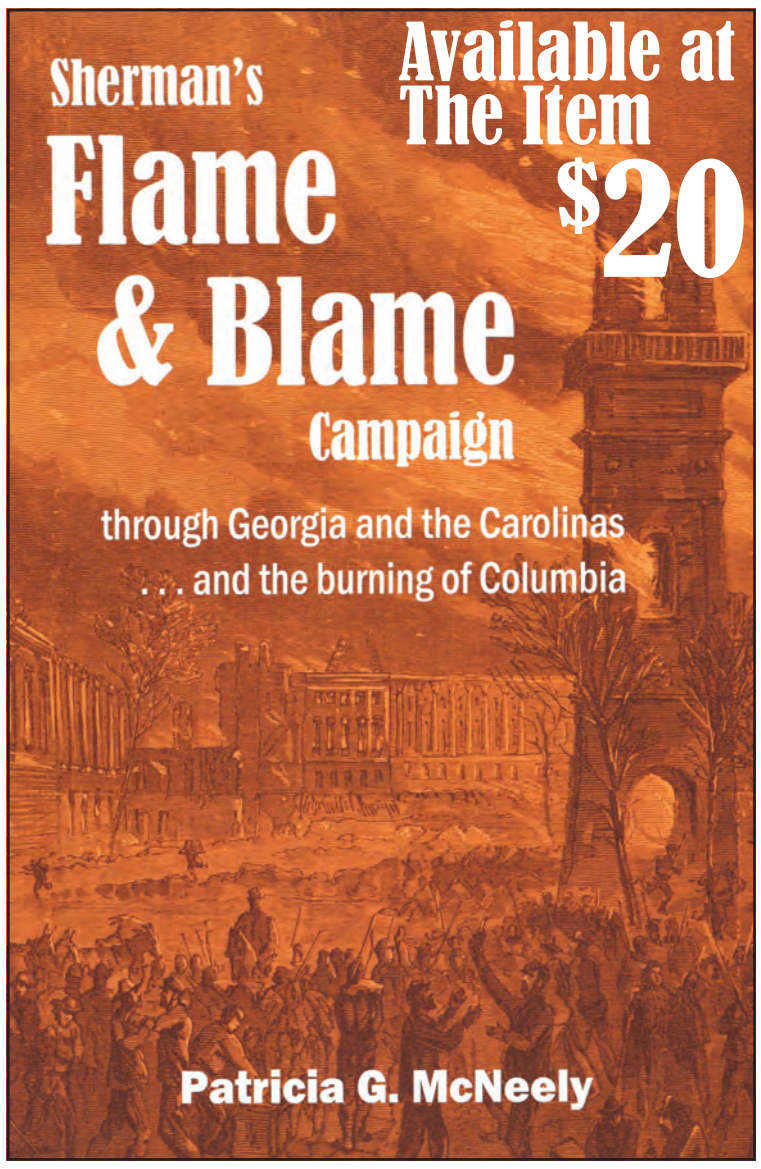
"Sumter is a different animal than what we faced last week," Nelson said. "They are a very physical team that really likes to run the football. They've got a quarterback (Jackson) who is going to probably be the best dual threat quarterback we'll face this season."

Barnes was really pleased with his team's defensive performance.

"I thought we really played well defensively," Barnes said. "And that is what we're going to have to do if we're going to be successful.

"I thought we played really well up front," he added. "We had a couple of guys who hadn't played a lot and they performed well. We knew what we would get from Ronald McGee, but Robert Williams and Jonathan Butler performed well."

Sumter was a ball-hawking defense as well. The Gamecocks intercepted three passes and forced two fumbles. Cornerback Melvin Lundy had an interception and a fumble recovery. Jordan Gregg returned an interception 68 yards for a score as well.












AREA ROUNDUP

# Lakewood JV football beats Lake City 27-26 in double OT

LAKE CITY — Lakewood High School's junior varsity football team opened its season with a 27-26 double-overtime victory over Lake City on Thursday at the LC field.

Koby Wagner ran for a 6-yard touchdown in the second overtime and Francisco Gonzalez added the extra point for the victory.

Scoring touchdowns in regulation for the Gators were Jeffrey Lawson on a 12-yard run, Jerime Tindal on a 74-yard TD pass from Wagner and Stanley Boatwright on an interception return.

T.J. Vaughn had an interception to send the game into overtime.

**HAMMOND 51**

**WILSON HALL 22**

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall opened its season with a 51-22 loss to Hammond on Thursday at the Hammond field.

Wise Segars scored three touchdowns and rushed for 135 yards to lead the Barons. Doc Walker ran for a 2-point conversion.

## B TEAM FOOTBALL

**HAMMOND 36**

**WILSON HALL 16**

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall opened its season with a 36-16 loss to Hammond on Thursday at the Hammond field.

Will Singleton returned a kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown and also had a 1-yard scoring run. Blake VanPatten ran for a 2-point conversion and Cameron Coulter passed to Clark Kinney for the other 2-point conversion.

Defensively, Dylan Richardson and John Osteen both had two tackles for loss and Singleton had five total tackles.

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

**WILSON HALL 3**

**HAMMOND 0**

Wilson Hall evened its record at 2-2 with a 3-0 victory over Hammond on Thursday at Nash Student Center.

The Lady Barons won by the scores of 25-14, 25-15, 26-24.

Courtney Clark led WH with 16 kills and six digs. Madison Reaves had seven digs and Chandler Curtis and Madison DesChamps combined for 25 assists.

On Wednesday in Columbia, Wilson Hall defeated Ben Lippen 3-0. The Lady Barons won by the scores of 25-15, 25-13, 25-23.

Clark had nine kills and five aces, Liza Lowder had 11 digs and three aces and Curtis had 16 assists. Becka Noyes and Cameron Duffy combined for two blocks.

**THOMAS SUMTER 3**

**CALHOUN 0**

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy improved to 2-0 with a 3-0 victory over Calhoun Academy on Wednesday at Edens Gymnasium.

TSA won by the scores of 25-7, 25-10, 25-11 Anita Cookey-Gam had 10 kills, Karleigh Young had five kills. Sydney Daniel set 15 assists and Josie Reed served five aces.

**LAKEWOOD 3**

**HANNAH-PAMPLICO 0**

PAMPLICO — Lakewood opened its season with a 3-0 sweep of Hannah-Pamplico on Thursday at the H-P gymnasium.

The Lady Gators won by the scores of 25-19, 25-12, 25-11.

Amiyah Pinkney had eight aces and two kills to lead LHS. Emily McDonald had five aces and three kills, Taylor McPhail had six kills, Ariana Jackson had four kills and Rachell Harlerode had three aces.

## JV VOLLEYBALL

**THOMAS SUMTER 2**

**CALHOUN 0**

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy defeated Calhoun Academy 2-0 on Wednesday at Edens Gymnasium.

TSA won by the scores of 25-18, 25-13. Logan Scruggs had six aces for the 2-0 Lady Generals while Maci Willetts had six kills.

## VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

**WILSON HALL 8**

**CAROLINA 1**

Wilson Hall opened its season on Thursday with an 8-1 victory over Carolina Academy at Palmetto Tennis Center.

The Lady Barons travel to Columbia on Tuesday to face Heathwood Hall.

**SINGLES**

1 — Z. Beasley (WH) defeated Weaver 6-1, 6-0.
2 — Guldan (WH) defeated E. Askins 6-4, 6-0.
3 — E. Beasley (WH) defeated Matthews 6-0, 6-0.
4 — Davis (WH) defeated Hunt 6-1, 6-3.
5 — Allred (WH) defeated McDaniel 6-0, 6-0.
6 — Land (WH) defeated S. Askins 6-1, 6-0.

**DOUBLES**

1 — Weave/E. Askins (CA) defeated Z. Beasley/Guldan 8-3.
2 — E. Beasley/Davis (WH) defeated Matthews/Hunt 8-0.
3 — Allred/Land (WH) defeated McDaniel/S. Askins 8-1.

**CAROLINA 8**

**LAURENCE MANNING 1**

LAKE CITY — Laurence Manning Academy lost to Carolina Academy 8-1 on Wednesday at the Carolina courts.

It was the season opener for LMA.

**SINGLES**

1 — Grace Weaver (CA) defeated Mason Ham 6-0, 6-0.
2 — Elizabeth Askins (CA) defeated Carrie Rickenbaker 6-2, 6-1.
3 — Margaret Matthews (CA) defeated Madison Ham 6-1, 6-0.
4 — Emma Hunt (CA) defeated Eliza Davis 6-1, 6-2.
5 — Meg McDaniel (CA) defeated Katherine Burns 6-0, 6-1.
6 — Carley Tsukalas (LMA) defeated Sophie Askins 7-6, 7-6.

**DOUBLES**

1 — Weaver/E. Askins (CA) defeated Mas. Ham/Davis 8-1.
2 — Matthews/Hunt (CA) defeated Rickenbaker/Burns 8-0.
3 — McDaniel/S. Askins (CA) defeated Mad. Ham/Tsukalas 8-6.

SPORTS ITEMS

# Johnson finding groove, trails Henley by 1 at Northern Trust

OLD WESTBURY, N.Y. — Dustin Johnson hasn't felt this good about his game since he was winning every tournament he played.


JOHNSON

Johnson overcame a shaky start with a switch to his old putter to post a 5-under 65, leaving him one shot behind Russell Henley after the opening round of The Northern Trust.

The 65 was his lowest round since he won at Riviera in February, which began his rise to No. 1 in the world. That was the start of three straight victories going into the Masters, where Johnson injured his back and had to withdraw.

Henley played in the morning and holed seven birdie putts from 12 feet or close, along with an 80-foot chip-in for birdie for his 64.

The Northern Trust is the first of four FedEx Cup playoff events that lead to the Tour Championship and the $10 million payoff.

### ALEX IN THE LEAD AT CANADIAN WOMEN'S OPEN

OTTAWA, Ontario — Marina Alex shot a 5-under 66 on Thursday to take the lead in the Canadian Pacific Women's Open, while Canadian star Brooke Henderson was in danger of missing the cut after a 74.

Alex had four birdies on her opening nine — the back nine at Ottawa Hunt — and added two birdies and a bogey on her second nine. The American is winless on the PGA Tour.

South Korea's In Gee Chun and England's Holly Clyburn were a stroke back at 67.

### ESPN'S RUSSILLO OUT OF WYOMING JAIL

JACKSON, Wyo. — ESPN Radio host Ryen Russillo has been released from jail after being arrested on a criminal trespass charge in a Wyoming resort town.

Officials say the 42-year-old host of "The Ryen Russillo Show" was released from the Teton County Jail in Jackson about 7 p.m. Wednesday after posting $250 bail.

The Jackson Municipal Court has scheduled his case for Sept. 13. A court official says no attorney for Russillo has been listed.

Russillo of West Hartford, Connecticut, was charged with misdemeanor criminal trespassing after police were called around 3:30 a.m. Wednesday to a condo for a report of a "highly intoxicated male" who refused to leave.

Police found the man in a bedroom but there was no evidence of forced entry.

*From wire reports*

# AREA SCOREBOARD

## BASKETBALL

### YMCA BIDDY BASKETBALL

Registration for the Sumter Family YMCA's Biddy Basketball Program will open on Monday and run through Sept. 13.

The league is open to boys and girls ages 3-4. The fee is $25 for members and $40 for non-members.

The league is looking for volunteers as head coaches, assistant coaches and scorekeepers.

For more information, visit the YMCA at 510 Miller Road, call at (803) 773-1404, go to *www.ymcasumter.org* or visit it on Facebook or Twitter.

## ETC.

### SUMTER SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Nominations are now being accepted for the Sumter Sports Hall of Fame.

There will be a maximum of seven people selected for the Hall of Fame, which is sponsored by The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter. The ceremony will take place in November.

The Sumter Sports Hall of Fame recognizes both female and male coaches and athletes who have achieved success at all different levels of sports in Sumter.

Nomination forms can be found in editions of The Sumter Item. Nominations can be mailed to The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter, 630 South Sumter Street, Sumter 29151.

Nominations must be postmarked by Sept. 6.

To be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame, a coach or an athlete must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a native of Sumter County, or
- Have attended three years of school in Sumter County, two of which were at the senior high level, or
- Be a resident of the Sumter area for a sufficient period of time to be considered a permanent resident, or
- Meet one of the above requirements or have been a coach for a minimum of 10 years.

Those who are nominating someone should supply both the address and the email address of both the nominee and themselves. A biography on the nominee's accomplishments is required and also point out the gender of the nominee and whether he or she is deceased.

## FOOTBALL

### SUMTER TOUCHDOWN CLUB

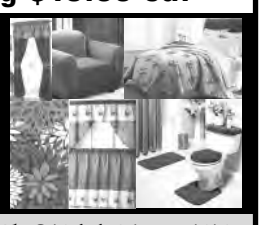
The Sumter Touchdown Club presented by FTC is accepting members for its 28th season, which will begin Friday, Sept. 1.

The club will hold its 12 weekly breakfast meetings at Swan Lake Visitors Center beginning at 7:15 a.m. The visitors center is located inside the gates of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on West Liberty Street.

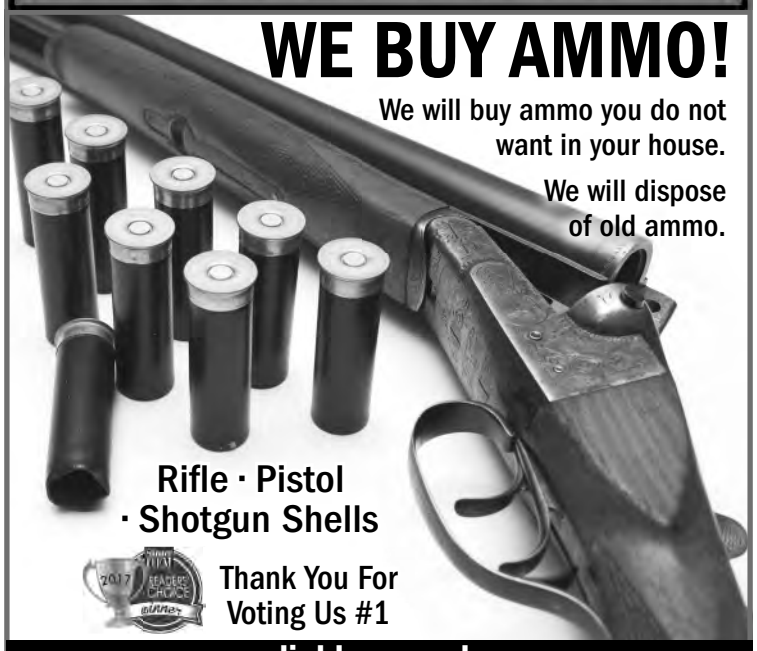
Membership to the club is open to the public. The fee is $100 per year and includes a full buffet breakfast from Shoney's each week along with the ability to participate in all that the TD club offers. Those interested in sponsoring can do so for $200 per year.

For those interested in becoming a member, go to *www.sumtertdclub.com* and click on the membership form.

For more information, go to the website or call Lee Glaze at (803) 968-0773.


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## McGREGOR

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be here, as he acknowledged repeatedly Wednesday. Mayweather isn't the fighter he once was, and his competitive fire is dwarfed by his need for the mammoth paycheck from this endeavor.

But how does an MMA fighter with no competitive boxing experience since childhood take on a 21-year pro veteran with world championships in five divisions and arguably the most brilliant defensive skills in the history of the sport?

He gets in Mayweather's face, both before and during the fight.

He charges forward from the opening bell and forces Mayweather to think defensively all night.

He throws hundreds of punches from every angle with the goal of setting up the vicious left hand that has turned out the lights on MMA opponents.

And if none of that is successful, McGregor could bend the Marquess of Queensberry rules to their breaking point in hopes of goading Mayweather into a brawl.

None of it is guaranteed to work. But it's definitely worth a shot.

Looking back at Mayweather's history is a daunting task, given his 49-0 record, but it contains clues for tactics that could magnify McGregor's chances.

For instance, McGregor could amplify the strategy used by Marcos Maidana and Jose Luis Castillo. Both boxers pressed Mayweather constantly, using roughhouse tactics on the border of legality, and bombarded Mayweather with punches, many from unorthodox angles.

Mayweather won both fights, but definitely looked uncomfortable for long stretches. McGregor doesn't have the hand speed of those professional boxers, but he should strive to emulate their urgency.

He should also attempt to show Mayweather things he's never seen before in the ring, and his decision not to hire a boxing trainer for the bout might actually help in that regard. The UFC star should switch stances and try just about any punch, including the looping overhand shots rarely seen in high-level boxing matches because they're easily countered, but common in MMA bouts because of the distance they create from the opponent.

If McGregor gets hit, so be it. Every punch absorbed is the price for a chance to reply.

McGregor believes Mayweather made a mistake by agreeing to fight in 8-ounce gloves instead of the typical 10-ounce pillows, but he shouldn't rely solely on the unicorn one-punch knockout. While McGregor has definite power, only the biggest Mac homer would think it's something Mayweather hasn't seen from boxers — and Mayweather has shown a solid chin and excellent recovery skills on the few occasions he has been hit.

Instead, the key is to use that energy to get in a good position to unload the left hand or a combination through Mayweather's shifty defense. McGregor could repeatedly tie up Mayweather and attempt to land shots in the clinch.

These things could all unsettle Mayweather, who typically doesn't face trouble unless he takes a voluntary risk by moving into dangerous areas to throw combinations, or getting angry and brawling a bit.

And therein is another potential route for McGregor. Call it the Aldo Strategy: If he can get Mayweather feeling both confident and angry, there's a chance Mayweather will let down his defense enough to attempt to finish McGregor in brute style — and maybe McGregor will have an opening.

Mayweather hasn't seemed interested in McGregor's typical trash talk during the build-up to the fight, but perhaps he could waver the champion's focus with the wrong word, an errant elbow or a rabbit punch behind the head — enough to draw a warning, but not lose a point.

# This should be easy money for Mayweather

**BY TIM DAHLBERG**
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. was a winner the day he signed the contract to come out of retirement to fight Conor McGregor in what could be the richest fight ever.

He'll be a winner in the ring Saturday night, too, capping a career in which he won all 50 of his professional fights and helped sell more than $1 billion in pay-per-views.

There's not a lot to analyze about a fight that is as much spectacle as it is competition. The greatest defensive fighter of his time, Mayweather simply needs to do the kind of things that won him 49 previous fights to beat a UFC star in his first boxing bout.

Unless he suddenly gets old in the ring, Mayweather can then laugh all the way to the bank.

He'll make some $200 million, and it will be easy money. McGregor will be exposed for what he is — a very good MMA fighter who doesn't have enough experience in a boxing ring to beat a top 10 fighter, much less someone with Mayweather's skills.

It could go quick, or Mayweather could carry him for 12 ugly rounds. Either way, Mayweather will be in charge in a fight that will have a lot of people feeling buyer's remorse Sunday morning.

Never mind that he's 40 and trained at some very odd hours for his first fight in nearly two years. Forget that he was hosting late night meet-and-greets at his strip club when his time may have been better used resting up for a younger and bigger opponent.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Floyd Mayweather Jr. trains at his gym in Las Vegas recently in preparation for Saturday's fight against UFC star Conor McGregor.**

There's a reason oddsmakers started this out at 11-1 odds favoring Mayweather. And while the hype has narrowed the odds quite a bit, it hasn't changed the underlying dynamics of what might happen when the two step in the ring together Saturday night on the Las Vegas Strip.

McGregor has vowed to knock him out within two rounds. Mayweather is so unconcerned that he says he's not going to run and hide.

"I'm coming straight ahead," Mayweather said. "So he doesn't have anything to worry about."

Actually, McGregor has a lot to worry about. Finding Mayweather to hit is at the top of the list because even if Mayweather fights in the center of the ring he has such good reflexes and movement that McGregor could find himself swinging at thin air most of the time.

And, let's face it, if Mayweather wants to embarrass McGregor — or force him into a foul of some sort — he's got the skillset to do just that.

This isn't MMA, where fighters often have to defend so much against kicks and takedowns that they leave their chins unguarded. This is boxing, where McGregor has only his two hands and nothing else that Mayweather hasn't seen in his long career.

Even if Mayweather is not known as a big puncher, his punches add up. Remember, it was Mayweather who asked for the smaller 8-ounce gloves, so maybe it's not all talk when his camp says he's looking to stop McGregor.

"When he gets hit he's going to find out it's totally different," Mayweather said this week. "The brittle hands, they keep saying that, but when I come across his head he'll find out it's totally different."

Also remember that it was just 17 months ago that McGregor was badly beaten up in a UFC fight he lost by a second-round submission to Nate Diaz.

Yes, there's a chance Mayweather's timing isn't there at his age and after two years out of the ring. There's also a chance McGregor flusters him with the same kind of roughhouse tactics that worked for Marcos Maidana in their first fight.

Anything is possible in boxing, anything. If any proof is needed, look up the Fan Man and the Bite Fight.

But those chances rank somewhere between slim and none. Even if Mayweather finds himself in some sort of trouble he's shown the ability to adjust in the ring with anything anyone has ever tried against him.

It's Mayweather's last fight and he wants to go out with a bang.

He'll do it by making easy work against a fighter who really has no business being in the ring with him in the first place.


# *20th Anniversary*

## The Sumter Sports Hall of Fame
## Sponsored by The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter

The Sumter Sports Hall of Fame recognizes athletes and coaches who have demonstrated throughout their careers in sports those qualities which clearly identify them as champions. This recognition will be permanent and will be located in a place open to public viewing. This year's ceremony will be held on November 6, 2017.

**ELIGIBILTY REQUIREMENTS**

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**NOMINATION FORM**

Nominations must be postmarked by September 6, 2017. Please send to:
The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter
630 South Sumter Street • Sumter, SC 29151
**Note: There is no need to nominate someone who has been nominated in the past. The prior form will be considered along with the new ones.*

Nominee's Name: _____ Phone: _____
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Is nominee: Male ( ) Female ( ), If deceased please check ( )
Give a brief narration about nominee. (Attach to entry): _____
Nominated by: _____ Phone: _____
(This will be kept confidential)
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## LINCOLN E. CANTEY

SUMMERTON — Lincoln Edward Cantey, 66, died on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2017.

He was a son of the late Junious and Merthlene Lee Doughty Cantey.


CANTEY

Funeral services for Mr. Cantey will be held at noon on Saturday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with the Rev. Antonio Green officiating and Evangelist Devona Georgia-House and Evangelist Sheila B. Stuckey assisting.

Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Monday at Florence National Cemetery, Florence.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister, Linda Lewis, 3130 Doughty Road, Davis Station.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC, Manning.

## STEWART E. SCHNUR

Stewart Edward Schnur, age 73, beloved husband of the late Linda Church Schnur, died on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.


SCHNUR

Born in Marysville, California, he was a son of the late Edward Stewart Schnur and Grace Catherine Schnur. He was a faithful gospel minister for more than 45 years, currently serving as minister of Plaza Church of Christ. Stewart loved spending time with his family and will be remembered as a very loving father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by three daughters, Carol Leonard and her husband, Brian, Cathy Bryant and her husband, Chris, all of Lexington, and Stephanie Crawford and her husband, Nick, of Jacksonville, Florida; seven grandchildren, Gracie and Lindsey Leonard, Reagan, Tyler and Sarah Bryant, and Caitlin and Baylee Crawford; and a sister, Valerie Schnur of Florence, Kentucky.

A funeral service will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday at Plaza Church of Christ with Harry Davis officiating.

The family will receive friends on Saturday two hours prior to the service from 3 to 5 p.m. at Plaza Church of Christ.

Memorials may be made to the Southeastern Children's Home, P.O. Box 339, Duncan, SC 29334.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

Bullock Funeral Home & Crematorium

## SAMUEL EALEY JR.

Samuel Ealey Jr. departed this earthly life on Aug. 9, 2017, at his residence in Trenton, New Jersey.

He was born on Dec. 6, 1959, in Junction City, Kansas, to the late Samuel Ealey Sr. and Geneva Cokley Ealey. He was raised in Sumter County by his loving mother. Samuel attended the public schools in Sumter and was a welder by trade. He started and ended his career with Fluor Daniels Construction Co.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his wife, Musu; children, Nathan, Kevin and Melissa, all of Trenton; his devoted siblings, Rudina (Howard) McFadden and Binnah Marie (Harold) Barno, both of Sumter, and Lucille (Darren) Turner of Bossier City, Louisiana; eight grandchildren; one aunt, Lucille Walters; two uncles, Daniel Ealey Sr. and Jeremiah (Sophia) Ealey; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Ealey Sr.

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

Mr. Ealey will be placed in the church at noon on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Westend Community Church, 101 S. Salem Ave., with the Rev. Leroy Blanding officiating and the Rev. James L. Kennedy, eulogist. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

The family will be receiving friends at the home of his sister, 309 Oklahoma Drive, Sumter.

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

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

## NELTON H. HAYES

SULLIGENT, Ala. — Nelton Hardie Hayes, 73, of Sulligent, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus, Mississippi.

Mr. Hayes was born on March 26, 1944, in Lamar County, Alabama, to the late Hardie and Sarah Hayes.

Survivors include two sons, Lloyd Hayes (Frances) of Hoover, Alabama, and Erik Hayes of Sumter; one granddaughter, Macaylin Crowley (Aaron) of Pinson, Alabama; and two brothers, Dwight Hayes and Gordon Hayes.

Memorial services will be held in Sulligent.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Courtesy announcement by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

## JUANITA B. TUCKER

Juanita Beckham Tucker departed this earthly life on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017, at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Born on May 3, 1958, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Eartha A. Beckham and the late Richard Beckham. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. She was employed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections for 11 years and Becton Dickinson for many years. Ms. Tucker was a member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening and spending time with friends and family. Juanita was a loving and devoted mother, daughter and friend to many who she graciously touched.

She leaves to cherish memories: her mother, Eartha L. Amos Beckham; daughter, Deandrea (Karlos) Scott of Charlotte; son, Furman Tucker Jr.; nieces, Jamie Moten and Wynni Moten of Sumter; a special adopted brother, Charles "Dink" (Frances) Dinkins of Sumter; and a host of other relatives and friends, who will greatly miss her.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, John Calvin Beckham Jr. and Marie Ford Beckham; father, Richard Beckham; and brother, Richard Winford Beckham.

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

Ms. Tucker will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 805 S. Harvin St., Sumter, with Pastor Marion H. Newton officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Park.

The family will be receiving friends at 132 Maney St., Sumter.

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

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

## CARLTON GENERETTE

Carlton Generette, 41, departed this earthly life on Friday, Aug. 18, 2017, at his home.

Born on Nov. 20, 1975, in Sumter County, he was a son of James and Ellen McGill Generette. "Carl," as he was affectionately called, was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. He was a graduate of Mayewood High School Class of 1995. He was employed at Pilgrim's Pride for 15 years, until his health failed. Carl's Christian life teachings began at an early age at Bethesda Baptist Church, Lynchburg.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Katherine; son, Carzelle Generette; daughters, Katina, Rachelle and Ikeyta Hunter of the home; six grandchildren; three brothers-in-law; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Homegoing services will be held at noon on Saturday at Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, 7355 Camden Highway, Rembert, with the Rev. Anthony L. Taylor Sr., pastor, eulogist.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 5165 Dais Road, Rembert.

The remains will be placed in the church at 11 a.m.

The procession will leave at 11:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Churchyard cemetery.

These services have been entrusted to 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*.

## JACK WHACK JR.

MANNING — Jack Whack Jr., 71, husband of Mary Alice Ragins Whack, died on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

He was born on Sept. 9, 1945, in Manning, a son of the late Jack Whack Sr. and Mary Jane McFadden Whack.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Goodwill Freewill Baptist Church, Manning, with Elder Renol Trevol, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at the Whack cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 3777 S. Brewington Road, Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC, Manning.

## THOMAS O. BRUNSON JR.

Thomas Oliver "T.O." Brunson Jr., 91, died on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on May 2, 1926, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Thomas Oliver Brunson Sr. and Ola Epps Brunson. Mr. Brunson was a charter member of Lemira Presbyterian Church ARP. He was a certified public accountant and was the superintendent of financial affairs for Sumter School District 2, until his retirement. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include a niece, Elizabeth Ann White (Jim) of Sumter; great-niece, Christina White of Sumter; sister-in-law, Sylvia M. Brunson of Sumter; and several special cousins.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Sumter Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Rowton officiating.

The family will receive friends following the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to Lemira Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1333, Sumter, SC 29154-1333.

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

## RAYMOND J. BALLS

Raymond Jermaine Balls, 35, husband of Yolanda White Balls, died on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, at Ashley Towers, Charleston.

Born on Sept. 1, 1981, in Sumter County, he was a son of Raymond Balls and Sarah Amos.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 931 Gaines Road, Sumter.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

## RUTH BRABLEY

Ruth Brabley, 83, widow of Horace Brabley, died on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, at her home.

Born on Aug. 2, 1934, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Gurtis and Ida Tisdale.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1180 Flamingo Road, Sumter.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

## BONNIE L. WILLIAMS

Bonnie L. Williams entered eternal rest on Aug. 20, 2017, at Chesterfield Convalescent Center in Cheraw.

Friends may sign the register from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Elliott, with the pastor, the Rev. Lee Johnson, officiating.

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

## ROSSETTI M. BLANDING

FLORENCE — On Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, Rossetti Martin Blanding, widow of Augustus "Gus" Blanding Jr., exchanged her rugged cross for her precious crown at McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

Born on July 7, 1927, in the Jordan community of Manning, she was a daughter of the late Charlie Sr. and Maggie Cain Martin.

Service of remembrance will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Manning Junior High School gymnasium, 1101 W.L. Hamilton Road, Manning, where the Rev. Terry R. Johnson, pastor of the Elizabeth Baptist Church, 4829 Alex Harvin Highway, Ram Bay community of Manning, will bring words of hope. The service of committal will follow at Blanding Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 4 to 10 p.m. at the residence of her daughter and son-in-law, Marvin and Priscilla Blanding Miller, 1102 Acorn Lane, Manning.

Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home & Chapel is in charge of these services.

Online condolences for the family may be sent to *www.flemingdelaine.com* or *flemingdelaine@aol.com*.


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**790 Holiday Dr** (hwy 401)**Sat 7-until** Christmas, household & furniture items

**Fri 9-4 & Sat. 7-1** at 4920 John Franklin Rd. (off Eagle Rd.) Bikes, baby clth, shoes, shelf, misc..

**Sat 7-1** at 872 Twin Lakes Dr. Home decor, clothing, shoes all sizes, furniture and lots more.

**4135 Zachary Rd**
**Sat 7-?**
**Furn, lawn mower, tools, Etc...**

**Moving Sale, everything must go!** Sat. 7-12 at 3275 Poppy Crt. Timberline Subdivision.

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**ESTATE SALE 1098 Winding Pond Rd, Manning, SC**
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**470 Pringle Dr Sat 7-12** ceiling fan, TV, 2 chandeliers, Jenny Lind baby bed, toys, dishes, hshld, ladies clothing

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### For Sale or Trade

**2 plots side by side,** Evergreen Cemetery, Sumter. **$3500. Call 803-883-4197**

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Help Wanted Full-Time

**Carolina Tree Care** is hiring for CDL drivers, grounds person, climbers & arborist. Call 803-478-8299

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**Experienced Cashiers, Servers & Grill cook** needed. Must be available to work all shifts. Please call Cindy at 803-481-6495 for more info.

### Help Wanted Part-Time

**Worker needed** for general rental property maintenance in Dalzell. Call 803-499-2029 leave name & phone number.

### Trucking Opportunities

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that **JR's Bar, LLC** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and **ON** premises consumption of **beer and wine at 4590 Bethel Church Rd., Pinewood, SC 29125.** To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **August 27, 2017.**
For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:
(1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
(5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.
Protests must be mailed to: S. C. Department of Revenue, ATTN: ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

### Summons & Notice

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**
**Case No. 2017-CP-43-00710**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
**COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**SAFE Federal Credit Union,**
**Plaintiff,**
**vs.**
**Keith Thomas Gedamke (Deceased), his heirs and assigns; Marie F. Stein; Carol E. Eberlien; Ellen S. Clemence; Daniel F. Gedamke; Nathan Z. Gedamke; Jorin Gedamke a/k/a Joran E. Gedamke; Ian T. Gedamke; Sarah Marie Rose a/k/a Sarah Marie Rose Gedamke; S. G., a minor child; K. G., a minor child; Todd Gedamke; Jason Gedamke; Michaela E. Clemence; Zach W. Clemence; and, any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Keith Thomas Gedamke (Deceased), their Heirs, 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 property described herein, including any person 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 disability being a class designated as Richard Roe,**
**Defendants.**

**TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED:**

**SUMMONS**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED** to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys at their offices located at 1230 Main Street, Suite 700, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, within (30) days after the date of such service, exclusive of the date of service, except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE** that the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-in-Equity or Special Referee for this 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 or Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause with any appeal directly to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the original Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on the 21st day of April, 2017, at 12:41 p.m.

**ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM, AND FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION UPON THE CLASSES OF DEFENDANTS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE**

Upon reading and the filing of the Motion and Consent for Appointment of Attorney and Guardian ad Litem filed in this action, it is:
**ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRCP, B. Lindsay Crawford, III, Esquire, a competent and discreet person, is hereby appointed as Attorney to represent all unknown Defendants including those that may be in the military service represented by the class designated as John Doe, and as Guardian ad Litem for all unknown Defendants that may be incompetent, incarcerated, underage, or under any other disability, represented by the class designated as Richard Roe, all of whom may have or may claim to have some interest in or to the real property located at 27 Park Avenue, Sumter, South Carolina.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, unless the unknown Defendants, including those Defendants that are incompetent, incarcerated, underage, under any other disability, or in the military service, shall, in person or through someone on their behalf, within thirty days after final publication of this Order, procure to be appointed some other suitable person as Attorney or Guardian ad Litem in the place and stead of B. Lindsay Crawford, III, Esquire, this appointment shall be final.

**AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order, the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint shall be served upon Defendants John Doe and Richard Roe, including unknown Defendants, and Defendants who may be incompetent, incarcerated, underage, under any other disability or in the military service, by publishing a copy thereof, once a week for three consecutive weeks in The Sumter Item, a newspaper of general circulation within the County of Sumter, South Carolina, and which is hereby designated as the paper most likely to give notice to the Defendants intended to be served.

**James C. Campbell**
Sumter County Clerk of Court

**Kyle A. Brannon**
PO Drawer 2426
Columbia, SC 29202
Phone: (803) 771-8900
Attorneys for the Plaintiff

**SUMMONS AND NOTICES**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**
**C/A NO: 2017CP4301314**
**(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
**COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company,**
**PLAINTIFF,**
**vs.**
**Elizabeth S. Ramsey; Terrill Ramsey; Yulanda Ramsey; James C. Campbell, Clerk of Court Sumter County; and Ford Motor Credit Company LLC,**
**DEFENDANT(S).**

**TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:**
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or to otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscribers at their office, 4000 Faber Place, Suite 450, P.O. Box 71727, North Charleston, South Carolina, 29415, or to otherwise appear and defend the action pursuant to applicable court rules, within thirty (30) days after 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 such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint or otherwise appear and defend within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for relief demanded therein, and 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) RESIDE(S) 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 the Plaintiff.

**YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Rule 53b SCRCP, as amended effective September 1, 2002, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53b 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 action. If there are counterclaims requiring a jury trial, any party may file a demand under rule 38, SCRCP and the case will be returned to the Circuit Court.

**NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the original Complaint in the above entitled action, together with the Summons, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on July 13, 2017 at 1:48 p.m.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** pursuant to the Supreme Court of South Carolina Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you may be eligible for foreclosure intervention programs for the purpose of resolving the above-referenced foreclosure action. If you wish to be considered for a foreclosure intervention program, you must contact Finkel Law Firm LLC, 4000 Faber Place Drive, Suite 450 (29405), P.O. Box 71727 (29415), North Charleston, SC 29405, or call (843) 577-5460 within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Finkel Law Firm LLC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm does not represent you and is not authorized to provide you any legal advice.

**IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PROCESS, THE FORECLOSURE MAY PROCEED.**

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.): This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information you provide will be used for that purpose. However, if you have previously received a discharge from bankruptcy, this message is not and should be construed as an attempt to collect a debt, but only as a requirement pursuant to the administrative order.

**FINKEL LAW FIRM LLC**
THOMAS A. SHOOK
Post Office Box 71727
North Charleston, S.C. 29415
(843) 577-5460
Attorney for Plaintiff

**SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury)**

**FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**
**CASE NO. 2017-CP-43-01201**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
**COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for ABFC 2005-HE2 Trust ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-HE2,**
**Plaintiff,**
**vs.**
**Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Sue O. Brunson a/k/a Sue A. Brunson a/k/a Susie Annie Odom Brunson, deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Wanda Brunson; Blake Anderson; Craig Anderson; David Brunson Jr.; Betty Brunson Johnson; Mark Scarborough; Susie Brunson Scarborough,**
**Defendants.**

**TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:**
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29210, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:**

**YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.

**YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE** that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

**YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE** that under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.

**LIS PENDENS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Sue A. Brunson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp. dated May 25, 2005 and recorded on June 10, 2005 in Book 984 at Page 00138, in the Sumter County Registry (hereinafter, "Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Mortgage was transferred to the Plaintiff herein by assignment and/or corporate merger.

The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate, in Privasteer Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot #9 on a plat of Rabon Terrace made by J.P. Edwards, RLS, dated September 3, 1971, recorded September 10, 1971 in Plat book Z-30 at Page 117, said Lot #9 being bounded by and measuring as follows: On the North by Lot #10 and measuring thereon 250 feet, on the East by property of Federal Developers, Inc. and measuring thereon 120 feet, on the South by Lot #8 and measuring thereon 250 feet; and on the West by Tindal Road and measuring thereon 120 feet; be all of said measurements being a little more or less according to said plat.

This is the same property conveyed to David Brunson, Jr. and Sue O. Brunson as joint tenants with the right of survivorship by deed of the United States of America dated August 23, 1974 and recorded on September 5, 1974 in Deed Book A-10 at Page 678 in the records for Sumter County, South Carolina.

**TMS No. 223-14-01-007**

**Property Address:**
**2751 Tindal Road,**
**Sumter, SC 29150**

**NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT**

**TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:**

**YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the original 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 June 27, 2017.

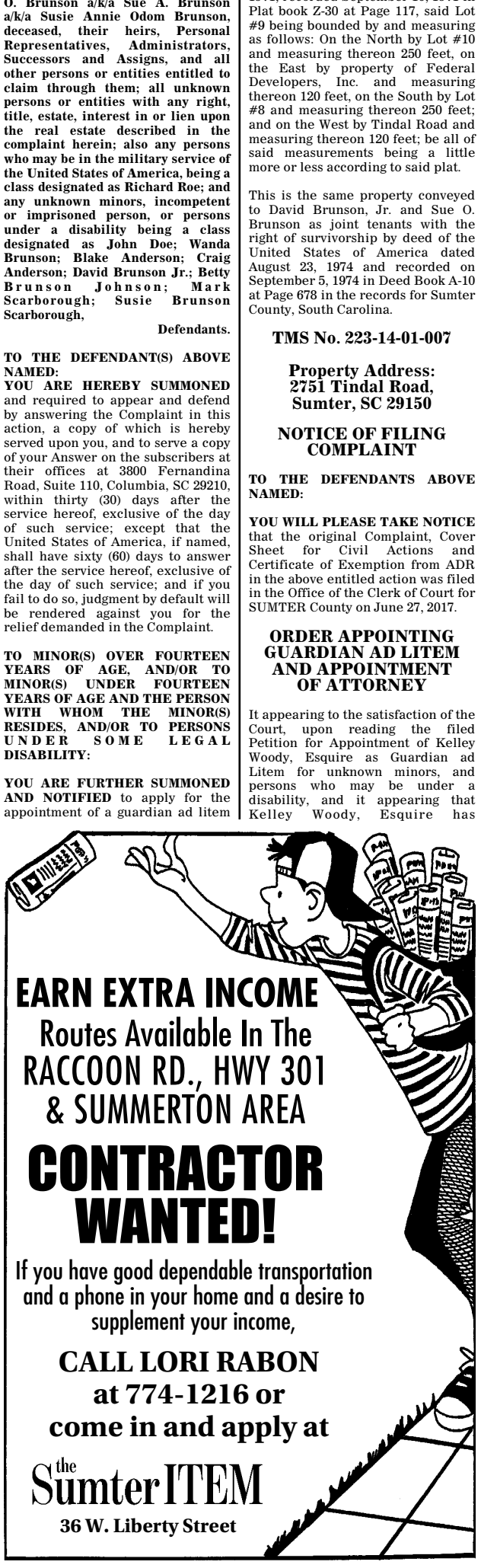
**ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY**

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for unknown minors, and persons who may be under a disability, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has

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## Summons & Notice

consented to said appointment.

**FURTHER** upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Attorney for any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, it is

**ORDERED** that Kelley Woody, Esquire, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 2751 Tindal Road, Sumter, South Carolina 29150; that she is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

**AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Kelley Woody, Esquire, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants,

**AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** That a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in The Item, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

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MOTION AND ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SUMTER COUNTY IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2017-CP-43-00471 FIRST-CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO FIRST CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, INC. AND FIRST-CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Plaintiff, vs. GREGG A. BRADLEY A/K/A GREGORY ALLEN BRADLEY A/K/A GREG BRADLEY; PENELOPE B. BRADLEY A/K/A PENELOPE BROWN BRADLEY A/K/A PENNY B. BRADLEY; BEST LUMBER AND MILLWORK, INC.; HARTFORD UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY; TONI G. VARNER, DECEASED, AND ANY CHILDREN AND HEIRS AT LAW, DISTRIBUTEES AND DEVISEES, AND IF ANY BE DECEASED, THEN ANY PERSONS ENTITLED TO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THEM, ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST, OR LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE AMENDED COMPLAINT HEREIN, ANY UNKNOWN ADULTS BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE AND ANY UNKNOWN MINORS OR PERSONS UNDER DISABILITY OR IN THE MILITARY SERVICE BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE; NORTH STAR CAPITAL ACQUISITION LLC; CARLA MORSE, Defendant(s). THIS MATTER comes before me upon motion of Plaintiff and with the consent of Andrew R. Havran, Esq. for the appointment of Andrew R. Havran, Esq. as Guardian ad Litem Nisi: 1. That First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, as successor in interest by merger to First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Inc. and First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company of South Carolina is the Plaintiff in the above-captioned action; that this action has been commenced and is now pending in this Court to foreclose on real property described in the Complaint filed herein; that Plaintiff is informed and believes that there are certain parties unknown to it who might have, or claim to have, some interest in or claim to said property; that their names or their whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained; that Plaintiff, therefore, made John Doe and Richard Roe, the same being fictitious names used as the true names of such persons as are unknown to Plaintiff, parties defendant, as representatives of all unknown persons claiming any right, title, interest and estate in, or lien upon the real property involved in this action; and that some of the unknown defendants are or may be minors or under other legal disability or in the military service. 2. That in order that all persons who may have some interest in the real property involved in this action may be brought before this Court, all such unknown persons have been named parties defendant, of which all unknown adults being a class designated as John Doe and all unknown minors or persons under other legal disability or in the military service being a class designated as Richard Roe; and it is necessary that some discreet, competent person be appointed to represent such unknown persons unless such persons or someone on their behalf should apply to the Court for such an appointment. 3. That Andrew R. Havran, Esq. is a suitable and proper person to be appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi for said parties, defendant, resident or non-resident, who may be adults or minors or under other legal disability, or in the military service, and is in no way connected in business with Plaintiff or its counsel and has no interest adverse to the interest of such minor defendants, defendants under other legal disability, defendants in the military service, and other unknown defendants claiming any right, title, or interest in the estate which is the subject of this action. NOW, THERFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 17, SCRCP, Andrew R. Havran, Esq. be, and hereby is, appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors; all unknown persons under other legal disability; all unknown defendants in the military service; and all other unknown defendants, all of whom may have or may claim to have some interest in or claim to the property commonly known as 1710 Runnindeer Lane, Sumter, SC 29153 a/k/a 1710 Running Deer Lane, Sumter, SC 29153 a/k/a 1710 Runningdeer Lane, Sumter, SC 29153, Sumter County TMS No. 252-00-05-080; that Andrew R. Havran, Esq. is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendant(s) unless the said Defendant(s) or someone on their behalf shall, within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof, as directed procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for the said Defendant(s). IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Summons and Lis Pendens herein, together with the Notice of Filing Amended Complaint and Notice of Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem Nisi, be served upon said Defendants whose names are unknown, to include any children and heirs at law, distributees and devisees of Toni G. Varner, deceased; and if any of the same be deceased, any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them; also, all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real property described in the Complaint herein; any unknown adults being as a class designated as John Doe and any unknown minors or persons under legal disability or in the military service being as a class designated as Richard Roe, by publication of the same in The Item, a newspaper most likely to give notice to the person(s) to be served in this county, for a reasonable time, but at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. IT IS SO ORDERED. James C. Campbell Clerk of Court Sumter County Sumter, South Carolina August 10, 2017 I CONSENT: HAVRAN & STOKES, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, LLC Andrew R. Havran 218 Trade Street, Suite C Greer, SC 29651 Telephone (864) 979-4602 AMENDED SUMMONS (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT REQUESTED TO: THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Amended Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Amended Complaint upon the subscribers at their office, PO Box 26268, Raleigh, NC 27611, within the time remaining for response to the original Complaint or within fifteen (15) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, whichever period may be longer, and if you fail to answer the Amended Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. Raleigh, North Carolina June 23, 2017 SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING AMENDED COMPLAINT TO: THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Amended Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Amended Complaint upon Plaintiff's counsel at their office, PO Box 26268, Raleigh, NC 27611, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Amended Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Complaint in the above-entitled action was filed on March 15, 2017 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, and the Amended Complaint in the above-entitled action was filed on June 23, 2017 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County. Raleigh, North Carolina August 10, 2017 LIS PENDENS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Gregg A. Bradley and Penelope B. Bradley to First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company of South Carolina, dated December 11, 2002, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on December 20, 2002, in Book 869, Page 491. The premises covered and affected by the said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice described as follows: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Concord Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, shown and designated as Lot No. 1, containing 1.24 acres, on plat of Joseph R. Edwards, R.L.S., dated June 29, 1998, revised August 10, 1998, and filed for record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 98 at page 1009. Said Lot No. 1 having such shape, metes, courses, distances, boundaries and measurements as will more fully appear by reference to the aforesaid plat. This being the same property conveyed to Gregory Allen Bradley and Penelope Brown Bradley by deed of Hugh E. Bradley and Carolyn J. Bradley dated July 15, 1998, and filed for record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on July 17, 1998, in Real Estate Volume 711, at page 1622. Also, an easement and right-of-way for ingress and egress over the 50 foot driveway described on above referenced plat as "Runnindeer Lane". 1710 Runnindeer Lane, Sumter, SC 29153 a/k/a 1710 Running Deer Lane, Sumter, SC 29153 a/k/a 1710 Runningdeer Lane, Sumter, SC 29153 TMS#: 252-00-05-080 SMITH DEBNAM NARRON DRAKE SAINTSING & MYERS, LLP Samuel D. Fleder, S.C. Bar No. 79819 Patrick Goodwyn, S.C. Bar No. 101738 Post Office Box 26268 Raleigh, NC 27611 Telephone (919) 250-2000 Attorneys for the Plaintiff(s) Raleigh, North Carolina March 14, 2017 This communication is from a debt collector. The purpose of this communication is to collect a debt. DMN 15799151

## Notice of Sale

### NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2017-CP-43-00250

**BY VIRTUE** of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Bank of America, N.A. vs. Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Jennie Chatmon,** deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Claude B. Newman, Jr.; Lakeisha Clark; Valerie Cantey; Cassandra Bennett; Blair Britton; Tysherriah Chatmon; Takia Samuel; Norris Thomas; Robbie White; Justin Monroe; Travis Robinson; Crisie Gipson-Smith, the undersigned Master In Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on **September 5, 2017 at 12:00PM,** at the Sumter County Courthouse, City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT PIECE, PARCEL, OR LOT OF LAND, LYING, BEING, AND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEING DESIGNATED AS LOT 9 OF FULLER GARDEN, PHASE I, SECTION I, ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT BY LOUIS WHITE TISDALE, DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2001 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 2002 AT PAGE 589. SAID LOT HAVING SUCH SHAPE, METES, COURSES, DISTANCE, BOUNDARIES, AND MEASUREMENTS AS WILL MORE FULLY APPEAR BY REFERENCE TO THE AFORESAID PLAT. THIS IS THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1080 HABITAT DRIVE, AND BEARS SUMTER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER: 251-06-02-064.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JENNIE CHATMON BY DEED OF CHARLES M. SMITH DATED MAY 25, 2011 AND RECORDED MAY 27, 2011 IN BOOK 1155 AT PAGE 148 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ROD OF SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

**CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1080 Habitat Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 TMS: 251 06 02 064**

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.875% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances.

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

**The Honorable Richard L. Booth**
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### NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2014-CP-43-01315

**BY VIRTUE** of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,** d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee of MATAWIN VENTURES TRUST SERIES 2016-4 **vs. Mary Davis Sanders;** Gary Anthony Sanders II; Aniya Neiko Sanders; Gary S. (minor); Household Finance Corporation II; LVNV Funding LLC; Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. ; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; South Carolina Department of Revenue, the undersigned Master In Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on **September 5, 2017 at 12:00PM,** at the Sumter County Courthouse, City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

ALL THOSE CERTAIN PIECES, PARCELS OR LOTS OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN STATEBURG TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SHOWN AS TRACT "D" CONTAINING 1.55 ACRES AND TRACT "E" CONTAINING 1.5 ACRES, BOTH ON THE PLAT OF JULIAN B. ALLEN, RLS, DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1981 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ROD FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK Z-46 AT PAGE 190, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS CRAVED FOR THE EXACT METES, BOUNDARIES AND DISTANCES PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 30-5-250 ON THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED.

ALSO INCLUDED HEREWITH IS THAT CERTAIN 2003 CHANDELEUR MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER CH3AL07359AB.

THESE ARE THE PROPERTIES THAT WERE CONVEYED TO GARY A. SANDERS BY DEED FROM CHARLES M. SMITH DATED OCTOBER 14, 2004 AND RECORDED OCTOBER 21, 2004, IN BOOK 957 AT PAGE 240; SUBSEQUENTLY, GARY A. SANDERS DIED AND SAID PROPERTY WAS CONVEYED TO MARY D. SANDERS, GARY ANTHONY SANDERS, II, GARY S. (MINOR) AND ANIYA NEIKO SANDERS BY DEED OF DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE PROBATE CASE NO. 2008-ES-43-00238, SAID DEED DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2010 AND RECORDED APRIL 22, 2010, IN BOOK 1138 AT PAGE 1530, ALL RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

**CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 4440 Nyree Way, Sumter, SC 29153 TMS: 156-15-01-033**

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.146% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2017CP4300244.

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

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### NOTICE OF SALE

**BY VIRTUE** of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wells Fargo Bank, NA vs. Sharon Renee Prince**, Individually; Jermeisha P., a minor; Kamryn L., a minor; Sharon Renee Prince as Personal Representative of the Estate of James Jerome Prince, deceased; James Player; Breanna Cooper; Joshua Cooper; Tyron P., a minor; Andreanna Bradford; The United States of America acting by and through its agency, The Department of Housing and Urban Development; , C/A No. 2015CP4300467, The following property will be sold on **September 5, 2017, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

**ALL** that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Stateburg Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, shown and designated as Lot No. 35 of Mayfield Subdivision as shown on that certain plat of D.D. Edmunds, RLS dated December 17, 2003 in Plat Book 2004 at Page 48 in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and referenced is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is in lieu of the metes and bounds, a permitted by law under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended.

Derivation: Book 1105 at Page 3705
**1245 Monterey Drive, Sumter, SC 29154-1596 155-09-02-006**

**SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.**

**TERMS OF SALE:** A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.625% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2015CP4300467.

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

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### NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2016-CP-43-00246

**BY VIRTUE** of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wells Fargo Financial South Carolina, Inc. vs. Danny N. Lapalme;** Cynthia K. Lapalme; Geico as subrogee of Paulie Archie, the undersigned Master In Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on **September 5, 2017 at 12:00PM,** at the Sumter County Courthouse, City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

THAT PROPERTY WITH ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON SITUATE IN THAT CITY AND COUNTY OF SUMTER, SCHOOL DISTRICT 17, SOUTH CAROLINA, REPRESENTED AS LOT 2 ON PLAT OF JOSEPH R. EDWARDS, DATED MARCH 16, 1990, RECORDED IN THE SUMTER COUNTY RMC OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 90 AT PAGE 358.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DANNY N. LAPALME AND CYNTHIA K. LAPALME BY DEED OF MARK E. GALLOWAY DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1998 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 12, 1998 IN BOOK 723 AT PAGE 436 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

**CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 20 Wesley Hall Court, Sumter, SC 29154-5115 TMS: 206-07-02-002**

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.25% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances.

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

**The Honorable Richard L. Booth**
Master In Equity
for Sumter County

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### Notice of Sale C/A No: 2017-CP-43-00403

**BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE** of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **PNC Bank,** National Association vs. **Donna L. Dawson;**, I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **September 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM**, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address:
**ALL THAT CERTAIN** piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 499 of Eagle Nest Subdivision, Phase I, as shown on that certain Plat of Michael C. Turbeville, III, R.L.S., dated July 9, 1998 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 98 at Page 1002, and having such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, reference to which is hereby made pursuant to authority contained in §30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

**TOGETHER** with a 2003 Fleetwood Mobile Home, Serial # VAFL219AB57989-H613 located thereon.

**THIS BEING** the same property conveyed to Donna L. Dawson by virtue of a Deed from Sherry Phillips dated January 30, 2014 and recorded February 7, 2014 in Book 1198 at Page 3798 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

**100 Executive Circle Dalzell, SC 29040 TMS# 134-05-01-019 (land and mobile home)**

**TERMS OF SALE:** For cash. Interest at the current rate of Two and 50/100 (2.50%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

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### MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2016-CP-43-00737

**BY VIRTUE** of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Champion Mortgage Company vs. Kenneth Mae Mitchell,** individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; William D. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Karen Y. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Kelly B. Mitchell-Baynes, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased; Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased; Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased; Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Jane Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Rachel Roe; et al., I, the undersigned Richard L. Booth, Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Tuesday, **September 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM,** at the County Judicial Center, 215 Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Rafting Creek Township, Sumter County, South Carolina, and being designated as Tract 1B on a plat of F. H. Murray, C.E., dated March 19, 1952, or record in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-10 at Page 123, and having such metes, bounds and distances as by reference to said plat will more fully appear. This tract of land is that allotted to Jessie Workman on said plat and is bounded on the North by lands now or formerly of Wade and/or Workman, on the East by lands now or formerly of Stavis; on the South by lands now or formerly of Pollard and on the West by lands now or formerly of McColl.

This being the same property conveyed to Katherine Dennis, Lurine Sanders, Varine Davis and Margaret Davis by deed of Jessie Workman, dated July 28, 1978 and recorded August 3, 1978 in Book I-10 at Page 1397; subsequently, Lurine Sanders and Varine Davis conveyed their interest in the subject property to Katherine D. Mitchell and Abraham Mitchell by deed dated June 30, 1983 and recorded July 1, 1983 in Book 339 at Page 455; subsequently, Margaret Davis conveyed her interest in the subject property to Abraham Mitchell and Katherine D. Mitchell by deed dated July 17, 1984 and recorded July 18, 1984 in Book 374 at Page 749; subsequently, Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell conveyed her interest to Abraham Mitchell and Kathryn W. Mitchell by deed dated June 25, 2009 and recorded September 24, 2009 in Book 1129 at Page 2686; subsequently, Abraham Mitchell died April 13, 2015, leaving his interest in the subject property to his heirs and/or devisees, namely, Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, Kenneth Mae Mitchell, William D. Mitchell, Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, Karen Y. Mitchell, Kelly B. Mitchell-Baynes, and Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell. No probate case has been opened in the Probate Court records for Sumter County. If any party has any information as to the existence and/or opening of a probate court file for the Estate of Abraham Mitchell, it is required that you contact counsel for Plaintiff immediately with that information. Subsequently, Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell died November 14, 2015, leaving the subject property to her heirs and/or

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devisees, namely, Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. D. Workman, Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, and Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell. No probate case has been opened in the Probate Court records for Sumter County. If any party has any information as to the existence and/or opening of a probate court file for the Estate of Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell, it is required that you contact counsel for Plaintiff immediately with that information. Subsequently, Kathryn W. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine D. Mitchell a/k/a Katherine Dennis a/k/a Kathryn Workman Mitchell died intestate on or about 11/14/2015, leaving the subject property to his/her heirs, namely Annette Dennis a/k/a Annette L. Dennis, Martha Workman a/k/a Martha A. Workman, Victoria Young a/k/a Victoria D. Young, Brian Mitchell a/k/a Brian A. Mitchell, as shown in Probate Estate Matter Number N/A.

**TMS No. 089-00-04-016**

**Property address:**
**6440 Dinkins Mill Road,**
**Rembert, SC 29128**

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in 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. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.689% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

**Richard L. Booth**
Master in Equity
for Sumter County

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

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**Notice of Sale**
**C/A No:**
**2017-CP-43-00393**

**BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE** of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Bryan D. Anderson;** Pine Grove Baptist Church of Sumter, Inc. aka Pine Grove Baptist Church, I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **September 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM**, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address:
ALL THAT piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon situate, lying and being Privateer Township, Sumter County, South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 17 on that certain plat of "Pine Manor" Subdivision by H.S. Willson, R.L.S., dated November 11, 1959, and recorded in the Sumter County R.O.D. Office at Plat Book Z-17 at Page 3. Reference is directed to said plat for a more complete description of metes, courses, distances, boundaries and measurements.

**THIS BEING** the same property conveyed to Bryan D. Anderson by virtue of a Deed from Pine Grove Baptist Church dated September 7, 2005 and recorded September 15, 2005 in Book 997 at Page 710 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

**25 Lake Shore Drive**
**Sumter, SC 29150**
**TMS# 224-06-01-024**

**TERMS OF SALE:** For cash. Interest at the current rate of Six and 00/100 (6.000%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

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said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

**Richard L. Booth**
Master in Equity
For Sumter County
Sumter, South Carolina

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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**BY VIRTUE** of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wells Fargo Bank, NA vs. David A. Grasty;**, C/A No. 2016CP4300775, The following property will be sold on **September 5, 2017, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

**ALL THAT** certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 53 of Knights Village Subdivision, Phase 2, Section I, as shown on that certain Plat of Louis W. Tisdale, R.L.S., dated August 8, 2005 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2005 at Page 509, and having such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, reference to which is hereby made pursuant to authority contained in 30-50-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. This property is known as 1261 Glastonbury Road, Sumter, SC.

Derivation: Book 1041 at Page 001033

**1261 Glastonbury Road,**
**Sumter, SC 29154-7403**

**226-16-01-102**
**SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.**

**TERMS OF SALE:** A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.25% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2016CP4300775.

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

**Richard L. Booth**
Master In Equity for
Sumter County

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Foreclosure Sales)

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**NOTICE OF MASTER IN EQUITY SALE**
**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2017CP4300625**

**BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE** of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **USAA Federal Savings Bank, against William A. Bird;** et al., the Master in Equity for Sumter County, or his/her agent, will sell on **September 5, 2017, at 12:00 P.M.**, at Sumter Judicial Center, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel and lot of land with improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina identified as Lot No. 56 of Wintergreen Subdivision and being more fully shown on a plat prepared by Louis W. Tisdale, R.L.S. dated April 14, 1999 and recorded in Plat Book 2001 at Page 110, records of Sumter County. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted by law under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended. Be all measurements a little more or a little less and according to said plat.

**TMS Number:**
**186-02-06-005**
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**
**3445 Oleander Dr.,**
**Sumter, SC 29154**

This being the same property conveyed to William A. Bird by deed of Ray D. Odom and Lois W. Odom, dated November 14, 2005, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on November 14, 2005, in Deed Book 1005 at Page 1535.

**TERMS OF SALE: FOR CASH.** The Master in Equity will require a deposit of 5% of the bid amount in cash or certified funds, which is to be applied on the purchase price upon compliance with the bid. Interest on the balance of the bid at 3.125% shall be paid to the day of compliance. In case of noncompliance within 20 days, after the sale, the deposit of 5% is to be forfeited and applied to Plaintiff's judgment debt and the property re-advertised for sale upon the same terms at the risk of the former highest bidder. Purchaser to pay for deed recording fees and deed stamps.

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

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

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

Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property.

**Richard L. Booth**
Master in Equity
for Sumter County
Sumter, South Carolina

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**MASTER IN EQUITY**
**NOTICE OF SALE**
**2016-CP-43-00733**

**BY VIRTUE** of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association vs. Robert W. Wazney**, I, the undersigned Richard L. Booth, Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM**, at the County Judicial Center, 215 Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Providence Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot W on a plat prepared by Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated June 19, 2001 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2001 at Page 591. 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 mtes, bounds, courses and/or ditances of the property delineated thereon. The property is known as 2040 Hideaway Drive and is shown on the Auditor`s map of Sumter County as tax parcel 180-00-03-016(P).

This being the same property conveyed unto Robert W. Wazney by virtue of a Deed from Pauline J. Shuler dated July 27, 2001 and recorded September 12, 2001 in Book 815 at Page 1970 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Sumter County, South Carolina.

**TMS No. 180-13-01-015**

**Property address:**
**2040 Hideaway Drive,**
**Sumter, SC 29154**

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in 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. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.500% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

**Richard L. Booth**
Master in Equity
for Sumter County

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

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**Notice of Sale**
**C/A No:**
**2017-CP-43-00099**

**BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE** of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC vs. James S. Matthews, Jr.;**, I the undersigned as Special Referee for Sumter County, will sell on **September 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM**, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address:
ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being more particularly shown and delineated as

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Lot 16, as shown on that certain plat of Joseph R. Edwards, RLS dated 08/26/03 and recorded in the office of the ROD for Sumter County in Plat Book PB2003 at page 462. The said tract/lot(s) has/have such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provision of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of SC, 1976. This property is more generally known as 5 Henderson Street.

**THIS BEING** the same property conveyed to James S. Matthews, Jr. by virtue of a Deed from Samuel E. Carraway dated October 27, 2008 and recorded October 28, 2008 in Book 1114 at Page 1138 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

**5 Henderson Street**
**Sumter, SC 29150**
**TMS# 205-12-01-002**

**TERMS OF SALE:** For cash. Interest at the current rate of Six and 00/100 (6.00%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, do, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

**A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr.**
Special Referee

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**Notice of Sale**
**C/A No:**
**2017-CP-43-00843**

**BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE** of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Bank of America, N.A. vs. Trevor R. Neill;** Yaiko Y. Neill; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns, I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **September 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM,** at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address:
ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with the dwelling and improvements thereon, lying and being situate in the Township and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, containing 0.38 acre, more or less, and being shown and delineated as Lot No. 60 of Pepperidge Acres Subdivision on that plat prepared by Ben J. Makela, RLS, dated October 18, 1993 and recorded in Plat Book 93 at page 1955 in the records of the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County. Aforesaid plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is made in lieu of metes and bounds as permitted by law under §30-5-250 of The Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended.

**THIS BEING** the same property conveyed unto Trevor R. Neill and Yaiko Y. Neill by virtue of a Deed from Rondal M. Smith and Ceicily Smith dated August 10, 2006 and recorded August 15, 2006 in Book 1040 at Page 1746 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

**1235 Cottingham Drive**
**Sumter, SC 29154**
**TMS# 226-10-03-007**

**TERMS OF SALE:** For cash. Interest at the current rate of Six and 875/1000 (6.875%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-39-720 (1976). If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

**Richard L. Booth**
Master in Equity
For Sumter County
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**NOTICE OF MASTER IN EQUITY SALE**
**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2016CP4300194**

**BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE** of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **McCormick 102, LLC, against Harry Johnson;** et al., the Master in Equity for Sumter County, or his/her agent, will sell on **September 5, 2017, at 12:00 P.M.**, at Sumter Judicial Center, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

The following described property, to wit:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any situate, lying, and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot #211, of Sunway Knolls Subdivsion, Section 7, as shown on that certain plan prepared by Thomas M. Reynolds, RLS, dated February 29, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 96 at Page 236, and having such metes and bounds as are shown on said plat (s)

**TMS Number:**
**204-03-01-022**
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**
**2203 Ginko Drive,**
**Sumter, SC 29150**

This being the same property conveyed to Harry Johnson and Evelyn Johnson by deed of E. Harwood Weatherly and Dianne F. Weatherly, dated September 22, 2005, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on September 23, 2005, in Deed Book 998 at Page 1137.

**TERMS OF SALE: FOR CASH.** The Master in Equity will require a deposit of 5% of the bid amount in cash or certified funds, which is to be applied on the purchase price upon compliance with the bid. Interest on the balance of the bid at 9.40% shall be paid to the day of compliance. In case of noncompliance within 20 days, after the sale, the deposit of 5% is to be forfeited and applied to Plaintiff's judgment debt and the property re-advertised for sale upon the same terms at the risk of the former highest bidder. Purchaser to pay for deed recording fees and deed stamps.

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

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

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

Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property.

**Richard L. Booth**
Master in Equity
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**MASTER IN EQUITY**
**NOTICE OF SALE**
**2016-CP-43-01888**

**BY VIRTUE** of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Ryan M. Oleniczak** and Jessika D. Oleniczak, I, the undersigned Richard L. Booth, Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Tuesday, **September 5, 2017 at 12:00 PM,** at the County Judicial Center, 215 Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the Township and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 51 of Oakland Plantation Subdivision, Number 4, Section 2, as shown on that certain plat prepared by H. S. Willson, RLS, dated May 15, 1979, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-43 at page 61. 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 2513 Drexel Drive, Dalzell, South Carolina and is shown on the Auditors map of Sumter County as Tax Parcel 093-05-04-008.

Please note that the above description has been modified to correct a minor, immaterial clerical error in the legal regarding the date of the Plat in Plat Book Z-43 at page 61.

This being the same property conveyed unto Ryan M. Oleniczak and Jessika D. Oleniczak, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, by virtue of a Deed from Scott J. Frazier and Erica P. Frazier dated November 24, 2014 and recorded November 26, 2014 in Book 1206 at Page 4929 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Sumter County, South Carolina.

**TMS No. 093-05-04-008**

**Property address:**
**2513 Drexel Drive,**
**Dalzell, SC 29040**

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in 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. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.875% per annum.

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

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

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

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

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

**Richard L. Booth**
Master in Equity
for Sumter County

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

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

**BY VIRTUE** of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. vs. Ernest Hopkins;** Dorothy Hopkins; The United States of America acting by and through its agency the Department of Housing and Urban Development; , C/A No. 2015CP4301241, The following property will be sold on **September 5, 2017, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel, lot or tract of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as the remains of Lot No. 76, containing 0.51 acre, more or less, on plat prepared for Ernest Hopkins and Dorothy Hopkins by Edwards Land Surveyors, Inc., dated June 2, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book PB2008 at Page 315. Reference being made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description, be all measurements a little more or less.

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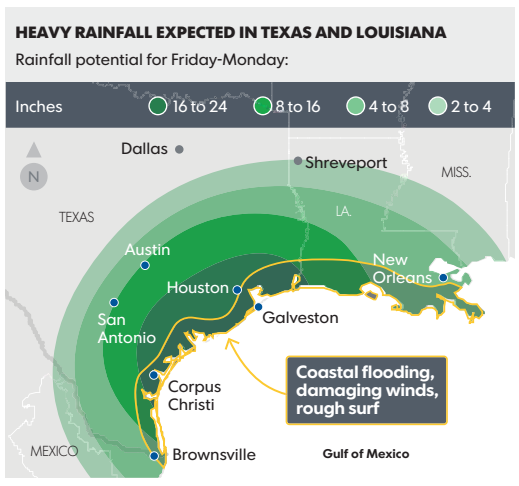
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**Jeff Moss and Kris Jones prepare for high winds and possibly days of flooding on Lighthouse Channel in Corpus Christi, Texas.**

# Hurricane Harvey roars toward Texas coastline

## Category 3 beast threatens to be strongest storm to hit U.S. in more than a decade

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### Not putting a ring on it



**NOTE** Total of 110.6 million single residents in 2016
**SOURCE** U.S. Census Bureau
MICHAEL B. SMITH AND JANET LOEHRKE, USA TODAY

**Doyle Rice and Doug Stanglin**
USA TODAY

Hurricane Harvey rumbled toward Texas on Thursday with winds of 85 mph, a menacing storm that could produce deadly flooding for several days.

Harvey is forecast to hit the Texas Gulf Coast as a Category 3 hurricane with winds of 115 mph. That would be the strongest hurricane to hit the USA in 12 years — since Hurricane Wilma in October 2005. A major hurricane is one that's a Category 3 or above on the Saffir-Simpson scale of hurricane intensity.

An evacuation was ordered for the 60,000 residents of San Patricio County just north of Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi Mayor Joe McComb and county officials may have stopped short of a mandatory evacuation, but they said residents who stay are risking their lives.

"There will come a point during the storm where rescue operations will cease," McComb said at a news conference Thursday. "Please don't put our public safety officers at risk."

McComb declined to say when that threshold would be reached, but he indicated it probably would come before the worst of the storm.

As Harvey strengthened in the Gulf of Mexico, the National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane warning for a 280-mile stretch of the Texas coast on

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GABE HERNANDEZ, USA TODAY NETWORK
**Crystal Ybanez of the City of Corpus Christi Utilities clears debris from a storm drain in preparation for a deluge.**

**"There will come a point ... where rescue operations will cease. Please don't put our public safety officers at risk."**
Corpus Christi Mayor **Joe McComb**

# Russian network promotes Breitbart

## Propaganda project posts links to right-wing, conspiracy sites

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Amid an investigation into alleged Russian meddling in the last U.S. presidential election, a Russian propaganda Twitter network aimed at American audiences consistently spreads links to Breitbart and other right-wing or conspiracy theory websites that boost President Trump and bash Democrats.

The websites — which include True Pundit, the Gateway Pundit and Imperialist U — are regular features on the list of "Top Domains" pushed by a network of 600 Twitter accounts followed by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, which tracks a Russian disinformation and propaganda campaign focused on U.S. voters.

Thursday, the most popular domains mentioned by the network in the previous 48 hours, according to the tracker, included True Pundit, the Russian government-controlled television network RT, the Gateway Pundit, Fox News, Russian government news agency Sputnik News and Breitbart.

The network's main role is to amplify messages deemed to benefit the Kremlin, but that doesn't mean the websites' authors share the same goals, said Laura Rosenberger, director of the Alliance for Securing Democracy, which created the monitoring project for the Marshall Fund.

"Just being shared by Kremlin information operations does not mean they are part of the Kremlin's disinformation operations," Rosenberger said. "It just means something on these sites, or a lot of things on these sites, is either advancing a message the Kremlin is trying to push or that it is trying to discredit."

Special counsel Robert Mueller heads an investigation into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 election and possible collusion with the Trump campaign.

The Gateway Pundit's founder, Jim Hoft, called the monitoring project a "far-left smear site" of the Marshall Fund, a

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# $759 million Powerball winner: 'My pipe dream came true'

## Woman, 53, says she won't be in for work

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A Massachusetts hospital worker who considered winning the lottery a "pipe dream" cashed in the most valuable ticket in U.S. history Thursday, hours after her numbers came up for the $758.7 million Powerball jackpot.

"My pipe dream came true," Mavis Wanczyk of Chicopee said at a news conference Thursday afternoon, adding that the first thing she wants to do is "hide in my bed."

Wanczyk, 53, said she worked for Mercy Medical Center in Springfield for 32 years.

"I called them and told them I will not be coming back," she said, laughing.

She said she and a co-worker checked their numbers at work Wednesday night after the drawing. She said she was so rattled when she realized she won, she was nervous about driving. Her co-worker followed her home.

Wanczyk, who has a 31-year-old daughter and a 26-year-old son, said her good fortune began to sink in Thursday.



FLORIDA LOTTERY
**A Massachusetts hospital worker claimed the jackpot.**

"I have come down from all that," she said. "I want to just be me, be alone and figure out what I want to do."

Wanczyk, who chose to take a lump sum of $480 million before taxes, bought the ticket Wednesday afternoon at a Pride market in Chicopee, 90 miles west of Boston. Early Thursday, the lottery agency had said the winning ticket was sold at a convenience store outside Boston.

The first announcement sent the news media to Handy Variety in Watertown. Handy Variety owner Kamaljeet Kaur took the updated news well, considering she had been set to collect $50,000 for selling the big winner. "I'm OK ... still happy," she told *The Boston Globe*. Her solace: The store will receive $10,000 for selling a $1 million winning ticket. State lottery Executive Director Michael Sweeney apologized for the confusion. He blamed a transcription error.

Bob Boduc, who owns the Chicopee store, said he didn't find out his store sold the ticket until he got calls from national networks. He said he would contribute the store's $50,000 to local charities. "It's really pretty amazing," he said. "It could have happened anywhere in the country."

The winning numbers: 6-7-16-23-26 with a Powerball of 4.

**Contributing: Hillard Grossman, Florida Today**



VIRGINIA STATE POLICE VIA EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGENCY

**Armed men in camouflage clothing and tactical gear march in Charlottesville, Va., on Aug. 12. Some militia members say they want to keep the peace, but Virginia's protest turned violent.**

# 'WE'RE NOT RACISTS'

## Private militias bring uncertainty and weapons to protests

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USA TODAY

Some of the starkest images from the recent violent unrest in Charlottesville, Va., were those of camouflage-clad men carrying semiautomatic rifles, wedged between white nationalists and counterprotesters.

They weren't police or National Guardsmen. They were part of a patchwork of private militia groups from Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia and other states. The armed members said they were there to keep the peace and were not affiliated with any side — and their numbers at street protests are growing.

**Militia participation in the USA is at an all-time high, according to the Anti-Defamation League.**

"We're not racists," said Christian Yingling, head of the Pennsylvania Light Foot Militia, who commanded the militia members at the Charlottesville rally. "I was there to ensure that — even though I disagree with both sides — they have a right to say what they want."

As tense protests between far-right and left-wing groups continue to spread throughout the USA, private armed militias are increasingly stepping into the fray, sometimes as neutral peacekeepers — as in Charlottesville — other times firmly on the side of right-wing agitators.

This month, members of the This Is Texas Freedom Force militia showed up to protect a Confederate statue in San Antonio during a protest between those who wanted to tear it down and others who wished to maintain it.

In April, members of the Oath Keepers militia traveled to Berkeley, Calif., to protect right-wing activists from counterprotesters. "I don't mind hitting" the counterdemonstrators, Stewart Rhodes, the group's founder, told the *Los Angeles Times*. "In fact, I would kind of enjoy it."

Militia participation in the USA is at an all-time high as hundreds of groups claim thousands of members across the country, said Mark Pitcavage of the Anti-Defamation League, which monitors extremist groups.

The groups began forming in the mid-1990s, spurred by stricter federal gun laws under President Clinton and the federal siege of the Branch Davidians compound in 1993 in Waco, Texas, Pitcavage said. President Obama's election in 2008 brought a surge of more militias, many of whom feared the federal government would seize their weapons, and the groups further multiplied after the advent of social media, Pitcavage said.

Militias tend to be heavily armed and highly suspicious of the federal government. Some on the fringes have planned large-scale attacks against government and other targets.

The election of President Trump — whom many militia members backed — caused a conundrum among their ranks: They could no longer oppose a government led by the man they supported for president, Pitcavage said. So many militia members turned to a new enemy: the "antifa," a loose network of left-leaning activists who oppose — at times violently — white supremacists and right-wing groups. As the antifa movement (short for "anti-fascist") shows up to the protests, so do the militias.

"They're an ideological private army, not beholden to any authority," Pitcavage said of the militias. "They're extremely dangerous."

Yingling, 45, said he got into militias about eight years ago. A Navy veteran, he was depressed and spiraling into a lifestyle of drinking and partying.

Militias turned his life around, he said. "I needed that structure back, and the militia gave it to me," said Yingling, a machinist by trade.

Trump's election has emboldened many militia members, he said.

"A lot more people in this community are more willing to step out of the shadows," he said.

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A man who became paralyzed after a motorcycle accident pushes himself to maintain an active life via Humankind video.

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# Russians, U.S. sites cover common ground

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non-profit group that promotes trans-Atlantic cooperation.

"It's complete rubbish. ... The (fund) website's real purpose is to smear websites supportive of Donald Trump and his accomplishments as Russian propaganda," Hoft said in an email. "Of course, we have no connection to the Russians nor have we ever had any contact with any Russian officials."

Hoft did not deny that the Russians amplify his message, but he asserted that the Russian government-controlled television network RT tends to cover more anti-American, far-left stories and personalities than those about conservative Trump supporters.

The Alliance for Securing Democracy's advisory council includes "several #NeverTrumpers and far left hacks," Hoft said. He listed President George W. Bush's director of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff; Bill Kristol, editor of the conservative *Weekly Standard* and former senior official in George H.W. Bush's administration; Michael Morell, former acting director of the CIA; former U.S. ambassador to Moscow Mike McFaul; Hillary Clinton's policy adviser Jake Sullivan; and President Obama's chief technology officer Nicole Wong.

Others on the panel include the former Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Mike Rogers of Michigan; Adm. Jim Stavridis, former commander of the U.S. European Command, and David Kramer, a senior fellow in the human rights and diplomacy program at Florida International University's Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

The websites carried a range of stories Wednesday that reflect themes promoted by the Russian network. Some examples:

▶ **Breitbart:** Run by Trump's recently departed chief strategist, Steve Bannon, it carried a story by the Associated Press about a "snub" of Trump's son-in-law and close adviser Jared Kushner by Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry after a cut in U.S. aid to Egypt over that country's ties with North Korea. Kushner, who spearheads efforts to revive Mideast peace talks, met later with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, but the AP story had not been updated on Breitbart.

▶ **The Gateway Pundit:** It ran stories with the headlines "Alt-Left Protesters Show up to Phoenix Rally Armed with AR-15's and Bullet Proof Vests" and "Former Russian Amb Kislyak Slaps CNN in Ambush Interview: 'You Should Be Ashamed.' "

▶ **True Pundit**: It carried a video with the headline " 'A total eclipse of the facts': Don Lemon Calls Trump 'Unhinged' In Wild Rant After Arizona Rally."

Thomas Paine, managing editor at True Pundit, did not deny playing a part in the Russian network's information operation, but he implied that mainstream news media do the same. "We are flattered to be accused of participating in disinformation campaigns for government because as a start-up, that's the exact time-tested model we have been emulating from *The New York Times*, *Washington Post* and other mainstream media outlets," Paine wrote in an email.

**Anti-Imperialist U**: A blogger who goes by the name Hugo Turner wrote Sunday that right-wing extremists who participated in the fracas Aug. 12 in Charlottesville, Va., were among "hundreds of well-armed, highly trained fascist groups and militias, many interlocking with the military, police, FBI and the CIA." Turner called the revolt in Ukraine that ousted pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovych in 2014 a "fascist coup" launched by the United States.

James Carden, executive editor for the American Committee for East West Accord, which promotes better relations between the United States and Russia, assailed the Marshall Fund's Twitter tracker as an "assault on public discourse."

In an op-ed in *The Nation*, he said the fund, founded in 1972 by German Chancellor Willy Brandt to memorialize the U.S.-financed Marshall Plan that helped rebuild his nation after World War II, was "embracing the Russia panic that dominates the current discourse in Washington."

"It is a legitimate thing" to look at how the Russians try to influence American political discourse, Carden said in an interview, but Russian sites on the tracker also report on legitimate stories.



EVAN VUCCI, AP

**President Trump speaks with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the G-20 summit July 7 in Hamburg.**

# 700,000 people are in storm's path

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Thursday and forecast up to 25 inches of rain over the next week. About 700,000 people live where a hurricane warning was in effect, roughly half of them in the Corpus Christi area.

Forecasters expected the storm to be either slow-moving or stationary for three to five days, which heightened concerns about heavy rainfall. If that materializes, the National Weather Service in Houston said, some areas could see life-threatening flash flooding.

"Since Harvey is forecast to stall, we expect 10 to 20 inches of rain over a large part of southern and eastern Texas and southwestern Louisiana from Friday into early next week," AccuWeather hurricane expert Dan Kottlowski said.

The hurricane warning covers an area from Port Mansfield near the Mexican border to Sargent, 70 miles from Galveston.

"Impacts from Harvey will be tremendous in terms of displacement of people, property and economic loss and travel and freight disruptions," AccuWeather's Marshall Moss said.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said the hurricane was "certainly something (President Trump) is aware of." She said the lack of a permanent Homeland Security secretary to replace new chief of staff John Kelly would not inhibit the response.

"There's certainly someone at the helm," she said. "You have acting Secretary Elaine Duke, who's watching this closely and is involved in the process along with the FEMA director."

In Kelly, Sanders said, there is "no better chief of staff for the president during the hurricane season."

As the storm moved toward the mainland, Royal Dutch Shell, Anadarko Petroleum and Exxon Mobil evacuated workers and reduced production of soil and gas at some facilities.

The Gulf of Mexico is home to about 17% of American crude oil output and 5% of dry natural gas output, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

More than 45% of the nation's oil refining capacity is along the Gulf Coast.

As of 5 p.m. ET, the storm's center was about 305 miles southeast of Corpus Christi and was moving north-northwest at 10 mph.

The last hurricane to hit Texas was Ike in September 2008, which brought winds of 110 mph in the Galveston and Houston areas. Ike left damage of $22 billion.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered the State Operations Center to raise its readiness level, making state resources available for possible rescue and recovery. The governor pre-emptively declared a state of disaster for 30 counties on or near the coast to speed deployment of state resources.

Emergency officials urged residents along the upper Texas coastline to move or prepare to move inland. Those in low-lying areas were advised to seek higher ground.

On South Padre Island, people filled sandbags and loaded them into cars and vans Wednesday to protect exposed homes and businesses. Others in the path of the storm sought out generators, plywood and other goods from hardware stores.

Rice farmers in coastal Matagorda County moved quickly to harvest their crops.

Houston airports expected to stay open, but airlines encouraged customers to change travel plans.



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**Bill Tippett, left, and Kent Butler of the Salvation Army disaster department deliver water and cleanup kits to the Salvation Army in Corpus Christi. Coastal residents have been told to move inland.**

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# Flooding worries mount as Hurricane Harvey hurtles closer

## 'Trapped' storm could dump trillions of gallons of rain

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Hurricane Harvey will turn into a "beast" of a storm, meteorologists said, one that's forecast to bring catastrophic, life-threatening flooding to much of Texas.

Even after the storm makes landfall late Friday or early Saturday near Corpus Christi as a likely Category 3 hurricane — potentially the USA's strongest hurricane in 12 years — Harvey will stall and spin for the next three to five days, dumping up to 2 feet of rain across the region.

"The forecast for Harvey continues to grow more dire," warned the National Weather Service in Corpus Christi.

Though a 4- to 6-foot storm surge and howling winds above 100 mph could be deadly, the biggest concern over the storm may be flooding from days of torrential rain. Harvey "may be nothing short of a flooding disaster," for Texas, according to AccuWeather meteorologist Alex Sosnowski, who said some communities could be underwater for days.

The storm will cause much worse damage from flooding and wind than would normally occur from a fast-moving storm of similar size, he said.

Once it moves ashore, even if it weakens to a tropical storm, Harvey will essentially be "trapped" between two sprawling areas of high pressure, the National Weather Service said. One high-pressure area will be over the Desert Southwest and the other central Gulf of Mexico, Weather Channel meteorologist Jon Erdman said. This will leave Harvey as a potent but rudderless rainstorm that has nothing to steer it or push it around.

While it sits and spins, phenomenal amounts of rain will be wrung out of Harvey; some projections say as much as 30 inches. It's possible Harvey's heavy rain may not entirely exit the areas of Texas it soaks until Wednesday.

"This could become a prolonged and very dangerous rain event," the weather service in Houston said.

In all, the storm could dump at least 15 trillion gallons of water on Texas, WeatherBell meteorologist Ryan Maue said.

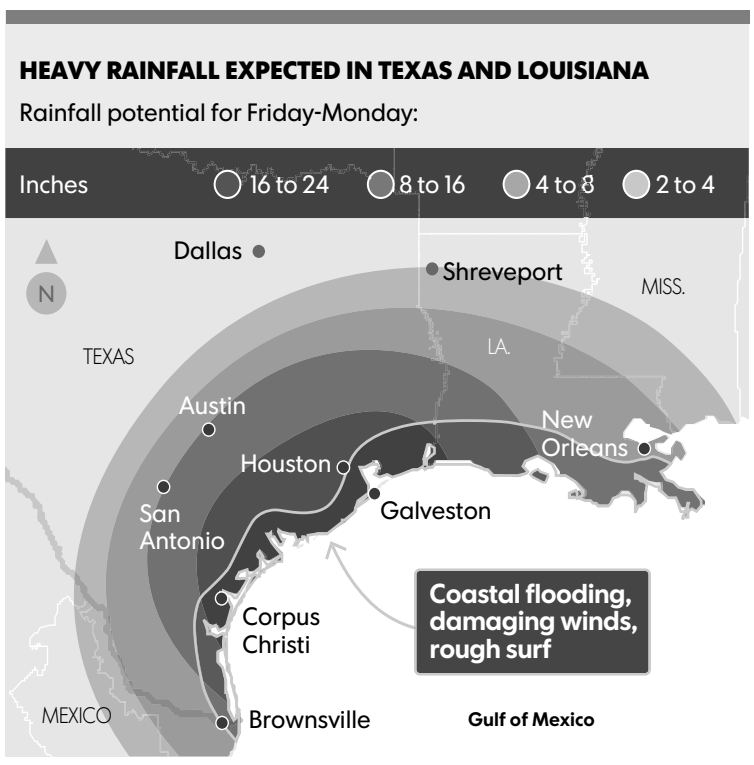
In addition to the Corpus Christi area, near where the storm should make landfall, Harvey "has the potential to cause very serious flooding in such highly populated, flood-prone regions as the Austin-San Antonio corridor and the Houston metro area," Weather Underground meteorologist Jeff Masters said.

Harvey may be the strongest landfall in the Texas Coastal Bend since Category 3 Hurricane Celia hammered the Corpus Christi area in August 1970 with wind gusts up to 161 mph, the Weather Channel said.



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**David Montes boards up windows at a home in Corpus Christi, Texas, as the National Weather Service warned that the forecast for Hurricane Harvey "continues to grow more dire."**




**SOURCE** AccuWeather; As of Aug. 24

JANET LOEHRKE, USA TODAY

# Republican leaders oppose shutdown over border wall

## Trump says he would blame Democrats, but voters may blame him

**Erin Kelly**
USA TODAY

**WASHINGTON** President Trump's threat to shut down the federal government unless Congress funds his controversial border wall could hurt Republicans, prompting GOP leaders to try to avert the potentially damaging action.

"Trump is the one who has threatened a shutdown, so he's the one who'll get the blame — except from his hard-core base," said Jack Pitney, a politics professor at Claremont McKenna College in California. "And he'll hurt even the more sensible Republicans in Congress since they're in charge and will get the blame along with him."

Congressional leaders said Trump is sparking an unnecessary and probably unwinnable battle with the Senate, where Democrats vowed to block money for what their leaders denounced as an "ineffective, immoral and expensive" barrier.

"I don't think a government shutdown is necessary, and I don't think most people want to see a government shutdown, ourselves included," House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said this week.

Tuesday, Trump promised a crowd of supporters in Phoenix: "If we have to close down our government, we're building that wall." The president made it clear that he would blame "obstructionist Democrats" for a government shutdown, but Democrats said he's the one pushing the unpopular idea.

"If the president pursues this path, against the wishes of both Republicans and Democrats, as well as the majority of the American people, he will be heading towards a government shutdown which nobody will like and which won't accomplish anything," said Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the last shutdown, in 2013, cost the U.S. economy $24 million, according to a Standard & Poor's estimate.

"With a Republican House, Senate and administration, Republicans have absolutely no excuses for threatening America's families with a destructive and pointless government shutdown," Pelosi said.

Trump made the same threat during a funding battle in April but backed down when Congress passed a last-minute deal that included money for stepped-up border security but no funds to build a wall. That deal kept the government running through September.

Funding for federal agencies will run out Oct. 1, when a new fiscal year begins, unless Congress approves a spending package and Trump signs it into law.

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The House of Representatives passed legislation that included $1.6 billion for construction of 74 miles of wall along the 2,000-mile border with Mexico. Democrats, whose votes are needed to pass spending bills in the closely divided Senate, oppose any measure that includes money for the wall.

"Democrats have no reason to fold," Pitney said. "Trump has already essentially taken the blame for whatever happens by proclaiming that he's ready to shut down the government. And the border wall is utterly toxic among Democratic voters, so there's no reason for Democrats in Congress to give an inch."

**USA TODAY EXCLUSIVE**



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**Protecting President Trump and the 17 other members of his family has strained the Secret Service's budget.**

# Chief of Secret Service works to get agents paid

## Director fights to get caps on salary, overtime increased

**Kevin Johnson**
USA TODAY

**WASHINGTON** Secret Service Director Randolph "Tex" Alles assured agents that he is "fighting" to get more than 1,000 agents compensated for hundreds of hours they worked in overtime during the Trump administration.

As USA TODAY first reported Monday, the Secret Service can no longer pay hundreds of agents who reached federally mandated caps on salary and overtime allowances as the agency grapples with protecting a president who has spent almost every weekend in office visiting properties he owns on the East Coast, along with the 18-member first family's frequent business trips and vacations.

In a memo sent to the agency's 6,800 agents and officers, Alles said he was working with Congress on a "multi-year" plan that would raise the caps from $161,000 to $187,000.

"Getting legislation introduced and enacted in the current environment is a challenge to be sure," Alles said in the memo sent Wednesday evening and obtained by USA TODAY. "But know that I am committed to fighting on your behalf every day to get this done."

The crushing workload has not relented in the first seven months of the Trump administration.

Trump has traveled almost every weekend in office to his properties in Florida, New Jersey and Virginia. At the same time, business commitments and vacations take his adult children frequently across the country and overseas.

Under Trump, the service is protecting an unprecedented 42 officials, up from 31 during the Obama administration.

In the memo, Alles assured agents and officers that the service was not "out of money" to meet its other obligations. He said the agency is focused on achieving its primary goal "of changing the law to ensure we can compensate eligible employees for protective services in excess of statutory pay caps."

Republican and Democratic lawmakers signaled that they would support such action.

Alles' proposal seeks to lift the caps for at least the duration of Trump's first term, while a hiring campaign attempts to build out the ranks. From the current force of 6,800 agents and uniformed officers, the goal is to reach 9,500 by 2025.

## IN BRIEF

### 1 DEAD, 1 INJURED IN S.C. HOSTAGE SITUATION

A fired dishwasher shot and killed a chef and held a few people hostage for about three hours before he was wounded by police gunfire at a crowded restaurant in a tourist-heavy area of downtown Charleston, S.C., on Thursday, Mayor John Tecklenburg said.

The hostages were freed with no injuries, Tecklenburg said.

The shooting took place at Virginia's restaurant. The gunman was taken to a hospital where he was in critical condition, said Charles Francis, spokesman for the Charleston Police Department.

### N.J., ILL., OHIO SAILORS AMONG 10 MISSING

A sailor from New Jersey is among those declared missing after the USS John S. McCain collided with an oil tanker near Singapore.

April Brandon held out hope that her son, Petty Officer 3rd Class Kenneth Smith, would be found safe aboard the U.S. Navy destroyer.

Smith, 22, listed his hometown as Cherry Hill on his Facebook profile.

Two other missing sailors have been identified. U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis, R-Ill., said he was informed by Logan Palmer's family that the central Illinois man is missing. The family of Jacob Drake, 21, was told that the western Ohio man was among the missing, *The Columbus Dispatch* reported Tuesday.

### CHILE TO ALLOW ABORTIONS UNDER NEW REGULATIONS

The Constitutional Court of Chile made a historic move this week, easing the country's total ban on abortion.

Chile was one of seven countries that forbid abortion under all circumstances.

The new regulations allow abortion under three circumstances: if there is pregnancy through a rape, if the mother's life is at risk or if the fetus is not likely to survive pregnancy.

### A YEAR LATER, QUAKE DAMAGE REMAINS



EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGENCY

**Italy marked the one-year anniversary of an earthquake in Amatrice Thursday. Nearly 300 people were killed.**

### TRUMP DOWNPLAYS MCCONNELL TURBULENCE

President Trump insisted that the "only problem" he has with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is that he failed to get senators to repeal and replace Obamacare. Days ago, *The New York Times* reported that the two men hadn't spoken in weeks.

The *Times* piece described how McConnell "privately expressed uncertainty" that Trump would be able to get his administration back on track after an onslaught of controversies.

USA TODAY reported that McConnell spent a night debating how to respond to Trump's turbulent news conference last week equating counterprotesters with white nationalists in the fatal violence at a rally in Charlottesville, Va., this month. McConnell's anger and the difficulty he had responding to the leader of his party highlight the quandary facing many Republicans in the aftermath of Trump's comments blaming "both sides" for violence that ended in the death of 32-year-old counterprotester Heather Heyer.

### ALSO...

▶ Christopher Cantwell, 36, the brash white nationalist prominently featured in a Vice documentary on the Charlottesville, Va., protests, was denied bail Thursday on felony charges of using illegal tear gas and malicious bodily injury during the weekend clashes.

**Staff and wire reports**

## FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST 25

| | SP | FT | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM | 11:30 | 12 AM |
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| **LOCAL CHANNELS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WIS 10 | 3 | 10 | **WIS News 10 at 7** (N) | **Entertainment Tonight** (N) | **America's Got Talent** "Live Show 2" Twelve acts perform live. | | | | **Dateline NBC** (N) | | **WIS News 10 at 11** (N) | **(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon** Kevin Bacon; Jenna Dewan Tatum. | |
| WLTX 19 | 9 | 9 | **News 19 at 7pm** (N) | **Inside Edition** (N) | **NFL Football** Kansas City Chiefs at Seattle Seahawks. From CenturyLink Field in Seattle. (N) (Live) | | | | | | **News 19 at 11pm** (N) | **(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** Dave Chappelle; James Van Der Beek. | |
| WOLO 25 | 5 | 12 | **Wheel of Fortune** "Wheel Around the World" | **Jeopardy!** | **Shark Tank** A belt buckle that doubles as a wallet. (DVS) | | **(:01) What Would You Do?** | | **20/20** | | **ABC Columbia News at 11** (N) | **(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live** "Channing Tatum; Elisabeth Moss; The Killers" Channing Tatum; Elisabeth Moss. | |
| WRJA 27 | 11 | 14 | **Travels With Darley** "Little Rock, Arkansas" | **This Week In South Carolina** | **Washington Week** (N) | **Charlie Rose -- The Week** (N) | **Great Performances at the Met** "La Traviata" Verdi's "La Traviata." (N) | | | | | **BBC World News** | **Charlie Rose** (N) |
| WACH 57 | 6 | 6 | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **MasterChef** "In a Pinch; Gordon's Game of Chicken" Cooks make crawfish, and chicken dishes. (DVS) | | | | **WACH FOX News at 10** (N) | | **Sports Zone** | **2 Broke Girls** A street artist flirts with Max. | **Mike & Molly** Mike flirts with a rookie cop. |
| WKTC 63 | 4 | 22 | **Last Man Standing** "Big Shots" | **Last Man Standing** "Risky Behavior" | **Masters of Illusion** | **Masters of Illusion** Magicians include Nathan Burton. | **Penn & Teller: Fool Us** "A Big Round of Applause for Alyson" Riccardo Berdini; Yan Markson. | | **American Ninja Warrior** "Southeast Regional Qualifying Round" (Part 1 of 2) | | **American Ninja Warrior** "Southeast Regional Qualifying Round" (Part 2 of 2) | | **Hot in Cleveland** Joy makes a decision. |
| **CABLE CHANNELS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E | 46 | 130 | **(5:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 08.19.17" Riding along with law enforcement. | | **Live PD: Police Patrol** | **Live PD: Police Patrol** | **Live PD: Police Patrol** | **Live PD: Police Patrol** | **(:01) Live PD: Police Patrol** (N) | **(:32) Live PD: Police Patrol** (N) | **(:03) Live PD: Police Patrol** | **(:33) Live PD: Police Patrol** | **(12:03) Live PD: Police Patrol** |
| AMC | 48 | 180 | **(6:00) ★★ "The Outsiders"** (1983) Matt Dillon, C. Thomas Howell. | | **★★★ "Ghostbusters"** (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis. Four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls. | | | | | **★★ "Ghostbusters II"** (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver. A long-dead Carpathian warlock attempts to return to Earth. | | | |
| ANPL | 41 | 100 | **Treehouse Masters** | | **Treehouse Masters: Out on a Limb** (N) | | **Treehouse Masters** (N) | | **Playhouse Masters** (N) | | **Treehouse Masters** | | **Treehouse Mstr** |
| BET | 61 | 162 | **Black Girls Rock! 2017**: The successes of black women. | | | | **(:02) Being Mary Jane** Social media strains a relationship. | | **(:02) Martin** | **(:32) ★ "Blue Streak"** (1999, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson, Peter Greene. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. | | | |
| BRAVO | 47 | 181 | **(:08) The Real Housewives of Orange County** "Un-Noble Women" | | **(:10) ★★ "Sex and the City 2"** (2010, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis. Carrie Bradshaw and the gals visit Abu Dhabi. | | | | | | | **(:20) ★★ "Sex and the City 2"** (2010) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall. | |
| CNBC | 35 | 84 | **American Greed** Bill Mastro rigs bids. | | **American Greed** | | **American Greed** "The Bar Girls Trap" | | **American Greed** | | **American Greed** Bill Mastro rigs bids. | | **American Greed** |
| CNN | 3 | 80 | **Erin Burnett OutFront** (N) | | **Anderson Cooper 360** (N) | | **CNN Special Report** (N) | | **CNN Tonight With Don Lemon** (N) | | **CNN Tonight With Don Lemon** (N) | | **The Nineties** |
| COM | 57 | 136 | **(6:50) Futurama** | **(:25) South Park** "Free Hat" | **South Park** "Fat Camp" | **South Park** "Fat-beard" | **South Park** "A Million Little Fibers" | **South Park** "Bloody Mary" | **Tosh.0** "Nut Shot Zach" | **Tosh.0** | **Daniel Tosh: Happy Thoughts**: Tosh unleashes his unique point of view. | | **Daniel Tosh: People Pleaser** |
| DISN | 18 | 200 | **Andi Mack** Jonah Beck turns to Andi. | **Raven's Home** | **Raven's Home** (N) (DVS) | **K.C. Undercover** (N) | **Bizaardvark** "Softball: The Musical" | **Andi Mack** | **Stuck in the Middle** | **Raven's Home** | **K.C. Undercover** | **Bizaardvark** "Softball: The Musical" | **Stuck in the Middle** |
| DSC | 42 | 103 | **Bering Sea Gold** "Big Cold Gold" | | **Bering Sea Gold** "Cold War" | | **Bering Sea Gold** "Tunnel Vision" (N) | | **Man Eating Python of Sulawesi** | | **(:02) Bering Sea Gold** "Tunnel Vision" | | **Alaskan Bush** |
| ESPN | 26 | 35 | **MLS Soccer** New York City FC at New York Red Bulls. (N) (Live) | | | | **High School Football** DeMatha (Md.) at Bishop Gorman (Nev.). (N) (Live) | | | | | | **SportsCenter** (N) |
| ESPN2 | 27 | 39 | **WTA Tennis** Connecticut Open, Second Semifinal. From New Haven, Conn. (N) | | | | **ATP Tennis** Winston-Salem Open, Second Semifinal. From Winston-Salem, N.C. | | | | **SportsCenter** (N) (Live) | | **O.J.: Made in** |
| FOOD | 40 | 109 | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Guy's Family** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Guy's Family** |
| FOXN | 37 | 90 | **The Story With Martha MacCallum** (N) | | **Tucker Carlson Tonight** (N) | | **The Five** (N) | | **Hannity** (N) | | **Tucker Carlson Tonight** | | **The Five** |
| FREE | 20 | 131 | **(5:15) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"** (2011) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. | | | **(:25) ★★★ "Dirty Dancing"** (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze, Jerry Orbach. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor. | | | | | **The 700 Club** Protect Your Brain. | | **★ "Not Another Teen Movie"** |
| FSS | 21 | 47 | **(6:30) Driven** | **Driven** | **Fight Sports: In 60** | | **Fight Sports: In 60** | | **3 Wide Life** (N) | **Raceline** (N) | **Boxing 30** | **Future Phenoms** | **Tenn.Football** |
| HALL | 52 | 183 | **Last Man Standing** "The Fight" | **Last Man Standing** "College Girl" | **Chesapeake Shores** Conflict arises between Trace and Wes. | | **The Middle** | **The Middle** "Pilot" | **The Middle** "The Cheerleader" | **The Middle** | **The Golden Girls** | **The Golden Girls** "Sick and Tired" | **The Golden Girls** "Sick and Tired" |
| HGTV | 39 | 112 | **Lakefront Bargain** | **Lakefront Bargain** | **Dream Home** | **Dream Home** | **Dream Home** | **Dream Home** | **House Hunters** | **House Hunters** | **Hunters Int'l** | **Hunters Int'l** | **Dream Home** |
| HIST | 45 | 110 | **Ancient Aliens** | | **Ancient Aliens: Declassified** (N) | | | | | | **The Lowe Files** | **The Lowe Files** | **Ancient Aliens** |
| ION | 13 | 18 | **Law & Order** "In God We Trust" A fire yields evidence in an old case. | | **Law & Order** "Locomotion" A commuter train hits an SUV. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A teenager admits to a pedophilic urge. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Stabler's daughter becomes a suspect. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Lunacy" Corpse of a famous astronaut. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** |
| LIFE | 50 | 145 | **(5:00) ★★ "For Colored Girls"** (2010) Kimberly Elise, Janet Jackson. | | **★ "Tyler Perry's Temptation"** (2013, Drama) Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Lance Gross. A handsome billionaire leads a married woman astray. | | | | **(:02) ★★ "Jumping the Broom"** (2011, Comedy) Angela Bassett, Paula Patton, Laz Alonso. A bride and groom's parents clash at the wedding. | | | | **(12:02) "Tyler Perry's Temptation"** |
| MSNBC | 36 | 92 | **Hardball With Chris Matthews** (N) | | **All In With Chris Hayes** (N) | | **The Rachel Maddow Show** (N) | | **The Last Word** | | **The 11th Hour With Brian Williams** (N) | | **Rachel Maddow** |
| NICK | 16 | 210 | **Henry Danger** | **Henry Danger** | **Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn** | | **Full House** | **Full House** | **Full House** | **Full House** | **Friends** | **Friends** | **Friends** |
| SPIKE | 64 | 153 | **(6:00) ★★ "Fast Five"** (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. | | | | **Bellator MMA Live** (N) (Live) | | | | **(:15) Cops** | **Cops** | **Cops** |
| SYFY | 58 | 152 | **(5:00) ★★ "Shooter"** (2007) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. (DVS) | | **Killjoys** "Reckoning Ball" Johnny confronts his nemesis. (N) | | **Dark Matter** "Nowhere to Go" Uniting Ferrous' enemies and ending war. | | **Wynonna Earp** "I Hope You Dance" Wynonna is running out of time. | | **★ "Legion"** (2010) Paul Bettany, Lucas Black. God sends forth an army of angels to wipe out mankind. | | |
| TBS | 24 | 156 | **Seinfeld** "The Wife" | **Seinfeld** "The Fire" | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **ELeague: Road to the International Dota 2 Championships** | | **★★★ "Back to the Future"** (1985) Michael J. Fox. A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years. | | |
| TCM | 49 | 186 | **(6:00) ★★★ "Term of Trial"** (1962) Laurence Olivier, Simone Signoret. | | **★★★ "Room at the Top"** (1959, Drama) Laurence Harvey, Simone Signoret, Heather Sears. A man romances the daughter of a wealthy industrialist. | | | | **(:15) ★★★★ "Diabolique"** (1955, Suspense) Simone Signoret, Vera Clouzot, Paul Meurisse. A tyrant's wife and mistress plot his murder. | | | | |
| TLC | 43 | 157 | **Long Lost Family** | | **Long Lost Family** | | **Long Lost Family** | | **Long Lost Family** | | **Long Lost Family** | | **Long Lost Family** |
| TNT | 23 | 158 | **Bones** "Player Under Pressure" A college-basketball player dies. | | **★★ "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies"** (2014, Fantasy) Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage. Men, Dwarves and Elves must unite or be destroyed. (DVS) | | | | | | **(:01) ★★★ "Enemy of the State"** (1998) Will Smith. Rogue agents hunt a lawyer who has an incriminating tape. | | |
| TRUTV | 38 | 129 | **Impractical Jokers** | **You Can Do Better** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** |
| TV LAND | 55 | 161 | **M*A*S*H** | **(:36) M*A*S*H** | **(:12) M*A*S*H** "B.J. Papa San" | | **Love-Raymond** | **Love-Raymond** | **Love-Raymond** | **Love-Raymond** | **King of Queens** | **King of Queens** | **King of Queens** |
| USA | 25 | 132 | **Modern Family** (DVS) | **Modern Family** "First Days" | **Modern Family** "Larry's Wife" | **Modern Family** "The Help" | **Modern Family** "A Fair to Remember" | **Modern Family** "ClosetCon '13" | **Modern Family** "The Big Game" | **Modern Family** Phil ends up in jail. | **Modern Family** "Under Pressure" | **Modern Family** "Three Dinners" | **Modern Family** "iSpy" |
| WE | 68 | 166 | **CSI: Miami** "Double Jeopardy" | | **CSI: Miami** "Driven" | | **Million Dollar Matchmaker** Patti deals with two intense lawyers. (N) | | | | **(:05) Million Dollar Matchmaker** | | **(12:06) Love Blows** |
| WGNA | 8 | 172 | **M*A*S*H** | **M*A*S*H** | **M*A*S*H** | **M*A*S*H** | **M*A*S*H** | **M*A*S*H** | **M*A*S*H** | **M*A*S*H** | **How I Met/Mother** | **How I Met/Mother** | **How I Met/Mother** |

# Netflix launches "stoner comedy" series 'Disjointed'

**BY KEVIN MCDONOUGH**

Can you make a comedy about marijuana culture that avoids the pitfalls (or are they potholes?) of "stoner comedy"? The new Netflix series **"Disjointed"** offers little guidance.

Co-created by Chuck Lorre ("The Big Bang Theory," "Two and a Half Men"), "Disjointed" stars Kathy Bates ("Misery," "American Horror Story") as Ruth Whitefeather Feldman, an older hippie-type who embraced marijuana as a cause and now finds herself in a world where weed has lost its spiritual essence and political import and has become a business like any other.

Her MBA-trained son, Travis (Aaron Moten), wants her to launch a franchise of 1,000 dispensaries and become the Walmart of cannabis. Her disdain for his business scheme opens a window onto their boomer-millennial relationship. She's so absorbed in the notion of her idealistic 20-year-old self that she won't listen to her own 20-something son. In some ways, "Disjointed" is like Lorre's sobriety sitcom "Mom," but in reverse.

Nicole Sullivan ("MADtv") shows up as an uptight housewife who is reduced to saying "wow" a lot after sampling the product. Her semi-catatonic state is a cautionary tale for Carter (Tone Bell), the dispensary's security guard whose traumatic memories of his Iraq war service is evoked in a rather "heavy" cartoon about PTSD that ends with a punch line, accompanied by a laugh track.

Much like the laugh track, the perspective and tone of the show are all over the place. One assumes this is intentional and meant to mirror the "whatever" mindset of cannabis users. In addition to Carter's cartoon flashback, there are random late-night commercials for pot-related products and services, like law firms that will help you sue pizza shops if they fail to deliver your "munchies" on time.



PATRICK WYMORE / NETFLIX

**Kathy Bates stars as Ruth Whitefeather Feldman in "Disjointed," the new Netflix comedy about marijuana culture.**

In some ways, this scattershot approach hearkens back to cult fare like "The Kentucky Fried Movie" (1977), aimed at boomer stoners way back in the day, perhaps as a midnight double-feature with the 1930s anti-pot classic "Reefer Madness." Clips from that movie run during the title credits to "Disjointed."

This is certainly a departure for Bates. It has the feeling of a lark. Then again, so did all those terrible "Cheech and Chong" movies. Like those, "Disjointed" is so dependent on its audience's altered state that few of its jokes seem terribly novel or amusing to the merely sober.

• Also streaming, **"The Tick"** premieres on Amazon Prime. This comic book satire stars Griffin Newman as the nebbishy and mentally rattled Arthur, a conspiracy buff who believes that evil entity The Terror (Jackie Earle Haley) is alive and planning a diabolical comeback.

He's joined in this cause by a cornball superhero, The Tick (Peter Serafinowicz), who may or may not be a figment of Arthur's imagination.

"The Tick" can be smart when ruminating on Arthur's memories and fears, but it grinds to a halt every time the title character enters a scene. He's allowed to rattle on with pompous mock-heroic monologues for far too long, lecturing Arthur on fate and destiny. His superpower appears to be boring his audience and forcing them to reach for their remotes.

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• The **Seattle Seahawks host the Kansas City Chiefs** in preseason NFL action (8 p.m., CBS).

• **"Great Performances at the Met"** (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) presents a performance of Verdi's "La Traviata."

• **"Snapped"** (9 p.m., Oxygen, TV-PG) profiles Drew Petersen.

• **"Whitney: Can I Be Me"** (9 p.m., Showtime) profiles the late pop singer Whitney Houston.

### CULT CHOICE

Simone Signoret stars in the 1955 thriller **"Diabolique"** (10:15 p.m., TCM).

### SERIES NOTES

A crawfish challenge on **"MasterChef"** (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Stain fighters on **"Shark Tank"** (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Dean Cain hosts **"Masters of Illusion"** (8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * John Quinones hosts **"What Would You Do?"** (9 p.m., ABC) * Illusionists audition on **"Penn & Teller: Fool Us"** (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG).

### LATE NIGHT

Dave Chappelle, James Van Der Beek and Joe Walsh are on **"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Kevin Bacon, Jenna Dewan Tatum and Nate Bargatze on **"The Tonight Show"** (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Channing Tatum, Elisabeth Moss and The Killers are on **"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (11:35 p.m., ABC, r) * Tyra Banks, Kyle Mooney, OneRepublic and Brad Wilk visit **"Late Night With Seth Meyers"** (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Jim Carrey, Al Madrigal, Andrew Santino and Erik Griffin are on **"The Late Late Show With James Corden"** (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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## SATURDAY EVENING AUGUST 26

| | SP | FT | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM | 11:30 | 12 AM |
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| **LOCAL CHANNELS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WIS 10 | 3 | 10 | **The Southern Weekend** "Low Country Living" A tour of Charleston, South Carolina. | | **American Ninja Warrior** "Cleveland City Finals" The top 30 vie for the $1 million prize. (DVS) | | | | **Dateline NBC** | | **WIS News 10 at 11** (N) | **(:29) Saturday Night Live** "Aziz Ansari; Big Sean" Host Aziz Ansari; Big Sean performs. | |
| WLTX 19 | 9 | 9 | **Paid Program** Paid programming. | **The Diet of 2017** | **NFL Football** Los Angeles Chargers at Los Angeles Rams. From Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles. (N) (Live) | | | | | | **News 19 at 11pm** (N) | **Blue Bloods** "Custody Battle" A cop is accused of killing a suspect. | |
| WOLO 25 | 5 | 12 | **Wheel of Fortune** "Wish You Were Here!" | **Jeopardy!** | **America's Funniest Home Videos** Party piñata filled with vegetables. | | **The $100,000 Pyramid** "Ken Jeong vs. Dave Foley and Dr. Oz vs. Retta" Ken Jeong; Dave Foley; Dr. Oz; Retta. | | **20/20: In an Instant** "Frozen on the Mountain" Hikers get trapped in a blizzard. | | **ABC Columbia News at 11** (N) | **American Ninja Warrior** "Pittsburgh Finals" Obstacles include Floating Monkey Bars. (Part 2 of 2) | |
| WRJA 27 | 11 | 14 | **The Queen's Garden**: Queen's Garden spans 39 acres. | | **Father Brown** "The Penitent Man" Flambeau is incarcerated for murder. | | **The Doctor Blake Mysteries** "My Brother's Keeper" Blake discovers Ballarat's murky world. | | **Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** "Death and Hysteria" Phryne's Aunt Prudence opens her home to a natural healer. | | **Austin City Limits** "Foals; Alejandro Escovedo" Foals perform; Alejandro Escovedo. | | **Bluegrass Underground** The Suffers perform. |
| WACH 57 | 6 | 6 | **Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Conor McGregor - Prelims** Yordenis Ugas vs. Thomas Dulorme; Juan Heraldez vs. Jose Miguel Borrego. From Las Vegas. (N) (Live) | | | | **Beat Shazam** "Episode Eleven" Teams include cowboys and friends. (DVS) | | **WACH FOX News at 10** (N) | **Panthers Huddle With Ron Rivera** | **Superhuman** "Beyond the Imagination" Memory and frog call skills. (DVS) | | **Ring of Honor Wrestling** |
| WKTC 63 | 4 | 22 | **Last Man Standing** Eve spurns a holiday tradition. | **Last Man Standing** Mike must act like a boss, not a dad. | **Rookie Blue** "Girls' Night Out" A car accident is more than it seems. | | **Leverage** "The Wedding Job" The team poses as wedding planners. | | **Anger Management** "Charlie's Dad Visits" | **Anger Management** Charlie asks Kate to a movie. | **Bob's Burgers** Animated. Bob is hurt after a slip-and-fall. | **Bob's Burgers** "Sacred Couch" | **Tosh.0** Tosh talks to his exact opposite. |
| **CABLE CHANNELS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E | 46 | 130 | **(5:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 08.18.17" Riding along with law enforcement. | | **Live PD: Rewind** "Live PD: Rewind No. 41" (N) | | **Live PD** "Live PD -- 04.29.17" Riding along with law enforcement. | | | | | | **Live PD: Rewind** |
| AMC | 48 | 180 | **(6:30) ★★★ "Rocky III"** (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T, Talia Shire. A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match. | | | | **Halt and Catch Fire** "Miscellaneous" Joe unveils a new idea. (N) | | **(:04) Halt and Catch Fire** "Miscellaneous" Joe unveils a new idea. | | **(:08) ★★ "Rocky IV"** (1985) Sylvester Stallone. Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter. | | |
| ANPL | 41 | 100 | **Pit Bulls and Parolees** | | **Pit Bulls and Parolees** | | **Pit Bulls and Parolees** (N) | | **(:01) Rescue Dog to Super Dog** (N) | | **(:01) Pit Bulls and Parolees** | | **Rescue Dog to** |
| BET | 61 | 162 | **(5:05) ★★ "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate"** (1996) Martin Lawrence. | | **★ "Blue Streak"** (1999, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson, Peter Greene. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. | | | | | **★★ "Bad Boys"** (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith, Tea Leoni. Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence. | | | |
| BRAVO | 47 | 181 | **The Real Housewives of New York City** Dorinda confronts Sonja. | | **The Real Housewives of New York City** Tinsley opens up about her ex-husband. | | **★★ "Anger Management"** (2003, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson, Marisa Tomei. A meek businessman clashes with an aggressive therapist. | | | | **★★ "Anger Management"** (2003) Adam Sandler. A meek businessman clashes with an aggressive therapist. | | |
| CNBC | 35 | 84 | **Undercover Boss** "Churchill Downs" | | **Undercover Boss** "BrightStar Care" | | **Undercover Boss** "PostNet" | | **Undercover Boss** | | **Undercover Boss** "Menchie's" | | **Undercover Boss** |
| CNN | 3 | 80 | **CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera** (N) | | **CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera** (N) | | **Declassified: Untold Stories-American** | | **"Elián"** (2017) A Cuban boy is at the center of a bitter custody battle. | | | | **Declassified** |
| COM | 57 | 136 | **(6:55) ★★ "Super Troopers"** (2001, Comedy) Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme. Budget cuts threaten the jobs of five state troopers. | | | | **★★ "We're the Millers"** (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis, Will Poulter. A dealer goes to Mexico with a fake family to score drugs. | | | | | **★★★ "Tropic Thunder: Director's Cut"** (2008, Comedy) Ben Stiller. | |
| DISN | 18 | 200 | **Raven's Home** (DVS) | **Raven's Home** | **★ "Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D"** (2011, Children's) Jessica Alba, Alexa Vega. | | | **(:35) Raven's Home** | **K.C. Undercover** | **K.C. Undercover** | **Bizaardvark** "Hawkward" | **Bizaardvark** | **Stuck in the Middle** |
| DSC | 42 | 103 | **Fast N' Loud** "Camaro Rising" | | **Fast N' Loud** "Million Dollar Monkey" | | **Fast N' Loud** "Opening Bid" | | **Fast N' Loud** "When Lightning Strikes" | | **Fast N' Loud** (Part 1 of 2) | | **Fast N' Loud** |
| ESPN | 26 | 35 | **(6:30) College Football** UT-Chattanooga vs Jacksonville State. (N) (Live) | | | | | **Scoreboard** | **College Football** Stanford vs Rice. From Allianz Stadium in Sydney. (N) (Live) | | | | |
| ESPN2 | 27 | 39 | **SportsCenter** (N) | **High School Football** Bartram Trail (Fla.) at Cartersville (Ga.). (N) (Live) | | | | | | **SportsCenter** (N) | **SportsCenter** (N) (Live) | | **SportsCenter** (N) |
| FOOD | 40 | 109 | **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** | | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** | **Diners, Drive** |
| FOXN | 37 | 90 | **Fox Report** (N) | | **Watters' World** (N) | | **Justice With Judge Jeanine** (N) | | **The Greg Gutfeld Show** (N) | | **Watters' World** | | **Justice Judge** |
| FREE | 20 | 131 | **(5:40) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse"** (2010) Kristen Stewart. Bella must choose between Edward and Jacob. | | **(:40) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1"** (2011, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner. Bella and Edward marry. | | | | | | | **(:20) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2"** (2012) | |
| FSS | 21 | 47 | **MLS Soccer** Atlanta United FC at Philadelphia Union. (N) (Live) | | | | **Postgame** | **SportsMoney** | **Facing Waves** | **Facing Waves** | **Atlanta Pregame** | **MLS Soccer** | |
| HALL | 52 | 183 | **"Eat, Play, Love"** (2017, Romance) Jen Lilley, Jason Cermak, Lucie Guest. A veterinarian secretly loves the owner of a dog shelter. | | | | **"Sun, Sand & Romance"** (2017, Drama) Tricia Helfer, Paul Campbell, Sadie Robertson. Premiere. Kate meets an old friend during a trip to Cancun. | | | | **The Golden Girls** | **The Golden Girls** | **The Golden Girls** "Miles to Go" |
| HGTV | 39 | 112 | **Fixer Upper** | | **Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation** | | **Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation** | | **House Hunters Renovation** (N) | | **House Hunters** (N) | **House Hunters** | **Beachfrnt Reno** |
| HIST | 45 | 110 | **American Pickers** (DVS) | | **(:06) American Pickers: Bonus Buys** "Picking the North" Mike flips for a coin-op elephant. (N) | | | | | | **(:08) American Pickers** | | **American Pick.** |
| ION | 13 | 18 | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A young couple is murdered. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Refugee is found injured in an alley. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Artist's death uncovers more murders. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Selfish" A 2-year-old girl goes missing. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Crush" Teenager is brutally beaten. | | **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** |
| LIFE | 50 | 145 | **(6:00) "His Secret Family"** (2015) Haylie Duff, David O'Donnell. | | **"His Double Life"** (2016, Suspense) Emmanuelle Vaugier, Brian Krause. A college student suspects her new stepfather may actually be a killer. | | | | **(:02) The Murder of Laci Peterson** A pregnant woman goes missing. | | **(:02) The Murder of Laci Peterson** Scott Peterson's girlfriend appears. | | **(12:02) "His Double Life"** (2016) |
| MSNBC | 36 | 92 | **The Rachel Maddow Show** | | **Dateline Extra** Princess Diana's life and tragic death. (N) | | | | **The 11th Hour With Brian Williams** | | **Lockup: San Antonio- Extended Stay** | | **Lockup: Louisville** |
| NICK | 16 | 210 | **Henry Danger** | | **The Thundermans** | **The Thundermans** | **The Thundermans** | **The Thundermans** | **Full House** | **Full House** | **Friends** | **Friends** | **Friends** |
| SPIKE | 64 | 153 | **(6:30) ★★★ "The Dark Knight Rises"** (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane. | | | | | | | **★★★ "X2: X-Men United"** (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. | | | |
| SYFY | 58 | 152 | **Stephen King's It**: Maine friends struggle with the embodiment of evil. | | | | | | | | **(:10) ★★ "Dark Skies"** (2013) Keri Russell, Josh Hamilton. Aliens mark a human family for future abduction. | | |
| TBS | 24 | 156 | **Seinfeld** "The Opposite" | **Seinfeld** "The Hamptons" | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **The Big Bang Theory** | **Full Frontal With Samantha Bee** | **Wrecked** "Nerd Speak" | **(12:01) People of Earth** |
| TCM | 49 | 186 | **(6:00) ★★★ "Shake Hands With the Devil"** (1959) James Cagney. | | **★★★ "White Heat"** (1949, Crime Drama) James Cagney, Virginia Mayo. T-men hunt a trigger-happy gangster who listens only to his mother. (DVS) | | | | **★★★ "The Roaring Twenties"** (1939, Crime Drama) James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart. Prohibition holds different fates for three war veterans. | | | | **★★★ "Love Me or Leave Me"** |
| TLC | 43 | 157 | **Say Yes: ATL** | **Say Yes: ATL** | **Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?**: The life and death of Princess Diana. | | | | | | **Princess Diana: Tragedy or Treason?** | | |
| TNT | 23 | 158 | **(6:30) ★★ "Horrible Bosses 2"** (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day. Nick, Dale and Kurt plot revenge on a thieving investor. (DVS) | | | | **★★ "Magic Mike XXL"** (2015, Comedy-Drama) Channing Tatum, Matt Bomer, Joe Manganiello. Premiere. Former stripper Mike Lane comes out of retirement. (DVS) | | | | | **(:31) ★ "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry"** (2007, Comedy) | |
| TRUTV | 38 | 129 | **I'm Sorry** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | **Impractical Jokers** | | **Impractical Jokers** "Paradise Lost" | | **Impractical Jokers** "Universal Appeal" | | **Impractical Jokers** |
| TV LAND | 55 | 161 | **The Golden Girls** | **The Golden Girls** | **(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond** | | **Love-Raymond** | **Love-Raymond** | **Love-Raymond** | **Love-Raymond** | **King of Queens** | **King of Queens** | **King of Queens** |
| USA | 25 | 132 | **NCIS** "Good Cop, Bad Cop" A Marine's body surfaces. (DVS) | | **NCIS** "Child's Play" Team investigates the death of a Marine. (DVS) | | **NCIS** "Sins of the Father" Tony's father becomes a murder suspect. | | **NCIS** "Chasing Ghosts" A Navy reservist's husband goes missing. | | **NCIS** "Revenge" The team searches for Bodnar. (DVS) | | **Queen of the South** |
| WE | 68 | 166 | **Law & Order** "Conduct Unbecoming" | | **Law & Order** "Animal Instinct" | | **Law & Order** "Jurisdiction" | | **Law & Order** "Virus" | | **Law & Order** Man is killed in carjacking. | | **Law & Order** |
| WGNA | 8 | 172 | **Blue Bloods** "Forgive and Forget" | | **Blue Bloods** An officer is outed. | | **Blue Bloods** Danny lands in hot water. | | **Blue Bloods** "Loose Lips" | | **Person of Interest** "Pilot" | | **Person of Interest** |

# 'Mysteries of the Missing' looks into the unexplained

**BY KEVIN McDONOUGH**

Where would television be without unsolved mysteries? That goes double for basic cable. Into this genre enters **"Mysteries of the Missing"** (10 p.m. Saturday, Science, TV-PG). It doesn't go looking for the fantastic, but uses deduction to try to explain disappearances that defy logic.

"Missing" kicks off with a survey of the theories behind the biggest aviation mystery of the 21st century, the 2014 disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370.

We think we live in a world that's entirely wired, where every moment is monitored. The fact that a huge jet, with hundreds of passengers, could simply vanish from radar screens and satellite scans calls into question our belief in an orderly world and our faith in science and technology. Not to mention the safety of aviation.

Who better to host this search for answers than Terry O'Quinn, a star best known for his role as John Locke on "Lost," a tale of a missing airliner that touched on cosmic mysteries?

Flight 370 theories abound. Experts speculate on the two passengers who flew with fake passports. Could they have hijacked the plane? Apparently, there were highly volatile lithium ion batteries in the cargo hold. Could these items, with a history of exploding in midair, have brought down the plane? Was Flight 370 seized by an onboard cyberattack? A known hacker shows us how easily that could have been done. Was the plane taken over in a plot to attack the secretive Indian Ocean military base on the small Diego Garcia island? How about pilot suicide?

The wealth of theories about the missing airliner perfectly corresponds with the paucity of evidence. Had the jetliner crashed into the ocean, it could have broken into a million pieces. Where is that floating debris? It's not giving too much away to reveal that "Mysteries" offers more questions than answers.

In future episodes, O'Quinn hosts examinations of the three Alcatraz escapees who managed to flee the island fortress in 1962; the Lost Colony of Roanoke in North Carolina; and the unexplained cause of a 1908 explosion in Siberia said to have been the equivalent of a thousand atom bombs. And no series like this is worth its salt if it doesn't take a crack at the Bermuda Triangle.

Viewers who can't wait, or who don't get the Science Channel, can watch episode one right now at *sciencechannel.com*. Click on the link for "Mysteries of the Missing."

• Katy Perry hosts the **2017 MTV Video Music Awards** (8 p.m. Sunday, MTV, MTV2, MTV Classic, CMT, Comedy Central, Logo, Spike, TV Land, VH1). An annual rite since 1984, the VMAs have long been a harbinger of fall, or the last gasp before Labor Day. Take your pick.

In addition to hosting, Perry has been nominated for five categories including: Best Pop Video, Best Direction and Best Visual Effects for "Chained to the Rhythm"; Best Art Direction for "Bon Appetit"; and Best Collaboration for Calvin Harris' "Feels."

• In addition to leading up to Labor Day, this week offers viewers their last chance to indulge in a glut of documentaries commemorating the Aug. 31, 1997, death of Great Britain's Princess Diana.

**"Diana and the Paparazzi"** (8 p.m. Sunday, Smithsonian) explores her unique relationship with her image and those who shaped it. The most popular magazine cover subject of the Reagan era, Diana faced the best and the worst at the hands of photographers and tabloid reporters. The fact that paparazzi were following her at the time of her fatal car crash left many with the sense that she was innocent prey, simply hounded to death.

**"Diana: The Day We Said Goodbye"** (9 p.m. Sunday, Smithsonian) recalls Diana's funeral as a historic television event, viewed by more than 2 billion people worldwide.

"Goodbye" covers both the meticulous stagecraft of the royal family, as her body was carried from Kensington Palace to Westminster Abbey, as well as the Hollywood touches that were unique to Diana, including Elton John's performance of "Candle in the Wind," rewritten for the occasion.

That song, considered touching by many and mawkish by others, was performed over the strenuous objections of officials at Westminster Abbey, who felt that the original, a song about a boy's obsession with Marilyn Monroe, was not appropriate to the occasion.

• Other retrospectives include **"Special Report: Chasing Diana"** (9 p.m. Sunday, CNN) and **"Diana's Death: The Search for the Truth"** (10 p.m. Sunday, Reelz).

### SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

• **Jacksonville State and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga** meet in college football action (6:30 p.m., ESPN).

• Fox presents the **preliminary bouts** (7 p.m.) that precede the Floyd Mayweather Jr.-Conor McGregor fight to be aired on Pay-Per-View, live from Las Vegas.

• The **Los Angeles Rams host the Los Angeles Chargers** in preseason NFL action (8 p.m., CBS).

• A young woman is convinced her stepfather is a two-timing killer on the 2016 shocker **"His Double Life"** (8 p.m., Lifetime).

• Cameron presents her new game on **"Halt and Catch Fire"** (9 p.m., AMC, TV-14).

• **"Planet Earth: Wild West"** (9 p.m., BBC America, TV-G) explores the High Country.

• **"Declassified: Untold Stories of American Spies"** (9 p.m., CNN) recalls the search for a Cuban spy.

• Overexposed on a mountaintop on **"20/20: In an Instant"** (10 p.m., ABC, r).

• **"Rescue Dog to Super Dog"** (10 p.m., Animal Planet, TV-PG) matches dogs in need of a home with owners in need of spiritual and psychological repair.

### SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

• Updates of repeat reports scheduled on **"60 Minutes"** (7 p.m., CBS) include an interview with Michael Bloomberg; Chicago's Cook County Jail; the Crossfit tycoon.

• The **Minnesota Vikings host the San Francisco 49ers** in preseason NFL action (8 p.m., NBC).

• Drawn into a culture war on **"Endeavour"** on **"Masterpiece"** (9 p.m., PBS, TV-14, check local listings).

• The seventh season of **"Game of Thrones"** (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA) concludes after only seven episodes.

• A strange port reveals a world both opulent and savage on **"The Last Ship"** (9 p.m., TNT, TV-14).

• Suspicions fall on a police officer when his fourth wife dies much like his third on **"Drew Peterson: An American Murder Mystery"** (9 p.m., ID, TV-14). Not to be confused with **"Snapped: Notorious — Scott Peterson"** (9 p.m., Oxygen, r, TV-14).

• A live feed of Matt's backstage misbehavior goes viral on **"Episodes"** (10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).

• Cam's past consumes him on **"Survivor's Remorse"** (10 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).

• No transportation on **"Insecure"** (10:55 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

### CULT CHOICE

Can't wait for the new Stephen King movie? Catch the 1990 made-for-TV adaptation of **"Stephen King's It"** (7 p.m. Saturday, Syfy).

### SATURDAY SERIES

The Cleveland finals of **"American Ninja Warrior"** (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Crazy goats and hungry bulldogs on **"America's Funniest Home Videos"** (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Jamie Foxx hosts **"Beat Shazam"** (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * Ken Jeong plays **"The $100,000 Pyramid"** (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14) * **"Dateline"** (10 p.m., NBC).

### SUNDAY SERIES

Stuck inside on **"Big Brother"** (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * On two helpings of **"The Simpsons"** (Fox, r, TV-PG), bare minimum (8 p.m.), Bart's remorse (9 p.m.) * Jennie Garth plays **"Celebrity Family Feud"** (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * On two helpings of **"Family Guy"** (Fox, r, TV-14), Father's Day (8:30 p.m.), Stewie and Brian's band (9:30 p.m.) * Mario Lopez hosts **"Candy Crush"** (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Laundry innovations on **"Steve Harvey's Funderdome"** (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Hetty's old gang pulls a heist on **"NCIS: Los Angeles"** (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Kyle Busch plays **"The $100,000 Pyramid"** (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

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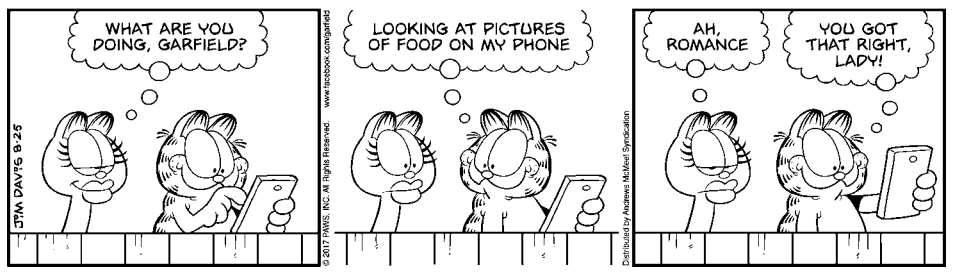

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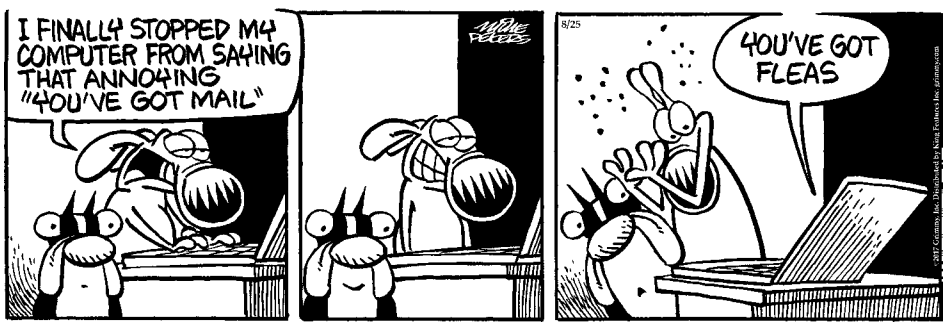

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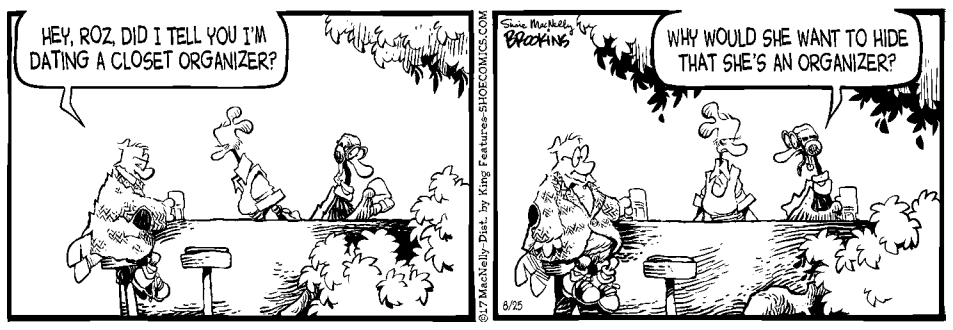

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## JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE




# *Mom's painful past is warning about teen drinking*



**Dear Abby**
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — I am the mother of two teenaged girls (13 and 15) and have been debating whether to tell them a secret about my past. When I was in high school, I made some poor decisions. I went to a party with people I viewed as friends, had too much to drink and the evening ended with my being raped by someone I thought I knew.

I reported it to my parents and the police, but because I couldn't remember big parts of the evening, I wasn't considered credible and no one believed me — not even my parents. My grades dropped, my weight plummeted and the entire school knew and believed his side of the story.

I internalized everything and became a shell of who I was before the incident. It was years before I forgave myself for making a horrible mistake. Ultimately, I moved in with my grandmother several states away to finish high school, far away from my parents and the pain.

Would it be appropriate to share this story (or a redacted version) with my daughters to help them understand the risks of teenage drinking? They are at the age when they are surrounded by temptation and curiosity, and their father and I can't shield them from everything. Would I be doing them a disservice by not telling them?

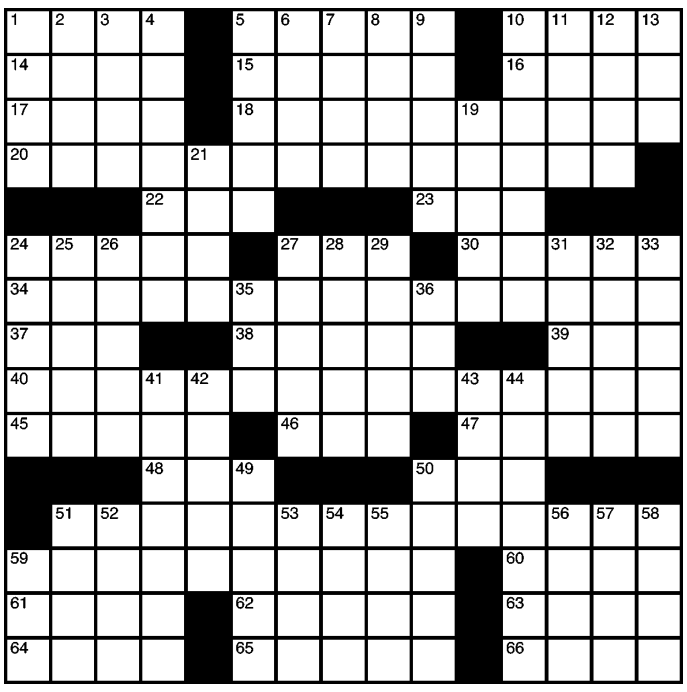
*Undecided in Nevada*

**DEAR UNDECIDED** — You would be doing your daughters a favor if, along with warning them about underage drinking, you shared your story with them. If you do, it will help them understand that drinking can have unintended, sometimes lifelong consequences. Forewarned is forearmed.

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## THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Samuel A. Donaldson — 8/25/17

**ACROSS**
1 Song one can't perform?
5 Walk through puddles
10 Mosul's home
14 On the water
15 Princess Toadstool's rescuer
16 Run into, maybe
17 Online gaming tyro
18 Salem residents
20 Rudely confront espionage supervisors?
22 OPEC member
23 Guzzler
24 Holy verse
27 Letters by the shore
30 __ wave
34 Agreement on the ratio of innies to outies?
37 Quote from a goat
38 Absent
39 "O Sole __"
40 Ones meekly entering debits and credits?
45 Embezzles
46 Trike rider
47 Big name in electric cars
48 Somerhalder of "The Vampire Diaries"
50 Org. that helps you find a way
51 High praise at a carousel?
59 Pinpoints
60 Apple talker
61 Seeks
62 With no other
63 Noodle variety
64 Upscale
65 Cut with a beam
66 Await a decision

**DOWN**
1 Ultimate Fighting Championship president White
2 Biennial games org.
3 Fair-hiring agcy.
4 Mediterranean salad
5 Hit hard
6 Prix de __ de Triomphe: annual horse race
7 Oft-twisted cookie
8 Leo, for one
9 Hilarious sorts
10 More than silly
11 Down-to-earth
12 Coulter and Curry
13 Liq. measures
19 Campus org. for future ensigns
21 Cousin of Dan'l?
24 Adidas alternatives
25 More than a peck
26 Old counters
27 Great guy?
28 Chaise place
29 Fire starter
31 Common state capital features
32 Moon of Uranus
33 Parkinson's drug
35 Rustic stop
36 "Life of Pi" director Lee
41 "Wow!"
42 Grammarian's concern
43 Legato's opposite, in mus.
44 Closes, as a wound
49 Like some cold symptoms
50 Pimply
51 Indicación de afecto
52 Sacred chests
53 Arizona river
54 "The Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
55 Top-shelf
56 Support staff member
57 Monopoly token replaced by a cat in 2013
58 Object to
59 Nuke

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

CUPHO

ONRIY

LIPRAL

GLIYHH




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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: IMAGE GLORY HYPHEN SPRAWL
Answer: The bowlers who started placing bets were — HIGH ROLLERS

**The answers to today's puzzles can be found on today's Daily Planner page.**

## SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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| 4 | | 7 | 8 | | | | | 6 |

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