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Florence has its eye on Sumter

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In a now-closed middle school, where some banners encouraging student success and photos of children here and there remained on the walls, families found the media center to be their new temporary home.

A sign next to the front door of Mayewood Middle School still hangs to say, "Our school is too cool to do drugs." Next to the old sign, a new one was hung this week that labels the unused campus as an American Red Cross shelter for Hurricane Florence, which is bearing down on Sumter County with the center forecast to pass near on Saturday morning.

Over at Sumter's Emergency Operation Center, officials from the American Red Cross, Sumter Fire Department, Sumter County EMS, Sumter Police Department, Sumter County Sheriff's Office and the local Department of Social Services office were preparing for 24-hour operations with tropical storm-force winds from Hurricane Florence expected to arrive in the Sumter area Thursday evening or Friday morning.

The EOC began 24-hour operations at 7 p.m. on Thursday, said Erik Hayes, director of the Sumter Emergency Management Office.

Those officials, who are trained to work at this capacity, will be monitoring the storm and helping to answer emergency calls and coordinating response efforts before, during and after the storm, he said.

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TO OUR READERS: PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US

To all of our readers and subscribers,

With Hurricane Florence at our doorstep, please be patient regarding your newspaper delivery during the next several days. While delivering your local news is very important to us, nothing is more important than the safety of our employees and carriers. We will be diligently updating our website at *www.TheItem.com* throughout the storm. Please send any storm photos or information to *editor@theitem.com*.

Our office will be closed on Friday with plans to reopen on Monday.

Stay safe, Sumter.

Vince Johnson, publisher

An out-of-this-world surprise

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NASA sends Alice Drive Middle School photos of Florence from space station

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Hurricanes can be scary and dangerous, but one middle school in Sumter received an awe-inspiring glimpse of the monster storm that is on its way to South Carolina.

Alice Drive Middle School received an email from Jeff Goldstein, who is the director of the Student Space Flight program, that included photos of Hurricane Florence taken from astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

A team of four girls at the school — seventh-graders Alana Garrick and Mary Brooke Mooneyham and sixth-graders Alyse King and Ashlin Farmer — were selected in January for a student spaceflight program that launched an experiment they developed up to the space station to test. They were one of only 31 schools in the U.S., Canada and Brazil to be selected.

Mission 12 spaceflight astronauts lifted off in June with the team's experiment aboard — it tested whether sodium polyacrylate could be used in space for seed germination and plant growth by testing the effects of microgravity on vegetable seeds in a sodium chemical mixture.

They found out in August it worked.

On Thursday, as the middle schoolers and all other public school students throughout Sumter and 25 other counties had a hurricane-induced vacation from school — starting Tuesday and until further notice — Goldstein sent an email with photos of Florence, which Sumter School District posted on Facebook.

The post also said that Astronaut Ricky Arnold, who performed the experiment on the space station over the summer, tweeted, "The crew is thinking of those who will be affected."

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Jake Bieke, an employee with Xtreme Powerline and Construction, speaks with a coworker out of frame. Xtreme Powerline and Construction is out of Port Huron, Michigan, but also has crews in Sumter from Florida, as well.

'This is no ordinary storm'

Electric companies say power restoration could take weeks; hundreds of lineworkers are in S.C.

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Duke Energy is expecting to have more than 20,000 people dedicated to power restoration in North Carolina and South Carolina, where 1 to 3 million customers are expected to lose power because of Hurricane Florence, according to Duke Energy.

"The magnitude of the storm is beyond what we have seen in years," said Howard Fowler, Duke Energy's incident commander. "With the storm expected to linger, power restoration work could take weeks instead of days."

A news release from Duke states those 20,000 workers will be part of the largest resource mobilization ever for the company.

About 1,700 workers from Duke Energy Midwest — Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana — will join more than 8,000 Carolinas-based workers and

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Driver's death by train ruled a suicide

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County Coroner's Office ruled the death of a Wedgefield driver a suicide after the 79-year-old man's vehicle was struck by a train early Thursday.

The driver — identified as Sidney Jackson of Wedgefield by Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker — apparently parked his vehicle on the train tracks, according to an incident report from Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The train conductor told the responding deputy he saw a vehicle, a silver 2009 Mercury, parked on Bullet Road, near Wedgefield Road, with its lights off and then saw the driver park the vehicle on the tracks.

According to the report, Jackson drove the front half of the vehicle over the tracks, backed up and parked on the tracks.

The conductor told the deputy he flashed the lights and blew the horn multiple times, but the vehicle did not move. He was unable to stop the train and struck the vehicle.

Jackson was unresponsive when the responding deputy arrived on scene, and attempts to revive him — chest compressions and an automated external defibrillator — had no effect, according to the release.

Jackson's next of kin have been notified, and an autopsy will be scheduled for a later date in Newberry, according to a news release from the coroner's office.

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More on Hurricane Florence

City cancels trash pickup; county closes recycling centers

BY BRUCE MILLS
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All city sanitation services for residential and commercial customers have been cancelled for today as a result of Hurricane Florence, so City of Sumter residents with normal Friday trash pickup will have to wait until next Friday (Sept. 21) for that service.

City Communications Director Shelley Kile said the city will make an exception to a regulation for that one day, allowing customers to place trash outside their bins.

"We know that the regulation is normally no trash outside your bin; however, for next Friday only we will pick up extra residential garbage since we know some people will have more than what can fit into their Herby Curby," Kile said. "We will pick up all residential garbage that day, so customers can just put it out all at once next Friday."

Kile said city residential pickup is expected to resume on Monday.

For Saturday, all commercial pickup has also been cancelled. Those services are also expected to resume Monday, she said.

If storms associated with Florence cause severe damage in the city, Kile said her department will put more information out on how to handle that debris.

COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS

All nine county recycling centers will be closed today through Sunday.

Assistant Public Works Director Karen Hyatt said the centers will be closed because of anticipated high winds associated with the storm.

The centers are planned to reopen Monday at 7 a.m., depending on the storm's impact, she said.

Also, depending on Florence's impact and damage, Hyatt said the county would work with city officials on setting up debris sites, and that information will be posted and available online.

Additionally, if damage is heavy this weekend, she said the recycling centers would be open seven days next week — instead of five — and residents would be able to take yard debris any day to one of the centers. On a regular schedule, the recycling centers only accept yard debris on Saturdays and Sundays.

COUNTY LANDFILL

Hyatt said the Sumter County Landfill will also be closed today and Saturday. The landfill is regularly closed on Sundays and plans to reopen Monday at 7:30 a.m., depending on the storm's impact.

Shaw evacuates F-16s to avoid storm damage

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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A 20th Fighter Wing airman prepares an F-16 for flight out of town. Shaw's fleet of F-16s left the area ahead of the storm.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY SHAW 20TH FW / PA

Shaw Air Force Base evacuated its fleet of F-16s away from base to avoid the path of Hurricane Florence.

Col. Derek J. O'Malley, commander of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw in Sumter, gave an update Wednesday morning as he sat on the flight line to watch aircraft take off.

The base is, as of Thursday, at Hurricane Condition 2 (HURCON2), which means destructive winds of 58 miles per hour or more are possible within 24 hours.

"The change in HURCON follows Gov. Henry McMaster's declaration of a state of emergency for South Carolina in preparation for Hurricane Florence," a news release from the base said.

Shaw is continuing to operate under mission-essential reporting duty status, which means only mission-essential personnel should report to the base for work through Friday.

The main gate at Shaw will maintain normal operating hours through Friday. The S.C. 441 gate and the Sumter gate are closed to inbound and outbound traffic.

"It is strongly encouraged that movement on, off and around base be limited during the height of the storm for the safety of all personnel," a release said on Thursday. "Emergency services to include fire, ambulance and security forces will be maintained through the duration of the storm in case of an emergency."

The 20th Medical Group closed on Wednesday.

Shaw Heights and High Hills elementary schools are closed until further notice as per the governor's executive order to close public schools in 26 counties, including Sumter, Lee and Clarendon.

The following facilities are closed until further notice:

- Child Development Center;
- Family Child care;
- Youth programs;
- Rickenbackers;
- Carolina Skies Club;
- Afterburner Grill;
- Tee Top Café;
- Weasel Wagon;
- Carolina Lakes Golf Course;
- Shaw Lanes Bowling Center;
- Skeet & Trap Range;
- Woodland Pool;
- Wateree Rec Area;
- Outdoor Recreation;
- Spratt Education Center;
- Fitness Center;
- ITT;
- McElveen Library;
- MPF & ID's;
- Arts & Crafts Center; and
- A&FRC.

DFAC will be open, but dorm residents will be issued 72 hours' worth of MREs in the event the DFAC must close.

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Quote of the week

"Obviously, a hurricane is not ideal for anything growing in the ground. We'll wait and see what happens."

RICKY ATKINSON, LEE COUNTY FARMER

Speaking on Thursday while harvesting corn and soybeans in preparation for Hurricane Florence.

Look out for price gouging during, after Florence

BY DANNY KELLY
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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced on Tuesday that federal aid has been supplied to South Carolina to supplement state, tribal and local response efforts due to Hurricane Florence starting on Sept. 8.

The announcement from President Trump authorizes FEMA to coordinate all disaster relief efforts to help alleviate the local population of the hardships caused by the emergency according to a news release. Title V of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures to help protect property and public health and safety in South Carolina's 46 counties and the Catawba Indian Nation.

Emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent federal funding. Elizabeth Turner has been named as the federal coordinating officer for federal response operations in the affected area, the release said.

During times that lead to state of emergency declarations, such as hurricanes, price gouging is also an issue to look out for.

"With the hurricane heading our way, South Carolina's price gouging law is now in effect," S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson said in a public service announcement Monday. "The state price gouging law does make it illegal to charge what's called an unconscionable price."

Wilson wants anyone who witnesses price gouging to report it to the attorney general's office at *www.scag.gov* and, when reporting, note the time, address and name of the gas station or other business along with the price you've paid; write down prices nearby and the same information on those stations or businesses. He also said to take pictures that identify the gas station or business along with the price and to keep your receipt.

However, Wilson said, it's important to keep in mind that a price increase isn't necessarily price gouging, even if it's a big increase; it could be the normal effects of supply and demand.

Wilson also issued a statement on Saturday saying that people typically price gouge on food, gasoline and lodging, and that business owners can be charged for excessive pricing, a misdemeanor offense punishable with a $1,000 fine and/or 30 days in jail.

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation also issued a statement on Wednesday warning consumers to be on the lookout for scam artists following the storm.

"We understand that consumers will be anxious to get the work done quickly so they can get their lives back to normal," said Janet Baumberger, administrator of the S.C. Residential Builders Commission. "But, we urge you to take necessary precautions when hiring repair people."

The biggest problem is usually homeowners paying too much in advance and hiring unlicensed contractors.

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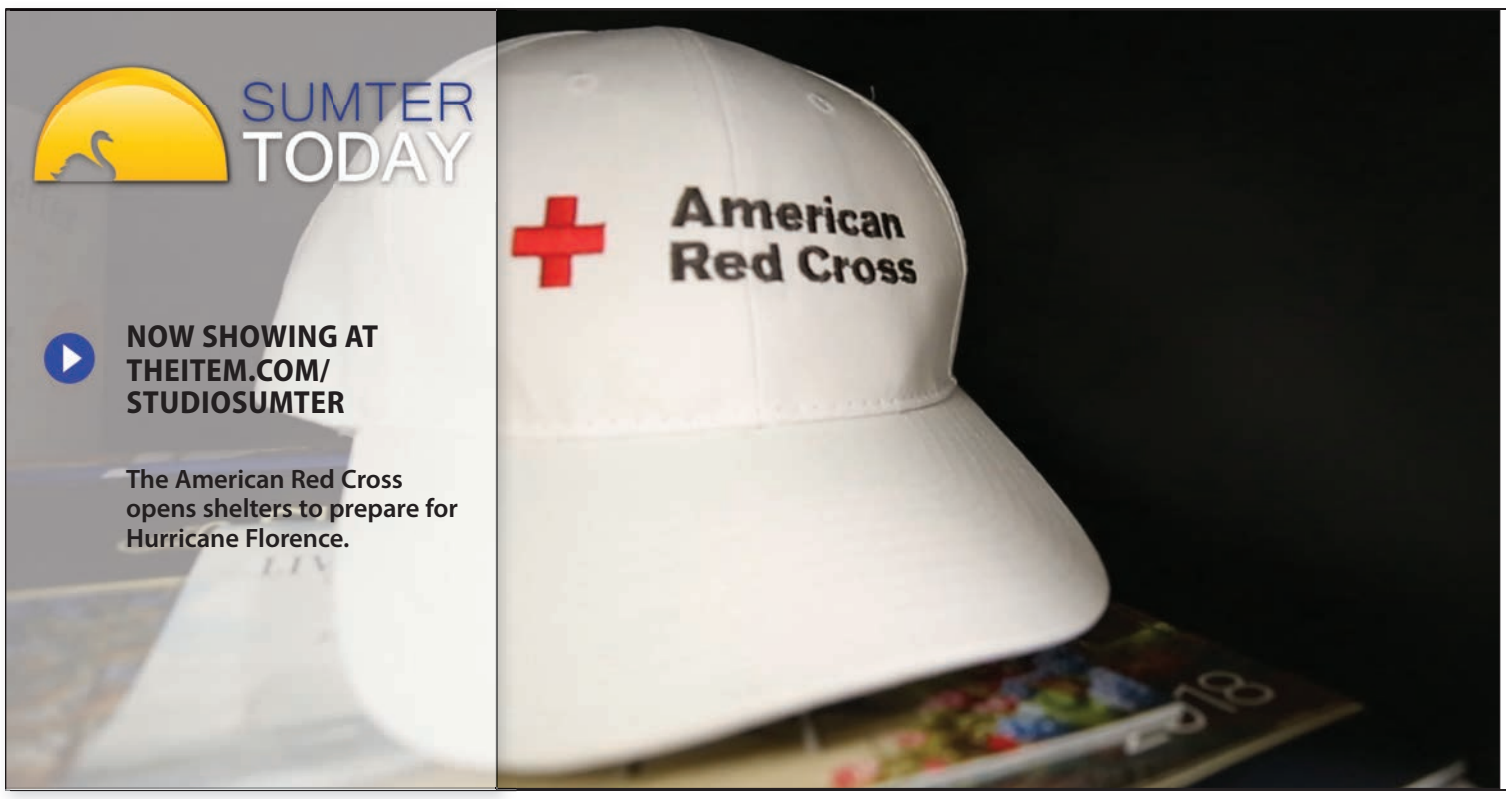

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Active shooter study: Semi-automatic rifles more deadly

Researcher: 'Death rate if you got hit by a bullet was the same' in semi-automatic attack and not

CHICAGO (AP) — Active shooters with semi-automatic rifles wound and kill twice as many people as those using weapons that don't self-load, although chances of dying if hit in either type of assault are the same, a new analysis shows.

Researchers examined FBI data on nearly 250 active shooter incidents in the United States since 2000. Almost 900 people were wounded and 718 were killed.

One in four of these attacks involved semi-automatic rifles. These weapons automatically load each bullet after firing although firing requires pulling the trigger for each round.

Recent attacks involving semi-automatics include the shootings at Parkland High School, Orlando's Pulse night club and Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Semi-automatics, which include some assault weapons, often are thought of as being more lethal. Since they can fire rapidly, chances of being hit in those circumstances are high, the study shows.

'Active shooters are hellbent on killing people. The big difference — and this is not such a big surprise — is if you give them a semi-automatic, they're able to shoot twice the number of people.'

DR. ADIL HAIDER

Lead researcher and trauma surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston

But in active shooter attacks, which tend to occur in confined spaces and with an intent to kill, the results suggest all types of guns can be equally deadly, said lead researcher Dr. Adil Haider, a trauma surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Overall, 44 percent of people hit in active shooter attacks involving semi-automatic weapons died, the same as those wounded in attacks not involving semi-automatic rifles, showing that "the death rate if you got hit by a bullet was the same," Haider said.

"Active shooters are hellbent on killing people," he said. "The big difference — and this is not such a big surprise — is if you give them a semi-automatic, they're able to shoot twice the number of people."

The average number of people wounded in semi-automatic attacks totaled nearly six, versus about three in attacks with other weapons. Roughly four people were killed on average in semi-automatic attacks, compared with about two in other attacks, the study found.

The results were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Haider said the study highlights a need to better track details on types of weapons used in active shooter attacks; FBI figures do not detail whether weapons used were semi-automatic, so the researchers got that information from court and police documents and news media reports.

Semi-automatic rifles cause more deaths and injuries, but "firearms in general, regardless of the type, are extraordinarily lethal weapons," said Dr. Cassandra Crifasi, deputy director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, who was not involved in the research.

A longtime gun owner and sports shooting enthusiast, Crifasi said her understanding of gun culture brings a different perspective to gun research and safety. "The main thing is that there are gun owners like me ... who support common sense solutions to reducing gun violence," she said.

Jesus is not anxious about the storm you are facing

He was tired. It had been a long day with the crowds, teaching them truths about Kingdom life. If you've ever taught from sunup to sundown, you know how exhausting it can be. The crowd was so large, he even had to get in a boat so he could get some distance from the crowd and be seen and heard.

Clay Smith

As the sun faded behind the hills, he told his friends, "Let's cross the lake." They were in an open boat, about 25 feet long with a simple mast and sail. They pushed off from shore and few other boats followed, and the crowd began to make their way home.

With the crowd behind him, he said to the men in the boat, "Mind if I lie down? I'm pretty tired." Someone found a cushion, moldy and damp, for him to lay his head on. When you're exhausted, you're not picky about your pillow.

The stars began to disappear behind clouds, and a dark night was swallowed by shadows on the water. The experienced fishermen on the boat —Peter, Andrew, James and John — knew the first hints of a storm.

They had ridden out many storms on this lake, and like most men were confident in their knowledge. They grinned at each other and hollered good-natured insults at the non-sailors, like Matthew: "Hey, tax boy! Better hold onto your stomach!" From the back of the boat, there was the steady, breathing rhythm of sound sleep.

The wind started to build, and the waves began to whitecap with luminous foam. Hard drops of rain began to sting their skin. You would expect a sleeping man to wake up, but the man in the back of the boat slept on.

There comes a point when experience and knowledge run out. The waves grew higher, the wind stopped blowing and started howling, and the rain began to mix with hail. Water was starting to wash over the low gunwale. Peter and John stopped exchanging wise-guy grins and began to look at each other anxiously. The boat was not being pushed by the wind; it was being tossed by the waves and slammed by the fierce air. It seemed like the atmosphere was attacking the boat and the others on the lake.

How weary must you be to sleep through a storm? How frightened do you have to be to admit you don't know what to do? It dawned on them that they needed to wake him and let him know they were all about die — and him too. How could a man sleep with death approaching?

"Rabbi," they said, "Don't you even care that we are dying?" Translation: "How can you sleep at a time like this? We're all about to die!"

It was funny when they thought back about it later. His eyes scrunched up like eyes do when they are woken too early. His shoulder muscles tightened and then relaxed. Finally, his eyes opened with no trace of anxiety or panic. He was the same Rabbi they had seen awaken so many calm mornings on land.

He looked at their panic-stricken faces, and he smiled. They were like children who think the world is ending because there is no peanut butter in the house. Lifting his head from the pillow, with just a trace of "being-woke-too-early" in his voice, he turned away from his followers to speak to the storm.

"Peace! Be still!" It was a tone of voice they recognized. He was not speaking a suggestion to the storm but giving a command. His voice held the same authority he used to drive out demons and heal the sick. It was the voice that had echoes of calling stars into being and commanding plants to spring up out of the ground. When he spoke like this, things happened.

This time, something stopped happening. As the words rolled off his lips, the wind stopped. The waves did not die down, they disappeared. In a second, a blink of an eye, the "we're going to die" storm changed to complete peace.

He looked at them with a puzzled expression, "Why were you so worked up? Are you still missing faith?"

They looked at each other, jaws dropped. It was Peter who spoke first (always): "Who is this guy? He's not just a healer, not just a teacher. Creation obeys him. Creation only obeys the creator. So, this means… Whoa!"

Whatever storm you are facing, Jesus is not anxious about it. His peace is greater than any wind that blows. His grace is stronger than your fear. His love can heal the bruises of the hail and the sting of the rain. Call out to him. Tell him you need him. Let him calm the storm raging in you.

Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter.

CHURCH NEWS

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

* Saturday — Giveaway from 8 a.m. until noon.

* Sunday, Sept. 30 — Missionary worship Sunday at 10 a.m. Minister Michelle Spann Robinson will speak.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 4040 Dubose Siding Road, announces:

* Saturday — United Methodist women's tea at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 107 E. Liberty St. Ruth B. Murray, of Greater Singletary AME Church of Marion, will speak.

* Sunday — The Inspirational Choir will celebrate its anniversary at 3:30 p.m.

Beulah AME Church, 3175 Florence Highway, announces:

* Sunday — Homecoming and brotherhood union program at 1 p.m. The Rev. Frederick Graves, pastor of St. Paul AME Church, will speak.

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

* Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 19-21 — Fall Revival at 7 nightly with speakers as follows: Wednesday, the Rev. Jerome Sumpter; Thursday, Pastor Donna Harvin Jackson, of Pine Hill AME; and Friday, Pastor Harry Clark, of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Church Women United announces:

* Saturday, Sept. 22 — Annual salad luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 1137 Alice Drive. Donation of $5 per ticket requested. Tickets will be available at the door or your church representative. All proceeds go to local charities such as Emmanuel Soup Kitchen, United Ministries and more. Call Lois Parsons at (803) 778-1061 or Ollie James at (803) 481-0725.

Clark United Methodist Church, 2980 U.S. 401 N., Oswego Highway, announces:

* Saturday, Dec. 8 — Free home ownership workshop 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder at (803) 757-8062.

Community Bible Church, 5711 Red Hill Road, Camden, announces:

* Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 19 — Revival at 7 nightly. Dr. Richard Hughes will speak. There will be special music each night.

Dalzell United Methodist Church, 3330 Black River Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday, Oct. 21 — The 110th anniversary of the church will be celebrated. All members, former members, former pastors and friends of the church are invited to attend. Lunch on the grounds is included. If you have any questions, call (803) 469-0160 and leave a message for someone to return your call.

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

* Today-Sunday — Women's Day weekend as follows: 6:30 p.m. today, game night; 9 a.m. Saturday, prayer breakfast, Dr. Belinda McKoy will speak; and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, worship service, Elder Belinda Randolph will speak.

High Hills Missionary Baptist Church, 6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday — Pastor's aide anniversary celebration during 10:15 a.m. worship.

Love Covenant Church, 245 Oswego Road, announces:

* Saturday-Sunday — Family and friends weekend as follows: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, cookout; and 11 a.m. Sunday, family and friends worship.

Mayesville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 109 W. Sumter St., Mayesville, announces:

* The "Why the Battle?" study series will be presented on alternating Wednesdays running through Nov. 28 (Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and 24 and Nov. 14 and 28). Presented via video as well as in-person speakers, the series addresses the divisiveness that many mainstream denominations are experiencing. It approaches the issues through the lens of core beliefs, theology and discipleship. A light supper will be served at 5 p.m. with the program following from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Those planning to partake of the meal are asked to register by Sept. 10 by calling (803) 453-5759, emailing *mpc104@yahoo.com* or register online at *www.mayesvillearpc.org*. The series is presented by the Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon, canon theologian of the Diocese of South Carolina, and the Rev. Al Zadig, rector of St. Michael's Church in Charleston. Rev. Zadig will be present for the Oct. 10 session.

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

* Sunday, Sept. 23 — The 125th anniversary of the church and the homecoming worship celebration will be held at 10:45 a.m. Pastor O'Brien Winbish, of Peoples Community Baptist Church of Silver Springs, Maryland, will speak.

* Sunday, Sept. 30 — The Sumter Baptist M & E Association fellowship worship will be held at 5 p.m. Dr. W.T. Johnson, of Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, will speak.

New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 907 Legare St., announces:

* Saturday-Sunday — The 35th annual homecoming celebration as follows: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, community cookout; and 3 p.m. Sunday, homecoming worship, the Rev. Karey Poinsette, of St. Luke Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg, will speak.

Pinewood Baptist Church, 10 E. Fulton St., Pinewood, announces:

* Sunday, Sept. 30 — Cross Anchor Quartet will perform at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow the concert. A love offering will be received and a nursery will be provided. Call (803) 452-5373 or visit *www.pinewoodbaptist.org*.

Providence Baptist Church, 2445 Old Manning Road, announces:

* Sunday — Offerings for Janie Chapman State Missions. Hand bells practice will be held at 5:15 p.m.

* Monday — Widow's luncheon at 11 a.m.

* Wednesday, Sept. 19 — Video Bible study "That the World May Know" at 6:30 p.m.

* Saturday, Sept. 22 — Christian Music Day at Carowinds. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Sept. 9, and fees are due that day. For details, call (803) 481-9688.

Refreshing Springs Kingdom Outreach Ministries, meets at Colony Square, 741 Bultman Drive, Suite 21, announces:

* Saturday, Sept. 29 — Kingdom United prayer breakfast at 10 a.m. with various speakers.

* Sunday, Sept. 30 — Family and friends day will be celebrated at 5 p.m.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 648 Broad St., announces:

* Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 26-27 — Revival at 7 nightly. Eugene Dennis and Lester Ragin will speak.

St. John Baptist Church, 3944 Brewer Road, Manning, announces:

* Sunday — Homecoming / friends and family day celebration at 3 p.m. Ranzy McFadden Jr., of St. John Baptist Church of Silver, will speak.

St. Luke AME Church, 2355 St. Paul Church Road, announces:

* Sunday — Sounds of Gospel musical program at 4 p.m.

St. Phillip UME Church, 1458 St. Phillip UME Church Road, Summerton, announces:

* Thursday, Sept. 20 — Revival at 7:30 p.m. Elder Barry Gadsden, presiding elder of the Charleston District, will speak.

Triumph Ministries, 3632 Broad St. Ext., announces:

* Friday, Sept. 21 — We Ignite will be presented at 7 p.m. Leadership will speak the word of the Lord.

Truly Committed Missionary Baptist Church, 705 Oswego Road, announces:

* Today — Revival at 7:30 p.m. Evangelist Rod Wilkinson, of Salem Missionary Baptist Church of Rochester, New York, will speak.

Unity Universal Baptist Church announces:

* Saturday — Breaking Barriers and Bondage as Intercessors and Prayer Warriors Conference 2018 will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Westend Community Church, 101 S. Salem St. Speakers: Pastor Dr. Mattie P. Malachi, Minister Annisha Timmons, of Florence, and Pastor Gwendolyn Credle, of The Rock Church of Sumter. Visit *paypal.me/UUBC* to register.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF PAXVILLE

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Town of Paxville, South Carolina on the 4th of December, 2018 for the purpose of filling the seats of Mayor and 2 Council Members.

FILING of candidates can be made at the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Elections Office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC. Filing will open on September 18, 2018 at 12:00pm and remain open during regular business hours until October 2, 2018 at 12:00pm. Filing fee for Mayor is $5.00 and Council Member is $2.50. Candidates must present a Statement of Intention of Candidacy when filing. This form is available in the "Candidate Information" section of scVOTES.org and at the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Elections Office. This is a non-partisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

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POLLING PLACE: Paxville Town Hall, 10279 Lewis Road, Manning, SC. The poll will open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.

At 9:00am on said Election Day the absentee managers will begin examination of the absentee ballots return envelopes. This examination will be held at the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Elections office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC.

The unofficial results of the election will be announced at the Clarendon County Election Commission Building, 20 East Keitt Street, Manning, SC.

On Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 10:00am, at the Clarendon County Election Commission Building, the Commissioners will hold a hearing to determine the validity of ballots challenged in this election. After the hearing on challenged ballots, the Clarendon County Election Commission will certify the results of the election.

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'Miraculous': Boy survives after meat skewer pierces skull

HARRISONVILLE, Mo. (AP) — A 10-year-old Missouri boy is recovering after he was attacked by insects and tumbled from a tree, landing on a meat skewer that penetrated his skull from his face to the back of his head.

But miraculously, that's where Xavier Cunningham's bad luck ended. The skewer had completely missed Xavier's eye, brain, spinal cord and major blood vessels, *The Kansas City Star* reports.

Xavier's harrowing experience began Saturday afternoon when yellow jackets attacked him in a tree house at his home in Harrisonville, about 35 miles south of Kansas City. He fell to the ground and started to scream. His mother, Gabrielle Miller, ran to help him. His skull was pierced from front to back with half a foot of skewer still sticking out of his face.

Miller tried to reassure her son, who told her "I'm dying, Mom" as they rushed to the hospital. He eventually was transferred to the University of Kansas Hospital, where endovascular neurosurgery director Koji Ebersole evaluated the wound.

"You couldn't draw it up any better," Ebersole said. "It was one in a million for it to pass 5 or 6 inches through the front of the face to the back and not have hit these things."

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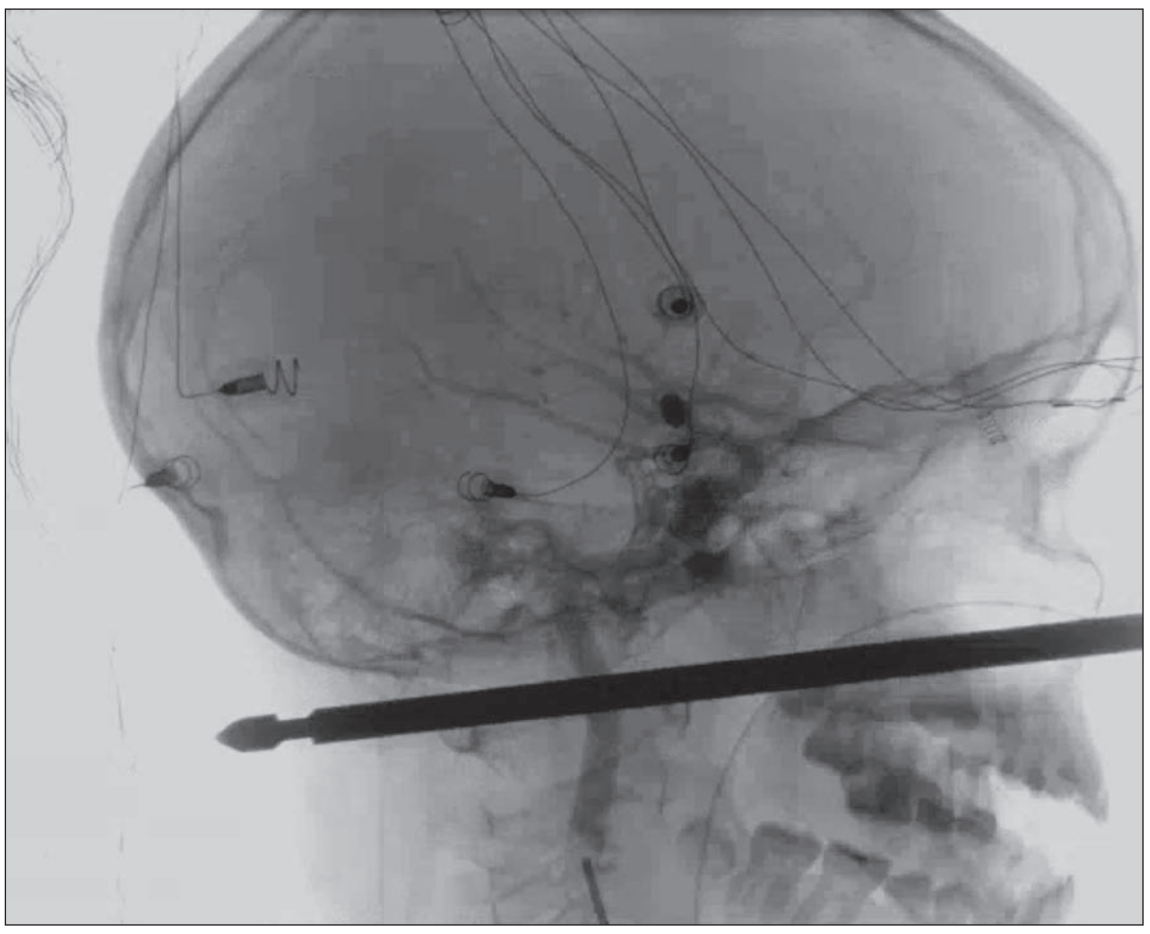
KOJI EBERSOLE

Endovascular neurosurgery director at University of Kansas Hospital

There was no active bleeding, allowing the hospital time to get personnel in place for a removal surgery on Sunday morning that was complicated by the fact that the skewer wasn't round. Because it was square, with sharp edges, it would have to come out perfectly straight. Twisting it could cause additional severe injury.

"Miraculous" would be an appropriate word to describe what happened, Ebersole said.

Doctors think Xavier could recover completely.



MEDICAL NEWS NETWORK VIA AP

This X-ray provided by the Medical News Network shows a meat skewer impaled in the skull of Xavier Cunningham after an accident at his home on Sept. 8 in Harrisonville, Missouri. Cunningham's experience began when yellow jackets attacked him in a tree house and he tumbled from the tree, landing on the skewer. The skewer had completely missed the boy's eye, brain, spinal cord and major blood vessels and doctors think he could recover completely.

Church Directory

Adventist

Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist
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Pastor Phil Roberts
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
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unionstationame@gmail.com
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Rev. Dr. Phil Flowers announces:
Sun. Church School 9:00 am
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Assembly of God

First Assembly of God
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Jason Banar, Pastor
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

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Sunday School 10:00am
Morning Service 11:00am
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Baptist - Missionary

Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
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Marion H Newton, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:15 am
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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

Providence Baptist Church
2445 Old Manning Rd. Sumter
803-481-9688
www.pbcsumter.org
Rev. Pat Coffey
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship &
Bible Study 6:30 pm

Shaw Heights Baptist Church
2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997
Rev. Robert White, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship: 10:50 am
Bible School July 8th - 13th
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4 year old & up

Baptist - Independent

Open Bible Baptist Church
180 Old Manning Rd., Sumter
(803) 481-9315
Pastor Joey Durham
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer & Worship 7:00 pm
www.openbiblebaptist.church

Catholic - Roman

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church
216 East Liberty St • 803-773-3524
www.sasjrcc.org
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Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sun. 8:00,12:00 pm
Confession: Sat. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church
611 W. Oakland Ave • 803-773-9244
www.stjudesumtersc.org
Rev. Giovannie Nunez, CRM
Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 6:00 pm
Sun. 9:15 am ,12:00 pm,
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
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm
Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm

Interdenominational

Spiritual Life Christian Center
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Randolph & Minerva Paige, Pastors
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Victory Full Gospel
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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
Wednesday Service 12:00pm
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Methodist - United

Bethel United Methodist Church
5575 Lodebar Rd • 469-2452
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School: 10 am
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Trinity United Methodist Church
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Non-Denominational

Calvary Bible Church
770 N. Wise Dr., Sumter
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Pastor Richard Harris
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Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 PM

Christ Community Church (CCC)
320 Loring Mill Rd., Sumter
www.cccsumter.com
803-905-7850
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:45 am

First Church of God
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Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Greater St. Paul Church
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Sunday School - 10:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am
Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

The Rock Church of Sumter
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Pastor Gwendolyn Credle
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 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
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Pastor Theron Smith
Sunday Service: 10:00 am
& 6:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church
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First Presbyterian Church of Sumter
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Daily Devotional Reading

Proverbs 1:1-33	Proverbs 3:1-35	Proverbs 4:1-27	Proverbs 14:1-35	Proverbs 15:1-33	Proverbs 16:1-33	Proverbs 17:1-28

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'Jaws of Life' used to free bear with head stuck in milk can

ROSEAU, Minn. (AP) — Firefighters had to use the Jaws of Life to help free a black bear whose head was stuck in a milk can in northern Minnesota.

Conservation officer Eric Benjamin with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources was called Friday about a young male bear with its head stuck in an old 10-gallon milk can near Roseau.

Benjamin says rescuers tried cooking oil to free the bear, but that didn't work, so they drilled three holes in the can so the panting bear could breathe.

After about two hours, Benjamin called the Roseau Fire Department, which used the Jaws of Life — normally used to extricate car accident victims — and a spreader to pry the can off.

Benjamin says the freed animal, seemingly healthy, ran into the woods.

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In this photo provided by Dawn Knutson, rescue personnel use the Jaws of Life to free a black bear after its head became stuck inside a 10-gallon milk can near Roseau, Minnesota.

Poll: Teens say social media makes them feel better

NEW YORK (AP) — Today's teens are always on their smartphones, many check social media "constantly" and prefer texting over face-to-face communication.

But a new poll finds that these same teens also say that social media has a positive effect on their lives, helping them feel more confident, less lonely and less depressed.

The poll was released Monday by Common Sense Media, a San Francisco-based nonprofit group focused on kids' use of media and technology. It found that 89 percent of teenagers have their own smartphone. That's up from 41 percent in 2012, the last time the survey was conducted.

But while 2012's teens were all over Facebook, the age group's presence on the social network has plummeted in the past six years. Only 15 percent of teens now say Facebook is their main social network. In 2012, 68 percent did.

Today, 44 percent of teens say their primary social network is Snapchat, making it the most popular social media app, followed by Instagram (which is owned by Facebook) at 22 percent.

Among the survey's other findings:

• The majority of teens — 59 percent — said social media makes no difference in how depressed they feel. Twenty-nine percent, meanwhile, said it makes them feel less depressed, and 11 percent said it makes them more depressed. Thirty-nine percent said it makes them feel less lonely and 13 percent, more lonely.

• Thirty-five percent of teens said texting is their favorite way to communicate with friends, compared with 33 percent in 2012. Only 32 percent said talking in person is their preferred method of communication, down from 49 percent among 2012 teens.

• Almost three-quarters of teens said they think that tech companies manipulate people into spending more time on their devices, and more than half said using social media often distracts them from homework.

• Sixty-four percent of teen social-media users said they come across racist, sexist or homophobic or other hateful content either sometimes or often.

• Sixteen percent of teens use social media "almost constantly," while 19 percent never do.

• Thirteen percent of teenagers said they have been cyberbullied. Nearly a quarter, meanwhile, has tried to help a person who has been cyberbullied by talking to them or reporting it to an adult.

• More than half said parents worry too much about social media — on the other hand, 46 percent think parents would be a lot more worried if they knew what "actually happens" online.

The survey was conducted in March and April among 1,141 13- to 17-year-olds nationwide. The margin of error is 3.4 percentage points.

Want a real Christmas tree? Have 1 shipped

NEW YORK (AP) — Watch out for the 7-foot box on the doorstep. Amazon plans to sell and ship fresh, full-size Christmas trees this year.

But a live tree is no paperback book. Amazon says the Christmas trees, including Douglas firs and Norfolk Island pines, will be bound and shipped without water in the usual sort of box. Amazon said they'll be sent within 10 days of being cut down, possibly even sooner, and should survive the shipping just fine.

Amazon.com said the trees, wreaths and garlands will go on sale in November. Some will qualify for Prime free shipping, and Amazon will offer pre-orders so shoppers can choose a delivery date.

The company sold trees shorter than 3 feet last year, and some other merchants sold bigger ones using its platform as a marketplace. But this is the first year Amazon is offering the larger trees itself.

"Given the popularity among customers, we increased the assortment," the company said.

A 7-foot Fraser fir from a North Carolina farm will cost $115, according to an Amazon holiday preview book. Also listed are a $50 wreath and a $25 red-leafed plant with a decorative candy cane speared into the soil.

Will people buy a Christmas tree sight unseen? Tim O'Connor, the executive director of the National Christmas Tree Association, said picking out a tree and hauling it back home is part of the fun for families. The association estimates that only about 1 to 2 percent of the 27 million real Christmas trees purchased last year were bought online, mostly from growers' own sites. "It's so small, it's almost undetectable," O'Connor said.

But Amazon has a history of shaking up shopping habits. It changed how people buy books, diapers and many other goods.

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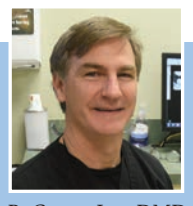
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POWER FROM PAGE A1

1,200 workers from Duke Energy Florida in response to the storm.

Duke is expecting an additional 9,400 resources to come from other utility companies, states the release.

Ryan Mosier, communications director for Duke Energy, said trucks are headed to the city of Florence to monitor the storm and determine a response after it passes.

Florence — one of a few staging areas for Duke and its partners — was chosen because it connects to two major interstates and is near the coast, he said.

Despite the anticipated manpower, Duke encourages residents to make preparations ahead of the storm's arrival because it could take weeks for power to be restored in some areas.

"It's important for people to know this is no ordinary storm," Fowler said, "and customers could be without power for a very long time — not days, but weeks."

The Electric Cooperative of South Carolina Inc. — which includes Black River Electric Cooperative — is also expecting delays in the arrival of line workers and repairs because Hurricane Florence is predicted to slow down as it crosses the state.

"If this thing slow-walks across the state," said Reed Cooper, manager of engineering at Horry Electric Cooperative in Conway, "the first consumers to lose power could be off for an extra time period while the storm passes — plus the time it takes to make repairs.

"It's just one more headache for both consumers and utilities."

At least 500 line-workers from Georgia, North Carolina, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Mississippi have already arrived in South Carolina to assist Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, and another 250 workers in surrounding states are on standby.

High winds — above 35 miles per hour — prevent line crews from using bucket trucks to lift workers, according to the release. Even in less intense wind, flying debris, the risk of falling trees and ongoing electrical system damage prevent workers from beginning repairs.

"As frustrating as it may sound," Cooper said, "we literally have to just sit and wait sometimes."

One bright spot in this scenario is that assessment teams can venture out to "lay eyes on the damage" before repair crews move out.

"We need to know what kind of damage exists," he said, "so we can put the right people with the right equipment in the right place."

FLORENCE

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In these kinds of emergency situations, Hayes said, it is best to prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Based on the latest reports from the National Hurricane Center, the storm is going to pass through South Carolina, he said. But no one is certain if Florence will be a hurricane or tropical storm at that point, he said.

Sumter is expected to experience a tropical system of some kind, he said, though the severity is yet to be determined.

Hayes said Sumter will experience fast winds, and rain bands will bring periods of heavy and light rain. Power outages and downed trees are expected with any tropical system, he said.

Looking around town, Hayes said, it is evident that many Sumter residents have heeded the warnings from officials and are getting prepared for the storm.

If you do not have to be out during or after the storm, stay inside, he said.

Residents should stay away from doors and windows and stay in the most interior part of the structure they are using for shelter, he said.

Keep battery-operated flashlights and radios, medications, water and food on hand, Hayes said.

OPEN SHELTERS

Following is a list of shelters in the tri-county region of Sumter, Lee and Clarendon open for Hurricane Florence evacuees.

SUMTER COUNTY

Mayewood Middle School, 4300 E. Brewington Road, Sumter SC 29153

Sumter High School, 2580 McCrays Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154

CLARENDON COUNTY

Clarendon One Resource Center (Old Scott's Branch High School), 4th Street, Summerton, SC 29148

East Clarendon Middle- High School, 1171 Pope St, Turbeville, SC 29162

Manning High School, 2155 Paxville Hwy, Manning, SC 29102

Old Summerton High School, 1102 4th St., Summerton, SC 29148

LEE COUNTY

Lee Central High School, 1800 Wisacky Hwy., Bishopville, SC 29010

For those using generators, never operate them inside a structure, he said, and keep them outside in a well-ventilated area.

Hayes urged drivers to not drive through standing water during or after the storm to prevent stranding their vehicles and themselves, he said.

And be mindful of emergency personnel and lineworkers when driving, Hayes said.

Gov. Henry McMaster issued an executive order on Monday to close public schools in 26 counties, including Sumter, Lee and Clarendon, so facilities and buses could be used for shelters and evacuation transportation.

Mayewood may be among the best situated for the job. The school on East Brewington Road was closed for good at the end of last school year because of low enrollment. Its students now attend the combined K-8 R.E. Davis College Preparatory Academy just more than a mile up the road.

Anyone is welcome to stay at the shelter during the storm. The Red Cross provides three meals a day, snacks, water, cots and, most importantly, safety within concrete walls and fortified ceilings.

Steve Shumake, disaster action team coordinator for the Central SC region of the Red Cross, said evacuees should bring their own pillows and blankets, 4 to 7 days of necessary medications, any medical equipment they need and children's activities and comfort items.

"We try to facilitate ... anything that makes a smooth transition from home to shelter," he said. "Try not to bring pets. It's just more than what we can do there. But service animals are welcome."

Shumake said Red Cross volunteers are all trained to help those they serve cope with disaster.

"They've been taught to be good customer service people, to be listeners and to be aware of things that may be emotional needs," he said.

Volunteers can connect people with mental health or spiritual case workers if needed, he said.

Betty Baun said she has been volunteering for the Red Cross since the '80s. The Sumter resident weathered Hugo, and she said the first thing people have on their minds when they arrive at the shelter is what their house and belongings will be like when they return home.

Sue Blackwell, a Manning resident, has been a volunteer since 1992. She has volunteered in California and responded to Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina and New York City for 9/11.

"I like helping people, and I've had people help me so this is my way of giving back," she said.

She said a big part of the job is "getting to know people and how to judge people in a lot of different ways and learning how to come to their needs."

Blackwell's help came after a fire. That may not necessitate evacuating to a shelter, but still, she said, "you lose things."

Due to the expansive nature of Hurricane Florence, Red Cross volunteers are stretched thin across the state, Shumake said. The organization is asking for people not to donate food and clothing because that takes time and resources to sort and distribute in addition to what they already have. To help, donate money, which will go directly toward supplying vital items such as water. To donate or to register to volunteer, go to www.redcross.org.

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Money from game will establish fund

Scholarship fund named for coach, teacher Gibson

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Premuel Louise Crosby Gibson will be honored on Sept. 29 when many of her former students, athletes and peers gather for the Coach Premuel Gibson Alumni Scholarship Tournament which will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Manning High School's gymnasium.

GIBSON

Gibson died in April 2018 after a long and very successful tenure as a coach and teacher.

When the Clarendon County Education Association held its annual meeting in 2018, its members made it their goal to establish a scholarship in Gibson's name, said MHS Principal Preston Threatt, a member of the CCED.

"Mrs. Gibson worked and taught children at the current Manning High School and the old Manning High School, and she befriended many graduates of the old Manning Training School," Threatt added. "That's three eras of students that Mrs. Gibson knew, taught and coached."

Threatt said the foundation decided to host the fundraiser on the same weekend as MHS' homecoming game.

"More alumni attend that game than any other game," Threatt said. "Many of the alumni hold reunions and parties over the weekend. We thought holding the game on that weekend would create a lot of interest."

Gibson played a vital role in the academics and athletics of Clarendon School District 2 for almost four decades. In 1970 when Gibson began her tenure at CSD2, she opened the school's gymnasium for children to play basketball because the county didn't have a place for them to play.

"She loved children. She loved sports. She didn't want to see her students on the streets," Threatt added.

Threatt said he remembers meeting Gibson in 1983 when he relocated to South Carolina and she was a coach at the district's middle school.

"Every person, athlete in Clarendon 2 loved Coach (John) Thames with a lot of his athletes going on to play at the college level. And, I believe he would agree that many of those same athletes played for Gibson in middle school," Threatt said. "She was a part of the foundation and tradition of athletics in this district."

Although Gibson coached basketball, she supported other coaches.

WANT TO BE A SPONSOR?

Individuals, businesses or organizations can participate in the event by becoming a sponsor. Gold-level sponsorships are available for a donation of $1,000 or more. Silver sponsorships are offered for donations of $500 to $999. Bronze sponsorships are $100 to $499, and platinum sponsorships are $25 to $99. Checks can be mailed to Clarendon School District Two Education Foundation, c/o Barry Ham, Bank of Clarendon, Premuel Gibson Scholarship Fund, PO Box 520, Manning SC 29102.

"She attended all of our games. She supported all students by attending high school events, concerts, FFA programs and other events. She was involved completely," Threatt said.

Gibson made a positive impact on all students, not just athletes. She encouraged good sportsmanship in all CSD2 athletics, and she was very professional in all that she did, Threatt added.

Not only did Gibson know the names of her students' parents, but she also didn't hesitate letting her students know that if they weren't keeping up in the classroom or on the court that she'd make a quick phone call to those parents. She let her students and athletes know that she wasn't their friend. She was their teacher and their mentor, and she didn't hesitate to help them in all aspects of their lives, Threatt said.

"Mrs. Gibson was always encouraging. She was active in professional organizations, including the Coaches Association and High School League," Threat said.

Through the decades that Gibson coached and taught, she established a bond with her students and athletes.

"They would return home and go to a ball game or event and seek her out," Threatt said. "They'd go over and acknowledge her. That shows the real impact that she had on their lives, and I'm talking about grown men and women, former military, she touched their lives."

Threatt said the foundation agreed that basketball games held in her honor would be a fitting tribute to a coach and teacher who played an integral part in the lives of her players and students.

Current and former MHS women athletes will take the court first, while current and former Monarch men athletes will take to the hardwoods at 3 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for students. The net proceeds from the game will establish the Coach Premuel Gibson Scholarship Fund.

There are at least two ways for MHS' alumni to show support, Threatt added.

"MHS graduates can play in the ballgame, or they can make a donation directly to the foundation in Mrs. Gibson's name," he said.

The game will be limited to the first 30 women and 30 men to register for the event. There is a $25 per person registration fee which will include a commemorative T-shirt. Warm-ups, game playing and remembering the "glory days" will begin at noon. Registration forms including the registration fee must be returned to MHS on or before Sept. 21.

Mosaic Clubs will now manage Santee club

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

SANTEE — Santee National Golf Club is under new management.

Mosaic Clubs, an Atlanta-based golf management company, took over the reins at Santee National in late August.

"Santee National Golf Club is one of the most reputable courses in the area," said Steve Willy, Mosaic's president, in a news release. "It's a pleasure to support Santee in continuing the growth of the beloved and beautiful course. We look forward to partnering with the Santee National Team to further facilitate community development."

BROCK

Robert Brock, a vital part of the Mosaic Club team since 2015, has been named Santee National's new general manager.

"I am excited to join the Santee National team," Brock said. "I look forward to helping maintain and enrich Santee's already well-established reputation for providing a challenging and enjoyable player experience."

Brock, who recently served as the director of golf and assistant general manager at Osprey Cove in Georgia, is a New Jersey native and a member of the Professional Golf Association.

He has strong ties to South Carolina and its club community that extends back more than a decade. Brock and his wife, Lindsay, an officer in the U.S. Navy, moved to South Carolina in 2005. For 10 years, Brock worked at Crowfield Golf Club in Goose Creek, starting out as its cart attendant and moving up its ranks to head golf professional before joining Osprey Cove. In September 2017, Brock and his family were transferred back to Charleston, where he continued to work for Mosaic Clubs in the role of New Business Development.

Golf Digest ranks Santee National as the only four-star course in the area. Located off Interstate 95 and just minutes from Interstate 26, Santee National features 6,858 yards of rolling hills, beautiful moss-draped live oaks and pristine white sand bunkers. Paired with a contrast of highland terrain and well-manicured playing conditions, the 18-hole course possesses all the charms of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

Santee National at 8636 Old Number Six Highway is a staple within the local and national golf community.

Players tee off to a wide open and well-guarded front nine. They finish with a narrow, tree-lined back nine where accuracy is the name of the game. While the back nine is quite challenging, it is forgiving.

Santee National had a blusterous beginning in the late 1980s when Hurricane Hugo ravaged the course just weeks before it was scheduled to open.

On the club's website, owners Cholly and Delaine Clark used a quote from the Greek philosopher Plato to describe the days following the hurricane that demolished their soon-to-open golf course. "Necessity is the mother of invention."

"I got up and went up to the golf course to check out how we fared," Cholly Clark reminisced on the club's website. "There were folks so turned around and lost amongst the hundreds of fallen trees and debris that cars were coming across the bridge at No. 18 tee box. They thought they were on the secondary road off the freeway. I couldn't believe my eyes."

With a demolished golf course, a 180-room hotel to fill and a family to support, Cholly Clark embarked on a plan to "tell the country about his hometown and invite them for a visit." Now, almost 30 years later as thousands of golfers enjoy their vision on an annual basis, Santee National Golf Club is one of the premier golf courses in South Carolina.

Santee National Golf Club's No. 1 is a 405-yard, par-4 hole with trees lining the left side of the fairway and a couple of sand traps on the left side of the green.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

To enjoy a round of golf at Santee National, call (803) 854-3531 or book your tee time by logging onto *www.santeenational.com*.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CLARENDON COUNTY

The General Election for federal, state, county and various local offices will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Any person wishing to vote in this election must register no later than Sunday, October 7, 2018. Voter Registration by mail forms will be accepted if postmarked by Tuesday, October 9, 2018. In addition to normal business hours, the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Elections Office will open on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00-1:00 for in-person voting.

Voters will be asked to provide one of the following Photo IDs at their polling place.
- S.C. Driver's License
- ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

If you have one of these IDs, you are ready to vote. Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles or their county voter registration office. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo with them to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit scVOTES.org or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.

At 9:00 a.m. on November 6, the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at Clarendon County Administration Building, Voter Registration and Elections Office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102, 803-435-8215.

At 10:00 a.m.on November 9, the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at Clarendon County Election Central, 20 West Keitt Street, Manning, SC 29102.
The following Constitutional Amendment Question will appear on ballots in the November 6, 2018 General Election:

Amendment 1
Must Section 7, Article VI of the Constitution of this State, relating to state constitutional officers, be amended so as to provide that beginning in January 2023, or upon a vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Education after the date of the ratification of the provisions of this paragraph, whichever occurs first, the Superintendent of Education must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate; to provide that the appointed Superintendent of Education shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and to require the General Assembly to provide by law for the duties, compensation, and qualifications for the office?

Explanation

A 'Yes' vote will require the Superintendent of Education be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate.
A 'No' vote maintains the current method of electing a Superintendent of Education

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

Precincts		Polling Places
Alcolu	Alcolu Elementary School	1423 Hotel St Alcolu, SC 29001
Barrineau	Barrineau Fire Station	3802 St James Rd Lake City, SC 29560
Barrows Mill	Friendship Presbyterian Church	10123 Black River Road New Zion, SC 29111
Bloomville	Liberty Fire Station	5119 Brewer Road Manning, SC 29102
Calvary	Panola Fire Station	1984 Elliot Road Pinewood, SC 29125
Davis Station	Davis Station Fire Station	2684 MW Rickenbaker Rd Manning, SC 29102
Harmony	Harmony Pres. Church	8629 US 301 Alcolu, SC 29001
Hicks	Pinedale Pentecostal Church	4456 Turbeville Hwy Turbeville, SC 29162
Home Branch	W.R. Simpson Farm Office	2526 W R Simpson Rd Manning, SC 29102
Jordan	Wyboo Fire Station	1101 Herring Drive Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 1	Weldon Auditorium Lobby	7 Maple Street Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 2	Cypress Center Complex	50 East Hospital Street Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 3	Clarendon County Administration Building Council Chambers	411 Sunset Dr Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 4	Manning Fire Station	42 West Boyce St Manning, SC 29102
Manning No. 5	Manning United Methodist Church	17 Rigby St Manning, SC 29102
New Zion	Clarendon County EMS Building	15677 US 301 New Zion, SC 29111
Paxville	Paxville Town Hall	10279 Lewis Rd Manning, SC 29102
Panola	Mt. Pleasant RUME Church	14076 Panola Rd Pinewood, SC 29125
Sardinia-gable	Sardinia Fire Station	12878 US 301 Gable, SC 29051
Summerton No. 1	St. Matthias Episcopal Church	9 N Dukes St Summerton, SC 29148
Summerton No. 2	Scott's Branch High Alumni Association Building	1 Larry King Hwy Summerton, SC 29148
Summerton No. 3	Clarendon District One Resource Center Gym	1154 4th St Summerton, SC 29148
Turbeville	Turbeville Town Hall	1400 Main Street Turbeville, SC 29162
Wilson-foreston	Wilson-Foreston Fire Station	1015 N Brewington Rd Manning, SC 29102
Oakdale	Friendship Pres. Church	10123 Black River Rd New Zion, SC 29111

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION
(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)
C/A NO: 2018-CP-14-00266
DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CLARENDON

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
Robert E. Andrews aka Robert Andrews and if Robert E. Andrews aka Robert Andrews be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of Robert E. Andrews aka Robert Andrews, distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Robert E. Andrews aka Robert Andrews and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Betty Andrews; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee of CVI Loan GT Trust I
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 otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the 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 Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Clarendon County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 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 case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

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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 immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

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Summons & Notice

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, South Carolina, on July 3, 2018.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Hutchens Law Firm, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm, represents the Plaintiff in this action and does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice.

You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION.

If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

NOTICE TO APPOINT ATTORNEY FOR DEFENANT(S) IN MILITARY SERVICE
TO UNKNOWN OR KNOWN DEFENDANTS THAT MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALL BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED that Plaintiff's attorney has applied for the appointment of an attorney to represent you. If you fail to apply for the appointment of an attorney to represent you within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you Plaintiff's appointment will be made absolute with no further action from Plaintiff.

Summons & Notice

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

IN THE FAMILY COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO. 2017-DR-14-139

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CLARENDON

Robin Pruett Prosser,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
Shelby Taylor Webster and Bobby Pillsbury,
DEFENDANTS.

TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a final custody hearing has been scheduled in the above matter for October 12, 2018, at 10:30 A.M. at the Clarendon County Family Court, 102 South Mill Street, Manning, South Carolina.

Failure to appear at the final hearing constitutes consent to custody said child.

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Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wells Fargo Bank, NA vs. Courtney Rae Sennett;** Deercreek Plantation at Wyboo Owners Association, Inc.;, C/A No. 2018CP1400139, The following property will be sold on **October 1, 2018, at 11:00 AM** at the Clarendon County Courthouse to the highest bidder

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Derivation: Book 898; Page 182

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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.

Ricci Land Welch

Notice of Sale

for Clarendon County

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Website: www.rtt-law.com (see link to Resources/Foreclosure Sales)

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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AROUND TOWN

Clarendon School District One will conduct free vision, hearing, speech and developmental screenings as part of a child find effort to identify students ages 3-5, who may need special education services and are not enrolled in a public school. Screenings will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon at the Summerton Early Childhood Center, 8 South St., Summerton, on the following Tuesdays: Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11; Jan. 8, 2019; Feb. 12, 2019; March 12, 2019; April 9, 2019; and May 14, 2019. Call Robert Collar at (803) 574-2117.

The Knit and Stitch Sewing Group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Wesmark branch of the Sumter County Library, 180 W. Wesmark Blvd. The group will meet every third Tuesday. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross stitch or any other sewing hobby, you are welcome to join us.

Lake Marion VFW Post 11078, Summerton, will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 1 Duke St., Summerton. All VFW members are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Call Carl A. Farley at (803) 460-8910.

The Wesmark branch of the Sumter County Library will present "The Greatest Showman" at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 180 W. Wesmark Blvd. Hugh Jackman stars in this original musical inspired by the life of P.T. Barnum.

The Sumter Democratic Party Headquarters will hold its official grand opening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, at 540 Bultman Drive, Suite 3, Sumter, SC 29154. Call Barbara Bowman at (803) 883-4116.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will hold its annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course, 1305 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is $50 per golfer limited to the first 40 teams. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, souvenirs, cart, green fees and refreshments during play. Team format will be two-person Captain's Choice. There will be first- and second-place prizes for men's and women's teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. Raffle tickets for a La-Z-Boy recliner will be $2 each or three for $5. Call Rich Grimsley at (803) 469-6227, Earnest Roland at (803) 840-0935 or Johnny Goodley at (803) 236-0488 or email at *vnam6970@yahoo.com*.

The 12th Annual Art in the Park will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Memorial Park, featuring arts and crafts and fun for the whole family.

A community farmers market, hosted by Sumter Tractor Supply, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2705 Broad St. Homemade and homegrown goods from local farmers, crafters and artisans will be available for purchase. Call (803) 905-2656 for more information or details about participating.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Change may be happening all around you, but stability is what you should be striving to achieve. Don't feel compelled to follow what others do when in your heart you know it's best to work diligently to maintain your equilibrium.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make plans and get moving. Don't hesitate. Once your mind is made up, follow through. A change will bring out any questions that have been looming between you and a partner. Be ready to own up to the way you truly feel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look and follow through. Timing is everything, and maintaining your schedule will be a must. Much can be accomplished if you refuse to let anything stand in your way. Don't let anyone sidetrack you or sabotage your efforts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Set the record straight and move forward with confidence. State what you like and want, and it will help improve your relationship with someone special. A romantic evening will lead to positive adjustments to the way you live.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't feel you have to follow suit if someone else makes a move or lifestyle change. Don't feel pressured or think that you have to keep up with someone who is overreacting. Indulgent or erratic behavior should not be condoned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A getaway will do you good. Learn from the different environments you encounter, the people you meet along the way and what they have to offer. Knowledge and experience will lead to positive and productive change. Embrace new beginnings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't take a risk or gamble. Stick to what you know and refrain from trying to outdo someone trying to tempt you to get involved in something outside your comfort zone. Protect against accidents and personal mishaps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Simplicity is the key to success. Don't race or take on the impossible. Size up situations, and look for an innovative way to work with what's available. Change begins within, and romance should add stability to your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled by what others do or say. There will be ulterior motives involved and insincerity used to get you to offer information that should be kept a secret. Protect against identity theft, insults and injury.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't limit what you can do. Look at your situation and arrange to put the necessary changes into place. Practical applications will prove to be most beneficial. A lifestyle change or home improvement will stabilize an important relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't jump because someone tells you to. Accept the inevitable and monitor and plan whatever you have control over to balance out the changes taking place around you. Avoid anyone exhibiting indulgent behavior or a lack of integrity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Express your ideas and bring about the changes that will encourage alterations to your financial situation. A relationship based on equality will bring out the best in you and your partner. Romance is in the stars.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Some wind, rain from Florence	Rain, some heavy, windy	Wind and flooding rainfall	Tropical Rainstorm Florence	Showers and breezy	Thunderstorms possible
85°	73°	79° / 72°	81° / 73°	89° / 74°	92° / 71°
Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 75%	Chance of rain: 90%	Chance of rain: 80%	Chance of rain: 35%
W 30-40 mph	SW 25-35 mph	WSW 30-40 mph	E 12-25 mph	SSE 8-16 mph	WSW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

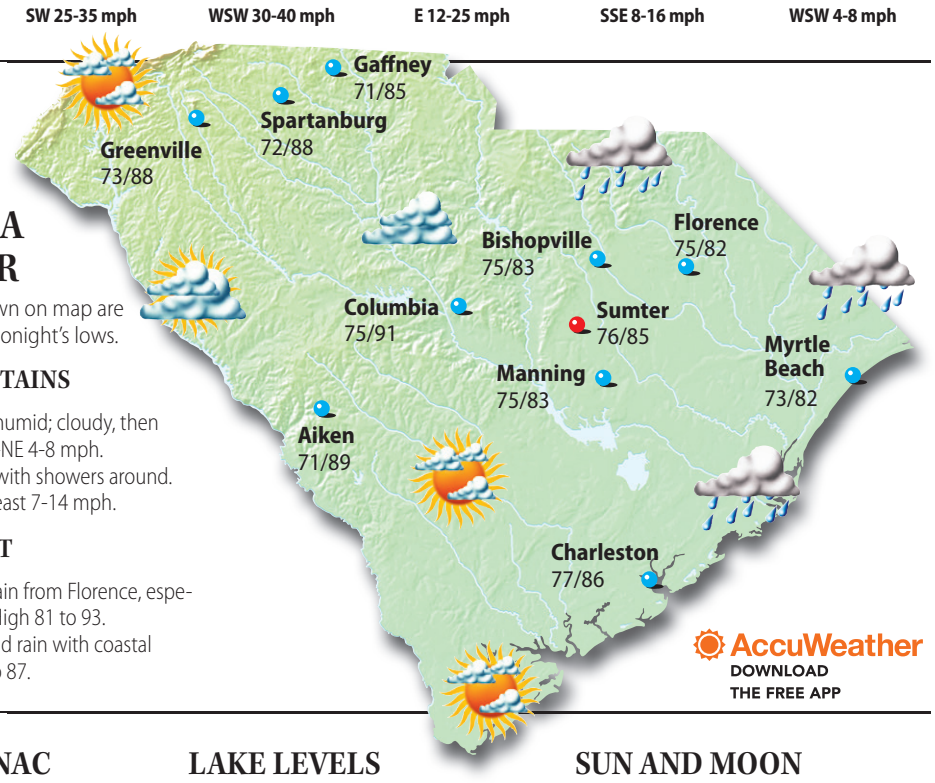
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Warm and humid; cloudy, then some sun. Winds N-NE 4-8 mph.
Saturday: Humid with showers around. Winds north-northeast 7-14 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Wind and rain from Florence, especially in the north. High 81 to 93.
Saturday: Wind and rain with coastal flooding. High 81 to 87.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	93°
Low	73°
Normal high	85°
Normal low	64°
Record high	97° in 1983
Record low	48° in 1976

Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.05"
Month to date	0.40"
Normal month to date	1.60"
Year to date	27.16"
Last year to date	30.83"
Normal year to date	34.99"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	355.95	-0.49
Marion	76.8	75.14	-0.08
Moultrie	75.5	74.63	-0.29
Wateree	100	95.67	-0.93

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	2.27	-0.04
Congaree River	19	8.08	-0.22
Lynches River	14	1.35	-0.02
Saluda River	14	6.67	+3.48
Up. Santee River	80	79.00	+2.51
Wateree River	24	16.65	+1.17

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:04 a.m.	Sunset	7:30 p.m.
Moonrise	12:04 p.m.	Moonset	11:01 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Sep. 16	Sep. 24	Oct. 2	Oct. 8

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:56 a.m.	3.2	7:48 a.m.	0.2
	1:37 p.m.	3.4	8:27 p.m.	0.5
Sat.	1:44 a.m.	3.0	8:35 a.m.	0.5
	2:29 p.m.	3.3	9:20 p.m.	0.8

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	92/74/pc	91/73/s
Chicago	82/64/s	82/67/s
Dallas	88/74/s	86/74/pc
Detroit	83/66/pc	83/68/s
Houston	84/75/t	89/75/t
Los Angeles	87/65/pc	84/64/pc
New Orleans	91/77/t	93/78/s
New York	76/66/c	77/66/pc
Orlando	92/77/pc	92/78/pc
Philadelphia	77/67/sh	80/65/pc
Phoenix	108/85/s	109/84/s
San Francisco	67/54/pc	67/54/pc
Wash., DC	78/71/sh	80/71/sh

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	85/68/c	78/68/sh
Athens	95/70/pc	90/69/s
Augusta	95/75/pc	87/74/sh
Beaufort	92/77/pc	85/75/r
Cape Hatteras	85/75/r	86/76/r
Charleston	86/74/pc	82/75/r
Charlotte	85/72/c	77/71/r
Clemson	92/74/c	86/72/sh
Columbia	91/74/pc	81/73/r
Darlington	82/72/r	78/70/r
Elizabeth City	84/76/r	83/75/r
Elizabethtown	80/74/r	79/73/r
Fayetteville	80/74/r	79/73/r
Florence	82/75/r	80/73/r
Gainesville	94/77/pc	95/77/pc
Gastonia	84/73/c	77/69/r
Goldsboro	80/73/r	80/73/r
Goose Creek	85/74/pc	80/73/r
Greensboro	79/69/r	75/69/r
Greenville	88/74/pc	81/70/sh
Hickory	83/71/c	76/68/r
Hilton Head	87/76/pc	82/74/r
Jacksonville, FL	96/75/s	97/76/pc
La Grange	93/73/pc	92/72/s
Macon	97/72/pc	95/72/pc
Marietta	91/72/pc	90/72/s
Marion	86/69/r	76/68/sh
Mt. Pleasant	86/75/pc	81/74/r
Myrtle Beach	82/74/r	82/76/r
Orangeburg	87/74/c	80/72/r
Port Royal	90/76/pc	84/74/r
Raleigh	79/71/r	77/70/r
Rock Hill	84/73/c	78/69/r
Rockingham	80/72/r	78/71/r
Savannah	94/76/pc	89/75/sh
Spartanburg	88/73/c	79/67/r
Summerville	85/74/pc	79/72/r
Wilmington	83/73/r	80/73/r
Winston-Salem	78/69/r	74/68/r

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

CROSSWORD

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5	4	1	3	8	7	6	9	2

JUMBLE

IRONY DEPTH STORMY INVENT

The possibility that ESP was real didn't even — ENTER HIS MIND

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK

FAR LEFT: Chevron is a housebroken 9-week-old American short hair. He is extremely affectionate and loves all people, including children. He enjoys chasing cat toys. Chevron is great with other cats and is a sweet, cuddly baby who lives to be held.

LEFT: Harley, a 1-year-old Labrador retriever mix, is a sweet, friendly, active and playful boy. He is great with other dogs and children. Harley loves attention and would make a super new family buddy.

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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

CLEMSON FOOTBALL

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Clemson senior quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) helped carry the Tigers to a 28-26 victory over Texas A&M on Saturday in College Station, Texas. Bryant gave the Clemson offense a spark in the second half, after replacing true freshman Trevor Lawrence, who was behind center for the first two series of the second half.

Tigers' Bryant continues 'to grind' in 2-QB system

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Clemson's Kelly Bryant understands leading the second-ranked Tigers to victory at Texas A&M with a big second-half performance won't end his team's two-quarterback system or satisfy those who doubt he's the championship answer for the program.

He's simply happy he did the job when his number was called.

"There were always questions brought up to me about my game," said Bryant, a senior who shuffles in and out with freshman Trevor Lawrence . "People saying I can't do this and I can't do that. I just stayed the course and continued to grind."

His grinding last weekend sparked Clemson's sluggish offense and helped lead the Tigers (2-0) to a 28-26 victory. Bryant threw for 124 of his 205 yards and a touchdown after halftime.

It was a good performance, Bryant said, in a highly competitive situation to hold onto the starting job he won last fall.

Bryant succeeded Clemson's national championship All-American Deshaun Watson at quarterback in 2017 and led the Tigers to a third straight Atlantic Coast Conference title and College Football Playoff.

SEE **TIGERS,** PAGE B4

AUTO RACING

Keselowski winning streak pumps life into NASCAR playoffs

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — A snoozer of a NASCAR season got a huge jolt of energy right before the playoffs with back-to-back wins by Brad Keselowski.

Keselowski wasn't a championship contender before the two crown jewel victories — at the Southern 500 and the Brickyard 400 — pushed him into the title conversation. His door-slamming race with Denny Hamlin in the closing laps of Monday's rain-delayed Brickyard awakened the NASCAR audience just in time for the postseason.

For months it seemed that three of the final four slots in the season finale were a given: Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. dominated all summer and embarrassed the competition. The so-called "Big Three" combined for 17 of the 26 regular-season victories and steadily lapped everyone else.

Such domination made NASCAR a tough draw headed into its showcase 10-race playoff schedule that goes directly against the NFL for viewers.

But Keselowski has provided a twist and goes to Sunday's opening playoff race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway with momentum. The 2012 champion was winless two weeks ago and eighth in the standings. His victories pushed him to fourth to start the playoffs, right behind the "Big Three."

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Brad Keselowski (2) celebrates after winning the Brickyard 400 on Monday, his second straight victory after winning the Southern 500 in Darlington the previous week. Keselowski's winning streak has added some needed excitement to the playoffs, which begin on Sunday in Las Vegas.

"There's a lot of conversation based around momentum, but there's not a lot we're going to really take from it for Vegas," Keselowski said in Indianapolis. "We're proud of this win, for sure, but it's no guarantee for any success in the playoffs."

Keselowski and Clint Bowyer are the only two drivers outside of the top three with multiple Cup victories this season. Bowyer's wins were in the spring and, until this burst from Keselowski, the trio has not been consistently challenged.

What to know for the playoffs:

TRUEX IN TURMOIL

The reigning NASCAR champion has stumbled over the last month and he doesn't have a top-10 finish since his runner-up showing at Watkins Glen. And, his team is folding.

Furniture Row Racing, the single-car, Denver-based race team that helped Truex to the championship, is closing at the end of the season. Team owner Barney Visser doesn't have the sponsorship to field a championship-contending car next year so he's shuttering the operation. Although Truex and the entire No. 78 team are looking for jobs, Truex doesn't think it will distract them the next 10 weeks.

"We've got a great bunch of guys here, a great bunch of hard-core racers," Truex said. "Nobody is going to put their heads down and give up, I can promise you that. We're going to come out swinging in Vegas."

RACE FOR EIGHT

Jimmie Johnson got the 15th slot in the 16-driver playoff field and is a long-shot, at best, to win a record eighth championship.

Johnson's last victory was well over a year ago and Hendrick Motorsports is still lagging behind. The team put three drivers in the playoffs with Johnson, Chase Elliott and Alex Bowman, but Elliott has the organization's only win this season.

SEE **NASCAR,** PAGE B2

PREP FOOTBALL

Scott's Branch to receive $10K in new football equipment

BY DANNY KELLY
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Both the Scott's Branch middle and high school football programs received a big surprise last week when they found out they were chosen as one of the winners of Riddell's '18 in 18' Smarter Football program.

Scott's Branch was provided with roughly $10,000 of new football equipment.

"It's a great honor," Scott's Branch High head coach and athletic director Brian Smith said. "Only 18 schools in the nation were chosen and only two were in South Carolina, the other being Spring Valley in Columbia."

SMITH

Scott's Branch was also presented with a special video of Riddell brand ambassador and 2-time Super Bowl champion Peyton Manning congratulating the school for being selected.

"Working with USA Football and using the latest in training techniques is essential to growing the game, and we're happy to have schools like yours doing your part," Manning said in the special message. "We're excited for your program and can't wait for you to continue the 2018 season with some new gear."

Along with the YouTube message, Scott's Branch was provided with a football autographed by Manning.

SEE **BRANCH,** PAGE B3

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Lady Knights off to hot start

BY DANNY KELLY
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The Crestwood High School volleyball team is off to a hot start this season, going 7-1 in its first eight matches.

"We're having an exceptional season," said head coach April Myers, who is in her second year in charge of the program. "The girls are coachable and aggressive, and they share one goal which is to work together."

MYERS

The Lady Knights are led by senior setter Tianna Cohen, who is playing in her first year at Crestwood, junior outside hitter Ashanti Washington, senior outside hitter Kersten Primus and junior middle hitter Constance Kirby.

"(Some of our players) have a different style of playing (and are good in) different areas," Myers said. "We have players just now playing volleyball, so the biggest challenge is building team chemistry."

Crestwood had to put in work to win all but one of its games so far.

"We've been in the gym since May; you have to prepare for war in a time of peace," Myers said. "We've already surpassed our win total from last year and the year before; we only won one game in 2016."

So far this season, Crestwood has defeated Lake City, Wilson, Orangeburg-Wilkinson, Scott's Branch twice and Lee Central twice.

SEE **START,** PAGE B3

WNBA FINALS

Stewart, Storm surge past Mystics 98-82 for WNBA title

BY BENJAMIN STANDIG
The Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — Sue Bird and Breanna Stewart fretted following the regular-season opener after the Seattle Storm lost at home to the Phoenix Mercury.

"We thought, 'Oh, crap, what kind of year is this going to be?'" Bird reminisced.

The answer came nearly four months later with a championship.

Stewart led the Storm to their third WNBA title Wednesday night, scoring 30 points in a 98-82 victory over the Washington Mystics in Game 3 of the best-of-five series.

Natasha Howard added career-high 29 points and 14 rebounds for the Storm. Seattle won 26 games during the regular season — 11 more than the 2017 campaign — entered the playoffs as the No. 1 seed, and swept the finals.

Stewart was the league MVP and was selected the Finals MVP after averaging 25.6 points in the three games. She scored 17 points in the first half as the Storm raced to a 47-30 lead.

"Stewie was just amazing," Storm coach Dan Hughes said. "She truly was the MVP of this league. She truly was the MVP of these Finals. God blessed me with an opportunity to coach her and I will be forever grateful."

Seattle forward Natasha Howard (6) and Washington forward Monique Currie (25) fight for the ball during the Storm's 98-82 victory in Game 3 of the WNBA finals on Wednesday in Fairfax, Virginia. Seattle won its third WNBA title with a series sweep.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

5 a.m. — LPGA Golf: The Evian Championship Second Round from Evian-les-Bains, France (GOLF).
5 a.m. — International Tennis: Davis Cup Semifinal Matches — United States vs. Croatia and France vs. Spain (TENNIS).
8:25 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Singapore Grand Prix Practice (ESPNU).
9 a.m. — International Tennis: Davis Cup Semifinal Matches — United States vs. Croatia and France vs. Spain (TENNIS).
9:30 a.m. — LPGA Golf: The Evian Championship Second Round from Evian-les-Bains, France (GOLF).
12:30 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour KLM Open Second Round from Spijk, Netherlands (GOLF).
2 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Borussia Dortmund (FOX SPORTS 1).
3 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions The Ally Challenge First Round from Grand Blanc, Mich. (GOLF).
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Practice from Sonoma, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Boise Open Second Round from Boise, Idaho (GOLF).
6 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Practice from Sonoma, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — College Football: Georgia State at Memphis (ESPN).
7 p.m. — High School Football: North Gwinnett (Ga.) at Walton (Ga.) (ESPNU).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Boston or Washington at Atlanta (MLB NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Texas A&M at Oklahoma (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8 p.m. — High School Football: Clay Chalkville at Pinson Valley (STADIUM).
9 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series World of Westgate 200 from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).
10 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Jose Ramirez vs. Antonio Orozco in a Junior Welterweight Bout from Fresno, Calif. (ESPN).
10 p.m. — High School Football: Bishop Gorman (Nev.) at De La Salle (Calif.) (ESPNU).
10 p.m. — Professional Golf: Asian Tour Shinhan Donghae Open Third Round from Incheon, South Korea (GOLF).

SATURDAY

6 a.m. — LPGA Golf: The Evian Championship Third Round from Evian-les-Bains, France (GOLF).
7:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Liverpool vs. Tottenham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 a.m. — International Tennis: Davis Cup Semifinal Matches — United States vs. Croatia and France vs. Spain (TENNIS).
8:25 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Singapore Grand Prix Practice (ESPN2).
8:55 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Singapore Grand Prix Pole Qualifying (ESPN2).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Bayer Leverkusen vs. Bayern Munich (FOX SPORTS 1).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hannover 96 vs. RB Leipzig (FOX SPORTS 2).
9:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Fulham vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Cardiff City vs. Chelsea (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour KLM Open Third Round from Spijk, Netherlands (GOLF).
Noon — College Football: Oklahoma at Iowa State (WOLO 25).
Noon — College Football: Hawaii at Army (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Football: Florida State at Syracuse (ESPN).
Noon — College Football: Middle Tennessee State at Georgia (ESPNEWS).
Noon — College Football: Miami at Toledo (ESPN2).
Noon — College Football: Teams To Be Announced (ESPNU).
Noon — College Football: Kent State at Penn State (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — College Football: Rutgers at Kansas (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
Noon — College Football: Texas-El Paso at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
Noon — College Football: Murray State at Kentucky (SEC NETWORK-A).
Noon — Women's College Volleyball: Navy at Air Force (STADIUM).
Noon — College Football: Georgia Southern at Clemson (ESPNU, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
12:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. Borussia Monchengladbach (FOX SPORTS 2).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester United vs. Watford (WIS 10).
12:30 p.m. — College Football: Georgia Tech at Pittsburgh (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at Atlanta (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1).
1 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pole Qualifying from Las Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2:30 p.m. — College Football: Vanderbilt at Notre Dame (WIS 10).
3 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions The Ally Challenge Second Round from Grand Blanc, Mich. (GOLF).
3 p.m. — NWSL Soccer: Playoffs Semifinal Match — Seattle at Portland (LIFETIME).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Louisiana State at Auburn (WLTX 19).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Brigham Young at Wisconsin (WOLO 25).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Lehigh at Navy (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Boise State at Oklahoma State (ESPN).
3:30 p.m. — College Football: Duke at Baylor (FOX SPORTS 1).
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Football: Houston at Texas Tech (WACH 57).
4 p.m. — College Football: Texas (San Antonio) at Kansas State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets (MLB NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Football: Colorado State at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Football: North Texas at Arkansas (SEC NETWORK-A).
4:30 p.m. — College Football: Ohio vs. Virginia from Nashville, Tenn. (ESPN2).
5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series DC Solar 300 from Las Vegas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Boise Open Third Round from Boise, Idaho (GOLF).
6 p.m. — College Football: Bethune-Cookman at Florida Atlantic (STADIUM).
7 p.m. — College Football: Arkansas State at Tulsa (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Football: Alabama at Mississippi (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Football: Oregon State at Nevada (ESPNU).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Minnesota at Kanas City (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Louisiana-Lafayette at Mississippi State (ESPN2).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Western Kentucky at Louisville (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7:30 p.m. — College Football: Louisiana-Monroe at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Football: Ohio State vs. Texas Christian from Arlington, Texas (WOLO 25).
8 p.m. — College Football: Southern California at Texas (WACH 57).
8 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Pole Qualifying from Sonoma, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 p.m. — College Football: Washington at Utah (ESPN).
10 p.m. — Professional Golf: Asian Tour Shinhan Donghae Open Final Round from Incheon, South Korea (GOLF).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Colorado at San Francisco or Seattle at Los Angeles Angels (MLB NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Arizona State at San Diego State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Teams To Be Announced (ESPNU).
10:30 p.m. — College Football: Fresno State at UCLA (FOX SPORTS 1).

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
New England	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	48	17
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	3	47

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	20	15
Houston	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	23	34

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	47	3
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	34	23
Cleveland	0	0	1	.500	21	21
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	.500	21	21

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	38	28
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	28	38
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	13	33

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	24	6
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	18	12
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	15	20
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	8	16

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	48	40
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	16	8
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	40	48
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	18

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	24	16
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	23	24
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	17	48

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	33	13
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	24	27
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	16	24
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	6	24

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Washington, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Jacksonville, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Miami, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Detroit, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Boston	100	46	.685	—
New York	90	56	.616	10
Tampa Bay	80	65	.552	19½
Toronto	65	80	.448	34½
Baltimore	41	104	.283	58½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	82	64	.562	—
Minnesota	67	78	.462	14½
Detroit	59	87	.404	23
Chicago	57	89	.390	25
Kansas City	49	96	.338	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	92	54	.630	—
Oakland	89	57	.610	3
Seattle	79	66	.545	12½
Los Angeles	73	73	.500	19
Texas	62	84	.425	30

z-clinched playoff berth

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Houston 5, Detroit 4
Oakland 3, Baltimore 2
Boston 7, Toronto 2
Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 0
Minnesota 10, N.Y. Yankees 5
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 3
L.A. Angels 1, Texas 0
San Diego 2, Seattle 1

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Houston 5, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 3, Cleveland 1
San Diego 5, Seattle 4
Oakland 10, Baltimore 0
Boston 1, Toronto 0
Minnesota 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 2, 12 innings
L.A. Angels 8, Texas 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Oakland (Anderson 3-4) at Baltimore (Bundy 7-14), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Gaviglio 3-8) at Boston (Rodriguez 12-4), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Gonsalves 0-2) at Kansas City (Fillmyer 2-1), 8:15 p.m.
Seattle (Leake 9-9) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 2-0), 10:07 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Chicago White Sox (Shields 6-16) at Baltimore (Hess 3-10), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 7-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 11-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 9-12) at Cleveland (Tomlin 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 11-3) at Boston (Velazquez 7-2), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Jackson 5-3) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 5-2) at Houston (Morton 14-3), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Berrios 11-11) at Kansas City (Lopez 2-4), 8:15 p.m.
Seattle (Leake 9-9) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 2-0), 10:07 p.m.
Texas (Mendez 1-1) at San Diego (Lauer 5-7), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	82	64	.562	—
Philadelphia	74	71	.510	7½
Washington	74	72	.507	8
New York	66	78	.458	15
Miami	57	87	.396	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	84	61	.579	—
Milwaukee	84	63	.571	1
St. Louis	81	65	.555	3½
Pittsburgh	72	73	.497	12
Cincinnati	63	84	.429	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	80	65	.552	—
Los Angeles	79	67	.541	1½
Arizona	77	69	.527	3½
San Francisco	68	79	.463	13
San Diego	59	88	.401	22

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Washington 3, Philadelphia 1, 1st game
Cincinnati 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
Miami 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Washington 7, Philadelphia 6, 2nd game, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 3, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 11, Pittsburgh 5
Arizona 6, Colorado 3
San Diego 2, Seattle 1
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 1

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Miami at N.Y. Mets, ppd.
L.A. Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3
Atlanta 2, San Francisco 1
N.Y. Mets 13, Miami 0
San Diego 5, Seattle 4
Washington 5, Philadelphia 1
Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs 1
Colorado 5, Arizona 4

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Arizona (Buchholz 7-2) at Colorado (Freeland 14-7), 3:10 p.m.
Miami (Alcantara 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 5-11), 3:10 p.m., 1st game
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 4-5) at Washington (Ross 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Miami (TBD) at N.Y. Mets (TBD), 7:10 p.m., 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 7-5) at St. Louis (Gomber 5-0), 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Miami (Chen 6-10) at Philadelphia (Eflin 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 11-3) at Boston (Velazquez 7-2), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 17-6) at Atlanta (Teheran 9-7), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harvey 7-8) at Chicago Cubs (Hamels 9-9), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 5-2) at Houston (Morton 14-3), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Archer 4-7) at Milwaukee (Gonzalez 8-11), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 6-5) at St. Louis (Flaherty 8-6), 8:15 p.m.
Texas (Mendez 1-1) at San Diego (Lauer 5-7), 10:10 p.m.
Colorado (Anderson 6-8) at San Francisco (Stratton 9-9), 10:15 p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFFS

First Round
Tuesday, Aug. 21
Phoenix 101, Dallas 83
Los Angeles 75, Minnesota 68
Second Round
Thursday, Aug. 23
Washington 96, Los Angeles 64
Phoenix 96, Connecticut 86
Semifinals
(Best-of-5)
Seattle 3, Phoenix 2
Sunday, Aug. 26: Seattle 91, Phoenix 87
Tuesday, Aug. 28: Seattle 91, Phoenix 87, OT
Friday, Aug. 31: Phoenix 86, Seattle 66
Sunday, Sept. 2: Phoenix 86, Seattle 84
Tuesday, Sept. 4: Seattle 94, Phoenix 84
Washington 3, Atlanta 2
Sunday, Aug. 26: Washington 87, Atlanta 84
Tuesday, Aug. 28: Atlanta 78, Washington 75
Friday, Aug. 31: Atlanta 81, Washington 76
Sunday, Sept. 2: Washington 97, Atlanta 76
Tuesday, Sept. 4: Washington 86, Atlanta 81
Finals
(Best-of-5)
Seattle 3, Washington 0
Friday, Sept. 7: Seattle 89, Washington 76
Sunday, Sept. 9: Seattle 75, Washington 73
Wednesday, Sept 12: Seattle 98, Washington 82

PRO FOOTBALL

Gonzalez, Reed, Fletcher, Bailey 1st-year Hall of Fame nominees

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Tony Gonzalez, the most accomplished tight end in NFL history, Ed Reed, Champ Bailey and London Fletcher are first-year eligible players among the 102 modern-era nominees for the class of 2019 for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Gonzalez retired in 2013 after 17 pro seasons in which he had 1,325 receptions, second to Jerry Rice on the career list. A college basketball and football star at California, he was drafted 13th overall by the Chiefs in 1997 and played a dozen seasons in Kansas City. Gonzalez spent his final five seasons with Atlanta, finishing with 111 touchdown catches and 15,127 yards receiving. He made six All-Pro teams and was a member of the all-decade team for 2000-10.

Reed and Bailey were standout defensive backs for stout units. The 24th overall draft selection in 2002, Reed played 11 seasons in Baltimore, three times leading the league in interceptions. Among his 64 career picks were returns for touchdowns of 106 and 107 yards. He made five All-Pro squads, was the 2004 Defensive Player of the Year, and joined Gonzalez on the all-decade team. Reed won a Super Bowl in the 2012 season.

Bailey began his career with Washington in 1999 as the seventh overall draft choice. He moved to Denver in 2004, and led the NFL in interceptions with 10 in 2006. Bailey, who also dabbled on offense, had 52 career picks, made three All-Pro teams and, yes, also was on the all-decade team of 2000-2010.

NASCAR FROM PAGE B1

Johnson has been hampered by both the Hendrick struggles and Chevrolet's slow rollout of the Camaro. Although Chevy has five drivers in the playoffs, only Elliott and Austin Dillon have been to victory lane this season. Johnson and the No. 48 team haven't won in 49 races, haven't run up front most of the season and could be headed toward a first-round playoff exit.

NEW VENUES

The playoffs open for the first time at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, which landed a second date on the Cup calendar this year. It's a small shake-up to an otherwise stagnant schedule that unveils all the new looks in the first round.

Vegas is followed by Richmond International Speedway, which had always been the regular-season finale and is in the playoff rotation for the first time. Charlotte Motor Speedway closes the round but it developed a "roval" for its elimination race in which both the speedway and the infield will be used.

REGULAR SEASON CHAMP

Kyle Busch had six victories and was the points leader at the end of the regular season. His Joe Gibbs Racing team has been uneven this season with Busch outperforming his teammates. Erik Jones and Denny Hamlin both made the playoffs, but only Jones has a win this season.

Busch has been the class of Toyota and even though JGR has an alliance with Truex's team, they are on-track rivals and Busch has been superior this season.

RECRUITING CORNER

Recruits visit South Carolina during Georgia game

Offensive lineman **Darius Washington** of Pensacola, Fla., who has been a Mississippi State commitment since June, is still giving South Carolina and Miami a chance to recruit him and he took his official visit with USC over the weekend for the Georgia game. He was joined on the visit by his family.

"We had a good time at South Carolina; it was just a good overall experience," Washington said. "I liked the in-game atmosphere, the way that everybody is into it with South Carolina. Coach Wolf (OF coach Eric Wolford) is a good coach and the offensive line is coming along."

Washington left Columbia on Sunday afternoon. Before doing so, he met with Wolford and head coach Will Muschamp.

"Their message, we just talked about life, not that much about football, it was just getting to know each other," Washington said. "I'm going to keep evaluating them as they keep evaluating me and we'll see. I'm still a hard commit (to Mississippi State)."

Washington will take his official visit to Mississippi State on Sept. 28 and his official visit to Miami on Oct. 5.

Cornerback **Jammie Robinson** of Leesburg, Ga., made an unofficial visit to USC on Saturday to watch two of his favorite teams.

"I'm a free agent. I like South Carolina and I like UGA. Both of those teams are in my top schools," Robinson said.

He has been to USC several times, including an official visit in June. He's also been to UGA unofficially, and both are recruiting him hard.

"I think right now South Carolina is recruiting me the hardest," Robinson said. "They've pretty much told me everything I need to know. Every time I go up there, it is the same thing."

Robinson appeared to be on the fast track toward a decision at one point this summer. That's no longer the case.

"They'll know (National) Signing Day when I make my decision," he said. "If I get close to making it during the season, then I'll make it during the season. Right now, I'm just focused on playing football and winning the state championship. I'm not really letting recruiting get to me right now. I'm not that close right now."

Phil Kornblut

Robinson said USC, UGA and Auburn have separated from the rest in terms of interest level. He plans to make return trips to Auburn and UGA and is considering setting an official to Michigan. He's also looking at Minnesota.

USC made a strong push for linebacker **Tyron Hopper** of Roswell, Ga., in the spring before he committed to Florida. Hopper, who lived in Gaffney until moving after his sophomore season, has visited USC three times and continues to hear from USC.

"I like South Carolina," Hopper said. "I hear from them a good bit. I talk to Muschamp and (LB coach Coleman) Hutzler. They just want me to come back down on a visit."

Even if USC is successful in getting Hopper back in for a visit, it will have a lot of work in front of it to turn him from UF.

"I'm 110 percent for the Gators," he said of his commitment.

Hopper said he's also talking with Auburn. He plans to visit UF for the Louisiana State game.

Defensive back **Jaydon Hill** of Madison, Ala., announced a commitment to UF last week. He picked the Gators over USC and Tennessee.

The Blue 57 Recruiting Network of Jacksonville, Fla., brought several of its prospects to USC on Saturday They included 2020 DB **Fred Davis**, '20 wide receiver **Xavier McGriff,** '20 CB **Jahquez Robinson**, who is committed to North Carolina State, '20 athlete **Ethan Strickland**, '21 WR **Larry Smith**, '21 quarterback **Walt Simmons**, '21 QB **Ridge Jacobs,** '21 defensive lineman **Karlos Jackson**, '21 QB **Tre Lawrence** and '23 ATH **Treyaun Webb.**

Alex Huntley, a '20 DL from Hammond in Columbia, was at USC on Saturday. Other confirmed visitors included '20 OL **Seth McLaughlin** of Buford, Ga., '20 DL **Marquis Black** of McDonough, Ga., (has a USC offer and said USC will be one of his top choices moving forward), ;20 LB **Devyn Curtis** of Nashville, Tenn., '21 OL **Eli Sutton** of Nashville and '21 LB **Dameon Wilson** of Kings Mountain, N.C.

DB **Deddrick Holmes** of Evans, Ga., also planned to be at USC on Saturday.

ATH **Quavaris Crouch** of Charlotte went to NCSU on Saturday and not to USC as he had previously advertised.

CLEMSON

Jalin Hyatt, a '20 WR from Dutch Fork High in Irmo, had Virginia offer him last week. He also has offers from Virginia Tech and Duke and more are no doubt on the way.

He visited Clemson for the Furman game and the Tigers are close to joining in.

"The Clemson visit went well," Hyatt said. "I talked with (head coach) Dabo (Swinney) and (assistant) Coach (Jeff) Scott, and, yes, there is an offer coming for sure. They loved everything I can do as a player and they said that will definitely be a benefit for the team."

Hyatt also has visited USC and the Gamecocks are highly interested.

Clemson offered '20 DL **McKinnley Jackson** (6-feet-3-inches, 317 pounds) of Lucedale, Miss. He's a national recruit with a long list of Power 5 offers.

According to Chad Simmons of Rivals, DL **Tyler Davis** of Apopka, Fla., will take an official visit to Clemson this weekend for the Georgia Southern game.

OTHERS

Defensive end **Dallaz Corbitt** (6-6, 220) of Gray Military Academy in West Columbia was offered by Central Florida. He also has offers from Coastal Carolina, Alabama A&M, Tulane and Massachusetts.

Corbitt also is a basketball prospect with offers from Hampton, North Carolina A&T, Towson and East Tennessee State.

Corbitt visited Troy and he camped at both USC and Clemson. He said USC also likes him for basketball after seeing him in camp. He would like to play both sports but if not, he'll focus on football.

He attended Keenan his freshman season and 22 Feet Academy as a sophomore.

Running back **Michel Dukes** of First Baptist in Charleston made an official visit to East Carolina over the weekend.

"It was great," Dukes said. "The game was great, the atmosphere was unbelievable. Really enjoyed my time. They think i can come in and help the program right away. I think I can anywhere I go."

He has not set any other official visits.

BASKETBALL

Josiah James, a 6-7 player from Porter-Gaud in Charleston, cut Michigan State from his list and is down to Clemson, Tennessee and Duke.

James took his official visit to Tennessee over the weekend. He will visit Clemson this weekend and Duke on Sept. 27. USC was one of his final nine but didn't make the shorter list. USC is still keeping in touch, just letting James know it is still there.

Malcolm Wilson, a 6-11 player from Ridge View High in Columbia, took the weekend off from his official visit travels. He went to Houston to see Rice the first of the month and will go to Washington to check out Georgetown this weekend. Those two, along with Clemson, remain the schools under consideration.

"The Rice visit went well," Wilson said. "I spent a lot of time with the staff and players. (Head(Coach (Scott) Pera laid out the plan for me and the program over the next few years. They want to continue developing me as a post player and win games. In their offense, I would fit in doing work in the low post and then eventually move out from under the basket."

Wilson never set a date for an official visit to Clemson when he narrowed his list to a final three. He said at this point there is no need for him to do so.

"I've been there enough, I think three or four times," Wilson said.

Wilson plans to make his decision soon after his visit to Georgetown and he plans to sign in November.

Point guard **Tre Jackson** of Blythewood High made an unofficial visit to USC recently to meet with head coach Frank Martin. He left with an offer from Martin, and he's now got USC under consideration.

"It means a lot right now," Jackson said of the USC offer. "A lot more are going to come too. He (Martin) said he feels that I'm a winner, that I can do anything for South Carolina to win and advance. He said he loves how I have a feel for the game. He said I just have it and all that."

Jackson has not scheduled an official visit with USC, but he's considering the possibility. He has visited Murray State and Winthrop. Jackson will take an official visit to Florida Gulf Coast this weekend and he's looking at visiting Iowa State on Sept. 21. He averaged 19 points and four assists per game last season.

Christian Brown, a 6-7 player from Columbia, made his official visit to Clemson earlier this month and met with the school president while there. Brown also got a lot of face time with Clemson head coach Brad Brownell and assistant Steve Smith, his lead recruiter. The message from them is join in as they continue to elevate the program.

"How I would be an immediate impact player and have the opportunity to represent the USA in the 2019 USA World University Games," Brown said. "How much I could impact other players from South Carolina to play in-state. Clemson is my favorite in-state school. Looking forward to being on campus more during basketball season and workouts."

Brown has also taken an official visit to Nevada-Las Vegas, and he has had UGA, LSU and Texas Tech on his short list. He does not have any other visits scheduled at this point.

Jared Jones, a 6-10 player from Powder Springs, Ga., included USC in his top 10 he announced last week. Clemson, which also is one of his offers, did not make the cut. The others on the list are Northwestern, Mississippi State, Cincinnati, VT, LSU, Harvard, Wake Forest, Minnesota and Georgetown. Jones has set official visits with Northwestern, UGA, Minnesota and Mississippi State.

Clemson is one of the four schools set for in-home visits with New Jersey guard **Jalen Gaffney**, according to New York-based basketball recruiting reporter Adam Zagoria. The Clemson visit was scheduled for Wednesday, while St. John's is scheduled for Sunday.

PG **Russell Jones** of Westwood High in Blythewood committed to Winthrop.

One-time USC target 6-11 **Brandon Stone** committed to La Salle.

Myles Tate and **PJ Hall**, '20 teammates of Dorman High in Roebuck, visited USC on Saturday for the UGA football game while visiting with the basketball staff.

John Butler Jr., a 6-11 '21 recruit from Christ Church in Greenville, visited USC on Saturday. He recently was offered by Clemson.

BRANCH FROM PAGE B1

"Peyton Manning lends in a lot of credibility," Smith said. "It motivates our players to see that someone cares.

"For the next 10 years, we'll have the best equipment in the country," Smith said. "It's tough to keep the expensive sport of football going. Without organizations like this, football goes away in a lot of these communities."

Riddell's annual program received nearly 1,400 applications this year. They chose 18 programs across the country that have demonstrated their commitment to a smarter, safer game.

I'd like to thank Riddell, the Smarter Football initiative and Peyton Manning," Smith said. "It says a lot about them to help the game of football."

One of the reasons why Scott's Branch was chosen was because the entire on-field staff of the middle school team is USA Football Heads Up certified and committed to teaching its players proper tackling and blocking techniques, according to Lou Petrella from Riddell. The team also offers a nutritional program for its athletes, including post-game and post-workout meals.

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"Lake City and Wilson High were the most challenging," Myers said.

Crestwood defeated both teams 3-1.

The Lady Knights' lone loss came at the hands of Sumter. The Lady Gamecocks defeated Crestwood 2-0 in a tri-match tournament at Sumter High back on Aug. 30.

Crestwood was scheduled to open its Region IV-4A schedule this week with a home match against A.C. Flora on Tuesday and a road match against Lower Richland on Thursday. However, those matches were postponed due to schools being closed because of the threat of Hurricane Florence.

The Lady Knights' next scheduled match is a home region contest against Dreher.

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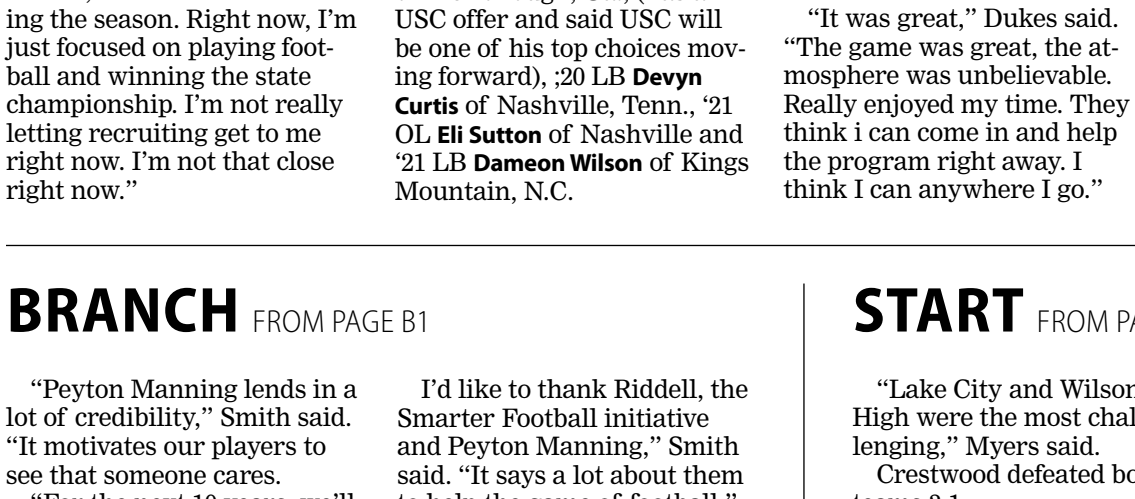

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Coastal beats Campbell 58-21

BUIES CREEK, N.C. (AP) — Kilton Anderson threw three first-half touchdown passes to help Coastal Carolina beat Campbell 58-21 on Wednesday in a game played early and moved because of Hurricane Florence.

Originally set for Saturday at Coastal Carolina in Conway, South Carolina, the game was the first time an FBS program visited an FCS school in a true road game since Army at Yale in 2014. Admission was free at Barker-Lane Stadium, with 2,047 attending on the mostly cloudy afternoon with the temperature in the high 80s.

With its campus evacuated, the Chanticleers (2-1) headed to St. Augustine, Florida, after the game to wait out the storm.

Anderson was 10 of 14 for 202 yards and ran for 67 yards on five attempts. He threw a 12-yard scoring pass to Malcolm Williams in the first quarter, then hooked up with Ky'Jon Tyler on an 81-yarder and Williams on a 38-yarder in the second.

Backup Bryce Carpenter completed both of his passes, throwing a 21-yard touchdown pass to Jaivon Heiligh in the third quarter. Carpenter also ran for 56 yards on six carries.

Williams had four catches for 75 yards. Torrance Marable ran for 64 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries, and Marcus Outlaw had 63 yards and a touchdown on 14 attempts.

Daniel Smith was 16 of 34 for 218 yards and touchdown for the Camels (2-1).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES, SCHEDULE

STATE

WEDNESDAY
Coastal Carolina 58, Campbell 21

THURSDAY
Virginia University of Lynchburg at Newberry, 1 p.m.

TODAY
Limestone at Tusculum, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
Georgia Southern at (2) Clemson, noon (ESPNU, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
Marshall at South Carolina, cancelled, hurricane
Charleston Southern at Citadel, postponed, hurricane
Wofford at Wyoming, 4 p.m.
Colgate at Furman, cancelled, hurricane
North Carolina Central at S.C. State, postponed, hurricane
Presbyterian at Stetson, cancelled, hurricane
Mississippi College at North Greenville, 7 p.m.
Benedict at Fayetteville State, cancelled, hurricane

ACC

THURSDAY
Boston College at Wake Forest, 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

SATURDAY
East Carolina at (13) Virginia Tech, cancelled, hurricane
(14) West Virginia at N.C. State, cancelled, hurricane
(18) Central Florida at North Carolina, cancelled, hurricane
(21) Miami at Toledo, noon (ESPN2)
Florida State at Syracuse, noon (ESPN)
Georgia Tech at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (FOX SPORTSOUTH)
Duke at Baylor, 3:30 p.m. (FOX SPORTS 1)
Ohio vs. Virginia, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN2
Western Kentucky at Louisville, 7:30 p.m. (FOX SPORTSOUTH)

SEC

SATURDAY
(1) Alabama at Mississippi, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Middle Tennessee State at (3) Georgia, noon (ESPNEWS)
(12) LSU) at (7) Auburn, 3:30 p.m. (WLTX 19)
Vanderbilt at (8) Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m. (WIS 10)
Louisiana-Lafayette at (16) Mississippi State, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Murray State at Kentucky, noon (SEC NETWORK-A)
Texas-El Paso at Tennessee, noon (SEC NETWORK)
Colorado State at Florida, 4 p.m. (SEC NETWORK)
North Texas at Arkansas, 4 p.m. (SEC NETWORK-A)
Louisiana-Monroe at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK)
Missouri at Purdue, 7:30 p.m.

TOP 25

SATURDAY
(4) Ohio State vs. (15) TCU, 8 p.m.
(5) Oklahoma at Iowa State, noon (WOLO 25)
Brigham Young at (6) Wisconsin, 3:30 p.m. (WOLO 25)
UC Davis at (9) Stanford, 2 p.m.
(10) Washington at Utah, 10 p.m. (ESPN)
Kent State at (11) Penn State, noon (FOX SPORTS 1)
(17) Boise State at (24) Oklahoma State, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
SMU at (19) Michigan, 3:30 p.m.
San Jose State at (20) Oregon, 5 p.m.
(22) Southern Cal at Texas, 8 p.m. (WACH 57)
(23) Arizona State at San Diego State, 10:30 p.m. (CBS SPORTS NETWORK)

TIGERS

FROM PAGE B1

A disheartening loss in the Sugar Bowl in Alabama, though, had many Clemson fans shifting from Bryant to their next five-star freshman passer in Trevor Lawrence.

Ever since Lawrence's enrollment, Bryant has had to look over his shoulder — or out at the field from the sidelines when Lawrence has played in Clemson's two-quarterback system.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said Bryant has kept his poise and kept himself ready.

"I thought his leadership and toughness down the stretch were awesome," Swinney said. "It was what we needed at that moment."

What the Tigers need going forward will continue to be a series-by-series decision. Swinney and co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott have both said Lawrence will continue to see action and will play against Georgia Southern (2-0) on Saturday — if the game is played.

The matchup was moved from midafternoon to 12 p.m. due to Hurricane Florence. There is a possibility the storm's track could lead to the game being canceled.

But if they do play, Bryant doesn't seem concerned about his role or the quarterback system.

He just smiles. Bryant has grown used to dealing with challenges throughout his Clemson career.

Consider it the classic middle child syndrome . Bryant is caught between the accomplished older brother in Watson and the younger brother with amazing promise in Lawrence, who is more in Watson's mold than Bryant's.

Lawrence is the classic drop back passer with a strong arm to make almost every throw you can think of. He's 6-foot-6 who, by the way, just happened to break Georgia high school records for passing yards and touchdowns previously held by Watson.

Bryant, a solid 6-3, 225 pounds, is built to run over defenders and was the team's second leading rusher a year ago. It's a style Clemson used to dominate the ACC in the 1980s, but one fans left behind amid Watson's dazzling display of downfield passes from 2014 to 2016.

It's no wonder Bryant gets overlooked in the rush to elevate Lawrence.

He was asked this summer how he's maintained his composure always hearing about "Deshaun, Deshaun, Deshaun" last year and "Trevor, Trevor, Trevor," this season.

"I just focus on Kelly, Kelly, Kelly. That is it," he said.

It's why Bryant succeeds, said Elliott, Clemson's main play caller.

"He's found a way not to let what is going on outside around him infiltrate his mind," Elliott said. "He stays focused and is just focused on himself."

Bryant doesn't sulk when he comes out of games, knowing he's got to stay ready when he's asked back in. Many wondered if Lawrence had moved ahead when he finished up the second quarter, then was kept in by Swinney to start the third.

Bryant expected his time to come. He keeps his mind fresh with breathing exercises on the sidelines he says calm him down so when he returns to the field, Bryant can play his best.

"You know it is a competition at the position," Bryant said. "I just try not to let it overwhelm me."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) passes against Texas A&M during the second half of the Tigers' 28-26 victory on Saturday in College Station, Texas.

CLEMSON ON ESPNU

The football game between Clemson and Georgia Southern set for noon on Saturday in Death Valley will be televised on ESPNU.

The game was originally set to begin at 3:30 p.m. and to be aired on ESPN2. Because of the threat of Hurricane Florence, the start time was moved up to noon.

The second-ranked Tigers are 2-0 on the season. Georgia Southern is also 2-0.

OBITUARIES

MARY ANN FORD

Mary Ann Ford was born on Sept. 7, 1956, in Sumter County, a daughter of the late William Edward Hilton and Earline Hilton. She departed this life on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Mrs. Ford attended the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and attended Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church. She was a loving and devoted wife to the late Delgar Sylvester Ford Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Yasmeen (Darius) Stuckey; granddaughter, Brooklyn of the home; five sisters, Willie Mae (Bill) Singleton, Gloria Jean Hilton, Shiveen Hilton, Loutricia Hilton and Margie (Alvin) Reames; three brothers, Michael Hilton, Timothy Hilton and Curtis Hilton, all of Sumter; two uncles, Roman (Cynthia) Hilton and Leroy (Vernell) Hilton of New Jersey; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Brown and Diane Gardner; one brother-in-law, Jeremiah (Geneva) Ford of Sumter; stepchildren, Terry Ford of Miami, Charlene Ford and Darrell (Shaneca) Ford, both of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband, mother, some sisters, some brothers, and other relatives.

Mrs. Ford will be placed in the church at 9 a.m. today for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 805 S. Harvin St., Sumter, with Pastor Marion H. Newton officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 850 S. Harvin 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*.

CORNELL BROWN

Cornell Brown, 79, entered into eternal rest on Thursday morning, Sept. 6, 2018, at his brother's home.

"Hayward," as he was known to family and friends, was born on April 12, 1939, in Sumter County, a son of the late Willie Brown Sr. and Rovina Davis Brown. He was educated through the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, he married Sally Goodman. He later moved to Trenton, New Jersey, where he resided for many years. After his father took ill, he moved back to Sumter to care for him and retired as a painter and roofer.

Cornell is survived by his brother, Willie Brown Jr. of Sumter; his favorite nieces and nephews, Deloris Brown, Linda Brown of Columbia, Barbara Brown of Atlanta, Tonya (Duane) Finnie of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Tonya Cheryl (Grover) Duren, Vevan (Bob) Deas of Sumter, Faytha Conyers of Rochester, New York, Julius (Hazel) Brown, Joseph Brown, Norman Brown of Sumter; a host of great-nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 3410 Hill Road, Sumter.

Homegoing services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Frank Williams Jr. officiating, eulogist.

The funeral procession will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the home.

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

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

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Application

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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2018-CP-43-01142

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER

Firstbank,

Plaintiff,

v.

Christian Jones, Lauren Johnson, Any Heirs-At-Law or Devisees of John W. Johnson, Jr., Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Movement Mortgage LLC

Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

Summons & Notice

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 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450, Columbia, SC 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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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 may 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 FURTHER 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 counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage and the Complaint attached hereto.

NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on June 19, 2018.

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Summons & Notice

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO. 2018-CP-43-01501 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff vs. Alvin ONeal Lightsey aka Alvin Lightsey and Geraldine L. Caffro aka Geraldine Caffro, Individually and as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of John W. Lightsey aka Johnny Ward Lightsey; Karen Sue Malady aka Karen Malady, and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of John W. Lightsey aka Johnny Ward Lightsey, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, The South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority as administrator of the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund, The South Carolina Department of Revenue, and Palmetto Health Tuomey, Defendants. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the Appointment of Kelley Y. Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (which are constituted as a class designated as "John Doe") and any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability (which are constituted as a class designated as "Richard Roe"), it is ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRCP, Kelley Y. Woody, Esquire is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe"), all unknown minors or persons under a disability (constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe"), all of which have or may claim to have some interest in the property that is the subject of this action, commonly known as 1311 Hinson Street, Sumter, SC 29150, that Kelley Y. Woody, Esquire is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of

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Notice of Sale

Notice of Sale
C/A No:
2018-CP-43-00789

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Wilmington Savings** Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A **vs. Ramsey McKnight;** , I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **October 1, 2018 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 any and all improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as LOT NO. 18 on certain plat by D. D. Edmunds dated July 29, 1987, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 87 at Page 1189.

Pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), Reference to said plat is hereby craved for particulars of the boundaries, metes, courses and/or distances of the property delineated thereon.

THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto Elizabeth McKnight by virtue of a Deed from Inez Goodman dated March 15, 1991 and recorded March 19, 1991 in Volume 522 at Page 459 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

THEREAFTER, Elizabeth McKnight's interest in subject property was conveyed unto Ramsey McKnight, Frances McKnight, James Ray McKnight, Carolina McKnight and Susan McKnight by Ramsey McKnight as Personal Representative of the Estate of Elizabeth McKnight, (Estate # 2004-ES-43-000530), pursuant to the probate of said Estate and by virtue of a Deed of Distribution dated April 5, 2011 and recorded April 7, 2011 in Book 1152 at Page 3688 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

THEREAFTER, Caroline McKnight aka Carline McKnight aka Carolina McKnight, Frances McKnight, Susan McKnight and James Ray McKnight conveyed all their interest in subject property unto Ramsey McKnight by virtue of a Warranty Deed dated May 3, 2011 and recorded May 5, 2011 in Book 1154 at Page 182 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

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TMS# 251-08-04-020

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Twelve and 360/1000 (12.360%) 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.

Hutchens Law Firm
P.O. Box 8237
Columbia, SC 29202
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Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wells Fargo USA Holdings Inc.** (U.S. Bank National Association, not individually but solely as Trustee for BlueWater Investment Trust 2017-1 If Non-Trustee State: Bluewater Investment Trust 2017-1) need to prepare an assignment of bid at sale -LKO **vs. Deborah J. Sims;**, C/A No. 2018CP4300198, The following property will be sold on **October 1, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel and lot of land, the dwelling and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Township and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 15 of City Homes Subdivision, as shown in Plat Book Z-15 at page 108, and more recently and particularly shown on a plat by Joseph R. Edwards R.L.S. dated December 5, 1990, recorded in Plat Book 91 at page 19, records of Sumter County. Said Lot No. 15 being bounded and measuring as follows: on the North by lands of Sumter School District No. 17, said plat and measuring thereon 21.9 feet; on the East by Lot Nos. 1 and 2, said plat, and measuring thereon 107.04 feet; on the Southeast by Lot No. 14, said plat and measuring thereon 171.96 feet; on the Southwest by Westwood Drive, said plat, and fronting thereon 66.87 feet in an arc; and on the Northwest by Lot No. 16, said plat and measuring thereon 230.73 feet. Be all dimensions a little more or a little less and according to said most recent plat.

This conveyance is subject to all visible and recorded easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and zoning ordinances affecting said property, including those Restrictive Covenants recorded in Deed Book E-8 at page 121, records of Sumter County.

Together will all and singular the Rights, Members, Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining.
Derivation: Book 518 at page 1737

57 Westwood Dr,
Sumter, SC 29154
206-06-02-042

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 10.03% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2018CP4300198.

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 MASTER SALE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Case No.: 2015-CP-43-02010

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
Michael Martello,
Plaintiff,
v.
Thomas Barcello, John Barcello and George Rozsa,
Defendants.
IN RE: Main Street Properties, LLC

By virtue of an Order to Sell Property entered in an action entitled **Michael Martello, vs. Thomas Barcello,** John Barcello and George Rozsa, Civil Action No. 2015-CP-43-02010, the undersigned Special Referee will sell at public auction to be conducted in the Sumter County Judicial Center located at 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, S.C. 29150, on **October 1, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.,** the following property will be sold to the highest bidder:

"House and Lot at 29 Willow Drive, Sumter, South Carolina"

TERMS OF SALE:

At the conclusion of the bidding, the successful purchaser, other than the Plaintiff, must deposit with the Special Referee five (5%) per cent of the bid in cash or equivalent. Credit will be allowed for this against the purchase price.

Personal/deficiency judgment having been waived or not requested, the bidding will not remain open, and compliance with the bid must be made within twenty (20) days thereafter.

Interest will accrue on the amount of the bid until date of compliance at the rate of three (3%) per annum.

If the successful bidder fails to comply, his deposit will be forfeited and applied in the manner prescribed by law; and the property will be re-advertised and sold on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent sales day at his risk.

This property is subject to tax sale redemption.

The sale will be subject to all accrued and/or delinquent Sumter County ad valorem property taxes and all visible and recorded easements, covenants and rights of way and any senior liens.

The purchaser is to pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps and recording.

A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr.
Special Referee

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wells Fargo Bank, NA vs. Paulgh H. Despeignes;** Saddlebrook Homeowners Association, Inc.;, C/A No. 2018CP4300449, The following property will be sold on **October 1, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying, and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot #22, Saddlebrook Subdivision, as shown on that certain plat prepared by Michael C. Turbeville, III, RLS, dated February 30, 2010, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2010 at page 52, and having such metes and bounds as are shown on sail plat, this description being in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended.
Derivation: Book 1160 at Page 2824

3910 Cantle Drive,
Dalzell, SC 29040
153-05-01-017

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 4.5% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2018CP4300449.

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
C/A No:
2017-CP-43-01300

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Lisa A. Brule**; Rolling Hills of Sumter HOA, Inc., I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **October 1, 2018 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 IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PROVIDENCE, COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT #21, OF ROLLING HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT PREPARED BY LINDER LAND SURVEYING, LLC, DATED MARCH 20, 2003, REVISED MAY 5, 2003 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 2004 AT PAGE 314, AND HAVING SUCH METES AND BOUNDS AS ARE SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, THIS DESCRIPTION BEING IN LIEU OF METES AND BOUNDS, AS PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 30-5-250 OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AS AMENDED. THIS IS THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 3511 DRAYTON.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LISA A. BRULE BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED FROM B&M BUILDERS, INC. DATED AUGUST 25, 2005 AND RECORDED AUGUST 25, 2005 IN BOOK 994, PAGE 1256 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

3511 Drayton Drive
Dalzell, SC 29040
TMS# 151-11-04-011

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Three and 00/100 (3.00%) 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, 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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Notice of Sale
C/A No:
2017-CP-43-01227

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Brian M. Meeks;** Hunters Crossing of Sumter Homeowners Assn., Inc., I the undersigned as Presiding Judge for Sumter County, will sell on **October 1, 2018 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 ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 87 OF HUNTERS CROSSING SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, SECTION 5 AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON A PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY LOUIS W. TISDALE, RLS, DATED MARCH 23, 2007 RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 2007 AT PAGE 158; WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND HAVING SUCH METES, BOUNDS, COURSES AND DISTANCES, BEING A LITTLE MORE OR LESS, AS BY THIS REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT WILL MORE FULLY APPEAR.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED UNTO BRIAN M. MEEKS AND KELLY M. MEEKS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, BY VIRTUE OF A DEED FROM MICHAEL R. SLAUGH AND ERIN L. SLAUGH DATED JUNE 23, 2011 AND RECORDED ON JUNE 27, 2011 IN BOOK 1156 AT PAGE 1629 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. THEREAFTER, KELLY M. MEEKS DIED SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 THEREBY VESTING SOLE TITLE TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN BRIAN M. MEEKS AS SURVIVING SPOUSE.

1864 Mossberg Drive
Sumter, SC 29150
TMS# 187-12-04-007

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Two and 0/1000 (2.000%) 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 Presiding Judge 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 Presiding Judge 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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NOTICE OF SALE
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2018-CP-43-00682

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America, acting through the **Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture v. Thomas O. Mickens,** and Jenice Harvin, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **October 1, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.** at the Sumter County Courthouse, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Sumter Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated as Lot No. 15 of Lazy Acres Subdivision, Section 1, on that certain plat of John M. Mahon, R.L.S., dated June 14, 1973, and recorded in the office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-34 at page 54, said Lot No. 15 having such boundaries and measurements as shown on said plat.

This being the same property shown on that certain plat prepared for Willie Mae S. Harvin, Simon Seigler and Thomas O. Mickens by Louis White Tisdale, RLS, dated February 2, 1999 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 99 at Page 94, and having such metes and bounds, as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina.

This is the same property conveyed to Willie Mae S. Harvin, Simon Seigler and Thomas Mickens as joint tenants with rights of survivorship by deed of Jerry Taylor and Brenda P. Taylor dated December 22, 1989 and recorded on December 22, 1989 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 498 at Page 1988 and re-recorded on September 20, 1990 in Book 513 at Page 1402.from Marshall B. Clary, Jr. and Wanda S. Clary, be deed dated Feb. 25, 1988, recorded in Book 465 at page 241. This being the same property wherein Willie Mae S. Harvin conveyed to Jenice Harvin all right, title and interest to the property by Deed dated April 16, 2002 and recorded on April 19, 2002 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 839 at Page 559. This also being the same property wherein Jenice Harvin conveyed a life estate by deed dated January 28, 2003 and recorded on January 31, 2003 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 874 at Page 43.

TMS No.: 2698101002
Property Address:
1855 Bishop Drive,
Sumter, S.C. 29150

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

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

For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County.

A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.750% per annum.

Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present.

Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed.

Howard P. King
Master in Equity
for Sumter County
August 30, 2018.
Sumter County, South Carolina

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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Quicken Loans Inc. vs. Steven M. Williams;**, C/A No. 2018CP4300782, The following property will be sold on **October 1, 2018, 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 SUMTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DELINEATED AS LOT 127, "THE VILLAGE" SUBDIVISION, SECTION 5, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF D.D. EDMUNDS, RLS, DATED OCT. 24, 1996, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RMC FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK PB96 AT PAGE 1438. THE SAID LOT HAS 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 SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976
Derivation: Book 660; Page 542

557 Sierra St,
Sumter, SC 29154
206-10-01-003

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. Personal or deficiency judgment having been demanded or reserved, the sale will remain open for thirty (30) days pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §15-39-720 (1976). 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 4.5% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2018CP4300782.

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
C/A No:
2018-CP-43-00980

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. Amber J Barnette;** Safe Federal Credit Union, I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **October 1, 2018 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 and lot of land with improvement thereon situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina identified as Lot No. 66 of Millwood Gardens and being more fully shown on a plat prepared by R.L. Malone, C.E. dated July 27, 1955 and recorded in Plat Book Z-13 at Page 25, records of Sumter County. This property is known as 1905 Millwood Road and is further identified as Sumter County Tax May Parcel No. 206-04-01-012.

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.

This being the identical property conveyed unto Amber J. Barnette by Deed of South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority f/k/a South Carolina State of South Carolina State Housing Authority dated May 27, 2010 and recorded June 4, 2010 in Book 1140 at Page 001130, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

1905 Millwood Road
Sumter, SC 29150
TMS# 206-04-01-012

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Five and 00/100 (5.00%) 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, 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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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: The Bank of New York Mellon, fka The Bank of New York as Successor in interest to **JP Morgan Chase Bank** NA as Trustee for the Asset Backed Funding Corporation Loan Asset Backed Certificate Series 2003-WF1 **vs. Jonathan Gregg, Sr.**; Agnes N. Gregg; Cutler & Associates, Inc.; , C/A No. 2009CP4300420, The following property will be sold on **October 1, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder

ALL that certain pieces, parcel or lots of land with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, shown and designated as Lot Nos. 424 and 425 on that certain plat of Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated October 20, 1997, filed for recorded in the Office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance (RMC) for Sumter County in Plat Book 97 at Page 1284. Said Lot Nos. 424 and 425 having such shapes, metes, courses, distances, boundaries and measurements as will more fully appear by reference to the aforesaid plat.
Derivation: Book 688 at Page 1449

236 Murphy Street,
Sumter, SC 29150
251-02-03-050, 251-02-03-051

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 8.625% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2009CP4300420.

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

INTERIM MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-43-01078

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding vs. Eugene Burton,** I, the undersigned Howard P. King, Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, October 1, 2018 at 12:00 PM,** at the County Judicial Center, 215 Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel, and lot of land with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, Identified as No. 225 East Calhoun Street (sometimes known as 224 East Calhoun Street) and being designated as Lot No. 4, Block B, of plat recorded in the Sumter County Register of Deeds Office in Book 000 at Page 696.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

All of that lot or strip of land situated in the County and City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, measuring five feet on its Northern and Southern boundaries by one hundred feet on its Eastern and Western boundaries and being bounded as follows: On the North by land now or formerly of Graham, on the East by the balance of the land now or formerly of Levinia Dunham, from which this parcel is cut, on the South by East Calhoun Street of said City, and on the West by other land now or formerly of Barry Croskey.

This being the same property conveyed to Eugene Burton by deed of Roy R. Bartell and Gena F. Bartell, dated October 19, 2007 and recorded October 29, 2007 in Book 1094 at Page 1838 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

TMS No. 2490806059

Property address:
225 E Calhoun Streeet,
Sumter, SC 29150

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Interim 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 Interim Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Interim 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 Interim 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).

Personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days after the sale date. The Plaintiff may waive its right to a deficiency judgment prior to sale, in which case 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 Interim 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 4.250% per annum.

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

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

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

The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff 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.

Howard P. King
Interim Master in Equity
for Sumter County

Scott and Corley, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff

INTERIM MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-43-00229

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper vs. Travis Toner** and Natasha M. Toner, I, the undersigned Howard P. King, Interim Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, October 1, 2018 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 improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina identified as Lot No. 241 of Oakland North Subdivision Section 4 and being more fully shown on a plat prepared by Joseph R. Edwards, R.L.S. dated December 2, 1993 and recorded in plat book 93 at page 2155, 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.

This being the same property conveyed unto Travis Toner and Natasha M. Toner as joint tenants with right of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, for and during their joint lives and upon the death of either of them, then to the survivor of them, together with every contingent remainder and right of reversion, by virtue of a Deed from Brenda Whaley dated October 31, 2014 and recorded October 31, 2014 in Book 1206 at Page 1093 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Sumter County, South Carolina.

TMS No. 0921302004

Property address:
5771 Whisperwood Drive,
Dalzell, SC 29040

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Interim 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 Interim Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Interim 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 Interim 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 Interim 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.

Howard P. King
Interim Master
in Equity
for Sumter County

Scott and Corley, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **PennyMac Loan Services, LLC vs. Daniel Singleton;** Meadowcroft Homeowners Association;, C/A No. 2018CP4300630, The following property will be sold on **October 1, 2018, 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 County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being more particularly shown and delineated as Lot No. 186, Foxcroft Subdivision, Section 2 as shown on that certain plat of Carl J. Croft, RLS, dated 05/05/06 and recorded in Plat Book 2007 at Page 157, records of Sumter County. This is the property known as 615 Shipwatch Drive, Sumter, SC and is further identified as Sumter County TAX MAP Parcel 206-09-04-004.

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 less.
Derivation: Book 1223 at Page 4784

615 Shipwatch Dr,
Sumter, SC 29154
2060904004

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 3.75% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2018CP4300630.

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.

Howard P. King
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Sumter County

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NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-43-00153 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Selene Finance LP against Tracey D. Isaac and The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on October 1, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at the Sumter County Courthouse in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon designated as Lot No. 4, on that certain plat in Plat Book Z32, at Page 105 and bounded as follows: On the North by Lot No. 3 on which it measures 180.0 feet, on the East by lands now or formerly of Jimmy Martin on which it measures 166.7 feet; on the South by lands now or formerly of Jimmy Martin on which it measures: 180 feet; and on the West by Frank Street on which it measures 166.7 feet. Being the same property conveyed to Tracy D. Isaac by deed of Associates Financial Services Company, Inc. f/k/a Associates Financial Services Company of South Carolina Inc., dated April 25, 2001 and recorded April 27, 2001 in Deed Book 801 at Page 1423. TMS No. 225-04-02-007 Property Address: 1421 Frank Street, Sumter, SC 29150 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.2500%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Honorable Howard P. King Master in Equity Sumter County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE 2018-CP-43-00247 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Ditech Financial LLC against Lillie Williams aka Lillie Ann Williams, Wesley Williams aka Wesley L. Williams, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on October 1, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at the Sumter County Courthouse in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Township and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 28 as shown on that certain plat by Michael C. Turbeville, III, dated 04/19/93 and recorded 'in the R.M.C. Office for Sumter County in Plat Book 93 at Page 607, the exact boundaries and measurements of which can be determined by reference to the said plat. Said lot being bounded and measuring according to the said plat as follows: On the North by Lot No. 26, said plat, and measuring thereon 74.06 feet; on the East by Lot No. 29, said plat, and measuring thereon 137.00 feet; on the South by Gamble Street, said plat, and measuring thereon 156.37 feet; and on the West by Lot No. 27, said plat, and measuring thereon 150.34 feet. Be all of said measurements a little more or a little less and according to the said plat. This being the property known as 255 Gamble Street. Being the same property conveyed to Wesley L. Williams and Lillie Ann Williams by deed of Shirley C. Conyers, dated April 29, 1993 and recorded April 30, 1993 in Deed Book 569 at Page 1739; thereafter, Lillie Ann Williams conveyed the subject property to Wesley L. Williams, which deed was recorded on September 11, 1996 in Deed Book 656 at Page 1002. TMS No. 251-07-03-017 Property Address: 255 Gamble Street, Sumter, SC 29150 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.5000%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Honorable Howard P. King Master in Equity Sumter County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE 2018-CP-43-00347

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Branch Banking and Trust Company against Casey Lee Ash** and Candace Ash, et al., I, the undersigned Master in Equity for SUMTER County, will sell on **October 1, 2018 at 12:00 PM,** SUMTER County Courthouse, 215 N Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DELINEATED AS LOT NO. 49 COVE SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT PREPARED BY LOUIS WHITE TISDALE, RLS, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK PB 2007 AT PAGE 175. 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 105 NAUTICAL DRIVE, SUMTER, SC AND IS SHOWN ON THE AUDITORS MAP OF SUMTER COUNTY AS TAX PARCEL 205-10-02-004.

THIS BEING THE IDENTICAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CASEY LEE ASH AND CANDACE ASH BY DEED OF JMJ HOMES, LLC DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2012 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN BOOK 1179 AT PAGE 3123 ON NOVEMBER 21, 2012.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
105 Nautical Drive,
Sumter, SC 29150
Parcel No. 205-10-02-004

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 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. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder). A personal or deficiency judgment being expressly demanded by the Plaintiff, the bidding shall remain open after the date of sale. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.250% per annum.

SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND 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 Howard P. King
Master in Equity
for Sumter County

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Attorney for Plaintiff

Notice of Sale C/A No: 2017-CP-43-01839

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Brian D. Bean**;, I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **October 1, 2018 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 certian 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, designated as Lot No. 94 of Wintergreen Subdivision Phase I, as shown on that certain plat prepared by Louis W. Tisdale, PLS, dated November 5, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book PB 2004 at Page 71. 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 3305 Oleander Drive, Sumter, SC.

This being the identical property conveyed to Brian D. Bean by deed of Brian D. Bean and Lucy B. Dean dated October 8, 2014 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 1205 at Page 4364 on October 16, 2014.

3305 Oleander Drive
Sumter, SC 29154
TMS# 187-16-02-011

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 125/1000 (4.125%) 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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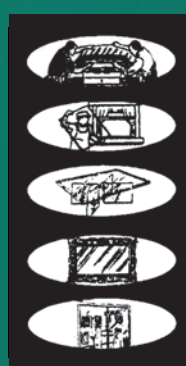

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COMMENTARY

It's our Constitution, not Kavanaugh

One of the best statements of how the Framers saw the role of the federal government is found in Federalist Paper 45, written by James Madison, who is known as the "Father of the Constitution": "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the state governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation and foreign commerce. ... The powers reserved to the several states will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties and properties of the people." Today's reality is the polar opposite of that vision. The powers of the federal government are numerous and indefinite, and those of state governments are few and defined.

Walter Williams

If confirmed, Brett Kavanaugh will bring to the U.S. Supreme Court a vision closer to that of the Framers than the vision of those who believe that the Constitution is a "living document." Those Americans rallying against Kavanaugh's confirmation are really against the U.S. Constitution rather than the man — Judge Kavanaugh — whom I believe would take seriously his oath of office to uphold and defend the Constitution.

Was Madison misinformed or just plain ignorant about the powers delegated to Congress? Before we answer, let's examine statements of other possibly "misinformed" Americans. In 1796, on the floor of the House of Representatives, William Giles of Virginia condemned a relief measure for fire victims, saying the purpose and the right of Congress is to attend to not what generosity and humanity require but instead what their duty requires. In 1854, President Franklin Pierce vetoed a bill intended to help the mentally ill, writing to the Senate, "I can not find any authority in the Constitution for making the federal government the great almoner of public charity." He added that to approve such spending would "be contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution and subversive of the whole theory upon which the Union of these States is founded." President Grover Cleveland out-vetoed his predecessors by vetoing 584 acts of Congress, including many congressional spending bills, during his two terms as president in the late 1800s. His often-given veto message was, "I can find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution." By the way, President Cleveland was a Democrat.

Were the Founding Fathers, previous congressmen and previous presidents who could not find constitutional authority for today's massive federal government intervention just plain stupid, ignorant, callous and uncaring? Article 1 of the Constitution defines the role of Congress. Its Section 8 lists powers delegated to Congress. I examined our Constitution, looking to see whether an Article 5 amendment had been enacted authorizing Congress to spend money for business bailouts, prescription drugs, education, Social Security and thousands of other spending measures in today's federal budget. I found no such amendment. Contrary to what our Constitution permits, Congress taxes and spends for anything upon which it can muster a majority vote.

But I found a constitutional loophole that many congressmen use as a blank check, as well as justification to control most aspects of our lives — namely, the general welfare clause. The Constitution's preamble contains the phrase "promote the general welfare," and Article 1, Section 8 contains the phrase "provide for the common defence and general welfare of the United States." What did the Framers mean by "general welfare"? In 1817, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Congress had not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare, but were restrained to those specifically enumerated." Madison wrote: "With respect to the words 'general welfare,' I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators."

Case closed: It's our Constitution that's the problem for leftist interventionists — not Brett Kavanaugh.

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Sept. 10

Uranium spill investigation is rightly reopened

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has rightly reopened an investigation into whether radioactive material that seeped into the soil beneath a Westinghouse fuel rod plant southeast of Columbia presents an environmental hazard.

The spilled uranium has the potential to seep into groundwater and contaminate ponds, creeks and possibly the Congaree River, which is about 3 miles away from the plant. Congaree National Park is about 6 miles downstream.

But so far Westinghouse, which is seeking a new 40-year license to continue its operations near Hopkins, has no plans to clean up the soil until after the plant is decommissioned, which, if the license were renewed, would be no sooner than 2058. According to the NRC, about 10 feet of soil would need to be excavated below the building.

The latest of the spills occurred in June when a uranium-hydrofluoric acid solution burned through a spill liner, ate a 3-inch hole in the concrete floor of the plant, then leaked into the soil. At least two other spills due to broken pipes occurred in 2008 and 2011.

According to the NRC, soil testing showed uranium pollution as high as 4,000 parts per million, about 1,300 times higher than normal levels. Uranium occurs naturally in soil at about three parts per million. Toxic levels can cause kidney damage and other serious health problems.

So far, there's no evidence that groundwater has been contaminated. But area wells are being tested. Groundwater tests are also being done on the Westinghouse property.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control, which is doing the testing, is expected to announce its results in several weeks. Even if no elevated levels of uranium are found in the groundwater, the NRC should mandate ongoing monitoring. It should also require stricter reporting standards. The NRC didn't learn about the leaks in 2008 and 2011 until years afterward.

Before the latest revelations, reported by *The State* newspaper, the NRC had been ready to sign off on an environmental study that concluded issuing a new license to Westinghouse would "not significantly affect the quality of the human environment."

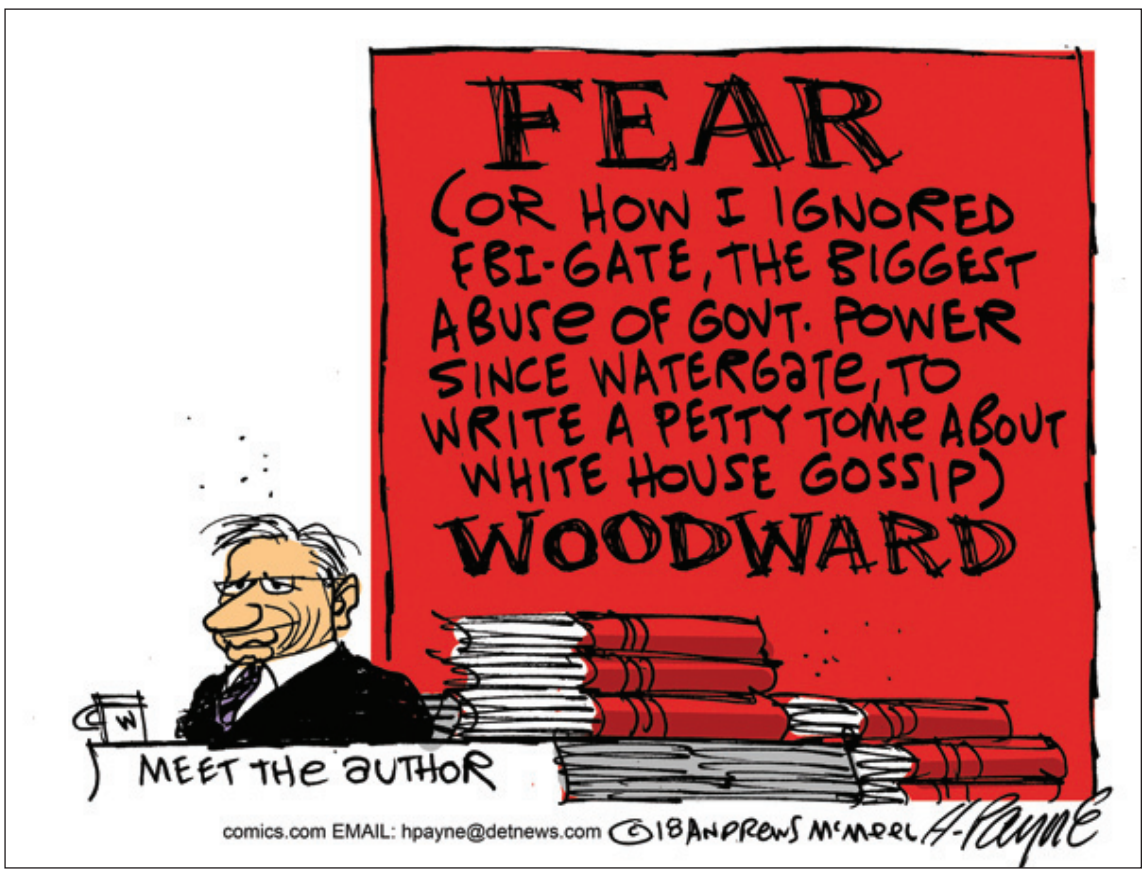
But an NRC report in June said, "The contaminated material will likely be a source of future groundwater and/or surface water contamination if the material leaches in the shallow water-table aquifer."

Uranium pollution isn't the only problem at the site. Westinghouse built the plant in 1969. Nitrate pollution, which probably came from onsite wastewater lagoons, has contaminated groundwater near the site since the 1980s, and cleanup efforts have been only partially successful.

In 2016, a potentially dangerous buildup of uranium was discovered in an air pollution control device and, this year, the NRC cited Westinghouse for failing to have an adequate plan to limit a release of any radioactive buildup into the air.

So there are plenty of reasons for the NRC to take it slow and for DHEC to prove the radioactive pollution will not spread.

Westinghouse has about 10 years left on its current license. It obviously needs a better spill-containment system, and nearby residents, many of whom rely on wells, need long-term assurance the site will not threaten water supplies.



THE ISLAND PACKET AND BEAUFORT GAZETTE
Sept. 10

Governor should have support for changing plan

Gov. Henry McMaster was right to lift a mandatory evacuation order for Beaufort County on Tuesday morning shortly before it was to take effect.

We are not hurricane forecasters and urged compliance with the order, even as the National Hurricane Center graphics showed Beaufort County apparently out of the zone for possible landfall of powerful Hurricane Florence.

Nevertheless, it was clear that the order was not going to be widely followed.

Too many businesses to count planned to remain open throughout the county. That means all those workers would not be leaving.

Our fear was that the governor's mandatory evacuation order would be seen as "crying wolf" and that the public would not listen to future orders.

The governor can never be faulted for erring on the side of caution in his original evacuation order.

And now we hope he can be supported for changing the plan as circumstances dictated.

A tinge of politics is always involved in these tough decisions. It is widely believed that the statewide gridlock that took place in the 1999 evacuation for Hurricane Floyd played a role in the re-election loss for former Gov. Jim Hodges. That seems to be the model to avoid, as it should be. It was miserable for the public. And those seeking election, as McMaster is at the moment, will avoid that man-made disaster at all costs.

It has always been wise to leave early as a hurricane approaches the state. For many years, many people have worked hard to drill that into the public conscience.

By doing that on Monday, McMaster said, 1 million people will be out of harm's way, including those in hospitals and homes for the elderly. He acknowledged the inconvenience but stressed that he did not want to see a single life lost in South Carolina.

But there always was ambiguity in the order that we did not like.

McMaster announced lane-reversals of U.S. 278 and U.S. 21 in the county, but not really. That would happen only if needed. And the need would be determined locally, based on conditions at the time. And that decision would have a lot to do with public movement about the county.

That's a mixed signal we're not used to seeing when an evacuation is ordered. And it was made worse by the fact that Beaufort County appeared, even as the evacuation order was made, to no longer be within the wide area of the hurricane's potential landfall. Of course, that could always change. And as McMaster said, it's easier to "stand down" all the state resources it takes to pull off an evacuation than have them "stand up" at a moment's notice.

For the sake of the credibility of future evacuation orders, we applaud the governor for standing down when he did for Beaufort County.

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FRIDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 14

	SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS 10	3	10	**WIS News 10 at 7** (N)	**Entertainment Tonight** Rihanna's Diamond Ball. (N)	**American Ninja Warrior** "Las Vegas Finals Night 2" The competitors tackle eight obstacles. (DVS)				**Dateline NBC** (N)		**WIS News 10 at 11** (N)	**(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon**	
WLTX 19	9	9	**News 19 at 7pm** (N)	**Inside Edition** "High School Reunion Surgery" (N)	**Sunday's Best: Celebrating 40 Years of CBS Sunday Morning**: Issues that matter to Americans.		**TKO: Total Knock Out** "Let's Go, Grandpa!" A motocross racer; a jewelry designer. (N)		**Blue Bloods** "The Devil You Know" A terrorist's phone holds valuable data. (DVS)		**News 19 at 11pm** (N)	**(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** "Anna Kendrick; Judy Greer" Actress Anna Kendrick; Judy Greer. (N)	
WOLO 25	5	12	**Wheel of Fortune** "Teacher's Week" (N)	**Jeopardy!** (N)	**Fresh Off the Boat** Jessica puts pressure on Evan.	**Speechless** Maya has jury duty. (DVS)	**Child Support** Contestants Monica and Martin.		**(:01) 20/20** (N)		**ABC Columbia News at 11** (N)	**(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live**	
WRJA 27	11	14	**Samantha Brown's Places to Love**	**This Week In South Carolina**	**Washington Week** (N)	**Breaking Big** Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz. (N)	**American Masters** "Basquiat" Graffiti artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. (N) (DVS)			**American Masters** "Pedro E. Guerrero: A Photographer's Journey" Life of photographer Pedro E. Guerrero.		**Amanpour and Company** (N)	
WACH 57	6	6	**The Big Bang Theory** High-stakes bet.	**The Big Bang Theory** "The 2003 Approximation"	**The Resident** "Run, Doctor, Run" A woman's life relies on ex-convicts. (DVS)		**The Orville** "New Dimensions" An anomaly affects all living things. (DVS)		**WACH FOX News at 10** (N) (Live)		**Sports Zone**	**DailyMailTV** (N)	**TMZ** (N)
WKTC 63	4	22	**Last Man Standing** Eve wants to quit soccer.	**Last Man Standing** Ed wants to reunite with his ex.	**Masters of Illusion** "More Twists on the Classics" (N)	**Masters of Illusion**	**Penn & Teller: Fool Us** "Penn & Teller Get Loopy" Ryan Chandler; Ryan Hayashi; Ed Ripley.		**American Ninja Warrior** "National Finals Week 2" The top contestants tackle the course. (Part 2 of 2)		**American Ninja Warrior** "National Finals Week 3" Players from the city finals compete. (Part 1 of 2)		**The Game** Pookie accidentally shoots Rick Fox.
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	**(5:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 06.08.18" Riding along with law enforcement.		**Live PD: Rewind** The best moments from "Live PD." (N)		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 07.14.18" Riding along with law enforcement.						**Live PD** "Live PD -- 07.14.18"
AMC	48	180	**(6:30) ★★★ "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"** (1971) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.				**★★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"** (2003, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom. A blacksmith and a pirate must rescue a kidnapped damsel.						**(12:05) Fear the Walking Dead**
ANPL	41	100	**Treehouse Masters: Out on a Limb** (N)		**Treehouse Masters** (N)		**Scaled** A gangster-themed enclosure.		**Tanked: Skimmed**	**Tanked: Skimmed**	**Treehouse Masters**		**Scaled**
BET	61	162	**"What's Love Got to Do With It"**	**★ "Baggage Claim"** (2013, Romance-Comedy) Paula Patton, Derek Luke, Taye Diggs. A woman sets out on a cross-country quest to find a husband.					**(:05) ★★ "Think Like a Man"** (2012, Romance-Comedy) Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara, Meagan Good. Men use an advice book to turn the tables on their gals.				
BRAVO	47	181	**(6:42) ★★ "Baby Mama"** (2008, Comedy) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear. A career woman hires a surrogate mother to have her baby.				**(8:50) ★★ "Baby Mama"** (2008, Comedy) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear. A career woman hires a surrogate mother to have her baby.				**(10:58) ★★★ "Ocean's Eleven"** (2001) George Clooney. A suave ex-con assembles a team to rob a casino vault.		
CNBC	35	84	**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank** Affordable wedding cakes.		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**
CNN	3	80	**Erin Burnett OutFront** (N)		**Anderson Cooper 360** (N)		**Cuomo Prime Time** (N)		**CNN Tonight With Don Lemon** (N)		**CNN Tonight With Don Lemon** (N)		**Anderson Cooper**
COM	57	136	**(6:45) The Office**	**(:20) The Office** "Business Ethics"	**(7:55) The Office** "Baby Shower"	**The Office** "Crime Aid"	**★★ "Bad Teacher"** (2011, Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake, Jason Segel. Two teachers vie for the affections of a rich substitute.				**Amy Schumer Presents Sam Morril: Positive Influence**		**Daniel Tosh: People Pleaser**
DISN	18	200	**Bunk'd**	**Bunk'd** Three cabins compete.	**★★★ "Zootopia"** (2016) Voices of Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Shakira. Animated. Police rabbit Judy Hopps joins forces with a wily fox.				**(9:50) Stuck in the Middle**	**(:40) Bunk'd**	**(:05) Raven's Home**	**Bizaardvark**	**Bunk'd** Emma and Zuri butt heads.
DSC	42	103	**BattleBots** "A Bull in a Bot Shop"		**BattleBots** Bots fight for a spot. (N)		**(:01) Treasure Quest: Snake Island** (N)		**(:02) Street Outlaws** "Grudge Wars"		**(:02) Treasure Quest: Snake Island**		**Street Outlaws**
ESPN	26	35	**College Football** Georgia State at Memphis. From Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis, Tenn. (N) (Live)						**Boxing** Jose Carlos Ramirez vs. Antonio Orozco. (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	27	39	**NBA: The Jump**		**WNBA Basketball** Seattle Storm at Washington Mystics. (N) (Live)					**SportsCenter** (N)	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**SportsCenter** (N)
FOOD	40	109	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**
FOXN	37	90	**The Story With Martha MacCallum** (N)		**Tucker Carlson Tonight** (N)		**Hannity** (N)		**The Ingraham Angle** (N)		**Fox News at Night with Shannon**		**Tucker Carlson**
FREE	20	131	**(5:40) ★★ "National Treasure"** (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.				**(8:50) ★★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider"** (2001) Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight, Iain Glen. Premiere. A globe-trotter battles otherworldly creatures for an artifact.				**The 700 Club** 'Unbroken 2: The Path to Redemption.'		**★★ "Chicken Little"** (2005)
FSS	21	47	**Powerboat Racing**	**P1 AquaX USA**	**Women's College Volleyball** Texas A&M at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)				**3 Wide Life** (N)	**Raceline** (N)	**Pro Football Week**	**The Season**	**Wm. Volleyball**
HALL	52	183	**(6:00) "My Secret Valentine"** (2018) Lacey Chabert, Andrew Walker.		**"Yes, I Do"** (2018, Romance) Jen Lilley, Marcus Rosner, Jessica Lowndes. A chocolatier needs to prove that she is ready for marriage.				**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls** "Snap Out of It"	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls** "Feelings"	**The Golden Girls** "Zborn Again"
HGTV	39	112	**Bahamas Life**	**Bahamas Life**	**Dream Home**	**Dream Home**	**Tiny Paradise** (N)	**Tiny Paradise**	**House Hunters** (N)	**Hunters Int'l**	**House Hunters**	**Hunters Int'l**	**Tiny Paradise**
HIST	45	110	**Ancient Aliens** "The Mysterious Nine"		**Ancient Aliens: Declassified** (N)		**In Search Of** "Atlantis" (Season Finale) Zach searches for Atlantis. (N)				**(:05) Ancient Aliens**		**In Search Of**
ION	13	18	**Law & Order** "Red Ball" A deal with a criminal.		**Law & Order** "Flaw" Money-laundering scheme.		**Law & Order** "Ghosts" A criminal makes a deathbed confession.		**Law & Order** "Age of Innocence" Woman on life support.		**Law & Order** "Life Line" A murdered prostitute was a reporter.		**Law & Order** "Birthright"
LIFE	50	145	**The Closer** "Next of Kin" Search for a gang. (Part 1 of 2)		**The Closer** "Next of Kin" Search for a gang. (Part 2 of 2)		**The Closer** "Controlled Burn" An arson investigation.		**(:03) The Closer** "Speed Bump" The squad investigates a hit and run.		**(:03) The Closer** A high-school girl is found hanged in her bedroom.		**(12:01) The Closer** Search for a gang.
MSNBC	36	92	**Hardball With Chris Matthews** (N)		**All In With Chris Hayes** (N)		**Richard Engel On Assignment** (N)		**The Last Word**		**The 11th Hour With Brian Williams** (N)		**All In With Chris**
NICK	16	210	**Henry Danger**		**I Am Frankie** (N)	**SpongeBob**	**SpongeBob**	**SpongeBob**	**SpongeBob**	**SpongeBob**	**Friends**	**(:35) Friends**	**(12:10) Friends**
PARMT	64	153	**(:06) Friends**	**(:44) Friends** (Part 1 of 2)		**(:22) Friends**	**Stephen King's It**: Maine friends struggle with the embodiment of evil.						
SYFY	58	152	**(6:00) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"** (2004, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (DVS)				**Wynonna Earp** "Undo It" History keeps repeating itself. (N)		**Killjoys** "The Kids Are Alright" Team Awesome Force sneaks onto the RAC.		**The Purge** "Take What's Yours" Jane considers the morality of Purge.		**Futurama**
TBS	24	156	**Bob's Burgers** (DVS)	**★★★ "The Dark Knight Rises"** (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane. (DVS)							**ELEAGUE** CS:GO Premier 2018- Olof Returns. (N)		**★★ "Failure to Launch"** (2006)
TCM	49	186	**(5:00) ★★★★ "The Great Ziegfeld"** (1936, Musical) William Powell.		**★★★ "The Odd Couple"** (1968, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, John Fiedler. An incurable slob rooms with a fastidious neurotic.				**★★★ "The Goodbye Girl"** (1977, Romance-Comedy) Richard Dreyfuss, Marsha Mason. A single mother and a would-be actor share an apartment.				**★★ "Lost in Yonkers"** (1993)
TLC	43	157	**Say Yes to the Dress**		**90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days** Paul waits for Karine at the altar. (N)				**Unexpected** Emiley goes into labor. (N)		**90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days** "Extended: Trust a Try"		
TNT	23	158	**NCIS: New Orleans** A highly regarded Navy pilot is killed. (DVS)		**★★★ "Minority Report"** (2002, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton. A cop tries to establish his innocence in a future crime. (DVS)						**★★ "Act of Valor"** (2012) Roselyn Sánchez. Premiere. Navy SEALs uncover a terrorist plot against America.		
TRUTV	38	129	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**
TV LAND	55	161	**M*A*S*H**	**(:36) M*A*S*H**	**(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond**		**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Two and Half Men**	**Two and Half Men**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**
USA	25	132	**NCIS** "Privileged Information" A Marine falls to her death. (DVS)		**NCIS** "Love Boat" A man's body is found on a destroyer. (DVS)		**NCIS** "High Tide" Torres and Bishop go under cover. (DVS)		**Modern Family** "Party Crasher"	**Modern Family** "Heart Broken"	**Modern Family** "Bad Hair Day"	**Modern Family** "Best Men"	**Modern Family** (DVS)
WE	68	166	**CSI: Miami**		**Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars**		**Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars** (N)		**(:05) David Tutera's CELEBrations** (N)		**Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars**		**Marriage- Stars**
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**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**

Although an epic effort, 'The First' is incredibly boring

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

For a series about a trip to Mars, **"The First"** sure takes its sweet time. Streaming today on Hulu, this British-American coproduction sure looks like a million, make that a billion, bucks.

Unfortunately, the pilot episode to this epic effort is spectacularly dull. Almost laughably so.

Sean Penn stars as Tom Hagerty, mission commander, and Natascha McElhone portrays Laz Ingram, the chilly genius who owns the private company behind the mission.

Penn is neither the director nor the producer nor the writer of "The First." So he can't be blamed for the fact that it often unfolds like a fashion industry homage to Sean Penn. We see Sean Penn jogging (shirtless in long pants!) through New Orleans, of all places. We watch Sean Penn feeding his dog. Sean Penn engages in amateur plumbing. Sean Penn looks pensive. Sean Penn looks angry. Sean Penn looks at the sky. Sean Penn looks "ripped." Sean Penn shaves. He shaves a lot.

What neither Penn nor any of the characters do much of is engage in actual dialogue. The kind that moves the plot forward and explores character. And engages audiences. There are turgid "Godspeed" speeches between astronauts, numerous silent hugs and a few outbursts. The most sustained conversation takes place between Hagerty and a little girl as he teaches her a new way to eat a sandwich.

Tech titan Ingram lives in a modern glass house that resembles a museum. She lights a fire in the middle of summer in New Orleans. Because she can! Her most interesting exchange is with her driverless car.

Houston, we've got a problem: "The First" mission to Mars is an epic bore.

• It is impossible to describe the new comedy series **"Forever"** without giving too much away. This series, streaming today on Amazon Prime, stars "Saturday Night Live" veterans Maya Rudolph and Fred Armisen as June and Oscar, a comfortably married couple whose lives have settled a tad too deeply into familiar grooves.

The first episode opens with an extended flashback to their meeting, courtship, engagement and marriage, set to Miles Davis' hauntingly beautiful 1954 recording of Rodgers and Hart's "It Never Entered My Mind." Only, instead of using the song to introduce mood and then move on, we hear the entire piece as the repetitive flashbacks continue, crashing well beyond poignancy to the point of absurdity and tedium.

Armisen simply does too good a job of playing Oscar as an annoying bore. Rudolph, adept at the blank stare that says so much, wordlessly expresses longing, impatience and desire. Of the five episodes I have screened, the second is the best. And it takes place without Oscar at all. Perhaps I've already revealed too much.

• Streaming today on Netflix: season two of **"American Vandal"** and season five of **"Bojack Horseman."** It also launches the talk show **"Norm Macdonald Has a Show"** and streams the political thriller **"The Angel,"** based on the life of Ashraf Marwan, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's son-in-law, who became a special assistant to President Anwar Sadat while working as a secret asset for Israeli intelligence during the early 1970s.

• **"Sunday's Best: Celebrating 40 Years of CBS Sunday Morning"** (8 p.m.) offers a prime-time look at a beloved TV institution.

• TCM salutes the late Neil Simon with three film adaptations of his Broadway hits: **"The Odd Couple"** (8 p.m.); **"The Goodbye Girl"** (10 p.m.) and **"Lost in Yonkers"** (midnight).

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From left, Natascha McElhone stars as Laz Ingram, Sean Penn as Tom Hagerty and Oded Fehr as Eitan Hafri in "The First," now streaming on Hulu.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• The clock ticks on **"The Resident"** (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

• Kelly underestimates Lamarr on **"The Orville"** (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

• Frank tangles with big tech on **"Blue Bloods"** (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

• **"Haunted Live"** (10 p.m., Travel) follows professional ghost-chasers.

CULT CHOICE

Van Heflin and Glenn Ford star in the 1957 Western **"3:10 to Yuma"** (8 p.m., Outdoor Channel). The 2007 remake starred Russell Crowe and Christian Bale.

SERIES NOTES

Status and revenge on **"Fresh Off the Boat"** (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * On two episodes of **"Masters of Illusion"** (CW, r, TV-14), Xavier Mortimer (8 p.m.), Joseph Gabriel (8:30 p.m., r) * Jury duty on **"Speechless"** (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Kevin Hart hosts **"TKO: Total Knock Out"** (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Fred Savage hosts the game show **"Child Support"** (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Illusionists audition on **"Penn & Teller: Fool Us"** (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) * **"Dateline"** (10 p.m., NBC).

LATE NIGHT

Anna Kendrick and Judy Greer are booked on **"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Chris Cuomo, Jerrod Carmichael, Ruston Kelly, Allison Miller and Pearl Aday visit **"Late Night With Seth Meyers"** (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Keanu Reeves, Peter Stormare and LANY appear on **"The Late Late Show with James Corden"** (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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WLTX 19	9	9	**News 19 at 7pm** (N)	**Inside Edition Weekend** (Season Premiere) (N)	**Pink Collar Crimes** "The Outcast of Brownstone Brooklyn" A public school treasurer skims money. (N)		**48 Hours**		**48 Hours**		**News 19 at 11pm** (N)	**NCIS: New Orleans** "Musician Heal Thyself" A case becomes personal for Pride.	
WOLO 25	5	12	**Wheel of Fortune** "America's Game"	**Jeopardy!**	**(:07) College Football** Ohio State vs TCU. From AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. (N) (Live)							**Gamecock Saturday Night**	**(12:05) Wipeout** Contestants face obstacles.
WRJA 27	11	14	**The Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece** Louisa worries about her age.		**Father Brown** "The Flower and the Fairway" A body is discovered in the reeds.		**The Doctor Blake Mysteries** "Sorrow Song" A gypsy woman is murdered.		**Shetland** Search for killer's accomplice.		**Austin City Limits** "Paul Simon" Singer-songwriter Paul Simon.		**Bluegrass Underground** "Aaron Lee Tasjan" (N)
WACH 57	6	6	**(4:00) College Football** Houston at Texas Tech. (N)	**FOX College Football Extra** (N) (Live)	**College Football** USC at Texas. From Darrell K. Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin, Texas. (N) (Live)							**WACH FOX News at 10**	**Panthers Huddle**
WKTC 63	4	22	**Last Man Standing** Eve tries to avoid a tough teacher.	**Last Man Standing** Bud gets jumped at the pot shop.	**Rookie Blue**		**Saving Hope** "Breathless" Alex races to find an organ replacement. (DVS)		**Leverage** "The Tap-Out Job" The crew goes after a corrupt promoter.		**Impractical Jokers** A sensitivity training session.	**Impractical Jokers** Share shameful secrets in the park.	**Impractical Jokers** Settling senseless debates in the mall.
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	**(5:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 05.05.18" Riding along with law enforcement.		**Live PD: Rewind** The best moments from "Live PD." (N)		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 04.20.18" Riding along with law enforcement.						**Live PD** "Live PD -- 04.20.18"
AMC	48	180	**(4:55) ★★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"**		**★ "Gods of Egypt"** (2016, Fantasy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. Premiere. A mortal forms an alliance with the god Horus to save Egypt.						**★★ "XXX"** (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento. A spy tries to stop an anarchist with weapons.		
ANPL	41	100	**My Cat From Hell: Scratch Tracks** (N)		**My Cat From Hell** "Lucifer the Cat" (N)		**My Cat From Hell** "Meow Mates" (N)		**Wolves and Warriors** (N)		**My Cat From Hell** "Lucifer the Cat"		**My Cat From Hell**
BET	61	162	**(6:05) ★★ "Think Like a Man"** (2012, Romance-Comedy) Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara. Men use an advice book to turn the tables on their gals.				**Movie**						**Martin** "Get a Job"
BRAVO	47	181	**(5:20) ★★★ "Ocean's Thirteen"** (2007) George Clooney, Brad Pitt.		**★★★ "Ocean's Eleven"** (2001, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia. A suave ex-con assembles a team to rob a casino vault.					**★★★ "Ocean's Twelve"** (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon. Indebted criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe.			
CNBC	35	84	**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss** "Vivint"		**Undercover Boss** "Tilted Kilt"		**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss** "Massage Heights"		**Undercover Boss**
CNN	3	80	**The Axe Files With David Axelrod** (N)		**CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera** (N)		**The Eighties**		**The Nineties** "Isn't it Ironic?"		**The 2000s** "I Want My MP3"		**This Is Life**
COM	57	136	**(6:15) ★★ "Bad Teacher"** (2011, Comedy) Cameron Diaz. Two teachers vie for the affections of a rich substitute.		**(:25) ★★★ "Forgetting Sarah Marshall"** (2008, Romance-Comedy) Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis. A musician encounters his ex and her new lover in Hawaii.						**(:05) ★ "Dirty Grandpa"** (2016) Robert De Niro. A lawyer brings his foulmouthed grandfather to spring break.		
DISN	18	200	**Stuck in the Middle**	**Stuck in the Middle**	**★★★ "Wizards of Waverly Place: The Movie"** (2009, Children's) Selena Gomez, David Henrie, Jake T. Austin.		**(:45) Raven's Home**		**(:10) Raven's Home**	**(:35) Bizaardvark**	**Bizaardvark**	**Andi Mack**	**Bunk'd**
DSC	42	103	**Diesel Brothers** "Diesel Defender"		**Diesel Brothers** "Diesel Jam Overhaul" The guys overhaul a truck for a father. (N)						**Diesel Brothers** (Part 1 of 2)		**Diesel Brothers**
ESPN	26	35	**College Football** Alabama at Mississippi. From Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, Miss. (N) (Live)						**College Football** Washington at Utah. From Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City. (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	27	39	**(:15) College Football** Middle Tennessee State at Georgia. From Sanford Stadium in Athens, Ga. (N) (Live)						**(:15) SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**SportsCenter** (N)
FOOD	40	109	**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**		**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**		**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**		**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**		**Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**		**Diners, Drive**
FOXN	37	90	**Fox Report with Jon Scott** (N)		**Watters' World** (N)		**Justice With Judge Jeanine** (N)		**The Greg Gutfeld Show** (N)		**Watters' World**		**Justice Judge**
FREE	20	131	**(6:45) ★★★★ "Beauty and the Beast"** (1991, Children's) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Animated. A maiden trades places with her captive father.				**(8:50) ★★★ "Cinderella"** (2015, Children's) Cate Blanchett, Lily James, Richard Madden. A young woman tries not to lose hope in the face of cruelty.					**(:25) ★★ "Alice in Wonderland"** (2010) Johnny Depp.	
FSS	21	47	**College Football**	**Boxing 30**	**Fight Sports: Boxing**				**Running**	**Pro Football Week**	**College Football** Rutgers at Kansas.		
HALL	52	183	**"Wedding of Dreams"** (2018, Romance) Debbie Gibson, Robert Gant, Pascale Hutton. Debbie's manager tries to lure her back into the limelight.				**"Love in Design"** (2018, Romance) Danica McKellar, Andrew W. Walker. Premiere. A TV star finds romance while renovating a historical manor.				**2018 Fall Harvest Preview Special**	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls** "Bedtime Story"
HGTV	39	112	**Property Brothers**		**Love It or List It** "Overseas Oversight"		**Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation**		**Mountain Life**	**Mountain Life**	**House Hunters**	**Hunters Int'l**	**Beachfrnt Reno**
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ION	13	18	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A piano instructor molests his students.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Corporate lawyer suspected of murder.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Stabler probes a crime scene.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** An diplomat's daughter is assaulted.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** The detectives track a rapist.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**
LIFE	50	145	**(6:30) "Don't Wake Mommy"** (2015, Suspense) Ashley Bell, Sara Rue.		**"The Bad Seed: Special Edition"** (2018, Mystery) Mckenna Grace, Rob Lowe. Premiere. A man begins to suspect that his daughter is a killer.				**(:04) You** "Pilot" Joe meets and falls in love with Beck.		**(:04) "The Bad Seed"** (2018) Mckenna Grace, Rob Lowe. A man begins to suspect that his daughter is a killer.		
MSNBC	36	92	**Hardball With Chris Matthews**		**All In With Chris Hayes**		**Richard Engel On Assignment**		**The Last Word**		**The 11th Hour With Brian Williams**		**The Beat With**
NICK	16	210	**Henry Danger**	**Henry Danger**	**"Alex & Me"** (2018, Drama) Alex Morgan. Premiere.			**SpongeBob**	**SpongeBob**	**SpongeBob**	**SpongeBob**	**Friends**	**(12:05) Friends**
PARMT	64	153	**(5:30) ★★ "Battleship"** (2012) Taylor Kitsch.			**★★ "The A-Team"** (2010) Liam Neeson. Former Special Forces soldiers form a rogue unit.					**★★ "Tron: Legacy"** (2010) Jeff Bridges.		
SYFY	58	152	**(5:30) ★★ "The Sorcerer's Apprentice"** (2010) Nicolas Cage.		**★★★ "Avengers: Age of Ultron"** (2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo. Premiere. The Avengers reassemble to battle a technological villain. (DVS)						**Futurama**	**Futurama** "Raging Bender"	**Futurama**
TBS	24	156	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**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** "Hunt Day"	**Drop the Mic**
TCM	49	186	**(6:15) ★★★ "Going Home"** (1971, Drama) Robert Mitchum.		**★★★ "Panic in the Streets"** (1950, Suspense) Richard Widmark, Paul Douglas. New Orleans doctor and police captain hunt plague carrier.				**★★ "The Killer That Stalked New York"** (1950, Drama) Evelyn Keyes, Charles Korvin, William Bishop.			**Summer of '63**	**★★ "Angel Face"** (1952)
TLC	43	157	**My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding**		**My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding**		**My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding**		**My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding**		**My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding**		**Gypsy Wedding**
TNT	23	158	**(4:55) ★★★ "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith"** (2005) Ewan McGregor.		**★★★★ "Star Wars: A New Hope"** (1977, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher. Young Luke Skywalker battles evil Darth Vader. (DVS)					**(:45) ★★★★ "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back"** (1980) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford. Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and Princess Leia face Darth Vader's wrath.			
TRUTV	38	129	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Comedy Knockout**	**Comedy Knockout**	**Comedy Knockout**
TV LAND	55	161	**Two and Half Men**	**Two and Half Men**	**(:12) Two and a Half Men**		**Two and Half Men**	**Two and Half Men**	**Two and Half Men**	**Two and Half Men**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**
USA	25	132	**NCIS** "Blood Brothers" A sailor needs a bone marrow transplant.		**NCIS** "Burden of Proof" A convicted felon swears he was framed.		**NCIS** "Voices" A person of interest is found murdered. (DVS)		**NCIS** "Ready or Not" The team tracks an elusive arms dealer. (DVS)		**Queen of the South** "El Mundo"		**The Purge** "What Is America?"
WE	68	166	**Criminal Minds** "Proof" (DVS)		**Criminal Minds** "Dorado Falls"		**Criminal Minds** "Painless"		**Criminal Minds** (DVS)		**Criminal Minds** "Epilogue"		**Criminal Minds**
WGNA	8	172	**Married ... With**	**Married ... With**	**Married ... With**	**Married ... With**	**Married ... With**	**Married ... With**	**Married ... With**	**Married ... With**	**★★★ "Blades of Glory"** (2007, Comedy) Will Ferrell.		

Will a 'Saturday Night Live' makeover boost Emmys?

Editor's Note: TV Highlights will return Tuesday.

BY LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Excited about Monday's 70th Emmy Awards? Probably not. That's an educated guess based on shrinking interest in entertainment's back-slapping ceremonies generally and television's biggest night in particular.

Last year's Emmys drew 11.4 million viewers, a smidge above 2016's worst-ever 11.3 million. The 2018 Oscars dipped to an all-time low with 26.5 million viewers — still more than double that of its small-screen sibling.

But imagine this: An expert in producing live TV jumps in to invigorate the stale, decades-old Emmy format by orchestrating more laughs, more surprises and fewer trophy presentations capped by giddy yet dull speeches.

(Sorry, that last one isn't going to happen, explanation below.)

The magic could be delivered by "Saturday Night Live" impresario Lorne Michaels, who's producing his first Emmy Awards since the late 80s, back when the top nominees included "The Golden Girls" and "thirtysomething."

The contenders for the Emmys airing at 8 p.m. Monday on NBC are unique and distinctly contemporary, "Atlanta" and "The Handmaid's Tale" among them, but can the tradition-bound ceremony possibly be their equal?

Ken Davenport, a Tony-Award winning Broadway producer ("Kinky Boots," "Once on This Island"), says Michaels' live-TV resume could give the ceremony hosted by "SNL" faux news anchors Michael Che and Colin Jost what it needs.

"Because of Lorne and the hosts, I think it will have a feeling that something exciting could happen at any moment," Davenport said. "Everyone gets such a kick out of watching 'Saturday Night Live' when a host starts to laugh. ... It's just a little bit higher stakes."

Michaels' choice of his "Weekend Update" stars is part of the "SNL" stamp he's giving the night. Kate McKinnon, Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin are among the current and former cast members and guest stars serving as presenters.

The dive into the "SNL" talent pool is reminiscent of Michaels' approach to the 1988 Emmys, which opened with Nora Dunn and Jan Hooks performing as "SNL" characters the Sweeney sisters. The sketch show's Al Franken and Robert Smigel were among the ceremony's writers.

Nominee Tracey Ullman declared them the "hippest" Emmys ever, while a Variety review called the ceremony a "vast improvement" over the 1987 ceremony and briskly efficient but "devoid of humor or emotional wallop."

Michaels, who declined to be interviewed for this story, has certainly upped his game and expanded his creative empire since then, with credits including "30 Rock," "Portlandia" and Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight Show."

Crown jewel "SNL," entering its 44th season this fall, received 21 Emmy nods this year and holds the record for most-nominated show ever with 252. Its satirical broadsides at President Donald Trump and his allies have delivered a ratings boost and renewed cultural relevance.

It's already a winner this year, claiming seven trophies at last weekend's creative arts ceremony, including one for "SNL" guest host Tiffany Haddish. That ties it with the formidable "Game of Thrones" in the run-up to Monday's main event.

"Lorne Michaels has on speed-dial enough people to make it a really interesting broadcast," said Robert Thompson, a Syracuse University professor and director of its Bleier Center for Television & Popular Culture. "If anybody is positioned to do it, he is. He's from live television and knows how to play to a live audience."

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This image released by Hulu shows Elisabeth Moss, left, and Ann Dowd in a scene from "The Handmaid's Tale." The program has been nominated for an Emmy for outstanding drama series.

But it's not just TV viewers who matter. Any awards show is tasked with spotlighting the wider industry it represents.

In 2009, the TV academy proposed showing edited acceptances of eight awards given out before the main event to make room for more entertainment, a la the Tony and Grammys, with then-ceremony host Neil Patrick Harris gamely defended the approach as providing "the best show we can to the audience."

But those in the affected — and, let's face it, less-glamorous categories, including writers and directors — pushed back hard. The idea was ditched, and viewers will sit (or not) through 26 awards Monday.

Trying another tack that year to stem an already worrisome ratings slide, the number of nominations slots was increased for top categories including comedy and drama. The hope was to squeeze in more popular fare, but it's still the case that a critically acclaimed niche show such as "Mr. Robot" will be nominated than, say, long-time hit "NCIS."

(Earlier in 2009, a ratings-conscious movie academy doubled the possible number of best picture nominees to 10 in hopes of making room for another blockbuster like "Titanic," which delivered equivalent Oscar viewership. A plan to add a popular film category in 2019 was shelved when critics denounced it as pandering.)

Tom O'Neil, editor of Gold Derby and author of "The Emmys" and an Emmy voter as well, argues for adding nominees to all categories to recognize the so-called "peak TV" flood of streaming, cable and broadcast programs.

"Why not expand each race to 10 or 12 nominees in order to be more inclusive and to please Emmycast viewers who tune in to see their favorites?" O'Neil said. "The TV academy is not adapting fast enough to the modern media scene."

Broadway producer Davenport contends that TV industry members who support an awards-bloated ceremony are missing the point.

"We can go on and on about how awards shows are for recognizing excellence, and they are, but they are an industry's best chance at marketing itself that it will have all year," he said. The Oscars typically feature a splashy opening and are punctuated by performances of the nominated songs, and the Emmys should follow suit by drawing on TV's crowd-pleasing strengths.

"There's more performance on television than there ever has been, with 'American Idol' and 'The Voice' and 'America's Got Talent'" among others, he said. "There's got to be some way to showcase that talent."

Syracuse's Thompson suggests more drastic changes to a Hollywood rite he calls "stodgy" and mindlessly hidebound: "Moses didn't have a third tablet that said awards show had to have a red carpet, an orchestra and bad presenters' speeches."

The Emmys could be approached as a comedy extravaganza, he said, or (possibly said tongue-in-cheek) be held on the "Family Feud" set with Steve Harvey as host.

But like the awards themselves, there would be winners and losers.

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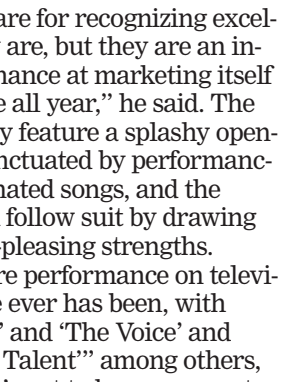

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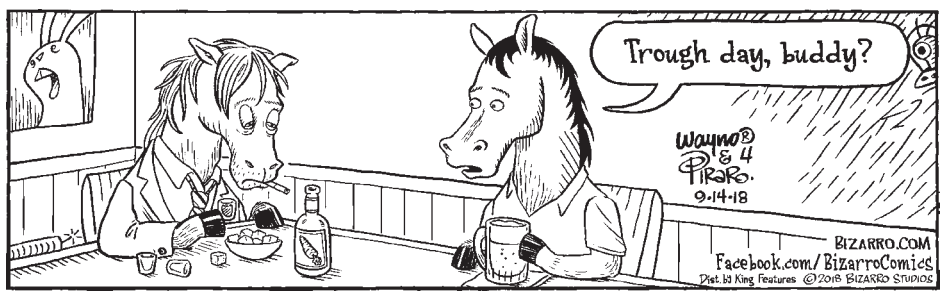

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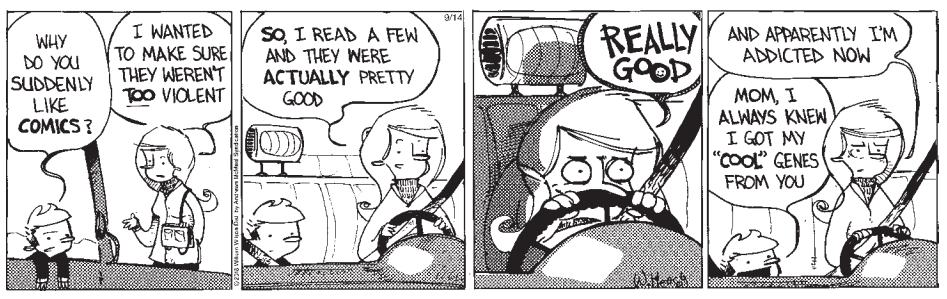

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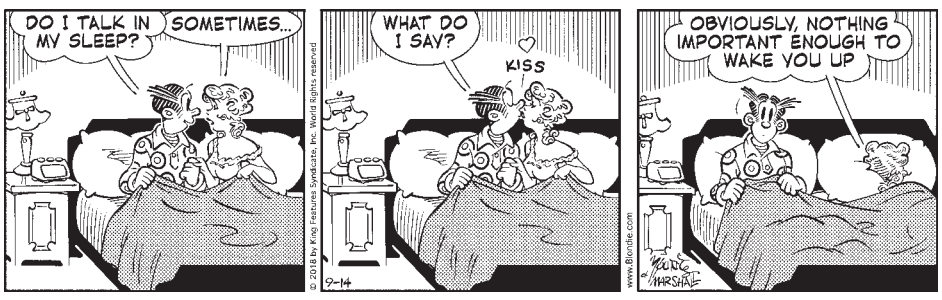

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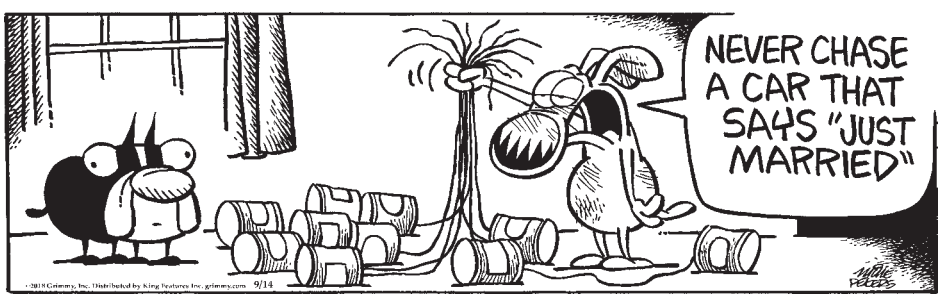

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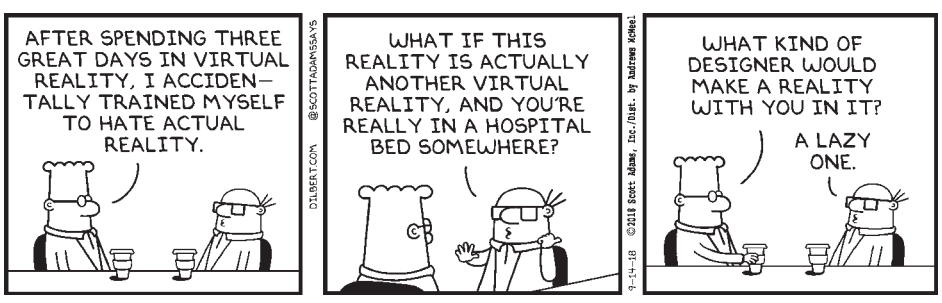

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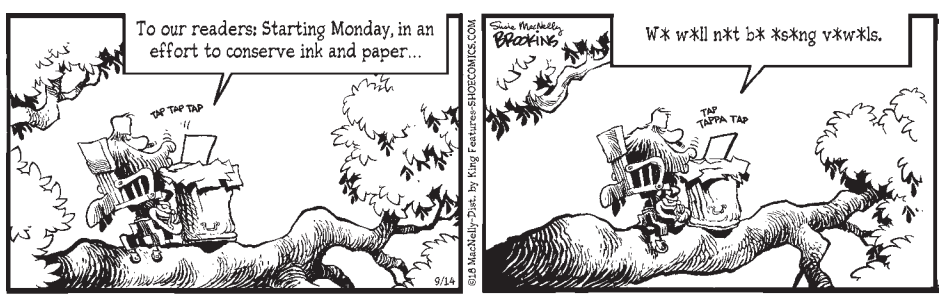

Grandparent feels family has been drifting apart

Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — Two years ago, my son and his family moved a couple of hours away. He's my only child. I know he's busy with his wife, two children and his job, but I would like to hear from him more than every two weeks — or longer — just to know what is going on in their lives. He told me I could call him, but I feel like I'm imposing. I'd like to be more involved in their lives. I would also like to be closer to my daughter-in-law. We have had a couple of good phone conversations recently, but I sense that she wants her own space.

I'm not an overbearing person, and I'm working on expectations vs. reality, being overly emotional when my expectations are not met and fear of sharing these emotions because I'm afraid my son and his wife won't like what I have to say. I feel they have been pushing me away.

What can I do, other than wait for them to call and work on how not to get upset when they don't include me? They have let the grandchildren stay with me a couple of weeks at different times over the summer. I'm trying to do things with friends, but I really prefer being around my son and family because I feel happier (or used to). It has been heartbreaking.

Working on it

DEAR WORKING ON IT — Your son has told you it's all right to call him, so you should. Because of the blessing of modern technology, there are other options as well — texting, video chat, etc. If you are unfamiliar with them, make it a point to learn. Be grateful your son and his family are independent, and try harder to fill more of your time with hobbies and interests of your own. If you do, you will be a more interesting person to be around. Your son and his wife should not be the focus of your life the way he was when he was a child and you were responsible for him. It isn't healthy for you or your relationship with them.

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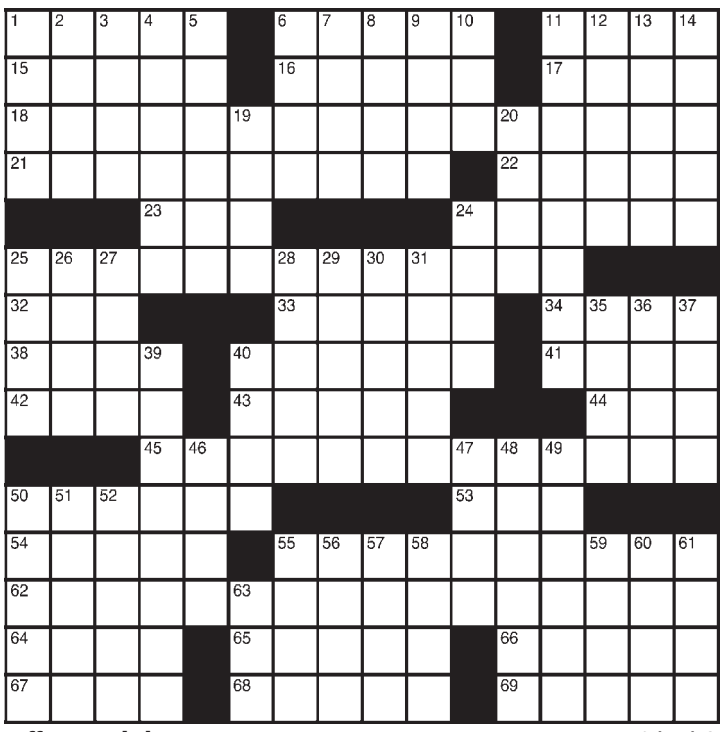

Jeffrey Wechsler **9/14/18**

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: JOUST AHEAD POROUS SNAPPY
Answer: The hyphen liked adding pepper to his food, but — JUST A DASH

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

9	8	3	4	2	7	6	5	1
4	7	6	5	8	1	9	3	2
2	5	1	9	6	3	4	8	7
6	2	4	7	9	8	5	1	3
1	9	8	3	5	4	7	2	6
7	3	5	2	1	6	8	9	4
5	4	2	1	7	9	3	6	8
8	1	7	6	3	5	2	4	9
3	6	9	8	4	2	1	7	5

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

8				7	9	5		
	7				8	9		
			2			3		8
3	1			6		8		
		5		9			3	1
6		7			1			
		9	4				8	
		1	3	8				2

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