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It's the end of an era for two Lakelands athletes

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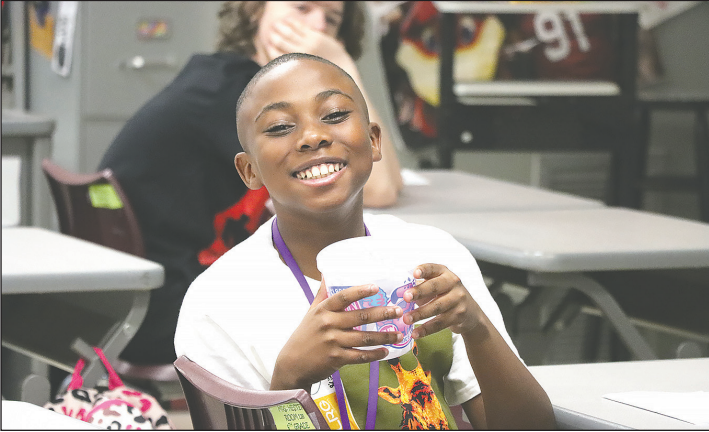


Ali Bryant, a second grade teacher at Woodfields Elementary School, tackled letter sounds with her students on Day 1.

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Allie Camak, Ware Shoals High's 2025 Teacher of the Year, kicked off the year by welcoming a new batch of students into her class.



Braxton, a student in Patti Hester's math class, claimed victory in a day-one math competition at Edgewood Middle School.

Coach, teacher, storyteller

Nick Long named D52's top teacher

By Mya Atten
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In Nick Long's classroom at Ninety Six High School, history isn't just a subject, it's an experience. It's something students connect to, reflect on and carry with them long after class is over.

But if you ask Long what truly drives student growth, he won't point to quizzes or lesson plans.

"I think the first part of it is just building those relationships," Long said. "Don't worry about the test scores, per se. Don't worry about getting all the assignments and hitting all the standards. Just make sure you build those relationships with your kids. Everything else will take care of itself."

That belief, that connection comes before content, is why Long was named Greenwood County School District 52's 2024-25 Teacher of the Year.

"When they called my name, I was shocked to say the least," Long said. "I was surprised, but I was honored. I hope to live up to those expectations and represent our district well in the in the State Teacher of the Year competition."

Teaching with excellence runs in the Long family. His wife, Jessica Long, an intervention teacher at Ninety Six Primary School, was named her school's 2023-24 Teacher of the Year.

"It's an honor to represent the Ninety Six School District," he said. "There are so many

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Nick Long, the 2024-25 District Teacher of the Year, stands beside his wife, Jessica Long, an intervention teacher at Ninety Six Primary, who received her school's Teacher of the Year honor in 2023-24.

Start it up

Three county school districts ring in a new academic year of excitement

By Mya Atten
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Students in District 50 (Greenwood), District 51 (Ware Shoals) and District 52 (Ninety Six) returned to class on Thursday, kicking off a new year of learning, growing and making memories.

A few tears were shed, by students, parents and maybe even a teacher or two, but the excitement of Day 1 was unmistakable.

In District 50, new superintendent Shane Goodwin was up early, greeting bus drivers and thanking them for getting the day off to a smooth start.

"We are excited about the great things that are going to happen this year, that we have planned, and we look forward to building relationships with our families," Goodwin said. He added that it's "a privilege to serve the families of Greenwood."

At Ninety Six High School,

Nick Long, District 52's Teacher of the Year, couldn't wait to see what his students would accomplish this year.

"I'm looking forward to another great year here at Ninety Six," Long said. "I think we're going to have a great year ac-

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Servant first, advocate always: Kim Sears named D52 Support Staff of the Year

Sen. Billy Garrett presented Kim Sears, a special education assistant at Ninety Six High School, a resolution honoring her work as District Support Staff of the Year in Greenwood County School District 52.



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Kim Sears doesn't wear a cape, but at Ninety Six High School, she quietly saves the day, again and again.

As a special education assistant, she's known for her calm presence, steady patience and unwavering loyalty to the students she serves.

This year, Greenwood County

School District 52 named her the 2024-25 District Support Staff of the Year.

Still, Sears didn't take the job for the recognition.

"Everybody's deserving, but it was an honor," Sears said. "I was happy to get it."

The award came as a surprise, but it meant a lot, Sears said. It was proof that others notice the impact she strives to make every day.

Sears never planned to work

in education.

When she interviewed for her current role 11 years ago, she didn't even realize it was for special education. But she showed up anyway, trusting it was where she was meant to be.

"It's a calling," Sears said. "God led me to the interview. ... It's been a blessing in my life, so I know it's a calling."

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Sunny and hot
High in the mid-90s

SATURDAY'S WEATHER



Sunny and hot
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During the Gold Star highlights at Abbeville County School District's July board meeting, John C. Calhoun Elementary students Kennydy McCaslan and Vatarus Tillman and received recognition for representing the district in the National Recycling Poster Contest. The contest, sponsored by ReMA, JASON Learning and SCASA, invited students across South Carolina to create original posters that promote recycling and environmental responsibility.

ACSD faces funding unknowns, celebrates student milestones

By Mya Atten

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ABBEVILLE — Abbeville County School District is closely monitoring potential federal funding delays that could impact future staffing and budgeting.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Adam Cann, director of finances, shared a memorandum from the South Carolina Department of Education.

The letter, sent to chief financial officers and federal program directors statewide, warned of delays in allocations for several elementary and secondary elementary programs for the 2025-26 school year.

Programs potentially affected include:

Title I, Part C – Migrant Education (not applicable to the district)

Title II, Part A – Teacher and School Leader Support

Title III, Part A – Multilingual Learner Programs

Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment.

Title V, Part B – Rural and Low-Income Schools

While no final decisions have been made at the federal level, the letter urged districts to prepare for all possible outcomes.

Last year, the district received about \$98,000 in Title II funding and \$73,000 in Title IV funds.

Funds from Title IV were reallocated to help cover salaries for Title I-supported positions.

Cann warned trustees that a loss or reduction in these funds could affect three to four staff positions in the future.

Trey Moore, board member, noted that trustees already approved its staffing and budget plans for the coming school year.

"So regardless if this funding occurs or doesn't occur, it doesn't change what we're staffing for this next calendar year," Moore said. "It just potentially leaves us a few hundred-thousand-dollar budget shortfall compared to what we expected."

If the funding doesn't come through, Cann said, the district will need to explore alternative ways to cover these costs.

Despite concerns over future funding, trustees also celebrated strong outcomes for the Class of 2025.

Elizabeth Crocker, director of secondary programs, reported that 203 students earned state high school diplomas, up from 182 last year.

Two students received high school credentials and six earned attendance certificates.

The district's graduation rate climbed to 94.06%, an increase from 87% the previous year. That figure represents the percentage of students who began high school in 2021-22 and graduated within four years.

Crocker also shared that the graduating class was offered more than \$8.66 million in merit-based scholarships, a total that only includes those reported to school counselors.

Additionally, 104 students earned a combined 1,474 college credit hours through dual-enrollment partnerships with Erskine College, Lander University and Piedmont Technical College.

"The Class of 2025 was a very successful class," Crocker said. "By the metrics, they exceeded the class of 2024 in almost every metric."

In other business: Trustees plan to take a deeper dive into district finances during its August meeting.

In June, trustees requested a line-by-line review of the budget to better understand expenditures and identify areas for potential cuts.

Tim Rhodes, board chairperson, said the review will continue until trustees feel confident in the district's financial outlook.

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potential landing sites for the Viking 2 Lander, snapped the famous "Face on Mars" photo of the planet's surface on this day in 1976.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1976, American Edwin Moses ran in his first international track and field event at the Montreal Olympics — the 400-meter hurdles — and won a gold medal, with a record-setting time of 47.64 seconds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is no age better than another. The commitment to give of yourself and the knowledge that the time is right are what's important." — **Iman**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Re-think your strategy before you begin. You'll face opposition if you haven't thought your intentions through from beginning to end. Size down, stick to your budget and be willing to do the work yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Embrace change with vigor and enthusiastically lead the way forward. Set the pace and plan your route. Your compassion and understanding, will catapult you into a leadership position. Trust your instincts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Pay attention to your finances. Maintaining a strict budget will help you save for something worthwhile. Say no to temptation and people wanting to lead you astray. Focus on optimizing your space to meet your needs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You won't get ahead if you don't act. Be

aware of what others are doing or saying, but don't follow suit. Attend an event that offers food for thought and shows you possibilities that can lead to a richer life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Plan to have some fun. Mix business with pleasure, and you'll discover you have more in common with an associate than you thought. Developing relationships lets you gain insight into who you can count on for support.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll want to get involved in in something that can put you in harm's way. Broadening your awareness and taking better care of yourself and your finances will be worthwhile and give you a reason to be grateful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Refuse to waste time. Focus on what you can achieve and get moving. Align yourself with people who are upbeat and offer insight that you can incorporate into your daily routine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Give yourself plenty of time to develop and nourish what you want to grow. Consider what's necessary and what isn't. Declutter your home, resolve any pressing issues and then relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You're on the right track, so what are you waiting for? Speak up, share your intentions and make sure everything runs smoothly. Change is brewing. Romance and physical improvements are favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Initiate change, keep busy and ignore what others do. Remaining calm will help you make the most of your day. Letting someone goad you into an argument will leave you at a loss. Seize the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Speak up; sharing your thoughts and feelings

documents pertaining to the United States' war in Afghanistan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: **Henry Knox** (1750-1806), general/first U.S. secretary of war; **Maxfield Parrish** (1870-1966), painter/illustrator; **Rosalind Franklin** (1920-1958), chemist; **Estelle Getty** (1923-2008), actress; **Walter Payton** (1954-1999), football player; **Iman** (1955-), model/actress; **Thurston Moore** (1958-), musician; **Geoffrey Zakarian** (1959-), chef/TV personality; **Matt LeBlanc** (1967-), actor; **Lauren Faust** (1974-), animator.

TODAY'S FACT: The Viking Orbiter 1 spacecraft, while searching for

Bullying son-in-law turns grandmother away from her family

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has been married to her high school sweetheart for 15 years. Their marriage has been rocky from the start due to her husband's "God" complex. He's a spoiled brat and a compulsive liar. He has not only caused mayhem in his own family but has nearly destroyed ours. He was extremely disrespectful to his late



DEAR ABBY

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parents, and shortly after their deaths his bullying began being directed at us. Unfortunately, I have been the primary target.

As a career businesswoman, I've always been able to respectfully stand my ground.

Because he cannot control me like he does everyone else, he degrades, ridicules and belittles me, hurling nasty language and offensive behavior at me at every opportunity.

I have tried everything humanly possible to get along with him. I've been a kind, loving mother-in-law and grandmother to his children.

My daughter can't protect me, nor can my husband. I'm at the point of being willing to sacrifice my relationship with my daughter and grandchildren to get away from this monster.

Counseling has given me tools to protect myself emotionally, but in the real-time situation they are not helpful.

Any thoughts, Abby? — **BROKEN-HEARTED IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR BROKEN-HEARTED: Your son-in-law is an elder abuser and probably a misogynist. The example he sets for your grandchildren is abominable, and they shouldn't grow up thinking it is normal behavior.

Perhaps it's time you model the behavior your daughter should follow and separate yourself entirely from her husband.

See her one-on-one, if at all. If you would like a relationship with your grandchildren, leave it up to her to make sure it happens.

In the meantime, if you have a will, talk to a lawyer about changing it to ensure her husband cannot gain control of your assets.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law is scheduled for surgery in a few weeks. She will need to take a leave of absence from her teaching job.

When she put in her request to the principal, he wanted to know what kind of surgery she was having. At first, she told him it was personal and she would prefer not to say, but he continued to harass her until she told him. She was embarrassed because it's a female-related procedure. I told her what he did was unprofessional and it's possibly illegal (HIPAA) for him to ask such a question.

In her contract, she's allowed to take an LOA for personal reasons. How do you think she should have handled this situation? — **LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN THE EAST**

DEAR LOA: I think your daughter-in-law handled the grilling as best she could. But understand that the principal had no right to pry into her medical needs. What he did was ethically and morally wrong.

If he wanted a note from her doctor explaining her need for time off for surgery, he could have requested it. The details of the procedure were none of his business.

If she is suffering emotional distress because of his harassment, she should consult a lawyer.

Powers of observation

Scouting is a term used in the horticulture industry to describe actively looking for pests and problems in a crop. It is a practice that, when done well, can save a lot of trouble and a good deal of money. Scouting is an important part of integrated pest management (IPM), as it involves employing careful observations to identify



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pests and problems before damage becomes extensive. For a home gardener, practicing scouting techniques is a great way to learn more about insects and stay ahead of potential issues. The first thing to note about scouting is that it should be a planned activity that receives one's full attention. When a gardener's attention is divided by scouting while watering or weeding, they will likely miss spotting something. Before beginning, plan a route to take through the garden, including any significant crops or plantings. Gather together useful materials like a white sheet of paper, a notebook, a magnifying glass or loupe, a couple of zip-top bags, and a cellphone or camera.

Start by looking at the plants from a distance. Look for any signs of misshapen growth or unusual coloration. Choose several plants to look at more closely. Check the stems, leaves, and flowers of the selected plant(s) for signs of insects, disease or damage. Be sure to turn leaves over and look at the underside. Look for insects, mites, eggs and anything else that isn't part of the plant. Tap flowers while holding them above a white sheet of paper to catch falling insects. (This method is especially helpful in finding thrips.) Make a note of what you saw and if there is any noticeable damage. For instance, you may find just a single Japanese beetle and a few leaves with feeding damage. Not all discoveries will be infestations that require action. Scouting is most effective if per-

formed at least once a week. Some insect populations can balloon up rather quickly, so once you find a pest, you may want to monitor the area more frequently to determine if you need to take action. Once you get in the habit of scouting, you will notice patterns in your garden. You will also start to learn the host plant preferences and seasonality of certain pests and diseases. Be proactive by looking up common insects and diseases for the specific plants in your landscape or garden. Clemson's HGIC factsheets provide information about common problems for many popular plant species in South Carolina.

Inevitably, you will find something new to you. Collect anything needing further identification in a zip-top bag for easier transport. It is always helpful to record the plant host as well. Some free apps like Seek by iNaturalist are available to help identify insects. Remember that not all insects are pests. Hopefully, you will also find a good population of beneficial insects when you are scouting. Feel free to contact our office for further assistance.

Join us from noon to 1 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Greenwood Extension office for a free Lunch and Learn presentation on growing blueberries. Bring your own lunch or snack.

A course and exam for those needing their private applicators license will be held in our office on Aug. 13. Preregistration is required. Visit the online calendar here to register for upcoming extension events and classes: calendar.clemson.edu/. Clemson is hiring an Area Livestock Agent in Newberry county. Visit clemson.edu/human-resources/careers/ and search for job ID 109771.

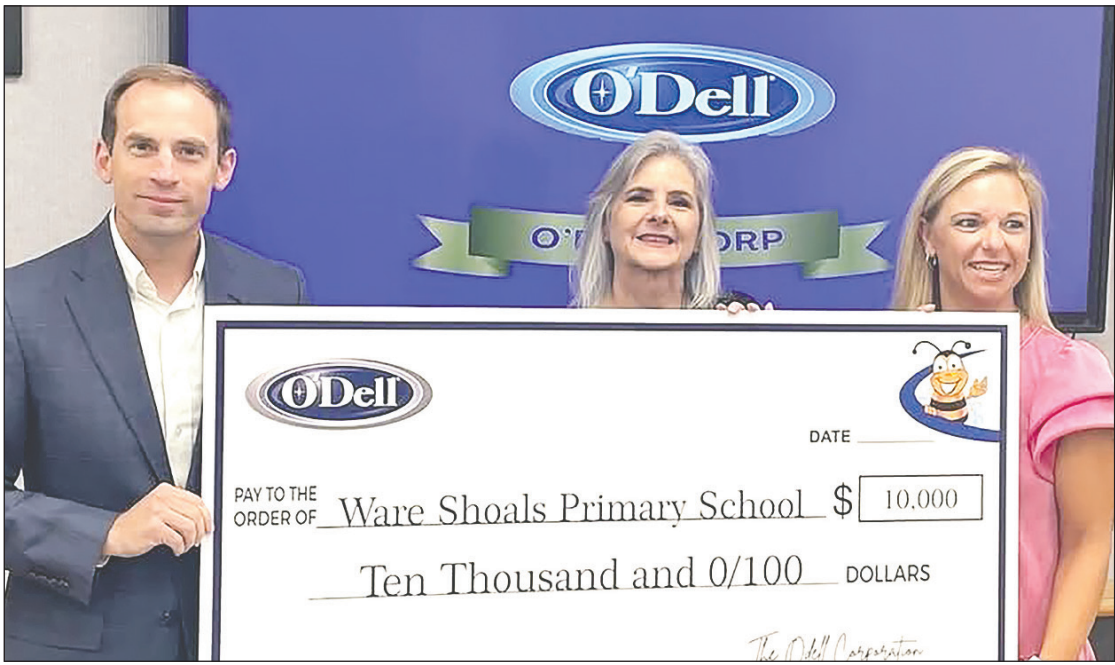
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- Currie Mckethan Bradshaw of Fayetteville, N.C., to Kara Alexis Riddlehuber of Greenwood.
- Jason Donald Swancey of Greenwood to Ravon McCall

- Gregory of Greenwood.
- Adrian Datayvius Cohen of Hodges to Sherinna Shonterra Mosley of Hodges.
- Edgar Daniel Galindo

- Mendez of Greenwood to Nora Villafuerte Ortiz of Greenwood.
- Kenneth Izchukwu Maduako of Bradley to Jalessa Bone Wideman of Bradley.



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The O'Dell Corporation received recognition during Heart of a Hornet for its ongoing support of Ware Shoals Primary School. This year, the company donated \$10,000 to help provide much-needed back-to-school supplies for students. From left are Daniel Crockett, superintendent, Michelle Gillard and Melanie O'Dell.

New roles, new roof, centennial on the horizon for District 51

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What do a 100-year celebration, free school breakfasts and a brand-new awning have in common? All were part of a new round of updates approved by Ware Shoals School District 51 trustees on Monday.

Daniel Crockett, superintendent, said this year's theme, "Exploration: Discovering Excellence Together," reflects the district's continued commitment to its mission: to ensure every student knows they matter and are cared for.

Among the decisions made, one honored the past while preparing for a landmark celebration.

Ware Shoals High School will mark its 100th anniversary on Sept. 30, 2026, exactly a century after the school's original dedication.

The celebration was initially

scheduled during remediation week, which could have limited student participation.

After reviewing surrounding district calendars, administration found a workable solution: shifting two remediation days to the week of Thanksgiving.

The change not only allows for the centennial celebration but also gives students and teachers the full week of Thanksgiving off.

Intersession day exchange:

■ Sept. 28, 2026 to Nov. 3, 2026

■ Sept. 29, 2026 to Nov. 23, 2026

■ Sept. 30, 2026 to Nov. 24, 2026

In other business:

Jason Vinson was sworn in as a board member and took the oath of office

New board officers were elected during the meeting.

Genie McDill was named chairperson, while Cody Quinn

and Amanda Salter will serve as vice chairperson and secretary, respectively.

All District 51 students will continue to receive free breakfast through the Community Eligibility Provision, regardless of income.

After February's high winds left the front awning at Ware Shoals Primary School severely damaged and partially beyond repair, trustees approved a plan for its replacement.

While insurance covered \$41,880.40 for repairs, the district chose to go beyond patchwork and replace the entire aging awning with a "more attractive and updated structure."

The district has capped the project cost at \$150,000, which will come from its fund balance.

The bidding process will begin soon.

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Peter Benjamin Speares

LEXINGTON — “Ben”, born 24 September 1970, beloved Son of Maggie and Joe Speares passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Born at Fort Jackson and raised in Lexington, Ben lived a life of faith, generosity and community service, a man who never met a stranger. Ben was



PETER BENJAMIN SPEARES



a gentle soul with a welcoming smile and a heart full of compassion. Known by many as the “Mayor of Oak Grove,” he was ready with a wave, a story or a helping hand. Ben was one of the hardest workers most ever knew; a trait he inherited from his parents. He served honorably for 13 years as a Sergeant with the 122nd Engineers, of the SCAR-NG. Ben served as a Regional Manager for 35 years at A-Oak Farms, fostering his love of all plants and built what became his second family. After A-Oak, he continued his career with Space Metal and most recently, found joy in what he called his “retirement job” at Baptist Hospital. He was a devout Clemson Tiger fan; one of the highlights of his life was receiving a heartfelt personal message from Coach Dabo Swinney — a gesture deeply moving Ben and spoke to the loyalty and joy he carried for his team. Ben is survived by his beloved wife, the love of his life, Debra Jean Speares, whom he shared 34 wonderful years of marriage. He is survived by his sons, Joshua “Josh” Hayden Speares and Jacob “Jake” Emanuel Speares, and Jacob’s wife Ansley, along with their soon-to-be-born son, Rhett Emanuel Speares Ben is lovingly remembered by his cherished mother, Margaret “Maggie” King Miller (who was always by his side during his illness) (Tim), . He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Emanuel Speares, Jr. (Evelyn), maternal grandparents, John and Betsy King of Anderson, his paternal grandmother, Frances Boggs Speares of Irmo, who survives him; his grandfather, Joe Emanuel Speares, Sr., preceded him. Ben’s siblings include JoLynn “JoJo” Speares Hinz (Ty); nieces, Maggie, Kathryn and nephew, Anderson; Daniel Scott Speares (Olivia); nieces, Bailey and Reese; Jennifer Speares Lehman (T); nephew, Crew; and niece, Cooper; Aimee Speares Sanders (Alan); nieces, Gracie and Aleigh-Jo; Allison “Ally-Cat” Speares Kimberling (his guardian Angel) (Bill); nieces, Maddie Collins and Meghan. He was preceded by his brother, John Joseph “Josh” Speares. A celebration of Ben’s life was held 18 July 2025 at Barr-Price Funeral Home in Lexington, SC. In lieu of flowers, the family asks friends and loved ones plant a tree in Ben’s honor, a living tribute to his passion for watching things grow. May these trees serve as lasting symbols of his Faith, his joy, and the roots he helped plant in the hearts of so many. Though Ben is no longer with us in body, his spirit endures, in the rustling of the leaves, in the laughter of family and friends and in the roar of a Saturday crowd at Death Valley. Go Tigers! Beloved Son, Husband, Father, Brother and Uncle Peter Benjamin Speares

Johnny Copeland

ABBEVILLE — Johnny S. ‘Pappy’ Copeland, 68, of Abbeville, died Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at his home. He was born in Abbeville to Rosemary Hodges Copeland and the late James Eugene ‘Gene’ Copeland.

A 1975 graduate of Abbeville High School, Johnny continued his education by attending Presbyterian College. He was currently employed with Centerline Engineered Solutions (formerly KSC) in Greenwood. Johnny demonstrated dedication to his work and enjoyed building relationships with his colleagues.



JOHNNY COPELAND

He lived life to the fullest and had an infectious personality that captivated everyone around him. Johnny was known for sharing amusing stories that would bring laughter to any gathering. His storytelling was matched only by his vivacious personality, often engaging friends at Wings 101, where memories were spun around the restaurant. A highlight of Johnny’s life was his deep-rooted passion for sports, especially through his role as a Dixie Youth coach for baseball and football. Throughout his life, he embraced a range of sporting activities, participating in various sports himself. Johnny was an avid golf and fishing enthusiast, finding joy on the greens of the McCormick Country Club, where he often played alongside his close-knit group of friends. These moments were marked by laughter, companionship and a love for the game.

His legacy is one of vibrant tales and the bonds of friendship that ensure his spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. Johnny was a member of Abbeville Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his sister, Marcia Lynn Copeland.

Johnny is survived by his mother, Rosemary Copeland; son, John Rhett Copeland; daughter, Missy Copeland Williams (Bruce); four grandchildren, Seth Williams, Brice Williams, Alayna Copeland and EmmaKate Copeland; longtime companion and friend, Tammy Suttles; and numerous friends.

The family will receive friends 2:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2025, at Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Tony Temple officiating. Burial will follow in Long Cane Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Johnny, may be sent to the Abbeville County Animal Shelter, 79 Old Calhoun Falls Road, Abbeville, SC 29620.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Copeland family.

Condolences can be submitted indexjournal.com/obituaries

DO JUST ONE THING

Scrap gold is a valuable material that can easily be traded in for cold, hard cash. But if you think pure gold can only come from broken jewelry or coins, think again: You might have some scrap gold in unexpected places. One unusual place is old dentures! They contain scrap gold and silver that can be salvaged easily and recycled. It’s not a lot of precious metal - about \$25 worth, typically - but it’s still worth taking old dentures to a store to turn into cash.

GREENWOOD COUNTY

- Orma “Sissie” Bowie, Greenwood.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY

- Johnny Copeland, Abbeville.
- Benjamin ‘Banjo’ Powell, Jr., Abbeville.

INSIDE SOUTH CAROLINA

- Peter Benjamin Speares, Lexington.

VISITATIONS TODAY

- POWELL, JR., Benjamin, following burial in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

SERVICES TODAY

- POWELL, JR., Benjamin, 2, Harris Funeral Home Chapel.

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Benjamin ‘Banjo’ Powell Jr.

ABBEVILLE – Benjamin ‘Banjo’ Powell, Jr., 75, of Abbeville, husband of Myra Alexander Powell, died Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at his home. He was born in Abbeville to the late Benjamin Bonnon Powell, Sr. and Nancy Harris Powell.



BENJAMIN ‘BANJO’ POWELL, JR.

Banjo, as he was affectionately known, was a 1968 graduate of Abbeville High School. He served with honor in the United States Marines, demonstrating his commitment to his country with pride. Banjo was employed with the CSX Railroad, retiring after 36 years of dedicated service. It was in his role as a faithful member of South Side Baptist Church where his passion for service truly flourished. For 22 years, he devoted his time as a Sunday School teacher for the youth, sharing his knowledge and instilling in them important values. He also served as an usher for 30 years, welcoming worshippers with a friendly smile. Banjo’s involvement did not end there; he contributed significantly to Children’s Church, Vacation Bible School and served as a bus driver for the church, always being known as the ‘go to guy’ for anything that needed doing. His favorite verse of scripture was Hebrews 13:5 — “Let your conduct be without covetousness; and be content with such things as you have: for he hath said, “I will never leave you nor forsake thee.”

Banjo had a passion for golf, a sport he thoroughly enjoyed. His love for the game often led him to spend time with friends and family, where countless memories were created. His life serves as a testament to the power of serving others and he will be fondly remembered by all whose lives he touched.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Brandon Wilson and an infant sister, Bonnie Jane Powell.

Banjo is survived by his wife of 49 years, Myra, of the home; daughter-in-law, Kerry B. Wilson of Abbeville; sister, Jane Powell of Greenwood; and three grandchildren, Brady, Jaycie and Kellar Wilson.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2025, in the Harris Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Dr. Joel Bradberry officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends following the burial.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Banjo, may be sent to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646 or the Humane Society of Abbeville County, PO Box 256, Abbeville, SC 29620.

The family is at the home in Abbeville.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting Powell family.

Orma ‘Sissie’ Bowie

Orma Mae “Sissie” Bowie, 80, of Greenwood, widow of Louie Blanchett Bowie passed away Sunday, July 20, 2025, at her home.

Born on June 3, 1945, in Beckley, WV, she was a daughter of the late Harold Copeland and Mildred Kirby Brooks. Sissie was a beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend.

She led a life filled with love and joy, embracing the simple pleasures that life offered. Known for her feistiness and infectious sense of humor, she found great delight in her everyday activities. Whether she was listening to her favorite tunes or indulging in her fondness for thrift shopping, Sissie’s spirit remained vibrant and alive. Her love for the outdoors shone brightly as she spent countless hours tending to her yard and nurturing her beautiful garden. She had a weakness for the flavors of Mexico, often sharing delicious meals at Ernestos with family and friends. Family was the cornerstone of her life. She cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, creating a legacy of love that will live on through them. Her heart deeply resided with her family and furry companions, including her beloved dog, Lulu, and her feathery friend, Lovey. A member of Lakeside Pentecostal Church, Sissie’s faith guided her through life, providing her strength and community.



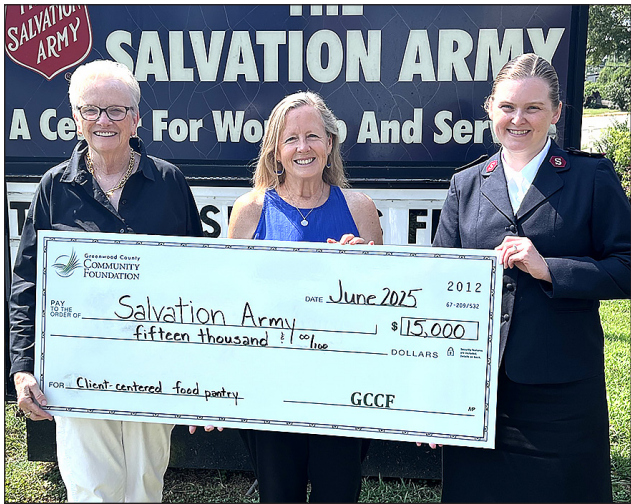
ORMA MAE “SISSIE” BOWIE

She is survived by her children, Stevie Wayne Bowie, Greg Bowie, and Libby Bowie; sister, Beverly Brooks; grandchildren, Steven Wayne Bowie, Michael Brandon Bowie, Jessica Bowie Ward, and Summer Edwards; and numerous great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Funderburk and two brothers, Ronald Lee Copeland and Gary Brooks. The family will have a memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28th at Lakeside Pentecostal Church with Pastor Billy Wells officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service. Memorials may be made to Humane Society of Greenwood, PO Box 49776, Greenwood, SC 29649 (www.gwdhumanesociety.org).

Harley Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the Bowie family. Messages and photos may be shared with the family by visiting Sissie’s life tribute page at www.harleyfuneralhome.com.



Salvation Army gets GCCF funding

Greenwood County Community Foundation (GCCF) recently awarded Capacity Building and Operational Support funding to the Salvation Army towards the development of their client-centered food pantry, a new model for providing services to clients based on individual choice. Shown, from left, are Gay McHugh, GCCF board member; Mary Woodiwiss, GCCF director of Grants and Projects; Capt. Sarah Quinn, Salvation Army Corps officer. Submitted by Mary Woodiwiss



Storm Eye visits Lions

Greenwood Lions Club was recently visited by staff members from the Storm Eye Institute in Charleston. From left, Dr. Shahid Husain is a professor and researcher whose specialties include glaucoma. Sudha Singh is a lab manager at the institute. They are welcomed by Al West, Greenwood Lions Club president. The Storm Eye Institute is supported by Lions. The Storm Eye Institute covers all aspects of eye care, from clinical and surgical care to research, education and population health. More information is available at: <https://muschealth.org/medical-services/eye-care> Submitted by Randy Culbertson

Loy Martin to speak to historical society

The Greenwood County Historical Society will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday July 27 in the Fellowship Hall of Main Street United Methodist Church, 211 Main St N., for its July summer meeting. GCHS member Loy Sartin, who lives in the Phoenix Community, will be the speaker. His topic

will be “The Extraordinary Life of Dr Stephen Olin of Vermont.”

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and become engaged in the local historical society. Come and learn more about our county.

Submitted by Chip Tinsley

Hometown Heroes project to kick off on Sept. 11

The City of Greenwood and the Star Fort Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) are again hanging banners that recognize and pay tribute to our local military service personnel. Double-sided vinyl 18-by-36 inch banners, with individual photographs of men and women in uniform (two veterans per banner), with their service branch and specific war/conflict will be displayed on lamp posts around the Uptown area of Greenwood, specifically along Maxwell Avenue, Oregon Avenue and a portion of Main Street.

A ceremony to honor the hanging banners is planned for Thursday, Sept. 11, which is designated Patriot Day.

There are still brackets that are available to hang new banners. To be eligible to have a banner, the person to be recognized must reside or have resided in Greenwood County. The individual must be serving on active duty or an honorably discharged veteran, alive or deceased, from the U.S. military services. Veterans from World War I through the current Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) are eligible.

An application for a banner is available on the Greenwood city website, <https://www.cityofgreenwoodsc.com>. Once at the

site click on Community and the link to Hometown Heroes. Paper applications are located at the Greenwood County Veterans Affairs Office, 106 S. Main St. (see the Veteran Service Officer Roslyn Burke). The cost is \$85 per veteran paid by individual veterans, families, private donations or businesses and is tax-deductible.

A family with two veterans could purchase an entire banner for \$170. Along with payment, submission of a DD 214 form or World War II discharge form (proof of service) and photograph of the veteran in uniform (a headshot will work best) is required. Current active duty personnel or their family members can only apply with a paper application. They will show their current military ID card or show a photocopy in the case of a family member applying, when they return their completed application, plus payment, to the VSO. To have a banner hung by this year’s Patriot Day, applications must be submitted by Friday, Aug. 15.

For information contact Terry Greenfield at tgreenfield@wctel.com or telephone 864-377-9053 or Art Wallace at arthurwallac@gmail.com or telephone 808-554-5760.

Submitted by Mike Coleman

The Swiss Army knife of education savings – part 2

You may remember that my last column explored the many advantages of 529 education savings plans — everything from tax benefits to investment flexibility. Thanks to legislative changes, a 529 plan can now be used for more than just educational expenses.



JOHN COOPER
FINANCIAL ADVISER

Enhanced changes under SECURE Act 2.0

Passed by Congress on Dec. 23, 2022, and signed into law by President Biden six days later, The SECURE Act 2.0 is a sweeping, 400-page reform aimed at strengthening retirement savings while simplifying plan rules. One of the lesser known, but impactful, enhancements: the ability to roll over unused 529 funds to a Roth IRA.

529 Plan tax rules: Then and now

Before The Secure Act 2.0, withdrawing 529 funds could trigger taxes and penalties. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 allowed 529 funds to be used for K-12 tuition at public, private, or religious elementary and secondary schools. However, to avoid taxes and penalties, any excess funds in a 529 plan must be transferred from the current beneficiary's 529 to a family member's 529. Fortunately, "family member" is broadly defined and includes parents, siblings (and step-siblings), aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and more.

Section 126 of the act changes the game. It allows 529 funds to be rolled over tax-free into a Roth IRA under certain conditions. In a bold statement, the legislation states: "Families who sacrifice and save in 529 accounts should not be punished with tax and penalty years later if the beneficiary has found an alternative way to pay for their education. They should be able to retain their savings and begin their retirement account on a positive note." This offers beneficiaries the opportunity to jumpstart their retirement savings!

Rollover rules and limitations

To prevent misuse, the law imposes certain limitations:

- The 529 plan must be open for 15 years prior to rolling funds into a Roth IRA.

- The lifetime rollover amount is capped at \$35,000.
- The 529 beneficiary must own the Roth IRA receiving the rollover.
- 529 contributions made in the five years before the rollover are not eligible.
- The beneficiary must have earned income at least equal to the amount being rolled over in that tax year.

Key benefits: The power of Roth IRAs

The Roth IRA provides powerful tax benefits:

- Tax-free growth: Earnings within a Roth IRA are never taxed.
- Tax-free withdrawals: If account rules are followed, distributions in retirement are tax-free. This makes Roth IRAs an ideal long-term savings option.

Here's an example: Suppose a 529 plan was funded before a child turned seven. By age 22, a college graduate could rollover up to \$35,000 into a Roth IRA. If left to grow for 40-plus years while earning a conservative 5% annual return, that account could grow to more than \$240,000. Add just \$100 per month for those 40 years, and the account could swell to nearly \$400,000 — with a lifetime contribution of \$83,000.

A planning tool for the ages

The Secure Act 2.0 has transformed the 529 education savings plan into a "Swiss Army knife" planning tool for both education and retirement. Now more than ever, some early planning can impact a loved one's future in ways you never imagined! As always, I suggest you consult a trusted financial advisor to discuss the best options for your situation.

John Cooper, CFP, is a senior private client advisor at Greenwood Capital Associates, LLC.

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Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards, right, congratulates Stanley Marshall after he was declared the winner in the runoff race for the Abbeville City Council District 1 seat.

Marshall wins runoff election for Abbeville city council seat

By Robert Jordan
rjordan@indexjournal.com

ABBEVILLE — Stanley Marshall will represent District 1 on Abbeville City Council.

He won Tuesday's runoff at the Abbeville Civic Center with 105 votes to Joshua Baughman's 70. Louise Aiken vacated the seat after she moved out of the district that has 385 registered voters, according to Abbeville County Elections Director Jata-vius Coleman.

The runoff was required after a 55-55 tie in the June 3 special election. Turnout in the special

election was about 28.5%, while turnout in the runoff was about 45%, Coleman said.

Historically, the average turnout for a special election is 20-25%, Baughman said. In a general election, you can expect 30-35%.

"The outcome may not be what we had hoped for. However, I am incredibly proud of everyone for participating ... and making your voices heard," Baughman said in a Facebook



JOSHUA BAUGHMAN

post Tuesday night.

Baughman said a lot of people were unaware of the first election and, on Monday, he was surprised to learn some people had forgotten about the runoff.

The past two weeks have been a challenge, Marshall said. Four people worked on his campaign and the goal was to have boots on the ground.

Marshall declined to say what he plans to do as a council member until he gets fully involved and learns how everything works.

Stumbo raises over \$67,000 in initial report exploring campaign for state attorney general

From staff reports

South Carolina 8th Circuit Solicitor Republican David Stumbo, a lifelong criminal prosecutor, has filed an initial campaign disclosure report showing more than \$67,000 raised in a 24-hour period to explore a run for attorney general.

South Carolina law requires all candidate committees to file an initial disclosure report after they raise or spend \$500. The report, filed with the South Carolina State Ethics Commission and limited to a 24-hour

window, reflects a surge in early enthusiasm and kicks off an exploratory period, when Stumbo will travel the state, meet with voters, and continue raising support in compliance with state law.

"I have been amazed and humbled by the outpouring of support from friends, law enforcement, victims' advocates and fellow South Carolinians who believe we need principled, conserva-



DAVID STUMBO

tive leadership in the Attorney General's office," Stumbo said. "This is not a decision I take lightly; and, over the coming months, my family and I will continue to prayerfully consider how I can best serve the state I love."

While the announcement stops short of a formal campaign launch — Stumbo's early momentum, from the substantial initial fundraising haul and the backing by a statewide network of grassroots supporters and legal professionals, signals strong interest in his potential candidacy.

THURSDAY'S PUZZLES FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THEM

Daily Crossword
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Rehabilitation

ACROSS
1 Levy
4 Part of CPA
8 Bursts
12 Little guitar
13 — monster
14 Competent
50 Open
53 Earth goddess
16 Rich soil
17 Booty
18 Battery terminal
20 Actor — Snipes
22 — moss
24 Payable
25 Group of Atlantic islands
28 Engrave
31 Eastern potentate
32 Undivided
34 Sunbeam
36 Nothing at all
37 Versatile bean
38 Fiber plant

DOWN
1 Band instrument
2 Related
3 Love of all things foreign
39 "All hands on —!"
42 "Death — Her"
44 Legal matter
46 Dull
47 Sermonize
50 Open
53 Earth goddess
54 Hindu queen
56 Football's — Parseghian
57 "Woe is me!"
58 Eye part
59 Essential
60 Northernmost region
61 Prop for Sherlock
62 Curved letter

Answer to Previous Puzzle
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8 Straw bed
9 Double reed instrument
10 Trick
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21 Take legal action
23 New Mexico art colony
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33 Observed
35 Reality show "—, Chef!"
38 Actress — Crawford
40 Wrinkle
41 Parrot
43 Voyage at sea
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51 Greek god
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SUDOKU
To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Tuesday to Sunday.

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Answer to puzzle
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8 E 6 7 1 5 4 2 9
Z 7 4 1 5 8 E 9 6
5 9 1 6 E 7 8 4 2
6 8 E 9 Z 4 7 5 1
1 Z 7 4 6 E 9 8 5
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: “You know a real friend? Someone you know will look after your cat after you are gone.” — William S. Burroughs

TODAY'S CLUE: *g s l e n b u*

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Why does life suck?

HI am in a bit of a rough patch. It seems like absolutely nothing is going my way. Just when I seem to have a little bit of extra money, my car breaks down like one thing after another. I just can't seem to get out of the funk. How do I keep a positive attitude for my family and myself without it being fake? How can



ASK CASEY
CASEY MLINAR
I do feel that

this is one of those times where we can put a little bit of the blame on social media. And maybe our generations. I think that with anything, there are goods and bads. And one of the bads of social media is that you only see a glimpse of certain people's lives every day. And for the most part, it's positive. I know I am so guilty of this. But it's not because I don't want people to see the hard. It's honestly because I have very little time to post.

I reached out to a few friends to help with this because I knew my take on this question may not be helpful to all.

"I think that writing a thankful journal has helped me more than anything. I started numerous years ago one thanksgiving and never stopped. It allows me to flip back and forth over the last few days, months and years to see all the things i was thankful for." — K

"One thing I do to keep my mind centered is volunteering. I know this isn't possible for everyone, but you could take just a small step. Write someone a note. Bake them some cookies. Or volunteer to answer phones at a ministry or non-profit. Helping others always puts things in perspective." — T

My therapy is creativity. Painting. Coloring. Writing this article. All are ways things I use to stay positive. But I believe that positive thinking all the time is just not possible. It's OK to be upset, mad or even angry. As long as you don't stay there.

And knowing that you are in a funk is probably one of the best ways to combat it. Identify it, say it out loud. I promise it will help.

Thinking of you! — Casey

Ask Casey is written by Casey Mlinar. Casey is a mom of three and wife to Ryan. She is a fulltime photographer and owns Blissful Photography. You can find her business and family pages on social media. Send all questions to askcasey@indexjournal.com

I put a smile on my face every day so that my kids don't have to see me sad? Give me some good tips on how to stay positive. — Leslie, South Carolina

HI LESLIE:
I do feel that



Visiting history

Visitors to Abbeville's Burt-Stark House on July 12 came from Abbeville, McCormick and Marietta in South Carolina and from Pennsylvania, Nevada and Kentucky. Abbeville's National Historic Landmark is open for tours from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Submitted by Charles Morgan

Stubborn is as stubborn does

"Then they will not be like their ancestors—stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God."

— Psalm 78:8 NLT

Something magical happened when my grandfather whispered the words, "Giddy up."

I've seen only a few mules in my lifetime. Yet being familiar with the saying, "stubborn as a mule," gives me a clue about their personality. My grandfather knew mules and their nature. His father died when he was 12, leaving him to run the family farm. An uncle helped him, but for some reason,



MARTIN WILES
BUFFALO BAPTIST CHURCH

mules didn't appreciate Uncle Ransom. When he gave the command to "giddy up," they didn't budge — at least, most of the time. Or if they did, they stubbornly plowed a crooked row. When my grandfather asked, however, they plowed in straight rows. Something in Uncle Ransom's nature brought out the stubbornness of the mule's nature.

Later, after my grandfather gave up farming and began delivering ice, then

milk and finally ice cream, he encountered stubbornness once again — and benefited from it.

Some business owners were quite challenging to work with because of their stubborn nature. What other salesmen couldn't deal with and threw up their hands to, my grandfather confronted with his patient nature and won them over as customers.

God also encountered stubbornness, but not so much in pagans. He discovered it in his chosen people. The people he had called out from among all people groups of the world. The people to whom he delivered a Promised Land. The people he delivered from four hundred years of slavery. Instead of worshipping him, they often stubbornly followed the wicked ways of their unbelieving neighbors.

I can name a few times when I've been stubborn as well. Wanted to do things my way instead of God's way. Thought I knew best. God gave me good examples to follow, and I stubbornly chose the bad instead.

Stubbornness keeps us out of God's will. Like a mule, we'll refuse to budge toward God's revealed will, or we'll plow a crooked row of inconsistency in obedience. When we're out of God's will, paucity follows. God's

blessings can't — or won't — flow when we're living in stubborn disobedience.

God suggests a cure: remember his blessings of the past and obey his commands. When we do this, we'll "giddy up" — and gladly, when God whispers the command.

Don't let stubbornness cause you to miss out on God's best.

Martin Wiles, founder of Love Lines from God, lives in Greenwood. He serves as managing editor for Christian Devotions and as a proof-editor for Courier Publishing. Wiles is the pastor of Buffalo Baptist Church in McCormick.

Perfecting Baptist to have revival

Perfecting Baptist Church, 111 Crosscreek Connector, will celebrate its annual two-day revival July 27-28, beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday. There also will be services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Brunch will be served at noon.

Speakers for the revival we Apostle Deborah Chiles, who will speak at 8 a.m. Sunday; Past G. Curtis Patterson, who will preach at 11 a.m.; and Pastor Dennis Jackson will preach at 2 p.m.

Pastor Bernard Mormon will preach at 7 p.m. Monday during the final service of the revival.

RELIGION DIGEST

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Old Mt. Zion to host revival services

Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Epworth is hosting revival services beginning Sunday, Aug. 10 with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10 with minister Donavan Bush of Springfield Baptist Church in Calhoun Falls, and homecoming service at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Quincy Baylor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenwood.

The revivalist for the week is the Rev. Martris Mims of Old Storm Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Clearwater. He will preach beginning at 7 p.m. Aug. 12-14.

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FRIDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

DAILY CROSSWORD

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

Previous Solution: "I can't write without a reader. It's precisely like a kiss -- you can't do it alone." -- John Cheever

ONE BITE AND YOU'LL KNOW



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The comedy “Caddyshack,” starring Chevy Chase, Bill Murray, Rodney Dangerfield and Ted Knight, was the directing debut of Harold Ramis, who’d go on to direct “National Lampoon’s Vacation” and “Groundhog Day.”

The film, about a battle between snobby golf club members and disruptive “nouveau riche” guests, would be described by ESPN as “perhaps the funniest sports movie ever made.”

“Caddyshack” opened in theaters on June 25, 1980 — 45 years ago.

FOR THIS BUNCH, COMEDY WAS PAR FOR THE COURSE

The original plan for “Caddyshack” was a film that focused on caddies. Two of the project’s writers, Harold Ramis and Bryan Doyle-Murray — plus one of its actors, Doyle-Murray’s brother, Bill Murray — had worked as caddies during their high school years.

Ramis and Doyle-Murray teamed up with National Lampoon magazine founder and editor Douglas Kenney to write the story and pitched it to studios as “‘Animal House,’ but on a golf course.”

But as the project progressed, they realized they’d benefit from some star power. Subplots were added, as were actors Chevy Chase, Rodney Dangerfield and Bill Murray.



The team that wrote “Caddyshack”: Harold Ramis — who also directed the film — Bryan Doyle-Murray — who played a supporting role — and Douglas Kenney.

Once filming was underway, the subplots involving the snobby head of the golf club and the obnoxious man who was considering buying the place to expand his development next door were expanded. The bits

starring the caddies shrunk accordingly. By the time the bulk of the film was shot, it was clear the plot had fallen apart. Ramis then added bits featuring the groundskeeper and a gopher to try to tie things together.

But while the morphing of the plot most definitely worked, Kenney was displeased with the result. He felt like the original story had been butchered. He went on vacation in Hawaii after the movie wrapped and fell off a cliff to his death. Kenney was 33.

“Caddyshack” opened on July 25, 1980, and grossed \$31 million on its opening weekend — more than five times its budget. It would go on to pull in nearly \$40 million in North America.

Orion Pictures commissioned a sequel to be released in 1988, but only Chase returned from the original. Sports Illustrated would call “Caddyshack II” “one of the worst sequels of all time.”

‘SO I’VE GOT THAT GOIN’ FOR ME. WHICH IS NICE ...’

“Caddyshack” is set on and around a golf course in an unnamed city in Nebraska. But it was filmed over an 11-week period in late 1979 on a course in Davie, Florida, just west of Fort Lauderdale. Ramis selected that location because he found no palm trees on the course. Filming was disrupted in September when Hurricane David made landfall nearby.



Dangerfield hadn’t done much film work at that point and reportedly didn’t quite understand the custom of a director using the command “action.” Ramis eventually learned to simply look at Dangerfield and say “OK, Rodney, do your bit.” Don Rickles had also been considered for the role of Al Czervik.

Mickey Rourke was considered for the part of caddy Danny Noonan, but studio executives found him not funny enough. Michael O’Keefe — who would be nominated for an Academy Award for his work the previous year in “The Great Santini” — landed the role. O’Keefe says for years afterward, he stayed away from golf courses because of the crowds he’d draw.



Ramis brought in friends and colleagues to play various nonspeaking background parts. In the dinner party scene at left, for example, that’s former Sha-na-na vocalist Scott “Santini” Powell in the white tuxedo. To the right of him, bending over and wearing glasses, is the co-writer of “Caddyshack,” Kenney.

Originally, the part of Carl Spackler had no lines. When Bill Murray was hired, Ramis encouraged him to improvise dialogue. The “Cinderella story” sequence was just two lines of stage direction in the script. Murray picked up a gardening tool and improvised 30 minutes of faux Masters commentary that was trimmed down for the film.



The studio hired John Dykstra — who had overseen effects for the original “Star Wars” movie — and his company to create effects for the movie, including lightning and the explosion. They also built the gopher puppet and the tunnels through which he moved. The sounds the gopher made were actually dolphin chirps, taken from the 1960s TV series “Flipper.”

As Ramis was wrapping up shooting the film, he suddenly realized his two biggest stars — Murray and Chase — didn’t have a scene together. The three of them met and wrote the scene together over lunch. Murray and Chase hadn’t gotten along when they worked together on “Saturday Night Live,” but they no problem filming that one scene.



The golf club didn’t want its course blown up, so Dykstra’s team built a big hill that could be blended in to the background. The pyrotechnic subcontractor used more explosives than it was supposed to, which created an impressive blast. But the explosion was so large that airplane pilots flying nearby reported a possible plane crash.

RELEASED					
July 25, 1980	Caddyshack	\$39.8 m			
July 29, 1983	National Lampoon’s Vacation	\$61.4 m			
July 11, 1986	\$12.3 m Club Paradise				
Feb. 12, 1993	Groundhog Day	\$71.1 m			
April 12, 1995	\$911,310 Stuart Saves His Family				
July 17, 1996	Multiplicity	\$20.1 m			
March 5, 1999	Analyze This				\$106.9 m
Oct. 20, 2000	Bedazzled	\$37.9 m			
Dec. 6, 2002	Analyze That	\$32.1 m			
Nov. 23, 2005	\$9.0 m The Ice Harvest				
June 19, 2009	Year One	\$43.3 m			
			DOMESTIC BOX OFFICE GROSSES		
				HAROLD RAMIS’ MOVIES AT THE BOX OFFICE	
				While Orion Pictures was delighted with the profits “Caddyshack” brought in, Ramis would go on to direct movies that grossed even more.	
				In addition, Ramis worked as a writer or co-writer for films such as “Animal House,” “Meatballs” and “Ghostbusters” and directed four episodes of “The Office.”	

Sources: “The Book of Caddyshack” by Scott Martin, “Roger Ebert’s Movie Home Companion,” Internet Movie Database, Box Office Mojo, Turner Classic Movies, Mental Floss, ScreenRant, MovingTheRiver.com

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LAKELANDS WEATHER

Today



Sunny, hot
High: 96
Low: 75
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Saturday



Sunny, hot
High: 99
Low: 77
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Sunday



Sunny, hot
High: 102
Low: 77
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Monday



Sunny, hot
High: 102
Low: 77
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Tuesday



Sunny, hot
High: 101
Low: 77
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Wednesday



Sunny, hot
High: 102
Low: 77
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Lake levels (in feet)

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+/- full pool: -2.14
Greenwood: 439.17
+/- full pool: -0.83

Hartwell: 658.12
+/- full pool: -1.88
Keowee: 97.46
+/- full pool: -2.54

Marion: 75.48
+/- full pool: -1.32
Murray: 357.99
+/- full pool: -2.01

Russell: 474.25
+/- full pool: -0.75
Wateree: 97.25
+/- full pool: n/a



Kim Sears, a special education assistant at Ninety Six High School, earned the title of District Support Staff of the Year in Greenwood County School District 52. From left are Sears and David Schoolfield, assistant superintendent of instruction.

SEARS

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Since then, she’s poured her heart into helping students feel seen, heard and supported.

Inside the classroom, she helps teachers find the right balance between guidance and independence.

Outside of it, she partners with families, sharing progress, advocating for resources and celebrating even the smallest wins.

When challenges arise, Sears doesn’t back down. She speaks up.

“I try to get everybody to see their ability, not their disability,” Sears said. “I believe my role is to be the voice.”

She argues that when students feel supported, they can overcome almost any obstacles and hopes for a future where inclusion is second nature.

“I think true inclusion happens when students with special needs are not just present but engaged and are celebrated for their strengths,” Sears said. “Every child has a gift, and they are amazing. You just have to have patience and love, and that gift will come out.”

But Sears is quick to say she’s not doing it alone. She credits the entire Ninety Six community, teachers, administrators and staff, for creating an environment where everybody works together like “one big family.”

Over the years, Sears says the stu-

dents she’s supported have forever shaped her heart and blessed her life in ways she never anticipated.

The impact is clear to Angela Cogburn, whose son, Timmy, has worked closely with Sears since primary school.

Cogburn shared that Sears has “not only been a tremendous influence in Timmy’s life,” but has become an integral part of their family.

“She’s a great support and cheerleader for Timmy and his siblings,” Cogburn said. “She’s interested in their successes and truly cares in the struggles. We love her very much.”

When Cogburn learned Sears had received the award, she was reminded just how blessed they are to have her in their lives.

“She serves others selflessly and with excellence,” Cogburn said. “Kim goes beyond the expected. She’s a loving advocate for special needs students and a tremendous source of encouragement to those who know her. I feel like God has given us the best.”

Cogburn hopes others recognize that Sears’ loyalty and years of service are “more than a career, it’s a divine calling.”

“Her servant’s heart has impacted the entire district,” Cogburn said.

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SCHOOL

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ademically and athletically. ... There’s a lot of potential with these kids on both fronts, and I think this year we’re going to see these kids reach some feats that haven’t been reached in a while around here.”

And in Ware Shoals, students were buzzing with first-day excitement.

Senior Myleigh Hedden said she’s pumped for football games this year since she’s cheering on the sidelines.

Kayleigh, a ninth grader, said she’s excited to make good grades and reconnect with her Ware Shoals community.

But it wasn’t just teachers and students who woke up early.

Members of the Epsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc greeted students with smiles and encouragement during morning drop-off at Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School.

This year, the fraternity is renewing a pre-pandemic mentoring partnership with the school, one they’re eager to bring back to life.

“We just want to be a part of the May family,” James R. Jones, committee chairman of the Benjamin E. Mays Elementary Mentor Project, said. “This is just the beginning.”

And if Day 1 is any sign, it’s go-



Mathews Elementary School students explored their school on a first-day tour full of curiosity.



Edgewood Middle School students tuned in as teachers laid out the ground rules and goals for the year.

ing to be a great year, for students, teachers and all of Greenwood County.

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Members of the Epsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, INC greeted students with high-fives and smiles as they hopped out of cars at Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School.

LONG

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great teachers in all four schools in our district. All are so deserving of this award. We have a great administration that supports us, and I love being able to work beside and with these people every day.”

For Long, teaching has never felt like a job.

“I don’t think I’ve ever worked a day in my life,” Long said. “When you love what you do, it’s really not work, it’s fun. I enjoy being around the kids and building those relationships with them. It’s such a great experience every day.”

His love for history began early, but it deepened during college.

At Lander University, where he earned a degree in history with an emphasis in secondary education in 2014, Long encountered professors who didn’t just teach history, they told it like a story. That changed everything.



During a Greenwood County School District 52 Opening School Program, the district presented Nick Long and Kim Sears with plaques, gifts, and a resolution from the Statehouse recognizing them as the 2024–25 District Teacher of the Year and Support Teacher of the Year, respectively. From left are state Rep. Daniel Gibson, state Rep. John McCravy, Long, Sears and state Sen. Billy Garrett.

“Everybody loves a good story,” Long said. “I like to think of myself as a storyteller and a teacher. I think it keeps the kids engaged.”

In 2024, he earned a master’s degree in instructional technology, just another step in his belief that teachers should never stop learning.

Now entering his 12th year in education, Long strives to model the very lessons he teaches: growth, resilience and adaptation.

“With teaching, there’s a lot of trial and error,” Long said. “It’s okay to fail sometimes. It’s just learning from your mistakes and how to

adapt year to year. I think that’s the big thing, just learning every day. Every class is different and every year changes.

More than anything, Long hopes his students and the athletes he coaches in football know they’ll always have someone in their corner.

“When they’ve graduated, I want them to know that they can still come and talk to me,” Long said. “I’m still here for them well beyond the classroom. Whether that’s providing a reference for a job or if they have questions in college, my door is always open. I tell all the seniors every year before they graduate, I’m just an email away.”

Mathew Bennett, head football coach at Ninety Six High, said he sees the impact Long makes every day.

“On and off the field, Coach Long does a phenomenal job in bringing passion into his teaching. You can tell he cares about history. You can tell he cares about the quarterback’s footwork.

That passion is something the kids feed off of.”

Bennett called Long his “right hand man” and said his work ethic sets him apart.

“He’s been my assistant head coach, special teams coordinator, wide receivers coach, and now quarterback coach and offensive coordinator,” Bennett said. “His willingness to learn and do the extra work helps him stand out. He’s one of the hardest workers I’ve ever worked with.”

And for Long, that dedication is rooted in his love for small-town life.

“I love the small town,” Long said. “It’s a close-knit community, and I believe because it’s so close, everybody truly cares about each other. Everybody knows everybody’s name, and I like that. It’s like one big family.”

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Side by side

Longtime teammates Reed, Heaton led Post 20 this season

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Nothing separated them for nearly a decade.

On the diamond, on the field, in the classroom, on the bus. Leland Reed and Kade Heaton have been side by side for much of their childhood.

That inseparable duo, stars for Greenwood Christian and the Post 20 baseball teams, did it together.

“We’ve always played the same positions, even since little league. Something clicked and it’s never left,” Reed said.

They were nine years old when their on-the-field relationship began. Reed at shortstop, Heaton at second base — sometimes flip-flopped — they’ve spent the last almost decade learning from each other. And laughing with each other. And being the best of friends.

Just one batter and one percentage point was the difference in the stars’ batting average this summer. Heaton slugged a .366 average for Post 20. Reed? .365.

“I know what he’s going to do before he knows what he’s going to do,” Heaton said.

Whether on the baseball diamond, the football field or in the classroom, they always knew what the other one was thinking — what their next move

was going to be.

Heaton graduated from Greenwood Christian this year, so the pair made sure to savor each and every of their last moments on the field together.

Reed took a second to compose himself before talking about what he’s going to miss most with Heaton no longer by his side on the field.

“I’m just gonna miss his energy and

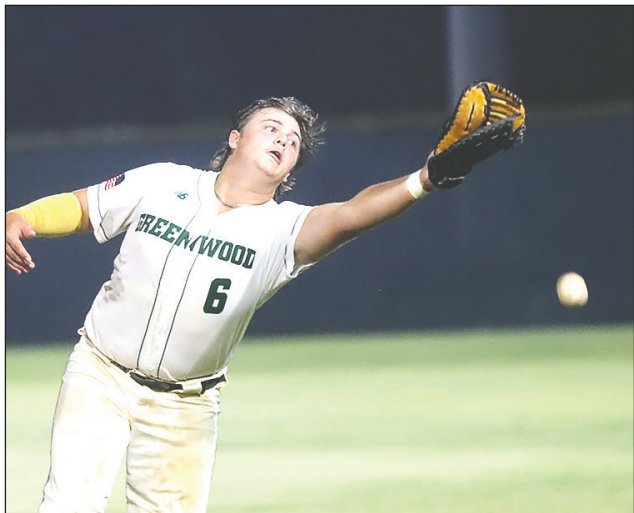
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Leland Reed, left, and Kade Heaton shared the field for the last time Tuesday in Post 20’s loss to Inman Post 45. **INSET:** Since they were 9, Leland Reed and Kade Heaton have been inseparable teammates.



Post 20 baseball’s season comes to end in 9-inning heartbreaker



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Post 20’s Rhett Brown stretches out to catch a fly ball Tuesday.

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Greenwood Post 20’s toughest opponent all season was itself. With the season hanging in the balance Tuesday, the Braves again had to beat the Braves.

Separate five-run deficits after misplays, a missed sign stopping a late rally, being unable to seal the game twice in extras with runners in scoring position. That’s just a few of the situations that created tireless looks on Greenwood’s bench during its near-five hour contest against Inman Post 45.

Despite loading the bases in the ninth inning, staging another improbable two out rally as midnight approached, Post 20’s time on the diamond this summer came to an end in a 14-12 defeat.

“That game definitely felt like the story of the season, you know, shooting ourselves in the foot a lot of times and having to try and battle back,” Post 20 coach Ryne Slack said. “Just getting behind the eight ball and trying to find a way just to scrap it out. And, you know, we did come back twice tonight. Ultimately, just couldn’t finish the job and get it done.”

After a rain delay of almost an hour, Post 45 quickly poured it on — a frustratingly familiar sight for Post 20. An inability to get out of first innings has plagued the Braves over the past few weeks especially, and despite Post 45 hitting just one ball straight into the outfield, it put up five runs in the opening inning. Three came directly off a wild throw to first base by Post 20’s Parker Sutley. Sutley responded, though, sur-

rendering just one earned run thereafter and driving in four runs at the plate off four hits.

Down 6-0 entering the third is when Post 20 began its typical-of-itself rally, hitting hard ball after hard ball and loading runner after runner. Cutting the lead to four, Greenwood then cut the deficit to 7-5 in the fourth after extra-base hits from Sutley and Landen Still.

“I think a lot of it has to do with them knowing what’s on the line, which is something you can’t let it get to — it can’t take the season being on the line to play your best baseball,” Slack said. “That had a lot to do with why you saw us come back all year. They’re capable of being a very good baseball team, but it takes that

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Post 20's Tait Jackson and assistant coach Lowndes Still help lay down a tarp Tuesday.

Rain? What rain?

The Greenwood Post 20 team worked through the rain this week to prepare the field for its season finale against Inman Post 45. Despite the weather, the players and staff worked on the field and had some fun as well.

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Post 20 coach Ryne Slack lays quick dry sand on a drenched Legion Field Tuesday.



Greenwood Post 20's Jayden Adams catches rain in a cup during a rain delay Tuesday.

SIDE

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some of the things he said besides to me to make me laugh,” Reed said. “I’m just gonna miss him. I would just watch everything he did.”

They stood together in the middle infield during their baseball careers and also batted right behind each other. They stood together in the backfield during their football careers. They sat next to each other in the classroom.

“We hold each other accountable. I tell him what he’s doing wrong and what he’s doing right,” Heaton said.

“When I was in eighth grade, I couldn’t hit the ball out of the infield and Kade would be hitting doubles,” Reed said. “I was like man, I gotta do what he’s doing.”

Guess what, Reed did.

This past season, Reed slapped 12 doubles and drove in 32 runs en route to being named the SCISA Region 2-3A Player of the Year. He was also named to the

All-Lakelands team.

Reed also took over quarterback duties this past season, but before that, it was Heaton’s job. Reed led Greenwood Christian to the state semifinal, and he learned what he knew from Heaton, who was the Hawks’ quarterback in 2023.

“It’s been really cool. It just shows that hard work pays off. People overlook Greenwood Christian, and we really know that we’re good players,” Heaton said.

Heaton watched Leed get better and better and become a

multi-sport star at Greenwood Christian, but maybe what he’ll remember most is Reed’s hysterical character.

“Every bus ride, we always brought a turtle box. I’d be controlling it, and every time Michael Jackson came on he would sing it word for word,” Heaton said.

Reed busted out a few moves after Post 20’s last game Tuesday. Heaton had to look away in laughter. As well, Tait Jackson — who also plays for Post 20 and Greenwood Christian — has played

with the middle infield duo since he was a kid.

With Heaton off to Clemson soon, Tuesday’s Post 20 game was the last time he and Reed will suit up together.

Heaton has just one message for his friend, who still has two years remaining before graduation.

“I want him to break all the records,” Heaton said.

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Post 20 pitcher Parker Sutley makes a play to first base Tuesday.

POST

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positive mentality throughout the season.”

Still, with Greenwood short on arms, was forced into throwing nearly 100 pitches in relief Tuesday. He allowed just three hits in five innings, but a couple of free passes in the fifth proved costly as Post 45 brought the lead back to four. Greenwood got those runs back in the sixth off some strong base running, but couldn’t muster that big hit.

The Braves left the bases loaded in the third, fifth, sixth and ninth

innings. They also left the potential winning run in scoring position in both the seventh and eighth inning.

“It’s definitely frustrating, but by the way I look at it, it’s a learning curve for our guys. Let it be a lesson learned that if you don’t take care of the little things that you’re supposed to do, they always come back to get you in some sort of way,” Slack said.

Greenwood’s fighting spirit was on full display in the seventh. After a trio of two-out walks, started by Jayden Adams, who scored three times Tuesday, a two-run lead became one. Needing one big play to tie the game for the first time all evening, Still took advantage of

a lackadaisical throwback by the catcher and stole home to shock Post 45. However, after Greenwood’s missed opportunities in extras, Post 45 scored five in the ninth to send the Braves packing.

“I never question their effort. I definitely hold them to a higher standard than most, but all you can do is equip them with the tools and hope they make the right decisions,” Slack said. “But they fought hard. I was proud as hell of them; got nothing to hang our heads about.”

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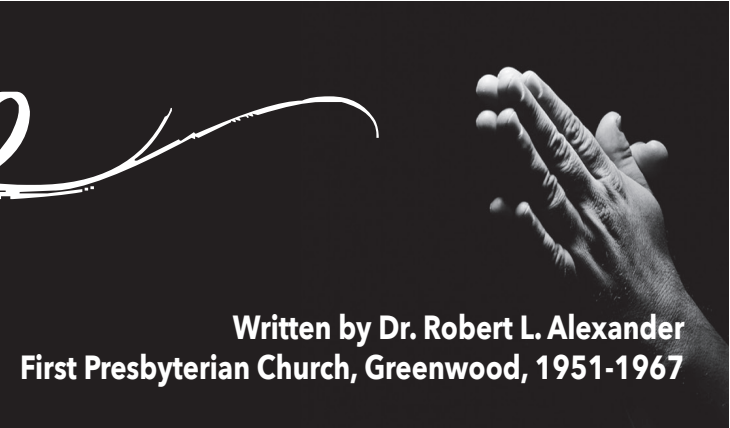
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Messages of Faith



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Four bondages

In a railway station in a small town in New Jersey several years ago a traveller found a workman engaged in taking down from the walls the posters of the Four Freedoms, which were so widely displayed during World War II. They represented what President Roosevelt called the "four freedoms" — freedom from fear, freedom from speech, freedom of religion, and freedom from want. The traveller asked the many why he was taking them down. "Oh," he said, "they have been up long enough." The traveller hoped that this dismantling act might not be a symbol that this country no longer had any use for the four freedoms!

The remembrance of the four freedoms brings to mind the speculation of what might be the four bondages which are common to men. It is an interesting and provocative thought. For instance, let us see if we can name the four evil bondages into which we may fall, and into which millions have fallen.

No. 1 Bondage to self. When there are no higher loyalties than to one's self, life is chained to a crippling and confining slavery.

No. 2 Bondage to appetite. You do not have to look at the alcoholic to see this bondage. You can also see it in fine mansions. The animal has defeated the man.

No. 3 Bondage to the crowd. Many people wear the straightjacket of always have to consider: "What will people say?" They have a fear of not being "regular." Their whole life is in the hands of others.

No. 4 Bondage to prejudice. There are many slaves of this kind. They can never evaluate a person's merits, but they make their decision on a prejudice which has been formed. They become irrational and warped.

Now let us see if we can name four good, uplifting bondages.

No. 1 A bondage to the slavery of Jesus Christ. This is the noblest bondage and one which includes all the other noble ones.

No. 2 Bondage to the past. We have a high heritage of faith, which has come to us an unearned gift, from "prophets, saints, apostles, martyrs." There rests on us an obligation to carry on that high tradition and not betray it.

No. 3 The ennobling bondage to those in need. When we acknowledge the compulsion to serve human need, the prison doors which let us out of the solitary confinement within ourselves are opened.

No. 4 Bondage to the future. That can be a bothersome kind of slavery. It is far easier to go through life saying: "What do we care for what happens after we are gone!" It is easier, surely, if all we want out of life is to be "easy." But it is a shabby and shoddy way of life. It is a pitifully cheap thing to aim at. There is nothing that gives to life a finer zest and meaning than to strive after a way of life which will be better and finer for some people in the future because we have lived and worked.

Have a good day and keep your spirits high.

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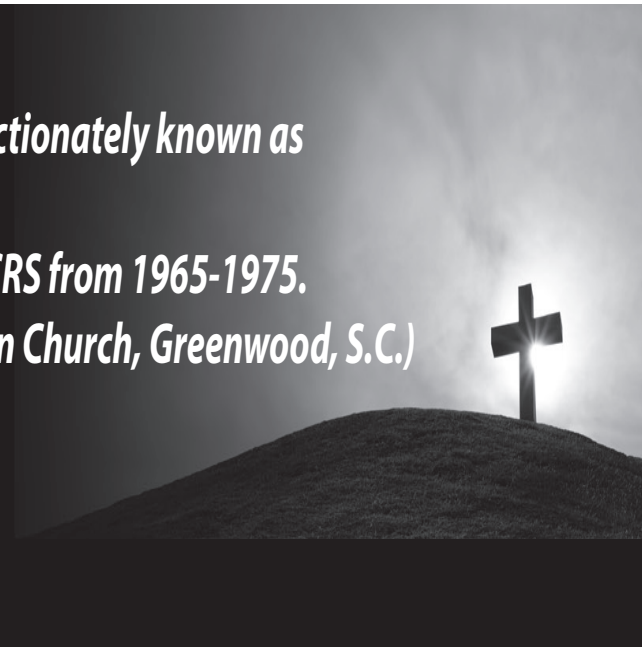
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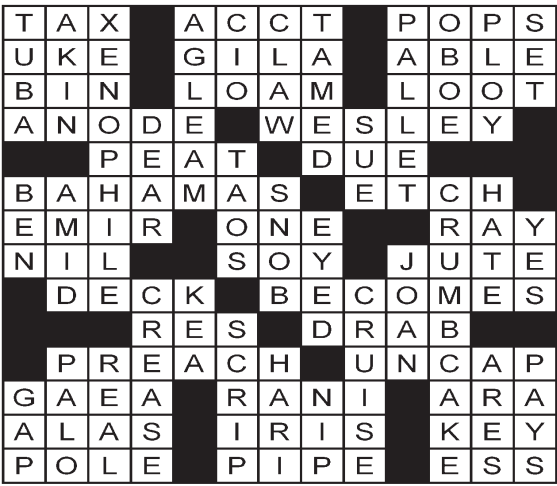


- ACROSS**
- 1 Borrow, as a cigarette
- 4 Breaks bread
- 8 Office note
- 12 Clean-air org.
- 13 Module
- 14 "Madam, I'm —"
- 15 Rocky hill
- 16 Rajah's wife
- 17 Costa —
- 18 Fish with hook and line
- 20 Epistle
- 22 Arctic bird
- 23 Landlocked state
- 24 Relate (to)
- 27 Costly fur
- 31 Port in Pennsylvania
- 32 Sobbed
- 34 One part of a journey
- 35 Retired airplane
- 36 Ascend

- 37 Breathing organ
- 38 Instruct
- 40 "Dead Poets —"
- 42 Precious stone
- 44 Devilkin
- 45 Mysterious
- 48 — and crannies
- 51 Benefit
- 52 Amino —
- 55 Once — blue moon
- 56 Stop short
- 57 Apple discard
- 58 Court divider
- 59 Circular current
- 60 Frost
- 61 Golf peg

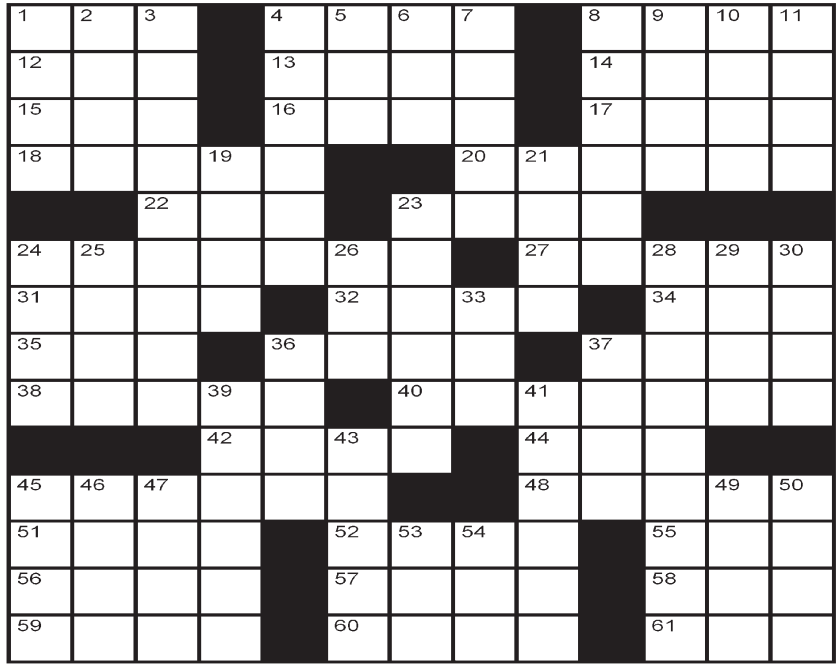
- DOWN**
- 1 Software test version
- 2 "Once — a time ..."

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 3 Tequila cocktail
- 4 "I found it!"
- 5 Santa — winds
- 6 Can
- 7 Pole for walking tall
- 8 — and the Vandellas

- 9 Redact
- 10 Aromatic spice
- 11 Actor — Sharif
- 19 Stringed instrument
- 21 Sunrise direction
- 23 Restless
- 24 Bothersome one
- 25 Gaelic
- 26 — Jima
- 28 Small oyster
- 29 Mardi Gras follower
- 30 Like a brunch dish
- 33 Quid — quo
- 36 Eschew
- 37 Car for a VIP
- 39 Irritable
- 41 Ember
- 43 Vacation location
- 45 French cleric
- 46 Highway
- 47 Chilly
- 49 Place sometimes patched
- 50 Fill
- 53 Bill and —
- 54 Writer — Levin



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BRIDGE by Philip Alder

IT IS TIME TO ENTER WITH YOUR TRUMPS

Taylor Swift said, "I write songs that are like diary entries. I have to do it in order to feel sane."

If success is proportional to sanity, Swift must be the most grounded person on the planet.

A bridge expert often has a careful order in which he must play the tricks to enter a plus score onto his card. In this deal, for example, how must South play in four spades after West leads the club king?

South's three-spade rebid invited game while promising at least a six-card suit. (With only five, he would have rebid two no-trump or made a help-suit game-try.) North, with a potential source of tricks in his heart suit, raised to game.

South first counts his losers by looking at his hand and taking dummy's high cards into account. Here, he should see four: two diamonds and two clubs. Then he counts winners, finding only nine: six spades, two hearts and one club.

Since the loser count is too high and the winner count too low, declarer should realize that he must establish dummy's heart suit.

This is the safest line: Win the first trick with the club ace, cash the spade ace,

North		07-25-25	
♠	10 9 4		
♥	A K 8 5 3		
♦	J 6		
♣	7 4 2		
West		East	
♠	8 5	♠	6 2
♥	Q 10	♥	J 9 7 4
♦	10 7 5 4 2	♦	A K 9 3
♣	K Q J 6	♣	10 8 3
		South	
		♠	A K Q J 7 3
		♥	6 2
		♦	Q 8
		♣	A 9 5
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass
Opening lead: ♣ K			

take dummy's top hearts, and ruff a heart high in hand. (South ruffs high for two reasons: He doesn't want to risk an over-ruff by West and he needs the two low spades to lead to dummy's nine and 10 for entries.) Now declarer plays the spade three to dummy's nine and ruffs another heart high. Back to dummy with a trump to the 10, South cashes the heart eight, giving him six spades, three hearts and one club.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" D T M Y ' F H Z D F W H D F G L V F M

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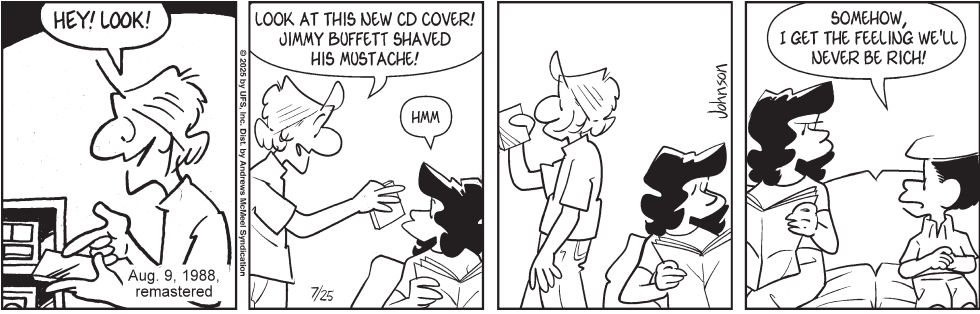
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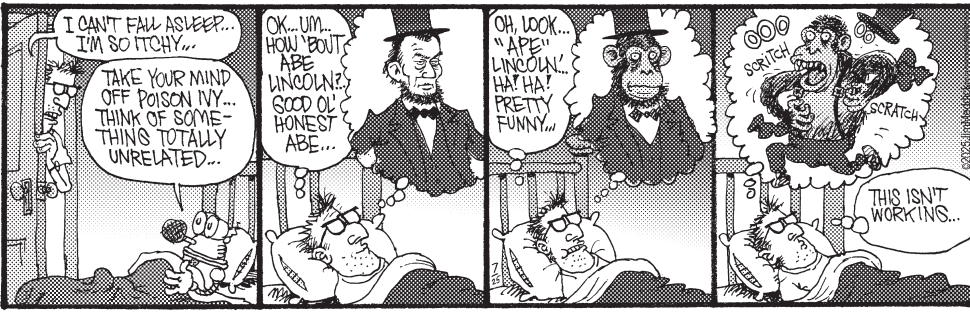
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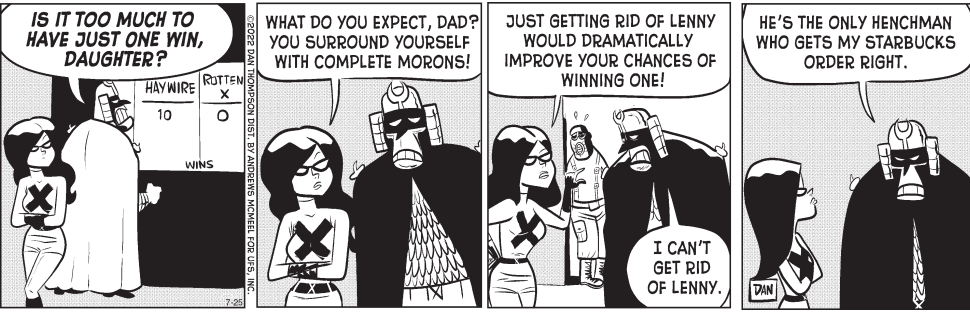
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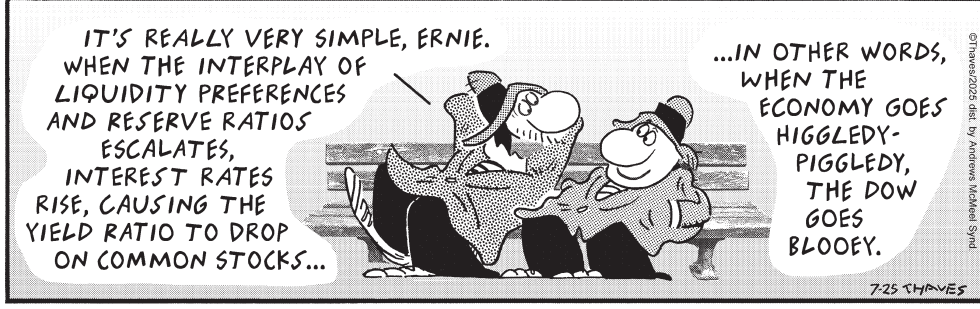
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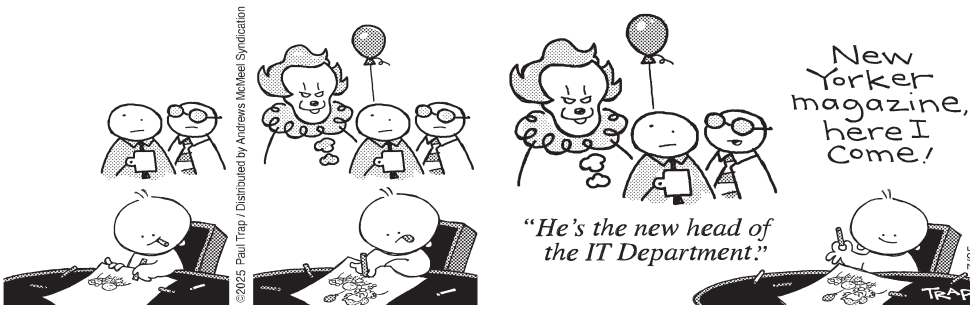
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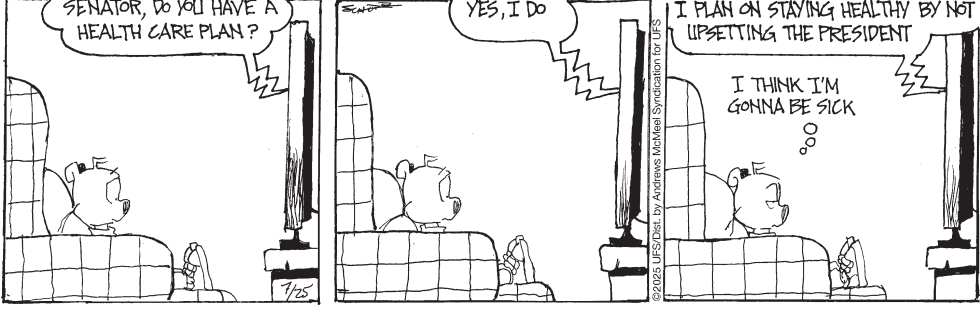
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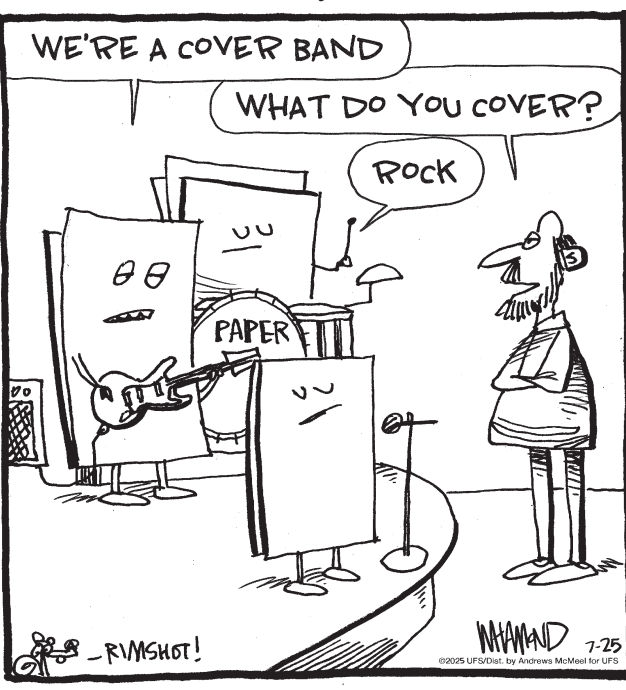
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5	6		1	8			3
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		1	8	9			
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Estate: SAMUEL RAYMOND WRIGHT

Date of Death: 12/21/2024

Case Number: 2025ES2400304

Personal Representative: SAMUEL A. WRIGHT

Address: 213 ORCHARD DRIVE GREENWOOD, SC 29649

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Estate: ROBERT LEE TATUM

Date of Death: 04/13/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400300

Personal Representative: BETTY SANDERS

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Estate: JOYCE S. SPEARES

Date of Death: 06/02/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400298

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Estate: JOSEPH MARSHALL SCOTT

Date of Death: 5/22/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400291

Personal Representative: PETER J. MANNING

Address: PO BOX 3429 GREENWOOD, SC 29648

Attorney, if applicable: ANNA W. SUMNER

Address: PO BOX 3429 GREENWOOD, SC 29648

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Date of Death: 04/20/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400293

Personal Representative: MICHAEL WHALEY

Address: 108 CHARPING LANE ANDERSON, SC 29621

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Estate: STEPHEN MATTHEW BURT

Date of Death: 05/16/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400296

Personal Representative: JOYCE M. MCQUIRE

Address: 105 AUBURN LANE GREENWOOD, SC 29649

Attorney, if applicable: CHARLES M. WATSON, JR.

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Estate: MARION ZAHN CLARK

Date of Death: 6/5/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400314

Personal Representative: BESS BENNETT

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Estate: DEBRA ELAINE POPE

Date of Death: 6/8/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400306

Personal Representative: TYCIA POPE

Address: 106 BEECH COURT GREENWOOD, SC 29649

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Estate: ROSE G. WHALEY

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Estate: WILLIAM PRESTON RODGERS

Date of Death: 6/1/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400307

Personal Representative: JOHN A. DAY

Address: 419 HOLLINGSWORTH RD. NINETY SIX, SC 29666

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GREENWOOD

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO.: 2024-CP-24-00508

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Gerardo Vera Carbajal a/k/a Gerardo V. Carbajel a/k/a Gerardo Vera Carbajel, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe.; Ofelia Virgen Carbajal, Defendant(s).

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(Non-Jury)

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

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

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.

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

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

LIS PENDENS

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Court for Greenwood County in Plat Book 123 at Page 3; said lot having such metes and bounds as reference to said plat will show, all measurements being a little more or less.

TOGETHER with a perpetual right of ingress and egress, in and to said tract of land, over, across and through an existing R/W Easement on Lot Two (2), as shown on the aforementioned plat.

And included herewith: 1999 Oakbrook Manufactured Home, Model #JP286431, 28' x 64', Serial #16L08364XU being permanently affixed to the property.

This being the same property conveyed to Gerardo Vera Carbajal by deed of TM Properties, LLC, dated August 20, 2004, and recorded August 31, 2004, in Book 862 at Page 262 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Greenwood County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Gerardo Vera Carbajal a/k/a Gerardo V. Carbajel a/k/a Gerardo Vera Carbajel passed away on February 18, 2020, leaving the subject property to his heirs or devisees.

TMS No. 6748-219-443-000

Property Address: 412 Dorn Road, Troy, SC 29848

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above-entitled action were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County on May 16, 2024. ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for unknown minors, and persons who may be under a legal disability, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has consented to said appointment, it is ORDERED that Kelley Woody, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a legal disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 412 Dorn Road, Troy, SC 29848; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

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

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire shall become Absolute 30 days after the completion of service of this Order without further motion by Plaintiff or Order of this Court unless said Defendants, or persons acting on their behalf, shall, within thirty (30) days after service, procure the appointment of their own Guardian Ad Litem.

Brock & Scott, PLLC

3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110

Columbia, SC 29210

Phone (803) 454-3540 Fax (803) 454-3541

Attorneys for Plaintiff

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GREENWOOD

United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

Timothy E Austin and if Timothy E Austin be deceased then any child and heir at law to the Estate of Timothy E Austin distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Timothy E Austin 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; Timothy E Austin a/k/a Timothy E Austin, II, DEFENDANT(S)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT

(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)

C/A NO: 2025-CP-24-00540

DEFICIENCY WAIVED

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

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office, Hutchens Law Firm LLP, 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/Special Referee for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-in-Equity/Special Referee 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 SCACR, effective June 1, 1999.

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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, were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court on May 29, 2025.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(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.

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.

s/ Ashley Z. Stanley

June 25, 2025

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF GREENWOOD

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

Heather Marie Rogers a/k/a Heather Tucker; Patrick Brandon Reardon; The Mortgage Group, Inc.; Thomas Wyatt Rogers aka Tom Rogers and Robert F Reardon III aka Robert Forbes Reardon III AND IF Thomas Wyatt Rogers aka Tom Rogers and Robert F Reardon III aka Robert Forbes Reardon III be deceased then any child and heir at law to the Estates of Thomas Wyatt Rogers aka Tom Rogers and Robert F Reardon III distributees

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Estate: DEBRA ELAINE POPE

Date of Death: 6/8/2025

Case Number: 2025ES2400306

Personal Representative: TYCIA POPE

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Bar No. 80165) Gregory Wooten (S.C. Bar No. 73586) Gregory T. Whitley (S.C. Bar No. 100792) Attorneys for Plaintiff Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 (803) 726-2700 john.kay@hutchenslawfirm.com ashley.stanley@hutchenslawfirm.com alan.stewart@hutchenslawfirm.com sarah.leonard@hutchenslawfirm.com k.gregory.wooten@hutchenslawfirm.com gregory.whitley@hutchenslawfirm.com Firm Case No: 26178 - 132153 217029 07(25) 08(01,08)2025 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF GREENWOOD DOCKET NO. 2025-CP-24-00555 SUMMONS Ricky A. Smith and Alisa L. Smith v. John Doe and Mary Roe, representing all unknown persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or to, or lien upon the real estate described as 100 Marshall Court, Greenwood, SC, their heirs and assigns, and all other persons, firms, or corporations entitled to claim under, by or through the above named Defendants, and all other persons or entities unknown claiming any right, title, interest, or estate ibn, or lien upon the real estate described as 100 Marshall Court Greenwood, SC YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified that an action has been filed against you in this court. Within thirty (30) days of the day you receive this Summons, you must respond in writing to the Complaint (a copy may be obtained by contacting the attorney below) by filing an Answer with this court. You must also serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint upon Plaintiff's attorney at the address show below. If you fail to answer the Complaint, judgment by default could be rendered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint. AARON V. TAYLOR Attorney for the Plaintiffs 109 West Court Avenue (29646) P.O. Box 1705 Greenwood, SC 29648 (864)229-2229 216851 07(11,18,25)2025 SUMMONS STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GREENWOOD

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IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2025-CV-24-10101252 Southern Lease Management Group, LLC, Plaintiff, v. Pamela Renea Bruce, Defendant. TO: **Pamela Renea Bruce:** YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in Civil Action No. 2025-CV-24-10101252, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to file a copy of your Answer, or to appear to state your answer and have it reduced to writing, in the Greenwood Magistrate Court located at 528 Monument Street, Greenwood, SC 29646, within (30) days 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 and Itemization of Account filed herein. Drew B. Walker Attorney for Plaintiff Crowson Walker, LLC 1401 Calhoun Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201 (803) 459-5595 email: dwalker@crowsonwalker.com 217027 07(25) 08(01,08)2025 NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2024-CP-24-00742 BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Bank of America, N.A. vs. Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Truman F. Murrah, deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Cecelia T. Murrah, deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Jan S. Moore; Brandy Murrah, the undersigned Special Referee for Greenwood County, South Carolina, will sell on August 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM, or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the Courthouse, City of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, lying and being in the City of Greenwood, County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. Twenty (20) of Glendale Heights Subdivision on a plat of said subdivision prepared by G. L. Marshall, Jr., C. E. and L. S. and L. D. Adams, L.S., dated October 6, 1967, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County in Plat Book 17 at Page 64, said plat being incorporated reference herein as part and parcel hereof. This being the same property conveyed to Truman F. Murrah and Cecelia T. Murrah by deed of John Anthony Davis dated and recorded December 28, 2004, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Truman F. Murrah passed away on November 20, 2019, leaving the subject property to his heirs or devisees, Cecelia T. Murrah, Jan S. Moore, and Brandy Murrah. Subsequently, Cecelia T. Murrah passed away leaving her interest in the subject property to her heirs or devisees. CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 2077 Glendale Ave, Greenwood, SC 29649 TMS: 6857-063-345 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but in the case of non-compliance to be forfeited and first applied to the costs incurred by the Plaintiff related to the sale and the balance then applied to the Plaintiff's debt in a manner suitable to the Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.5% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances. In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order. The Honorable Roy Hemphill Special Referee for Greenwood County Brock & Scott, PLLC 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110 Columbia, SC 29210 Attorneys for Plaintiff Phone (803) 454-3540 Fax (803) 454-3541 217015 07(25) 08(01,08)2025 NOTICE OF SALE 2025-CP-24-00087 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust against Jason S. Steinberg, Julie T. Steinberg, Center Court Community Association, Inc., and Discover Bank, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Greenwood County, will sell on August 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Courthouse in Greenwood, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, being more particularly shown and designated as Lot 52, Phase I of Centre Court on a Plat thereof entitled "Plat Made at the Request of Park Place Company", prepared by Heaner Engineering Co., Inc., Greenwood, S.C., dated January 30, 1991 said plat being recorded in Plat Book 65 at Page 99 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County, which said plat of survey is incorporated herein by reference

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and made a part and parcel hereof. This conveyance is made subject to easements and rights-of-way for streets, roads, drains, sewers and utilities, of record or in place, including, but not limited to, those shown on the aforesaid plat. The Grantor reserves to itself, its successors and assigns, perpetual rights-of-way in, upon, along, over and under the property herein conveyed for the purposes of laying, erecting, constructing, maintaining, repairing and replacing a line or lines and accessories for utilities located as shown on the foregoing plat; and the Grantor shall have the right of ingress and egress in and upon the property herein conveyed for the purposes of locating, relocating, laying, trenching, maintaining, repairing, restoring and replacing of said lines and additional lines and accessories and for removing the same when desired by the Grantor, its successors and assigns. Grantor shall have the right from time to time to trim and cut growth on either side of said rights-of-way which, in its sole opinion may be a hazard to such power lines, utilities or other persons. This property is subject to the Declaration of Restrictions and Protective Covenants as imposed upon Centre Court Subdivision as entered for record in Deed Book 365 at Page 599. This is the same property conveyed to Jason S. Steinberg and Julie T. Steinberg by deed of Milwee D. Burton, dated March 31, 2004 and recorded April 7, 2004 in Deed Book 837 at Page 303. TMS No. 6846-010-973 PROPERTY Address: 206 Saint Augustine Drive, Greenwood, SC 29649 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.0000%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will conclude at the fall of the gavel on the date of the sale. Compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 217014 07(25) 08(01,08)2025 NOTICE OF SALE 2025-CP-24-00098 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GITSIT Mortgage Loan Trust BBPLC1 against The Personal Representative, if any, whose name is unknown, of the Estate of Willie E. Bryant, Jr., and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Willie E. Bryant, 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, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Greenwood County, will sell on August 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Courthouse in Greenwood, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that piece, parcel or lot of land with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in or near Ware Shoals, in the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, and being more particularly described as Lot three (3), Section One (1) as shown on plat entitled Section One of the Subdivision of properties of the Riegel Textile Corporation, Ware Shoals Division, in Greenwood County, S.C., made by Pickell and Pickell, Engineers, Greenville, S.C., April, 1952 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County, in Plat Book 6, at pages 22-39 inclusive. According to said plat the within described lot is also known as No. 4 Oak Street, and fronts thereon one hundred and thirty (130) feet. This being the same property conveyed to Willie E. Bryant, Jr. and Delores F. Bryant by Deed from William H. Malone dated April 2, 1973 and recorded April 2, 1973 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenwood County, South Carolina in Book 237 at Page 937. Thereafter, Delores F. Bryant passed on or around April 9, 1997, leaving the property to Willie E. Bryant, Jr. by right of survivorship. Thereafter Willie E. Bryant, Jr. passed on or around June 13, 2020. TMS No. 6923-588-240 Property Address: 4 Oak Street, Ware Shoals, SC 29692 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.3100%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will conclude at the fall of the gavel on the date of the sale. Compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 217030 07(25) 08(01,08)2025 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GREENWOOD

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Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, Plaintiff, v. Shaquarius L. Day aka Shaquarius Day; United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service; McKellar Farms Homeowner's Association, Defendants. IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO.: 2023-CP-24-01070 AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE Deficiency Judgment Waived BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F vs. Shaquarius L. Day aka Shaquarius Day; United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service and McKellar Farms Homeowner's Association, the undersigned Special Referee for Greenwood County, South Carolina, will sell on August 11, 2025, at 11:00 am at the Greenwood County Courthouse, 528 Monument Street, Greenwood, SC 29646, to the highest bidder: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, and being off the Northwestern side of Siloam Road, more particularly described as Lot No. 92 of McKellar Farms Subdivision on plat of Hearst Coleman and Associates, Engineers, of Greenwood, South Carolina, of date April 6, 1973, recorded in Plat Book 21, at Page 213. Reference is made to the aforesaid plat for a more full and accurate description. The within described property is subject in every respect to existing easements and right-of-way for streets, roads, drains, sewers, and utilities of record or in place. This being the same property conveyed to Shaquarius L. Day by Deed of David Ray Thompson Jr., dated August 3, 2020, recorded in the Greenwood County Clerk's Office on August 4, 2020, in Book 1618, Page 3110. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 239 McKellar Drive, Greenwood, SC 29646 TMS#: 6865-596-900 TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.12500% per annum. Pursuant to Section 2410(c), Title 28, United States Code, the United States of America (non-IRS), has a right of redemption on proper application to redeem the within property for 1 year from the date of sale of the subject property. The

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sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record, and any other senior encumbrances. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Special Referee's Order and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order. This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given. Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding, you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of a licensed South Carolina attorney. McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC January N. Taylor (SC Bar #80069), jtailor@mtglaw.com J. Pamela Price (SC Bar #14336), pprice@mtglaw.com Sarah M. Wallace (SC Bar #105664), swallace@mtglaw.com 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260 Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 Telephone: (404) 474-7149 Facsimile: (404) 745-8121 Attorneys for Plaintiff 23-001886-01 216675 07(25) 08(01,08)2025 RENTALS HOMES FOR RENT PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.  classifieds@indexjournal.com

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