# The Manning Times

#### EDUCATION

## F.E. DuBose inducts record-breaking class into National Technical Honor Society



**CLUB.** Newly inducted members of the F.E. DuBose Career Center District Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society proudly display their certificates after the school's largest-ever induction ceremony. (F.E. DuBose)

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Nearly 50 students were inducted into the District Chapter of the National Tech-

nical Honor Society (NTHS) at F.E. Du-Bose Career Center this week—marking the largest class in the chapter's history.

The honor recognizes students for outstanding achievement in Career and Technical Education (CTE), highlighting their dedication to academic excellence, technical skill, leadership, and service.

NTHS, founded in 1984, has recognized over 1.2 million members nationwide and awards more than \$300,000 in scholarships annually. The organization's mission is to empower students with the skills needed to thrive in today's workforce while celebrating the next generation of leaders and professionals.

## • GOVERNMENT SC lawmakers push bold tax reform

#### BY MELISSA FOUST-MCCOY mtscreporter@gmail.com

South Carolina could soon boast one of the most competitive income tax systems in the country under a sweeping reform plan introduced this week at the Statehouse.

House Bill 4216, filed on March 25, would replace South Carolina's tiered income tax structure with a flat tax rate of 3.99 percent beginning in 2026. The proposal includes a phased-in reduction plan that could eventually lower the rate to 2.49 percent, contingent on revenue growth benchmarks.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Bruce Bannister (R-Greenville), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and is backed by a long list of Republican co-sponsors, including Rep. Fawn Pedalino, who celebrated the bill on social media.

"Today, I had the great honor of standing alongside Governor Henry McMaster and other Republican leaders to announce a bold new plan to rewrite South Carolina's income tax code," Pedalino posted. "We're moving toward a fair, simple flat tax of 3.99% starting in 2026—and it gets even better. Each year our income tax revenue grows by at least 5%, the rate will continue to drop until it reaches 2.49%."

South Carolina currently has the highest income tax rate in the Southeast at 6.2 percent. The proposed flat tax would undercut neighboring Georgia's rate of 5.39 percent and North Carolina's 4.5 percent, making South Carolina a frontrunner for job-creating investment and economic growth.

At a March 25 press conference

announcing the bill, House Speaker Murrell Smith emphasized the collaborative efforts behind the plan, referencing Governor McMaster's often-repeated mantra: "communicate, collaborate, and cooperate."

"We're here to do something that allows South Carolina to take back control of its tax policy," Smith said. "It's no secret that we've been at a disadvantage to our neighbors—but this bill changes that."

Gov. McMaster called the proposal a "bold plan" and urged legislators to send it to his desk before the session ends May

#### • EDUCATION

# Let's Read Clarendon hostsAir Force veteran featuredfirst Royal Family Ballas April Artist of the Month

ART



**EVENT.** Ball attendees gathered in the bleachers of the Walker Gamble (Photo C/O Linda Jackson)

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Tiaras, tuxedos, and the sound of joyful laughter filled the gymnasium at Walker-Gamble Elementary School on March 29, as more than 80 children and their families gathered for the inaugural Royal Family Ball hosted by Let's Read Clarendon.

Founded by Linda Jackson in the summer of 2022, Let's Read Clarendon began with a simple mission: to rekindle a

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love of reading in children. What started as a weekly storytime in Walker-Gamble Park has since grown into a thriving literacy program housed at Abundant Life Resource Center in Gable, with dozens of children attending weekly sessions that combine read-alouds, board games, and book challenges.

"The idea was just to give kids an outlet to come out and enjoy books, play, and read out loud," Jackson said. "We started bringing in community members and even authors to read to the children, and

**PAINTING.** One of Clarey's paintings, featuring three furry friends in Clarey's unique art style. (Photo C/O Beryl Clarey)

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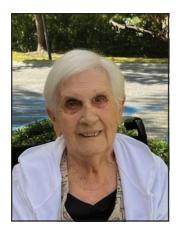
After a 20-year career in the U.S. Air Force and a lifetime of service in the medical field, Beryl Clarey never expected to find herself in front of a canvas. But when grief from the loss of her mother became overwhelming, Clarey picked up a paintbrush and rediscovered a passion she hadn't explored since childhood.

"It hit me a lot harder than I thought,"









#### Rose CASSELMAN

Rose Marie Moore Casselman, 86, widow of Reginald Louis Casselman, died Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Rice Estates Assisted Living in Columbia.

Born September 11, 1938, in Andrews, she was a daughter of the late Thomas Monroe Moore and the late Adril Player Moore. She was a retired cashier with Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store in Manning with 22 years of service.

She is survived by a daughter, Kimberly Casselman Dean (Robby); eight grandchildren, Greg Casselman (Stephanie), Robbie Casselman (Crystal), Amanda Mathis (Jamie), Matthew Casselman (Susan), Heather Brammer (Alex), Mason Dean (Desiree), Chandler Dean and Addison Dean; fifteen great grandchildren, McKenzie Casselman, Gregory "Trey" Casselman III, Clay Casselman, Corbin Casselman, Rylee Casselman, Lila Kate Mathis, Gavin Mathis, Madison Casselman, Emma Casselman, Hallie Casselman, Jackson Brammer, Hudson Brammer, Avery Brammer, Nevaeh Dean and Kaison Dean; a great-great grandson, Jeffrey Oliver Barkley; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Gregory Louis Casselman and Jeffrey Todd Casselman; a grandson, Brandon Alan Dean; a sister, Judy Ridgle; and a brother, Thomas Monroe Moore, Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, 2025, in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Lloyd Ackerman officiating. Burial will follow at Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Greg Casselman, Jr., Mason Dean, Chandler Dean, Trey Casselman III, Kenny Casselman and John Parrack.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. at Stephens Funeral Home.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church Street, Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org







Albertha Woods Miller, 92, widow of Eddie Woods, Sr. and Sellers Miller died Friday, March 28, 2025 at her residence, 1797 Eddie Woods Road, Greeleyville, SC. She was born June 3, 1932 in Greeleyville, SC. A daughter of the late Lula Burgess.

Albertha

MILLER

Public viewing will be held Friday, April 4, 2025 at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, SC.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM Saturday, April 5, 2025 at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Greeleyville, SC. Burial will follow in the Churchyard Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at her residence from 5PM til 7PM daily.



#### Leon MCFADDIN

Leon Anthony McFaddin, 80, husband of Oliveen Conyers McFadden died Monday, March 24, 2025 at Prisma Health Richland Hospital, Columbia, SC. He was born July 4, 1944 in Manning, SC. A son of the late Lawrence and Ollie Brown McFaddin, Sr.

Public viewing Friday, March 28, 2025 at Hayes F. Samuels, Sr. Memorial Chapel 114, North Church St., Manning, SC

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Hayes F. Samuels, Sr., Memorial Chapel, Manning, SC. Burial will follow in Manning Cemetery, Manning, SC.

of Kappa Delta Chi fraternity. Bill remained a devoted Tiger fan throughout his life. He served his country with honor in the United States Army, stationed at Ft. Benning as a First Lieutenant in the 7 th Air Cavalry where he trained troops just prior to the Vietnam War.

After his military service, Bill and Frederica Hunter Carson married in Auburn, AL on May 21, 1966. Bill moved to Hilton Head Island in 1965 to work for Charles Fraser at the Sea Pines Plantation Company. Bill collaborated with reand mentor, helping to create the Gator youth football program in Hilton Head in 1969, where he coached until 1976. He coached the Middle School football team at Hilton Head Prep for several years. He also attended countless sporting events at Hilton Head Prep, always cheering on the teams and supporting the students. He was remembered as Coach Carson by his former players throughout the years.

He was also a talented author, and in 2018 he published "The Emancipation Procrastination," a quasi-fictional book that drew on his first-hand observations of desegregation in the Deep South after the Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court decision. Bill's commitment to his community was unwavering, and he served in many different capacities over the years. He was recognized as Hilton Head JayCee's Man of the Year in 1972, and he took great joy in donating his time and resources to support local charitable organizations. One of his favorite ways to give back was as a member of the Broken Arrow BBQ team, which helped raise funds for various causes and brought people together through the universal languages of good food and good company.



#### Linquent SMITH

Linquent Oneal Smith, 48, died Thursday March 27, 2025 at his residence 625 South Mill St. Apt. 210. Manning, SC. He was born March 13, 1977 in Clarendon County, South Carolina. A son of Albert Smith and the late Joyce Ann Wright Smith.

Public viewing will be held Friday, April 4, 2025 at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, SC.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in the New Bethel Holliness Church Cemetery, Summerton, SC.

The family is receiving friends 3:00 PM til 6:00 PM daily at the home of his Grandmother, Rosa Gibbins, 1093 Antler Drive, Summerton, SC.



#### Moses DINGLE

Moses Dingle 78, husband of Dorothy Dow Dingle died Monday, March 24, 2025 at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter, SC. He was born February 8, 1947 a son of the late Tama and Emma Pearson Dingle.

Public viewing 2PM til 6PM Friday, March 28, 2025 at Hayes F. Samuels, Sr. Memorial Chapel Manning, SC.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Manning Jr. High School, Manning, SC. Burial will follow in Carolina Johnson Cemetery, Manning, SC.

The family is receiving friends 3PM til 8PM beginning Thursday, March 27, 2025 at his residence 2622 Mallett Rd., Manning, SC.

> many adventures to Alaska and other locations with his buddies. In his later years he greatly enjoyed Wednesday lunches at Cahill's with several life-long friends.

> He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frederica Hunter Carson; his daughters, Beth Comstock (Brent) and Aimee Bobik; his grandson, Carson McDowell; and his brother Joseph "Joe" Carson (Eleanor). Nephew and nieces include Wilson Rickenbaker, Caroline Rickenbaker, Nell Stone, Caroline Halsey, and Chrissie Batten.

#### William CARSON

William DesChamps Carson, 84, of Hilton Head Island, SC, passed away on March 6, 2025. Born on April 5, 1940, in Sumter, SC, Bill was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who left an indelible mark on the Hilton Head community. He is preceded in death by his father, Joseph DeVeaux Carson, and mother, Caroline Deschamps, and a sister, Caroline Rickenbaker.

Bill was a proud graduate of Clemson University, Class of 1963, and a member

nowned designers Jack Nicklaus and Pete Dye and over the years played a major role in building several of the island's first golf courses, and specifically the world-renowned Harbour Town Golf Links.

Bill's passion for golf and his expertise in course design made him a natural fit to serve as Tour Director for the Heritage golf tournament from 1975-1979. During his tenure, he helped establish the tournament as a premier event on the PGA Tour, and his contributions to the island's golf scene continue to be felt today.

Bill was a 54-year member of St. Lukes Episcopal Church and served on the Vestry.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Bill was a devoted coach

Bill was an avid outdoorsman and had

Bill's legacy will be remembered for his kindness, his generosity, and his commitment to making a positive impact on the community around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his spirit and his contributions will continue to inspire and uplift the Hilton Head community he loved.

A Celebration of life will be scheduled in April 25, 2025 at 2:00pm at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Hilton Head, SC.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to St. Luke's Children's School:

https://www.stlukeshhi.org/preschool. html or the Hilton Head Prep baseball program:

https://www.hhprep.org/giving/investin-prep. Islandfuneralhome.com

#### LIVING ON PURPOSE

## The King and His Heaven are coming

When we were young we seldom thought about the afterlife



William HOLLAND

know anyone personally who claims they have been to heaven, however, I've heard a few people say they have. Even though near-death and outof-body experiences about heaven are common, I'm not going to discredit those who really believe they have encountered a glimpse of the other side. May we realize that all we have to base our theology on is the Bible and it's worth noting that Jesus makes a profound statement about this in John 3:13.

and dreams,

but I do not

Years ago I was studying about the end times as I was

teaching some eschatology classes and began focusing on what the next life will be like. There are a few places in the Bible that give hints as to what we will see and do in heaven. Still, like other subjects much of it is controversial because of different interpretations and whether the text should be understood as literal or symbolical. We read in I Corinthians chapter two that, "Eye hath not seen, not ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love Him" but if we keep reading within the context of the passage we see that God does reveal spiritual truth through the Holy Spirit.

I praise God for all the letters I receive from those who are blessed by these messages, but we all know the minute I start talking about doctrines many feathers will be ruffled. So, to prevent anger and hard feelings, I try to focus on subjects about the Christian life that most of us can agree with. Even though many believers do not study on their own, have never graduated from seminary, or are daily prayer warriors, Christians are not lacking in the area of having strong opinions about what they believe. For the majority, the religious knowledge they have accumulated throughout their lives has come from what they heard someone else say, but we have been commanded by God in Second Timothy the second chapter to rightly divide the scriptures for ourselves through unbiased research and diligent study.

There is also a faithful group of truth seekers who attend adult Sunday school classes and Bible studies and study on their own which gives them confidence to draw their own conclusions. I admit that my views have changed over the years as the more I learn, the more I see things differently. I do not think this is a bad thing seeing that as we mature, we are developing and expanding in our wisdom and understanding. When talking about our eternal abode with God, let us agree as His children, that where we are going and what it will contain is not as important as being with the one we love more than anyone or anything.

We are to be revealing the nature and character of Christ within our lives here on earth now since we are made in His image to reflect His glory. Likewise, the earth is a type and shadow of heaven according to Hebrews chapters 8 and 9 and was made after the pattern of where God lives. We recall the first verse of the Bible in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth" and from the mention of both realms in the same sentence we see a connection between the spiritual domain of God's throne and the natural realm which was

made later that reflects similar attributes such as a tabernacle, sanctuary, priest, light, worship, rivers, trees, fruit, streets, banquets, cities, and so on. Cities? Yes, the Bible says the holy city of Jerusalem will come down from heaven and literally sit upon the earth.

We are told in Revelation chapters 21 and 22 about how God will one day do away with the old heaven and earth and will create a brand new heaven and earth. In Christian eschatology, the New Jerusalem, represents heaven coming down and sitting upon the new earth. We should be filled with excitement to know that one day we will be with Him when our spirit and new body are united and we will live in His presence forever. Spending eternity with our Lord is so encouraging and next week we will continue this conversation. I welcome your thoughts about this fascinating subject. Psalmz103@ gmail.com



#### **OPINION/CALENDAR**

corner café, hear the

distant echo of marching

band practice, and pass neighbors who still wave

from their front porches.

Clarendon is filled

with faces and features

that highlight the spirit

of service, grit, hospi-

tality, and heritage that

make this place unlike

anywhere else. Whether

you're a lifelong resident

or just finding your way

As always, our team

at The Manning Times is

honored to tell the sto-

ries that matter. Stories

Clarendon is a true labor

of love, and we hope it

finds a spot on your cof-

fee table, your welcome

seat-wherever your

journey takes you.

center, or your passenger

of resilience, growth,

tradition, and heart.

here, this guide is for

you.

## • MT. HOPE SCROLLS Who doesn't love spring?

Who doesn't love spring? Turns out that there are a lot of people that don't like spring. There are as



many people that dislike spring, as there are people that are upset with summer, winter and fall.

I hate to bring on all this unhappiness. It should be a great season. Flowers blooming, birds singing, and farmers preparing to plant; Norman Rockwell probably painted a wonderful picture of the joy and thrills of the spring season. That's great. However, I'm running into all the people that can find the

> the sentence about (I hope you people that

wanted colder, warm-

Don't get started

about the pollen. It is springtime. All the

budding of plants

leads to pollination,

bees buzzing and all

that stuff. The farm-

ers are plowing up a

whether it will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb or vice

versa. High winds, dry air and fire just add to

air quality problems.

yellow. Wait until May

I know your car is

dust storm, the March winds can't decide

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mild) are happy.

minutia of things wrong with this season. Let's start with the temperature. Many people are

thankful that the temperature is warming up. The first day of spring doesn't throw a temperature switch. I've already run into the people that are complaining because it is still cold in the morning. By afternoon, they have heavy coats to lug around and now it is too hot. Well, it is spring. The temperature people have to compete with the other complainers and complete



I know your car is yellow. Wait until May and then wash it.

and then wash it.

The spring-cleaning part might be the toughest part of this season. Who came up with this anyway? Besides cleaning up all the pollen: why is it necessary to get rid of all the stuff in your house? It has to be that you stayed inside all winter and just collected stuff.

Maybe the worst part is the time thing. Daylight savings time seems to throw almost everyone for at least a few weeks. Now it's too dark in the morning and too light in the afternoon. I don't know when to get up and when to go to bed. Maybe that's because it is dark in the morning and light in the afternoon. Luckily I managed to get my clocks set in one day.

Okay, that's all the complaining about spring for this year. I think the birds are out and those spring showers are forecast to start soon. My farmer friends are itching to plant and are making predictions on whether there will be a cold snap before Easter or not. The gardeners are digging around in their yards also. Even the complainers have settled in on the fact that it is spring at least by the calendar. I think there will be about two more weeks of complaining about spring. Soon there will be preparation about the coming summer and hot weather. Then we can thank those hot weather people and hope they can be happy. Fall and winter will have there own special problems. I hope all those people can be happy too. Well, good luck on your journey into spring. I hope you are one of those people that are happy with spring and it is your favorite time of year. How about this? Let's try to make every day the start of your favorite time of year. It might be easier that way. One of my friends told me the other day that he is doing a lot better now that he has quit worrying about the weather. He says that we should quit trying to fix everything. It is much cheaper that way.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

## Letter from the editor

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Melissa MCCOY

of our home. You'll find it on shelves throughout the county and right here in our office, and we're thrilled to announce the e-edition is now live at manninglive.com.

Built around the theme A Day in the Life, this guide is designed to immerse you in the sights, sounds, and soul of Clarendon County. From sunrises over Lake Marion to the clatter of a busy lunch crowd at a Main Street diner, from a child's first library card to a late-night shift at the hospital-this is a place where everyday moments tell an extraordinary story. You'll smell fresh biscuits from the

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **APRIL 5**

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# **CLARENDON**<sub>IX</sub>





**APRIL 9 CLARENDON HALL BEAUTY** PAGEANT

#### **APRIL 10**

#### NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY



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Thank you for reading, supporting, and believing in local news. We'll keep telling your

> stories, one day at a time. Warmly, Melissa Foust-McCoy



#### **APRIL 5 -11**

ABA COUPLES CHAMPIONSHIP JOHN LAND LANDING SANTEE COOPER LAKES, SUMMERTON

#### **APRIL 5-9**

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

#### **APRIL 6-12**

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Under the bill, the current two-tier tax system would be collapsed into one flat rate. The legislation also modifies the state's tax code by shifting from a federal taxable income base to adjusted gross income (AGI), a broader and more commonly used measure adopted by 32 other states.

According to a Forbes article by tax policy analyst Patrick Gleason, this change allows the state to eliminate most federal deductions while retaining key state-level deductions and credits for seniors, military families, and households with dependents. A South Carolina Income Adjusted Deduction (SCIAD) will also be introduced to offer personal exemptions, particularly benefiting lower-income residents.

Chairman Bannister framed

the reform as a win for working families and businesses.

"It'll put more money in the pockets of hardworking South Carolinians," Bannister said. "Every South Carolinian's paycheck will grow. You'll have more to spend, more to invest, more to save."

The legislation mandates the Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, to adjust withholding tables to reflect the tax cuts, ensuring that residents see increased take-home pay starting with the 2026 tax year. The bill also includes auto-

matic future reductions tied to revenue growth. If general fund income tax revenues, after accounting for the Trust Fund for Tax Relief, are projected to rise by at least five percent in a given fiscal year, the flat rate will be reduced further—capped at a minimum of 2.49 percent.

Senate Finance Chairman Harvey Peeler (R-Cherokee) reminded attendees that this effort follows on the heels of the \$2 billion tax cut and rebate package passed in 2022, and suggested more reforms could be coming.

"We need to lower sales tax and property tax, too," Peeler said. "There's nothing this team can't do working together."

Should H.4216 pass both chambers, South Carolina could leap from a tax reform laggard to a leader among red states, gaining a stronger foothold in an increasingly competitive southeastern economy.



**CLUB.** House Speaker Murrell Smith addresses media during a press conference on March 25, where Republican leaders, including Governor Henry McMaster and Rep. Fawn Pedalino, unveiled a sweeping income tax reform plan.

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NEWS





#### **BALL** FROM PAGE 1

it's just grown from there." The Royal Family Ball marked the program's first formal celebration of its young readers and their accomplishments. Designed as a night to honor families and encourage continued literacy efforts at home, the event featured dinner, dancing, and an awards ceremony recognizing each child's achievements in reading. Every participant received a certificate and a gold medal.

"To see the kids come up with big smiles on their faces—it was the best moment of the night," Jackson said. "Some of these children don't always get recognized in school settings, but they've worked hard with us. They've improved their reading scores and confidence. That's worth celebrating."

The event's theme, "It's a Family Affair," was brought to life by guest speaker Director of Safety and Special Projects Dr. Jacqueline Inabinette of the Clarendon County School District, who encouraged families to prioritize education together. "Her message was about how important it is to get the entire family involved in a child's success," said Jackson.

Families embraced the evening's formalwear theme with style. The Presley family took home the first-place prize in the Best Dressed competition, followed by the Rhodes and Wilson families.

The evening also showcased strong community partnerships. Local chef and New Zion native Tremaine Miller, founder of Miller's Land of the Seasoning, sponsored and prepared the fish and chicken entrees on site. Parents provided side dishes, and Charleston-based baker Skyler delighted attendees with a dessert table.

The event featured local vendors and partners, including 4-H, Lee County First Steps, South Carolina State University, and the Harvin Clarendon County Library, which will host a "Down Home Days" spring event for Let's Read Clarendon on April 21.

Since its founding, Let's Read Clarendon has distributed hundreds of books to children through a unique vending machine program funded by a USC Community Grant. Children earn gold tokens to redeem for new books, encouraging not only reading comprehension, but also a love of owning and caring for their own books.

The organization also partners with Clarendon County's chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., which provides snacks through its CHIP (Children's Health Improvement Program).

For Jackson, the program's

success comes from the village behind it. "When the kids see that the community is involved—reading with them, sponsoring events—it makes them feel seen and supported," she said. "Programs like this are helping the schools. We're just reinforcing what teachers are already doing and giving kids space to grow."

Let's Read Clarendon serves children from New Zion, Turbeville, Gable, and Sardinia. Weekly sessions are held at the Abundant Life Resource Center, located at 13386 US Hwy 301 in Gable, and new volunteers or sponsors are always welcome.

For more information or to get involved, contact Linda Jackson directly at 843-598-8210.

#### CLAREY FROM PAGE 1

said Clarey. "I remembered seeing how art therapy helped patients in clinical settings. I thought, why not give it a try?"

Clarey, now a resident of Elloree, turned to painting as a form of healing in 2017 after her mother's passing. The results were both therapeutic and surprising. "It looked like I might have a little bit of talent," she said with a smile.

The Lake Marion Artisans Gallery in Summerton has named Clarey its Artist of the Month for April, with a reception to be held in her honor from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the gallery, located at 108 Main Street.

Clarey's work includes acrylic paintings of birds, barns, beloved pets, and peaceful country scenes. Each piece begins with a photograph—often one she's taken herself—and evolves into a naturalistic painting rendered by hand.

"I don't trace or copy onto the canvas," she explained. "It's not an exact replica, but it looks pretty close. I love painting animals, especially pets of people I know. There's a connection there."

A few of Clarey's paintings feature her own dogs, including Oakley the chocolate lab and Tinker Bell, a tiny pup known for riding on Oakley's back.

Though painting remains a personal outlet, Clarey hopes to

one day showcase her work in tourist destinations like Charleston or even out-of-state markets where art collectors may invest in original pieces.

"I understand people here might not want to pay a high price, and I don't blame them—I wouldn't either," she said. "But it means so much just to have someone look at a painting and enjoy it."

Clarey joined the Lake Marion Artisans Gallery last fall, after being drawn in while looking for quilting classes. She was immediately impressed by the diversity of artwork and the camaraderie among local artists.

"It's not just beautiful—it's creative and welcoming," she said. "Even when I'm not in a class, I learn just by talking to others." Visitors can view Clarey's work throughout the month of April. Many of her pieces are available for purchase, with about 14 paintings on display at the gallery.

In addition to Clarey's reception, the Lake Marion Artisans Gallery has a full slate of events this April. Creative Community Social Hours will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, April 10 and April 24. Open to all, the sessions encourage neighbors to bring their own projects or use supplies on hand to create, connect, and unwind. Tea and art supplies are provided, and kids are welcome to join.

On Thursday, April 18, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., the gallery will host a guided meditation and singing bowl sound bath led by Lynne West VanHeusden. Participants are invited to bring a pillow or blanket for comfort during the 10-minute meditation followed by 40 minutes of crystal bowl sounds. Yoga mats will be provided, and a Q&A session will follow.

Wrapping up the month is the Treasure Trove at the Triangle Sale and Fun, scheduled for Friday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event features art, garage sale finds, attic goodies, baked goods, kid crafts and more. Vendor spots are available for \$15 or \$25 with power. Interested participants can contact Lynne at 512-913-9447.

For more information or to explore becoming a member, visit the Lake Marion Artisans Gallery at 108 Main Street, Summerton.



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If you are interested in adopting either Sebastian or Sullivan, or any of the other wonderful pets at the shelter, you can get pre-approved by completing our online application at www. ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com. Adoption fees: Dogs: \$125 Cats: \$100





#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS**

#### WHO WE ARE

Clarendon County Voter Registration & Elections is an integral part of Clarendon County government. We work closely with the SC State Election Commission and Clarendon County to ensure every eligible citizen has the opportunity to register to vote and participate in fair and impartial elections with the assurance that every vote will count! *Come work with us where...Every vote matters. Every vote counts.* 

#### THE MISSION

The Executive Director is expected to:

- Manage, plan, and direct the activities of the Department of Voter Registration and Elections Department.
  - Administer and provide secure, efficient, and effective voter and election services.
  - Coordinate election activities with the Board of Voter Registration and Elections, the State Election Commission, and local entities.
  - Schedule and direct all elections held in Clarendon County.

#### A SNAPSHOT OF EXCITING THINGS YOU WILL DO:

- Manage the operation of the Voter Registration and Elections Department ensuring compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies and procedures.
- Direct and supervise the duties of administrative staff and volunteers.
- Coordinate election activities with the Board of Voter Registration and Elections, the State Election Commission, and local entities.
- Plan and coordinate all voter registration procedures and sites in accordance with state law.
- Provide information to the news media, public officials and the public regarding registration and election
  procedures and results.
- Develop and administer the department budget to ensure effective and efficient use of budgeted funds
  personnel, materials, facilities, and time.
- Provide administrative support to the Board of Voter Registration and Elections, as well as coordinate attend, and participate in Board meetings.
- Stay updated of all laws and regulations affecting public elections and registration procedures.
- Prepares certified reports reflecting registration totals, voter registration statistics, party enrollment, official vote totals for public offices, and forwards to appropriate state, county, or other agencies.

#### HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Integrity Honest and ethical in all matters.
- Independence Developing one's own ways of doing things, guiding oneself with little or no supervision, and depending on oneself to get things done.
- Self-Control Maintain composure, keeping emotions in check, controlling anger, and avoiding aggressive behavior, even in very difficult situations.
- Relationships with Others: Shares knowledge with managers, supervisors, and co-workers for mutual benefit.
- Attention to Detail Being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks.

#### WHAT YOU WILL BRING TO THE TABLE:

- $\circ$   $\;$  Bachelor's degree in public administration, business or a related field is required.
- 3+ years of general administrative experience and/or an equivalent combination of education, certifications, training, and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Must possess State Election Commission Certification or obtain one within twelve months of becoming employed as Executive Director.
- Must possess a valid state driver's license.
- Must be able to lift up to 10 pounds, at times, and have the ability to operate a variety of office machinery and equipment including computers, typewriters, calculators, adding machines, copiers, fax machines, etc..

#### Job Type: Full-time

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## DRIVE-THRU ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 15, 2025





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## **REGISTRATION GIFTS**



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#### MEETING

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ESTATE: Vera McKenzie Coker Case No# 2025ES1400068 Personal Representative: Hubert Dwayne Coker Address: 5740 Salem Road New Zion, SC 29111 Attorney: Elbert K. Turbeville Address: PO Box 699 Lake City, SC 29560 (03/20-04/03)

Ten-Dale Family Farms, 1322 Les Tindal Rd. Pinewood, SC 29125 has applied to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services for a Groundwater Withdrawal Permit, under the Groundwater Use and Reporting Act for one (1) proposed agricultural irrigation well(s) located at approximately N 33.60622, W -80.375443 in Clarendon County, SC. A proposed maximum groundwater withdrawal of 51 million gallons per year from the McQueen Branch aquifer has been developed from calculated water use requirements for one (1)

agricultural well(s) on approximately 71 acres. Additional information concerning this application may be obtained from Ashley Carothers by calling (803) 898-4220 or e-mail at Ashley. Carothers@des.sc.gov. SCDES invites and will receive comments on the application until April 7th, 2025, close of business day, 5:00pm EST. Please submit comments using SCDES's ePermitting webpage (https://epermweb.dhec. sc.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/search) by navigating to the project and using the "add comment" tab at the top of the page. Comments may also be sent to: SCDES/Bureau of Water, Attention: Ashley Carothers, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Interested parties wishing to be notified of the final permit decision must make comment on the application and/or make request to receive notice of the final decision and must provide SCDES with a correct name and mailing address. (4/7/25)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

OF DIRECTORS OF CLARENDON COUNTY FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS PARTNERSHIP, A SOUTH CAROLINA NONPROF IT CORPORATION

Please take notice that Dr. Myra Pearson, Chairperson of Clarendon County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership, a South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby calls a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation at 9 o'clock a.m. on March 20, 2025, for the purpose of considering and voting upon the amendments to the Bylaws of the Corporation, and conducting such other business as may come before the Board. For more information, contact Clarendon County First Steps at clarendonfirststeps@ gmail.com or (803) 433-2848. Dr. Myra Pearson Chairperson of the Board of Directors,

Clarendon County First Steps to School Readiness Partnership

#### • EDUCATION

## Manning native Jackson Clemmons named to elite Summerall Guards at The Citadel

#### **SUBMITTED**

mtscreporter@gmail.com

Jackson Clemmons of Manning has earned one of the highest honors at The Citadel, having been selected as a member of the prestigious Summerall Guards for the Class of 2026.

Clemmons was among 61 rising seniors who officially took their place in the historic drill platoon during the annual changing of the guard ceremony, held as part of Corps Day weekend on The Citadel's Charleston campus. The event marked the final performance for the Class of 2025 Summerall Guards, who passed their rifles to the incoming unit.

Membership in the Summerall Guards is a coveted recognition of strength, stamina and leadership. Cadets undergo a rigorous selection process that begins with passing an initial physical fitness test and continues with six weeks of Bond Volunteer Aspirant (BVA) training. Candidates are tested on military pushups, sit-ups and rifle-bearing drills, all performed in strict formation and under physically demanding conditions.

Created in 1932, the Summerall Guards are known across the country as an elite military drill unit. Their precise, silent performances are based on old Prussian close-order drills and are never written down—passed only from class to class. The unit is named for Gen. Charles P. Summerall, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and president of The Citadel from 1931 to 1953.

The newly formed platoon will be commanded by Cadet Cole Bouknight.

Founded in 1842, The Citadel is a nationally recognized military college offering a leadership-focused education to approximately 2,300 cadets. While military service is not required, about one-third of graduates earn commissions in the U.S. Armed Forces. The institution has consistently ranked as the No. 1 Public College in the South by U.S. News & World Report for 13 consecutive years.

For more information about The Citadel, visit www. citadel.edu.







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#### SC DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER **AFFAIRS URGES RESIDENTS TO DELETE 23ANDME ACCOUNTS**

#### **SUBMITTED**

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is encouraging state residents to consider deleting their 23andMe accounts to safeguard their personal genetic data, as the DNA testing company files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The announcement, made Monday, warns consumers that personal information shared with the company-including DNA samples submitted for ancestry and health-related insights-may be vulnerable as 23andMe navigates its bankruptcy process.

Consumers who wish to delete their data are advised to log into their 23andMe accounts, navigate to the "Settings" section, and follow the instructions under "23andMe Data" to permanently delete their information. Users are also given the option to download their

data before deletion. "For those who opted to store their saliva samples or consented to having their genetic data used for research, those permissions

can also be revoked through the account's settings page," SCDCA officials said in the alert.

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson also urged residents to protect their privacy, echoing SCD-CA's recommendations. His full statement is available through the Attorney General's Office. The genetic testing com-

pany, once popular for offering personalized ancestry and health reports through mailed saliva kits, is facing mounting legal and financial challenges that have raised concerns over how sensitive consumer data may be handled moving forward.

For more information and updates on the Chapter 11 filing, consumers are advised to visit the 23andMe website.

Founded in 1974, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs has served as the state's consumer protection agency for more than 50 years, working to ensure fair business practices and empower consumers through education and advocacy.

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**BY MELISSA FOUST-MCCOY** mtscreporter@gmail.com

Clarendon County Fire Rescue is actively recruiting full-time and part-time paramedics, firefighters, and EMTs to join its growing team. The department, which operates under a 24/72 shift schedule, is offering a competitive benefits package and a mission-driven career opportunity to those ready to serve their community in emergency situations.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old at the time of employment and meet a series of physical, medical, and certification requirements. Candidates must be able to successfully complete a physical agility test, pass a medical physical examination, and undergo drug testing.

Full-time positions are open for Paramedics, who will operate under the general supervision of designated fire/rescue officers. Responsibilities include responding to 911 calls, providing emergency medical care, and assisting in fire and rescue operations. Required certifications include South Carolina EMT-Paramedic, National Registry Paramedic, Basic Life Support (CPR), Advanced Cardiac Life Support,

and Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Applicants must also possess a valid South Carolina driver's license and be a high school graduate or equivalent. Firefighter I certification is required upon hire, or must be obtained within 12 months.

The department is also seeking EMTs/ External Firefighters. These team members will perform external fire suppression and medical care but are restricted from entering structures or enclosed areas for firefighting activities. Required certifications include South Carolina EMT-Basic, National Registry Emergency Medical Technician, and Basic Life Support (CPR), as well as certification as an External Firefighter or equivalent. Firefighter I certification must also be obtained within one year of hire.

Clarendon County Fire Rescue offers employer-paid benefits, South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS) participation, 14 paid holidays, and access to an internal IST program. The department also provides on-staff medical control support.

Interested applicants can learn more or request an application by visiting www. clarendoncountygov.org or www.clarendonfirerescue.com.

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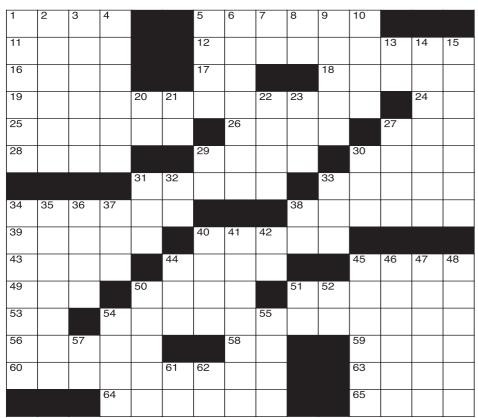
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Apostolic Revival Center - Manning.
Bethlehem Methodist Church - Davis Station.
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church - Summerton.
Biggers AME Church - S.C. 261 East, Manning.
Briggs Chapel Missionary Baptist Church - Summerton.
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The Church of God of Prophecy - Home Branch
Clarendon Baptist Church - Alcolu.
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2116 Greeleyville Highway., Manning.
Cross Roads Bible Fellowship - 5546 Paxville Hwy Manning
Cypress Fork Freewill Baptist Church - Cypress Forks community.
Deep Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church - Bloomville Highway.
Deliverance Ministries - Summerton.
Ebenezer Baptist Church - 105 Dinkins St., Manning.
Elizabeth Missionary Bapt. Church - U.S. 301 South, Box 748, Manning.
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First Assembly of God - 3574 Hwy 260/Lake Road.
First Baptist Church - 49 West Boyce Street, Manning.
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Liberty Hill AME Church - Summerton.
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Macedonia Church of God by Faith, Inc 26 Mazyck St., Summerton.
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Manning Church of Christ - 311 E. Keitt St., Manning.
Manning Deliverance Temple - (Apostolic Denomination) 6422 June Burn Rd, Manning.
Manning Progressive Church of Jesus - Hwy. 521, Manning.
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Manning United Methodist Church - 17 E. Rigby Street.
Maranatha Pentecostal Holiness Church - Horse Branch Road, Turbeville.
Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist Church - 314 W. Huggins St., Manning.
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Mt. Carmel United Freewill Baptist Church - 207 Reardon St., Manning.
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New Covenant Presbyterian Church - U.S. 301 South, Manning.
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New Light Baptist Church - Davis Station.
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New Zion Church - Salem Road, New Zion.
Oak Grove Baptist Church
Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church - 2529 Raccoon Road, Manning -
Paxville Baptist Church - S.C. 261 Paxville.
Paxville United Methodist Church - S.C. 261 Paxville.
Pine Dale Pentecostal Holiness Church - Turbeville.
Pine Grove AME Church - 7779 Kenwood Rd.
Pine Grove Church - Turbeville, SC
Prayer House Mission Church - Davis Crossroads, Summerton.
The Presbyterian Church - North Brooks Street, Manning. Dr.
Providence AME Church - Mallet Road, Manning.
Providence Christian Church - Dozier Mallet Road, Manning.
Restoration Ministries Church of God - Manning.
Rock Hill Baptist Church - Old Georgetown Road, Manning.
Santee AME Church - Dingle Pond Road, Summerton.
Santee Baptist Church - Hwy. 260, Manning.
Sardinia Presbyterian Church - Sardinia.
Seacoast Manning - Weldon Auditorium.
Second Baptist Church - Alfred Henry Drive, Manning.
Shiloh AME Church - Foreston.
Society Hill AME Church - 1030 Morella Road, Manning.
Spring Hill AME Church -
St. James AME Church -
St. Luke Baptist Church - Foreston.
St. Mark AME Church - First Street, Summerton.
St. Mary's Catholic Church - N. Cantey St., Summerton.
St. Matthias Anglican Church - North Duke at Canty, Summerton.
St. Paul Holiness Church - St. Paul.
St. Peter AME - Rimini.
St. Phillip RMUE - Old River Road, Pinewood.
Summerton Baptist Church - East Main Street.
Summerton Presbyterian Church - 16 South Canty Street.
Summerton Southern Methodist Church
Summerton United Methodist Church Corner of S. Church St. and Briggs St.
Taw Caw Baptist Church - Summerton.
Trinity AME Church - 39 W. Rigby Street, Manning.
Trinity Church - U.S. 301, Alcolu.
Triumph The Church Kingdom of God in Christ - Davis Station.
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### Presbyterian Church to celebrate Homecoming with historic time capsule opening



**CHURCH.** A historical photo depicting a float built and featured in the homecoming parade in the 1940's. The float is a representation of the first Manning Presbyterian Church. (Manning Presbyterian Church)

#### BY MELISSA FOUST-MCCOY mtscreporter@gmail.com

The Presbyterian Church at Manning invites the community to gather for a special Homecoming Weekend, with events beginning Saturday, April 5, and continuing through Sunday. The highlight of the weekend will be the long-awaited opening of a time capsule placed in the church's cornerstone in 1905.

The capsule, originally scheduled to be opened in 2005 to mark its 100th anniversary, remained sealed until now due to logistical challenges. Judge Ferrell Cothran, a lifelong member and historian of the church, has been championing the effort to open the capsule for nearly two decades.

"We were supposed to open it in 2005, but it never suited everybody," Cothran said. "I've been trying for 20 years. Finally, I gave it to the young adult Sunday school class and said, 'See if y'all can do it.' And they pulled it off. Here we are."

The Time Capsule Opening Ceremony begins at 1 p.m. Saturday on the church lawn. The event will feature a bagpipe processional, bell tolling, prayers, and remarks by church leaders and local dignitaries. Following the formal opening, attendees will have the opportunity to view the century-old artifacts. Reverend Dr. C. Jarred Hammet Jr. will lead the ceremony alongside members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina.

Cothran shared stories of the church's early days, including how bricks used to build it were made in Manning following a devastating tornado. "The bricks went into the courthouse, the library, and this church," he said. "It's all Manning-made."

The weekend celebration continues Sunday, April 6, with an 11 a.m. Homecoming Worship Service and a covered dish luncheon at noon. Former pastors, widows of past ministers, and community guests will take part in the service, which draws inspiration from the original 1906 order of worship.

The Presbyterian Church at Manning was formally completed in 1905 and stands as a testament to generations of community worship and resilience. According to Cothran, the current building cost \$16,000

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> to construct—a monumental amount at the time—and its craftsmanship remains unmatched.

"It would cost over \$12 million to replace it today," he said. "And there's nobody in this country that could do it—we'd have to go to Europe."

A full story featuring the contents of the capsule and the deeper history of the church will appear in next week's edition of The Manning Times.

For more information, contact the church office at (803) 435-8157.



#### BY MAXPREPS mtscreporter@gmail.com

#### VARSITY BASEBALL EAST CLARENDON HIGH SCHOOL

South Florence typically has all the answers at home, but on Friday East Clarendon proved too difficult a challenge. They came out on top against the Bruins by a score of 5-2. That's two games straight that the Wolverines have won by exactly three runs.

Blease Hardy spent all seven innings on the mound, and it's clear why: he surrendered only one earned (and one unearned) run on four hits and racked up eight Ks. He has been consistent : he hasn't given up more than one earned run in five consecutive appearances.

At the plate, the team relied heavily on Dawson Beard, who scored two runs and stole a base while getting on base in three of his five plate appearances. Kenley Sullivan also deserves some recognition as he hit his first triple of the season.

East Clarendon always had someone on base and finished the game having posted an OBP of .543. They easily outclassed their opponents in that department as South Florence only posted an OBP of .296.

East Clarendon is on a roll lately: they've won eight of their last nine matches. That's provided a massive bump to their 8-4 record this season. A key ingredient in that success has been their performance when it comes to hits: they averaged an imposing 8.78 hits in those games compared to only 4.67 in the others. South Florence's loss dropped their record down to 8-5.

Both teams are looking forward to the support of their home crowds in their upcoming games. East Clarendon will face off against Kingstree at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Kingstree has struggled to contain batters this season (they've allowed 15.17 runs per game on average), something East Clarendon will no doubt try to take advantage of. As for South Florence, they will square off against Crestwood at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. South Florence is facing Crestwood at

#### MANNING HIGH SCHOOL

Manning waltzed into their contest on Friday with two straight wins... but they left with three. They never let the Kingstree Blazers get on the board and left with a 15-0 win. That's the second time they've managed to beat them this season, as they also won 18-2 last Tuesday.

Manning's victory bumped their record up to 4-6. As for Kingstree, their defeat was their tenth straight on the road dating back to last season, which dropped their record down to 0-6.

Coming up, Manning will host Mullins at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Manning is facing Mullins at the right time seeing as Mullins is stuck on an 11-game losing streak. As for Kingstree, they are taking a road trip to face off against East Clarendon at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Kingstree will need to watch out since East Clarendon has now posted at least ten runs in their last three games.

#### LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY

There's no place like home for Laurence Manning Academy, who bounced back after a loss on the road on March 8th. They put the hurt on the Orangeburg Prep Indians with a sharp 8-2 win on Thursday. The Swampcats have seen this before: they got the W the last time they saw the Indians, too. Laurence Manning Academy pushed their record up to 4-1 with the victory, which was their seventh straight at home dating back to last season. The wins came thanks in part to their hitting performance across that stretch, as they averaged 8.6 runs over those games. As for Orangeburg Prep, they moved to 11-2 with that defeat, which also ended their seven-game winning streak.

Both teams are looking forward to the support of their home crowds in their upcoming games. Laurence Manning Academy will take on First Baptist School at 7:00 p.m. on Monday. As for Orangeburg Prep, they will welcome Colleton Prep Academy at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Colleton Prep Academy has struggled to contain batters this season (they've allowed 9.18 runs per game on average), something Orangeburg Prep will no doubt try to take advantage of.

#### VARSITY SOFTBALL LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY

Laurence Manning Academy entered their tilt with Colleton Prep Academy on Friday with eight consecutive wins, and they'll enter their next game with nine. They never let the War Hawks get on the board and left with a 12-0 win. That's the second time they've managed to beat them this season, as they also won 13-0 on March 12th.

Laurence Manning Academy's victory was their sixth straight on the road dating back to last season, which pushed their record up to 12-1. The wins came thanks in part to their hitting performance across that stretch, as they averaged 10.0 runs over those games. As for Colleton Prep Academy, this is the second loss in a row for them and nudges their season record down to 2-9.

Looking ahead, Laurence Manning Academy will head out on the road to face off against John Paul II at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday. As for Colleton Prep Academy, they will challenge St. John's Christian Academy at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

#### **MANNING HIGH SCHOOL**

Manning won the last time they faced Kingstree and things went their way on Thursday too. Manning put the hurt on Kingstree with a sharp 17-4 victory. That 13 run margin sets a new team best for the Monarchs this season.

The win made it two in a row for Manning and bumps their season record up to 3-1. The victories came thanks in part to their pitching effort, having only surrendered a grand total of 7 runs in those games. As for Kingstree, they are on an eightgame losing streak (dating back to last season) that has dropped them down to 0-6.

Looking ahead, Manning will challenge Mullins at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. As for Kingstree, they will head out on the road to face

#### EAST CLARENDON HIGH SCHOOL

East Clarendon lost against Laurence Manning Academy last Thursday, and unfortunately they wound up with the same result on Thursday. East Clarendon came up short against Laurence Manning Academy, falling 10-2.

East Clarendon's defeat dropped their record down to 3-3. As for Laurence Manning Academy, the win was the eighth in a row for them, bringing their record up to 11-1.

East Clarendon and Laurence Manning Academy should be looking forward to their upcoming games as both have a sizable advantage in the MaxPreps South Carolina Rankings. East Clarendon will take on Kingstree at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday up 155 places (39 vs. 194). Meanwhile, Laurence Manning Academy (ranked tenth) will meet Colleton Prep Academy (ranked 122nd) at 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

#### VARISTY SOCCER MANNING HIGH SCHOOL

Manning was not able to break out of their rough patch on Tuesday as the team picked up their eighth straight defeat. They lost 19-0 to the West Ashley Wildcats. While losing is never fun, Manning can't take it too hard given the team's big disadvantage in MaxPreps' South Carolina soccer rankings (they are ranked 158th, while West Ashley are ranked third).

Manning's loss dropped their record down to 0-8. As for West Ashley, they have been performing well recently as they've won five of their last six contests. That's provided a nice bump to their 9-3-1 record this season.

Both squads will have to hit the road in their upcoming games. Manning will square off against Sumter at 6:00 p.m. on April 3. As for West Ashley, they will challenge Summerville at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

#### EAST CLARENDON HIGH SCHOOL

satisfaction on Thursday. While the 0-0 score might suggest a draw, it was East Clarendon who was credited with the win. East Clarendon got it done in the shootout by posting three goals to the Timberland Wolves' two. Winning may never get old, but East Clarendon sure are getting used to it with their fourth in a row.

East Clarendon's victory bumped their record up to 4-5. As for Timberland, they have been struggling recently as they've lost four of their last five matches. That's put a noticeable dent in their 5-5 record this season.

East Clarendon will head out on the road to challenge Wilson Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. As for Timberland, they have already played their next contest, a 3-0 win against Calhoun County on the 28th.

#### VARSITY LACROSSE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY

Laurence Manning Academy's lacrosse team went 1-1 last week, edging Camden Military Academy 10-8 on Monday before falling in a hard-fought 5-4 double-overtime loss to Spring Valley on Friday.

Against Camden Military, the Swampcats overcame a slow offensive start and late-game adversity, holding off a six-man attack while down three players to secure the win. Hunter Stanfield led the offense with three goals and an assist, while Camdyn Stickler added two goals and three assists. Jackson Timmons dominated the faceoff circle, winning 13 of 18, in**CLUD**ing two crucial wins in the final minutes.

On Friday, Laurence Manning battled Spring Valley into a second overtime before surrendering the game-winner with 43 seconds left. Coleman Elmore scored all four goals for the Swampcats, while Timmons went 9-for-10 on faceoffs. Phoenix Tisdale recorded 14 saves in

wood is stuck on a nine-game losing streak.

off against East Clarendon at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

East Clarendon lost to Timberland on March 1st, but they didn't allow them the same goal, backed by a strong defensive effort from Gavin Brown, Noah Tucker and Cade Hodge.

#### SPORTS

# Clarendon Hall Bass Fishing Team finishes strong at Phantom Open on Lake Murray

BY MELISSA FOUST-MCCOY mtscreporter@gmail.com

The Clarendon Hall Bass Fishing Team turned in a solid performance at the 2025 Phantom Open held this past weekend on Lake Murray, with two junior angler teams representing the school in the statewide tournament hosted by the South Carolina High School Bass Challenge.

The duo of Troy Phillips and Baylor Rhodus led the Saints, weighing in a 3-fish limit totaling 6.93 pounds. Phillips also landed the team's biggest fish of the day at 2.82 pounds, earning him the Big Fish award. Rhodus was named the team's Most Valuable Angler for his contributions on the water.

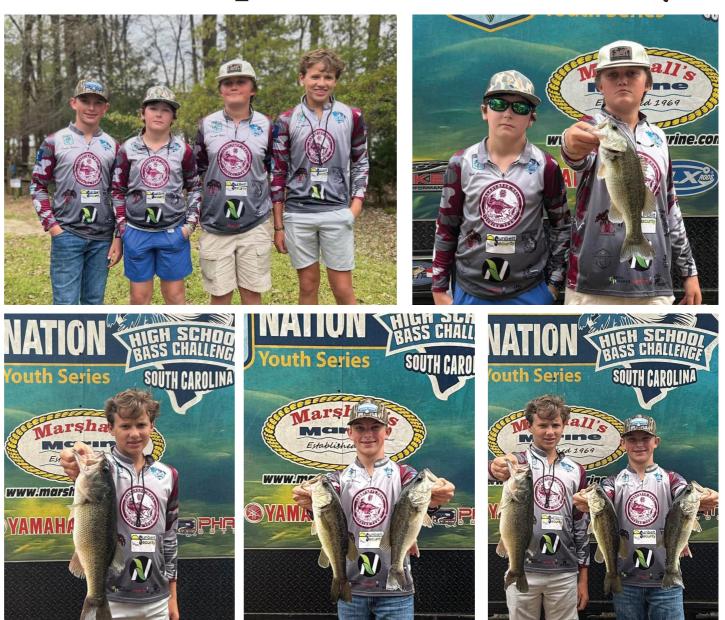
Teammates Reed Anderson and Bennett Wells also competed, reeling in a single fish weighing 1.84 pounds.

Boat captains Wes Keller and Tony McArthur helped navigate the student anglers through the competitive day on the lake.

"Thank you to the SC High School Bass Challenge for hosting today's tournament," the team shared in a social media post. "Also, thank you to the boat captains, family, friends, team sponsors and supporters for your dedication to these student anglers and to the sport of bass fishing."

Next up, the Clarendon Hall Bass Fishing Team will head to Winyah Bay for their next competition.

For those interested in joining the CH Fishing Team for the 2025–2026 season, contact Team Coach Whitney Phillips at 803-460-9379 for details on upcoming interest meetings, sponsorship opportunities, and deadlines.



BASS. The Clarendon Hall students pose with their catches. (Photo C/O Clarendon Hall)

#### • EDUCATION

# Laurence Manning Academy's Headmaster's and Honor Roll Lists for Quarter Three



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#### Headmaster's Honor Roll: **2ND GRADE:**

Sean Austin, Hudson Bozard, Colton Buckner, Madison Chapman, Piper Compton, Harper Jean Cutter, Jackson Douglas, Amelia DuRant, Whitlee Hayes Eichmeier, Clinton Ford, Harper Galloway, Kat Geddings, Londyn Keefer, Cole Martin, Huxley Mathis, Sawyer Maxwell, Charlotte McCaskill, Dawson McGranaghan, Brenleigh Moore, Sophia Nguyen, Amelia Norris, Graham Thomas Reeder, Liam Squires, Evelyn Stogner, Makenzie Timmons

#### **3RD GRADE:**

Evi Anderson, Genrtry Baggette, Giovanni Benyamen, Annsleigh Cox, Maycee Geddings, Madison Harrell, Micah Howard, Ella Hurst, Elizabeth Johnson, McKinlea Moser, Mallory Ward

#### **4TH GRADE:**

Paisley Bevell, Maggie Mc-Crary, Annie Ross, Haley Tanner

5th grade: Harper Bryant, Capers Du-Bose, Ellafair DuRant, Blythe Lee, Camilla Lowder, Samson Nguyen, Kendall Smith, Khloe Stark, Whit Stukes

#### **6TH GRADE:**

Alana Bowley, Griffin Butler, Grayson Connor, Sami Danigel, Avery Floyd, Brayden Ford, CiCi Hurley, Copeland Lee, Addison Mayer, Kallie Morris, Jolie Stukavec, Cooper Welch

7TH GRADE:

Joshua Andrews, Jackson Brammer, Gabby Danigel, Anne Heaton DuRant, Allie Geddings, Cadence Geddings, Caroline Howell, Nathan Ingram, Callie Keefer, Lauren James Lea, Vidhi Patel, Anna Lynn Tindal

#### **8TH GRADE:**

Riley Hanson, Tyler Locke, Emmie Mooneyham, Joe Joe Perry, Molly Prothro, Audrey Purvis, Ella Grace Sandifer, Kiera Stukavec, Kendall Tanner, Jacob Todd, Amelia Turner

#### **9TH GRADE:**

Alyssa Ardis, Summer Carey, Benjamin Clegg, James Mathis, Raenata Sanders, Piper Skey, Logan Starnes, Sophia Timmons, Anthony Tran, Duncan Watkins

#### **10TH GRADE:**

Knox Beane, Sarah Lane, Lucy McCarron, Asher Sanders, Adam Tamburello, Abigail Miles 11th grade:

Madelyn Coker, Ashley Rae Hodge, Mason Hodge, Madelyn McCarron, Hayden Mitchiner, Leland Mitchum, Jayden O'Mara, William Painter, Jiya Patel, Lyza Prickelmyer, Caroline Prothro, Sydnie Vohs, John Ward, Lily Wellborn

#### **12TH GRADE:**

Lainey Baggette, Anna Kate Beane, Dakota Brailsford, Kourtney Brown, Madilyn Clark, Olivia Danback, Emily Dunlap, Sadie Ferguson, Ava Ford, Rivers Ann Gardner, Haleigh Geddings, Caroline Hudson, Jackson Jolly, Laini Kosinski, Anna Charles Lester, Bryceson Pack, Haylen Scott, Caroline Weaver, Seth Witherspoon, Ava Wright Honor Roll:

#### 2ND GRADE:

Ava Cleto, Raegan Cockerill, Vienna DeLeon, Jack Johnson, Carson Jones, Igel Jordan, Wyatt Keller, Misha Patel, Braelyn Penrod, Dale Richardson, Sadie Ridgeway, Charleston Sandifer, Gunnar White, Audrey Wise

#### **3RD GRADE:**

Bailee Arrants, Ryleigh Aycock, Henry Bryant, Claire Chere, Clinton Collins, Callahan Craven, Paisley Crawford, Liam Disher, Isabella Ferguson, Grayson Fernandez, Emery Floyd, Alli Hayden, Henley Hayden, Lee Jackson, Ethan Kelley, Chase Lucas, Deems McKenzie, Ella Russell, Naomi Welch, Parker Wolfe

#### 4TH GRADE:

Trinity Cole, Ella Ferriell, Gunnar Hanson, Avielle Hilton, Anna Hodge, Mac Johnson, Laney Keller, Avarie Kruger, Paisley Mathis, Wren McCabe, Meg McCaskill, Adalyn McKinnon, Miles McLaughlin, Maxie Newman, Chelsey Penrod, Bella Sawadske, Ryanne Smith, Alley Strauss, Henry Thompson, Braxton Thompson, Ella Claire Timmons, Rhett Vining, Olivia Way, Sam Wheeler

#### **5TH GRADE:**

Hugh Bozard, Nolan Briley, Kayden Crisanti, Vivien Deininger, Preston Elmore, Sadie Gamble, Chase Hanson, Addie Henderson, Morgan Hodge, Nolan Hyde, J. Johnson, Bennett Jordan, Evi Lea, DW Melton, Nikko Natale, Zerlina Quiroz, Lucas Roberson, Anna Feagin Tanner, Jackson Taylor, Daniel Thompson, Anna Tisdale, Sara James Truett, John Myers Watt, Stormi White, Mason Yokeum 6TH GRADE:

Paisley Aytes, Logan Brown, Lillian Bryant, Michael Buchanan, Bailey Carter, Savannah Coker, Edjuan Cole, Emily Cornatzer, Carys Craven, Cole Danback, Jack Davis, Langston Field, Carly Floyd, Graycen-Gainey, McKenlie Hodge, Nash Kosinski, Julian LaRock, Elliott McKenzie, Caydence Mitchell, Claire Monarch, Aarav Patel, Colton Purvis, Ava Quintanilla, Izzy Rich, Korbin Tisdale, Hudson Turner, Whit Whitaker, Bray'Leigh Williams

#### **7TH GRADE:**

Caleb Andrews, Charlotte Baker, Jackson Barkley, Thinolia Bromfield, Addison Bryant, Avery Bryant, Khloe Collins, Camden Crawford, Morgan Cribb, Kinslee Duke, Grant Formyduval, Morgan Goodman, Emma Hodge, Vivian Hurst, Emma Kotler, CJ Nesbitt, Tiya Patel, Brody Prickelmyer, Andrew Thompson, Colton Timmons **8TH GRADE:** 

Savannah Ardis, Grace Bieger, Leilani Clark, Tatiana Erichsen, Jayden Green, Elijah Hilton, Jacob Hilton, McRee Holcombe, Evan Kelly, Sebastion O'Connor, Anna Grace Osborne, Peyton Osteen, Jud Reynolds, Dominick Spadaccini, Anthony Stark, Knox

#### Welch 9TH GRADE:

Andrew Beard, Mariah Buchanan, Cydney Cassell, Meredith Coffey, Colton Geddings, Logan Hudson, Ansley Kotler, Landry Lee, Kevin Pack, Macy Poole, DeVya Spann, Kole Squires, Ellie Timmons, James Tisdale, Isabelle Todd, William Ward, Jordan Welch

#### **10TH GRADE:**

Avery Craven, Savannah Earles, Colby Hasty, Alana Kimbrough, Aislin Lea, Harley Li, Norah McCraw, Katherine Mullins, Bryce Phan, Cooper Reynolds, Robert Robertson, Bricen Stewart, Mary Madilyn Way, Jon Woodward, Claire Wright

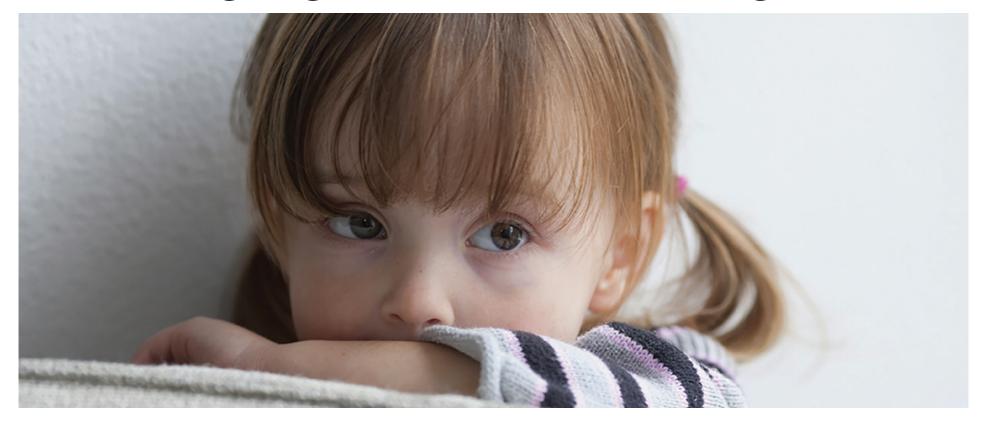
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Jenkins Andrews, Brayden Barnhill, Whitley Boykin, Payton Brown, Autumn Bryant, Kinsington Lake Castle, Morgan Conklin, Logan Durham, Sadie Gardner, Jonathan Geddings, Ella Grace Healon, Adrionna Jackson, Cameron Johnson, Nevaeh Lambert, James Matlock, Ryleigh Maynard, Shawn Thomas Moore, Emma Newman, Thomas Ridgeway, Hollie Self, Kelsey Vorhis, Alyssa Walton

#### 12TH GRADE:

Kaylee Avins, Emma Barwick, Ella Grace Berry, Dixiana Bethea, Wilson Britton, Gavin Brown, Savannah Bruce, Anna Lewis Burke, Tara Burkin, Mary Catherine Buyck, Rory Carter, Lenley Caughman, Aiden Creel, Drew Ferriell, Daniel Geddings, Jessica Griffith, Kinsey Hatchell, Taylor Henry, Benjamin Knight, Lila Kate Mathis, Creed McCoy, Campbell McInnis, Jenna McKenzie, Kameron Miller, Camryn Poole, Inga Prince, Hailey Quintanilla, Diego Saucedo, Bailey Wallman, Claire Williams, Kayla Willson, Will Wilson

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, so The Manning Times is running this article to encourage people to be diligent in protecting the children of our community and beyond.

No one wants to imagine the idea of a child being abused, but child abuse is a significant issue across the globe. A 2016 review of population-based surveys on the prevalence of past-year violence against children published in the journal Pediatrics concluded that as many as one billion children between the ages of two and 17 experienced physical, sexual or emotional violence in the past year. Though that analysis was conducted years ago and it would be unfounded to suggest the prevalence of child abuse has remained that high, the findings reflect a global issue that demands attention.

As the 2016 analysis illustrates, child abuse is an umbrella term that encompasses various forms of maltreatment. The Mayo Clinic notes that the many forms of child abuse include physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, medical abuse, and neglect. Though there are certain red flags that indicate abuse but not necessarily a particular form of abuse, the Mayo Clinic indicates each type of abuse can produce its own specific signs and symptoms.

#### Physical abuse

Physical abuse refers to any instance when a child is intentionally physically injured or put at risk of harm by another person. Unexplained injuries like bruises, broken bones or burns are some manifestations of physical abuse of a child. The Mayo Clinic notes that a sign of child abuse is an injury that does not match up with the given explanation or one that is not compatible with the child's developmental ability.

#### Sexual abuse

The Mayo Clinic notes that any sexual activity with a child qualifies as sexual abuse. Sexual contact with a child and noncontact sexual abuse, such as exposing a child to sexual activity or pornography, are some additional examples of sexual abuse.

Signs of child sexual abuse include sexual behavior or knowledge that's inappropriate for a child's age; pregnancy or a sexually transmitted infection; genital or anal pain, bleeding or injury; and inappropriate sexual behavior with other children. Statements by a child indicating the child was sexually abused also indicate sexual abuse and should be taken seriously.

#### Emotional abuse

Emotional abuse includes actions that injure a child's self-esteem and emotional well-being. Verbal assault, which the Mayo Clinic notes can include repeated belittling or berating of a child, is considered emotional abuse. Isolating, ignoring or rejecting a child also falls under the umbrella of emotional child abuse.

Signs a child is a victim of emotional abuse include delayed or inappropriate emotional development; loss of self-confidence or self-esteem; social withdrawal or a loss of interest or enthusiasm; depression; avoidance of certain situations, such as refusing to go to school or ride the school bus; desperate attempts to garner attention; loss of interest in school or decrease in academic performance; and a loss of previously acquired developmental skills.

#### Neglect

Neglect occurs when a child is not provided with adequate food, clothing, shelter, clean living conditions, affection, supervision, education, or medical care.

Poor growth; poor personal cleanliness; lack of clothing or supplies to meet physical needs; hoarding or stealing food; poor record of school attendance; and a lack of appropriate medical concerns, including psychological problems, are some signs of neglect.

Child abuse takes place in every corner of the globe. Learning to spot signs of child abuse can help protect children in your community. More information about child abuse and its effects can be found at mayoclinic.org