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Alcolu man charged with sexual exploitation of minor

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A 77-year-old Clarendon County man has been arrested on a charge of sexual exploitation of a minor following an investigation by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

George Wells Jr. of Alcolu was arrested Oct. 14 and charged with one count of third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, according to Attorney General Alan Wilson.

The investigation began after authorities received a CyberTipline report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that led investigators to Wells. Authorities allege Wells possessed files containing child sexual abuse material.

Investigators with the Attorney General's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force made the arrest. The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, which is also a member of the state's task force, and the Manning Police Department assisted with the investigation.

Third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison under South Carolina law.

The Attorney General's Office will prosecute the case.

Manning woman among five charged in insurance fraud investigation

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A Manning woman faces 14 charges in an ongoing, multi-county insurance fraud investigation that has resulted in the arrests of five South Carolina women, according to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Jeanette Nicole Weaver, 40, of Manning, was charged Oct. 14 with 14 counts of fraudulent insurance application by an agent following an investigation requested by the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

According to arrest warrants, Weaver, an insurance producer, allegedly submitted fraudulent applications for Aflac insurance coverage using other individuals' identifying information, including Social Security numbers and account credentials.

Investigators allege the applications contained false information and were submitted to obtain insurance coverage or compensation for which the applicants were not eligible.

The alleged offenses occurred in Clarendon County between October 2024 and June 2025. Several warrants describe applications submitted using another person's username and password, while others allege Weaver submitted false information about applicants' eligibility for coverage.

Four additional women from Florence, Sumter, Columbia and Lake City were charged in connection with the broader investigation. Their charges involve allegations of fraudulent short-term disability insurance claims and forged documents.

Kristina Jeanetta Quanisha Benjamin, 31, of Sumter, faces 10 charges, including four counts of presenting false insurance claims valued at $10,000 or more, five counts of forgery involving less than $10,000 and one count of presenting a false insurance claim valued between $2,000 and $10,000.

According to warrants, Benjamin allegedly submitted multiple fraudulent disability claims between September 2024 and July 2025, including claims supported by falsified physician statements.

One warrant alleges Benjamin submitted a claim involving another individual's disability insurance policy. Another alleges she attempted to obtain approximately $2,500 through a claim involving a settlement with an insurance company.

Shaquilla Raford Singletary, 34, of Florence, was charged with forgery involving less than $10,000 and presenting a false insurance claim valued between $2,000 and $10,000.

Investigators allege Singletary submitted a fraudulent short-term disability insurance claim

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CLARENDON VOTES

Your guide to the Nov. 3 election



A Election Day is just around the corner, and The Manning Times is helping Clarendon County voters prepare to head to the polls.

Inside this week's edition, readers will find Clarendon Votes, a special election section featuring candidates seeking local and state offices. Through candidate questionnaires, readers can learn more about those seeking to represent them, their qualifications, priorities and positions on issues affecting Clarendon County.

From education and public safety to taxes, economic development and government accountability, the section offers voters an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates before making their decisions.

Find Clarendon Votes inside this week's edition and make your voice count Nov. 3.

Bravo Education Foundation welcomes Westinghouse as newest corporate donor



PARTNER: Bravo Education Foundation President Maureen Calvo presents a donor award to representatives of Westinghouse Specialty Welding and Machining on Oct. 14. Pictured, from left, are Calvo, Carolina Energy Solutions President Daniel Duran, Manufacturing Coordinator Katy Harrelson and Operations Support Lead Mercedes Devine.

(MELISSA FOUST-MCCOY/THE MANNING TIMES)

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The Bravo Education Foundation of Clarendon County has announced that Westinghouse Specialty Welding and Machining is its newest corporate donor. On Oct. 14, Bravo President Maureen Calvo presented Daniel Duran and members of his team with a donor award in recognition of their support and commitment to the foundation's mission.

Duran is president of Carolina Energy Solutions (CES), a Westinghouse subsidiary, and was hired by Westinghouse in January 2024 to lead the Manning facility. His commitment to the community and appreciation for what Clarendon County has to offer extend beyond his corporate leadership. In March 2022, he retired from a nearly 25-year career in the U.S. Navy, after which he and his family chose to settle in Summerton.

According to Duran, the town is "quiet, beautiful, and the people in our neighborhood are amazing."

When asked about the factors influencing his decision to become a Colleague-Level donor supporting Bravo's mission to empower

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Clarendon remains at three magistrates as county uses temporary staffing plan

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Clarendon County remains down to one full-time and two quarter-time magistrates, but a temporary scheduling and compensation arrangement has helped the county retain its remaining judges while officials wait for additional appointments.

County Administrator Walt Ackerman told The Manning Times this week that none of the magistrates who previously left have indicated they plan to return. Chief Magistrate Angela Witherspoon had resigned, he said, but withdrew her resignation after the county developed the temporary plan.

"We have worked out a new schedule and compensation arrangement on a temporary basis," Ackerman said. "The remaining magistrates will be performing multiple roles working significantly more hours than before."

The arrangement comes several weeks after Clarendon's magistrate staffing dropped sharply amid a state budget change affecting health insurance eligibility for part-time judges. The county previously had one full-time and eight quarter-time magistrates.

A longstanding state budget provision had allowed part-time magistrates to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan even if they did not meet the normal hours requirement. Proviso 108.1 was ruled out of order during Senate consideration of the 2026-27 state budget and was not included in the final spending plan.

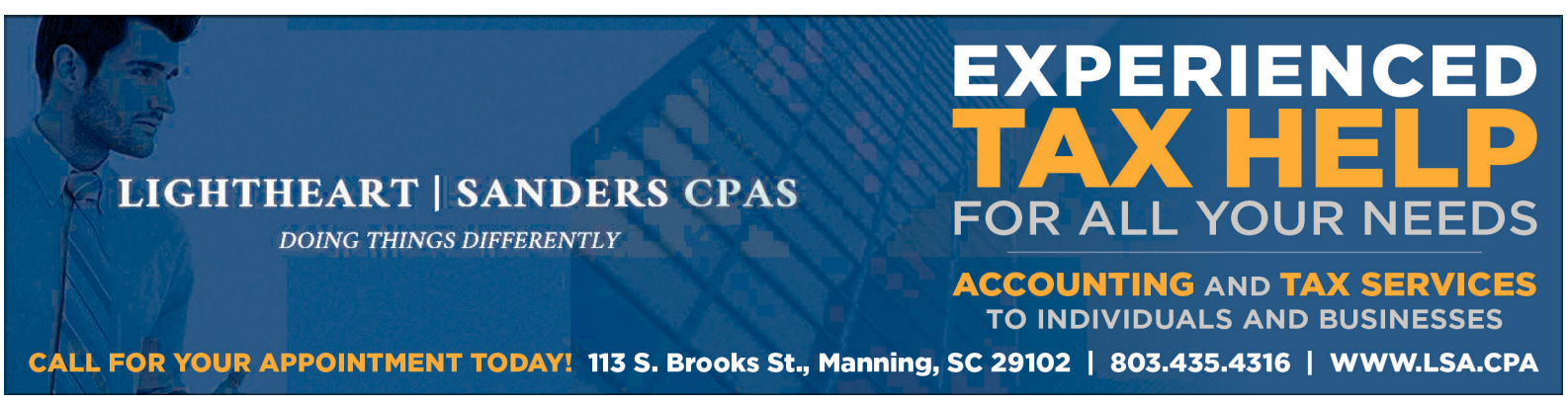
Sen. Jeff Zell previously told The Manning Times he plans to pursue permanent legislation addressing health insurance eligibility for part-time magistrates. Zell said at the time that Clarendon appeared to be experiencing more disruption than most counties and that the situation raised broader questions about how magistrate courts are staffed.

The Manning Times sent Zell follow-up questions last week seeking an update on the proposed legislation, Clarendon's vacancies and the magistrate appointment process. He had not responded by press time.

Bond court reduced to once daily

The county has also received some relief from what was initially one of its most immediate concerns: maintaining bond court with fewer magistrates.

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Chief's Corner: Manning police report decline in calls, violent crime

BY MELISSA FOUST-MCCOY

Chief's Corner is a new biweekly series featuring conversations with Manning Police Chief Sean Briley. Each installment will provide residents with updates on criminal investigations, department operations, emerging crime trends and public safety issues affecting the Manning community.



The Manning Police Department is reporting fewer calls for service and a decline in violent crime compared to last year, while continuing to focus on drug enforcement, gang activity and improvements to department resources.

During the first installment of Chief's Corner, Police Chief Sean Briley discussed recent crime trends, ongoing investigations, staffing needs and initiatives aimed at improving public safety.

"Our call volume is about 1,000 calls below last year right now, and our violent crimes are way below last year," Briley said.

Briley said he would provide year-over-year statistics to support those figures. The Manning Times will report the additional data once it becomes available.

Although officers continue to respond to calls daily, Briley said the department has experienced relatively few major incidents in recent weeks. He also reported that arrests have been made in all of the department's major cases, with officers continuing to follow up with victims and monitor cases as they move through the court system.

Drug activity and gangs remain two of MPD's primary enforcement priorities, even as the department has seen a decrease in gang-related activity.

"We're always focusing on gangs and drugs," Briley said.

According to Briley, narcotics investigators have been conducting undercover drug purchases, with numerous arrests expected in the coming weeks. He said some cases could result in federal charges.

The chief identified drug and gang activity as contributing factors in other crimes, including break-ins and assaults, making continued enforcement a priority.

While addressing crime remains a central focus, Briley said the department is also working to strengthen its staffing and resources.

MPD currently has three vacancies, including two police officer positions and one code enforcement position. Briley said the department has been interviewing candidates and expects to make hires in the coming weeks.

The department has also continued officer training, including recent less-lethal training for new hires, while securing grants to improve equipment and officer capabilities.

A $16,500 grant from Duke Energy funded the purchase of a thermal imaging drone, along with barricades and traffic cones to improve traffic safety. Two additional grants totaling approximately $62,000 to $63,000 will allow the department to install updated in-car camera systems throughout its fleet and upgrade officers' body cameras.

Briley said the improvements will help modernize the department's technology and provide updated recording systems for officers.

MPD is also expanding its investigative capabilities through a new partnership with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office and the State Law Enforcement Division involving internet crimes.

Briley said the depart-

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CLARENDON REPORTS NO DOMESTIC HOMICIDES IN 2025

State report identifies 40 victims across 21 counties

STAFF REPORT

Clarendon County reported no domestic violence homicides in 2025, according to a newly released report from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, while nearby Sumter and Williamsburg counties accounted for four of the state's 40 victims.

The annual South Carolina Domestic Violence Fatality Report, released in October as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, identified 30 women and 10 men killed by household members across 21 of the state's 46 counties.

Although Clarendon recorded no deaths meeting the report's criteria, Sumter County reported three domestic homicides, while Williamsburg County reported one.

In Sumter County, the victims were James Elvington, 60; Akinyele Johnson, 25; and Felicia Leonard, 76. All three died from gunshot wounds. According to the report, one murder case and two voluntary manslaughter cases were pending trial.

Williamsburg County reported the death of Dewey Donnelly, 35, who was fatally shot. A murder trial was pending in that case.

Statewide, firearms were the leading cause of death in domestic homicides, accounting for 28 of the 40 victims, or 70%. Six victims died from knife wounds, two from strangulation and four from other causes.

The report found that 75% of the victims were women. Eighteen victims were Black, 13 were white and seven were Hispanic. The average age was 43, with victims ranging from 23 to 84 years old.



AWARENESS: South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson poses with Matteo and Minka, therapy dogs with the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, following the 29th annual Silent Witness Ceremony on Oct. 6 at the South Carolina State House. The dogs provided comfort and support to families honoring the 40 victims of domestic violence homicides in 2025.

(PROVIDED/MATTEO'S MISSION)

Richland County recorded the highest number of domestic homicides with five, followed by Charleston and Florence counties with four each.

The Attorney General's

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Residents encouraged to dispose of unused medications

STAFF REPORT

Residents looking to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription medications can visit two local collection sites Saturday, Oct. 24, as South Carolina health officials promote National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, located at 217 Commerce St. in Manning, and Clarendon Behavioral Health Services, located at 14 N. Church St. in Manning, will participate in the event, accepting unwanted prescription medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The South Carolina Department of Public Health is encouraging residents to clean out their medicine cabinets and properly dispose of medications that could otherwise be misused.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, nearly half of abused prescription drugs come from family members and friends, including medications taken from home medicine cabinets. Officials say properly disposing of unwanted prescriptions can help prevent accidental poisonings, misuse and overdoses.

South Carolina recorded 1,481 drug overdose deaths in 2024, the most recent year for which complete data is available. That represents a 31.3% decrease from the 2,157 deaths reported in 2023. However, 1,166 of the overdose deaths in 2024 were attributed to prescription drugs, according to DPH.

"While overdose deaths have declined over the past couple of years in South Carolina, the data still shows that prescription drugs account for a large number of overdose deaths that do occur," said Julia Horan, DPH's Substance Use Prevention Unit manager. "Drug Take Back Day gives everyone a safe and simple way to dispose of expired or unwanted prescription medications, preventing

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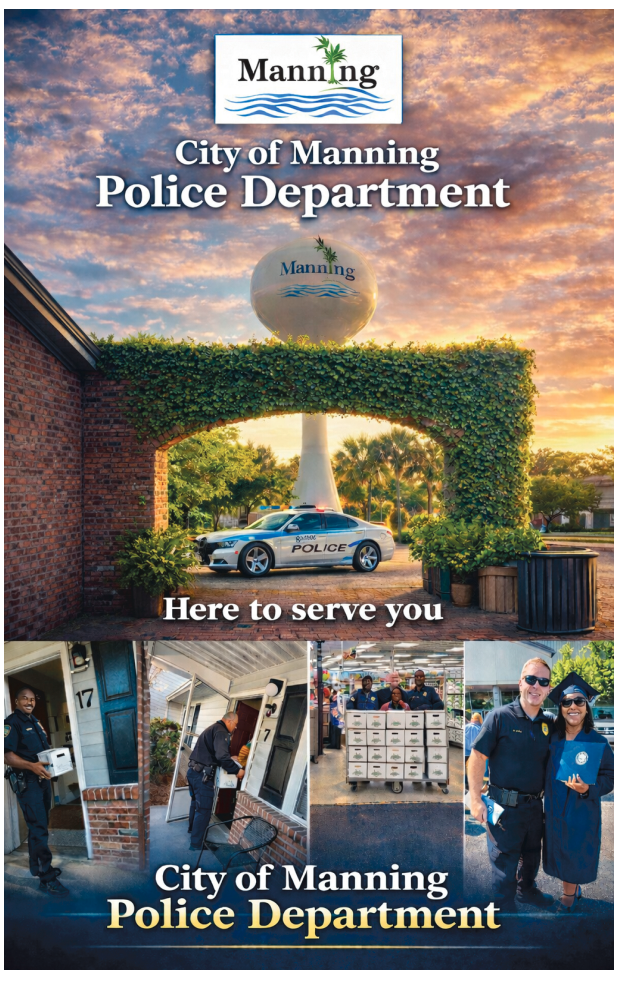
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PERSPECTIVES

Financial Focus

SHOULD YOU PAY OFF DEBTS OR INVEST?

SUBMITTED BY: JESSE SURETTE, FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Some financial decisions can be challenging — like whether to use your money to reduce your debt or to invest. If you already have a significant amount of debt and not a lot in savings or investments, it can be hard to figure out which issue should be a priority.



JESSE SURETTE
FINANCIAL ADVISOR

There's no simple answer, and everyone's situation is different, but here are a few suggestions for helping you make a good choice:

• Evaluate your cash flow. If you already have enough after-tax income to meet your monthly living expenses, you might lean toward investing any leftover cash, but if you are just getting by, possibly due to heavy debt payments, then you might be better off using your funds to reduce your debt load.

• Build an emergency fund. Paying off your debt as fast as possible may seem like the responsible thing to do, but not having an adequate emergency fund or saving for your future could leave your finances at a permanent disadvantage. It's a good move to have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Once you have such a fund, you could use it, instead of going into debt — or adding to your debt — to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

• Evaluate your debts. Some of your debts are actually more "expensive" to you than others. This expense level doesn't necessarily refer to the size of the debt, however. You might have a large mortgage, for instance, but because your interest payments are typically tax deductible, your "after-tax" interest rate may be relatively modest. Therefore, you might consider investing rather than paying down your mortgage. But if you have consumer loans or credit cards that carry a high interest rate and whose interest payments are not deductible, you might be better off paying down or refinancing this debt.

• Take advantage of any employer match. If your employer sponsors a retirement plan and offers a match, you will want to prioritize contributing at least what is required to receive the match. It's essentially free money. So, if your employer matches up to 3% of your contributions, for example, you should contribute at least 3% of your income to this retirement account. Additionally, some employers will match a portion of your contributions to a Health Savings Account. Eventually, you'll likely want to get to a point of saving more than just the match, but you'll have to weigh the benefit of additional contributions against the cost of any debt you're carrying.

• Make it easier on yourself. To make achieving these goals easier, automate as much as

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Life in the Palmetto State

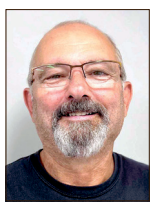
OCTOBER SURPRISE!

BY LEE REAVES

Gotcha! And I bet you thought this was going to be an article about politics.

One that dug deep into the inner workings of this thing we call democracy.

I have never been so sickened as I am with the hit jobs on the candidates during voting season, especially these midterms.



LEE REAVES
COLUMNIST

You will know I have completely lost my mind when I start writing about politics. Me being the patriot that I am, I have gotten to the point that I disdain anything closely associated with politics and Washington. It seems like our government does everything they can to hoodoo their constituency.

No, this surprise is more along the lines of the four-legged, furry variety that wreaks havoc on our nerves and vehicles: our white-tailed deer population.

I usually entitle this particular annual article "Driving deerfensively," but thought I would change it up this year just because.

Now, I could look up and list all kinds of statistics based on car vs. deer accidents, and you could do that as well, probably better than me.

However, this time, I am just going to elaborate on my experiences that I have lived and suffered through in my 60-plus years of living in the country.

DISCLAIMER: This is by no means endorsed by any official organization advising the public as to how to deal with deer and deer collisions. This is just an old country boy and how he has learned to navigate a "deer environment" living where he does.

First off, I live and travel through their world every day, expecting any minute to see their brown flash in front of me, especially this time of the year.

A little history of our deer populations.

I will soon be 65 years old, and when I was a kid growing up in Clarendon County, deer were nowhere near as numerous as they are now. One reason is deer hunting clubs have quit "dog driving" (that's where a group of hunters or standers encircle a block of timber and put the dogs out, and they chase deer out in the open, and the hunter harvests the deer). The highways and back roads were riddled with trucks with dog boxes engaged in this fall ritual that kept the deer populations within manageable numbers. Deer vs. car collisions were minimal at best growing up.

But as things always do, deer hunting morphed into another whole style of hunt.

The days of a group of men and some ladies meeting on an early Saturday morning planning their collective hunt gave way to still hunters (hunters sitting in a blind or tree stand) and their endless, expensive pursuit of that elusive prey that drives some men crazy. Consequently, because the hunters-to-acres-hunted ratio has changed drastically, the byproduct of that

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On the Jericho Road:

'I was sick, and you cared for me'

BY JESSICA KANEFT FOR THE SC DAILY GAZETTE

In 2013, my father made a decision no one should ever have to make. He chose healthcare over his family.

My dad was born in England but had built his life in America. His daughters were here, his son-in-law, and a new granddaughter. But when his health began to deteriorate, he had to make a heartbreaking decision.

Despite spending his life working, sometimes multiple jobs, he had never accumulated enough savings to absorb a prolonged illness. Staying meant risking financial ruin.

So he returned to Wales. Once there, a nurse visited him several days a week, at home. He had a doctor who knew him well, and when his condition worsened, he could be hospitalized for long

stretches without every decision being overshadowed by whether insurance would continue to pay.

The care he received in America wasn't poor. The system surrounding it failed him, because, as it turns out, illness doesn't heal on an insurance timeline.

He had somewhere to go: a passport, a birth country with a different system, a family who could help him get there. He still had to choose healthcare over remaining near the people he loved,

but he did not have to choose between receiving that care and financial destitution.

Most Americans facing his exact diagnosis have no such escape. I think about that more than I would like to admit: we got six extra years with him because he had an option almost no one else in

America does.

My father's story is deeply personal to me, but hardly unique. Most Americans have a healthcare story.

It is the mother rationing medication because her rent increased. The worker tethered to a job he hates because his family's insurance depends on it. The roughly 200,000 medical fundraisers launched on GoFundMe in a single year by Americans forced to crowdsource the cost of illness. The families watching premiums rise faster than their paychecks. And the hundreds of thousands of families each year whose medical costs contribute to bankruptcy, a form of financial ruin nearly unheard of else-

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Rotary Round-Up: Walking in someone else's shoes offers lessons on aging





AGING: (TOP) Wanda Heinrichs, executive assistant for Southern Senior Living and a Manning Rotarian, leads an interactive presentation on the physical and sensory challenges associated with aging during the club's Oct. 14 meeting. (ABOVE) Manning Rotarian Tommy Geddings attempts to tie shoelaces while wearing gloves designed to simulate reduced dexterity during an aging awareness workshop presented by Southern Senior Living.

(MELISSA FOUST-MCCOY/THR MANNING TIMES)

BY MELISSA FOUST-MCCOY

What does it feel like to struggle with something as simple as buttoning a shirt, walking through a store or hearing instructions from a loved one?

Members of the Manning Rotary Club experienced some of those challenges firsthand during an interactive aging awareness workshop led by fellow Rotarian Wanda Heinrichs at the club's Oct. 14 meeting.

Heinrichs, executive assistant for Southern Senior Living, guided members through a series of exercises designed to simulate physical and sensory challenges that can accompany aging. The activities focused on mobility, balance, vision, hearing and dexterity, offering participants a better understanding of the difficulties some older adults encounter in everyday life.

Southern Senior Living is a nonprofit organization governed by the Clarendon Hospital District. It operates three health and rehabilitation facilities: Pocotaligo River Health and Rehab in Manning, Lake Marion Health and Rehab in Summerton, and Lake Moultrie Health and Rehab in St. Stephen. Its services include long-term care, short-term rehabilitation, physical, occupational and speech therapy, hospice care and respite services.

Heinrichs, who has worked with Southern Senior Living for more than 16 years, explained that similar exercises are used in training staff members who care for residents in nursing and rehabilitation facilities.

She emphasized that aging affects everyone differently and that physical limitations do not necessarily mean a person has lost the ability to make decisions or live independently.

The first exercise focused on mobility and balance, with two volunteers portraying an older adult and a caregiver navigating a large retail store. Wearing vision-altering glasses and walking with assistance, the participant faced the challenge of reaching a restroom while dealing with limited mobility and the pressure of someone urging them to hurry.

Popcorn kernels placed inside the volunteers' shoes added another layer of discomfort, simulating the pain that can make walking difficult.

Heinrichs asked members to consider how those challenges might affect an older adult's willingness to leave home, attend social gatherings or participate in activities they once enjoyed.

She explained that someone who suddenly becomes reluctant to go places may be struggling with physical limitations or the prospect of having to depend on others for assistance.

The workshop continued with an exercise simulating arthritis and diabetic neuropathy. Participants wore gloves, earplugs and glasses that restricted their senses while attempting to fasten buttons, operate zippers, tie shoelaces and complete other clothing-related tasks.

To make the exercise more realistic, Heinrichs placed

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Manning Lions Club raises nearly $1,000 during Candy Days

STAFF REPORT

The Manning Lions Club raised nearly $1,000 during its annual Candy Days fundraiser Oct. 9, despite rainy weather cutting the two-day event short.

Club members stationed themselves outside Walmart and Piggly Wiggly in Manning, handing out candy, accepting donations and selling the organization's signature brooms to raise money for vision programs and other community service projects.

Originally scheduled for Oct. 9-10, the fundraiser became a Friday-only event when rain prevented members from continuing their efforts Saturday.

Despite the shortened schedule, the club reported strong community support, with donations and broom sales totaling nearly $1,000.

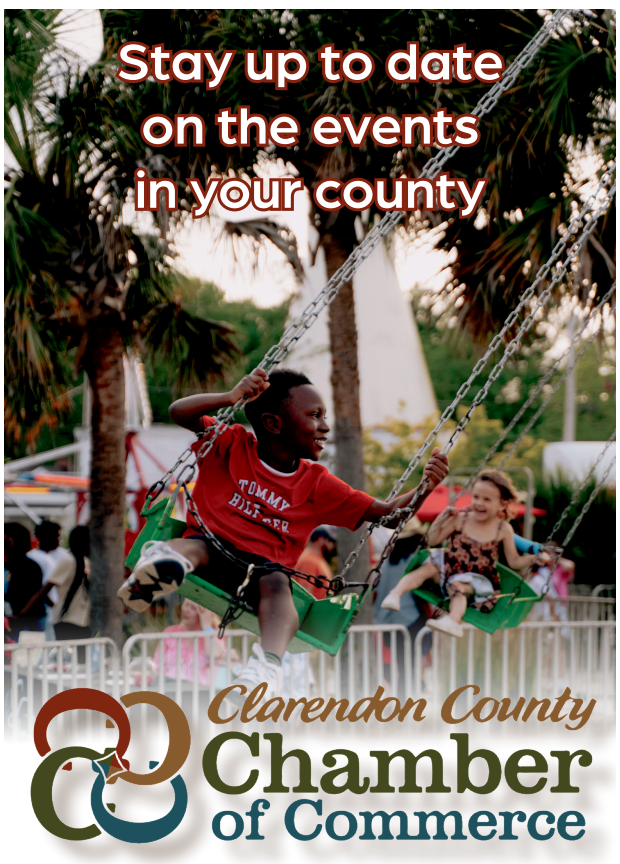
"Still, the people of Manning showed their tremendous generosity as they visited Walmart and Piggly Wiggly," the club shared in an Oct. 13 Facebook post.

In addition to contributions collected during Candy Days, local businesses have donated more than $2,800 to support the club's charitable efforts.

The club thanked Walmart and Piggly Wiggly for allowing members to set up outside their stores, as well as the businesses and individuals who contributed to the fundraiser.

Candy Days is part of the Lions Club's longstanding commitment to helping people who are blind or visually impaired.

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Freedom Truck mobile museum to visit Manning High School

STAFF REPORT

A traveling museum celebrating America's 250th anniversary will make a three-day stop at Manning High School this week, offering residents an interactive look at the people and events that shaped the nation.

The Freedom Truck Mobile Museum will be open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24-25, at Manning High School, 2155 Paxville Highway.

Admission is free.

The museum is part of Freedom 250, a national initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Visitors can explore American history through interactive exhibits highlighting the individuals, innovations and events that contributed to the nation's development. Exhibits focus on the American Revolution, the signers of the Declaration of Independence, women who contributed to the nation's founding and major events in the fight for independence.

Activities include signing a replica of the Declaration of Independence, solving a code inspired by George Washington's Revolutionary War spy network and learning about Americans from different backgrounds who helped shape the country.

One of six Freedom Trucks traveling across the country throughout 2026, the mobile museum is designed to bring American history directly to students, families and communities.

Clarendon County School District announced the Manning stop through Manning High School's social media page, inviting students, families and community members to take part in the celebration.

For those unable to visit in person, Freedom 250 also offers a virtual museum tour featuring historical exhibits and videos exploring the people and events surrounding American independence.

For more information about the museum, its nationwide schedule and other activities commemorating America's 250th anniversary, visit freedom250.org.



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in December 2024, supported by a falsified physician statement, in an attempt to obtain approximately $9,900 in benefits.

Shaquarius Rashada Canty, 34, of Columbia, was charged with presenting a false insurance claim valued at $10,000 or more and forgery involving less than $10,000.

According to warrants, Canty allegedly submitted a fraudulent disability claim in June 2025 using a falsified physician statement in an attempt to obtain more than $10,000 in benefits.

Quadasia Monet Robinson, 27, of Lake City, faces two counts of presenting false insurance claims valued between $2,000 and $10,000.

Warrants allege Robinson submitted fraudulent disability claims in May and June 2025, receiving approximately $3,500 from one claim and attempting to obtain approximately $2,500 through another.

The warrants cite electronic records, witness statements and insurance documentation as evidence supporting the charges.

All five women were booked into the Clarendon County Detention Center. SLED described the multi-county investigation as ongoing but did not announce whether additional arrests or charges are expected.

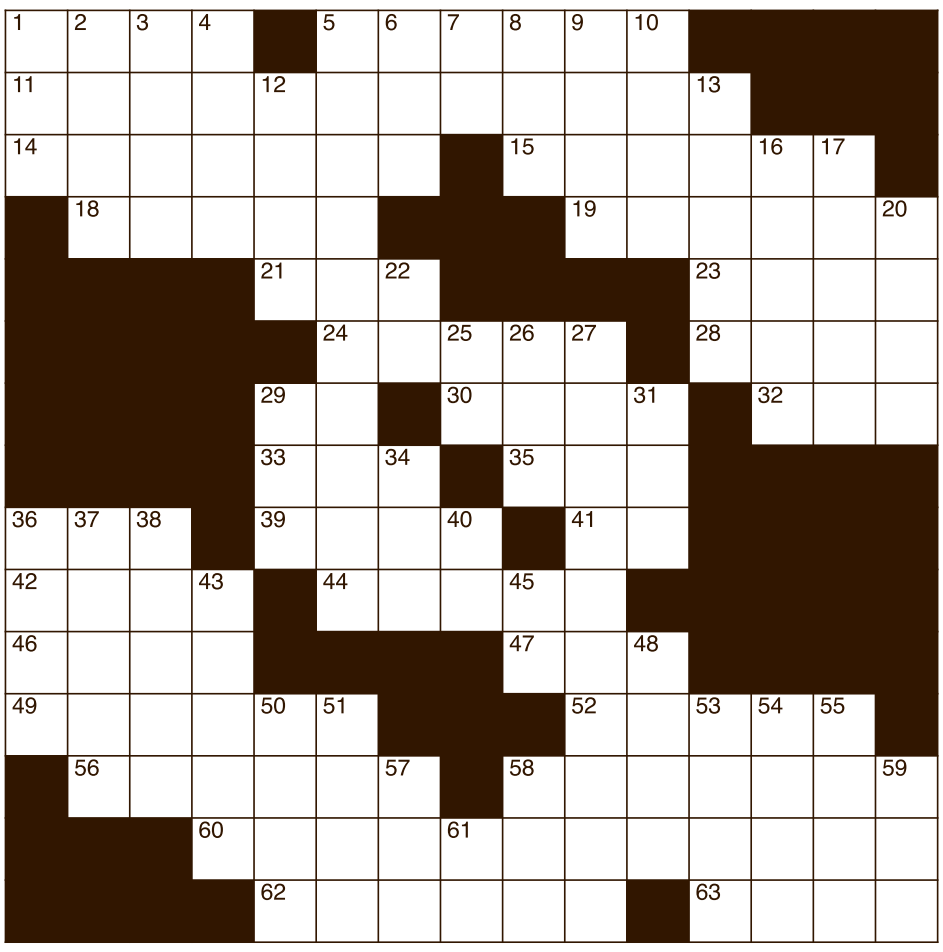
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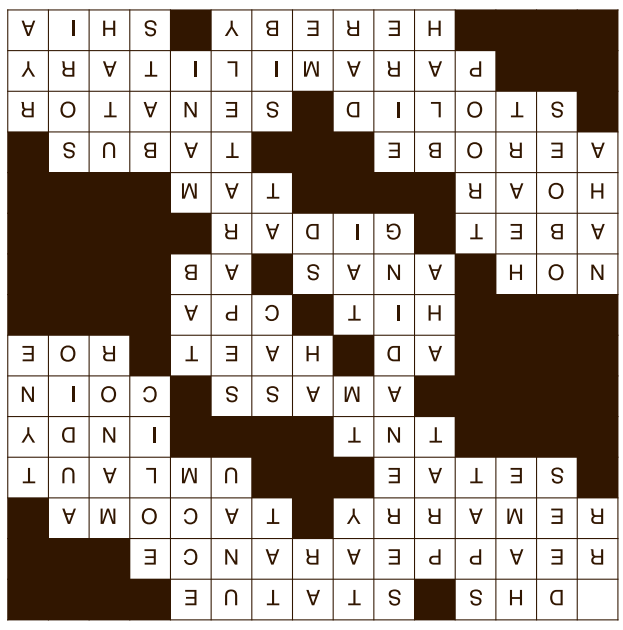
CLUES ACROSS

1.. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5.Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I

▼ ▼ ▼ THIS WEEK'S ANSWER KEY ▼ ▼ ▼



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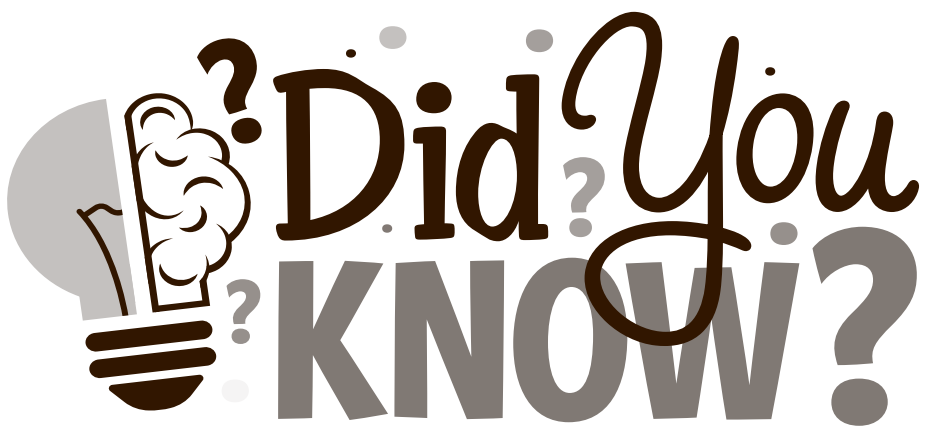
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the South Carolina State Housing Finance & Development Authority (SC Housing) will hold a public hearing to: Provide an opportunity for members of the community to share comments regarding the following development: Peaks of Manning II (121 Kennedy Lane, Manning, SC). This development is proposed Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties seeking State Tax Credits to provide additional affordable housing opportunities for residents. The public hearing will be Thursday, November 5, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Clarendon County Administration Building, 411 Sunset Blvd., Manning, SC 29102. Additional information about the development will be available at the public hearing or can be found online at https://schousing.com/Home/HousingTaxCredits. Written comments should be submitted to the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority, Attention: LIHTC Manager, 300-C Outlet Pointe Blvd, Columbia, South Carolina, 29210, faxed to 803.551.4991, or emailed to LowIncomeHousingTaxCreditProgram@schousing.com by November 15, 2026. The State does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally-assisted programs or activities.

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SOCORRO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
RED STICK LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, Plaintiff, v. Case No. D-725-CV-2026-00057 ALLIED ACCEPTANCE CO., A NEW MEXICO CORPORATION THAT HAS MERGED OUT OF EXISTENCE, AS SUCCESSOR TO COMPASS LAND CO.; PHILLIP K. FOLKERS; LISA F. KEE; TONYA R. ALEXANDER; VICKI B. PREAST; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RUTH B. FOLKERS (DECEASED); ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HARRIETTE MEDLIN FOLKERS (DECEASED); AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY LIEN, INTEREST, OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, Defendants. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION FROM THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS: the unknown heirs, devisees, successors, administrators, executors, and assigns of RUTH B. FOLKERS and HARRIETTE MEDLIN FOLKERS, and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY LIEN, INTEREST, OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF in the following real property in Socorro County, New Mexico: Lot three (3), Block three A (3A), Ranchos de Bernardo, Unit #2, a subdivision in Socorro County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the Plat of said Subdivision, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Socorro County, New Mexico, on December 13, 1960. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to Rule 1-004(J) and (K) NMRA and by Order of the Court, Plaintiff RED STICK LAND HOLDINGS, LLC has filed a Complaint to Quiet Title (the "Complaint") against you in the above-captioned cause, the general object of which is to quiet title to the real property described above. This action is pending in the Seventh Judicial District Court, County of Socorro, State of New Mexico, 200 Church St., Socorro, NM 87801. Plaintiff's attorneys are Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A. (Spencer L. Edelman and Santiago Piza Cossio), P.O. Box 2168, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-2168, (505) 848-1800. Unless you enter an appearance or file a responsive pleading or motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days after the last publication date of this notice, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.
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Sherry Martin Stewart



SSUMMERTON – Sherry Martin Stewart, 75, wife of Dwight L. Stewart, Jr., passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at her home.

Born October 2, 1951, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Robert Cantey Martin and the late Doris Avant Martin. She was a retired registered nurse, having served McLeod Health Clarendon for more than forty years, and was the award recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award for nursing. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Manning.

She is survived by her husband of Summerton; two children, Kate Stewart Lincoln (Stephen) of Columbia and Seth W. Stewart (Patty) of Greenville; a daughter-in-law, Jill Cauthen Stewart of Columbia; seven grandchildren, Mason Stewart, Stewart Lincoln, Joseph Stewart, Warner Lincoln, Lilly Stewart, James Lincoln and Sammy Stewart; a sister, Bonnie Eagerton (Bert) of Manning; two brothers, Norman Martin (Donna) of Summerton and Wade Martin (Tammy) of Manning; special niece, Neathery Elliott (Teige) of Summerton; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Drew Stewart.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Presbyterian Church at Manning with the Reverend Doctor Charles Jarred "J" Hammet, Jr. officiating. Burial followed at Summerton Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Rob Eagerton, Teige Elliott, Ryan Martin, Stephen Lincoln, Stewart Lincoln, Mason Stewart and Joseph Stewart.

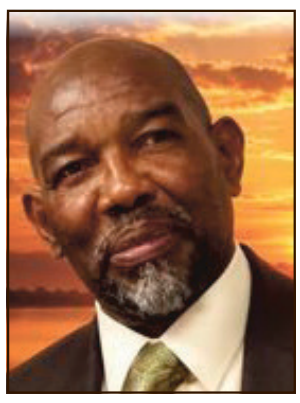
The familyl received friends immediately following the graveside service at the residence, 11 S. Cantey Street, Summerton.

The family would like to thank caregivers, Terri Mills, Iris Rollins, Theresa Gibson, Fran Betrand, McLeod Hospice, Dr. Robert Eagerton and special sister, caregiver and friend, Rena Shirley McBride.

Memorials may be made to Summerton Evergreen Cemetery Fund, c/o Ellen Ardis, P.O. Box 366, Summerton, SC 29148.

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

Richard Allen "Pee Wee" Pompey



Greeleyville – Richard Allen "Pee Wee" Pompey, 77, husband of Ida Pompey, passed away Thursday, October 15, 2026, at his residence. He was born May 18, 1949, in Manning, SC. A son of the late Edward Pompey and Mary Lee Simon Pompey.

The family will be receiving friends on Thursday, October 22, 2026, and Friday, October 23, 2026, only, 4:00 PM til 6:00 PM, at his residence, 1628 Pompey Town Rd., Greeleyville, SC.

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Curtis Hampton King



Manning – Curtis Hampton King, 41, died Thursday, October 15, 2026. He was born October 7, 1985 in Sumter, SC. A son of Paulette G King and the late Thomas Ellison King.

The family will receive friends Monday, October 26 through 30, 2026 3PM til 7PM daily, at the home of his mother, 7917 Greeleyville Hwy., Manning, SC.

Sylvia Jean Dickey Whatley



Sumter – Sylvia Jean Dickey Whatley, 76, died Friday, October 16, 2026, at her residence. She was born June 19, 1950, in Turbeville, SC. A daughter of the late John Henry and Robertha Player Dickey, Sr.

The family is receiving friends at the home of Bernard McFadden, 1787 Old Manning Rd., Turbeville, SC.

Jeanette Dantzler Kinder



Sumter – Sylvia Jean Dickey SANTEE – Jeanette Dantzler Kinder, 84, widow of Louis Fahrenholz and William Leon Kinder, passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Magnolias of Santee.

Born February 21, 1942, in Orangeburg, she was a daughter of the late Uge Mack Dantzler and the late Dorothy Gramling Dantzler. She loved her kids and grandkids and was known for her good cooking. She was a member of Cross Roads Bible Fellowship Church.

She is survived by her son, Harry Alton Felder of Cope; two daughters, Lisa Felder Padgett of Cope and Kimberly Felder Kinard (Robbie) of Denmark; two grandchildren, Cady Padgett Stack (Nathan) and R.J. Padgett (Chasity), both of Cope; two great grandchildren, Serenity and Nolan; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Dantzler and Jackie Dantzler; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur Gramling Dantzler and Uge Mack Dantzler, Jr.; and two sisters, Margaret Ann D-Aiello and Margie Carol Dantzler.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Santee Cemetery in Elloree with Pastor Gene Ball officiating.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. at the graveside.

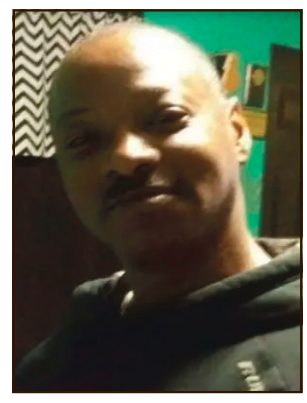
The family would like to thank Magnolias of Santee and Edisto Home Care and Hospice for their loving and compassionate care.

Memorials may be made to Cross Roads Bible Fellowship Church, P.O. Box 449, Manning, SC 29102.

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

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Curtis Fritz Watson



We are still with great sadness as we share with you the passing of Curtis Fritz Watson, on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, in Summerton, South Carolina.

Born on February 14, 1965, in Summerton, South Carolina, a son of Yvonne R. Terry and the late John Wesley Robinson.

Celebratory Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at the hour of 1:00pm, at Historic Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, 1130 Granby Lane, in Summerton.

In accordance with the requirements given by the CDC in reference to the Covid-19 pandemic, the family and funeral home requires Face Mask or Face Covering during visitation and services.

Public viewing will be held from 5:00pm – 7:00pm on Friday, October 23rd, at the Funeral home.

The family will start receiving friends on October 22nd, at the home of his mother, Yvonne Terry, from the hour of 5pm to 7pm, at 10 Wausau Street in Summerton, SC.

Online condolences may be sent to email address: ClarendonFuneralHome@gmail.com or via website: www.clarendonfuneralhomellc.com

Services have been entrusted to Clarendon Funeral Home, LLC, 23 South Dukes Street, Summerton South Carolina. Phone (803) 485-3755.

Lois Atkinson Coker



Turbeville – Lois Atkinson Coker, 96, passed away at her residence on October 16, 2026.

She was born on November 22, 1929, in Sumter County, and lived a long life marked by deep family ties and enduring love. She was a member of Olive Grove Church.

She was the daughter of the late William Thomas Atkinson and Ethel Corrine Morris Atkinson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Howard Coker; brothers, Donnie Atkinson, Glellan Atkinson, Charles Atkinson, Billy Atkinson, Cecil Atkinson, and Bobby Joe Atkinson; and by her sisters, Rhoetta Oliva and Etheleen A. Thomas.

Lois leaves behind a family who will cherish her memory always. She is survived by her daughters, Victoria Yates of Turbeville and Katherine C. Hussey(Mike) of Turbeville. She also leaves her grandchildren, Tonya Kirby of Olanta, Cory Weaver and his wife, Racquel, of Oklahoma, Joshua Jordan and his wife, Lori, of Manning, and Ian Hussey of Turbeville. Her legacy continues through her great-grandchildren, Kriston Brown and her husband, Justen, Kristopher Kirby and his wife, Magan, Reagan Weaver, Ty Weaver, Riley Jordan, Mason Jordan, and Pierson Jordan. She is also remembered with love by her great-grand-children, Ansley Brown, Abbey Brown, Anna Brown, Bryson Gainey, and Piper Kirby. Lois is further survived by her brother, J.T. Atkinson, and her sister, Sylvia Jean Thomas.

To all who knew her, Lois's life will be remembered through the family she loved and the generations who carry her memory forward. Her presence will be deeply missed, and her memory will remain a lasting comfort to those who were blessed to call her their own.

The family received friends for visitation on Monday, October 19, 2026, from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. at Olive Grove Church Fellowship Hall, 1280 Olive Grove Road, Turbeville. A graveside service followed at 4:00 p.m. in Olive Grove Church Cemetery.

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Eagles soar toward region championship

STAFF REPORT

Scott's Branch extended its winning streak to six games Friday night, Oct. 16, with a 57-6 victory over Bethune-Bowman at Spann Stadium in Summerton, setting up a showdown with defending state champion Bamberg-Ehrhardt for the Region 6-Class A title.

The Eagles improved to 6-2 overall and remained unbeaten in region play at 3-0. Scott's Branch is ranked fourth in the High School Sports Report Class A Division II poll, while Bamberg-Ehrhardt holds the No. 3 spot in Class A Division I.

After a scoreless first quarter, Scott's Branch took control with 29 points in the second quarter and never looked back.

Quintin Jackson led the Eagles' rushing attack with 198 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries, averaging more than 13 yards per attempt.

Quarterback Kaleb Minger completed 12 of 15 passes for 118 yards and a touchdown, connecting with Nyren Bowman, who finished with five receptions for 63 yards and a score.

Special teams also played a major role in the victory, with Keith Rogers returning two kicks for touchdowns. Rogers scored on a 53-yard punt return and added a 70-yard kickoff return for another touchdown.

Defensively, Scott's Branch recorded four sacks, with Bowman, Giovanni Jackson, Danny Ragin and Natodre Cousar each contributing one.

The victory marked the Eagles' largest winning margin of the season and their 10th win in their last 12 home games. Bethune-Bowman fell to 3-5 overall and 0-3 in region play.

The Eagles also received individual recognition last week when Bowman was selected to represent the South team in the 79th annual Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl North-South all-star football game.

Bowman, a wide receiver, was among 44 players named to the South roster. The game is scheduled for noon Dec. 12 at Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium at Myrtle Beach High School.

Scott's Branch will return to Spann Stadium on Friday, Oct. 23, to face Bamberg-Ehrhardt at 7:30 p.m., with the region championship on the line.



EAGLES: A Scott's Branch football player takes the field during a previous game. The Eagles extended their winning streak to six games with a 57-6 victory over Bethune-Bowman on Oct. 16, setting up a showdown with Bamberg-Ehrhardt for the region championship.

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SPORTS SHORTS

FOOTBALL

East Clarendon v. Waccamaw
Oct. 16

East Clarendon fell 14-13 to Waccamaw on Friday, extending the Wolverines' losing streak to three games.

East Clarendon came within one point of forcing a tie but was unable to overcome the Warriors.

The loss dropped East Clarendon to 3-5, while Waccamaw improved to 3-5. The victory was Waccamaw's first in region play, bringing its region record to 1-2.

East Clarendon will face Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Waccamaw will travel to Manning for a 7:30 p.m. region matchup Friday.

Manning v. Dillon
Oct. 16

Manning fell 37-22 to Dillon on Friday in a Region 6 matchup.

The loss dropped the Monarchs to 4-4, while Dillon improved to 6-1.

Dillon will host undefeated Marlboro County at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Bulldogs enter the matchup at 8-0 following a 59-12 victory over Lake City.

Manning will host Waccamaw at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Warriors enter the matchup at 3-5 following a 14-13 victory over East Clarendon.

Scott's Branch v. Bethune-Bowman
Oct. 16

Scott's Branch extended its winning streak to six games Friday with a 57-6 victory over Bethune-Bowman.

The 51-point margin marked the Eagles' largest victory of the season.

Quintin Jackson led the Scott's Branch rushing attack with 198 yards on 15 carries, averaging 13.2 yards per attempt. Nyren Bowman added 63 receiving yards and a touchdown.

The Eagles also recorded four sacks on defense. Bowman, Giovanni Jackson, Danny Ragin and Natodre Cousar each finished with one sack.

Scott's Branch improved to 6-2 with the victory and has won 10 of its last 12 home games. Bethune-Bowman fell to 3-5 with its third consecutive loss.

Scott's Branch will face Bamberg-Ehrhardt at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Bethune-Bowman will take on Edisto at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

VOLLEYBALL

East Clarendon v. Lake City
Oct. 13

East Clarendon bounced back from a loss to earn a 3-0 victory over Lake City on Tuesday.

The Wolverines won by set scores of 25-14, 25-13 and 25-16.

Sophie Brown led East Clarendon with 25 assists, five digs and two solo blocks. Brelyn Stokes added five aces.

The victory was East Clarendon's third in four matches, improving its record to 8-9. Lake City fell to 4-12.

East Clarendon followed the victory with a 3-2 win over Laurence Manning on Oct. 14. Lake City was scheduled to travel to Waccamaw for a 6:30 p.m. match Thursday.

Laurence Manning v. Wilson Hall
Oct. 13

Laurence Manning fell 3-0 to Wilson Hall on Tuesday, marking the Swampcats' second consecutive loss.

Wilson Hall won by set scores of 25-22, 25-13 and 25-13. Laurence Manning kept the opening set close before the Barons pulled away in the final two.

Anna Prescott led Laurence Manning with 23 assists and five digs.

Wilson Hall's McKinley Bath recorded 15 kills and five digs, while Tatiana Erichsen added 12 assists and six digs.

The loss dropped Laurence Manning to 8-12-1, while Wilson Hall improved to 30-3. The Barons have won 16 of their last 17 matches.

Laurence Manning followed the loss with a 3-2 defeat against East Clarendon on Oct. 14. Wilson Hall was scheduled to face Hammond at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Clarendon Hall v. Calhoun Academy
Oct. 14

Clarendon Hall fell 3-0 to Calhoun Academy on Wednesday, extending the Saints' losing streak to 20 matches dating to last season.

Calhoun Academy won by set scores of 25-16, 25-18 and 29-27. Clarendon Hall increased its point total in each set and pushed the Cavaliers beyond the regulation 25-point mark in the third.

The loss dropped Clarendon Hall to 0-16, while Calhoun Academy earned its first victory of the season, improving to 1-18.

Clarendon Hall was scheduled to face Patrick Henry Academy at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Calhoun Academy was scheduled to take on Jefferson Davis Academy at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

East Clarendon v. Dillon
Oct. 15

East Clarendon fell 3-0 to Dillon on Thursday in a region matchup.

Dillon won by set scores of 25-20, 25-23 and 25-12. The Wolverines kept the second set close before the Wildcats pulled away in the third.

The loss dropped East Clarendon to 9-10, while Dillon improved to 12-4. The Wildcats have won eight of their last 10 home matches.

East Clarendon has gone 4-2 since snapping a three-match losing streak.

Neither team had another match scheduled at the time of the report.

Manning v. Dillon
Oct. 15

Manning fell 3-1 to Dillon on Thursday, extending the Monarchs' losing streak to seven matches.

Manning won the opening set before Dillon rallied to take the next three. The Wildcats won by set scores of 24-26, 25-20, 25-18 and 25-15.

Makayla Fordham and Kelis Pressley led Manning with five kills apiece. Pressley also recorded two assists, while Ameerah Conyers led the Monarchs from the service line with four aces.

The loss dropped Manning to 5-9, while Dillon improved to 11-4. The Wildcats have won seven of their last nine home matches.

Manning was scheduled to host Marlboro County at 6 p.m. Monday, while Dillon was scheduled to travel to Marlboro County for a 6 p.m. match Tuesday.

Manning v. Marlboro County
Oct. 19

Manning snapped a seven-match losing streak Monday with a 3-0 home victory over Marlboro County.

The Monarchs won by set scores of 25-20, 25-19 and 25-16, holding the Bulldogs to fewer points in each successive set.

Der'Eona Lang helped lead Manning with five aces.

The victory was Manning's first in region play, improving its region record to 1-7 and its overall record to 6-9-1.

Marlboro County fell to 0-8, extending its road losing streak to 11 matches dating to last season.

Clarendon Hall v. Patrick Henry Academy
Oct. 20

Clarendon Hall fell 3-0 to Patrick Henry Academy on Tuesday, extending the Saints' losing streak to 21 matches dating to last season.

Patrick Henry Academy won by set scores of 25-20, 25-23 and 25-15. Clarendon Hall kept the opening two sets close, particularly the second, before the Patriots pulled away in the third.

Kinley Cook led Patrick Henry Academy with 17 assists, 16 kills and nine digs. Anna Braddock added 11 assists, eight digs and three aces.

The loss dropped Clarendon Hall to 0-17, while Patrick Henry Academy improved to 7-10-2.

Neither team had another match scheduled at the time of the report.

COOLER WEATHER HEATS UP SANTEE FISHING

STAFF REPORT

As October brings cooler temperatures to the Santee Cooper lakes, fishing guides are reporting improving conditions for several popular species, including black bass, striped bass, crappie, bream and catfish.

According to the October fishing forecast, falling water temperatures are expected to trigger seasonal changes in fish behavior, creating new opportunities for anglers on lakes Marion and Moultrie.

Capt. David Murdaugh Sr. said black bass fishing typically improves in October as fish begin following shad into shallower water. After a challenging September, anglers should find better opportunities using soft plastics, swimbaits and ChatterBaits in shallow areas.

Topwater fishing is also expected to improve, with grassy areas continuing to attract bass throughout the month.

Striped bass fishing is another fall attraction as the season reopens. Capt. Bobby Winters said anglers can target stripers by trolling umbrella rigs in shallow water or using live bait with planer boards.

Schools of feeding fish may also be found beneath diving birds, providing opportunities to cast topwater lures, bucktails and swimbaits. However, stripers can be found at depths ranging from less than 10 feet to more than 50 feet, making live bait on down-rods another effective option.

Crappie fishing began improving toward the end of September, and Capt. Steve

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Fast start fuels Laurence Manning victory

STAFF REPORT

Laurence Manning Academy jumped out to an early lead Friday night and never looked back, defeating John Paul II 51-19 to improve to 6-1 on the season.

The Swampcats scored 27 unanswered points in the first quarter and finished with 249 rushing yards and four touchdown passes from quarterback Grainger Powell in the road victory.

Powell completed 12 passes for 229 yards and four touchdowns, spreading the ball among several receivers as Laurence Manning took advantage of opportunities through the air.

Connor Carter caught four passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns, while Scoop Dennis added two receptions for 86 yards and a score. Rob Briggs contributed two catches for 24 yards and a touchdown, and Asher Sanders finished with two receptions for 38 yards.

The Swampcats also found success on the ground, with Jordan Hicks leading the rushing attack on 11 carries for 100 yards and a touchdown.

AJ Dennis added 57 yards and a touchdown on eight carries, while Pierson Gamble rushed 10 times for 49 yards and a score. Scoop Dennis contributed another 45 yards on five carries.

Daniel Vargas connected on a 42-yard field goal and converted six of seven extra-point attempts to round out the scoring.

Defensively, Laurence Manning forced three fumble recoveries, with Sanders recovering two and Tristan White securing another. White also blocked an extra-point attempt.

John Paul II found some offensive success in the second quarter, breaking through for two long touchdowns after falling behind early.

Golden Warriors quarterback Alan Wolf rushed for 80 yards and a touchdown on five carries while passing for 190 yards and another score. Jackson Reilley added 120 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Despite the convincing victory, Laurence Manning struggled with penalties, drawing 13 flags for 111 yards. The Swampcats also committed two turnovers, including an interception in the end zone and a lost fumble.

The win marked Laurence Manning's fifth consecutive road victory dating back to last season and its fourth win this season by at least 24 points.

John Paul II fell to 1-7 with the loss.

The Swampcats now turn their attention to the final two games of the regular season, both against region opponents.

Laurence Manning will host Pinewood Prep at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, before traveling to Northwood Academy for its regular-season finale.

Pinewood Prep enters the matchup with just one loss, an overtime defeat against Northwood on Oct. 10, setting up an important late-season test for the Swampcats.

ROAST VEGETABLES
make a healthy, filling option

When the weather warms up outside, the desire for healthy, lighter fare rises alongside the mercury. That leads many people to turn to vegetables, which can satisfy hunger pangs but do not typically create feelings of sluggishness.

Vegetables can be cooked in myriad ways, and some can even be eaten raw. If raw vegetables don't sound all that appealing, then roasting is a great way to eat healthy without sacrificing flavor. This recipe for "Roasted Vegetables With Pignoli Nuts" from Lines+Angles is sure to please.

Roasted Vegetables with Pignoli Nuts

Makes 4 Servings

2 red bell peppers, seeds removed and sliced lengthwise
2 green peppers, seeds removed and sliced horizontally
2 large stalks celery, quartered lengthwise, then horizontally
8 cloves garlic, peeled, whole
2 shallots, peeled, whole
2 portobello mushroom caps, cut into quarters
7 tablespoons olive oil
Kosher salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1/4 cup pignoli nuts



Preheat oven to 450 F. Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and toss until well coated. Transfer to a sheet tray and spread vegetables into a single layer. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Transfer roasted vegetables to a serving dish, sprinkle pignoli nuts over the top and serve.



REAVES
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has been the fact that not nearly the numbers of deer have been harvested, making a population explosion, and we have what we have today. That's why in the last 20 or so years, car vs. deer accidents have exploded.

Here are some tips to help you survive your travels through these battle zones.

Always be ready for that brown flash. It can come from out of nowhere, and the next thing you know, you have demolished your car, and worse, you are injured.

This time of the year, bucks are chasing does. It's rut, and does are in estrus.

While I am not qualified to biologically discuss or explain a deer's maternal cycles, I do know, however, the urgency to breed far outweighs their ability to coexist with humans.

These does are basically running as if to survive, and their reckless behavior, caused by the bucks' relentless drive to procreate, makes this time of the year dangerous at best to drive your vehicle after dark.

Without discussing the nocturnal habits of our white-tailed friends, let me leave you with just a few examples that just may save your vehicle or your life.

If one deer or a whole herd were to jump out in front of you, don't swerve. Brake and keep the car headed straight. At that point, damage is inevitable. Your reaction to this nerve-racking incident can be the difference between life and death.

Don't swerve, hit the dang deer. It's easier to replace a grille than it is your life.

If you are driving and you see a deer or several deer cross the road up ahead, slow down until you get to that location because they have friends or buddies cocked and primed, ready to ruin your day.

Lastly, and this is what I tell all my family and anyone who would listen.

If you do have to take evasive action, always, always head for the tail.

When a deer jumps out in front of you, it is impossible for them to stop and back up, so your path to freedom is shorter behind the deer as opposed to outrunning them to their head.

As I said, the "pearls of wisdom" espoused in this article are all mine.

I have gained this knowledge through vast trial and error and my desire to live amongst the crazies.

Happy hunting, and may God bless you.

ROTARY
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participants under time pressure, telling them they were running late for a doctor's appointment.

The activity demonstrated how tasks that seem routine can become frustrating when a person experiences stiffness, numbness or reduced coordination.

Participants also learned about adaptive equipment, including button hooks, zipper pulls and specialized utensils, that can help people maintain independence despite physical limitations.

A final exercise addressed hearing loss. Members wore earplugs while listening to instructions about preparing for a medical appointment, illustrating how easily important information can be missed when someone speaks quickly or faces away from the listener.

Heinrichs also discussed the importance of fall prevention, regular medical care and recognizing changes in a loved one's ability to perform daily activities.

Throughout the presentation, she encouraged members to approach older adults with patience and understanding rather than assuming they are unwilling to participate or ask for help.

The workshop offered a reminder that maintaining independence and dignity can become more challenging with age, and that small adjustments in how family members, caregivers and others respond can make a meaningful difference.



BRAVO
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Clarendon by bridging innovation from classroom to career, Duran pointed to the importance of education and hands-on learning.

"I am the beneficiary of great teachers who allowed me the opportunity to explore my passion for the sciences. I have always felt the hands-on approach to STEM to be the superior form of this type of learning," Duran said. "Westinghouse and many of America's top companies rely on local communities to support this type of growth and learning in young people to ensure we continue to provide opportunity, while providing a wealth of talent to the nation — in this case, South Carolina. We are grateful to play a part in the community we've made our home."

The partnership is further strengthened by personal ties within the local workforce.

"Another cool connection is that we have several employees who are related to either educators or students impacted by this program," Duran said.

For example, team member Katy Harrelson serves as manufacturing coordinator at Westinghouse. Her mother, Teri Harrelson, a teacher at Manning Elementary School, is a two-time recipient of Bravo's Teacher Innovation Grant. Connections like these make supporting Bravo meaningful for the Westinghouse team.

As both a business leader and a local resident, Duran envisions a significant community impact from Westinghouse Specialty Welding and Machining's presence in Clarendon County. He said the facility provides a rare local opportunity for skilled tradespeople to enter a growing industry. As the country's population and energy needs increase, Westinghouse is positioned to support the nuclear power industry.

"As we have seen through recent announcements of the Palisades nuclear plant, and talks of reviving Three Mile Island, or even V.C. Summer, teams like ours that perform complex outage support will be positioned to take full advantage of the jobs, the hours, and outpouring of money," Duran said.

Highlighting the local economic impact, he added, "Our team supports plants all over the country, and we are headquartered in Clarendon County. We may be unique in that respect. We have close to 30 permanent personnel in Manning, and at times we have over 100 workers in town. They support the local economy, from lodging to restaurants and many of the local shops."

Looking toward the future of the partnership, Duran outlined his goals for the investment.

"I want our youth to know that companies like Westinghouse and opportunities like these [skilled trades] are very real and available for those who work hard for it," he said. "I could not imagine a more rewarding return on investment than to see a graduate join our company and one day lead the organization. Even more important, I would hope they'll feel compelled to give back to the educators who so faithfully sowed a seed into them."

To ensure the impact extends beyond financial contributions, Duran and his staff also hope to remain actively engaged with Bravo's programs.

"Absolutely. Beyond the donations, I want our team to show up in person," Duran said. "I'd love to see us host facility tours so students can see the trades in action, have our welders and machinists speak in classrooms or even mentor through Bravo's programs, and keep Clarendon County plugged into where the nuclear industry is headed so local talent can get ahead of it."



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Clarendon County is brewing up some spooktacular fun with fall festivities all week long! Here's your guide to the Halloween events happening around our community. Grab your costumes, bring your family, and get ready for some frightfully good times!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS!

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FISH
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English expects that trend to continue through October. Fish are expected to concentrate around brush piles at moderate depths, where anglers can use jigs or minnows.

English reported that September produced respectable numbers and sizes of crappie, providing an encouraging outlook for the fall season.

Bream fishing is also expected to improve as larger fish leave shallow areas and gather around brush piles. English said anglers were already catching good numbers in late September, with larger fish expected as temperatures continue to drop. Crickets and worms remain effective bait choices.

For catfish anglers, Capt. Stevie English expects fish to move into deeper water as temperatures cool. Drifting should remain productive throughout October, although anchoring may provide opportunities to catch larger fish.

Current conditions could also play an important role, with stronger lake currents potentially contributing to better catfish catches.

On the upper end of Lake Marion, guides at Relaxed Retreat are anticipating particularly favorable fall fishing conditions.

Capt. Rodney Reed reported that black bass were already schooling near the surface at the beginning of October, with activity expected to increase as the month progresses.

Catfish anglers in the area can find opportunities by drifting cut bait across flats and around points and underwater humps.

Capt. Brian Fegan also reported improving crappie fishing at the end of September. As October progresses, crappie are expected to gather in larger numbers around submerged brush, creating favorable conditions for anglers targeting those areas.

Overall, local guides expect October to offer improved fishing across the Santee Cooper lakes, with cooler temperatures and seasonal fish movements providing opportunities for anglers pursuing a variety of species.

MAGISTRATE
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Ackerman previously said bond court was being held twice daily and described maintaining those hearings as the most critical function affected by the staffing shortage. Since then, Witherspoon contacted South Carolina Court Administration and received authorization for Clarendon to hold bond court once a day.

"This has helped tremendously with the workload," Ackerman said.

Clarendon has not yet needed magistrates from another county to help cover bond court or other duties, but Ackerman said he expects that could change in the near future.

The reduced bond court schedule is one part of the temporary approach being used to manage the workload. Ackerman said the county cannot afford to maintain the new staffing arrangement indefinitely.

"Funding will not allow this to be a long term solution, but we are in hopes that new magistrates will be appointed in the next few months that will take the strain off our existing compliment," Ackerman said.

State law provides that magistrates are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. County governments also have a statutory role related to the number of full- and part-time magistrate positions, required hours and compensation.

New magistrates could conduct bond hearings

One question raised when the staffing shortage emerged was how quickly newly appointed magistrates could begin helping with bond court.

The South Carolina Judicial Branch has since told The Manning Times that there are no specific training requirements a newly appointed magistrate must complete before setting bond.

New magistrates often sit with an experienced judge to observe bond court, according to Leslie Taaffe, public information officer for the Judicial Branch, but they may issue warrants and conduct bond hearings before completing the requirements that apply before they may preside over trials.

A newly appointed non-attorney magistrate must observe 10 trials before presiding over a trial. All newly appointed magistrates must complete a training program and pass a certification examination within one year of taking office.

The requirements mean the broader training and certification process would not, by itself, prevent a newly appointed magistrate from helping with Clarendon's immediate bond court needs.

Questions remain about long-term structure

The staffing shortage has also prompted questions about whether Clarendon's current reliance on quarter-time magistrates should continue.

Zell previously contrasted Clarendon with neighboring Sumter County, which he said had four full-time and two part-time magistrates and was not experiencing the same staffing disruption.

Ackerman also said he believes Clarendon's current staffing model needs to change.

"I think the current model needs to change so that we do not find ourselves in this position in the future," Ackerman said.

Ackerman said, however, that he believes decisions involving magistrate appointments and whether positions are full- or part-time are outside the county's control and fall under the Senate.

State law divides responsibility for magistrate staffing between state and county officials. Magistrates are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, while state law also gives county government a role in determining magistrate positions, hours and compensation. Changes to the number or full- or part-time status of magistrates can, in some circumstances, require agreement between the county governing body and the county's Senate delegation.

For now, Ackerman said county officials hope additional magistrates will be appointed within the next few months, easing the workload being carried by the three judges who remain.

JERICHO
FROM PAGE 3A

where in the developed world.

The financial cost is only part of the story. Americans spend nearly twice as much per person on healthcare as other wealthy countries yet live almost four years less. The gap between the richest and poorest Americans can reach 15 years.

Some of that difference begins with ordinary decisions: putting off a screening because it costs too much or waiting until an illness becomes an emergency.

In South Carolina, 403 babies died before their first birthday in 2023. Our state has one of the nation's highest infant mortality rates, ranks eighth highest in maternal mortality, and nearly 90% of pregnancy-related deaths are considered preventable.

These are not simply healthcare statistics. They are babies who never came home and mothers who did not survive.

These facts are typically discussed separately. Maternal mortality. Infant mortality. Medical debt. Insurance premiums. Life expectancy. Bankruptcy.

We have spent decades tinkering at the edges of our healthcare system. We change eligibility requirements. Create subsidies. Adjust regulations. Add programs to fill gaps left by other programs.

Beneath every patch and program lies a more fundamental question: What should determine whether someone receives the care they need to live: their humanity or their ability to pay?

Jesus never treated healing as peripheral to his ministry. It was central to it.

One of the recurring acts in Jesus' ministry is his willingness to interrupt whatever else he was doing to attend to someone who is sick: a blind man crying out from the roadside, a paralyzed man lowered through a torn-open roof, a woman who reaches through a crowd after bleeding for 12 years.

Again and again, Jesus stops. He never asks whether healing will be costly. He didn't inquire about deservingness. He simply heals.

I still wonder what my dad's final years would have been like if illness had not required him to leave the country.

Would our daughters have memories of Sunday afternoons spent watching soccer on the "telly" while grandad cooked curry on the stove? Would they laugh with abandon at his ridiculous sense of humor and his penchant for accents?

Healthcare is about more than medicine. It is depression treated before hopelessness becomes tragedy, prenatal care before a complication becomes fatal, diabetes managed before kidney failure and cancer caught before it spreads. It is whether illness separates families from the people they love.

"I was sick, and you cared for me," Jesus said.

On the Jericho Road, the wounded man was not asked what he had earned, saved or could afford. His need was enough.

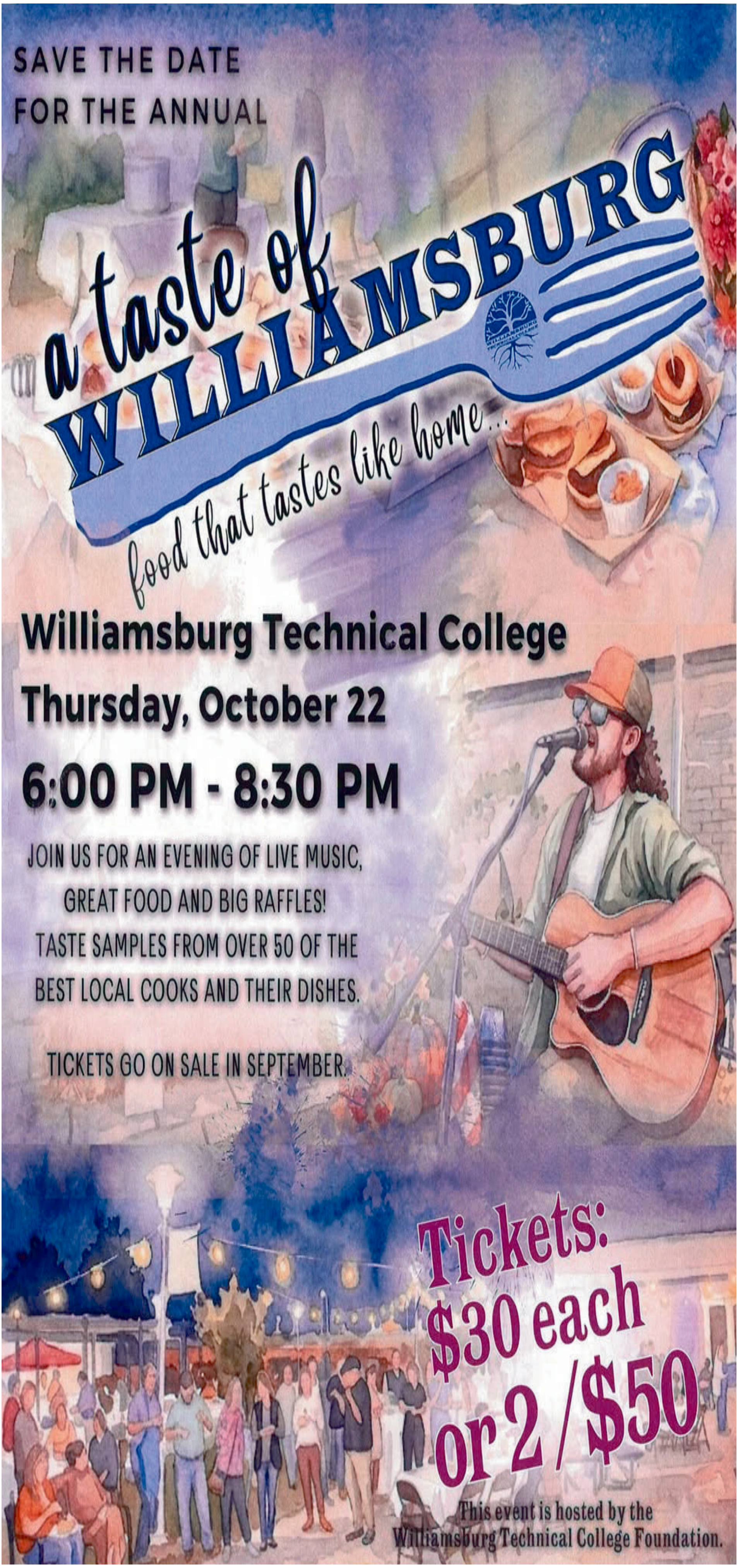
Perhaps that is where every conversation about healthcare should begin: with the conviction that a human life is worth caring for.

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ment recently joined the initiative and is working through the process of training officers. Within its first week of participation, MPD assisted in an investigation that resulted in an arrest involving child sexual abuse material.

The partnership will provide another avenue for the department to assist in investigations involving online criminal activity.

With Halloween approaching, Briley said officers are preparing for increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic throughout Manning. Trick-or-treating hours in the city will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31, with MPD planning a visible presence downtown and in residential neighborhoods.

Additional officers will be assigned to areas that typically experience heavy Halloween traffic, with the department emphasizing the safety of children, families and motorists.

Beyond law enforcement, Briley highlighted the department's food pantry, which has already assisted several residents facing immediate food needs.

Located in the rear parking lot of the police department, the pantry is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, allowing residents to receive assistance without waiting for a designated distribution day.

"If you need food today, we give you food today," Briley said.

Residents can contact police dispatch to request assistance, and an officer can meet them at the department or arrange to deliver food if they cannot travel.

The department continues to accept donations of canned goods and other nonperishable food items. Refrigerated and frozen foods cannot be accepted because the pantry does not have cold storage.

Looking ahead, Briley said his priorities remain keeping calls for service and violent crime low while continuing enforcement efforts targeting drugs and gangs, which he said contribute to many of the other crimes officers investigate.

MEDS
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misuse and keeping harmful substances out of our homes."

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is held twice annually, in April and October, through a partnership between the DEA, local law enforcement agencies and community organizations.

During the April 2026 event, South Carolina residents turned in 4,905 pounds of unwanted or expired prescription medications at 47 collection sites statewide.

Collection locations will accept tablets, capsules, patches and other solid forms of prescription medications. Liquids, including intravenous solutions, syringes, needles and other sharps, vaping devices and cartridges, and illegal drugs will not be accepted, according to DPH.

For those unable to participate Saturday, permanent medication disposal locations are available throughout South Carolina. The South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities maintains a map of year-round collection sites at justplainkillers.com/drug-safety.

DPH also offers free Overdose Prevention Safety Kits at its health clinics statewide. The kits contain nasal spray naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, which can reverse an opioid overdose, along with fentanyl test strips, treatment resources and instructions.

No appointment or identification is required to receive a kit.

Additional information about overdose prevention, treatment resources and medication safety is available at justplainkillers.com.

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Office compiled the report through its Violence Against Women Act program, collecting information from sheriff's offices, police departments, coroners and solicitors throughout the state. The information was cross-checked against records maintained by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

The report uses South Carolina's legal definition of household members, which includes spouses, former spouses, people who share a child and certain current or former cohabiting partners. The figures therefore do not represent every domestic violence incident or death involving family members.

Of the 40 cases statewide, 28 were awaiting trial on murder, homicide or voluntary manslaughter charges when the report was prepared. Eleven suspects died by suicide, and one defendant pleaded guilty to murder and received a 50-year prison sentence.

The findings were highlighted during the 29th annual Silent Witness Ceremony, held Oct. 6 at the South Carolina State Capitol Complex in Columbia.

During the ceremony, Attorney General Alan Wilson read the names of the 40 victims as family members and friends carried life-size silhouettes representing those who died. A bell rang as each silhouette was brought to the State House steps. A 41st silhouette represented potential unidentified victims.

"Each name we read today represents a life taken, a family grieving, and a community forever changed," Wilson said. "We honor these victims by remembering them and continuing our work to support survivors, hold abusers accountable, and strengthen South Carolina's response to domestic violence."

The Silent Witness observance is part of the Attorney General's Office's broader efforts to raise awareness of domestic violence and support victims and survivors.

Through its federally funded Violence Against Women Act program, established in South Carolina in 1996, the office prosecutes crimes involving domestic violence and related offenses while providing training for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges and victim advocates.

The program also addresses sexual assault, stalking, harassment and human trafficking.

October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an opportunity to remember victims, recognize survivors and encourage those experiencing abuse to seek assistance.

Anyone experiencing domestic violence can contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 for confidential assistance.

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CANDY
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The international organization has made vision care a central focus of its service efforts since 1925, when Helen Keller challenged Lions members to become advocates for those experiencing vision loss.

The Manning club continues that mission through fundraising, vision assistance and other community service initiatives.

As part of Lions Vision Week, the club is also encouraging residents to donate unused eyeglasses that can help provide better vision for others.

Eyeglass collection boxes are available at My Eye Doctor, the Department of Social Services and the Wyboo Plantation Community Center.

The club expressed appreciation to the many local businesses supporting this year's fundraiser, including Clarendon Exterminating, Bank of Clarendon, Rigby Oil, FTC, Jalisco Mexican Grill, A.B. Jordan, Stephens Funeral Home, Orchard Café, Brunson's Pharmacy, Anderson's Pharmacy, Wyboo Golf Club, AMBE Liquors, Walker Tire, Dr. Lee DDS, Highway 16 LLC, Cut & N Up, Ervin's Tire, Premier Liquor, Birdies, Jefford's Insurance, The Doghouse, John Deere and Courtney Pate.

Residents who would like to contribute to the club's ongoing service efforts may contact a Manning Lions Club member or mail donations to Manning Lions Club, Candy Days, P.O. Box 754, Manning, SC 29102.

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SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

Grantee Name: City of Manning, SC — Grant Number(s): CI-26-02

Person Preparing this Form: Esmonde Levy — Telephone Number: 803-774-1406

Designated 504 Contact Person(s): Scott Tanner — Telephone Number:

A. For each milestone in the compliance process listed below, indicate the date the action is expected to be completed.

		Initial Completion Date (Month/Year)	Last or Projected Update (Month/Year)
1.	Identify advocacy groups, persons, agencies which will assist in the self-evaluation	8/96	Mar 2026
2.	Preparation of a self-evaluation plan	9/94	Mar 2026
3.	Establishment of effective communication methods and procedures	11/96	Mar 2026
4.	Establishment of nondiscriminatory employment practices	2/94	Mar 2026
5.	Development of transition plan and reasonable accommodations needed	11/94	Mar 2026
6.	Adoption of Self Evaluation and Transition Plan by Local Government	11/95	Mar 2026
7.	Implementation of Transition Plan Complete	3/98	Mar 2026

B. In addition to the above milestones, recipients with 15 or more employees must also complete the following actions:

		Initial Completion Date (Month/Year)	Last Update (Month/Year)
1.	Publication of Notice of Nondiscrimination. (Must be posted or published at least once during grant period)	1/09	July 2025
2.	Designation of a Section 504 contact person	8/94	Mar 2025
3.	Development and adoption of a grievance procedure for Section 504	11/95	Mar 2025

C. Certification

I, Scott Tanner, City Administrator (Type Name and Title of Chief Elected Official or Administrative Official) hereby certify that the dates above represent a true and accurate indication of when the Section 504 compliance steps, outlined above, have been/ will be completed by City of Manning, SC (Type Name of Unit of Local Government)

Signature of Chief Elected Official or Administrative Official — Date: 9/1/26

State Use Only	Approved	Disapproved	Date
Compliance Specialist			
• Date of most recent in-depth monitoring review for Section 504 Compliance:			
• Outstanding Monitoring Issues? If yes, identify:			

PAT COKER
CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3