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## Sisters' downtown coffeeshop grand opening percolates with patrons 'Bean' several months brewing

STEVE STEINER

It wasn't even 9 a.m., and already a line was just about to form out the door at Colleton Coffee by Twig, which was hosting its grand opening this past Saturday, March 25.

The café, housed in what once was a shoe store, was filled with happy chatter by people who appeared to not mind standing in the lengthy line, while practically every table was occupied at the moment.

In-between filling orders, one of the two owners, Mandy Burdick, was able to briefly mention what was taking place.

"This is our grand opening," she said. However, the café had already been open for business earlier, during a "soft" opening. "We've been open three weeks."

With that, she and employee Kaylin Bishop resumed fulfilling patron orders while her sister and business partner, Jessica Burdick, ran the register, assisted by another employee, Caroline Mock.

Among the patrons already seated and enjoying their beverages was Fred Thomas II.

"I come here at least once a week, sometimes twice a week," said Thomas II. He mentioned the reasons he enjoys his stay. "When you walk into this place, it's warm, friendly."

But it's the little things that bring him back, he said, particularly the genuine warmth of Colleton Coffee. People know him and greet him, not just the owners and employees,

but other patrons.

"People greet you. They talk to you. They say hi to each other," he said. It's a far cry from what it was like when he lived in Virginia. "It's not like Starbucks, where people are either on their cell phones or laptops."

He said Colleton Coffee is a true reflection of Walterboro, where he moved to recently, to be closer to family. He's glad he made the move, and he is happy a place such as Colleton Coffee exists.

As for his favorite, he enjoys the 20-ounce size and usually has it flavored with hazelnut.

"But today it's Irish Crème," he said, as he took a sip and smiled. "What I appreciate is that the quality of the coffee is consistent." Unlike other places, where the quality often fluctuates depending upon who is doing the brewing, Thomas said the coffee at Colleton Coffee has always been great.

At the table next to him was Samantha Calcutt, also a regular. With her were her parents, Drew and Vonda. Saturday was their first time.

Several weeks ago, Samantha had been bemoaning the lack of a coffeeshop in downtown Walterboro.

"It was kind of funny. I was hoping they would open one downtown," said Samantha Calcutt. She was hoping to find a place where she and her friends could come to and relax and socialize, as well as do their college studies. She expressed only one concern. "I wish this place was bigger."

As for her parents, Drew said that having a coffeeshop



downtown is in line with his philosophy, which is businesses helping one another; he owns Low Country Surgical Associates. Vonda is an endocrinologist with Low Country Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology.

### CATCHING ONE'S BREATH

It was nearing closing time when Mandy and Jessica Burdick finally were able to sit down and enjoy their own "coffee break" and reflect upon how everything has been since their soft opening three weeks ago, and what prompted

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## The Press has new dancing shoes

STEVE STEINER

There are few things I enjoy than ballroom dancing. It's where I met and courted my wife, who (pun intended) waltzed into my life and danced away with my heart.

At the same time, I think this is an apt description explaining who I am as the new managing editor at the Press and Standard: waltzing to the dance our publisher Charlotte Norwood invited me to do.

So, who is Steve Steiner? Fair enough question. In a nutshell, I am you. Simple as that. But what does that tell you, really?

To begin with, I'm a dirt beneath my fingernails guy. Just an ordinary "Joe." I come from humble beginnings. My parents were deaf. Being the oldest of two sons, at an early age in the late 1950s-early 1960s, I was "drafted" into becoming the ears and voice of my parents. Even though my parents could speak, having already learned language before childhood illnesses robbed them of the ability to hear, when others my parents dealt with discovered they were deaf, their demeanor shifted. They mistook the term "deaf and dumb" to mean just that: stupid, when in actuality the word dumb means mute.

Because of attitudes at the time, my parents were relegated to low-paying jobs. In one instance, my dad was making eyeglass frames. He was let go during an influx of immigrants who worked for less wages. At one point, things grew so bad my dad was forced to sell his blood in order to pay rent and put food on the table.

Eventually, through the effort of my mother, who prevailed upon her sister, my parents became the custodians at a religious facility. It took some persuading on my aunt's part, because we all were the same faith (Jewish) of the facility and there was concern re: working on the Sabbath, but she managed to convince the board to hire my parents.

To this day I think it may have been in great measure due to my aunt's husband, a lawyer who never practiced a day

in his life. Instead, he was Robert Moses's right-hand man, and if you don't know who Robert Moses was, in a nutshell he was the man responsible for the construction of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, connecting Staten Island to Manhattan and the rest of New York City's boroughs, as well as the building of the World Trade Center. My uncle prospered financially due to this association, and to this day I joke this was one Moses who "led my uncle to the Promised Land."

But I digress. Eventually, through dint of determination, my father landed a job as a linotype operator with the New York Times, where he toiled nearly half a century before he and my mom retired to Greenacres, Florida.

As for me, though, I was at loose ends for much of my adult life. I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and as a result bounced around from job to job. In short, life dictated the terms. It wasn't until nearly three decades ago I took command of my life. In the interim, though, I had to get the stuffing knocked out of me; for despite my not knowing what I wanted to do in life, I had an attitude that (literally) begged for a beating, such is the folly of youth.

It wasn't pleasant. At times it was humbling. I remember one instance in particular. I was out of work. I wasn't eligible for unemployment. I couldn't pay my bills. I couldn't get hired. In one instance, I had to beg a potential employer to let me work a single day sweeping the factory floor (it was a furniture manufacturer) to prove my worth. I still didn't get hired.

Being flat out broke, it led to a threat by the utility company to shut off power. It was a straw that broke the camel's back. I was able to get an extension, but at a cost. I broke down sobbing in the presence of my then-wife, two daughters and a granddaughter. Talk about humiliation. But it was the day I determined to turn my life around.

So, what did I do until I took charge of my life? I worked on assembly lines. For one day, I was a ditch digger. I worked in a factory near a blast furnace. I worked in warehouses. In short, "dirty shirt work."



But one thing persisted throughout all the trials, tribulations and roadblocks I had set before me. I knew in my heart I was meant for something greater, and that came when I realized what I was meant to do, which was a return to what I had first believed I wanted to do as early as fifth grade. Be a journalist.

It wasn't easy. More times than I care to admit, rejection followed rejection. At times I would look to the sky and beg, "Please, God, please."

Finally, He answered, and since then I have given thanks for every day; not because I am doing what I love (which is true), but because what I love doing is for the benefit of others. I am grateful, because my calling is being a servant to others through writing and editing.

This is who I am.

## Threat of rain doesn't dampen enthusiasm at 8th annual Tour de Lowcountry



PHOTOS BY STEVE STEINER/PRESS AND STANDARD

Doug Lucas, from Columbia, chooses a medal.

STEVE STEINER

The 7 a.m. sky was overcast when an estimated 150+ bicyclists from five states began pedaling on one of two routes in this year's Tour de Low Country, which took place Saturday, March 25 and is one of the first programs tied to the annual Rice Festival.

Among those participating for the first time was Levonia Morantz, from Goose Creek, who was thoroughly enamored of the Tour and her participation.

"This was my first time in any structured event," Morantz said. "A biker friend of mine told me about this and encouraged me to sign up, and I did. This was great for beginners."

What made this particularly engaging for Morantz was the spiritual aspect.

"Biking is just my 'Zen' place," she said, before grabbing a slice of pizza from Gregory Rosso, serving as a volunteer for a third time.

While there were bicyclists who rode for themselves, others were members of organizations, one of which were 13 with Wounded Warriors. After slightly more than three hours, they arrived en masse, followed by a van sporting a Wounded Warrior wrap-around.

They clearly showed physical signs of their jaunt, but more important, their expressions and body language was proof of their grit and determination; it particularly showed in their camaraderie after dismounting from their bicycles.



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# Saying good-bye to 16 years of memories

STEVE STEINER

Perhaps the last person at the courthouse whose name wouldn't have been expected to come up when the word retirement was mentioned was Bill Polk. But yes, it's true. This past Friday, March 24, was his final day.

However, this is not the first time Polk has retired, and like the one before it, this retirement may not last, either.

He began his career as a bailiff in 2007, after having retired the year before from the Savannah Nuclear Facility in Aiken, where he put in 20 years. He didn't miss it, at least at first.

"I worked at the Savannah Nuclear facility for 20 years," said Polk. "Sixty-eight miles each way, 10-hour shifts."

He didn't mind the drive too much, and for a brief period of time he carpooled. However, in order to carpool, permission was required from Washington, D.C.

That's because the person he eventually carpooled with was John Barnes, with the Department of Energy. For those who might not be familiar, Barnes is a native of Walterboro and was the plant facility manager whose major responsibility was ensuring safe and reliable operations; in 2012, Barnes was recognized as the Department of Energy's Facility Representative of the Year by then-Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz.

## IN THE NAVY

That was not his first stint serving his nation. Polk served in the U.S. Navy from 1970-1975, and for a brief while was in Vietnam. However, most of his naval career was in Norfolk, Va.

"I was in a squadron that trained pilots," he said. "The planes were my responsibility."

There was an interesting aspect to his military service.

"In all my years in the Navy, I never once was on a ship," he said.

## BACK TO WORK

Retirement from the nuclear facility didn't sit well with Polk, and he soon grew antsy, so he cast about for a new career and found one to his liking. He became a bailiff with the sheriff's office in 2007.

In these intervening years, the job has been interesting, but nothing in particular has stood out, he said, save for the recently concluded Alex Murdaugh trial.

"It's usually been run-of-the-mill. Even murder cases," he said.

He's witnessed and been a part of the evolving manner in which cases have undergone, in particular, modernization.

When he began, jurors were selected from a small metal drum, the kind many people associate with bingo games. Then a computer system was installed. At the time, though, none of the other bailiffs wanted to learn how to use the computer, so Polk took it upon himself to learn and master.

## WE ARE FAMILY

Practically from the beginning of his career with the courthouse, Polk has been with almost every juror that has ever been seated. Like a mother hen, he has always been highly protective of jurors. Whatever they had to go through, Polk did likewise, including the Murdaugh trial.

"When they did mandatory COVID testing, I took it with them," he said.

He made sure their anonymity was secure when the jurors were transported from an undisclosed site to the courthouse, making sure they went into first one, and then a second tent and then into the courthouse, sight unseen by the media and onlookers. When they entered the courtroom, he sat alongside them, in the back.

"He was very dedicated to the jury," said Laura Hayes, a deputy clerk at the courthouse.

He did such an impressive job that following the end of the trial, S.C. State Attorney General Alan Wilson, went across the courtroom and approached Polk.

"He told Bill, 'You did a great job with that jury,'" said Polk's wife, Diane, who had joined him at a farewell luncheon at the courthouse.

He was also a re-assuring presence to Clerk of the Court Rebecca "Becky" Hill.

"I said I'll get you through this murder trial," said Polk, which he did.

One aspect of the Murdaugh jury remains with Polk and always will.

"It was driven by God," he said. "From day one they prayed every day, and on the day of deliberation they prayed that they had made the right decision."

Belief in God is important to Polk and his wife, who are members of Doctor's Creek Baptist Church.

## WHY RETIRING

Bill and Diane Polk are coming up on their 48th wedding anniversary, when they tied the knot on May 31, 1975, but have been together nearly 50 years, when they began dating in 1973, having been set up on a blind date by his sister and her aunt, who were co-workers at Coastal Electric.

Although they never had children, they are devoted to family and currently look after Diane's mother, who is now 97 years old. Time and age have started taking its toll, and Bill and Diane



PHOTOS BY STEVE STEINER/PRESS AND STANDARD

During the Alex Murdaugh trial, Bill Polk sat in a chair alongside the juror box. The trial is the last he will be presiding over as a bailiff.

have told her mother they will always be there for her; they have remained true to their word. If neither can actually be physically present, there are other family members who will step in.

This is a good arrangement, as one of their "hobbies" is going on bus tours. They like this style of travel because much of the arrangement have already been put into place; all they have to do is simply get on the bus.

Diane recalled one incident as the bus pulled up to the hotel where they would be staying on one of their excursions.

"One time at one place, the people at the hotel literally rolled out the red carpet," said Diane. "They told us our luggage would be at our room within 15 minutes, and it was."

## A FOND FAREWELL, BUT IS IT, REALLY?

Maybe not.

"What I told Becky is that if they need me, I'm available to come in," he said. Should that need arise, Diane, who is with Enterprise Bank, will come to the house to look after her mother while her husband returns to the courthouse.

# B.I.R.T.H. holds first "I Shall Live, Not Just Exist" celebration of life walk

For The Press and Standard

On March 25, B.I.R.T.H. held its first "I Shall Live, Not Just Exist" celebration of life walk.

The walk was an opportunity for family members to walk in honor of a loved one who has passed away. It was an opportunity to share uplifting stories of loved ones while taking steps toward healing.

## ABOUT B.I.R.T.H.

B.I.R.T.H. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It was founded Feb. 24, 2022, by Tarsha Howell, following the loss of her son, Justin Shider.

The organization helps mothers to continue living after the loss of a child through monthly meetings, grief education, retreats, and one-on-one encouragement.

## TO LEARN MORE

For more information about the organization, contact Tarsha Howell at 843-879-1199.



## COFFEE

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them to open up their coffee shop, which they now run in addition to their other downtown business, Twig, which has been in business five years.

"The town used to have a coffee shop, but it closed down," said Mandy.

"I'd say about three years ago," Jessica said. She added that people would come into Twig and bemoan the lack of a coffeeshop. Approximately a year ago the two of them decided to open a coffee shop, although neither had no knowledge or experience in food service and hospitality.

However, they had the support of family and friends, and a trust in God, who has always been there for them.

This is not to say the path was smooth or easy. The first hurdle faced was finding a location.

"It took about six months to find this location," said Jessica. "It seemed every time we'd find something, by the time

we called we were told the place had just been rented." Other locales just weren't conducive to being made into a coffee-shop. Then they succeeded.

"We asked the landlord what he was going to do with it and he said, 'I'm going to rent it out,'" said Mandy. Not too long after the deal was struck, in part, because he was pleased to learn it would be a coffeeshop housed in what formerly was Davis Shoes, and after that, an event venue.

## RESPONSE OVERWHELMING

From the very start, business has been busy, not just this past Saturday's grand opening. In fact, said Mandy, even though she and Jessica didn't even announce their soft opening, people just kept (no pun intended) pouring in. The grand opening was no exception. The patrons who have been coming in from the start were there in force for the grand opening.

"They were phenomenal," said Mandy. "We've had so many loyal customers show up today."

The sisters even had a couple from Ohio come in.

"We joked with them that they even came all the way from Ohio just so they could be here today," Jessica said, with a laugh. "They played along with us on that."

Now that the two of them have both Twig and Colleton Coffee by Twig, it's going to be interesting how they will arrange their work schedules. Both agree they have wonderful people working with and for them, but there is one special element they feel will keep things going smoothly.

"We're sisters and we love working together," said Mandy.

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# Jobs across state up 99,299 from same time last year

For the Press and Standard

Columbia – The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has released the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) for the third quarter of 2022, which provides data on firms, payroll, and wages at the county level as well as for detailed industry categories. This information is released quarterly five to six months after the end of the period in question and is derived from data in the State Unemployment Insurance Tax System (SUITS) housed at the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW).

Overall, there were 2,192,058 jobs statewide in Quarter 3 of 2022, up 4.7 percent from last year's figure of 2,092,759 in Quarter 3 of 2021. Average weekly wage for all workers increased by 13.7%, from \$989 to \$1,124. The number of establishments statewide also rose by over 8.8% over the year, from 153,081 to 166,566.

Among the 20 economic sectors reported, 19 saw jobs increase and only one (Administrative and Support and Waste Management) saw jobs decrease since the same period a year ago.

The strongest sectors for growth were Accommodation

and Food Services (+13,918) and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+13,801). Every sector experienced a wage increase and all sectors saw their total number of businesses increase. Among our state's 46 counties, 38 have more jobs than they did a year ago.

The counties with the largest increases in employment over the year were Greenville (+17,861) and Charleston (+16,313). Forty-five of 46 counties experienced wage increases, with Marlboro as the only exception, and 40 saw the total number of businesses increase.

"These numbers continue to show that South Carolina businesses continue to grow at a rapid clip, and that growth is broad-based across both industries and geographies," said Dr. Bryan Grady, Assistant Executive Director for Labor Market Information (LMI) at DEW.

"With nearly 100,000 more people employed in the third quarter of 2022 than in 2021, our state's workforce continues expanding in response to South Carolina's growing needs," said DEW Acting Executive Director William Floyd. "For all communities, including those experiencing temporary setbacks, SC Works Centers offer excellent help, such as in Marlboro County where DEW is partnering

with the local technical college's manufacturing training program for high school seniors. Due to South Carolina's growing economy, this is a terrific time for employers and jobseekers to connect with one another by visiting an SC Works Center."

The full QCEW data set is available to review at <https://jobs.scworks.org/qcew>

For more information, interested parties can review the attached tables and contact [communications@dew.sc.gov](mailto:communications@dew.sc.gov) with any press inquiries or interview requests for the LMI Division.

## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE

The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce has four missions: (1) workforce development; (2) free job match employment services; (3) unemployment insurance; and (4) labor market information. All four missions contribute to workforce development. The agency is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services and programs that meet the needs of our businesses, job seekers, and those looking to advance their careers.

# Katie Herrmann chosen Workforce Development Chair of SHRM Columbia Chapter

For the Press and Standard

COLUMBIA – The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) announces that Human Resources Director Katie Herrmann has been appointed as the Workforce Development Chair of the Society for Human Resources Management's (SHRM) Columbia Chapter in South Carolina.

As the Workforce Development Chair, she will be responsible for highlighting workforce development initiatives that could help Columbia SHRM members improve hiring processes, personnel policies, and employee retention.

"Aligning the workforce development goals of SHRM with the important workforce development programs our agency provides South Carolinians with makes perfect sense," said Herrmann. "I am excited for this new role within the organization. My goal as the Workforce Development Chair of Columbia SHRM is to provide up-to-date information on the amazing opportunities DEW offers

our local businesses, including workforce grants, training programs, tax credit incentives, hiring assistance, and the list goes on."

Her selection has been applauded.

"We are proud to have Katie working with us at DEW and now in this new leadership role at SHRM," said DEW Acting Executive Director William Floyd. "As our agency's HR Director, Katie's leadership of our human resources department has brought lasting, long-term benefits to our agency, from developing an Employee Relations Plan to creating a more user-friendly recruiting process for our hiring managers. I know Katie will bring that same commitment and expertise to this role within Columbia SHRM."

Herrmann believes it will be a mutual effort.

"I truly think I will learn as much from others as they will learn from me! Serving as the Workforce Development Chair will be an educational experience as I gain a better understanding of how the employment services and workforce development projects our agency oversees

directly impact the community we serve," Herrmann said.

## ABOUT SHRM

SHRM is an international organization dedicated to creating better workplaces by connecting millions of workers, human resources experts, and business leaders together to discuss best practices on issues impacting today's evolving labor force.

## ABOUT THE DEW

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# Governor signs bill expediting road repairs

For the Press and Standard

On March 21, Gov. Henry McMaster signed into law an unanimously passed bill (S.361) that will speed up road improvement projects in South Carolina.

The bill simplifies how construction contracts that are awarded by S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT) can be extended to include more work.

A key change removed the requirement that the SCDOT commission must give preapproval before more work can be added to construction projects, cutting down on the red tape that often keeps important road work from

getting started. The commission will still be required to ratify a contract extension.

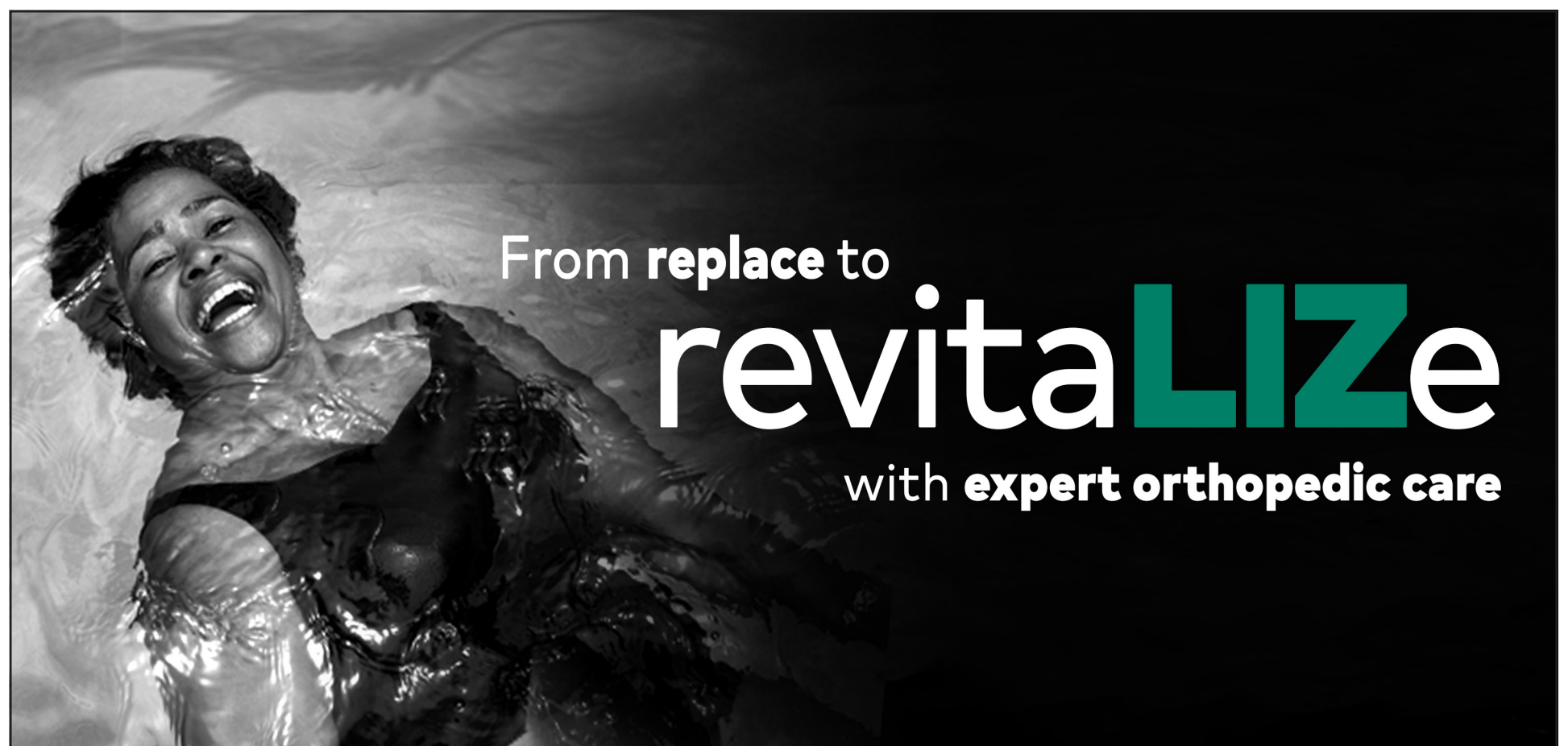
It also deleted a rule stating that a contract extended to include more work cannot exceed 50% of the amount of the original contract or the sum of \$150,000 (whichever is less). Removing this cap will allow more work to be added to existing contracts and should reduce the need to write up multiple contracts for single projects.

SCDOT indicates these changes are likely to save time on projects by allowing the agency to respond more quickly and efficiently. The bill will have no expenditure impact, according to its fiscal impact statement, and in

fact the changes are likely to save money by simplifying this process.

Streamlining the contract extension process will help the state get more work done and improve road conditions.

Sam Aaron is with the South Carolina Policy Center, a think tank founded in 1986 as an independent, private, non-partisan research organization to promote the principles of limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty and responsibility in the state of South Carolina.



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## South Carolina employees work 5.2 hours more today than 5 years ago

For the Press and Standard

A recent study of five-year census data (from 2017) has revealed that South Carolinians have increased their working hours by 5.2 hours per year, from 38.8 hours per week to 38.9 hours. When compared nationally, Americans are working 3.5 hours less per year. In fact, South Carolinians came in 14th position nationally in terms of the difference in hours worked over five years (First position being the hardest working).

When broken down by states, it was found that Montanans have been hitting the grindstone harder than anyone else, with a 31.2-hour increase in annual work hours. Meanwhile, over in Wyoming and Hawaii, they've been doing the exact opposite. Laid-back Wyomingites and Hawaii residents have been kicking back, spending more time on personal interests and hobbies, and reducing their work hours by a significant 41.6 hours per year.

### LESS VACATION TIME

When it comes to vacation time, Americans have far less vacation allowance than other countries (10 days, compared to a world average of 20), and they want more. A separate survey by Mixbook, a design platform, of 1,150 employees found that if they were given more vacation days to bring them up on par with the world average, half think they should be entitled to back pay for the 10 day shortfall. This would amount to approximately \$5,775 over the past calendar year for the average employee.

According to experts, maintaining a balance between work and leisure activities can help reduce stress levels and prevent burnout. “

Taking time to be creative, engage in hobbies or leisure activities outside of work can help us recharge and reset, and allow us to return to work with renewed energy and focus,” said Kim Colucci, Culture and Growth Director at Mixbook. So, how can employers help employees achieve a positive work-life balance and make time for hobbies and leisure activities?

“In order to enable employees to achieve a positive work-life balance, employers must be flexible. Flexibility can be found in where and when employees work, how decisions are made, and more,” said Colucci. Mixbook's survey also uncovered other interesting findings when it comes to achieving an optimum work/life balance:

62% think workers should be guaranteed a company retreat or trip each year.

Two in three say employers should be forced to ensure employees take state holidays off work (most of which are currently normal working days).

80% say employers should allow one or two paid days off for employees getting married without taking up vacation allowance.

Finally, 67% of managers believe a duvet day would help worker's productivity (a day off from work that an employee can take without prior notice, typically for the purpose of resting, recharging, and focusing on their mental and emotional well-being).

## SC Homeowner Rescue Program to begin winding down in April

For the Press and Standard

COLUMBIA – The SC Homeowner Rescue Program, South Carolina's federally-funded emergency homeowner assistance program, will begin its wind down in April after helping more than 15,000 South Carolina families remain in their homes.

The program, which was intended to be a temporary response in the wake of the financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, has provided \$88.75 million to date in mortgage and utility assistance across South Carolina.

Due to the program's success, the SC Homeowner Rescue Program will begin to wind down, as similar federally funded emergency homeowner assistance programs are doing in many other states. The program will stop accepting new applications at 11:59 p.m. on April 20.

The SC Homeowner Rescue Program will continue to review all current applications to determine if they qualify for assistance as long as funds are available. Applications submitted by the April 20, deadline will also be reviewed to determine if these qualify for assistance as long as funds are available.

South Carolinians in need of mortgage or utility assistance after the April 20 deadline may sign up for a waitlist on the SC Homeowner Rescue Program website starting April 21. When the waitlist link goes live, interested parties may complete an Expression of Interest Form, which adds them to the waitlist.

Should funds remain or should funds become available after all prior applications are reviewed, the SC Homeowner Rescue Program will notify wait-listed parties on a first-come, first-served basis, inviting them to complete an application. Please note that joining the waitlist does not guarantee an opportunity to apply or be provided with financial assistance.

The SC Homeowner Rescue Program is creating this waitlist in the event additional funds remain after all applications submitted by April 20 are reviewed or if additional federal funds become available.

SC Housing understands that there is still a need for mortgage and utility assistance in South Carolina, even as this temporary program winds down. We stand ready to provide every eligible homeowner with any available assistance as long as funds remain, so that we may serve our neighbors in need.

### FOR UPDATED PROGRAM INFORMATION

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### ABOUT SC HOUSING

SC Housing is a self-sustaining housing finance agency committed to ensuring that South Carolinians have the opportunity to live in safe, decent and affordable housing. Agency operations are supported by a funding base that includes fees and other revenue earned through the administration of agency programs.

## Chiisai Con small anime get-together with a large impact



PHOTOS BY STEVE STEINER/PRESS AND STANDARD

These cosplayers are Hellsing-Alucard and Seras Victoria, vampires in a series known as Hellsing. The woman portraying Seras Victoria has been friends with Shonda Linder, the organizer of Chiisai Con, since they were in second grade. She said the two of them have been into cosplay since their high school days.



PHOTOS BY STEVE STEINER/PRESS AND STANDARD

The banner at Colleton County Memorial Library welcomes visitors to the Chiisai Con event.

STEVE STEINER

In 2022, Shonda Linder approached Carl Coffin, director of Colleton County Memorial Library with a proposal: Let the library be the site of a Chiisai Con, where fans of anime could meet, many of them appearing in cosplay outfits; anime is a popular Japanese style of cartoon (think Pikachu, or Sailor Moon), while cosplay is a form of performance art in which participants dress up as a character from a cartoon, movie, book or video game.

“At first the library didn't think it would be suitable,” said Linder. However, she was able to demonstrate that having an anime convention would attract people of all ages, not just teens. Plus, due to the library's size, it wouldn't be overrun with teeming cosplayers. She proved her point with the first Chiisai Con, and that led to its second consecutive year.

“We've had a good turnout so far,” Linder said. It was only 10 a.m. at the time and people were already filling up the two rooms where the event was being held.

### WHY THE NAME

“Chiisai in Japanese means small,” she said,

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which is why she felt the library was the right size. There was another reason she selected the name. “It's a love letter to the Japanese culture.”

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# Charleston to host free Small Business Opportunity Expo

For the Press and Standard

CHARLESTON --- The city of Charleston will host its Small Business Opportunity Expo 2023 on March 31 at the Gaillard Center (95 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401). The expo will begin at 9 a.m. with Early Bird Workshops, followed by the opening of the Exhibitor Hall at 10 a.m. Additional workshops and programming will last through an evening reception at 5 p.m. Registration is required for this free event.

The Expo will present Lowcountry small business owners with learning, networking and contract procurement opportunities with more than 40 onsite organizations and municipal partners. Free workshops on marketing, access to capital, legal basics and more, as well as presentations by successful business owners, government agencies and municipal partners will be available to attendees.

“Too often you hear of exceptional small businesses who, without access to the proper resources, are sadly forced to close their doors,” said Ruth Jordan, minority business enterprise manager for the city of Charleston. “We are excited to aid owners in establishing routes to success by directly connecting them to those key partnerships, resources and knowledge all in one convenient location.”

This year’s exhibitors include S.C. State Port Authority, Charleston International Airport, Charleston Housing Authority, South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, Financial Institutions and Charleston and Berkeley counties, among other organizations

There will be breakout sessions such as “Chats to Contracts,” which will cover the basics of identifying contracting opportunities and how to navigate them effectively; “Small Business:

Legal Basics” and a session specifically addressing Latinx businesses called “Minding Your Business: Legal Basics for Latinx Businesses.” Both legal basics workshops will address registering businesses, obtaining necessary permits and licenses and understanding tax obligations.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Registration is now open at [www.acevents.com/e/smallbizexpo](http://www.acevents.com/e/smallbizexpo) for this free event. For more information, please contact program coordinator Noelle Hisnanick-Murphy 843-513-8698, or: [murphyn@charleston-sc.gov](mailto:murphyn@charleston-sc.gov)

**WANT TO ATTEND?**

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## Virgil Kaine Launches Eighth Notch Limited release features vanilla-smoked bourbon

For the Press and Standard

Virgil Kaine, a Lowcountry Whiskey Company, has released a limited-edition straight bourbon whiskey with a silky-smooth smoked vanilla taste. Specially crafted in South Carolina by a chef, Virgil Kaine’s five year old bourbon, Eighth Notch is its eighth creation.

To create this limited-edition bourbon, Virgil Kaine sourced barrels from a local factory known for its legacy of custom-built craftsmanship, Gainesville Cooperage.

Named for the final notch in the throttle of a diesel train, Eighth Notch uses toasted barrels delicately smoked with vanilla beans to enhance the natural sweetness found in oak.

“The idea came to me years ago when we were looking at ways to create unique twists on barrel-aged cocktails,” says Virgil Kaine founder David Szlam. “After several experiments, we eventually relied on a technique used long ago

in our kitchen day. Utilizing discarded vanilla beans, we were able to dry used vanilla pods and process them in a way that would allow us to smoke and infuse its essence into our ingredients.”

Szlam noted that Eighth Notch isn’t a typical smoky whiskey like scotch, and it cannot be mistaken as a vanilla-flavored bourbon.

“It’s a complex bourbon highlighted by the toasted barrel to impart the known caramel notes and a few more vanilla notes than classically derived solely from the wood,” he said. “The barrels are toasted to a medium/heavy char providing a layer of smoothness in this barrel-strengthened bourbon. Toasted barrels are filled with delicious vanilla smoke and then sealed to capture the smoky flavor.”

The bourbon is then transferred from its original barrel to a new toasted barrel, with the remaining space filled again with

vanilla smoke and then set to age for two months.

**INTERESTED?**

Virgil Kaine Eighth Notch will be available for an extended time at participating retailers with an MSRP of \$80. Please visit [www.virgilkaine.com](http://www.virgilkaine.com) for more information on Lowcountry Whiskey Company and where to purchase Virgil Kaine products.

**ABOUT VIRGIL KAINE**

Virgil Kaine was founded in 2011 by David Szlam and Ryan Meany. Accomplished chefs, they draw on their culinary know-how to blend, infused and tinker with choice ingredients to develop craft whiskeys.



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# READERS CHOICE PICTURES!

Check out all the pictures from the Readers’ Choice Winners banquet that was held on March 16, 2023. Pictures are available for purchase. [liveoakstudiophotography.shootproof.com](http://liveoakstudiophotography.shootproof.com)

# 100th Red Cross Home Fire Campaign smoke alarm installed

For the Press and Standard

With the support of community partners, the American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign has achieved its goal of installing 2.5 million free smoke alarms and making 1 million households safer across the country, including more than 100,000 alarms in South Carolina.

Since launching in October 2014, the campaign has saved at least 1,583 lives nationwide — including 106 lives in South Carolina. This is significant, as home fires claim seven lives every day in the U.S. These tragedies most often occur in homes without working smoke alarms, which can cut the risk of death from a home fire in half.

“We are proud of our incredible work alongside Fire Safe SC, local fire departments, and community partners to help save lives by providing free smoke alarms in South Carolina as part of the national Home Fire Campaign,” said Rod Tolbert, CEO of the American Red Cross of South Carolina. “This amazing effort has been made possible by every volunteer, donor, and supporter who teamed up to care for vulnerable families in our state.”

Home fires account for most of the more than 60,000 disasters that the Red Cross responds to annually in South Carolina and across the country. So far, in 2023, Red Cross volunteers have already helped more than 1,240 people affected by more than 400 home fires in South Carolina by providing emergency lodging, financial assistance for urgent needs like food and clothing, and one-on-one recovery support for navigating the next steps and connecting with community resources. This work is made possible thanks to financial donations from generous regional partners.

In South Carolina, Red Cross volunteers, Fire Safe SC, local fire departments, and other community partners:

Installed more than 104,000 free smoke alarms

Made nearly 30,000 households safer

Educated nearly 16,000 children through youth preparedness programs

Red Cross volunteers respond to an average of six home fires every day across the state

“We are excited to recognize this achievement, and we will continue to work together, especially since alarms initially installed are nearing the end of their 10-year lifespan. Sustaining our efforts depends on the engagement of local fire and community partners to replace and increase the number of homes with working smoke alarms,” said S.C. State Fire Chief Josh Fulbright. “Today, fire is hotter and faster than in the past due to modern furnishings. Working smoke alarms, practicing a home fire escape plan, closing bedroom doors when you sleep, and designating an outdoor safe meeting place can increase your ability to escape should a home fire occur.”

## FREE HOME FIRE SERVICES TO CONTINUE

Because home fires remain a daily threat and the campaign has made a lifesaving difference, the Red Cross will be continuing the program with community partners as part of its standard services

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Help save lives through the campaign by becoming a volunteer or making a financial donation to prepare, respond and help families recover from home fires. Visit [RedCross.org/SC](http://RedCross.org/SC) to register to volunteer. No prior experience is needed. Training will be provided before volunteer teams visit area homes to install smoke alarms and share fire safety information during smoke alarm blitz events.

In addition, the campaign's other services will continue, such as teaching children about the threat of home fires through youth preparedness programs, installing accessible fire safety equipment like bed shaker alarms for residents who are deaf or hard of hearing, and providing home fire safety resources in American Sign Language.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

You can also help your family by testing your smoke alarms monthly and practicing your two-minute home fire escape plan. Additional safety tips are available at [redcross.org/fire](http://redcross.org/fire) and on the free Red Cross Emergency app (search «American Red Cross» in mobile app stores).

## ABOUT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [CruzRojaAmericana.org](http://CruzRojaAmericana.org), or on Twitter at @RedCross

## ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIRE

SC State Fire is also known as the SC Division of Fire and Life Safety, which is a division of the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

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# Additional financial assistance for distressed farmers available

For the Press and Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. --- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces that beginning in April it will provide approximately \$123 million in additional, automatic financial assistance for qualifying farm loan program borrowers who are facing financial risk.

It is part of the \$3.1 billion to help distressed farm loan borrowers that was provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The announcement builds on financial assistance offered to borrowers through the same program in October 2022.

The IRA directed the USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk.

For example, in the October payments, farmers who were 60 days delinquent due

to challenges like natural disasters, the pandemic or other unexpected situations were brought current and had their next installment paid to give them breathing room.

“In too many cases, the rules surrounding our farm loan programs may actually be detrimental to helping a borrower get back to a financially viable path” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. He added that as a result, some are pushed out of farming and others stuck under a debt burden that prevents them from growing or reacting to opportunities. “Loan programs for the newest and more vulnerable producers must be about providing opportunity and tailored to expect and manage stumbles and hurdles along the way. Through this assistance, USDA is focusing on generating long-term stability and success for distressed borrowers.”

**INTERESTED?**  
[www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)

# Omar Muhammad presented with award for environmental justice efforts

For the Press and Standard

COLUMBIA --- The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Environmental has selected Omar Muhammad as a DHEC Community Star. The award recognizes individuals who promote environmental sustainability and resiliency that help improve the quality of life within communities.

Muhammad, president of the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC), was named valedictorian of the inaugural class of the United States Environmental Protection (EPA) Region 4's Environmental Justice Academy and is a participant of EJ Strong (Environmental Justice Strong) an initiative that provides grant funding to DHEC to help underserved communities implement meaningful, measurable improvements to public health and environmental protection within communities.

Some of Muhammad's efforts include:

Improving Environmental Justice awareness among LAMC communities

Conducting a community-based health survey to assess health service gaps

Creating, with assistance from the University of Maryland and EPA Region 4, an online mapping tool called EJRADAR to help educate and engage members of EJ communities

Working with the Medical University of South Carolina to address health disparities within EJ communities

Securing funding for 10 personal air monitors to be used in North Charleston communities for teaching residents about air quality

“Omar is doing incredible work in the Charleston and North Charleston areas to not only spread awareness about Environmental Justice but to concretely develop tools and projects that are making positive impacts in low-income and minority communities,” said Myra Reece, DHEC Director of Environmental Affairs. “We're proud to name him a DHEC Community Star.”

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about DHEC's Community Star program and to learn how to nominate a business, group or individual, visit [scdhec.gov/communitystar](http://scdhec.gov/communitystar)

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# Colleton Medical Center welcomes Dr. James Scott

For the Press and Standard

Board-certified general surgeon Dr. James Scott, DO, joined Coastal Carolina Surgical Specialists on March 6.

As a general surgeon, Scott performs a variety of procedures, including the removal of the gallbladder, appendix, tumors of the intestine, and hernia repairs, along with screening and diagnostic endoscopic procedures, as well as laparoscopic minimally invasive surgical techniques.

“The opportunities to help my patients through some of the most difficult and intimidating moments of having surgery is the most rewarding,” Scott said. “I look forward to joining the dedicated care team at Colleton Medical Center and working alongside renowned Dr. Karl Stiegler to deliver quality, detailed care for our patients.”

During medical school at Des Moines University in Iowa, Scott gained exposure to a variety of medical specialties that

fueled his passion for surgery. He completed his surgical residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and settled in Omaha, Neb., where he practiced as a general surgeon in the University of Nebraska system for 20 years.

In his off time, the doctor enjoys time with his family pursuing various outdoor activities, including golfing, bicycling, and archery. He will provide care with

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Tiffany Norton-Cornette, APR, CPC, is the Director | Public Relations and Volunteer Services at Colleton Medical Center. She can be reached at 843-782-2809



# SC Nurse Retention Initiative awarded \$36,000 grant from Power:Ed

For the Press and Standard

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — The SC Nurse Retention Initiative (SCRI), an effort dedicated to attracting and retaining top nursing talent in Beaufort and Jasper Counties, has been awarded a \$36,000 grant from Power:Ed, a philanthropy of SC Student Loan Corporation.

The SCRI fund, administered by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, awards recent Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) graduates up to \$12,000 (BSN) and \$6,000 (ADN) over two years based on merit, dedication to the nursing profession, financial need, educational mobility and long-term commitment to practice nursing in the Lowcountry.

This gift marks the second round of funding from Power:Ed to SCNRI and will support three to six nursing scholarships. Because the recipients can use the funds for any purpose, including furthering their education or contributing to housing costs, this program supports both the community priorities of workforce development and affordable housing solutions.

“With this grant from Power:Ed, SCNRI will continue to build our local nurse workforce to improve the quality of health care for individuals throughout Beaufort and Jasper Counties,” said Bob Elliott from SCNRI. “The financial support we provide will allow our nurses to remain in Beaufort and Jasper Counties to practice, prosper and grow their careers within our local communities. I commend the organization for their commitment to workforce development and to retaining nurses in the Lowcountry.”

In FY2022-23, Power:Ed is investing \$900,000 in South Carolina education and career-readiness organizations, and so far this year, 17 nonprofits have been funded. Grants are administered quarterly, and the

next grant application deadline is April 1, 2023.

“Nurses directly impact nearly every facet of our healthcare system and are vital to a community’s well-being,” said Power:Ed Director Claire Gibbons. “We want to ensure local talent has the resources necessary to pursue their education and build their careers in the Lowcountry. Power:Ed is proud to continue our support of this important workforce development program, which has such a positive impact on the community.”

**ABOUT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE LOWCOUNTRY**

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For more information, call 843-681-9100, or visit [cf-lowcountry.org](http://cf-lowcountry.org)

**ABOUT POWER:ED**

Founded in 2019, Power:Ed, a philanthropy of SC Student Loan Corporation, is dedicated to creating opportunities for South Carolina’s youth and adults by supporting low-income, minority, and first-generation students; improving access to college and degree completion; and creating pathways to quality workforce opportunities.

Organizations serving middle school through post-college talent who are interested in applying for a grant or partnering with Power:Ed, should visit [power-ed.org](http://power-ed.org)

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# FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS, INC. FAMILY MEDICAL MOBILE UNIT STARTING MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 IN EHRHARDT, SC



The Family Health Centers, Inc. Family Medical Mobile Unit is starting Monday, April 3, 2023 to provide primary care to low-income and medically underserved patients in Ehrhardt, South Carolina.

The Family Health Centers, Inc. Family Medical Mobile Unit is a state-of-the-art vehicle that is equipped with a primary medical exam room and lab capabilities. The Family Medical Mobile Unit is a comprehensive health clinic. The Family Mobile Health Team consists of a medical provider, nurse, medical office assistant, financial service representative, and a driver.

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# 'Thank you for saving a life'



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Daycare owner Dawanna Brown holds Karderr Davidson (finally getting him to look at the camera!) as they appear with members of the Colleton Fire Rescue, Colleton County Sheriff's Office and Colleton County Animal Rescue.

STEVE STEINER

This past Friday, March 24, a parade of fire rescue vehicles, the sheriff's office and animal control sounded their sirens and flashed their respective lights as the vehicles made their way down Lakeshore Drive. They people with the various agencies were on their way to Brandy's Playhouse to present a special award to 2 ½ year old Karderr Davidson. Thanks to him, a dog that had been stuck in the lake behind the daycare center was rescued.

The children and adults with the daycare center were outside when all the vehicles arrived at the daycare center, but because the children were not older than three years old, the arrival of the vehicles and personnel didn't hold their attention, even when those with the various agencies approached, bearing giveaways such as red plastic firefighter helmets.

Even Davidson wasn't paying attention when Fire Rescue Captain K.C. Campbell, bearing a large stuffed teddy bear and certificate tried to present these to the lad. Davidson's interest was on the playground, and he turned away from Campbell rather than grab the teddy bear or certificate. It took a bit of cajoling to get Davidson and the other children to even accept the red plastic firefighter helmets.

**RESCUING THE DOG**

Nine days earlier, on March 15, 2½ -year-old Karderr Davidson noticed a dog stuck in the lake the neighborhood daycare center.

He rushed to tell Dawanna Brown, who owns and runs the daycare center.

"We had just come in from outside, getting ready for lunch," said Brown. "He kept saying dog, dog, and pointed at the lake," said Brown. "But I didn't see any dog."

However, he was persistent and wouldn't stop repeating the word dog and pointing at the lake. It took a bit of doing, but eventually Brown did see the dog. At first, she tried to rescue it, but the dog's demeanor concerned her, so Colleton County Animal Control was contacted. Also alerted was Colleton County Fire Rescue, which members of a unit ultimately rescued the dog, who was returned to its family.

(Editor's note: Three teams from Fire Rescue responded: Medic 13, Engine 19, and Battalion 1.)

There was a reason the dog had gotten trapped in the lake, according to Colleton County Fire Rescue Chief Barry McRoy. He pointed to several wooden docks on the opposite shore of the daycare center; several appeared to be in poor shape.

"A dock had collapsed, and the dog got caught in the wood," he said.

## Air transport needed for accident victim

For the Press and Standard

An adult male received multiple traumatic injuries in a single vehicle crash in the 2400 block of Ritter Road, west of Catholic Hill at approximately 1:19 a.m., Sunday, March 26

The driver of the 2015 Dodge pickup truck was traveling westbound when he crossed into a ditch on the eastbound side and struck a large tree, causing extensive damage to the pickup truck and trapping the driver.

Fire-Rescue units arrived to find Ritter Road blocked by the damaged truck and debris.

Firefighter-Paramedics began treating the man's injuries, while other crew members stabilized the truck and used Holmatro Rescue Tools to extricate the man.

He was transported from the scene in Fire-Rescue Medic 13 to a nearby field to meet with the CARE Flight medical helicopter, where he was flown to the Trauma Center at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston.

Ritter Road was blocked for several hours.

The SC Highway Patrol is investigating the MVC.

Barry McRoy is the Colleton County Fire-Rescue chief.

## There but for the grace of God; driver escapes injury/death

For the Press and Standard

Officials in Colleton County are investigating a serious high-speed crash that left a driver nearly unscathed March 22.

The crash occurred on I-95 near the 47-mile marker shortly past 7:45 p.m., according to Colleton County Fire-Rescue.

Witnesses of the crash reported a Toyota pickup truck was heading northbound on the interstate when traffic slowed due to construction.

The vehicle abruptly crossed over the roadway toward the shoulder when it slammed into the rear of an 18-wheeler,

causing the vehicle to drive underneath the trailer of the 18-wheeler.

The pickup truck was heavily damaged as, officials say, the entire driver's side of the pickup truck was torn away.

The driver was wearing a seatbelt and quickly exited the wrecked vehicle.

He was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and turned the offer to be taken to an area hospital.

The driver of the 18-wheeler suffered no injury.

An investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol is in progress.



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## Family Friendly Recipes

### FUNFETTI CHEESECAKE CAKE

**Ingredients**  
**For the Cheesecake**

- 16 oz. cream cheese room temperature
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 large whole eggs
- 1 large egg yolk
- 2 Tbsp sour cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

**For the Cake**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 10 Tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 3 large whole egg
- 3 large egg whites
- 2/3 cup whole milk
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 2/3 cup rainbow sprinkles

**For the Frosting**

- 16 oz. cream cheese room temperature
- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- 3-3 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup rainbow sprinkles plus more for topping

**Instructions**  
**For the Cheesecake**

Using a countertop mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese on medium speed until completely smooth (about 3 minutes). Add the sugar and flour; mix until well combined. Whisk the eggs and egg yolk together and add to the bowl in 2 additions, mixing fully after each addition. Add the sour cream and vanilla. Mix until fully combined. (Tip: Use a spatula to scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl to ensure the filling is fully mixed.) Spray a 9" springform pan with

nonstick baking spray. Line bottom of pan with parchment paper and then pour cheesecake batter into pan. Wrap the bottom of the springform pan with a piece of aluminum foil and place in a large rimmed baking pan. Fill pan with about 1" of water. Bake at 325°F until center of cake is just barely set (-30-35 minutes). (Tip: Pull the cheesecake out of the oven when there is about 1" ring of "looser" filling left in the center of the cake.) Remove cake from oven and cool slightly. Wrap entire pan in plastic wrap and freeze overnight.

**For the Cake**

Grease and flour (2) 9" round cake pans. Line bottoms of pans with parchment paper; set aside. Preheat oven to 350°F. Using a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Stir until well combined; set aside. Using a countertop mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy (-2-3 minutes on medium speed). Add the egg and egg whites; mix on low speed until well combined. Add half of the flour mixture to the bowl; mix on low speed until well combined. Add the milk, sour cream, vanilla extract and almond extract; mix on low speed until well combined. Add the remaining flour mixture; mix on low speed until well combined. (Tip: Don't forget to scrape down the sides of the bowl to ensure all ingredients are fully mixed.) Add rainbow sprinkles; mix until well combined. Divide batter evenly into the two prepared cake pans. Bake at 350°F for 20-25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Let cakes cool in pan for 10

minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack until completely cool. **For the Frosting**

Using a countertop mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the cream cheese and butter until well combined. Add vanilla extract and 1 cup of powdered sugar at a time until frosting reaches desired sweetness. Beat frosting on medium-high speed for 3-4 minutes, or until fluffy. Add sprinkles and mix until well combined. To Assemble Cheesecake Cake Place one layer of cake on a large plate. Spread 1/2 cup of frosting evenly on top of cake. Remove the cheesecake from the freezer and place on top. Spread 1/2 cup of frosting on top of cheesecake layer. Finally, place second layer of cake on top. Frost the top and sides of the cake using the remaining frosting. Decorate top of cake with additional rainbow sprinkles. Refrigerate cake until ready to serve.

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## Workshop fire cause substantial damage



For the Press and Standard

A fire in a workshop located on Forks Road caused substantial damage to the metal building, tools, equipment and two vehicles.

The fire was reported at approximately 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 21.

The shop owner advised a heater was left on in the building and spread to nearby materials and flammable liquids stored in the building. He noticed smoke coming from the building and attempted to extinguish the fire before calling 911. F

Fire-Rescue Engine 10 arrived to find heavy smoke conditions in the building. Two handlines were

deployed to the structure and firefighter-paramedics had to cut a portion of the garage door in order to enter the building and extinguish the fire.

Leaves and straw on the roof also ignited and had to be extinguished.

The fire burned through the wall on the rear of the building, igniting grass, brush and some materials stored in the back of the shop.

Two vehicles inside that were being repaired at the time of the fire also received damage.

Crews were on the scene for several hours.

Barry McRoy is the Colleton County Fire-Rescue Fire Chief.

## House fire cause believed electrical



For the Press and Standard

Fire-Rescue responded to a residential structure fire in the 19700 block of Augusta Highway (SC Hwy 61) the morning of Tuesday, March 21.

Engine 36 arrived to find smoke coming from the eaves on all sides of the singlewide mobile home that had an addition. F

irefighter-Paramedics deployed two handlines to the building to combat the fire.

The cause of the fire is believed to have been electrical in nature and started in a wall between the mobile home and the addition. The flames spread up the wall and into the attic space, then across the roof.

Crews removed portions of the ceiling and the roof to extinguish the fire. However, much of the home and belongings were saved, and no injuries were reported during the incident.

Barry W. McRoy is the Colleton County Fire-Rescue Fire Chief

## Driver ejected following high-speed chase

For the Press and Standard

GREEN POND – A Charleston man was critically injured Monday night after he was ejected during a high-speed crash along U.S. 17, officials said.

First responders said that a southbound Honda CR-V struck a guard rail in a curve while traveling on the in the 12,000 block of ACE Basin Parkway near Balchem Lane, close to the unincorporated community of Green Pond, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

The vehicle struck a guard rail at a curve in the road and flipped several times. “The car crossed back over both southbound lanes, the median, and both northbound lanes before landing on its roof in a swamp,” said officials with Colleton County Fire Rescue.

Officials said the driver was not

wearing a seatbelt and was ejected, thrown onto the asphalt cross-over in the median. He was found face down, unconscious, in the roadway, and had suffered multiple traumatic injuries and a head injury.

A medical helicopter was requested as crews began treating the man’s injuries. He was transported from the scene to a nearby field to meet with the CARE Flight helicopter. Crews performed advanced airway techniques to secure his airway. before being airlifted to the trauma center at the Medical University of South Carolina, in Charleston.

Fire units were on the scene for four hours assisting troopers with the South Carolina Highway Patrol, which is investigating the crash.

Barry McRoy is the Colleton County Fire-Rescue Fire Chief.

## Three injured in multi-vehicle accident; one air vac-ed

For the Press and Standard

Three people were injured, one critically, in a three vehicle series of collisions on Beach Road at Shady Oaks Lane at approximately 7:53 a.m., Friday, March 24.

The driver of a Chevrolet pickup truck was traveling eastbound and failed to negotiate a curve, striking a westbound DOT belt loader. The belt loader operator drove off the road in an effort to avoid a collision, but the pickup truck struck the loader, damaging a rear tire.

The driver of the Chevrolet then lost control and struck a westbound DOT pickup truck head-on in the eastbound lane. The two restrained occupants in the DOT pickup were both injured with non-life-threatening injuries.

However, the driver of the Chevrolet was unrestrained. As a result,

he received multiple traumatic injuries and head injury.

Fire Rescue Medic 1 transported the driver of the Chevrolet to the helipad at Colleton Medical Center to meet with the CARE Flight helicopter, which had been placed on standby. The patient was flown to the Trauma Center at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston.

While all the people involved were treated at the scene, those in the DOT pickup truck were transported to Colleton Medical Center by Fire-Rescue Medic 26.

Beach Road at Shady Oaks Lane was shut down for approximately an hour in order to remove the vehicles.

The accident is being investigated by SCHP.

Barry McRoy is the Colleton County Fire Rescue chief.

## SLED Provides Details in Stephen Smith Homicide Investigation

For The Press and Standard

In the interest of accuracy, understanding, and the continued mission of seeking justice for victims of crimes, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is providing the following information:

On July 8, 2015, the Hampton County Sheriff’s Office requested SLED’s Crime Scene Unit to process a death scene involving a body that was found on Sandy Run Road in Hampton County.

SLED Crime Scene Agents were dispatched from SLED’s Headquarters and responded to the scene. Upon arrival, SLED Crime Scene Agents processed the crime scene.

The primary mission of SLED is to provide quality manpower and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and to conduct investigations. SLED’s Crime Scene Unit routinely responds to requests for assistance from local law enforcement and fellow state agencies to process crime scenes across South Carolina.

The involvement of SLED’s Crime Scene Unit at a scene does not automatically indicate a SLED investigation.

On July 8, 2015, SLED Crime Scene Agents attended the autopsy of Stephen N. Smith, where medical examiner Dr. Erin Presnell concluded Smith died from being struck by a motor vehicle.

Due to the medical examiner’s determination, the Hampton County Sheriff’s Office

requested the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) to investigate Smith’s death.

SLED was not requested by the Hampton County Sheriff’s Office or the South Carolina Highway Patrol to investigate Smith’s death in 2015. However, on June 23, 2021, SLED opened an investigation into the death of Stephen Smith after SLED Agents received information about his death and subsequently reviewed the SCHP investigative file.

From SCHP case notes it was apparent that the SCHP did not believe Smith’s death was a hit and run by a motor vehicle.

SLED’s investigation into the death of Smith has never closed; it remains a homicide investigation. Progress has been made, and SLED’s investigation is active and ongoing.

Since the beginning of SLED’s investigation, the goal has been to find out how Smith died and find the person(s) responsible for his death. To that end, SLED Chief Mark Keel has assigned additional SLED Low Country Regional Agents to work this case, in the hopes that those who may know what happened to Smith are more willing to speak freely now than they may have been in 2015 or 2021.

If you have any information regarding the death of Stephen Smith, please call SLED at (803) 737-9000 and ask for Investigative Services. Tips can also be submitted by email to tips@sled.sc.gov

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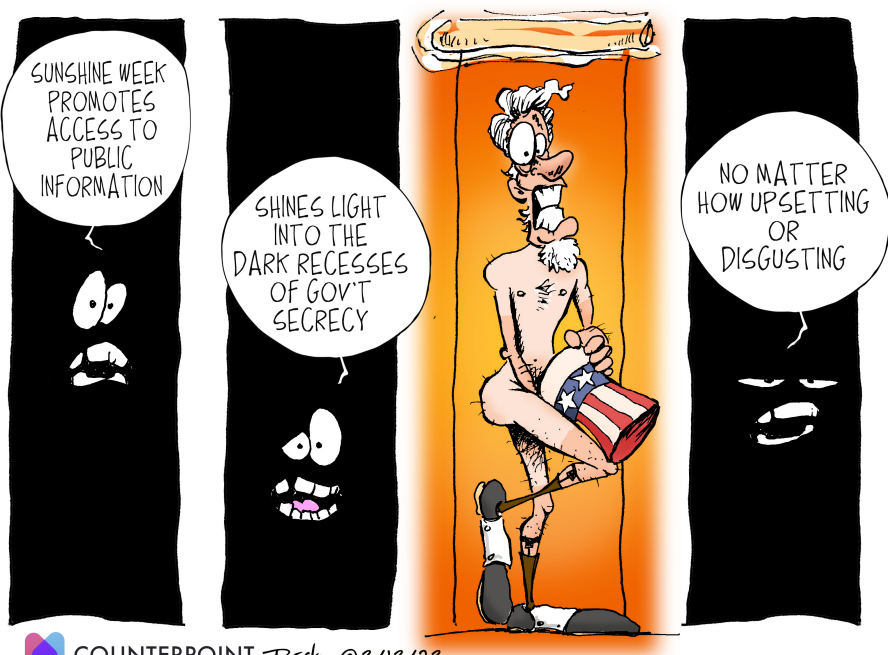
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## VICKI'S VIEW

### Preacher Stories of the Past

By Vicki Brown

My dad, a Baptist preacher, has always told stories that he had heard from his other pastor friends. Some are a hoot, and what's worse is they are all true.

One story is about a big city church in Georgia who sent their choir to a little rural church in Mississippi to sing. As the choir was finishing their musical selections, the pastor walked in carrying a box. Now this started the choir members murmuring, some wondering if snakes were in the box and if this was a snake handling primitive Baptist church.

One choir member asked another, "What do you think is in the box?"

"I don't know," said the other man.

"Well if snakes are in there, is there a back door to this place?"

"No," said the other choir member. "But I will make one!"

Another story was about a friend of my dad's who went to a small rural church to preach. When he arrived, he had a terrible stomachache. Running to the outhouse he discovered it was occupied, so he quickly ran out further into the woods. Finding a convenient log, he removed his suit coat and completed his business but then realized that there was no toilet paper. Searching through his pockets, he found that he had forgotten his handkerchief and had no other tissues.

Growing concerned, he wondered what he could use to clean himself up. Searching his trousers, he found a small pocket knife. He quickly opened the knife, and reaching behind him, cut out the entire back of his pristine white shirt. Then putting his coat back on, he smugly walked back into the church, congratulating himself on being so quick thinking.

Thirty minutes into the service, the pastor knew he was in trouble. It was at least 90 degrees in the building and growing warmer by the minute. The church members closed all the windows to keep the bugs out, but it also kept the cooler air out.

As the pastor began to sweat profusely, someone spoke out and suggested that he remove his coat. That of course was not an option, so he struggled on until he literally passed out. Church members rushed to his aid, removed his soaked suit coat to give him air and discovered his chopped-up shirt.

"Poor man," said one lady. "He's not much of a preacher, but we have to pay him good...he can't even afford a whole shirt!"

My favorite story is about our quirky preacher friend, Pastor Lord, who always rushed wherever he went. He was like a bird, flitting from one place to another. I always thought it was ironic that his last name was Lord, and whenever he said "Praise the Lord" ... it would crack me up.

One day, Pastor Lord was asked to speak at a country church in Louisiana. He arrived earlier than he planned, so he decided to go to the restroom before the service. Assuming there was an outhouse behind the church, he quickly made his way to the back of the sanctuary, opened a door that was there, and .... fell 20 feet to the ground below. Evidently the church had never completed the back stairs, and it was situated on a hill. He is lucky he survived the fall, although he didn't get to preach that day after all and he ended up in a world of hurt.

Things sure have changed since those early rural days of the 50s and early 60s. These stories that occurred so long ago made an impression on me as a kid and now every time I go to church, I thank God for air conditioning and indoor plumbing.

### Press acquits itself well during Murdaugh murders trial

JAY BENDER

Prior to the start of the trial, Judge Clifton Newman appointed me liaison between the court and the press for the Murdaugh murders trial. Judge Newman had presided over other trials which attracted attention, and he was committed to providing press access to the courtroom.

Judge Newman's list of news organizations entitled to reserved seating in the gallery was topped by two local, non-daily newspapers: The Press and Standard from Walterboro, and The Hampton County Guardian, from the town where Murdaugh's former law firm was located. Other news organizations given reserved seating included newspapers from Charleston and Columbia, television stations from Charleston and Savannah, national television networks, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times.

In what may be a first, reserved seats were provided for bloggers and podcasters which had covered the case from its inception. In addition to the reserved seating for designated news organizations a daily lottery was held to allow up to four organizations without reserved seats to be present in the courtroom.

In those instances when multiple news organizations want to cover a trial, they must agree to a pool arrangement. In the journalism world, a pool is created when one news organization gathers video or still photographs to be shared with other news organizations. On occasion a pool print reporter will write dispatches which are also shared.

In the Murdaugh trial, Judge Newman selected Court TV to provide the video pool coverage. Still photographers were provided by The State (out of Columbia) and The Post and Courier newspapers (from Charleston).

When the jurors visited the scene of the murders at Moselle a pool was created to cover the scene. This pool was given access to the murder scene after the jury had returned to the courthouse and provided a perspective on the compactness of the scene not apparent in the photographs and drawings in evidence.

None of the arrangements for the press occurred by accident. Judge Newman and his law clerk, Gabby Williams, identified steps that needed to be taken to ensure adequate access to the trial. Judge Newman issued an order on media coverage that should serve as a model for judges conducting the next "Trial of the Century."

So, how did the press conduct itself? On balance, the press members deserve as high a grade as the individuals who worked very hard to fulfill the provision in the South Carolina Constitution that all courts are public.

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2023 CCMS Track Team, led by Coach Romeo Edwards and Coach Charlene Barnes-Williams

# CCHS boys baseball: One win, two losses

ROBERT DRIGGERS

The Colleton County baseball team managed to salvage one game during the week.

In that sole victory, the Cougars would defeat R.B Stall High School, 21-0.

The Cougars got three strong innings of pitching from Gabe Wolf, who stuck out six. Offensively, Cam Farnsworth led with two hits, while Julian Snelgrove, Cohen Crosby, and Brinton Jirel each collected two RBIs apiece.

However, Cougar fortunes turned against them in a doubleheader against the Hilton Head Island High School Seahawks.

In the first game, the Seahawks scored two early runs and would go on to add more runs in the latter innings.

Although the Cougars had a chance to get back in the game in the second inning when they loaded the bases, the best they could manage was a single run when J.C. Poe would force in the only run of the game for the Cougars. The final score was 10-1.

In the second game, not a single Cougar managed to get a hit, and from the very start the Seahawks scored consistently to win the second game, 10-0.

With the two losses, the Cougars record now stands at 5-7.

# Impressive week for CCHS girls softball

ROBERT DRIGGERS

Winning three games in convincing fashion deserves being called impressive, with two of those victories coming at the expense of Hilton Head Island High School, and the third a pounding defeat of West Ashley High School.

In the first game against Hilton Head, the Cougars wasted little time, as they got three strong innings from Bailey Cox. At bat, Mckayla Chisolm, Shandi Brown and Lanasia Sanders each collected two hits, with Sanders knocking in five RBIs; another two RBIs came at the bat of Mackenzie Pellum. By game's end, the Cougars won, 16-0.

Not only did the Cougars kept Hilton Head scoreless in the second game, Sanders pitched three innings of no-hit softball. Teammates Chisolm had four hits while

Cox and Maggie Kennedy had three and two hits, respectively. On top of that, Christasia Holmes and Sanders knocked in two RBIs apiece. By the time the dust settled, the Cougars had drubbed Hilton Head, 20-0.

The deluge of runs continued when they faced West Ashley. Not only did they score early and often, they also dominated defensively, getting six strong innings from Cox, who struck out three and only allowing four hits altogether.

When at bat, Jordan Slocum and Sanders each had three hits, while Holmes added another two hits. Both Holmes and Sanders drove in three RBIs, with Slocum contributing two.

The final score stood at 14-4. The Cougars now have a 7-1 record on the young season.



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DEBI N. PRICE

Not only did Charlie Walker pitch a perfect game March 21 in Colleton Middle School's matchup against Beaufort Middle School, he also struck out nine batters in the process in a 17-0 drubbing.

The game was over by the first inning, when the Cougars crossed home plate 11 times on eight hits. Another six were added by the time the game concluded.

The "big guns" were provided by Michael Witkin, Mari Brown, Mason Owens, Jacob Singleton, Galil Frazier, and Trip Norris; the latter went three for three.

The game was also marked with 22 bases stolen, with six runners stealing more than once; Nathan Hunt stole four.

The team is currently 3-0.

Debi N. Price is the special education teacher at Forest Hills Elementary.

# Carolina Ice Palace to host National Sled Hockey Tournament, National Figure Skating Competition

For the Press and Standard

Charleston --- Carolina Ice Palace will be hosting two nationally-recognized events this year. From March 31-April 2, the Charleston Warriors Sled Hockey Program will host the South East Sled Hockey League (SE-SHL) Championship at Carolina Ice Palace.

As the Warriors' home for practices and games, the Ice Palace is honored to welcome sled hockey programs from across the U.S. to the ice rinks as they battle it out for the 2023 champions title.

Fans are welcome to cheer on our local Charleston Warriors starting 6:30 p.m., Friday, as they kick off the tournament against the Tampa Bay Lightning Sled Hockey team.

Admission is free.

### FIGURE SKATING

This summer, Carolina Ice Palace will host the Charleston Open Figure Skating Competition July 27-30, as a qualifying competition for the U.S. Figure Skating Sectional Finals in November.

Skaters from across the nation will travel to Charleston to compete for their chance to qualify for the national competition.

Admission is free.

### ABOUT THE CAROLINA ICE PALACE

The Carolina Ice Palace is a state-of-the-art facility featuring two NHL-sized ice rinks; full-service pro shop; meeting rooms; concessions stand; and the Penalty Box Sports Lounge.

It has earned recognition for its expert coaching staff, including international Olympic skating medalists and national and world champions.

Since 1997, the Carolina Ice Palace has hosted numerous hockey tournaments and figure skating competitions, including the USA Hockey "Pee Wee" National Championship and the South Atlantic Regionals Figure Skating Championships.

The NHL's Buffalo Sabres and St. Louis Blues have skated at the Carolina Ice Palace, along with Gold Medal Olympian Tara Lipinski.

Home to the Charleston Youth Hockey Association and Figure Skating Club of Charleston, the facility is open year-round and is also the official practice facility of the South Carolina Stingrays.

### TO LEARN MORE

CarolinaIcePalace.com

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AGOSTI, JEANNETTE

## AGOSTI, JEANNETTE Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home

COTTAGEVILLE: Mrs. Jeannette Griffith Agosti, widow of the late John Agosti, passed away Wednesday morning, March 22, 2023 at the Colleton Medical Center in Walterboro after a brief illness. She was 81.

Jeannette was born in Lake City, SC October 31, 1941 a daughter of the late Madison Howell Griffith and Lillian Floyd Griffith. She graduated from Cottageville High School, and later enrolled in the nursing program at the Medical University of South Carolina. Jeannette spent the majority of her life as a Homemaker, and was a devoted caregiver for her mother for eight years before she passed in 2012. She loved to travel, and enjoyed shopping....more often than not just browsing instead of buying anything. She will truly be missed.

She is survived by her sons Jay Buddin (Christy) and Todd Buddin (Tracey) of Summerville. There are four grandchildren: Jack, Madison, Griff and Drew Buddin. In addition to her parents and her husband, Jeannette was preceded in death by her sister, Faye Griffith Young.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning, March 28, 2023 at 11:00, at the Cottageville United Methodist Church, with burial following in the Cottageville Cemetery. Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home, 117 Paul Street in Walterboro is in charge of arrangements.



GARNSEY, SR., ALVIN

## GARNSEY, SR., ALVIN Brice Herndon Funeral Chapels and Crematory

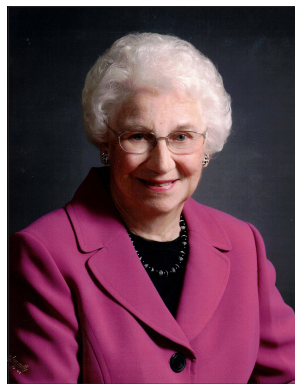
WALTERBORO - Mr. William Alvin Garnsey, Sr., 61, of Walterboro, entered into rest Thursday afternoon, March 23, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his family.

Born July 16, 1961, in Beaufort, South Carolina, he was a son of the late Robert Nolta Garnsey and the late Treacie Lavenia Nettles Garnsey. Alvin dedicated his life to his family, work, and God. He was the owner of Alvin Garnsey Construction in Walterboro and was a member of Academy Road Baptist Church. He will always be remembered for the love he had for his family and others, always giving all that he could to anyone in need.

Surviving are: his wife of twenty-seven years, Mrs. Rhonda Stanley Garnsey; five children, Crystal G. Smith (George) of Walterboro, Brittany S. Drawdy (Taylor) of Ruffin, Ashley R. Destarkey (Jeremy) of Mississippi, Tiffany A. Vittoe (Michael) of Walterboro, and Paul A. Garnsey (Isabella) of Walterboro; a brother, Robert Lee Garnsey; and three sisters, Treacie Hill, Annette Garnsey, and Lisa Eder. There are twelve grandchildren, Alliyah, Alaysia, Aniah, Elizabeth, Levi, Greyson, Mackenzie, Liam, Jensen, Trenton, Aramis, and Owen as well as Hudson who is on the way; and a nephew whom he loved as a son, Daniel Garnsey (Shannon) and his children, Xander, Hannah, and Grace Ann. He was preceded in death by a son, William A. Garnsey, Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30pm Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2023, from The Brice W. Herndon and Sons Funeral Chapel, Walterboro. The Reverend Michael Loftin and The Reverend Ricky Crosby officiating. Interment will follow in Stanley Hill Cemetery, Stanley Avenue, Walterboro.

The family will receive friends prior to the funeral service beginning at 1 o'clock at The Brice W. Herndon and Sons Funeral Homes And Crematory, Walterboro Chapel, 1193 Bells Hwy, Walterboro, SC, 29488. Visit the guestbook online at: [www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com](http://www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com).



HIERS, BETTY

## HIERS, BETTY Brice Herndon Funeral Chapels and Crematory

Ms. Betty Jean Benton Loadholt Hiers, 90, of Ehrhardt, South Carolina entered into eternal rest Monday morning, March 20, 2023, at NHC Healthcare in North Augusta. Betty was a resident of The Hills of Cumberland Village in Aiken since 2017.

Born August 08, 1932, in Colleton County, she was a daughter of the late Sinia Bishop Benton and James Duffie Benton. She was first married to the late Louis Legaré Loadholt and secondly to the late Landis Wendell Hiers. Betty was a devoted member of Ehrhardt Baptist Church since joining in 1954. She was a member of the Baptism and Communion Committee and of the WMU. She was a community member of the Nora Stanley Garden Club, Lioness Club, and a leader of the American Red Cross Blood Mobile in Bamberg County. Betty was a graduate of Walterboro High School and Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Columbia. She served as a nurse at Baptist Hospital, Bamberg Hospital, and the office of Dr. John F. McLaughlin. She retired from the Bamberg County Office on Aging.

Betty was a loving and devoted mother and "Gma-ma" who dearly loved her family, her church family and her friends. She greatly cherished time spent with her closest friends playing Canasta, gardening and caring for others. Betty thoroughly enjoyed visits from her church friends and family and special outings with her children and grandchildren as her health was declining. She will always be remembered for her generous and giving spirit.

Surviving are: her daughters, Lynn Loadholt Mubarak (Carl) of Lexington, Janet Loadholt Parker (Glenn) of Aiken, Gail Hiers O'Gorman of Columbia,

Olivia Hiers Padgett of Edisto Island; her son, Landis Hiers (Tiny) of Ehrhardt; her grandchildren, Galen Parker (Alyson) of North Augusta, Bailey Parker (Matthew Klein) of Aiken, Jason Mubarak (Christy) of Lexington, Farrell O'Gorman (Natasha) of Belmont, North Carolina, John Hiers (Susan) of Bamberg, Kevin O'Gorman (Liz) of Edgefield, Rhonda Hiers of Bamberg, Maureen Petkewich (Matthew) of Columbia, Mike Padgett (Caroline) of Florence, Patrick Padgett (Heather Landry) of Dorchester and Chris Mubarak (Natalie) of Cummings, Georgia; her great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, cousins and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her siblings, JD Benton, Irving Benton, Lewis Benton, Harold Benton, Robert Benton, Ladson Benton, Rhumelle Crider, and Thelma McDaniel.

Memorials may be sent to Ehrhardt Baptist Church, Post Office Box 267, Ehrhardt, South Carolina 29081.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, March 24, 2023, at Ehrhardt Baptist Church. Interment followed in Ehrhardt Cemetery.

Arrangements By: The Brice W. Herndon And Sons Funeral Homes And Crematory, Ehrhardt-Bamberg Chapel, 2515 Lowcountry Highway, Ehrhardt. Visit the guestbook online at: [www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com](http://www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com).



LANGDALE, INEX

## LANGDALE, INEZ Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home

WALTERBORO: Mrs. Inez Ermine Fralix Langdale, wife of the late Benjamin Harold "Hoss" Langdale, passed away peacefully Sunday afternoon, March 12, 2023 at the St. George Healthcare Center. She was 96.

Mrs. Langdale was born near St. George in Dorchester County November 5, 1926, a daughter of the late Irvin English Fralix and Hannah Gruber Fralix. For many years she was a supervisor at Carolina Girls Wear, before becoming employed at Asten-Hill, where she retired. Mrs. Langdale was an active member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, where she formerly sang in the church choir. Throughout her life, if the doors of the church were open, she and her husband were there. She was a gifted seamstress and was talented in needlework...often making quilts, pillows and other crafts without the use of a stencil. Her handiwork was cherished by the many adults in the community who were lucky enough to receive her creations, and she was known for many years to give tokens of love she made to the children of the church at Christmas and Easter. She was a published poet, and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister...and a friend to all she met.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Tammie Fralix Clark of St. George, and Jennifer Fralix Stillinger (John) of Summerville. There are five great-grandchildren: Joey, Hunter, Kalynn, McKenzie and Boyd. She leaves behind two great great-grandchildren, Jordynn and Kade. Mrs. Langdale is survived by her daughter-in-law Connie Fralix, by her sisters-in-law and their husbands, Eugenia Horseman (Larry), Jo Ann Craven (Joe Ben), and Jeanette Craven (Edward), and by her brother-in-law and his wife, Jervy Langdale (Theresa) There is a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Freddie B. Fralix, and by her sisters, Marjorie Infinger and Mildred Litchfield.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning, March 15, 2023 at 11:00 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, with burial following in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends during a time of visitation beginning at 10:00 that morning in the church sanctuary. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 7345 Jefferies Highway, Walterboro, SC 29488. Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home, 117 Paul Street in Walterboro is in charge of arrangements.



LIMEHOUSE, DEBBIE

## LIMEHOUSE, DEBBIE Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home

HANAHAN: Deborah Anne Limehouse passed away unexpectedly at her home in Hanahan Saturday, March 18, 2023. She was 73.

Deborah, or "Debbie" as she was affectionately known by her family and friends, was born in Walterboro January 31, 1950, a daughter of the late Arthur Jackson Limehouse and the late Miriam Ackerman Russ. She was a retired Licensed Practical Nurse who spent her career working in Geriatrics at various nursing homes throughout the Lowcountry. She was a devoted mother, sister and friend who will truly be missed.

She is survived by her son, Cary Ryals, by her sisters Geri and Kathie Limehouse, and by her lifelong friend and companion Alfie Womack. There are five grandchildren: Andrew, Braxton, Landon, Brooke and McKenzie. She also leaves behind two nieces, Kasey and Annie, and a grand-niece, Juniper.

Graveside services will be held Thursday morning, March 23, 2023 at 11:00 in the Jordan Cemetery near Cottageville. Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home, 117 Paul Street in Walterboro is in charge of arrangements.

## LYONS, NELL Brice Herndon Funeral Chapels and Crematory

Mrs. Rose Nell Varnadoe Lyons, 86, of Walterboro, entered into rest Friday evening, March 24, 2023, at Trident Medical Center.

Born August 15, 1936, in Smoaks, she was a daughter of the late Dewey Hobson Varnadoe and Fannie Mayo Bassett Varnadoe. She was a member of the Living Church of God, where she served as a deaconess



LYONS, NELL

and was baptized August 25, 1969. Mrs. Nell was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who dearly loved her family.

Surviving are: her husband of 68 years, Lehman Lyons; children, Kathy Lyons, Kitty Brinson (Don), Lucky Lyons (Lori), and Scott Lyons (Jenny); grandchildren, Gordon Ackerman, Katrina Coker (Kyle), Regina Odum (Roger), Alan Brinson (Trudie), Derrick Brinson, Samantha

Brinson, Darren Brinson (Katie), Deborah Stephenson (Sean), Joshua Lyons (Priscila), Matt Lyons (Naomi), and Ashley Crockett (Joshua); great grandchildren, Logan Ackerman, Christian Ackerman, Grace Lynn Ackerman, Mindy Bonner, Brittney Stratton (Taylor), Luke Coker, Cameron Hiers, Makayla Odum, Mark Odum, Isaac Brinson, MacKenzie Stephenson, Daniel Lyons, Drew Lyons, Evie Lyons, CJ Crockett, Riley Crockett, Archer Crockett, Dani Crockett, and James Crockett; and great-great grandchildren, Jeremy Ackerman, Holden Way, Bryant Doctor, Ezra Stratton.

Nell was preceded in death by her siblings, Christof Varnadoe, Bob Varnadoe, Junior Varnadoe, Jim Varnadoe, Margaret Beach, Betty Beach, Jessie Bennett, and Ruth Varnadoe.

Graveside funeral services will be held 3 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, March 28, 2023, at Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery, Hendersonville Highway, Walterboro.

Arrangements By: The Brice W. Herndon And Sons Funeral Homes And Crematory, Walterboro Chapel, 1193 Bells Highway, Walterboro. Visit the guestbook online at: [www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com](http://www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com).



PATE, FRANCES

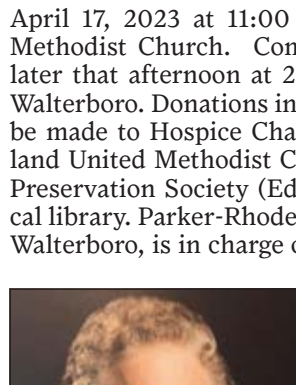
## PATE, FRANCES Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home

Frances Lee Kinsey Pate, widow of the late Donald R. Pate, died Thursday evening February 16 at Matthews Glen in Matthews, NC. She was 97, a native of Walterboro and a former resident of Edisto Beach.

Frances was born Jan. 19, 1926 to the late Francis Lee Kinsey and Beulah Hiott Kinsey and grew up with three sisters. An early reader and quick learner, she graduated from Walterboro High School at 15 and Furman University at 19. She then taught typing and worked as a secretary before marrying high school classmate Donald R. Pate on Sept. 3, 1948. They raised two children and lived in North Carolina, Ohio, and Massachusetts before retiring to Edisto Beach in 1983. They were among the six founding members of the Edisto Island United Methodist Church, charter members of the Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society, dedicated civic volunteers, and enthusiastic golfers.

Frances loved her family, friends, church, books, bridge, pets, the beach, travel, theater, crossword puzzles, peaches, and fried shrimp. She was known for her small stature, big heart, positive outlook, unfailing kindness, and entertaining conversation. She and Don were married for 57 years until his death in 2005. She was preceded in death by her sisters Nettie Matthews, Boodie Godwin and Dell McCrea. She leaves behind to cherish her memory: daughter Nancy Pate, Orlando, FL; son Kinny Pate (Ann), Charlotte, NC; grandson Don Pate (Kim), Louisville, KY; granddaughter Kinsey Schultz (Matt), Winston-Salem, NC; great-grandson Eli Pate, Louisville, KY; brother-in-law Robert A. Godwin, Edisto Beach; nieces Paulette Pate Mahon, Meg Herndon, Gail Greer; nephews Douglas McCrea, Richard McCrea, Keith McCrea; many great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Monday morning, April 17, 2023 at 11:00 at the Edisto Island United Methodist Church. Committal services will be held later that afternoon at 2:30 at Live Oak Cemetery in Walterboro. Donations in memory of Frances Pate may be made to Hospice Charlotte ([hpcr.org](http://hpcr.org)), Edisto Island United Methodist Church, Edisto Island Historic Preservation Society ([Edistomuseum.org](http://Edistomuseum.org)), or your local library. Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home, 117 Paul St., Walterboro, is in charge of arrangements.



ROBERTS, MATRED

## ROBERTS, MATRED Brice Herndon Funeral Chapels and Crematory

ISLANDTON - Matred Polk Murdaugh O'Quinn Roberts, age 96, of Islandton, SC passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Matred was born on May 17, 1926 to John Berry Polk and Lillie Dubois Polk in Colleton County. Matred started her job at Country Miss where she

was a turner and retired after many years. She met her first spouse, Osgood Darby Murdaugh Sr, and went on to have 3 children, Betty Jane, Jackie, and Osgood Jr (O.D.)

Matred enjoyed spending her time in the garden, where you could always find her plowing, planting, picking, and trying her best to keep the deer out. This was to ensure that she always had enough food to cook for everyone. If you didn't go back for a second helping, then you weren't eating enough! In Matred's eyes, you were either too fat or too skinny, there was no in between, and she would be the first to let you know. She had her hair done routinely on Fridays, so she could look her best on Sundays, as she was a faithful member of Adnah Church, where she always sat in the choir. Many words could be used to describe Matred, but the most fitting is TOUGH. You will never meet another woman tougher than Matred, they don't make them like her anymore. She was self-sufficient and driven, as you could tell by her relentless time in the

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garden to provide for her and her family the way that she knew how. She was the most wonderful Momma, Grandma, Great Grandma, and Mama.

Matred was predeceased by her son O.D. Murdaugh "Bubba", son-in-laws Wayne Causey and Wendell Smoak, husbands Osgood Darby Murdaugh Sr, Mendell O'Quinn, and William Roberts, sisters Jessie Lee Breland and Dorothy Byrd, and brother Marshall Polk. She is survived by her, daughters Jackie Smoak and Betty Jane Causey, daughter-in-law Kathy Murdaugh, sister Alma Breland, grandchildren Robbie Causey (Ashley), Scottie Causey (Deb), Jody Smoak (Michelle), BJ Smoak, Kevin Murdaugh, and Derek Murdaugh (Cathy), great grandchildren Joseph, Mollie, Katie, Hannah, Rob, Darby, and Carrie Causey and Fripp Smoak, as well as several nieces and nephews including loving niece and husband Shirley and Harry Driggers.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to: Adnah United Methodist Church, Cemetery Fund, 500 Adnah Church Road, Islandton, South Carolina 29929.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am, Saturday morning, March 25, 2023 at Adnah United Methodist Church, Islandton. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the ceremony beginning at 10 am in the church sanctuary.

Arrangements by: The Brice W. Herndon And Sons Funeral Homes And Crematory, Walterboro Chapel, 1193 Bells Hwy, Walterboro, SC, 29488. Visit the guestbook online at: [www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com](http://www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com).



## SMOAK, CLAIRE Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home

WALTERBORO: Mrs. Claire Chassereau Smoak, wife of Kenneth E. Smoak, passed away Monday morning, March 13, 2023 at Ashley Gardens in Charleston. She was 76.

Claire was born in Ridgeland July 12, 1946 a daughter of the late William Dallie Chassereau and Lurlene Mixon Chassereau. She spent her childhood and youth in Hampton, and graduated from Wade Hampton High School, before attending and graduating from Winthrop College. Claire was a teacher in the Colleton County Public School System, and retired from Forest Hills Elementary. She was a member of Doctor's Creek Baptist Church, and was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Sonja Bowles (Mike) of Walterboro, and by five grandchildren: Trevor, Gracie and Sam Bowles, and Riley and Ellison Smoak. She is also survived by her sister, Connie Wooten. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son Daryl Smoak, and by her grandson Cooper Smoak. She will be missed by her beloved companion, her Dachshund "Booger".

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, March 17, 2023 at 2:00 in the chapel of Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home, with burial following at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends beginning at 1:00.

## VONLEHE, DR. PETERMANN Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home

"Doctor Pete" embarked on his last adventure Thursday evening, March 23, 2023 after a long illness and full life. Born in Walterboro, South Carolina, March 2, 1934, he was the son of D. Petermann and Rhea Williams von Lehe. From infancy he loved the fields, swamps, woodlands, and people of the Lowcountry.

He attended the Walterboro Public Schools and after the eleventh grade enrolled at The Citadel, graduating in the Class of 1955 with a BS in Pre-Med. A



VONLEHE, DR. PETERMANN

and Basic Jet Training at Laredo, AFB, Laredo, Texas, where he received his Pilot Wings at Moody AFB, Valdosta, Georgia. He graduated from the USAF All Weather Instrument School and transitioned into the Northrop F-89 "Scorpion" D, H and J Model All Weather interceptor. From there he served with the 321 Fighter Interceptor Squadron (FIS) at Paine Field, Everett, Washington. This Interceptor Base was an important part of the ring of AIR Defense Command (ADC) Bases, tasked with being the first line of defense of the United States during the Cold War to protect from possible manned bomber attacks by the then hostile Soviet Union. The 321 FIS was the first ADC Unit armed with the secret MB-1 Genie Nuclear air-to-air missile. In order to study fighter operations in a nuclear environment, he volunteered to fly in the 1957 Nuclear Test, Operation Plumbbob flying out of Nellus AFB in Las Vegas, Nevada, being one of a flight of six who penetrated a "mushroom cloud" several minutes after detonation of the 20 Kt nuclear device. After discharge he rose to the rank of captain in inactive reserve.

After release from active duty, he resumed his education at the Medical College of SC School of Pharmacy. A member of the Rho Chi Society Pharmaceutical Honor Society, he graduated with honors in 1961. After a year as a registered pharmacist, he reentered the MUSC School of Medicine, graduating in the Class of 1968. He served his General Internship at MUSC, always feeling that it helped make him a "real doctor." The wide experience that he gained helped him do a better job when he "moonlighted" to supplement his stipend. A proud accomplishment was that he delivered over 200 babies before becoming a cardiologist.

Following his internship, he completed two years in Internal Medicine Residency and a two-year Cardiology Residency, the last year as Chief Cardiology Resident, training in Cardiac Catheterization. He became an associate on the Cardiology staff from 1971 until 1975. He also worked with the Coronary Drug Project research study while at MUSC. In the spring of 1975, when he learned of plans to build the Trident Regional Hospital, he resigned from MUSC and was instrumental in starting the Cardiac Catheterization and Surgical Service there with other associates.

Board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, he was a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, a Fellow of Council of Clinical Cardiology, American Heart Association, a member of The American College of Physicians, South Carolina Medical Association, Charleston County and Dorchester Medical Societies. He served as president of the Coastal Medical Society.

After entering private practice, he resumed his lifelong love of flying and joined the Dixie Region Flying Association, rising to the office of president. Besides his USAF Jet ratings, he held Single and Multi-Engine Land, Single Engine Sea and Instrument Ratings. He was appointed Airman Medical Examiner and trained as accident investigator by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Having always enjoyed the water with swimming and fishing, he became an avid free diver and scuba diver, traveling to the Bahamas and Florida for spear fishing and spring and cavern diving. While attending the International Cardiology Conference in Israel, he

enjoyed snorkeling in the Red Sea.

A great passion in his life was the sport of hunting, so he devoted as much time as possible to preparing for and hunting at his beloved Rock Spring Plantation. He was a Lifetime Endowment Member of the National Rifle Association, The National Wild Turkey Federation, Quality Deer Management Association, Second Amendment Foundation, and Palmetto Gun Club.

Dr. Pete found joy in every aspect of the traditional southern life, never having a bad day in the outdoors. When younger, he enjoyed horseback riding, and through the years he was blessed to have several Brittany Spaniels, which were great companions in the fields or at home. He treasured the times he spent hunting, fishing, and dining on the catch-of-the-day with the "good ole boys." He loved spending time with friends and patients at Camp Meetings with the old traditional hymns and revival.

He could always find some humor in any situation and enjoyed nothing more than a good story. With the passing of so many of his lifelong friends, he was blessed to be able to hunt and fish with several young people he had mentored in the art of shooting and hunting. His time and effort was repaid manyfold as these "students" would assist him in having a memorable hunt when he became disabled.

Dr. von Lehe is survived by his wife of 35 years Elfi; children Cheryl (Andy Savage), Christi (Bob Sellars), D.P. von Lehe III, John A. von Lehe II; numerous grandchildren; and sister Rhea von Lehe Ashley; and his constant companion "Sammy." In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by sister Valeria von Lehe Williams.

The service will be held in Bethel Presbyterian Church, Walterboro, his childhood church, Monday, March 27, at 2:00, with burial following at Live Oak Cemetery. The family will receive friends at a reception in Douglas Hall beginning at 1:00 with viewing in the sanctuary.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bethel Presbyterian Church, 403 Church Street, Walterboro, SC. Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home, 117 Paul Street in Walterboro is in charge of arrangements.



## WHITE, JIMMY Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home

WALTERBORO: Mr. James Ryan "Jimmy" White III, husband of Sarah Lee Thomas White, passed away Friday morning at his home in Forest Hills. He was 76.

Jimmy was born in Walterboro December 25, 1946 a son of the late James Ryan White Jr. and

Cora Mathis White. He was a graduate of Walterboro High School, where he excelled in football, and later graduated from Clemson in 1969. Jimmy retired from Howard E. Thomas, Inc., and had spent his entire life in the town he loved...Walterboro. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter Shelley Thomas (John) and by his sons, Craig White (MaHallie) and Tyler White (Terri). There are six grandchildren: Colin and Anne Mathis Thomas, and Dylan, Walker, Cora and Lotti White. Jimmy leaves behind two sisters, Linda White Sisk and Terron White Calvert, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

A memorial services for Jimmy will be held Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2023 at 2:00 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Walterboro. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the food pantry at Bethel United Methodist Church. Parker-Rhoden Funeral Home, 117 Paul Street in Walterboro, is in charge of arrangements.

## DEATH NOTICES

### BOWERS, CORINE Brice Herndon Funeral Chapels and Crematory

Ms. Corine Dixon Bowers, 81, of Fairfax, died Friday, March 24, 2023. Born September 9, 1941, in Aiken, she was a daughter of the late Hollie Dixon, Sr. and Ollie Mae Stanley Bennett.

Funeral services will be held 2 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, March 29, 2023, at The Brice Herndon Funeral Chapel, Varnville. Interment will follow in Sandy Run Cemetery.

The family will receive friends during a time of visitation Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 at The Brice

W. Herndon And Sons Funeral Homes And Crematory, Varnville-Hampton Chapel, 1074 Yemassee Highway, Varnville. Visit the guestbook online at: [www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com](http://www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com).

### HIOTT, CARSIE Brice Herndon Funeral Chapels and Crematory

Mr. Carsie Ezekiel Hiott, Jr., 71, of Walterboro, entered into rest Saturday morning, March 18, 2023 at his residence.

Born November 21, 1951 in Colleton County, he was the son of Jessie Mae Smoak Hiott and the late Carsie

Ezekiel Hiott, Sr. He enjoyed listening to old country music, taking long rides, and eating at the Huddle House. He also enjoyed watching old western movies and playing jokes on everyone. He was a godly man who knew the Bible thoroughly.

Graveside funeral services will be held 2 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, April 1, 2023 at Bedon Baptist Church Cemetery, 2410 Cottageville Highway, Walterboro.

Arrangements By: The Brice W. Herndon And Sons Funeral Homes And Crematory, Walterboro Chapel, 1193 Bells Highway, Walterboro. Visit the guestbook online at: [www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com](http://www.briceherndonfuneralhome.com).

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