





# Thirty ways in 30 days to save your family? You should read it.

Because of my background and interest, I read numerous books about ways to help children and parents. *Thirty Ways* ... is perhaps the most comprehensive, helpful book I have found. The writer, Rebecca Hagelin, a nationally syndicated columnist and communications fellow for the Heritage Foundation, has managed to pack a huge amount of insights and very practical suggestions into the 300 pages of this remarkable book.

Each of 30 chapters discusses some important issue regarding parents and children and includes scenarios and research as well as recommended further reading and "More Help" sections and guides for parents to use. The end includes 52 resources with addresses and includes such agencies as Focus on the Family, Promise Keepers, and Parents' Television Council. Many of them provide free materials.

One column cannot do justice to the book; however, it can offer a taste of the information. Among the 30 chapter titles are "Envisioning the childhood you want for your children and the adults you want them to become," "Creating family time," "Battle the culture, not your child," and "Learn how to have meaningful discussions with your child." At the time of the writing, Hagelin had two sons in college and a daughter in high school. She approaches the practices from a Christian perspective.

The research she summarizes might be scary, but it's real and an absolute eye-opener to some. Sample research: The Kaiser Foundation found that one-half of all 8-18-year-olds say their families have no rules about TV watching.

While 46 percent say they do have rules, just 20 percent say they are enforced "most of the time." (Hagelin advocates consistency in all aspects of

child rearing.)

The Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood found that children ages 2-11 see over 25,000 TV commercials annually.

The University of Michigan Health System website points out that "an average American child will see 200,000 violent acts and 16,000 murders on TV by age 18."

The American Academy of Pediatrics study found that children average four hours of TV watching a day. That time could be put to better use -- reading, playing, thinking (which she advocates 15 minutes daily), and interacting with parents.

A study reported in Family Relations journal found that "children who succeed in school tend to have mothers 'who frequently talk and listen to them.'" Another study found that first-grade test scores were highest for children whose mothers spent a lot of time with them."

An article in the *Journal of Marriage and Family* found that "children whose fathers spent leisure time, shared meals, helped with homework or reading... have significantly higher levels of academic performance. Since over half of teens say their parents keep their TV on during meals, Hagelin makes the obvious suggestion: turn it off.

In one chapter, Hagelin provides multiple ideas for dealing with unacceptable social content in the media and discusses ways to avoid exposing children to school-based unacceptable content and practices. She notes that movie ratings are absolutely misleading (one very popular movie which I will not name was rated PG-13 but should have been R) and suggests parents refer to www.



Dr. Richard Culyer III  
Reading Consultant

pluggedin.com/movie-reviews. On my first try, I found that one PG-13 movie referenced at least 40 profanities and crudities, not to mention the content.

And what about computers? She advocates that children not have computers or TVs in their bedrooms and that parents use filters to prevent children from accidentally exposing themselves to pornography, as 70 percent of children do.

Worrisome, the National Center for Missing and Exploiting Children found that one-third of children who watch pornography do it deliberately. (You may recall the recent news report of a sixth grader who cried when confronted by his mother, saying he was addicted to it.) Moreover, the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that 62% of parents were afraid their children were "seeing and reading inappropriate content."

The other 40 percent did not seem to have a clue at all. Hagelin: "Let me be clear: If your kids consume hard-core pornography in your home via the Internet, you are the one to blame."

She recommends that parents install an Internet filtering system that will block inappropriate sites and content and keep you informed of your child's Internet activity.

She offers considerable advice about talking to the children and points out from the Web Wise Kids website that 8 percent of teenagers post their phone numbers online, 38 percent of teens have been contacted online by a stranger, 69 percent of teens "regularly receive personal messages online from people they don't know, and most of them don't tell a trusted adult..." and 27 percent

of the strangers request a sexual picture of the person they are writing. According to the Internet Solutions for Kids, one-third of children have been bullied online. Once again, there are numerous suggestions, both about TV blockers and addressing bullying, especially common among girls ages 15-16.

Hagelin addresses the significance of parents as role models, including stressing the importance of child responsibility and family contributions as a replacement for automatic allowances and noting a study reported in the American Journal of Psychology showing that boys who demonstrated a work ethic at 16 were "five times more likely to have well-paying jobs and 16 times less likely to have suffered significant unemployment."

She also points out the importance of teaching children the value of spending their money wisely (focusing on principles -- appearing respectable -- rather than preferences -- looking sexy), providing clear rules (not "don't stay on the computer too long" or "come back as soon as you can"), demonstrating good practices in their own lives and with their adult friends, and supervising their children's activities involving friends who are likely to be good influences.

Her expectations at home: You leave a place immediately if drugs or alcohol are used, if there is no adult supervision, or if the entertainment or behavior conflicts with the family's values.

Throughout the book, Hagelin recognizes that single-parent households have a more difficult challenge than does a family with two parents, but the challenges and opportunities still exist.

As I implied above, this book is very well worth reading and reading again and reading still a third time.



GEE WHETSEL/OBSERVER

Nurse Practitioner Jeri Andrews, left, and Nikki Stokes, medical assistant, are two members of CareSouth's ROADS program team that provides mobile medical services to the community. The ROADS unit was at Robert E. Lee Academy last week, providing affordable sports physicals to students.

## Police Blotter

The Bishopville Police Department reported the following recent activity.

Officers were dispatched to Food Lion on South Main Street on May 18 in reference to an armed robbery. The victim told officers he was at the back of the store to make a delivery when a black male, wearing all black and with a black mask, presented a black handgun and said, "Give me all your money." The victim gave the subject all the money in his wallet. The subject then ran down the path behind Food Lion towards South Lee Street.

A 15-year-old Thomas Street male was charged with minor in possession of a firearm and possession of a stolen firearm on May 19 after officers were dispatched to the One Stop convenience store on North Main Street in reference to an argument. After talking to some people on the scene, officers searched a car with a juvenile inside and found a loaded handgun under a seat. The adult driver asked the juvenile why he brought a gun into his car and the juvenile subject admitted the gun was his. A check revealed the gun had been stolen in Horry County.

A 29-year-old Woodward Street woman was charged with domestic violence on May 5 after officers responded to Woodward Street in reference to a domestic call. Officers met the victim at the top of the stairs to his apartment. He had a laceration on his nose and it was

bleeding. The victim said when he came home, the subject began yelling at him about where he had been, then threw a can of beer at him, striking him in the face.

A 22-year-old Ramblewood Drive, Hartsville man was cited for driving under suspension on May 25 after officers stopped him on East Church Street for speeding.

A 42-year-old Northcutt Road, Hartsville man was cited for Driving Under Suspension on May 9 after officers, conducting traffic control on North Main Street, stopped his vehicle for not having a license plate.

A 22-year-old Bramlette Road woman was cited for speeding on South Lee Street then turned over to the Hartsville Police Department after it was determined she was wanted for shoplifting there.

• Officers responded to Gregg Street on April 29 in reference to a burglary. The victim said someone had come in and moved a large table and broken a lock off the rear door to enter the business. Saws, sanders and ladders were missing.

• Officers were dispatched to Harlem Street on May 5 in reference to an attempted break-in.

• Officers responded to North Heyward Street on April 28 in reference to a break-in. The victim said he noticed several electronics and tools were missing. He stated someone came into his resi-

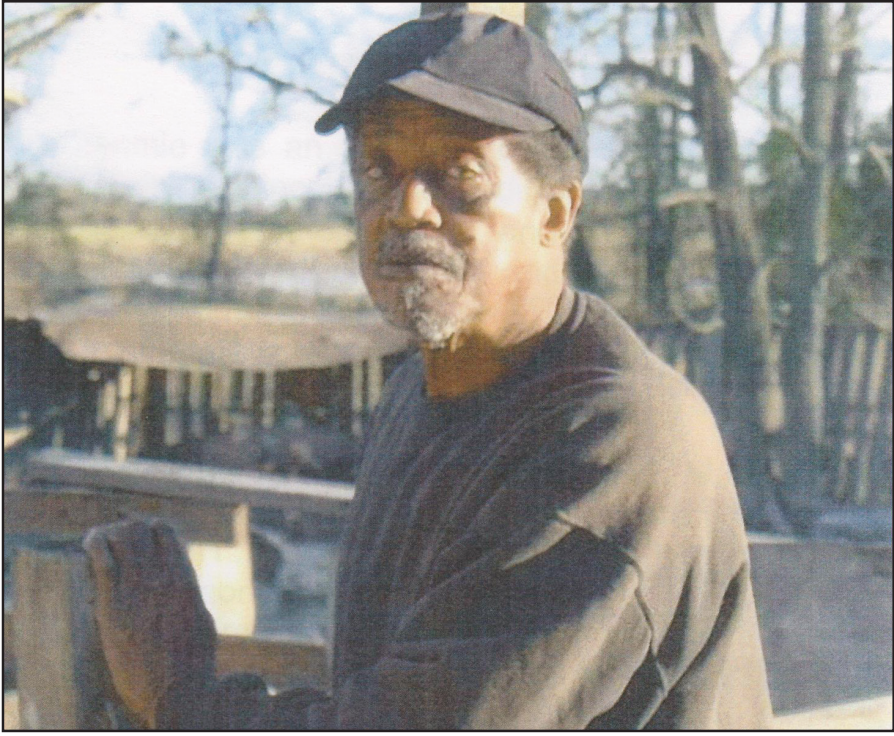
## ROADS Continued from Front

are held on the school campus in the mobile units. "Students can enroll in our sports physical program where they will be seen by a nurse practitioner for a full sports physical/wellness visit," Andrews said.

To help bridge the gap between wellness visits and much needed acute, episodic care (sick visits) "we are implementing a telehealth program in

many of our partner schools," she added. "Students who present sick to the school nurse will have the opportunity to have a telehealth visit in the nurse's office with one of our medical providers. This model will allow parents to rest assured that their child can receive needed care in the event that they can't get off of work to get them to a clinic or they have transportation barriers."

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### JIMMIE "SONNY BOY" SIMON

November 11, 1934 – June 10, 2020



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love you and your  
legacy will  
continue thru your  
children and  
grandchildren.

Melissa, Gerald,  
Lisa, Lamont,  
Kayla

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# The duel

By Jeanette Watts

Woodward Library of Archives and Research

A duel is a prearranged combat fight to settle an argument between two individuals armed with swords or fire arms. It was formally arranged and took place in front of witnesses.

The challenged person had the right to name the time, place and weapons that would be used. Some churches even approved duels if it involved their church property.

Dueling to avenge one's honor was never legalized. Killing in a duel was considered a murder but juries rarely convicted in dueling cases. In some countries, their universities considered it an honor and had dueling membership clubs. Dueling in our United States was common from the first settlement occurring at Plymouth in 1621.

One of the most famous American victims was the statesman Alexander Hamilton, who was killed by his rival Aaron Burr in 1804.

The District of Columbia outlawed dueling in 1839 and since the American Civil War, all the states have legislations against dueling with punishments that include disqualification for public office.

The Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton duel was because they both wanted everything their way and were in conflict with each other for years. They were both deep into politics and had many gains but wanted more power.

Burr was the third vice president of the United States, held high military rank, was an attorney and served as a U.S. senator.

He was in constant disagreement with Alexander Hamilton as he wanted the same things.

Alexander Hamilton in his own right was an American statesman, did some writings signed "Camillus," was a Captain in the military, marching with George Washington, was a lawyer, served a term in Congress and served as Secretary of the Treasury.

Guess the last straw of debates and differences was in 1804. Hamilton was instrumental in the defeat of Burr as candidate for governor of New York State.

Burr forced an argument on Hamilton and challenged him to a duel. Hamilton himself opposed dueling but felt he was obligated to accept the challenge.

Burr and Hamilton met at Weehawken, New Jersey on the same exact spot where Hamilton's eldest son had been killed in a duel three years before.

Hamilton was mortally wounded and died the next day.

This duel had nothing on South Carolina. Col. William M. Shannon and Col. Ellerbe B. C. Cash had known each other for at least 30 years.

They were close in age and had lived similar lifestyles, lived fairly close to each other and attended the same law school.

The real problem came about because of two other men; Cash's brother-in-law Robert Ellerbe who "nipped the bottle" and got into a fight with a blacksmith named Conrad Weinges.

A year later a suit was brought against Ellerbe for assault, and guess who his attorney was--none other than William Shannon.

Case was settled against Ellerbe and he was ordered to pay Weinges \$2,000. This case was postponed and reversed numerous times.

Bitter letters were exchanged and several trials later until a date was set for the duel.

Even several dates for the duel were postponed or canceled but it was finally agreed upon for Shannon and Cash to meet July 5, 1880 at Dubose's bridge in Darlington County, S.C.

Shannon fired first and missed. Cash then fired and hit Shannon, who was dead within less than a minute.

This was the last fatal duel in S.C.

The state's legislature enacted a law in December 1880 making dueling a crime.

The site of this duel is in today's Lee County, 3.7 miles north of Bishopville on Highway 15 across from Lee State Park Road.



## The BUG - The Bad, the Ugly and the Good

By Alec Blalock

Welcome to **THE BUG**, Issue 10! Our mission is to put issues that affect our town in both positive and negative ways in the forefront of the minds of Lee Countians and to encourage our citizenry to take an active interest in our community.

**Local government, civic organizations, and citizens are highly encouraged to send thoughts and comments to Alec Blalock at [alec@tslag.net](mailto:alec@tslag.net) or call 803-483-2424. You may be credited with your comments or they can be kept anonymous, your choice. Please participate, your community needs you!**

**THE BUG** will deviate for the fourth and last time from the normal layout and post pictures of the store fronts on Main Street. We have divided downtown Main Street Bishopville into 4 sections and refer to them as:

1. The Lee County Chamber of Commerce Block
2. The Opera House Block
3. Central Carolina Technical College Block
4. The Merci Train

Over the last three issues we have posted pictures of buildings in the first three blocks. This week we have the "Merci Train" block (pictured above and at right).

There has been a tremendous response from our readers/followers and the vast majority was of people sharing their good memories of growing up in Bishopville.

There seemed to be a thread of yearning for "the good old days," and indeed Bishopville was a great little town to grow up in.

But this begs the question "Is Bishopville still a great little town to grow up in?"

At the risk of offending some, I don't think most people of Lee County believe that it is and that is the reason this column exists.

Bishopville has been on a downward spiral for many years now, just as many other small towns across America have been. Many have resigned themselves that it is too late and nothing can be done to save Bishopville from becoming one of many "dead" communities that are characterized by dilapidated buildings and populated only by those who can't find a way to escape to a better environment.

They may be right, maybe it is too late.

There is only one way that Bishopville can avoid this dismal future. If enough citizens can make a decision to try to save their hometown and take an active part in doing what they can do improve the town and if our local government at the city and county levels will step up their level of commitment to meet the challenges that face this area, then maybe, just maybe, people 50 years from now will also be able to reminisce about "the good old days growing up in Bishopville."

It is up to us to decide the fate of this great little town.



## Lee County sees 18 new cases of COVID-19 last week

By Gee Whetsel  
Editor

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Lee County saw 18 new cases of COVID-19 last week and two more deaths related to the coronavirus were reported. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control announced 1,157 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Saturday, which set another daily record in the number of new cases reported over a 24-hour period.

In Lee County, five new cases and one death were reported on Saturday. On Thursday, state health officials reported seven new cases of COVID-19 and one death in Lee County.

Saturday's numbers brought the total number of people with confirmed cases statewide to 23,756, and confirmed deaths to 644.

DHEC said a total of 7,125 were tested statewide Friday, not counting antibody tests. The percentage who tested positive totaled 16.2 percent.

Of the 7,365 inpatient beds currently being used, there were 673 hospital beds occupied last week by patients who have either tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19.

As of June 21, there

were 254 confirmed cases of the virus and 29 deaths related to COVID-19 in Lee County.

County officials strongly encourage residents to continue practicing social distancing and wearing a mask in public spaces as recommended by the CDC and public health authorities. "Every effort to avoid the spread of the virus and endangering the health of your family, friends and neighbors should be made until this emergency is over," said Lee County Administrator Alan Watkins.



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### City of Bishopville Public Hearing Proposed FY 2020/2021 Budget

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Council for the City of Bishopville will hold a Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year on June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. on a CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-800-406-8640 BRIDGE NUMBER: 138

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Estimated millage equals \$136 per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value.  
Estimated value of 1 mill is approximately \$6,500. Millage remains 136 mills.



# OPINION

## Margaret's Words of Wisdom

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because rose bushes  
have thorns or we  
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## Looking Back

**VFW Chief visits President** - James W. Cothran of Bishopville, right, was the newly elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars when he visited President Harry S. Truman in 1952 at the White House. Cothran reported on his recent tour of NATO countries, telling the president he found "growing strength." (AP Wire Photo Courtesy of John Law)

## Anger, outrage and anarchy - Part 2

Protest demonstrations continue to happen daily in more than 60 countries around the world.

People across the globe have taken to the streets to join in solidarity with American protesters against racism and police brutality on a scale unlike anything seen before.

And like their counterparts in the United States, the demonstrations are not confined to just young single people.

I see married couples with babies and toddlers marching against racial and economic injustice. These protesters are saying wake up America; you can do better than this. You cannot allow your country to continue to degenerate into a nation of political bickering and name calling divided by partisan party politics.

They're demonstrating against the hollow policies of a country the world has looked to for moral and diplomatic leadership for the past 75 years. They're demonstrating to remind the American people that they have abandoned their position on the global public square.

They're using the death of George Floyd to protest against a new American foreign policy which shows a disdain for the realities of globalization and geo-politics of the 21st Century. They're saying: Wake up, America; you can do better than this.

They see that people in America are treated differently by the police based solely on their race. This age-old pattern is deeply embedded and systemically pervasive nationwide from the smallest hamlets to the biggest cities.

There are many dedicated men and women who take pride in their ability to solve crimes and bring criminals to justice. But all too often that zeal and determination is dampened and tempered based on the victim's or suspect's race.

Some minority officers tend to behave the same way. So a prejudiced attitude toward people of color is not limited to the prejudices of just white officers against people of color. Some minority officers are prejudiced against people of color as well. However, the blatant killing of George Floyd and others can never be rationalized by this line of reasoning. Common sense should preempt everything else.

One theory of this phenomenon is attributed to a form of Ethnocentrism among law enforcement officials rather than pure racism in a malevolent way. It is part of an "us against them" attitude among some officers.

According to Yale University Sociologist, the late William Graham Sumner, "Ethnocentrism is defined as judging another culture solely by the values and standards of one's own culture. The ethnocentric individual will judge other groups relative to his or her own particular ethnic group or culture.....especially with regard to language, behavior, customs, and religion. These ethnic distinctions and subdivisions serve to define each ethnicity's unique cultural identity".

Racism is therefore derived from Ethnocentrism and is defined as: the view of things in which one's own group is the center of everything, and all others are scaled and rated with reference to it." Sumner described it as often leading to pride, vanity, beliefs of one's own group's superiority, and contempt of outsiders.

More commonly: racism is defined as prejudice, discrimination or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular racial or ethnic group.... typically one of a minority or racially marginalized group.

Moreover, it is believed that police prejudice against people of color begins with Social Class. There are more people of color in the lower social classes.... just as there's more crime being reported in the lower social classes. And the impact of this phenomenon is not limited to the African American community.

Native Americans, Hispanics and more recently, poor



**The Dixie Drifter**  
Will Pellman

immigrants from Asia and India complain about the same general police attitude toward criminal suspects in their communities as well.

Poor whites tend to get the benefit of the doubt simply because more police officers are white. And although white victims who are poor get less police attention than whites in the upper social classes, white criminals of all social classes are less likely to be charged, convicted and incarcerated than people of color. Rarely do we hear of police brutality against white criminal suspects versus the

many instances of complaints reported by people of color.

There aren't any easy answers to this problem. And that's because the attitude of police, prosecutors and judges toward people of color is a reflection of the racial attitudes of people in the general population at large.

We as a society still view and value each other not simply as individuals; but more on our standing in life, and even more so, on our race or racial identity. Unfortunately, this characterization and valuation more often than not carries over with us when we're involved with the police and the criminal justice system.

When the police deal with the many people who break the law everyday, it can be difficult to maintain a sense of balance between fairness, prejudice and objectivity. Racism is far too pervasive in our society, and that dynamic is too easily carried over into an individual's actions during the general course of law enforcement.

In my opinion, a more practical and effective way of dealing with police brutality against people in police custody is simple. Stop..... take a deep breath, and stop talking about race and racism for a minute. Let's think outside the box for a minute. Is there a uniform code of conduct for dealing with people held in police custody?

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## Those were the days...

February 11, 1951 my grandmother Susie Stewart Stevens passed away and my grandfather, William Raley Stevens, came to live with us on the farm. My grandfather's son, Dalton Stevens, had left home and was stationed in Germany serving our country. Granddaddy was really a special man. I grew up admiring his many good qualities.

The greatest one of these has remained in my memory all these years and perhaps had more of an impact more than anything in my life, and that was his religious life. He was a quiet, soft spoken man who did not attempt to push his faith on others.

After Granddaddy came to live with us, he slept in our guest bedroom where we boys would pass through each night to get to our bedroom.

My fondest remembrance of him was my entrance for bedtime. There he would be kneeling beside his bed, reciting the Lord's Prayer.

This was a real example of us country folks. Every farm family held a strong belief that there was a divine supreme spirit in control of our lives.

It was this faith in divine supremacy that controlled the lives of country folks even during a year of crop failure. Hope was a main staple of us all, for as country folks we lived with it year after year. So it was for us country folk through each harvest.

**Cecil Stevens**



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**Mikai Simmons**  
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ANSWER: WHALE SHARK

## What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A  
and Picture B. Can you find them all?

**A**



**B**



Answers: 1. Tusk is shorter 2. Bird in background  
3. Two rocks 4. Missing tree branch

## THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

- 1749: HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, IS FOUNDED.
- 1957: ELLEN FAIRCLOUGH IS SWORN IN AS CANADA'S FIRST FEMALE CABINET MINISTER.
- 2006: PLUTO'S NEWLY DISCOVERED MOONS ARE RENAMED NIX AND HYDRA.

## New Word

## AQUARIUM

a building open to  
the public with sea  
creatures on exhibit

## GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what  
the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SHARK

## How they SAY that in...

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# Now We're Cooking With Millie



# Blackberries

## Blackberry Hand Pies

**Ingredients**  
1 package {2 crusts} refrigerated pie dough  
12 oz {2 containers} fresh blackberries  
¼ cup sugar  
3 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
1 egg, beaten  
additional sugar for topping

**Directions**  
Preheat the oven to 375F, and line two baking sheets with parchment.  
First, prepare the filling. Rinse the berries well, cut them in half, and place them in a medium bowl.  
Add in the sugar, lemon juice, cinnamon, and flour, and mix well.

On a well-floured surface, lay out the pie crusts and gently roll them out to ¼" thickness. Using a large cookie cutter or other round object, cut out circles about 5 inches across. Place the circles of dough on the baking sheets, and spoon about 1 tbsp of filling in the center of each.  
Fold the dough over, and press the edges firmly with your fingertips to seal.  
Using a knife, gently cut 2-3 small slits on the top of each pie.  
Brush them with the beaten egg, and sprinkle a little bit of sugar on top.  
Bake for about 20 minutes, until golden brown and flaky. Let cool slightly.

## Blackberry Crisp

**Ingredients**  
2 cups fresh or frozen blackberries  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon cornstarch  
1-1/2 teaspoons water  
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice  
1/2 cup quick-cooking oats  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 cup cold butter  
Vanilla ice cream

**Directions**  
Place blackberries in a greased 1-qt. baking dish. In a small bowl, combine the sugar, cornstarch, water and lemon juice until smooth. Pour over berries.  
Combine the oats, flour, brown sugar and cinnamon; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over berries.  
Bake, uncovered, at 375° until filling is bubbly, 20-25 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream.

## Blackberry Cobbler in Mason Jars

**Ingredients**  
6 tablespoons butter melted  
1 cup all purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2/3 cups sugar more if you like super sweet, up to a 1/3 cup more  
1 tablespoon each of extra flour and sugar  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup milk  
2 cups of blackberries can use frozen or fresh  
6 half pint mason jars 6 baking dessert cups, baking dish or medium sized cast iron pan  
Cooking Spray

**Directions**  
Mix together flour, salt, sugar, baking powder.  
Whisk in milk.  
Pour in melted butter and stir.

If fruit is frozen, defrost at room temperature.  
Toss fruit 1 tablespoon sugar if needed.  
Toss fruit with 1 tablespoon flour.  
Spray mason jars, or baking dishes with cooking spray.  
If using mason jars, pour 1/3 cup or no more than half full of batter, followed by two tablespoons of fruit.  
If using cast iron pan, spray pan, and put all of the batter into it. Top with fruit.  
Bake until golden brown at 375.  
For 1/2 pint mason jars, bake for 20-25 minutes.  
For cast iron pan, bake approximately 40-45 minutes or until golden brown.

## Blackberry Cake

**Ingredients**  
6 large eggs, room temperature  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp baking powder  
Simple Lemon Syrup:  
3/4 cup warm water  
1 Tbsp granulated sugar  
4 Tbsp Lemon Juice (from 1 large lemon)  
Blackberry Frosting Ingredients:  
3 cups powdered sugar  
3 sticks (1 1/2 cups) unsalted butter, room temperature  
8 oz Cream cheese, softened at room temperature  
1/2 tsp salt (I used fine sea salt)  
2 packages (6 ounces each) blackberries, divided (1 cup for frosting, 1 cup sliced for layers, 6 berries for decor).  
2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice from 1 medium lemon  
Crystal sprinkles, optional

**Directions**  
Preheat Oven to 350°F.  
Line bottoms of two 9 inch cake pans with parchment paper (do not grease the sides).  
In the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with whisk attachment, beat 6 large eggs for 1 minute on high speed.  
With the mixer on, gradually add 1 cup sugar and continue beating 8-10 minutes until thick and fluffy.  
Whisk together 1 cup flour and 1/2 tsp baking powder then sift this mixture into fluffy egg mixture one third at a time.  
Fold with a spatula with each addition just until incorporated.  
Scrape spatula from the bottom to catch any pockets of flour and stop mixing when no streaks of flour remain.  
Do not over-mix or you will deflate the batter.  
Divide evenly between prepared cake pans  
Bake at 350°F for 23-28 minutes or until top is golden brown.  
Remove from pan by sliding a thin spatula around the edges then transfer to a wire rack and remove parchment backing.  
Cool cakes to room temperature then slice layers equally in half with a serrated knife.  
Directions Lemon Blackberry Frosting  
Combine 2 tablespoons lemon juice with 1 cup blackberries in small saucepan. Simmer 6-7 minutes or until berries easily mash up with a fork then turn off heat. Strain through a fine mesh Strainer , pushing the blackberries through with a spatula until only seeds are left in strainer.  
Discard seeds and set the puree aside to cool completely to room temp (you should get 5 Tbsp puree).



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# Sword drills and the devil, we’re all scared to death

If you grew up Baptist, you know all about sword drills. At my church in Bishopville, it went like this: the Sunday school teacher called out a Bible verse, and the kids raced to see who could find the verse the fastest.

We all started with our Bibles turned spine down, ready for fast flipping. Some kids kept their thumbs on the Old and New Testament, but I kept mine on Psalms and Proverbs, the halfway point of my Bible.

We complained if anyone used a Bible with tabs or indentions. I won’t name any names because this is a serious accusation, but some kids were said to keep cheat sheets inside their Bibles.

One year, the competition was so fierce, we used the Bibles from the sanctuary, so nobody would have an unfair advantage. We held the Bibles upside down and shook them thoroughly to make sure there were no slips of paper

placed in strategic spots.

Bishopville Baptists were serious about sword drills.

I’ll never forget the year I won the overall championship held during Vacation Bible School at the Denny Pond. The winning verse was 1 Peter 5:8. Since I was the first to find it, I had to read it out loud in front of everyone.

That verse describes the devil as the enemy who “prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” It scared me to death.

I remember telling my mama that I didn’t like that verse. She told me I was silly. She said I couldn’t pick and choose which verses I liked and which ones I didn’t.

Then she said something that re-



TAMMY DAVIS  
*Chin Up, Buttercup*

ally spooked me. According to my mother, if you believed in God, you had to believe in the devil. I didn’t like that one bit. Thank goodness she went on to assure me that our God was bigger and stronger than all evil. That made me feel better.

I didn’t want to think about the devil as a child, and I wish I did not have to think of evil now, but as I watch the struggles happening across our country, I know hatred is alive and well.

Not too long ago, I went back to the verse that scared me as a child, but this time I continued reading. The following verse tells me to “resist the enemy and stand firm in my faith.” That’s what I’m trying to do.

Old man devil is having a big time right now devouring America in front of our very eyes. The feeling I have now is not that different from the feeling I had

when I was a little girl.

2020 has been a scary year. We’re all scared, adults and children alike. But I’m trying to focus on the message found in verse 9. I’m trying to resist evil and stand firm in my faith.

I don’t want to stay in a place of fear. I want to be a verse 9 kind of person. Now, more than ever, I have to believe that love is stronger than hate.

*Tammy Davis is a writer and teacher finding lessons in everyday life. Even though she is Presbyterian now, she is thankful for her Baptist upbringing. For more stories of inspiration and encouragement, check out Davis’s new book, Back Porch Stories, available on Amazon and Kindle and at [www.tammydavis-stories.com](http://www.tammydavis-stories.com). <https://www.amazon.com/Back-Porch-Stories-Upfront-Tales/dp/B08762VN5K>*

## Local artist hosts ritzy pottery class at the Swamp Log

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Artist Kelly Crayne demonstrates how to imprint a pattern on clay.



Marsha Hewitt, far right, watches as Kelly Crayne explains how to roll out clay using a slab roller.



Peggy Corbett holds out her board to receive a piece of flattened clay.

On Thursday, June 16, The Swamp Log Artisan’s Gallery hosted a Hurricane Cross pottery class taught by Kelly Crayne.

The price was \$65 and included gourmet heavy hors d’oeuvres as well as instruction and all the materials needed to create a unique, handcrafted piece of art. Participants brought their own wine to sip while working on their pieces.

Those who took the class enjoyed shrimp and cheese grits served in china teacups, goat cheese, prosciutto wrapped asparagus and a variety of other nibbles.

Crayne, who is an artist, art teacher, former stand-up comedian and the daughter of Swamp Log owner Alec Blalock, brings just the right mix of expertise, energy, enthusiasm and encouragement to keep her classes fun and productive.

If you’d like to participate in the fun, Crayne will be running another Hurricane Cross pottery class on Thursday, June 25. Beginners welcome.

Check out the Swamp Log Artisan’s Facebook page for information on upcoming classes in pottery, painting and other handicrafts to enrich your summer!



Participants from Lee and Sumter counties took part in the Hurricane Cross pottery making workshop offered by the Swamp Log Artisan Gallery on Thursday night.



Peggy Corbett uses a metal form that resembles a giant cookie cutter to cut out her cross as Ashley Baker begins the process of adding decorative details to her cross.





## Mechanicsville United Methodist Church recognizes their graduates

Mechanicsville United Methodist Church Higher Education & Campus Ministry celebrated their Visionary Scholars on Sunday, June 14, 2020 via a live streaming and parking lot praise worship service.

Pictured above, Rev. Ernest W. Frierson stands with the graduates during the celebration.

Top Left: Shaniya Hunter/ Lee Central High School  
Top Right: Mrs. Delores Myers stands in for Steffon Bradshaw/ Crestwood High School  
Bottom Left: Alexis Sumpter/ University of South Carolina / B.A. Mass Communications  
Bottom Right: Bre Tyler/ South Carolina State University/ B.S. Family & Consumer Science-Child Development - Magna Cum Laude

Right, Betty Procher delivers the VISIONARY Message for her daughter, Dr. Sabrina Procher- Fennell entitled “Becoming a Visionary.”

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The U.S. Justice Department and every law enforcement agency in this country could adopt a Code of Conduct for police officers similar to the Code of Conduct used by the US Military. That code is based on the principles and laws of The Geneva Conventions Rules on the Handling of Prisoners of War.

Simply put: the Geneva Conventions Rules on Prisoners of War have been adopted by every member state of the United Nations international world body.

The rules state that during time of war or other armed conflict if an enemy

combatant is taken prisoner it is the duty of the party who takes the prisoner to remove the prisoner from the battle field, put them out of harm’s way, and protect that prisoner from harm and injury as long as the prisoner is in the custody of the capturing entity.

If the prisoner is killed or unjustifiably harmed or injured by the capturing entity while in custody, the person or persons responsible for the safety of the injured prisoner may be brought before an international court of justice and charged with a war crime. The intent of the Geneva

Conventions is to protect prisoners from abuse at the hand of the capturing entity.

If similar rules are established universally among all law enforcement agencies in the United States, then police officers will have a clear understanding of what’s expected of them when they take a suspect into custody.

And it will take the politics and personal prejudices out of the process and provide a fair and uniform procedure for dealing with any violations thereof.

But as long as we continue to allow our political leaders and local law

enforcement official to banter back and forth with inflammatory rhetoric about race and racism, very little will get accomplished.

Leaders on all sides must learn to step outside their comfort zones and consider these simple steps to bring accountability and fairness to a growing problem. If the rules and guidelines of the Geneva Conventions are good enough to be mandated when we send our men and women off to war, then they should be good enough and mandated for our law enforcement officials here at home.

### CHAMBER Continued from Front

Even in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, that mission has not changed. It has forced them to adapt in drastic ways, but since the chamber had already been making technology integration a priority, they were ready just in time to adapt to the new order of online operation, Caughman says.

The biggest negative effect of COVID-19 has been the cancelation of events like the annual BBQ fundraiser that provides crucial support to local scholarships and other chamber events. Though they’ve lost the important aspect of connection that’s inherent to the event, they adapted as much as they could and used the sponsorship funds originally for the barbecue for their scholarship contribution instead.

Now, as board members meet each

month over Zoom calls, they have been focusing their efforts on helping local businesses get back onto their feet after the pandemic.

“We are hoping to hold a small event for our chamber members in the fall,” Caughman said. “We also hope to still have the annual chamber Christmas parade, as well.”

Through all of this adapting, planning, and execution, Caughman has never failed to emphasize the importance of the chamber as a body rather than bringing any attention to himself, and instead highlighting specific members who have “knocked it out of the park.”

One such example he gave was the chamber’s executive director Jenna McGuirt, who has been utilizing social media to maintain meaningful connections

with the community and the chamber’s members in the midst of quarantine. She has also been spearheading the instrumental initiative of the new website and app. “She’s just taken it and transformed the chamber,” Caughman says.

As involved as he has become and as much as he enjoys his position as president of the Chamber of Commerce, the lack of people involved and invested who are relatively close to his age and younger concerns Caughman. He believes that he is one of the youngest members of the chamber to ever join in its history.

Caughman, who will turn 28 in August, also ran for political office, a seat on school board, in the June Democratic Primary.

Sadly, he adds that he rarely sees any-

one else of the “next generation” joining him in investing in their community.

“I’m tired of being alone,” Caughman said. “I know I’m probably not, but it feels that way sometimes. I feel like I am the only one from my generation trying to change things. There’s a lot of great people who are trying to make it better for the next generation, but we need more. It needs to be everybody getting involved.”

Along with encouraging those of his generation to get involved in their community, he and the chamber as a whole are currently holding a membership drive to get even more local businesses involved and heard by their legislators.

Those who are interested can visit [www.leecountychamberse.com](http://www.leecountychamberse.com) to learn more.



## OBITUARIES

### Allen “A.Z.” Atkinson

Lamar – Allen “A.Z.” Atkinson, age 70, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2020. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18 at Christian Pathway Church. Burial followed at Wells Cemetery.

Anyone who wished to pay their respects to A.Z. and sign the guest book was able to do so Wednesday between 3-7 p.m. at Belk Funeral Home in Lamar.

Born February 18, 1950, A.Z. was the son of the late William “W.A.” Atkinson and Edith Mae Windham Atkinson. He retired from Sumter Utilities after 38 years, and also ran Lynches River Deer Processing. A.Z. liked being around people and never met a stranger. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking, and loved attending his grandchildren's sport games. He attended Christian Pathway Church in Lamar.

Surviving are his wife of over 50 years, Lilla Faye Lee Atkinson; children, Reese (Melinda) Atkinson of Bishopville, William Atkinson of Lynchburg, Beth (James) Hopkins of Bishopville, and Steven Atkinson of Lamar; grandchildren, Brittany, Reese Macallen, Devin, Samantha, Pepper, Katilyn, McKinley, and Ryder; great-grandchildren, Tucker, Trevor, Amelia, and one on the way, Andi. Also surviving are his siblings, Calvin Atkinson, Dewey Atkinson, and Susie Joye, all of Lee County.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Shane Saverance.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

A guestbook is available online at [www.belkfuneral-home.com](http://www.belkfuneral-home.com).

### Delores King Elmore

Bishopville, SC - Graveside services for Delores King Elmore, age 62, were held 3 p.m. Saturday at Piedmont Cemetery.

Pastor Sammy Thompson officiated, directed by Norton Funeral Home.

Visitation was held at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday at Norton Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

Delores passed away on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at her residence with her loving family by her side. She was born in Bishopville the daughter of the late Kenneth and Rebecca Fields.

She worked with the First Citizens Bank in Bishopville for the last 13 years. She enjoyed traveling and cooking.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Melissa (Chris) Lane, Pennsylvania; Chelsea Jean Elmore, Florence; brother, Kenneth (Tammy) King, Jr. Winnsboro; grandchildren, Ashley, Nicole, Harley, David, Rebecca and Elizabeth; great-grandchild, Sophia; step-daughters, Stephanie (Clint) Ardis, Bishopville, Tara (Don) Siler, West Virginia; step-grandchildren, Megan, Kayla, Donnie, Sierra; step-great grandchildren, Kearsten, Tanner, Jackson and Jordan.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Joyce Maddox and Debbie Bellamy.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

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# Making the most of summer

What a crazy finish to the school year! Several months of kids being indoors and schooling at home had some parents pulling their hair out. Now, parents are wondering what the summer will be like for their kids?

Like the end of the school year, many summer activities for kids are either cancelled or moved online.

For families, the summer months typically include some weeklong summer camps for kids or summer strength and conditioning for athletes. Or, Vacation Bible School at a local church.

The popular Fellowship of Christians Athletes summer camps were cancelled for the months of April, May, and June. Some are hoping the July sports and leadership camps will still take place, but the chances are very slim at this point.

Kids across the southeast enjoy Student Life Camps. Myrtle Beach and Converse College in Spartanburg host Student Life's recreation, missions, and beach camps.

The social distancing and limited number of people in gatherings would have a major effect on the camp experience, not to mention the cleaning and health protocols needed.

The Student Life's statement read, “While the decision to cancel camp saddens and disappoints us, we know this is the right decision and trust the Lord has a plan.”

FugeCamps and Crossroads Summer Camps are also favorite Christian camps for churches in South Carolina during the summer months.

FugeCamps are hosted by North Greenville University and Charleston Southern University. Greenville in the last few weeks has been a hotspot for the coronavirus in South Carolina. The Crossroads summer camps are hosted by Anderson University. Both FugeCamps and Crossroads have cancelled their summer camps also.

Some churches are taking steps to regather for worship indoors. Some of those same churches are thinking through what Vacation Bible School will look like for the summer.

To avoid large gatherings and tons of kids sitting close and swapping germs, churches are looking at week long Backyard Kids Clubs.

Backyard Kids Clubs are smaller groups of kids experiencing similar activities to Vacation Bible School in a church member's backyard. Games, crafts, and Bible stories are still very much a part of Backyard Kids Clubs, and so are cookies and Kool-Aid.

The summer months will be unlike any we have ever



**In the Meantime**  
Stephen Watson

seen. That's something we have heard a few times lately. But summer months always provide parents an opportunity to invest in their children.

The camps and Vacation Bible Schools may be canceled, but children still need to hear the gospel and the hope that Jesus brings now more than ever. Who better to tell children about Jesus, than their parents?

Without having to rush from here and there, parents can splash the summer months with intentional conversations. Much of a child's life is often spent separated from parents in our Western culture.

In the Old Testament, children spent most of their days with their parents.

Moses encouraged the Israelites in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 to make the most of everyday opportunities. He told the Israelites to teach their children to love the Lord with heart, soul, and mind.

When were they to do this? When they were sitting, walking, and even lying down.

The long days of summer are great opportunities for spending time with children and talking about the things of God.

Tossing the ball. Swimming. Taking an evening bike ride. Watching the fishing bobber in the pond. Don't waste the slow days of summer.

Matthew records a really awkward moment for the disciples that involved children. Parents were bringing children to see Jesus. And as you would expect, Jesus was laying hands on the children and praying for them. Jesus' disciples, who didn't always understand the importance of the simple moments of life, rebuked the people for bringing the children to Jesus.

Jesus said to his disciples in Matthew 19:14, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

During the summer months, the children are home and close at hand. Don't be annoyed or frustrated. Make the most of every opportunity. Speak of Jesus. Tell them of the hope that sinners have in Jesus, the Savior. Remind them that God has planned every moment of their lives, even the summer of 2020. Encourage them to look for how God will work in their lives this summer.

Parents, don't wonder what the summer will be like for your children. Instead, look for what God will do in the lives of your children and how you can be a part of his work this summer.

*Stephen Watson lives in Anderson, SC with his wife and three teenagers where he serves as Lead Pastor at Renewal Church.*

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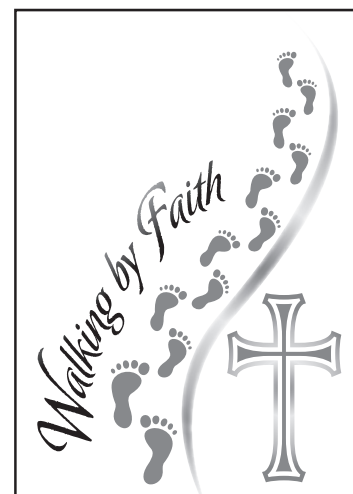
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# LEGALS

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO: 2020CP3100088 (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)

**SUMMONS AND NOTICES**

F50527 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF LEE Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, PLAIN-TIFF, vs. Joe Grantham; Melinda McCaa; Scottie Hayes; Kaitlin Grantham; Alissa Grantham; Cade Grantham; L.G.; and B.S. as possible heirs of Belinda S. Hayes a/k/a Belinda Simon Hayes, deceased, and any other Heirs, Personal Representatives, Successors, Assigns, Spouses, Creditors, and all others claiming any right, title or interest in the property known as 5110 Camden Highway, Bishopville SC 29010, any adults or persons in the Military Service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe, and any minors or persons under legal disability, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and South Carolina Department of Revenue, DEFENDANT(S).

**TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer** the Amended Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or to otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscribers at their office, P.O. Box 71727, North Charleston, South Carolina, 29415, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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

**YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE** that should you fail to answer the foregoing Amended Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference to the Master in Equity for Lee, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53(b) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Proce-

dure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this action.

**NOTICE OF FILING AMENDED COMPLAINT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the original Amended Complaint in the above entitled action, together with the Summons, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Lee County on March 13, 2020 at 2:56 p.m.

**ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI** It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading and filing of the Petition of the Plaintiff for the appointment of Kelley Woody, attorney in Columbia, South Carolina, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for all unknown minors, and for all persons who may be under a legal disability, it is

**ORDERED** that Kelley Woody, Attorney at Law, be and she is hereby appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi on behalf of unknown minors or persons under a legal disability, all of whom may have an interest in or claim to have some interest in the real property known as 5110 Camden Highway, Bishopville SC 29010; that she is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless the said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem for the said Defendants; **AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Order shall forthwith be served upon the said Defendants by publication thereof in the Lee County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Lee, State of South Carolina, once a week for three consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** pursuant to the Supreme Court of South Carolina Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you may be eligible for foreclosure intervention programs for the purpose of resolving the above-referenced foreclosure action. If you wish to be considered for a foreclosure intervention program, you must contact Finkel Law Firm LLC, 4000 Faber Place Drive, Suite 450 (29405), P.O. Box 71727 (29415), North Charleston, SC 29405, or call (843) 577-5460 within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Finkel Law Firm LLC represents the Plaintiff in this action.

Our law firm does not represent you and is not authorized to provide you any legal advice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PROCESS, THE FORECLOSURE MAY PROCEED. NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.): This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information you provide will

be used for that purpose. However, if you have previously received a discharge from bankruptcy, this message is not and should be construed as an attempt to collect a debt, but only as a requirement pursuant to the administrative order. James I. Davis Clerk of Court for Lee County Bishopville, South Carolina June 18, 2020 **FINKEL LAW FIRM LLC** Thomas A. Shook P.O. Box 71727 North Charleston, SC 29415 (843) 577-5460 Attorney for Plaintiff 6/24,7/1,8

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE 2019-CP-31-00347**

**BY VIRTUE** of a decree hereto-fore granted in the case of: Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. against Luvenia W. Toney and Issac Toney a/k/a Isaac Toney, Jr., I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Lee County, will sell on July 6, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Bishopville, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel, lot or tract of land, with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being located near Lynchburg, in the County of Lee, State of South Carolina, measuring and containing 0.688 acre, more or less, and being more particularly shown and delineated on a Boundary Survey prepared for Luvenia W. Toney by Huel C. Bailey, SCPLS #14523, dated February 20, 2007 and recorded July 25, 2007 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Lee County in Plat Book L-1 at Page 119; said lot having such metes and bounds as reference to said plat will show, all measurements being a little more or less. Also includes a mobile/manufactured home, a 2002 CLAY Mobile Home VIN# CWP011173TN This being the same property conveyed unto Luvenia W. Toney by deed of Tara A. Toney dated July 26, 2007 and recorded August 2, 2007 in Deed Book 226 at Page 250 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Lee County. TMS No. 052-00-00-080-000 (land) 052-00-00-080-001 (mobile home) Property Address: 30 China Hill Road, Bishopville, SC 29010 **TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the

property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 12.1500%. **THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.** No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. **NOTICE:** The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. **ATTENDEES MUST ABIDE BY SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK OR OTHER FACIAL COVERING.** Any person who violates said protocols is subject to dismissal at the discretion of the selling officer or other court officials. Honorable S. Bryan Doby Master in Equity Lee County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 6/17,24,7/1

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All persons having claims against the following estates **MUST** file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Lee County, the address of which is PO BOX 24 BISHOPVILLE, SC 29010, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.) or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

**Estate:** Beulah Regester, Date of Death: 05/05/2020, Case Number: 2020ES3100060, Personal Representative: Angela Renee Wilson Address: 306 Muldrow Street, Bishopville, SC 29010. 6/17,24,7/1

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**Estate:** Frank Fortune, Jr., Date of Death: 04/25/2020, Case Number: 2020ES3100056, Personal Representative: Teesha Fortune, Address: 3812 Rosebud Park Lane, Snellville, GA 30039. 6/17,24,7/1

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**Estate:** Robert Henry, Jr., Date of Death: 03/09/2020, Case Number: 2020ES3100058, Personal Representative: Mary Alice Henry, Address: 121 Academy Road Apt 6E, Bishopville, SC 29010, Attorney, if applicable: Steven M. Calcutt, Address: Post Office Box 31 Florence, SC 29503. 6/24,7/1,8

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date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

**Estate:** Mary Watkins Hoover, Date of Death: 03/17/2020, Case Number: 2020ES3100062, Personal Representative: Audrey L. Hoover, Address: 95 Edwin Hall Road Bethune, SC 29009. 6/24,7/1,8

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**Estate:** James Andy Haithcock, Date of Death: 04/15/2020, Case Number: 2020ES3100069, Personal Representative: Nancy C. Haithcock, Address: 160 Wags Drive Bishopville, SC 29010. 6/24,7/1,8

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that THREE LEOPARDS LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale of OFF premises consumption of Beer and Wine at 561 S. Main St, Bishopville, SC 29010.

To the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than June 26, 2020.

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

- (1)The name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
  - (2)The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
  - (3)That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
  - (4)That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
  - (5)The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.
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dence and his shed, taking a Murray lawn mower, weed eater, chainsaw, push mower, Emerson TV, RCA TV, Xbox 360, games and DVDs.

- A Short Street woman reported on May 6 that a man approached her and said he would harm her.

Officers were dispatched to Ridge Street on May 1 in reference to a break-in. The victim said he discovered a garage door open and a butter knife nearby. The building was ransacked and a large toolbox was missing. In addition, a large band saw and welder were also missing.

- Officers responded to North Dennis Avenue on May 7 in reference to larceny of a vehicle.

- Officers were dispatched to North Main Street on May 8 in reference to a two-car accident.

- Officers responded to Jones Circle on May 10 in reference to shouting and possible fighting. Once on scene, officers spoke with a subject who told them that some people came into her yard and broke the window on the front of her house with an unknown object.

- Officers were dispatched to North Main Street on May 11 in reference to an altercation. The victim said the subject came into the store and told her she would spit in her face. She told the subject to leave and the subject then threw a pink basket containing face masks, hand sanitizers and wipes, at her, but missed her mark. The victim then came from behind the counter and a physical altercation ensued with punches with closed fists being thrown. The subject pulled two braids of hair from the victim's head.

- Officers responded to East Council Street on May 11 in reference to a walk-in complaint. The victim said her husband gave a ride to two men and when he returned home, her \$1,200 stimulus check was missing from the vehicle.

- An Academy Road woman reported on April 16 that a woman has been sending her threatening text messages, saying she is going to kill her.

- A Roland Street woman reported on May 20 that her ex-boyfriend beat and choked her and tried to run over her.

- Officers were dispatched to North Lee Street on May 15 in reference to destruction of property. The victim said a building on his property was struck with a forklift or trailer.

- An Ellen Street woman reported on April 8 that she discovered money missing from her bank account and discovered 11 charges made to Western Union that she did not authorize.

- Officers responded to One Stop Food Mart on North Main Street on May 20 in reference to someone stealing a shopping bag on the sidewalk where the victim had left it.

- Officers were dispatched to Chappell Drive on May 19 in reference to harassment.

- A Lynchburg Highway man reported on May 23 that he discovered a debit card left at an ATM.

- Officers responded to One Stop on North Main Street on May 23 in reference to a fight between customers. Chips and crackers were scattered throughout the store. Later, it was determined the fight moved to Young's Food Store where officers caught up with the offenders.

- Officers were dispatched to North Main Street on May 26 in reference to a disturbance. The victim said the subject choked her and tried to smother her with a pillow.

- Officers responded to West Council Street on May 30 in reference to shots being fired.

- Officers were dispatched to Woodward Street on May 31 in reference to an active fight.

- Officers recovered a black wallet on May 3 that had been found beside the old BHS football field on North Main Street.

- A Woodward Street man reported on May 1 that he found a wallet on North Main Street belonging to a West Cedar Lane man.

- A North Heyward Street man reported on April 19 that someone stole his 4 wheeler.

A 42-year-old Royer Road man was cited for disorderly conduct on April 7 after officers responded to Cloverleaf Apartments in reference to an intoxicated man who refused to leave an apartment. When officers arrived, the subject became combative and refused to leave.

- Officers responded to Young's Food Mart on North Main Street on April 8 in reference to shoplifting of beer.

- Officers were dispatched to CVS on South Main Street on April 12 in reference to shoplifting of nine bottles of Dove Fresh Moist Body Wash.

- A Bishopville police officer reported on April 4 that someone stole his 9 mm handgun.

- A Young's Food Mart employee reported on April 14 that a Sand Trail Lane man walked out of the store with a

six pack of Corona beer without paying for it.

- Officers were dispatched to North Main Street on April 14 in reference to a storage building break-in and the theft of a chainsaw.

- Officers responded to Wilson Street on April 14 for a welfare check on a man neighbors had not seen in a while. The home's occupant was found deceased and the death was ruled natural due to a history of medical issues.

- A Harris Street woman reported on April 14 that a neighbor is allowing her dog to defecate in yards and on the roadway without cleaning it up.

- Officers were dispatched to Shaw Street on April 17 in reference to a break-in.

- A North Main Street business owner reported on April 17 that someone stole the electric meter off of her building.

- Officers responded to South Main Street on April 24 in reference to a one-vehicle accident. A car was flipped over after hitting a fire hydrant and the occupant was inside. Witnesses told police they believed the driver was having a seizure when the incident occurred.

- Officers were dispatched to Dennis Avenue on April 17 in reference to larceny of copper tubing, brass and a tank of gasoline.

- Officers responded to Jones Circle on April 25 in reference to an active break-in. The victim said he was asleep when he heard someone trying to come in the back door of his house. He saw someone running from his house to the woods then noticed his son's car door was open but nothing had been taken.



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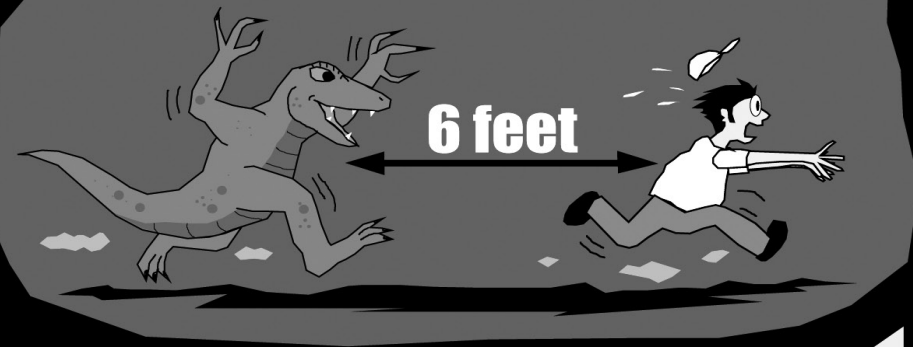
**Always wash your hands  
...or claws.**



**Keep your home (or swamp)  
disinfected regularly.**



**Cover your mouth, or jaws,  
when you sneeze or cough.**



**Maintain a social distance of  
at least 6 ft when scaring or  
talking to others.**



**And most of all...STAY IN THE SWAMP...  
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