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Spartanburg Unity Week Celebration January 18

The Spartanburg Unity Week Celebration will culminate on Sunday, January 18, 2026, with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium in Spartanburg. This annual event honors Dr. King's legacy of equity, inclusion, and community through inspiring speakers, music, and recognition of local leaders and youth who exemplify humanitarian values. Admission to the community celebration is free to the public, though attendees may want to arrive early to secure seating.

PAL Food Hub subscriptions

The PAL Food Hub makes it easy to access local, fresh, and healthy food while supporting farmers and producers across our community. By creating an account, you can browse a wide selection of seasonal products from multiple local farms in one convenient place. Customers can place individual orders or choose to subscribe for regular access to local food throughout the season. Every purchase helps strengthen a more sustainable and equitable local food system while increasing access to high quality food in Spartanburg County.

Check out the product list online at <https://palfoodhub.localfoodmarketplace.com/Products>

Bored Teachers comedy tour comes to Spartanburg on January 23

The Bored Teachers "Is It Friday Yet?!" Comedy Tour will be held at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium on January 23 at 7:30 p.m., bringing a new lineup of material drawn from the everyday frustrations and humor of life in the classroom. The tour features comedians known for their teacher-centered comedy, offering observations on grading, staff meetings and the challenges of modern education.

Launched nearly a decade ago, Bored Teachers has grown into a prominent platform for educator humor, building a large online following and producing a popular comedy podcast focused on teaching culture. The 2026 tour continues that approach, delivering stand-up comedy aimed at educators and anyone familiar with school life.

Purchase tickets at www.ticketmaster.com or call the SMA box office at 864.582.8107.

SMC student-athletes achieve academic excellence with 165 on AD Honor Roll

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Grades for the Fall 2025 semester have been released at Spartanburg Methodist College, and Pioneer student-athletes continue to excel academically. A total of 165 student-athletes across all programs earned placement on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll by achieving a semester grade-point average of 3.25 or higher.

What you need to know in 2026

The annual Outlook Spartanburg Conference features legislative, economic, hospitality, community, and talent forecasts at the local, regional, national and global level to enable attendees to make informed decisions in 2026.

This event will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Milliken Customer Center, 920 Milliken Road, Spartanburg.

Register online for this event at <https://web.onespartanburginc.com/atlas/events/outlook-spartanburg-2026-9506/details>.

Comedian Trae Crowder brings stand-up to Spartanburg

Comedian and writer Trae Crowder will bring an evening of stand-up comedy to The Hall at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium on Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. Crowder gained national attention in 2016 with his viral "Liberal Redneck" porch-rant videos, which blended political commentary with Southern humor. Since then, he has expanded his career as a best-selling author and touring comedian, performing sold-out theater shows across the country as part of the WellRED Comedy Tour.

Purchase tickets at www.ticketmaster.com or call the SMA box office at 864.582.8107.

Spartanburg County engineering helps power Times Square Ball Drop

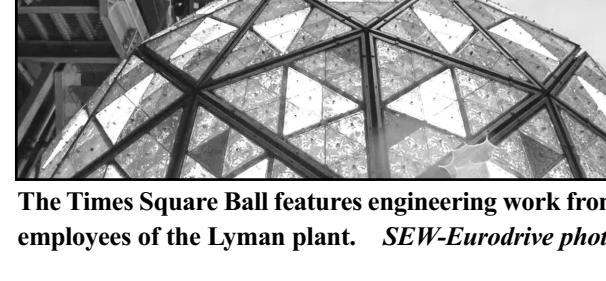
By Bobby Dailey Jr. for The Spartan Weekly News

Millions of people around the world turned their attention to a glowing sphere high above Times Square as 2025 came to an end. The New York City New Year's Eve Ball Drop is a global celebration, but behind the spectacle is a precisely engineered system that must work flawlessly—without a second chance.

The Ball Drop has evolved dramatically since its debut in 1907. For its first 87 years, the Ball was raised and lowered manually using ropes and a stopwatch. That approach was adequate for a much smaller structure. Today's Ball weighs nearly six tons and relies on advanced motion-control technology to ensure a smooth, reliable descent.

SEW-Eurodrive, a global industrial automation company with a significant U.S. presence in Lyman, plays a key behind-the-scenes role in supporting the engineering that makes the event possible. While viewers see a brilliant light display and count down to midnight, engineers see the precision mechanics that keep the Ball moving safely and on time.

The 2026 Ball introduced new challenges. A refreshed exterior and next-generation LED technology allow for richer colors, smoother animations and more complex visual patterns. Those enhancements increase both the weight of the Ball and the demands placed on the lifting system responsi-



The Times Square Ball features engineering work from employees of the Lyman plant. *SEW-Eurodrive photo*

ble for raising it into position and lowering it during the final 60 seconds of the year.

That motion is controlled by a powerful winch system located beneath the mast platform. The system uses a compact, two-line configuration with opposing wire ropes to maintain balance and smooth operation. At its core is a heavy-duty SEW-Eurodrive gearmotor designed to support the full load while delivering steady, predictable movement throughout the ascent and descent.

The gearmotor combines planetary and helical-bevel gearing with an AC motor, encoder, brake and regenerative variable frequency drive. Together, these components provide precise speed control and allow energy generated during the Ball's descent to be returned to the electrical grid.

The drive system also includes a low-speed shaft that allows for a second brake to be mounted opposite the gearbox, to meet increasing safety and performance requirements.

The added braking capability increases redundancy—an essential feature for a live event watched by millions and timed to the second.

Much of the engineering

expertise behind systems like this is supported by SEW-Eurodrive's operations in Lyman, where manufacturing, assembly and technical services contribute to complex motion-control applications used across industries.

The same principles applied in large-scale industrial settings help ensure reliability for one of the world's most visible public events.

Although the Ball operates only a few times each year, routine maintenance is critical.

SEW-Eurodrive service technicians perform regular inspections, conduct test cycles, change and analyze oil, and verify the condition of internal components. Thanks to the system's low duty cycle and robust design, wear is minimal, but proactive servicing helps ensure long-term reliability.

The New Year's Eve Ball is more than a once-a-year celebration, it's a year-round landmark seen by millions of visitors to Times Square. When midnight arrives and the Ball completes its descent, the

moment reflects not only a shared global tradition, but also the quiet work of engineers and technicians — including some in Spartanburg County — who make sure everything runs exactly as planned.

Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical brings electrifying true-crime tale to the Spartanburg stage

By Melissa Rhine for The Spartan Weekly News

Spartanburg audiences are invited to step back into the roaring 1930s when *Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical* takes the stage this month at Spartanburg Little Theatre.

The production will run Jan. 9-18, 2026, at the Chapman Cultural Center, located at 200 E. St. John St. Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Based on the true story of notorious outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, the musical explores their rise from small-town nobodies to American legends during the Great Depression. Blending blues, gospel, and rock-and-roll influences, the show tells a story of ambition, fame, love, and the dangerous cost of chasing it all.

According to show information, *Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical* contains strong language and depictions of violence, including gun violence. Audience members should also be aware that the

production may include haze, flashing lights, and loud gunshot sound effects.

All attendees must have a ticket, and children under age 5 are not admitted, including infants.

Tickets are available for purchase online through the Chapman Cultural Center ticketing platform. Prices vary by seating location, and patrons are encouraged to purchase early, as opening-weekend performances are expected to draw strong crowds. Tickets can also be purchased through links shared on Spartanburg Little Theatre's website and social media pages.

The production features a talented local cast, including Cooper Wolfe as Clyde Barrow and Cheyenne Rivenbark as Bonnie Parker. Supporting roles include Jacob Seay as Buck Barrow, Miranda Harrison as Blanche Barrow, Brandon Ledford as Ted Hinton, and Ashley Johnson in dual roles as Cumie Barrow and Gov. Ferguson. Several performers are making their Spartanburg Little Theatre debuts, adding fresh energy

to the production.

Founded in 1929, Spartanburg Little Theatre is one of the oldest continuously operating community theatres in South Carolina. For nearly a century, SLT has provided high-quality theatrical productions while serving as a creative home for actors, directors, designers, and volunteers of all ages.

The organization remains committed to enriching Spartanburg's arts scene through live performance, education, and community engagement.

With its bold score, dramatic storytelling, and compelling cast, *Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical* promises an unforgettable theatrical experience for local audiences. Theatre representatives encourage audiences to "experience the legendary story live on stage" rather than only through history books.

For showtimes, ticket information, and content advisories, visit the Chapman Cultural Center's website or follow Spartanburg Little Theatre on social media for updates.



SME Education
Foundation recognizes Spartanburg-area students at manufacturing summit

Edited by Bobby Dailey Jr. from information provided by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers

The SME Education Foundation announced the winning teams from its Bright Minds Student Summit held during the Manufacturing Technology Series (MT Series) SOUTHEAST, which took place Oct. 21-23 in Greenville.

Among the top performers were students from Daniel Morgan Technology Center in Spartanburg and Greer High School, highlighting the strength of manufacturing education programs in the Upstate.

The Bright Minds Student Summit is held alongside SME's national manufacturing events and is designed to introduce students and educators to modern, high-tech manufacturing careers. The program emphasizes hands-on learning, exposure to advanced technologies and direct interaction with industry professionals.

"The Bright Minds Student Summit gives students more than just an introduction to manufacturing — it gives them direction," said Rob Luce, vice president of the SME Education Foundation. "By connecting young people with real technologies and professionals, we're helping them see how their interests can evolve into meaningful, high-impact careers."

Local educators said the recognition reflects growing opportunities for students in Spartanburg County, where advanced manufacturing continues to play a major role in the regional economy. Programs such as Daniel Morgan Technology Center provide students with technical skills aligned with workforce needs in South Carolina's manufacturing sector.

The Manufacturing Technology Series SOUTHEAST draws manufacturers, educators and students from across the region to explore emerging technologies and workforce development strategies.

The summit also underscored the demand for skilled workers in South Carolina, where manufacturers continue to invest in automation, precision machining and advanced production. Organizers said events like Bright Minds help build a pipeline of local talent prepared to support the region's long-term economic growth.

Spartanburg County news

USC Upstate's Bruce Suddeth inducted into SC Sports Field Management Hall of Fame

Edited by Bobby Dailey Jr., from information provided by USC Upstate

Bruce Suddeth of USC Upstate has been inducted into the South Carolina Sports Field Management Association Hall of Fame, recognizing his long-standing contributions to athletic field management and his service to the professional organization.

Suddeth, director of building and landscape services at USC Upstate, was inducted this month alongside five other members. The honor recognizes individuals who have made significant service contributions to the association and to South Carolina's sports field industry. Suddeth is part of the inaugural group of inductees who also served as original board members of the chapter.

Suddeth joined USC Upstate in 2002, around the time the SCSFMA chapter was formed. He has served the organization as a past chapter president and has held the role of secretary for the past 17 years.

Under Suddeth's leader-



Bruce Suddeth, director of building and landscape services, was named to the South Carolina Sports Field Management Association's Hall of Fame. He joined an inaugural group of inductees that included the chapter's original board members. Pictured from left to right: Bruce Viehman, Suddeth, Dr. Trent Hale, Dr. Bert McCarty, Alan Wilson and Mike Burgess. USC Upstate photo

ship, USC Upstate's athletic fields have earned multiple National Field of the Year awards in baseball, softball and soccer, according to Steven Hardy, vice chancellor for finance and administration. Hardy said Suddeth has also played a key role in the growth of the state association,

which includes members from colleges, high schools, parks and recreation departments, and professional and minor league facilities.

"I am proud to recognize Bruce Suddeth for his extraordinary leadership and service," Hardy said. "His induction into the

SCSFMA Hall of Fame reflects decades of tireless commitment to the institution and his profession."

Hardy also cited Suddeth's work supporting campus initiatives related to landscaping, Tree Campus USA, Arbor Day and other environmental programs, as well as his

efforts to build strong relationships across the Upstate community.

Before joining USC Upstate, Suddeth worked at Milliken, where his career concluded in sports field products. At the university, he oversees nine staff members responsible for the main campus and

directs a five-person crew dedicated to athletic fields and nearby common areas.

Suddeth said maintaining natural grass fields is a year-round responsibility focused on athlete safety and field performance.

"The priority is safety on the fields, so athletes don't get hurt," he said. "You want them to be as smooth and play as they should."

The SCSFMA typically holds several meetings each year to provide education and professional development for its members, including presentations from industry experts. Suddeth said the relationships formed through the association are among its most valuable benefits.

"In the end, it's having that camaraderie with everybody and building those relationships that are probably more valuable than growing grass," he said.

Suddeth said his work with the association, USC Upstate Athletics, and students and families reinforces the importance of his role. "It's not flashy," he said. "We just do our job."

Greenidge Generation sells Spartanburg property for \$18 million, with potential earnout

By Bobby Dailey, Jr. for The Spartan Weekly News

Greenidge Generation Holdings Inc. has completed the sale of its 152-acre property in Spartanburg County for \$18 million in cash, with the potential for up to \$18 million more in additional payments tied to future power capacity.

The company announced Dec. 11 that the property was sold to an affiliate of The Lightstone Group and LightHouse Data Centers. The cash payment was made at closing and is subject to upward adjustment, according to the company.

Under the terms of the deal, Greenidge is also eligible to receive earnout payments based on additional power capacity delivered to the site before 2031. Those payments are calculated at \$180,000 per megawatt for capacity above the 60 megawatts previously secured by Greenidge for delivery by

September 2026. Chief Executive Officer Jordan Kovler said the transaction reflects the company's strategy of acquiring undervalued power assets, increasing their capacity and selling them at an advantageous time. He said the same

approach is being used at the company's Mississippi expansion site, where 40 megawatts of power are expected to be available by March 2027.

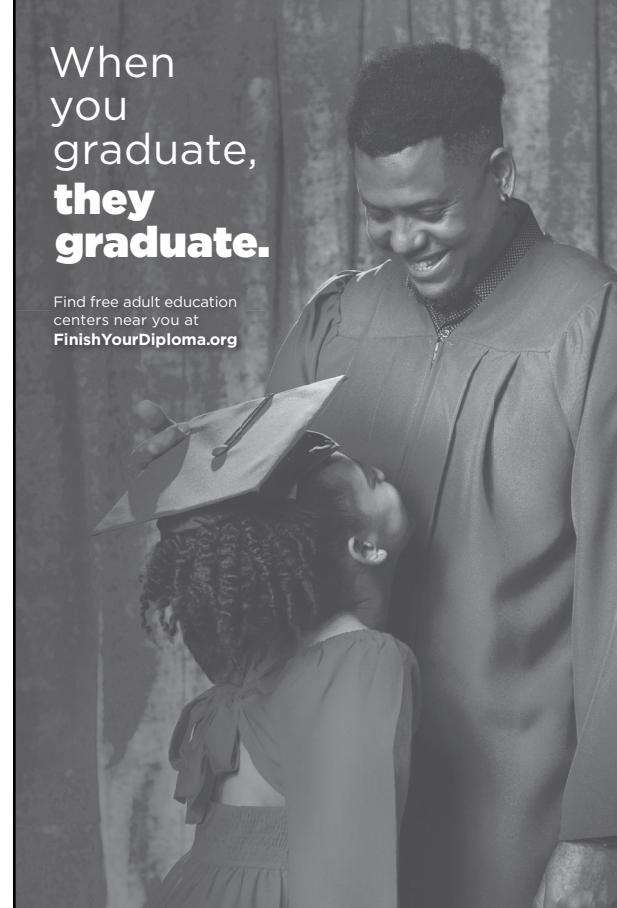
Kovler said the sale provides immediate liquidity while preserving future upside and supports efforts

to diversify revenue and strengthen the company's balance sheet.

Over the past year, Greenidge has reduced the principal balance of its 2026 senior debt to about \$37.8 million through a series of tender and

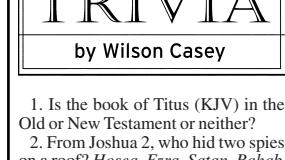
exchange offers. The company said it has raised approximately \$22.1 million in cash through the sale of non-core assets, including about \$17.9 million in net proceeds from the Spartanburg transaction.

As of Nov. 30, Greenidge reported cash and bitcoin holdings of about \$9.8 million. The company said its pro forma net debt has declined to approximately \$12.4 million, down from \$52.9 million at the start of the year.



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1. Is the book of Titus (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Joshua 2, who hid two spies on a roof? *Hosea, Ezra, Satan, Rahab*
3. What was the first bird released from Noah's Ark? *Raven, Pigeon, Sparrow, Dove*

4. From 2 Kings 9, what creatures ate the carcass of Jezebel? *She-bears, Dogs, Frogs, Worms*

5. Which of these worked seven years to earn a wife? *Isaiah, Abraham, Jacob, Joshua*

6. From Joel 3, what was the mountain of the Lord? *Sinai, Zion, Nebo, Moriah*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Rahab, 3) Raven, 4) Dogs, 5) Jacob, 6) Zion

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Last Will and Testaments of the following were delivered to me and filed on the dates shown:

Ricky Frank Golightly - June 12, 2025;
Emily Camille Stokes - June 9, 2025; AND
Bette G. Bridges - October 3, 2025.

No proceedings for the probate of said Wills have begun.

Dated: December 9, 2025
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for
Spartanburg County, S.C.
12-25, 1-1, 8

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Case No.: 2025-CP-42-04254

MD Capital Investments, LLC, Plaintiff, v. Angela Christine Crummie, Della Faye Wright FKA Della Fay Beam, Kristen Kimberly Knight Wright, John R. Wright (deceased), William C. Wright, (deceased), the South Carolina Department of Revenue, FBS Financial Inc., as assignee of Mid State Manufacturing Co., and all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein and any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Jordan Springs Two Homeowners Assoc., Inc.; The United States of America, acting by and through its Agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Defendants.

AMENDED SUMMONS: To the Defendants above named in this action: You are hereby Summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber at their office in PO Box 2196, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 29304-2196 within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforementioned, Judgment by Default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. To Minors over fourteen years of age, and/or to minor(s) under fourteen years of age and the persons with whom the minor(s) reside, and/or to persons incarcerated or under some legal disability: You are further summoned and notified to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE: The Amended Complaint in the above-captioned matter was filed in the Spartanburg County Court of Common Pleas on December 8, 2025. s/Paul A. McKee, III, 409 Magnolia St. Spartanburg, SC 29303 864-573-5149 864-707-2500 fax, Attorney for Plaintiff.

AMENDED LIS PENDENS: Notice is hereby given that an action has been commenced or is about to be commenced by the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for an Order quieting title to real property against all Defendants, including all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property described as follows: All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land lying, situate, and being in the Town of Landrum in the County of Spartanburg, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated as Lot No. 3 upon plat prepared for O.P. Earle by J.D. Norman, Surveyor, recorded in Plat Book 3, at pages 44-45 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina. For a more complete and accurate description, reference is hereby made to the aforesaid plat and record thereof. This being the same property conveyed to MD Capital Investments, LLC by deed of Lee Weeks, Delinquent Tax Collector for Spartanburg County recorded in Deed Book 150-M, Page 113 on February 21, 2025 in the Office of Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County. 406 N. Trade Ave. Landrum, SC 29356 1-07-04-021.00 s/Paul A. McKee, III, 409 Magnolia St. Spartanburg, SC 29303 864-573-5149 864-707-2500 fax, Attorney for Plaintiff.

CONSENT ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM: The above-referenced is an action filed in the Court of Common Pleas for a quiet title action for real property located in Spartanburg County. There are unknown heirs and persons who may have an interest in the subject real property who cannot be located. It appears that this is an appropriate subject for an appointment of a Guardian ad Litem and that attorney Kelley Y. Woody P.O. Box 6432 Columbia, SC 29260 should be appointed to represent the interests of the unknown and missing Defendants in this action. I CONSENT. s/Paul A. McKee, III, 409 Magnolia St. Spartanburg, SC 29303 864-573-5149 864-707-2500 fax, Attorney for Plaintiff. I CONSENT. s/ Kelley Y. Woody P.O. Box 6432 Columbia, SC 29260 803-787-9678 (office) 803-787-9743 (fax). IT IS SO ORDERED. s/Amy W. Cox, Spartanburg County Clerk of Court by Maribel M Martinez Electronically signed on 2025-09-02 10:45:37. 12-25, 1-1, 8

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A No.: 2025-CP-42-05510

Truist Bank, Plaintiff,

v.
Allen R. Davis; Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Erika P. Davis, deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any

right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Jordan Springs Two Homeowners Assoc., Inc.; The United States of America, acting by and through its Agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Defendants.

Summons and Notices
(Non-Jury) Foreclosure
Real Estate Mortgage

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

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

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian *ad litem* within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.

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

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

Lis Pendens

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Allen R. Davis and Erika P. Davis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company dated January 25, 2013 and recorded on January 28, 2013 in Book 4680 at Page 349, in the Spartanburg County Registry (hereinafter, "Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Mortgage was transferred to the Plaintiff herein by assignment and/or corporate merger.

The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Spartanburg, and being more particularly shown and designated as Lot No. 28, as shown on a survey of Jordan Springs, Section 2, dated January 26, 2004, prepared by John Robert Jennings, PLS, recorded in Plat Book 155, Page 776, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Reference to the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina. To all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Spartanburg, and being more particularly shown and designated as Lot No. 28, as shown on a survey of Jordan Springs, Section 2, dated January 26, 2004, prepared by John Robert Jennings, PLS, recorded in Plat Book 155, Page 776, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

This being the same property conveyed to Allen R. Davis and Erika P. Davis by deed of Federal National Mortgage Association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America a/k/a Fannie Mae dated December 31, 2012, and recorded January 28, 2013, in Book 102-N at Page 257 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Erika P. Davis died on July 7, 2015, leaving her interest in the subject property to her heir/devisee, Allen R. Davis.

TMS No. 5-25-00-032.16

Property Address: 262 Jordan Springs Drive, Duncan, SC 29334

Notice of Filing Complaint

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above-entitled action were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County on October 28, 2025. A Notice of Foreclosure Intervention was also filed in the Clerk of Court's Office.

Order Appointing

Guardian Ad Litem Nisi

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for unknown minors, and persons who may be under a legal disability, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has consented to said appointment, it

is

ORDERED that Kelley Woody, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a legal disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 262 Jordan Springs Drive, Duncan, SC 29334; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

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

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire shall become Absolute 30 days after the completion of service of this Order without further motion by Plaintiff or Order of this Court unless said Defendants, or persons acting on their behalf, shall, within thirty (30) days after service, procure the appointment of their own Guardian ad Litem. Brock & Scott, PLLC 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110 Columbia, South Carolina 29210 Phone (803) 454-3540 Fax (803) 454-3541 Attorneys for Plaintiff 12-25, 1-1, 8

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG
IN THE PROBATE COURT

Case No.: 2025-ES-42-02111

In re: Kelvin Level Broadhurst, Sr. AKA Kelvin Le'vel Broadhurst, Sr.: Kelvin L. Broadhurst, Jr., Petitioner, vs.

Cedric Broadhurst, Michael Broadhurst, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING, BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST Kelvin Level Broadhurst, Sr. AKA Kelvin Le'vel Broadhurst, Sr., DECEASED (including all unknown minors; all unknown persons under other legal disability; all unknown defendants in the military service, Respondents.

Summons and Notice of Hearing

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition in this action, filed on December 4, 2025 at the Spartanburg County Probate Court, 180 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Petition on the Petitioner's attorney, MacPhail Law Firm, LLC, at Post Office Box 6321, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304 within thirty (30) days after the service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Petition within the time aforesaid, the Petitioner in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition.

To minors over fourteen years of age, and/or to minors under fourteen years of age and the persons with whom the minors reside, and/or 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 service of this summons and notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the summons and petition.

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Notice of Filing of Summons and Complaint

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

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TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE

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to the Estate of W.E. Mitchell distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of W.E. Mitchell and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Jay Hammatt; David E Gibson, DEFENDANT(S)

Summons and Notice of

Filing of Complaint

(Non-Jury Mortgage Foreclosure)

Deficiency Waived

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Foundation Legal Group, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master-in-Equity/Special Referee for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-in-Equity/Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

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YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court on November 14, 2025.

Notice to Appoint Attorney

for Defendant(s) in

Military Service

TO UNKNOWN OR NAMED DEFENDANTS THAT MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALL BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED that Plaintiff's attorney has applied for the appointment of an attorney to represent you. If you fail to apply for the appointment of an attorney to represent you within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you Plaintiff's appointment will be made absolute with no further action from Plaintiff.

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s/ Gregory Wooten

Dated: December 18, 2025

John S. Kay (S.C. Bar No. 7914)

Ashley Z. Stanley (S.C. Bar No. 74854)

Alan Stewart (S.C. Bar No. 15576)

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Petitioner,

vs.

Kevin W. Crowe, Teresa L. Urick, Personal Representative of the Estate of Gregory A. Pruitt, Jeffrey Pruitt and Jeremy Pruitt, Respondents.

Summons

To: Kevin W. Crowe:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition herein, the original of which was filed in the Spartanburg County Probate Court on December 19, 2025, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Petition on the subscribers at their offices at Spartanburg, SC, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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Estate: Lewis Allen Hostetler
Date of Death: January 16, 2024
Case Number: 2025ES4201857
Personal Representative:
Billy Watson
245 Suber Lane
Union, SC 29379
1-8, 15, 22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES
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Estate: Ronnie Edward Lemmons
Date of Death: October 14, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4201847
Personal Representative:
Roy Lemmons
6372 Highway 178 South
Ninety Six, SC 29666
1-8, 15, 22

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Estate: Jeannette Wallace McCormick
Date of Death: October 4, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4201865
Personal Representatives:
Renae McCormick
406 Dellwater Way
Spartanburg, SC 29306 AND
Jeffrey McCormick
101 Gable Court
Spartanburg, SC 29307
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Estate: Jennifer Christine Faulstich
Date of Death: July 25, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4202191
Personal Representative:
Werner Faulstich
497 NW Gables Glen
Lake City, FL 32055
Atty: Shana William Rogers
Post Office Drawer 5587
Spartanburg, SC 29304
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Estate: Deborah Eugenia Morgan
Date of Death: October 4, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4201812
Personal Representative:
Alicia S. Greene
232 Julia Ann Court
Springfield, TN 37172
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Estate: June Maness Cecil
Date of Death: July 24, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4202190
Personal Representative:
Debra J. Matthews
1907 Priveille Road
Gilbert, SC 29054
Atty: Michal Cooper Jones
905 Old Cherokee Road
Lexington, SC 29072
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Estate: Harold Wayne Dolezal
Date of Death: July 3, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4201505
Personal Representative:
Connie Sue Dolezal
176 Harbrooke Circle
Greer, SC 29651
Atty: Lauren E. Ward
1989 South Pine Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
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Estate: Patricia Ann Stewart
Date of Death: March 9, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4202204
Personal Representative:
737 Cemetery Street
Mayfield, PA 18433
Atty: William Ray Massey
Post Office Box 519
Aiken, SC 29802-0519
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Estate: Walter Jay Sunderlin
Date of Death: November 20, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4202202
Personal Representative:
Marilyn P. Sunderlin
116 Bay Tree Court
Inman, SC 29349
1-8, 15, 22

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Estate: Laurence D. Morda
AKA Larry D. Morda
Date of Death: October 26, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4202211
Personal Representative:
737 Cemetery Street
Mayfield, PA 18433
Atty: Jose F. Albert
360 E. Henry Street, Suite 101
Spartanburg, SC 29302
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Estate: Teri Ann Penik
Date of Death: October 18, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4201876
Personal Representative:
Kenneth J. Penik
2019 Moore Duncan Highway
Moore, SC 29369
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Estate: Marion Wayne Reid
Date of Death: August 28, 2025
Case Number: 2025ES4201869
Personal Representative:
Melissa Sarratt
817 Fairview Road
Greer, SC 29651
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Estate: Arel Wayne Underwood
AKA Wayne Arvel Underwood, was delivered to me and filed December 15, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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2025ES4202193

The Will of Richard Gary Lytle, was delivered to me and filed December 15, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2025ES4202192

The Will of Arvel Wayne Underwood AKA Wayne Arvel Underwood, was delivered to me and filed December 11, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2025ES4201411

The Will of Ethel A. Elmore, was delivered to me and filed August 7, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2025ES4202237

The Will of Betty Jean Jolley Connor, was delivered to me and filed December 29, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2025ES4202207

The Will of Marsha Lynn A. Gregory, was delivered to me and filed December 22, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2025ES4202187

The Will of Julia Elizabeth Genoble Boyer AKA Julia Elizabeth Betty Genoble Boyer, was delivered to me and filed December 18, 2025. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
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2026 New Year outlook: Three ways to win in business when the rules are changing

(State Point) Unprecedented. That's the consensus for the 2025 economy.

Business leaders navigated supply chain challenges, geopolitical tensions, technology disruptions, economic uncertainty and government shutdown. It's natural they look toward 2026 with concern.

According to Wells Fargo Commercial Banking, having weathered 2025 affords an opportunity for decision-makers who prioritize resilience, innovation and talent development.

Here are three ways your business can tap into 2026 opportunities:

1. Stress Test

While the goal should always be to increase resiliency and mitigate weakness, these pursuits should especially be a priority during economic uncertainty. To stay competitive, companies must understand their current strengths and weaknesses and also precisely anticipate

opportunities and risks. Conduct a series of best/worst/probable simulations to model budgeting impacts, and stress test your credit facility's structure to ensure they meet potential needs.

Using these insights to drive dynamic cash flow strategies and assess organizational agility can enable your company to respond swiftly by activating strategic, operational and financial levers. For example, exploring financing options like asset-based lending can help an asset-rich company preserve cash flow and secure working capital, enabling you to make strategic decisions rather than reacting to urgent demands.

For companies seeking to prepare and strategically position themselves, self-evaluation through simulation is not a nice-to-have. It's a must-have.

2. Innovate Intentionally

Innovation — especially through AI and automation — is a priority for more

than 70% of commercial businesses nationwide, according to a survey from Bain & Company. McKinsey reports that over 62% are piloting AI agents while 80% are looking to increase efficiency through AI initiatives, according to Deloitte.

Despite this enthusiasm, management that doesn't carefully align innovation investment with operational goals, risks hindering organizational progress.

Strategic Storage Growth Trust III acquires three self-storage facilities in Spartanburg County

Edited by Bobby Dailey
Jr. for The Spartan Weekly News

Strategic Storage Growth Trust III Inc. has acquired three self-storage facilities in Spartanburg County, expanding its footprint in the Upstate.

The private real estate investment trust, sponsored by an affiliate of SmartStop Self Storage REIT Inc., announced the purchase of the three-property portfolio totaling about 179,900 net rentable square feet. The facilities include approximately 1,580 storage units, most of them climate-controlled, along with about 120 parking spaces. The properties were acquired through Delaware statutory trusts.

The facilities are located in suburban areas with established residential development, strong traffic counts and population growth, according to the company.

One facility is located at 112 McCullugh Road in Boiling Springs and includes about 53,500 net rentable square feet, 450 storage units and 66 park-



ing spaces. The site offers a mix of climate-controlled interior units and drive-up units and is visible to an estimated 33,000 vehicles per day.

A second property, at 899 E. Main St. in Spartanburg, consists of five one-story buildings with about 50,300 net rentable square feet and 410 units. The facility includes both climate-controlled and drive-up units and is located near downtown Spartanburg and surrounding infill development.

The third facility, located at 1640 John B. White Sr. Blvd., features a three-story building with approx-

imately 76,100 net rentable square feet, 720 climate-controlled units and 55 parking spaces. It serves residential areas on the west side of Spartanburg and nearby communities.

H. Michael Schwartz, chief executive officer of Strategic Storage Growth Trust III, said the acquisitions align with the company's strategy of investing in self-storage properties in growing secondary markets.

"Spartanburg benefits from strong demographic growth, expanding residential development and favorable demand drivers," Schwartz said. "These fac-

tors position the portfolio for continued performance and long-term value."

Strategic Storage Growth Trust III, Inc. ("SSGT III") is a Maryland corporation that elected to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. SSGT III's primary investment strategy is to invest in growth-oriented self-storage facilities and related self-storage real estate investments in the United States and Canada. As of December 18, 2025, SSGT III has a portfolio of ten operating properties in the United States, comprising approximately 7,740 units and 835,175 net rentable

square feet; five operating properties in Canada, comprising approximately 3,180 units and 326,190 net rentable square feet; and joint venture interests in three developments in two Canadian provinces (Québec and British Columbia). In addition, Blue Door Asset Management I, a subsidiary of SSGT III, serves as the sponsor of three Delaware Statutory Trusts, which currently own eight operating properties in the United States comprising approximately 5,420 units and 697,400 net rentable square feet. Additional information regarding SmartStop is available at www.smartstopselfstorage.com.

SmartStop Self Storage

The Great Timing Debate: Should I claim Social Security early or late?

(StatePoint) Retirees become eligible to claim Social Security benefits at age 62, but the timing of when you claim can drastically impact your benefit amount. Still, when to claim will be entirely dependent on your unique situation. As you approach retirement, it's important to understand the impact that timing has on your benefits.

"The timing of when you elect to receive your Social Security benefits warrants thoughtful consideration," said Rich Guerrini, head of PNC Wealth Management. "This decision can significantly influence not only the total benefits you receive, but also the trajectory of your investment income, your tax obligations, and even your healthcare premiums."

How Your Benefit is Calculated

Your benefits are based on your top 35 years of earnings, adjusted to account for changes in wages from the year they were earned. The Social Security Administration then applies a formula to those figures to arrive at your specific benefit amount at full retirement age (FRA), also referred to as your primary insurance amount (PIA).

There are three options for when to claim your



benefits: claim early, claim

at your FRA, or claim at age 70. Each comes with its own benefits and risks.

Claim at age 62

You can begin claiming your benefits as early as age 62, but your benefits will be permanently reduced. Still, there are instances when claiming early makes sense:

- You're in poor health – The benefit of receiving Social Security early may be worth it, particularly if you're unsure if you'll live beyond your break-even point;
- You're maximizing

benefits with a spouse – Timing your claim to Social Security with your spouse can help you maximize a long-term benefit, while fulfilling cash flow needs in the present;

- You no longer want to work – The lifestyle benefits of not working may outweigh a larger future financial benefit from Social Security; or

- You want to preserve assets with growth potential – Claiming Social Security early may preserve investment or savings accounts.

Claim at your full

retirement age

The primary benefit of waiting until your FRA is that you are then entitled to 100% of your benefits, without possibility of reductions over time. Your FRA for purposes of Social Security is based on the year you were born. For those born between 1943-1954, their FRA is 66. For those born between 1955-1959, their FRA is 66 + 2 months for every year after 1954 until 1960. For those born 1960 and later, their FRA is 67.

- You have other forms of income – You may realize tax benefits from pulling from sources such as retirement accounts or savings;

- You're still working – Working beyond your FRA may allow you to meet lifestyle expenses while increasing your future benefit; or

Delay your claim to age 70

- You're concerned about spousal or survivor benefits – When you delay claiming your Social Security, your spouse may be entitled to a larger spousal benefit and/or survivor's benefit as well.

Further, cost-of-living-adjustments (COLA) begin giving your potential benefit a boost at age 62 – and that boost will continue to compound every year you delay making your claim.

Tax and Other Impacts

Generally, your Social Security income will be tax dependent on your "combined income," which factors in gross income, nontaxable interest earned, and half of your Social Security income.

Potential effects on health-care premiums should also be factored in.

Additional insights can be found by visiting www.pnc.com.

While the question of when to claim Social Security benefits will be unique to your individual financial situation, it's a decision that warrants careful consideration – and potentially even a professional opinion.

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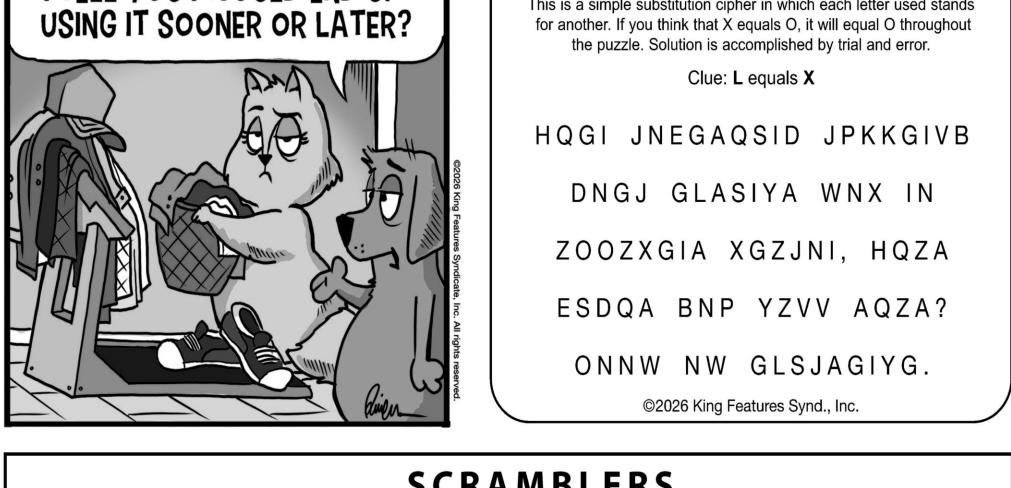


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Just Like Cats & Dogs



by Dave T. Phipps

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals X

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D N G J G L A S I Y A W N X I N
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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