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Brooks outlines bounce-back to LCDC board

By Vic MacDonald
Editor

The City of Clinton is asking for a partnership with the LCDC in a bounce-back project for the Uptown area, following the Aug. 27 devastating fire.

"It was every town's worst nightmare," City Manager Tom Brooks told the Laurens County Development Corporation's board, meeting Tuesday at the Center for Advanced Manufacturing in Laurens. The City is proposing that the Clinton Economic De-

velopment Corporation invest \$250,000 and the LCDC invest \$250,000 in a parking lot that will facilitate the \$5.8 Million development of the Industrial Supply Building into apartments.

"We need some good news," Brooks said of the half million dollar investment, "and that is what I was hoping to get today."

The LCDC board, composed of business and education leaders from throughout Laurens County, is doing its due dili-

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RE-FILL -- Renno Volunteer Fireman Donnie Morgan refilling firetrucks as fast as they arrived at his station in front old Clinton High School. Over 1,500,000 gallons of water were used as Water Treatment Plant pumped out 1,000 gallons per minute, to fight the Aug. 27 fire that destroyed four buildings in Uptown Clinton. - Rev. H. Wayne Morgan Photo



Tom Brooks, Clinton city manager, stands at the microphone and projection board in a conference room of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing, during the Sept. 17 meeting of the Laurens County Development Corporation's board of directors. He asked for \$250,000 to help a Clinton bounce-back project. - Photo by Vic MacDonald

County will sell land at Clinton gateway area to unnamed firm

By Vic McDonald
Editor

Laurens County Council is moving forward a land sale at one of the gateway intersections into the City of Clinton, and also may reconsider an ordinance specific to shooting fireworks, which was voted down on first reading at the previous council meeting.

At its Sept. 9 meeting, the Council adopted on the second of three readings an ordinance that would sell to Project Act III 24.07 acres near Sterilite for \$120,000. Council Member Diane Anderson abstained from the vote because the actual name of the company buying the land was not disclosed.

That is typical for an industrial prospect – withholding the name until third and final reading for competitive reasons – but Council Chairman Brown Patterson indicated this is not an industry. He said the business has not asked the Laurens County Development Corporation to submit a FILOT application (fee in lieu of taxes), so that would indicate it's a commercial project and not entitled

to industrial incentives and tax breaks.

It will be located near the Gary Street / Charlottes Road intersection – there is a railroad spur there under county maintenance – and Anderson said that is a "gateway" into the City of Clinton. Anderson said, "That's a main road leading into Clinton, so I don't want it to be just anything. I want it to be clean."

The business has multiple locations in the Upstate, the council was told. The ordinance includes streetscaping and buffers for the site, the council was told.

After second reading approval, the project moves to third and final reading, and a public hearing.

In another discussion, council revived the prospect of adopting an ordinance specific to fireworks, and how people shooting fireworks near homes, farms and ranches could be fined. Council voted the ordinance down previously on first reading. Council Member Kemp Younts was a "no" vote so under parliamentary rules, he could offer the measure up again for reconsideration. Mem-

bers who voted "no" generally said it's a property rights issue and there are ordinances on the books now (noise, disorderly conduct) that could address shooting fireworks late into the evening or early in the morning.

Patterson said he would welcome input from the Sheriff's Office on how a separate fireworks ordinance could be enforced; farm and ranch owners in Northern Laurens County, who are being crowded by subdivisions, complained to the council that July 4th was the worst for fireworks scaring and allegedly injuring horses. The matter was referred to the criminal justice and safety committee.

Council Vice-Chairman Jeff Carrol said, "The last fireworks ordinance was not ready for primetime. I voted 'no' because it seemed like we were not willing to negotiate. I'm looking forward to discussing the ordinance."

Patterson said the Sheriff's Office would be "prompt and firm" responding to safety issues within the community and "will do everything to protect children and

people in Laurens County."

The next regular council meeting will be Oct. 14. The council will have a called meeting Sept. 23 to discuss awarding local community grants – the county has received 26 applications for the \$1.4 Million it has designated for the grants, and the applications range in dollars amounts from \$2,500 to \$800,000.

The applications have been made into booklets provided to each council member for review.

In other business, council discussed but took no action on a suggestion to establish a second community service-recognition award as an alternative to the Henry Laurens Award, the county's highest award; gave third and final reading to a new Comprehensive Plan; conducted a public hearing and gave final reading to an ordinance assigning the former Watts Mill land, now annexed into the City of Laurens, into an industrial/business park so it can be developed into a \$50 Million residential development – this is

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At the September 10, 2024, monthly meeting of the Copeland-Davidson Clinton Post 56, Laurens County School District 56 employee Cindy Jacobs was honored for her assistance at the recent Boys/Girls State Banquet. Jacobs, Child Nutrition Director and 56 Conference Center Scheduler, was awarded Letters of Appreciation by both Post 56 and Auxiliary Unit 56 for her “above the call of duty” efforts for her participation in the very successful banquet. Presenting the awards were Commander Rossi Hanna and Auxiliary President Jane Hanna.



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Sept. 27 - Laurens County DSS Provider Fair, 9 am - noon at Piedmont Tech, 663 Medical Ridge Rd., Clinton.



Agriculture & Gardening - Armyworms on the March

The Extension Service has been receiving reports of Fall Armyworms South Carolina for some time. Recently we began seeing them in Laurens County in forage and hay crops, just last week we also began receiving calls about armyworms in some lawns in the area.

Armyworms do not over-winter in South Carolina, but instead spend the winter on the Gulf Coast. In the summer they begin moving North, eating and multiplying as they move. Over time they reach South Carolina, and in many years they will eventually reach Laurens County. We do have armyworms most years in our county, but many times the numbers are small enough to be of little real concern. This year, however, the numbers are large enough to cause problems, and with multiple life cycles in a year meaning another “wave” of armyworms will be in the area in September, some caution and scouting is justified in the field and in the

lawn and garden.

According to Clemson Entomology, Soils, and Plant Sciences Department factsheets, the favorite foods of the fall armyworm are native grasses such as Bermudagrass and Johnsongrass. Crab grass seems to fall into this category also. When the armyworms exhaust their preferred food source, they will move to other sources, such as fescue and some vegetable or field crops. The greenish or brownish caterpillars grow to one and one-third inches long, and can be identified by an inverted “Y” on the head and three yellowish-white stripes down the back. There is no preventative treatment for armyworms, since their adult stage is a flying moth.

Many of us will not see any armyworms in our lawns this summer. If you should find an armyworm in your lawn, don’t panic! These creatures cause damage when they are present in large numbers. Two or three in the

lawn is not a cause for immediate action, but a reminder to keep an eye on things daily. The time to treat for armyworms in the lawn is when you find three or more 0.5 inch or larger armyworms in a one square foot area. There are several good treatment options for the home lawn that work well on them and are labelled for use in the lawn. Follow label directions of the insecticide if used to ensure proper, safe application. Clemson’s Home and Garden Information Center has an armyworm factsheet with insecticide recommendations:

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/armyworms/>

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gence. It is asking its Finance Committee to examine the corporation’s Reinvestment Fund to see, first, if it has \$250,000 and, second, if that fund could be replenished in a timely manner. The finance committee scheduled a meeting for this past Monday.

Board Member, and Laurens County Council Member representing Clinton, David Tribble made a motion to appropriate the money; but Board Member, and County Council Chairman, Brown Patterson made a superseding motion for the financial study - Patterson’s motion was accepted by the full board.

“This building is right in the heart of our town, and I’ve never loved it the way it is,” Tribble said, of the need to see the Industrial Supply Building renovated.

Some board members expressed reservations, saying the idea was “sprung on” them and expressing doubt that they could provide full support with the full financial data. “I don’t know what other questions we can answer,” Brooks said.

Clinton businessman Chip Cooper, who owns a quarter interest in the idea of bringing 21 new apartments to Uptown Clinton, said time is of the essence since the project has been about a year in the making, and investors could look elsewhere if there appears to be foot-dragging. Patterson said he did want not to table Tribble’s motion because that would send the signal that the money proposal could not move forward until the board’s November meeting.

This way, the finance commit-

tee will amass data, and it will be transmitted electronically to board members who then also could vote electronically, yes or no. The last time Clinton made a request of this size for a public project was of the County Council for money to develop Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy parking lots, also in the Uptown/North Broad Street area.

Cooper said the evening of the fire he texted his partners to say, “now is the time” to move forward and give Clinton a shot in the arm.

The Aug. 27 fire displaced four businesses — the entire block was saved because PC brought its former bookstore on Musgrove Street up to modern fire codes earlier in the 2000s, and installed a firewall - and one business has now re-opened, Family Eye Care, (Next Page)

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Business

J&P Park, Inc. expands Greenwood County operations; \$750,000 investment will create 50 new jobs

J&P Park, Inc. (J&P Park), a portfolio of brands providing consumers with gardening, hobby-based, restoration and homebrewing products, announced that it is expanding its Greenwood County operations with the recent acquisition of Northern Brewer, a leader in homebrewing. J&P Park's \$750,000 investment is expected to create 50 new jobs.

With deep roots in South Carolina, J&P Park has been a cornerstone of the community for many years, particularly through its brand, Park Seed. Founded in Pennsylvania in 1868, Park Seed is one of the oldest and largest mail-order seed and plant companies in the U.S. The company relocated to Greenwood County in 1924 and completed construction of its current campus in 1961. In addition to Park Seed and Northern Brewer, J&P Park is also home to other well-known brands such as Jackson & Perkins, Wayside Gardens and Van Dyke's Restorers.

The 15,000-square-foot expansion will enable J&P Park to relocate Northern Brewer's Minnesota operations to J&P Park's main campus located at 3507 Cokesbury Road in Hodges. The project will increase inventory storage for picking, packing and fulfilling e-commerce orders of Northern Brewer's homebrewing supplies which include top-quality ingredients and equipment.

Operations for Northern Brewer are

already online in Greenwood. Individuals interested in joining the J&P Park team should contact lesley.rose@parkseed.com.

QUOTES

"We are incredibly excited to expand our operations in Greenwood County, a community that has been the heart of our company for nearly a century. This investment reflects our deep commitment to this region and our belief in its potential for continued growth. We look forward to creating new opportunities for local residents and continuing to be a proud part of Greenwood County's future." -J&P Park President and CEO Kelly Funk

"With an investment that will create 50 new jobs, J&P Park continues to make an impact on the Greenwood County community. We are proud to see a company with such a longstanding history in our state continue to find success, and we look forward to a lasting partnership." -Gov. Henry McMaster

"J&P Park's growth is a testament to the enduring strength of our local economy and the skilled workforce here in Greenwood County. With a century of history in Greenwood, J&P Park is truly a cornerstone of our community and one that continues to relocate business acquisitions to its Hodges campus from other parts of the country. This expansion, creating 50 new jobs, not only highlights their deep roots but also reinforces our shared commitment to building a thriving future together."

-Greenwood County Council Chairman Chuck Moates

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in the next block up on Musgrove Street.

The new apartments were cast as an answer to some inadequate housing concerns — PC graduate students, nurses and physicians at the Laurens County Hospital, new industries hiring new workers - within the greater Clinton area.

"It's not all about building industrial parks," Brooks said.

"Industrial parks ARE important, believe me, we're trying to build one but (when new industries come in) where are (workers) going to live?"

Cooper said his grandfather started a business in 1938 in the Industrial Supply Building. The proposal for apartments ties parking for the tenants with city parking in an arrangement whereby the city will buy back the entire parking lot. That will have to wait until full construction is done, because it wouldn't make sense to pave the parking lot until all construction equipment is removed from the area. Cooper also has purchased a former gas station, that was in the process of being developed into a sports bar, that sits beside the Industrial Supply Building - that was to ensure proper egress for the proposed, large parking lot.

This building and an adjacent, city parking lot are two blocks away from the Musgrove Street fire location.

The City of Clinton also has a building under contract for development at the corner of North Broad and West Main streets, and has torn down a condemned building nearby with the aim of developing a pocket park.

Behind the small park is a narrow street, Wall Street, that also may undergo revitalization by a

developer.

Cooper said one the buildings that burned, the House of Pizza, which he had remodeled in the early 2000s, was "an incredible building." It used to be Roses 5 & Dime, and before that, The Beehive mercantile store.

The LCDC board members did not generally object to providing the parking lot money.

But they were concerned about the "vote now" aspects of the presentation and wanted to be sure the funds tapped could be replenished in a timely manner, and were not to be tied up indefinitely.

Initial information was that, after money already designated for projects, there is about \$400,000 in the Reinvestment Fund, and committing \$250,000 would bring that fund for countywide, infrastructure investments down to \$150,000.

There was no clear answer as to when addition-

al money would be going into the Reinvestment Fund. Remodeling Industrial Supply into the apartments likely will take 8 to 10 months, the board was told.

In addition to the proposed new apartments, Clinton has built a splash pad in nearby Vance Park. A new Clinton Public Library will open soon, funded by the Capital Projects Sales Tax. And the city will be looking for grant funds to repave an adjacent lot, where the city has Food Trucks Monday and other events.

However, Brooks said, it is unclear how long it will take to bring back to full capacity the business corridor on Musgrove Street.

Dealing with 5 insurance companies, a SLED investigation, the Governor's Office and FEMA, Brooks said, "There is no direct path of funding. We're going to have to get creative."

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Keurig Dr Pepper continues growing Spartanburg County operations

Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP), a leading producer of hot and cold beverages, announced the continued growth of its state-of-the-art, single serve coffee roasting and manufacturing operations in Spartanburg County. The company's \$141 million investment will create 84 new jobs.

KDP's beverage portfolio consists of 125 iconic brands including carbonated and non-carbonated beverages such as Dr Pepper, Canada Dry, Mott's, Snapple and Core Hydration, as well as the Keurig brewing system, with leading owned brands Green Mountain Coffee Roasters and The Original Donut Shop. The company's existing Spartanburg County facility, which broke ground in 2019 with continued development announced in October 2023, produces K-Cup pods and currently employs approximately 285 people, with additional hiring underway.

KDP's new site is located at 3220 Moore Duncan Highway in Moore, which is northwest of Clinton, just beyond Woodruff.

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Mrs. Virginia Moore Celebrates her 95th birthday

Mrs. Moore celebrated her 95th birthday on Sunday, September 4, at her home. Among guests were a small gathering of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is the mother of eight children: Thomas Jr., Cleofus, James Archibald, Barbara, and Philip Moore (Deceased are David, George Leslie, and Darnell Moore). Mrs. Moore continues to worship at her church each Sunday, New Bethel AME and seeks to make heaven her home.



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Sept. 26 - Artist's Coop Fall Juried Show reception and awards, 111 W. Public Square, Laurens. Info, 864-984-9359.

Sept. 27 - Laurens County DSS Provider Fair, 9 am - noon at Piedmont Tech, 663 Medical Ridge Rd., Clinton.

Oct. 1 - The Laurens Police Department invites everyone to come join us on the square for National Night Out!

October 1, 2024
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

If any vendors have not signed up and would like to, please reach out us via email at blee@cityoflaurens.com or agore@cityoflaurens.com.

For any additional information, please give us a call at 864-984-3532.

Volunteers Needed to Help Local Abused and Neglected Children
Laurens - The Cass

Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program, a division of the South Carolina Department of Children's Advocacy is offering FREE ONLINE TRAINING to those interested in becoming a volunteer Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in Laurens County. Volunteers advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children who are involved in Family Court legal proceedings through the Department of Social Services (DSS).

There are only 2 free virtual training opportunities remaining this year beginning on October 1, 2024, and October 28, 2024.

Volunteers should be at least 21 years old, have a clean criminal record, no previous DSS case history, and be able to contribute four to five hours a month of your time for a child. Currently the Laurens GAL Program is serving 183 children, but there are only 19 volunteer GALs to assist. While GAL staff fill in the gaps, the need for more volunteers is urgent. "We're always looking for dedicated individuals who are passionate about advocating for children," says LaDara Depugh, Director of the South Carolina GAL program.

Visit gal.sc.gov for more information and to download an application. Follow @Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program on Facebook or contact communications@childadvocate.sc.gov to be added to the newsletter for updates and local events in your area. Contact Erin Petrella, Regional Recruiter and Trainer for the GAL program, at (864) 381-3725 or Erin.Petrella@childadvocate.sc.gov for more information.

Oct. 2 - Volunteers are needed for the Laurens County Mass Casualty Exercise, at Sawmill Training Complex & Gulches Off-road Vehicle Park. Contact: Josh Doshier, 864-927-4409, jdoshier@co.laurens.sc.us or Katie Setzer at Kaite@setzer.me

Oct. 13 - 2024 Laurens County Military Hall of Heroes, 3 pm at Presbyterian College. Info: 864-984-4041.

Oct. 19 - Fall Festival at Joanna Park, corner of Ellis & Pickens St., 10 am - 2 pm - music, vendors, food, kids' activities, car show and more, presented by the Joanna Festival Committee.

Oct. 26 - Laurens County Humane Society Fundraiser & Auction, 6 pm at the Cotton Loft in Clinton, \$75. Great food, great fellowship, great cause - auction, silent auction is during dinner, live auction begins at 7 pm, enjoy a delectable spread of food catered by Star Chappell, casual attire, cash bar.

Nov. 2 - Fall Festival at Joe Adair Center in Laurens, 10 am - 2 pm, looking for vendors and community groups.

Nov. 2 - Laurens County Community Business Expo is hosted by Bluford's Healthcare & Associates, Do Damage Sporting Company, & Dance South.

The Laurens County Community Business Expo is an event designed to bring together local businesses, community members, and organizations in a vibrant showcase of products, services, and resources on Saturday, November 2, at Dance South from 11 am to 2 pm.

NOV. 7 -- Laurens County Chamber of

Commerce Fan Challenge Oyster Roast, live & silent auction, tickets on sale now.

Nov. 20 - Broad Street Antiques and Vintage Finds will be hosting the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce for an Open House, 5 - 7 pm. You are invited to come and meet friends and neighbors and possibly start your Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping.

REGIONAL GREENWOOD - The community is invited to join the Lander University Wind Ensemble for its first performance of the 2024-25 season Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Josephine B. Abney Cultural Center Auditorium at Lander. This event is free and open to the public.

About the Event:
The first concert in the Wind Ensemble's 2024-25 series is devoted to different styles of dance music. Featured selections include "Danse Macabre," "Ballet Parisian" and "Suite of Old American Dances." This year, the ensemble welcomes many new students, both as music majors and non-major ensemble participants, who join many returning members.

Clinton will name a new police chief

Chief Sonny Ledda will be retiring from the City of Clinton as Chief of Police, effective October 4, 2024.

Having been in law enforcement for over 25 years, Chief Ledda is turning in his badge, for good this time.

"It has been the honor of my professional life to serve friends, family, and the community of Clinton," Ledda said. "I thank the professional law enforcement community that has given me the opportunity to grow as a professional to better serve our community."

Chief Ledda started at the City of Clinton in 1999 and left in 2012, merely to come back in 2018 as Chief. He was previously the Police Chief in Bishopville and the City of Laurens before becoming the Police Chief in Clinton. He has attended the SC Fire Academy, Narcotics Commander School, FBI Command College, FBI National Academy, Southern Police Institute, Furman University (Riley Fellow), FEMA Professional Development, and Harvard (Kennedy School of Government).

Ledda has been an active leader in not only Clinton but Laurens as well. Believing that commitment to community involvement is a key aspect of being a law enforcement professional, Ledda has been active in Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, Laurens County SAFE Home, Little League, United Way, Boy Scouts of America, VFW,

American Legion and the NAACP.

"I am grateful to my friends, family and coworkers that have supported me in this 25-year journey of law enforcement," Ledda said. "While I am retiring from law enforcement, I am looking forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Laurens County.

While not openly saying where he will be going, Chief Ledda has hinted that his working days are far from over and his service to the citizens of Laurens County will continue.

"I appreciate Chief Barker and Mayor Myra Nichols for first giving me the opportunity to come and work in a city that has molded me as not only a law enforcement officer but also encourages me to become a better person," Ledda said. "My favorite quote is from Martin Luther King Jr., 'the arch of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice'."

Laresha Dowdy, for golaurens.com

2024 Tax Levy
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County	Wide	Special School Bonds	School	Education Colleges	LCWSC	Fire Dist.	Fire Capital	Fire Bond	Total
Laurens #55X	100.75	167.5	55	2.0					325.25
Clinton 55 D125					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Clinton 55X D125						23.45	2.47	1.0	352.17
Cr. Hill 55 D121					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Durbin 55 D101					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Ft. Inn 55 D700					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Gray Ct. 55 D131					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Gray Ct. In. 55X D132					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Greenpond 55 D211					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	352.17
Greenpond 55 3D211					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Hickory T. 55 D141					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Laurens 55 D711					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Laurens 55X D711					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Laurens 55 4D711					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	352.17
Mountville 55 D161					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Sandy Spr. 55 D201					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Western La. 55 D181					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Youngs 55 D191					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	355.17
Laurens #56X	100.75	167.5	75	2.0					345.25
Clinton 56 D125					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Clinton 56X D125						23.45	2.47	1.0	372.17
Clinton 56 BD125					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Clinton 56X BD125						23.45	2.47	1.0	372.17
Cr. Hill 56 D121					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Cr. Hill In. 56 D122					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Joanna 56 D151					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Laurens 56 D711					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Mountville 56 D161					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Renno 56 D221					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Renno 56X D221						23.45	2.47	1.0	372.17
Sandy Spr. 56 D201					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.17
Ware Shoals #51	100.75	231.2	11.7	2.0	3.0				348.65
Hickory T. 51 D141					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.57
Waterloo 51 D711					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.57
Western La. 51 D181					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.57
Western La. 51 BD181					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	375.57
Greenville #52X	100.75	158.2	51.0	2.0					311.95
Durbin 52 D101					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	341.87
Ft. Inn 52 D700					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	341.87
Ft. Inn 52X D700						23.45	2.47	1.0	338.87
Greenpond 52 D711					3.0	23.45	2.47	1.0	341.87

Laurens City.....123.5 Mills
Clinton City.....131.3 Mills
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Death & Funerals



Ercell Jackson Sigman
JOHNSTON - Ercell Jackson Sigman, 87, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and loving wife of Walter Sigman Jr. passed peacefully surrounded by family on September 16, 2024.
 Ercell was born in Johnston, SC, as the daughter

of the late Nellie and Clyde Jackson. She was a graduate from Johnston High School. Ercell was a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church where she enjoyed being a Sunday school teacher to many throughout her years. Ercell and Walt met at Mt. Calvary and were married there on August 31, 1958, by Walter Sigman Sr. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and doting Grandmother.

Ercell is survived by Walter, her husband of sixty-six years; sister, Rachel Williams (Roger Williams Jr.); children, Walter Eric Sigman (Tammy Sigman),

Cathey Sigman Warren (Keith Warren), Amy Sigman Crowder (Jimmy Crowder), Joel Augustus Sigman (Michelle Sigman); grandchildren, Gabriel Adam Sigman, Logan Augustus Crowder, Parker Jackson Crowder, Kathleen Nell Craven (Tyler Craven), EmmaLee Cathey Crowder; and five great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her parents, Nellie and Clyde; sister, Betty Ann Bailey (Tandy Bailey).

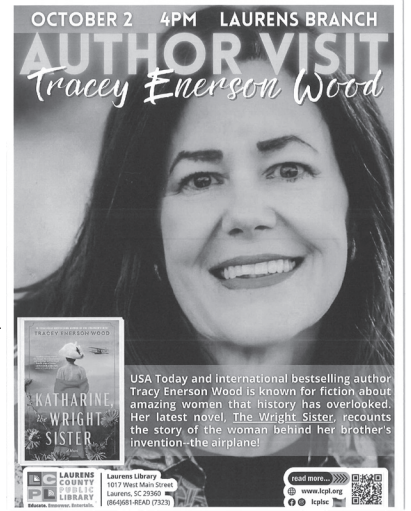
A 12:30 p.m. viewing in the vestibule of the church was followed by a service at 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024, in

memory of Ercell. Services took place at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 1186 Mt. Calvary Rd., Johnston, SC, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Mercantile Funeral Home Johnston Chapel. Please share a memory or photo at www.edgefield-mercantilefh.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church cemetery fund. Please email or call for more information mountcalvary@comporium.net or 803-685-7523.

Author Event: Tracy Enerson Wood

Laurens — The Laurens Library is honored to present author Tracy Enerson Wood, October 2 at 4 p.m. A USA Today and internationally best-selling writer, Ms. Wood's fiction brings history's amazing, but little known, women to the forefront. Her latest novel, Katherine, the Wright Sister, focuses on the mastermind behind her brothers' famous invention and the sacrifices she made so that others might fly.



Ms. Wood has written in many literary genres including screenplays, and non-fiction. She co-authored the anthology/cookbook Homefront Cooking, American Veterans Share Recipes, Wit, and Wisdom. All profits of that book are donated to organizations that support veterans.

This program is for adults, is free, and open to the public. For more information contact your local branch of the Laurens Public Library System.

Crime

MAKING SCHOOL THREATS CAN MEAN FACING CHARGES

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is aware of over 60 threats targeting schools throughout 23 counties since September 4, 2024.

These threats are extremely serious and will be treated as such.

Upon discovery of the threats, law enforcement officials worked diligently to secure schools and find those responsible. That work continues.

Many of the threats appear to be shared between students through social media or other digital messaging apps.

At this time, 21 juveniles have been charged in connection to these school threats in South Carolina.

"School threats are not a joke," said SLED Chief Mark Keel. "Law enforcement takes every threat seriously, and everyone needs to understand that there are serious consequences."

SLED's Behavioral Science Unit has been requested to assist with 6 school threat investigations, each in a different county.

SLED continues to work with local law enforcement, as well as state and federal partners.

Anyone with information regarding a school threat should continue to immediately report this information to local law enforcement. In an emergency, CALL 911.

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PREVIOUS:
 There is a death investigation underway on Georgia Acres Rd in Gray Court. This was an isolated incident and there is no danger to the public. More details to follow when possible.

Coroner Update:
 A victim was lethally shot at Georgia Acres Road, Gray Court 29645 yesterday afternoon.

He has been identified as Nigel Malik Smith, a 23-year-old male.

He has been sent out for an autopsy. This case is actively being investigated by Laurens County Sheriff's Office.



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an infrastructure agreement between Laurens County and CMP Watts Mill LLC and a master agreement governing the Downtown Laurens Multi-county Industrial or Business Park between Laurens County and Greenville County; and authorized improvements to Happy Valley Road and Durbin Road to facilitate greater traffic volume from the Durbin Meadows subdivision.

Council agreed to honor a request from the Town of Gray Court to terminate an agreement that has the county providing residential inspections, issuing building permits and doing building codes enforcement for the town. This allows the town to bring these functions "in-house," council was told. Streets in the new Fox Bank subdivision, near Gray Court-Owings Elementary School, will remain under the county's subdivision and roads ordinance.

Laurens County Council meetings are the second Monday of each month, 6 pm, at Bolt Dr., Laurens.

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Joe "The Train Man" Fuller is continuing to collect bottled water for future trips to hurricane-impacted areas of South Carolina. Bring cases of 16 oz bottled water to Broad Street United Methodist Church in Clinton or Firmin Ford in Laurens - the stockpile at BSUMC was used for firefighters during the Aug. 27 fire in Uptown Clinton, and now that stockpile is being replenished; 15 cases were received last week from donors.

Pigs are escaping during Squealin' ... help find them

Laurens - Low and behold, the Laurens County First Steps pigs are about to break out! This Little Piggy brought the news to Laurens County First Steps that our pigs are going to scatter and wallow about the Laurens Square during Squealin' on the Square October 4-5. Fortunately, they all have special collars on them, that tell the lucky finder how to help the pig find their way back to the LCFS booth during Squealin'. Bring the lost little pig back to the Laurens County First Steps booth during Squealin' on the Square. In return, you will receive a children's book that has been generously donated by the Toys for Tots Literacy Program. If you miss us, you are welcome to bring the pig and

collar to our office safely, located at 1029 West Main Street, Monday - Thursday from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. In return, you will receive a children's book that has been generously donated by the Toys for Tots Literacy Program. Help us get our pigs back so they can go wee wee wee all the way home! We would hate for them to be taken to market!

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FBI investigating shots fired near Trump as another assassination attempt

BY: ARIANA FIGUEROA
- SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 5:00 AM

WASHINGTON — The FBI is investigating an apparent assassination attempt against former President Donald Trump after gunshots were fired Sunday near Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Florida, where the GOP presidential nominee was playing golf.

The FBI said in a statement to States Newsroom the incident “appears to be an attempted assassination of former President Trump.” A male suspect is in custody, law enforcement officials said.

According to multiple media outlets, the suspect in custody is Ryan Routh, 58, whose address is Hawaii, though he’s lived in North Carolina for most of his life and last voted in person there in the Democratic primary earlier this year.

“President Trump is safe following gunshots in his vicinity. No further details at this time,” Steven Cheung, the Trump campaign’s communications director, said in a statement about 20 minutes after the incident occurred just before 2 p.m. Eastern. The FBI is taking a lead on investigating, said Jeffrey Veltri, the special agent in charge of the bureau’s Miami field office during a late afternoon press conference by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw told reporters that a Secret Service agent with Trump spotted a rifle coming out of bushes next to the golf course. “The Secret Service agent that was on the course did a fantastic job,” he said. “What they do is, they have an agent that jumps one hole ahead of time to where the president was at, and he was able to spot this rifle barrel, stickin’ out of the fence, and immediately engage that individual, at which time the individual took off.”

The suspect in the bushes had an AK-47 style rifle with a scope,

two backpacks filled with ceramic tile and a GoPro camera, Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw said a witness saw the suspect come out of the bushes and take off in a black Nissan. The witness took a picture of the license plate and local law enforcement officers were able to stop the vehicle in Martin County, which borders Palm Beach County.

“They spotted the vehicle and pulled it over and detained the guy,” Bradshaw said. Once the driver was detained, Bradshaw said the witness was able to identify the driver as “the person that he saw running out of the bushes that jumped into the car.”

Bradshaw said the suspect was about 300 to 500 yards away from Trump. “With a rifle and a scope like that, that’s not a long distance,” he said. Bradshaw did not provide more details about the suspect’s identity.

U.S. Secret Service spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said on social media prior to the press conference that “a protective incident” involving Trump occurred and that the Secret Service was investigating the incident with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. He also confirmed that Trump was safe. The private golf club is about 4 miles from Trump’s primary residence at Mar-a-Lago.

Reaction from Vance, Harris, Biden

The Republican vice presidential nominee, Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance, wrote on social media that he has spoken to Trump, who is “in good spirits.”

“Still much we don’t know, but I’ll be hugging my kids extra tight tonight and saying a prayer of gratitude,” Vance wrote.

Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, said on social media that she had been briefed and she is glad Trump is safe. “Violence has no place in America,” she said.

The White House said that President Joe Biden had also been briefed. “They are relieved to know that he is safe,” the White House said of Biden and Harris. “They will be kept regularly updated by their team.”

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, said in a statement that he applauded “the Secret Service for their quick response to ensure former President Trump’s safety.”

“There is no place in this country for political violence of any kind,” he said. “The perpetrator must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

The incident follows a July 13 assassination attempt of Trump during a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Congress set up a bipartisan task force to investigate that attempted assassination. The chair of the task force, U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly, Republican of Pennsylvania and the top Democrat, U.S. Rep. Jason Crow of Colorado released a joint statement, requesting a briefing from the Secret Service on the shooting in West Palm Beach “and how security responded.”

“We are thankful that the former President was not harmed, but remain deeply concerned about political violence and condemn it in all of its forms,” they wrote. “The Task Force will share updates as we learn more.”

U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce, an Ohio Republican and a member of the task force investigating that incident, said on social media “with continued threats against Trump, it is critical to remain dedicated to our work on the Task Force to Investigate the Attempted Assassination of President Trump.”

Harris tears into Trump over abortion rights and race in tense presidential debate

BY: ASHLEY MURRAY AND JACOB FISCHLER -
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Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump touted policy proposals and traded barbs last Tuesday during a presidential debate packed with promises to revive America’s economy and riddled with Trump’s falsehoods about abortion, the 2020 election results and immigration.

The debate at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia hosted by ABC News just 56 days before the election was also notable as the first exchange between the candidates since President Joe Biden exited the race weeks after his botched debate performance in late June.

It is the only debate the campaigns have agreed to before the November election, although the Harris camp afterward suggested they’re ready for another and Fox News offered to host it in October.

The night began with Democratic nominee Harris crossing the stage to initiate a handshake and introducing herself to Trump, the GOP candidate. The two had never before met.

But the back-and-forth quickly grew contentious, as Trump blasted Harris’ record as vice president under President Joe Biden, and Harris said Trump was unfit to be president for myriad reasons. The two did not shake hands at the close.

Harris portrayed herself as a champion of the middle class. She presented a hopeful vision of the country that she sought to contrast with what she described as Trump’s self-centered vision that included attacks on the country’s democratic traditions and people of color.

“I am actually the only person on this stage who has a plan that is about lifting up the middle class and working people of America,” she said. “I believe in the ambition, the aspirations, the dreams of the American people.”

The vice president lambasted Trump as “extreme” and sought to tie him to the ultraconservative Project 2025, with which he denied an association. Harris also underscored the numerous legal cases Trump continues to face. Trump is the first former president to become a convicted felon.

“Donald Trump actually has no plan for you,” she said. “Because he is more interested in defending himself than he is in looking out for you.”

Trump repeated unverified claims about migrants eating dogs in Ohio, returned time and again to complaints about immigration, defended his plan to raise tariffs and boasted about campaign rally crowd sizes — after Harris taunted him about his events, saying people left.

“In Springfield, they’re eating the dogs, the people that came in, they’re eating the cats. They’re eating, they’re eating the pets of the people that live there,” Trump said in one of the more jarring moments of the debate, when he repeated baseless claims about Haitian migrants. The rumors have circulated on social media in recent days, and have been amplified by Trump’s running mate, Ohio U.S. Sen. J.D. Vance.

Trump challenged Harris to use her position in the administration to address inflation and immigration, suggesting that she was not actually able to follow through on her promises.

“She doesn’t have a plan,” he said. “She copied Biden’s plan, and it’s like four sentences like, ‘Run, Spot, run,’ four sentences that are just, ‘Oh, we’ll try and lower taxes.’ She doesn’t have a plan.”

Polls show the race is virtually tied nationally and in seven key states that will decide the Electoral College margin: Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina, Arizona and Nevada. Harris enjoyed a polling bump soon after she became a candidate, but her numbers have dropped in the weeks since and recent polls showed her roughly even with Trump.

Among the top moments of the night touching on policy and politics:

Election integrity

The 2024 presidential election marks a test for the peaceful transfer of power after political violence marred the nation’s
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Republican chairman is censured

By a vote of 10-6-1, the Executive Committee of the Laurens County Republican Party has approved an 8-count censure motion for Luke Rankin, who is party chairman, Laurens County Council Member for District 2 and the presumptive SC House member for District 14.

“It is not the Chairman’s job to do everything and make all the decisions - it is the job of the ECs with the Chairman leading the facilitating,” the motion says.

Rankin has posted a Winston Churchill quote: “You have enemies? Good. That means you’ve stood for something, sometime in your life,” and concerns for the party’s presidential nominee, Donald J. Trump: “They won’t hesitate at anything in order to stop Donald Trump. Some say it all ends if we win in November. I disagree. The fight

has just begun.” “They want him dead. Praise God he is safe.”

One of the 8 counts alleges that Rankin is “failing to actively support Donad Trump as the Republican Party nominee for President.”

Other allegations include “wasteful spending,” alienating members thereby creating division, not keeping members informed of state party activities, not holding “regular party meetings,” not getting the party involved in local events, and “failing to maximize opportunities in Laurens County and neighboring counties during the presidential primary period.”

Minutes, shared on-line, of the Sept. 17 meeting say that there was discussion of “the LCRP Chair was serving in a paid position for the DeSantis campaign leading up to the Presidential Preference Primary

and that this was probably a conflict of interest.”

The censure motion alleges, “The past 18 months or so have been very full of opportunities for the LCRP that were squandered (ie, speakers during PPP season, events for voters to support Trump).”

The minutes indicate that action was taken related to the EC and the party’s finances and in support of quarterly meetings.

BELOW: Luke Rankin at a 2022 Veterans Day event in Clinton. - Chronicle File Photo



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State House of Representatives, District 13	John McCravy	Republican
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tradition when Trump's refusal to accept his loss sparked a Jan. 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol.

Trump repeated false claims during Tuesday's debate that he won the 2020 presidential election, even walking back recent public statements that seemed to accept defeat.

Asked by moderator David Muir if recent statements that he "lost by a whisker" and similar sentiments were acknowledgements he'd lost, Trump said the comments were sarcastic. "I don't acknowledge that at all," he said. "That was said sarcastically."

Harris called Trump's answer "deeply troubling." "You did, in fact, lose that election," she told him. She added that his continued denial "leads one to believe that perhaps we do not have, in the candidate to my right, the temperament or the ability to not be confused about fact. That's deeply troubling, and the American people deserve better."

When asked if he regretted any of his actions when the U.S. Capitol was violently overrun by his supporters, Trump defended himself and returned to the topic of immigration. "I had nothing to do with that, other than they asked me to make a speech," Trump said. Harris responded: "For everyone watching who remembers what January 6 was, I say 'We don't have to go back.'"

Race

Moderators asked Trump about his disparaging comments about Harris' biracial identity to the National Association of Black Journalists last month. Muir questioned if it was appropriate for Trump to weigh in on his opponent's race.

Trump said it was not appropriate, but seemed to defend the comment that Harris had "turned Black" to promote her political career.

"I don't care what she is," he said. "Whatever she wants to be is OK with me. All I can say is that I read where she was not Black, that she put out, and I'll say that, and then I read that she was Black, and that's OK. Either one was OK with me. That's up to her."

Harris called it "a tragedy" that Trump continued "to use race to divide the American people."

She invoked allegations that he refused to rent his residential properties to Black families, spread conspiracy theories that the first Black president, Barack Obama, was not born in the United States and supported the execution of Black and Latino boys accused of murder in New York's Central Park. The suspects were later exonerated.

"The American people want better than that, want better than this," she said, adding that voters wanted a conversation about how

candidates could improve their lives. "Regardless of people's color or the language their grandmother speaks, we all have the same dreams and aspirations, and want a president who invests in those, not in hate and division."

Abortion and IVF

The 2024 presidential election is the first since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 6-3 decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

While Trump told debate moderators that he would not sign a nationwide abortion bill into law, he refused to give a yes or no answer when asked if he would veto one.

Moderator Linsey Davis corrected Trump after he claimed that some states allow abortion "in the ninth month," but he continued to repeat it throughout the debate.

Trump hailed the Supreme Court justices — three of whom he appointed — for giving full control of abortion laws to state governments.

"What I did is something, for 52 years, they have been trying to get Roe v. Wade into the states, and through the genius and heart and strength of six Supreme Court justices, we were able to do that," Trump said, adding that he "strongly" believes in exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother.

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Opinion

Tommy's View The old Roses 5 & Dime

By Tommy Kitchens
Columnist

There has been a lot said about the disaster on Musgrove Street a while back, and how we almost lost that whole block. I, too, have many great memories concerning the old Roses 5 & 10 and the old Western Auto store which was later Doctor McMillan's office.



Several years back in the late '50s, our mama worked at the old Hallmark Shirt Plant on Davidson Street which was torn down years ago. Daddy got off work at the Lydia Plant at 4 p.m. and would come home, clean up, dress, and get his 3 boys, and thumb a ride to town to meet mama at Roses Dime Store. We would go through Harper's 5 & 10 and then cross the street to Roses.

Wow! Did that popcorn smell good upon entering Roses, and Roses not only had freshly popped popcorn, they had a full candy counter with all types of candy and hot peanuts and cashew nuts. Harper's had a candy counter, too, but not as good as Roses.

Anyway, a young manager, Mr. Carl Leonard, would always be working and we became friends with him. I cannot remember all the ladies working there, but I do remember Mary Rochester and Miss Snelgrove who

were always working. It is hard for the young folks in Clinton now to realize just how busy Clinton was on Fridays and Saturdays. Musgrove Street looked like a New York City street, and there would always be two policemen working that street.

I remember meeting the Police Chief at that time, Mr. (Chief) B.B. Ballard, and how much I liked him, and I also liked his wife, Mrs. Ballard, who taught me at the old Providence School at the Lydia Village.

Anyway, Clinton was very busy, and the Roses 5 & 10 was a pure treat to us youngsters back then. After leaving Roses, we would walk down to Mr. J.A. Orr's Western Auto Store and look around in his store. Mr. Orr had two nice guys working for him, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Watts, and it was also a treat to visit that store.

After leaving the Western Auto, we would go on down to Belks and then cross over Broad Street and go to the Cox's Home and Auto store.

This was a very nice store to shop, for Mr. and Mrs. Cox had a little of everything in their store.

Being able to meet mama and Roses was a thrill to my brothers and me all the time, but being able to get to the wonderful stores during the Christmas season was almost more than us youngsters could stand.

So you see, everyone has GREAT memories of Roses (120 Musgrove Street) and the other businesses there, and my family and I have ours, too. Even as our girls were growing up they too enjoyed Roses Dime Store.



Jennifer Lyda English

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Thanks Ronald W. Page for sharing this old photo of where House of Pizza was! Growing up, every Sat my mom and great grandma would take me there. Such beautiful architecture inside. My heart is so sad that it's gone.



Now, the last thing which I would like to say is how thankful Clinton should be to have had the Laurens and Joanna Fire Departments respond as quickly as they did with their ladder trucks and water. All the other responding fire departments deserve a big thank you, too, but in my opinion, Laurens and Joanna saved that block from total disaster.

Still Remembering,
Tommy Kitchens, Sept. 2024

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Harris said she would "proudly" sign a bill into law that restored the federal right to an abortion. "One does not have to abandon their faith or deeply held beliefs to agree the government and Donald Trump certainly should not be telling a woman what to do with her body," Harris said.

She attacked what she dubbed "Donald Trump's abortion bans" and said his actions resulted in a reality where couples "who pray and dream of having a family are being denied IVF treatments."

In vitro fertilization, or IVF, has become a lightning rod for debate on the right after an Alabama court ruled in early 2024 that frozen embryos counted as children. Legislators in the state have since passed a law to restore IVF access.

Trump said Harris was telling "another lie."

"I have been a leader on IVF, with which is fertilization, the IVF. I have been a leader," he said.

Taxes, the economy, health care

With Trump's signature 2017 tax law expiring at the end of 2025, tax policy has been front and center of the 2024 presidential race.

Harris trumpeted her plans for an "opportunity economy" and panned Trump's proposal to raise tariffs and "provide a tax cut for billionaires and big corporations."

"Donald Trump has no plan for you, and when you look at his economic plan, it's all about tax breaks for the richest people," Harris said on the debate stage.

Harris' proposals include increasing the corporate tax rate to 28%, permanently expanding the child tax credit to pandemic levels and extending up to \$6,000 to new parents, providing up to \$50,000 in tax relief for business start-up costs, and offering new homebuyers a \$25,000 tax credit.

A large part of Trump's economic plan is to impose universal tariffs of at least 10% on all U.S. imports, with tariffs on Chinese goods at 60%. When asked by Muir if the approach could cause consumer prices to increase, Trump denied the possibility.

"We're not going to have higher prices. What's going to happen, who's going to have higher prices is China, and all of the countries that have been ripping us off for years," Trump said.

Trump has promised, at minimum, to extend his tax policies, which cut individual income tax rates, lowered the corporate tax rate to 21%, loosened business expensing and deductions, and doubled the

child tax credit to \$2,000.

Economists warn that if extended, the Trump-era tax cuts would add trillions to the deficit. That total could reach between \$4 trillion and \$5.8 trillion over the next decade, according to the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Wharton Budget Model. In a separate model, the Tax Foundation estimated the policies could reduce federal revenue up to \$6.1 trillion over a 10-year window.

The Penn Wharton model estimates Harris' proposals would increase the deficit by up to \$2 trillion over 10 years. Modeling from the Tax Foundation released Tuesday predicts the vice president's plan would increase taxes by \$4.1 trillion over the next decade, but after accounting for various tax cuts and credits, the projected revenue drops to \$1.7 trillion, and even further if slowed economic growth is considered.

On health care, Trump said he had "concepts of a plan" to overhaul the law signed by Obama in 2010.

"I would only change it if we come up with something that's better and less expensive," he said. "And there are concepts and options we have to do that, and you'll be hearing about it in the not too distant future."

Harris defended the law known as "Obamacare."

Immigration and border security

Trump tried several times to steer the conversation to immigration, his signature issue since he began his first White House run in 2015.

He referenced viral — but unverified — stories of sensational disruptions caused by immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, and Aurora, Colorado, and blamed Harris and Biden for the supposed episodes.

"These are the people that she and Biden let into our country," he said.

Continuing Biden's immigration policies would turn the country into "Venezuela on steroids," he said. Harris laughed after Trump pressed unverified claims about immigration. "Talk about extreme," she said. (The Springfield comments have resulted in bomb threats to schools and public buildings.)

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Letter to the Editor

Editor,

I'm not saying that Kamala is like Hitler. I am saying that Democrats are acting like the Germans did in raising Hitler to power.

Think about what is happening to America. You have a Democrat Vice-President who has actively covered President Biden's cognitive decline.

Because of only a short time before the Democrat convention, the Democrat leaders, Pelosi, Schumer and O'Bama

conspired to get behind Kamala; because after forcing Biden out, they

could force Biden to give Kamala his one hundred million dollar campaign chest.

Remember when Kamala ran for president herself, she didn't get enough votes to receive a single electoral vote. Kamala began to act like she has been chosen queen of the sock hop. She has taken on Biden's way of campaigning by not having interviews with the press (only one since being chosen as the nominee).

She did agree to a debate on ABC where the moderators (one being a

sorority sister) allegedly informing her of such, did not fact check her one time. Trump was fact checked five times and Kamala was not fact checked although repeating many proven lies.

Her chosen running mate, Tim Walz, also governor of Minnesota, called riots, burning, (including a police station), and looting the acts of a large peaceful crowd. His Lt. Governor begged him to call in the National Guard, but he refused until many small businesses had been destroyed. He also signed a bill as

governor that requires tampons be placed in K5-12 boy's restrooms, and a bill allowing for minors to undergo sex changes without their parents knowledge.

The President's main job is to protect the nation. Medicare and Medicaid are already in danger of becoming insolvent in not so many years. You can understand immigrants wanting to come to this country, because its greatness is based on being a Nation of Laws (a Democratic-Republic).

Yet, when the Democratic Party lures people

to first break our laws in coming into the country, and then lure people with bribes, free phones, free housing, free money, free flights or busing to any town, free gift cards, free health care, and free education, the Democrats show their incompetency.

Further incompetency by the Democrats was shown in Biden/Harris hastening the withdrawal from Afghanistan, leaving 80 billion dollars of sophisticated military equipment behind, just so it could be played up on the 20th anniversary of the conflict. It's no wonder our military enlistment is drastically down. Top

grade soldiers were forced out of the military for refusing to take the Covid vaccination; and now our enemies, if faced, will be carrying our sophisticated equipment.

Our Founding Fathers stated as they drew up our constitution that our Republic's survival depended on an informed electorate. Most of the Country's media are failing its people by not putting forth the whole truth. If America is a life boat, it is in danger of being sunk by both physically and financially overloading.

Elizabeth D. McKinney
Clinton

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Harris promoted a bipartisan immigration and border security bill this year that included measures Republicans sought to strengthen enforcement. But the bill fell apart, she said, under opposition from Trump, who preferred campaigning on the issue to solving the problem.

When moderators then asked Trump about the bill, he began his answer by bragging about crowds at his campaign rallies, responding to a comment Harris had made.

Rally attendance remained high, he said, "because people want to take their country back."

"Our country is being lost," he said. "We're a failing nation, and it happened three-and-a-half years ago. And what? What's going on here? ... What they have done to our country by allowing these millions and millions of people to come into our country and look at what's happening to the towns all over the United States."

He did not answer the question about the bill.

Energy and climate

Moderators asked Harris about her position on hydraulic fracturing, a technique for extracting natural gas better known as fracking.

The process is controversial among environmentalists, but a major industry in gas-rich Pennsylvania. During her unsuccessful bid for the Democratic nomination in 2020, Harris told a climate activist during a televised town hall that she favored banning fracking, but has said this year that is not her position.

Asked by Davis to explain the change, she said she's also made clear in 2020 that she did not want to ban fracking.

She also noted her tie-breaking vote in the Senate to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, a massive energy, taxes and domestic policy law Democrats passed along party lines in 2022 that included expanded leases for natural gas production.

Trump urged voters not to believe Harris.

"If she becomes president, fracking in Pennsylvania will end on day one," he said.

The last question before closing statements was on climate change.

Harris called it a threat and touted the Biden administration's work to expand the clean energy industry, while preserving natural gas jobs.

Trump declined to answer the question, instead focusing on the work of Hunter Biden, the president's son, with a Ukrainian energy company. Trump called the Biden administration "corrupt."

Foreign policy

As the humanitarian crisis continues in the Gaza Strip with deaths mounting 40,000, according to Gaza health officials, Davis asked Harris how she could break through a stalemate on a proposed cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas militants.

The vice president offered little detail on how to finally broker a deal, but said, "What we know is this war must end."

"It must end immediately, and the way it will end is we need a

cease-fire deal, and we need the hostages out, and so we will continue to work around the clock on that - work around the clock - also understanding that we must chart a course for a two-state solution," she said.

Harris added that she will "always give Israel the ability to defend itself, in particular as it relates to Iran."

Trump lashed back with accusations that Harris "hates" Israel and the "Arab population," and repeated his refrain that "if I were president, (the war) would have never started."

"I will get that settled and fast, and I'll get the war with Ukraine and Russia ended. If I'm president-elect, I'll get it done before even becoming president," Trump said.

He did not directly answer if he wanted Ukraine to win the war. "I think it's in the U.S. best interest to get this war finished and just get it done, negotiate a deal, because we have to stop all of these human lives from being destroyed," Trump said when asked if a Ukraine victory is in the U.S.'s best interest.

Harris said she would continue to stand with NATO allies on defending Ukraine.

"I believe the reason that Donald Trump says that this war would be over within 24 hours is because he would just give it up. And that's not who we are as Americans," she rebutted.

Another foreign policy topic was on display at the U.S. Capitol hours before the debate when congressional leaders held a ceremony honoring 13 service members who were killed during the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Trump and Republican lawmakers have ratcheted up criticism of Harris - implicating her hundreds of times in a damning report released Monday - for the Biden administration's handling of the August 2021 exit from Afghanistan after two decades of war.

"I will tell you I agreed with President Biden's decision to pull out of Afghanistan. Four presidents said they would, and Joe Biden did," Harris told Muir when asked if she bears any responsibility for the deadly withdrawal.

Harris criticized Trump for "negotiating directly with a terrorist organization" when he struck a deal with the Taliban before he left office.

Trump defended himself saying "I got involved with the Taliban because the Taliban was doing the killing" and said he achieved a "very good agreement."

Trump made waves on the recent third anniversary of the 13 service members' deaths when his staffers pushed an Arlington National Cemetery official aside to take photos in a restricted area, according to the U.S. Army and reporting by NPR.

Swift endorsement

Shortly after the debate's close, mega star Taylor Swift said in an Instagram post she would vote for Harris. Part of Swift's exuberant fan base had called on her to endorse Harris, following her support for Biden and Harris four years ago.

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Introducing the Garnet & Blue Collective: Empowering Presbyterian College Athletes by NIL Initiatives

The Garnet & Blue Collective is proud to announce its official launch as an independent organization dedicated to supporting Presbyterian College student-athletes through Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) initiatives.

With a focus on fostering growth, excellence, and community service, the Garnet & Blue Collective is committed to providing opportunities that allow PC athletes to thrive both on and off the field or court.

At the helm of the Garnet & Blue Collective is Danny Cook, who has been named Executive Director. Cook, a 1979 graduate of Presbyterian College, brings a wealth of experience from his successful 42-year career in banking and his current role as an adjunct professor at PC. Under his leadership, the Collective aims to make a significant impact on the lives of student-athletes by offering financial support and facilitating community service projects that align with Presbyterian College's values.

"I am very excited about taking on this role as the Executive Director for the Garnet & Blue Collective, LLC," said Cook. "We have hit the ground running and have not slowed down. It has been a great experience working with the student-athletes at PC and the coaches. I am certainly looking forward to what the future may hold for the Collective and how we may be able to truly help make a difference for many of the student-athletes here at PC."

The Garnet & Blue Collective distinguishes itself from other NIL organizations through its commitment to service and community engagement. Every athlete supported by the Collective will participate in meaningful community service projects, embodying the motto "While we live, we serve," which is deeply rooted in the traditions of Presbyterian College.

"Our vision is for this organization to function as a collective that is deeply committed to service and community engagement, just like our motto, "while we live, we serve," said Dee Nichols, Athletic Director of Presbyterian College Athletics. "The Garnet and Blue Collective is a separate entity and necessary for our student-athletes to be able to engage more wholly in NIL opportunities. We are NOT soliciting funds that donors would otherwise donate to the Scotsman Club or Presbyterian College. We have carefully chosen the Board of Directors as individuals who embody our core values of service and they will examine NIL opportunities involving community engagement and identify resources to fund these projects. Being an active participant in the collective is one more way to support the stellar student-athletes at Presbyterian College."

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Englehart pep talks Touchdown Club

By Tommy Kitchens
Columnist

Steve Englehart, the Presbyterian College Football head coach, probably would like to have Touchdown Club every Thursday. Not only because it's great food, but because in this early season, his team is a winner.

Englehart was the featured speaker Sept. 5. The Blue Hose put a 31-14 beat down on Erskine Sept. 7. Then, they followed that with a 52-0 drubbing of Virginia-Lynchburg Sept. 14.

But now it becomes a little more dicey for the improving Blue Hose - following Gardner-Webb Sept. 21 and Davidson Sept. 28, PC's on the road at San Diego Oct. 5 and at Morehead State Oct. 12, before entertaining Drake - the Pioneer Football League's pre-season #1 team - Oct. 19.

"I wish we could do it every week; it's the only time Dee Nichols lets me out of the office," Englehart told the TD Club, "and I was talking to Harold Nichols about Erskine and the kinds of defensive schemes they play."

Dee and Harold are husband and wife - she is the PC Athletic Director and he is Executive Director of the Clinton Family YMCA. Harold gave Steve's introduction, noting that the PC mentor last season earned his 75th collegiate win and the Blue Hose scored an important win against Wofford, the first time ever that a Pioneer team had defeated a Southern Conference squad.

Noting a PC Football hype film that preceded his remarks, Englehart said, "There's just something about football, right?!"

Growing up in the shadow of Indiana State University, Englehart talked about the Hoosiers' obsession with basketball - "Indiana is a basketball state, especially growing up in the 80s. Larry Bird had just left Indiana State and was doing great

with the Boston Celtics. Indiana State was 5 minutes from my house, and you had that ripple effect of Larry Bird at Indiana State, You had Bob Knight doing great things at Indiana, winning a national championship. So it was all about basketball. There were things about basketball that I like, but there was just something about football that drew me to it at a very early age."

Before the Colts came to Indianapolis, Englehart said everybody was a Chicago Bears fan and, of course, that meant being a Walter Peyton fan. "I had that jersey on all the time. I would run into the steps at the house just to feel contact, I guess. Later, in 4th grade, I was always recruiting kids to play football and I practiced spin moves on trees in the yard. Fall was the best, You'd rake up all the leaves and playing diving into the leaves. Walter Payton was a hero of mine and, down on the goal line, what would he do, over the top. That's what we wanted to do, so I would coach my younger brother 'stand right here and I'm going to run at you and jump into the leaves and flip my legs so I can flip over into the leaves.' I always knew I wanted to be part of football and a team for as long as I possibly could."

Through middle school, high school and college, Englehart grew in his passion for the game. He eventually became the youngest NCAA head coach in the nation, at Rose-Hulman College in Terra Haute, Indiana. And that's where he learned something new about football.

"All my players were engineering students," Englehart said. "Fortune 500 CEOs would come into my office to talk about hiring players, they would talk to me about my players, and I asked them 'why do you want to hire football players, is it teamwork, time man-

agement?' They would say you know why we really love hiring athletes, and football players in general, is because they know how to fail. They get back up and do it better the next time. So there's a lot of lessons there and I commend these coaches and these players because that's what we want to instill in our players.

"Every single day you're not going to be successful in every single second of every single day, but you're going to grind through it, you're going to figure out a way to get better. The CEOs would tell me they hire somebody who's got a 4.0 and 'I'll give them a job, I'll give them an assignment within the company and they struggle with it. They don't do so well with it, and I have to spend two weeks giving this person a pep talk to just getting him back going again. I have a ball player and I can get on him - this isn't good enough, this isn't right - and I do not have to say anything else. He's going to put his head down and he's going to grind to do better.

"That's what we try to instill in our football players

every single day. If I have a PC plug it's this: what we want to do every single day is work to get better. We have a saying, 'Pull the rope'. We were talking at the staff table 10 years ago and we said what we want out of our team - your goals are one side and what prevents you is on the other side, what do you have to do every day to realize your goals. Sometimes, you just need to get out of your own way - you just need to be on the right side of the rope, instead of the wrong side of the rope. Giving great effort, making it a habit, great discipline - sometimes that means doing the things you need to do but you don't necessarily want to do."

The coach added, "That's perseverance."

"We're going to win more games and we're going to lose more games - that's just the way life is - but at some point win or lose you've got to do it the right way and you have to come back better the next time from it."

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Bantams Celebrate the New “U”

USC Union Begins the Fall 2024 Semester with Exciting Developments

USC Union has a new look! On August 28, the university unveiled their new athletic logo, a fresh rendition of their mascot Blaze the Bantam created by Arrowhead Design Group in Spartanburg, replacing the image that had been in place since 2013. Blaze’s facelift was celebrated on campus with the Fuddrucker’s Food Truck, Front Porch Churn Ice Cream, games, music, and giveaways in Patron’s Park.

“This logo incorporates the school’s colors and updated mascot, giving it a modern yet timeless appeal. The new logo will help in creating a consistent and stronger brand image and will enhance marketability across various platforms to help in recruiting,” said Annie Smith, Director of Marketing & Development at USC Union. “My team and I worked with Arrowhead Design out of Spartanburg and applaud them for doing a dynamic job of recreating Blaze the Bantam. Working with Arrowhead was a fun collaboration, and their design perfectly aligned with our brand’s vision and values.”

“The updated logo is something that I have been waiting a long time for,” said Athletic Director Zach Simmons. “The college needs something new and fresh looking because of all the updates and new projects we have going on every year.”

“We’re thrilled to have been selected to design the new logo for the USC Union Bantams, featuring Blaze in a sleek, modern, and aggressive design,” said Lanie Carter, President of Arrowhead Design Group. “While our team stayed true to the classic color palette of the University, we brought in custom illustration and fresh fonts to give the overall look a bold, updated feel. This logo isn’t just about energizing the athletes and organization; we hope it also sparks new sponsorships and community engagement to fuel the program’s future success.”

“The new logo brings excitement to the campus and to the athletic department,” said Head Softball Coach William Royce. “Annie Smith and the design firm did a great job! We are thrilled to be a part of the ‘New U.’”

Construction is currently underway on the new home of the Lady Bantams Softball Team.

The university broke ground on The Coop in March and the field has been taking shape all summer. This field, formerly known as City Park, has a rich history in our community. It was once the site of the county fairgrounds and later served as textile league baseball field. It was also the home of the Lady Yellow Jackets softball team, and they won state championships there in 1983 and 1984 under Head Coach Lisa Ward and Assistant Coach Pat Valentine. It later became the homefield for Union County Dixie Girls Softball. Lady Bantams Softball began using the field in 2015 under then Head Coach Amanda Warley.

Recent updates to the field include new clay, sod, grass, and fencing. When completed, the field will feature new dugouts with restrooms, a canteen, a two-story press box, and a restroom building. The Revels-Stokes field will be flipped 180 degrees so that home plate will be near the old basketball courts and will also be fitted with new turf and irrigation. The field will also feature landscaping with trees and shrubbery.

“The Coop is going to look amazing when it is finished,” said Simmons. “We are all super excited about all the progress that has happened up to this point. This location will be stable for our community and college for many years to come.”

“Discussions about The Coop began five years ago when I sat down with County Supervisor, EMS Director, County Parks/Rec Director, Emergency Management Director, President of Union Medical Center, the Chief and Sheriff, Regional One Air Medical, and more officials,” said Smith. “During those five years, USC Union dumped a lot of money and resources to beautify the area and clean up the field. The first season on the field, our softball girls were finding meth needles and

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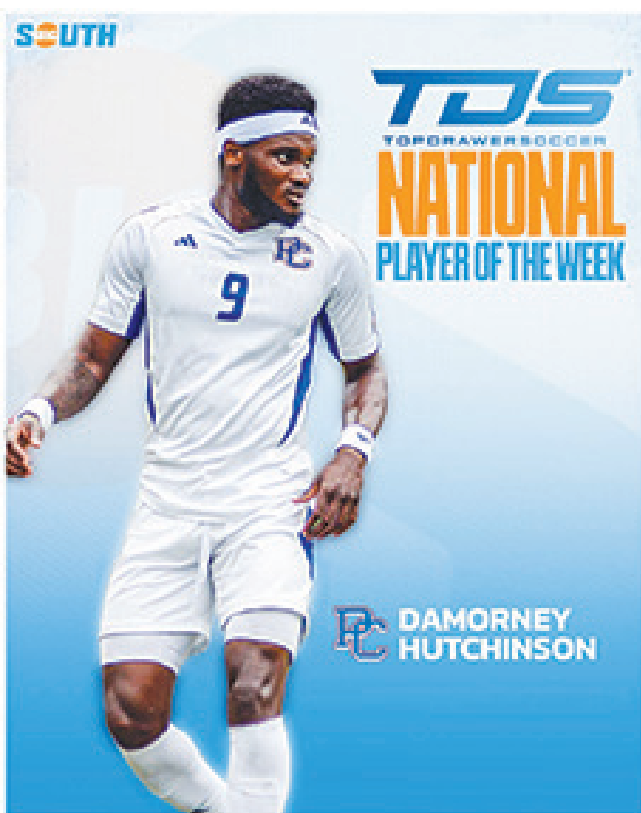
The Clinton Red Devils’ most outstanding players attend the Laurens County Touchdown Club Week 1, above, and Week 2, below. The next meeting is Oct. 3.

SCPrep Football Media Poll CLASS 2A: 1. Hampton County (14) (4-0), 2. Clinton (2) (3-1), 3. Saluda (2) (3-0), 4. Batesburg-Leesville (1) (3-0), 5. Strom Thurmond (2-1), 6. Barnwell (3-1), 7. Fairfield Central (3-1), 8. Chesterfield (4-0), 9. Andrews (3-0), 10. Mullins (4-0)... Others receiving votes: Woodland, Phillip Simmons, Timberland, Manning, East Clarendon, Landrum, Columbia, Academic Magnet



Hutchinson Named TopDrawerSoccer’s National Player of the Week:

After his prolific goal-scoring week, Presbyterian College men’s soccer senior forward Damorney Hutchinson was named TopDrawerSoccer’s National Player of the Week.



Hutchinson is the first player in the program’s history to garner National Player of the Week accolades. He was also named to TopDrawerSoccer’s National Team of the Week becoming the sixth player in Presbyterian’s Division I era to claim National Team of the Week honors.

PERFORMANCE LAST WEEK

Hutchinson scored four goals in helping the Blue Hose record two wins with a 3-2 road win at Coastal Carolina on Monday, September 9, and a 3-0 home win over VMI on Thursday, September 12.

In the win over Coastal Carolina, he scored the game-tying and game-winning goals in the final seven minutes as the Blue Hose rallied a 3-2 road win at perennial NCAA Tournament participant Coastal Carolina. He scored the game-tying goal in the 84th minute. Then, he converted a penalty kick for the game-winning goal in the 88th minute.

Against VMI, he scored goals in the 44th and 55th minutes. He had two other goals called back that he scored on offside calls.

For the week, he scored four goals with 14 shots and 8 shots on goal.

Hutchinson was also named Big South Offensive Player of the Week for his performance this week.

HUTCHINSON’S SEASON AND CAREER

Hutchinson is tied for sixth in the NCAA with a Big South leading five goals.

In his two seasons at Presbyterian, Hutchinson has scored 12 goals which places him third on Presbyterian’s Division I era career goals scoring list.

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USC women's basketball champions welcomed to the White House

Visit is the 1st under coach Dawn Staley after 3 championship wins

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The repeat NCAA championship Gamecocks finally made it to the White House last Tuesday. President Joe Biden welcomed the University of South Carolina women's basketball team to Washington to celebrate the team's third national championship under coach Dawn Staley. It was her first time bringing the team to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

"I think it's fair to say everyone — everyone watches women's sports now," Biden said. "And when new fans watch for the first time, when young girls see their idols, they see the power of your example."

Biden praised the team for an undefeated season (38-0) and joked with South Carolina's only Democrat in Congress: "My name is Joe Biden. I work for Jim Clyburn," he said as an introduction.

Biden highlighted Staley's accomplishments. Beyond leading the Gamecocks to three national titles, Staley won gold medals as an Olympian in 1996 in Atlanta, 2000 in Sydney and 2004 in Athens. And she was head coach of the basketball team that won gold at the delayed 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics.

"All of those who hold public office in South Carolina — better hope she keeps coaching and doesn't run," he said, which drew a chuckle from Staley.

Staley kept her remarks short, thanking her team, fans and the state of South Carolina.

She also highlighted the moment the Confederate flag was removed from the Statehouse grounds in summer 2015. It was a sign, she said, of South Carolina's journey to a more inclusive future.

"That moment wasn't just about a symbol being removed, it was about people coming together, uniting for a shared vision of justice of progress, justice and equality," Staley said. "Today my staff, my team and I stand here embodying diversity, inclusiveness and unity."

The team presented Biden with a jersey emblazoned with the number 46, a reference to the fact that Biden is the 46th president. No team member has ever worn that number, a spokesperson confirmed, as the NCAA didn't allow numerals above five on jerseys until last year.

A bipartisan group of South Carolina officials attended the event. According to a White House release, in addition to Clyburn, they included four Republicans in South Carolina's congressional delegation: Sen. Lindsey Graham along with U.S. Reps. Nancy Mace, Russel Fry and Ralph Norman.

Three Statehouse Democrats attended: House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford of Columbia, and Reps. John King of Rock Hill and Annie McDaniel of Fairfield County. Other attendees included Columbia's mayor, Daniel Rickenmann.

Staley and her team had been invited to the White House to celebrate championships previously but never actually attended.

After winning the first national title in 2017, Staley said the team would go if invited, telling The Associated Press, "It's what national champions do." But when the invitation from then-President Donald Trump finally came seven months later, she declined, saying the team was focused on the upcoming season.

After the Gamecocks won in 2022, Clyburn announced the team would be invited to the White House. But a visit was never scheduled.

The visit came a month after Staley was part of the presidential delegation for opening ceremonies of the 2024 Olympics in Paris.



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pipes — we knew then that this would be a lengthy process to renew the field. Fast forward several years later we are completely altering the historic field for USC Union's present and future athletes. Not only will this be a much-needed facility for campus, but it will also give that end of Main Street a more attractive entrance when driving into town."

"USCU continues to revitalize our downtown community. The construction of the COOP will help grow the economic interest in the area and jump start our efforts to attract more businesses to Main Street," said City Administrator Joe Nichols. "The Mayor and City Council are very excited to partner with USCU now and in the future."

"We are so excited to see movement on the softball complex. It is going to be a beautiful stadium when completed," said Royce. "It is the softball program's mission and vision to continue the leg-



acy of those who played before us."

The estimated completion time for The Coop is late January 2025.

Bantams Triumph Over Denmark Tech Panthers "It's a great step for sure," said freshman Julien Födisch, USC Men's Soccer midfielder, after the team won 10-1

against Denmark Technical College on Wednesday, September 11."We are really improving as team." The Bantams started off strong with a goal from sophomore winger Mila Mzamane at 34 seconds into the game, assisted by freshman defensive midfielder Juan Rodas.

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